

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment



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Issue 1 – Term 1 – Week 3

Wednesday 10th February, 2016

Principal's Message

We welcome everyone back to a new school year with a special welcome to new 2016 Kindergarten students who officially commenced classes this week. There have been a few tears shed by both parents and students and I thank everyone, including our parents, Kindergarten teachers and support teachers for their help, patience and assistance with transitioning our Kindergarten students into a new school environment.

Every morning, with the exception of rain, our students line up outside the library, under the COLA. To ensure that our students are able to hear all the announcements and safely move from the lines to class, once students are dismissed, please wait behind the marked white line, behind the student assembly area.

Fridays

Due to changes to PSSA sport organisation this year, assembly, lunch and recess times have been changed for Fridays only for at least season 1 and 3 of the PSSA rounds. Times will now be:

- Lunch: 11.00am – 11.50am
- K-2 assembly: 11.50am – 12.25pm
- Recess: 1.35pm – 2.00pm
- 3-6 assembly: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Inclosed Lands Act

As a reminder to all our parents and school community, the school is an inclosed land and as such falls under the provisions of the Inclosed Lands Protection Act.

Primarily, this Act ensures that staff, students, parents and other visitors are safe and secure while on school premises.

This Act can be invoked if:

- Actual physical assaults or threatened physical assaults on students, staff, parents or community members at the school or during the course of school activities
- Inappropriate behaviour in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors that is so serious that it warrants action being taken immediately
- Behaving in a manner in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors to the school that could be reasonably be expected to cause alarm or concern
- Use of offensive language in the presence of students
- Use of abusive, threatening or offensive phone calls, text messages, websites or emails to or about staff, or directed towards staff or the school
- People persistently interrupt the learning environment of the school by entering classrooms without permission
- People persistently enter onto the school site without permission or legitimate reason

Between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm, all parents and visitors must present to the front office. Depending on the

Coming Events for Term 1, 2016

Week 3

Wednesday 10th February Stage 3 parent meeting 5-6pm
Thursday 11th February Stage 2 excursion – Hurstville museum

Week 4

Tuesday 16th February PSSA District Girls Football Trials
Wednesday 17th February Scripture starts
PSSA District Boys Football Trials
Thursday 18th February Peer Support 11.25-12.10pm
Stage 2 incursion – Koomurri workshop
PSSA Boys and Girls Basketball Trials
Friday 19th February PSSA season 1 starts
H.I. Family Night

Week 5

Monday 22nd February Milo In2 Cricket skills K-2 9-12.20pm
PSSA District Tennis Trials
Tuesday 23rd February Milo In2 Cricket skills 3-6 9-1.10pm
Thursday 25th February PSSA District Swimming Carnival
Friday 26th February PSSA Season 1, Round 2

matter, you may be required to sign in and receive a visitor's badge, prior to proceeding any further.

Please note: the school car park is for Department of Education staff and contractors only.

As Principal of Penshurst Public School I want to make sure that the school environment remains a safe, happy and productive learning environment. Your cooperation in this area will ensure that this is maintained.

Parent information afternoons

Each stage will be hosting a parent information afternoon to discuss the teaching and learning and events that will be happening this year. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

- Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) - Tuesday 16th February 2016, 3.00pm -3.45pm in KO/ KE classrooms.
- Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) – Tuesday 16th February 2016, 3.15pm – 4.00pm in the hall.
- Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) - Thursday 18th February 2016, 3.15pm – 4.00pm in the library.
- Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) – Wednesday 10th February 2016, 5.00pm- 6.00pm in 6G/ 6F classroom.

Anaphylaxis

We have a number of students enrolled at our school who have severe food allergies, including nuts. These students are different to other people with allergies and food intolerances as the allergies are LIFE THREATENING (anaphylactic).

To minimise the risk of contact with these foods we ask for your cooperation by not sending your child to school with:

Value of the month: Care and compassion – Act fairly and safely at all times

peanut butter, Nutella or other nut spreads. Also avoid muesli bars, cakes, biscuits and slices that contain nuts. Lastly, please avoid whole nuts or similar combinations with dried fruits as snack food for your child. Even if your child enjoys these foods for breakfast, make sure he/she washes his/her hands before coming to school.

Foods labelled, "*may contain traces of nuts*" may be brought to school but would not be able to be eaten by the allergic child. We understand these requests could cause some inconvenience, but also know that if your child was diagnosed with anaphylaxis you would very much appreciate our support.

If you have not informed the school of any health concerns, including food allergies, please do so to ensure that we are able to best meet the needs of your child.

At Penshurst Public School, due to the increasing prevalence of food allergies, students are not allowed to share food.

If you have not disclosed to the school of any allergies that may affect their health and wellbeing while at school, please inform the office and your child's school teachers as soon as possible. A health care plan, endorsed by your doctor will be required.

Your cooperation in this area is greatly appreciated by all members of our community to help ensure that we remain a safe and happy school.

Asthma Awareness Training

On the last day of the 2015 school year for teachers, all staff updated their training in asthma awareness, supported by Asthma Australia. If your child has asthma, please:

- provide the school with a current Asthma Care Plan, signed by the treating doctor
- provide the school with the child's medication, clearly dated and in the original labelled container. A spacer, and mask as required, could also be supplied
- alert staff to any changes in your child's asthma management

School staff will always contact you as a matter of procedure and duty of care on these matters.

School Fees

Soon, all families will receive a note regarding voluntary school contributions for the year. These contributions help the school buy essential teaching and learning resources. The rate for 2016 will be \$60 per child or \$90 per family. Part payments can be made over the course of the year, however, if you choose to pay the entire amount this term, a discount of \$5 is provided, reducing the payment to \$55 per child or \$85 per family.

Band Fees

If your child would like to participate in the band (training or performing) this year, information was sent home with your child about this. The cost of participating is \$150 per term (\$600 per year). If your child needs the use of an instrument, an additional hire cost of \$40 per term (\$160 per year) is required. Participation in band is a one year commitment.

If your child is absent on any music tutorial time, make up classes or refunds cannot be provided. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may create.

Please note that fees must be paid in advance by one term, before your child can participate in this valuable program. As always, I understand that complying with this financial obligation may be difficult. Please arrange a time to see me so we can discuss this further.

Excursion/ School Event Money

To ensure that excursion/ school event money isn't lost or misplaced, the school asks that you place the correct amount of money in an envelope with the signed permission slip enclosed. On the front of the envelope, please provide the following details:

- Name of student
- Class
- Amount enclosed
- What the payment is for (excursion/ event/ program)

As the school no longer supplies envelopes, you will need to provide this yourself. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

School Canteen

After a thorough and careful canteen tender process last year, the canteen panel, consisting of myself, Mrs Tam and Mrs Cundasamy, selected sKool Snaks as our canteen provider. Please support our new canteen as they settle into a new school and continue to provide healthy food to our students as they have done in other schools.

I want to thank Mrs Tam and Mrs Cundasamy for their time and effort in selecting the best candidate for our school.

Playgroup

Playgroup has not yet commenced for the year until school routines and organisation have been established. We will let you know when playgroup will start again for 2016. Stay tuned.

2016 School Structure

The classes and their respective teachers for 2016 are:

- KO – Mrs Olm
- KR – Mrs Robinson
- KE – Mrs Errington
- PK – Mr Crook
- 1-3GH – Mrs Gray/ Miss Houghton
- 1H – Miss O'Hara
- 1L – Mrs Leahy
- 1M – Mrs Marshall
- 1/2S – Miss Sabbah
- 2/3M – Ms Mexon
- 2CK – Mrs Karatasoulis & Mrs Chandler
- 4M – Miss Munzone
- 3/4J – Mr Metliss
- 3/4T – Ms Tasipale
- 3/4W – Mr Walker
- 5W – Mrs West
- 5D – Mrs Deller
- 6G – Mrs Grant
- 6F – Mrs White
- 4-6S – Mrs Symons

Our EAL/D and NAP specialist staff include:

- Mrs Andreone
- Mrs Baker
- Mrs Angeli

Our LaST (learning and support teacher) is:

- Mrs Hanna

Our teacher/ librarian is:

- Mrs Quere

Our Reading Recovery Tutor is:

- Mrs Hodgson

Our relief from face-to-face teachers are:

- Mrs Bryce
- Mrs Ellmoos
- Mrs Fanous

Our Assistant Principals are:

- Mr Crook (Hearing Support Unit)
- Mrs Karatasoulis (Stage 1)
- Mrs Chandler (Stage 1)
- Mrs Errington (Kindergarten/ Early Stage 1)
- Mr Metliss (Stage 2)
- Mrs Grant (Stage 3)

As always, our school learning support officers are very much valued members of staff who support teaching and learning and student wellbeing programs in the school. These staff members are:

- Mrs Papas
- Mrs Townson
- Mrs White
- Mrs Host
- Mrs Price
- Ms Van Den Berg
- Mrs See

The backbone of the school is our office/ admin/ ground staff. These people include:

- Mrs Lewis
- Mrs Tam
- Mrs Vizy
- Mrs Whitley
- Mrs Chan
- Mr Lewis
- Mr Sheppard
- Mr Horvath
- Mrs Balic

Our school counsellor is Mrs Paduano.

We welcome Miss Houghton and Mrs White to our school. Mrs Symons will be teaching 4-6S till the end of this term.

Jeff Lie
Principal

2016 High School Open Day/Nights

High School open and days and nights are a time for parents and students in years 4, 5 and 6, to visit schools. It is your opportunity to hear and see what programs and facilities these schools have allowing you to make an informed choice for future education.

Upcoming

George's River Campus - Hurstville Boys High School

Open Night is on the 24th of Feb from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

2016 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The PPS annual Swimming Carnival was held on Monday 1st February at the Max Parker Leisure Centre. Luckily the weather held out and the students participated enthusiastically in both swimming and novelty events. Congratulations go to Gold House for winning the day.



A big thank you to all parents who attended, especially Mrs Burgess, her son Ross and Mrs Murray for their help with timekeeping. It was greatly appreciated.

Notes you should have noticed

Sent Out	Subject	Students Involved	Response Due By
Week 1	Welcome Letter	K-6	
Week 1	Textbook	Years 1-2	10 th February
Week 2	St. 2 Excursion	Years 3-4	8 th February
Week 2	MIL0 in 2 Cricket Skills Program	K-6	19 th February
Week 2	St. 3 Information notice	Years 5-6	8 th February

Several amazing times were swum and a new record set at the carnival. Congratulations go to Samantha M for her record breaking swim of 49.5secs in the 50m senior backstroke.

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Sharyn Marshall and Gregg Walker

2016 House Captains & Vice Captains

Congratulations to the following students on their election as House Captains and Vice Captains for 2016, we wish them every success in their newly appointed positions.

Red House

Captains	Sheree H	Tedi J
Vice Captains	Yutong X	Joshua F

Gold House

Captains	Roger L	Emelia S
Vice Captains	Arya B	Kingi R

Green House

Captains	Jake G	Sharnia Z
Vice Captains	Abraham H	Andrea N

Blue House

Captains	Mason Z	Ginelle G
Vice Captains	Eli L	Stephani B

Mrs Marshall & Mr Walker

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2015**VALUE OF THE MONTH (TERM 4 WEEK 9)**

KP Anya S.
 KE Kennen C.
 KW Gwen C.
 K-1R Anvi G.
 2W Kevin Y.
 2E Gabriela M.
 2KM Thomas Y.

SUPERSTAR AWARD (TERM 4 WEEK 9)

KP Anna T.
 KE Samantha S.
 KW Nadya E.
 K-1R Cheyenne L.
 2W Anaya S.
 2E Ellen F.
 2KM Corey N.

BRONZE AWARD (TERM 4 WEEK 10)

K-1R Anson H., Evan W.

SILVER AWARD (TERM 4 WEEK 10)

K-1R Anvi G., Helen Z., Angela H.

GOLD AWARD (TERM 4 WEEK 10)

KW Matthew M.
 K-1R Angela H., Helen Z., Cheyenne L., Anora R.
 2KM Kayla S., Tanya H., Alice O., Chloe c.,
 Uzainiddin M., Jaiah R., Jerry D., charlotte C.,
 Natalie N., Leonid P., Karen P., Callum C.,
 Leon M., Seth Z., Rico j., Kai H., Tiffany G.,
 Zoe S., Rhianna V., Dina K., Linda C., Frances
 G., Nilsson Y.

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**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2015****VALUE OF THE MONTH (TERM 4 WEEK 7 & 8)**

3-4J Jessie D., Zali K.
 3-4M Connor Y., Cathleen H.
 3-4T Avani P.
 3-4W Victor L.
 4-5L Jake G.
 4-6FG Regan C.
 5D Jayme C.
 6G Adam E.
 6T Erika Z.

SUPERSTAR AWARD (TERM 4 WEEK 7 & 8)

3-4J Lucas G., Eugenia C.
 3-4M Sahaj M., Mailee W.
 3-4T Leykhan T.
 3-4W Joshua H.
 4-5L Joshua F., Angus L.
 4-6FG Jane M.
 5D Mason Z.
 6G Suchika N.
 6T Kelly D.

BOOKWORK AWARD (TERM 4 WEEK 7 & 8)

3-4J Grace Z., Yanxi M.
 3-4M Amal S., Joel L.
 3-4T Audrey H.
 4-5L Joshua F.
 5D Mohammed B.H.D
 6G Tali N.
 6T Pradeep K.

BRONZE AWARD (TERM 4 WEEK 7 & 8)

3-4M Aydin L., Sigourney S.
 3-4T Ezekiel H.

SILVER AWARD (TERM 4 WEEK 7 & 8)

3-4M Afeefa A., Ahmed E., Sigourney S.
 3-4T Ezekiel H., Nirdisha T.
 4-5L Jessica L., Vincent G.
 6T Abril M.V.
 6G Kerry T., Leo H., Isabella B., Tali N., David
 C., Tyra L

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