

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment



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Principal's Message

Kidults

A new phenomenon has evolved in our current society. The Kidult or manchild. These are adults who behave like children. Commonly, kidults may stay at home well into their adult years and depend on the family for things like laundry, food and of course accommodation. With their reduced responsibilities, entertainment and lifestyle is a priority.

As educators, besides helping our students become literate and numerate, our aim is to develop our students into independent and successful citizens in the community. But what happens when the immature behaviours we see in primary school, extend into the teenage years and then further into adulthood? What happens when negative behaviours in childhood go unchecked and develop into habits and further become personality traits as our children become legally recognised 'grown-ups'?

I have always considered school as a training ground for all our students, in preparing them for the big wide world that can be filled with beautiful and very ugly moments. A world where bad things can happen to good people and vice versa. A world where life isn't always fair.

School is an opportunity for our students to learn about what is considered acceptable and inappropriate behaviour, the impact that our behaviour on others and the consequences (good and bad) that ensues. School is also a training ground to develop excellent work ethics, understand choices, for students to learn and critically evaluate important and valuable content as well become creative innovators along the way with the hope that our students will become responsible and independent participants in society.

It's all about the BIG Adult picture. Not the BIG Kidult picture.

Parent Teacher Interviews

In the last week of this term, teachers will be hosting parent-teacher interviews. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to celebrate their achievements. Available booking times, for each class, are as below:

Class	Dates	Times
KE, KO, KR	Monday 27 th June	3.15pm to 5pm
	Tuesday 28 th June	3.15pm to 5pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	3.15pm to 4.30pm
1L	Tuesday 28 th June	3.10pm – 4.30pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	3.10pm – 4.30pm
1M	Monday 27 th June	3.10pm – 4.30pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	3.10pm – 4.00pm
1H	Monday 27 th June	3.15pm – 4.30pm
	Tuesday 28 th June	3.15pm – 4.30pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	3.15pm – 4.30pm

1/2S	Monday 27 th June	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Tuesday 28 th June	8.00am – 8.45am
	Wednesday 29 th June	3.15pm – 4.15pm
2CK	Monday 27 th June	3.10pm – 4.00pm
	Tuesday 28 th June	3.10pm – 4.00pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	3.10pm – 4.00pm
	Thursday 30 th June	3.10pm – 4.00pm
2/3M	Monday 27 th June	3.15pm – 5.30pm
	Tuesday 28 th June	3.15pm – 5.30pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	7.30am – 8.30am
3/4J	Monday 27 th June	3.10pm – 5.10pm
	Tuesday 28 th June	8.00am – 8.40am 3.10pm – 5.10pm
	Thursday 30 th June	3.10pm – 5.10pm
3/4T	Monday 27 th June	3.30pm – 5.30pm
	Tuesday 28 th June	3.30pm – 5.30pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	7.30am – 8.30am
	Thursday 30 th June	7.30am – 8.15am
3/4W	Tuesday 28 th June	3.10pm – 5.30pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	3.10pm – 5.30pm
	Thursday 30 th June	3.10pm – 5.30pm
4M	Monday 27 th June	3.30pm – 5.30pm
	Tuesday 28 th June	8.00am – 8.30am 3.30pm – 5.30pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	8.00am – 8.30am
5W	Monday 27 th June	3.10pm – 5.30pm
	Tuesday 28 th June	3.10pm – 5.30pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	7.30am – 8.30am
5D	Monday 27 th June	3.10pm – 5.30pm
	Wednesday 29 th June	7.30am – 8.30am
	Thursday 30 th June	3.10pm – 5.30pm
6F	Monday 27 th June	3.10pm – 5.30pm
	Thursday 30 th June	3.10pm – 5.30pm
	Friday 1 st July	8.00am – 8.45am
6G	Wednesday 29 th June	7.30am – 8.30am
	Thursday 30 th June	3.10pm – 5.30pm

A parent-teacher interview booking form will be sent home with your child in the very near future.

Value of the month: Honesty and Trustworthiness – Act fairly and safely at all times

Our New Website

If you have recently accessed our school website, you will have noticed that it is NEW! We have decided to engage School Website Services, a branch of the Department of Education to enable this. With this new website, we hope to convey information to you as readily as possible, including calendar events and messages, including newsletters, with greater ease.

As we are still migrating information across from the old website and finalising details on the new one, we ask for your patience till completion.

School App

Penshurst Public School is pleased to announce an upgrade to our school communication services to include a free smartphone app – **School Star**. School news, newsletters, event invitations, notices and general messages will now be sent through School Star. Only Penshurst Public School parents and community members can access the content in this highly secure app.

Keeping parents and the community informed is very important to us, and we will be regularly uploading content to School Star. You will receive up-to-date current information, newsletters and important announcements within minutes of the school releasing information!

We are encouraging all parents to download School Star for free on their iPhone or Android device. Installing School Star is easy. Please make sure that the school has your mobile number for registration. Just follow the instructions below to download and install the app.

iPhone users:

1. Open the App Store on our iPhone by tapping its icon.
2. Search the App Store for "MGM School Star".
3. Tap the button that says "+GET", then "INSTALL".
4. If asked, enter your Apple ID password.
5. The "INSTALL" button will turn into an indicator that shows the progress of the download.
6. Once the download has finished, tap "OPEN" to launch School Star.
7. Select "Australia" as the country.
8. Type in **YOUR** mobile number to which the school sends sms messages

Android users:

1. Open the Play Store on your Android Phone by tapping its icon.
2. Search the Play Store for "MGM School Star", and tap the search results in the list.
3. Tap the button marked "INSTALL".
4. The "INSTALL" button will turn into an indicator that shows the progress of the download.
5. Once the download has finished, tap "OPEN" to launch School Star.
6. Select "Australia" as the country.
7. Type in **YOUR** mobile number to which the school sends sms messages

After you register your new account, School Star will automatically detect your school and configure your news feed.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2017

Now is the time to enrol any students who will be attending Kindergarten at Penshurst PS in 2017. If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten next year please visit the office at school to commence arrangements for their enrolment. Similarly if you know of anybody who has a child who they wish to enrol in Kindergarten next year, please let them know to contact the school.

Notes you should have noticed

Sent Out	Subject	Students Involved	Response Due By
Week 5	Stage 2 excursion	Years 3-4	3 rd June
Week 5	Field events carnival	Years 3-6	6 th June
Week 6	Maths Competition	Years 3-6	10 th June
Week 6	Bandfest	Band members	10 th June

Online Payments

We now offer online payments for all transactions with the school. You will notice a tab on our new school website "Make a Payment". Instructions on how to use this function, after clicking on the "Make a Payment" tab, will be provided on each excursion/ school event note that requires payment.

Jeff Lie

Principal

Henshurst Scratchings

As you may have heard we have 2 hens. The hens are beloved members of the Henshurst.....I mean Penshurst family. During school term the students in the school are taking care of the hens and making sure they have food, water and clean bedding every two days but we need your help. If you could assist with looking after them on any of the weekends below, write your name next to the weeks.

Your assistance would be GREATLY appreciated AND you get to keep any eggs!!

Mrs Angeli

District Cross Country

On Thursday, 26th May, 2016 students from our school attended Gannons Park in cold and drizzling conditions to compete in the District Cross Country Carnival.

It was pleasing to see all students giving their best effort in either the Junior distance of 2000m or the Senior distance of 3000m. Tremendous effort in particular was shown by Gabriela from 3/4W who came 7th in the 8/9yr Girls and Hamzah from 4-6S who came 9th in the 12/13yr Boys.

A big thank you to Mrs Hanna and Mrs Townson for organising the students, ensuring they were ready for their races and tallying school points afterwards.

Well done to Mrs Marshall and Mr Walker for convening the carnival. Your organisation paved the way for a successful and enjoyable carnival for all.

Mrs T Ellmoos

Cross Country Coordinator

Peer Support : Joining In with Others

In this week's Peer Support session the children will be exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and inviting others to join them.

Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don't lose friends. Also discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

Stage 3 teachers

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2016**VALUE OF THE MONTH (TERM 2 WEEK 5 & 6)**

PK	Patrick P.
KE	Sofiya K., Jack S.
KO	Ruby W., Jacob V.
KR	Samman B., Summer G.
1L	Xavier B., Kira P.
1H	Mohammed H., Naisha D.
1M	Shanaya R., Chanelle L.
1-2S	Olivia K., Aarjoo B.
2CK	Wheylan S., Kendall S.

SUPERSTAR AWARD (TERM 2 WEEK 5 & 6)

KE	Suchi M., Kory W.
KO	Calista S., Dereck S.
KR	Amy K., Layla P.
1L	Samantha J., Allan Z.
1H	Tiffany Z., Lara H.
1M	Matthew M., Ryan P.
1-2S	Isabella W., Nadya E.
1-3GH	Alexander L., Nicholas P.
2CK	Ava H., Kassey N.

BRONZE AWARD (TERM 2 WEEK 5 & 6)

KE	Matthew C., Rohit M.
KR	Amy K., Samman B., Ayden B., Isaiah L., William H.
KO	Kingsly W., Antony L., Ethan Z., Ava A.
1L	Hubert H., Aberah R., Kees H., Christian L.
1M	Yassin H., Anya S., Ishita R., Chanelle L.
1-2S	Kiara S., Catherine W.
2CK	Matthew G., Maryam H., Ava H.
2-3M	Chloe S., Linn L.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 5	KR
Week 6	2M

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2016**VALUE OF THE MONTH (TERM 2 WEEK 5 & 6)**

3M	Yul K., Doraphie O.
3-4J	Thomas Y., Seth Z.
3-4T	Aliesya E., Kayla S.
3-4W	Ty M., Suurvi D.
4M	Heneel P., Lachlan Y.
5D	Aryan P., Noku K.
5W	Felicia C., Laurence L.
6G	Alston Z., Mark L.
6F	Madeline M., Joanthan L.

SUPERSTAR AWARD (TERM 2 WEEK 5 & 6)

3M	Andy Z., Delilah-Rose P.
3-4J	Elizabeth L., Hussani A. D.
3-4T	Lucas G., Sade A.
3-4W	Brendan J., Frank N. S.
4M	Matthew M., Carol L.
4-6S	Muhammad M.
5D	Zoe O., Hala Z.
5W	Aditi J.
6G	Harrison C., Vincent G.
6F	Agnes L., Amelia S.

BOOKWORK AWARD (TERM 2 WEEK 5 & 6)

3M	Angelica Z.,
3-4J	Kittu K., Oscar D-G.
3-4T	Sarah W., Sigourney S.
3-4W	Zali K., Charlynn L.
5W	Luka D.
6G	Jashan S., Jennifer M.
6T	Amelia S., Jake G.

BRONZE AWARD (TERM 2 WEEK 5 & 6)

3-4W	Tiffany G., Charlynn L., Ty M., Emily G.
5D	Zoe O.
5W	Sasha Z.
6G	George P., Jerry C.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 5	4M
Week 6	4-6S

THE WHEELATHON IS ONLY 7 WEEKS AWAY...

Get your bikes, scooters, skateboards, wheeled toys ready girls and boys! We are organising a **Wheelathon on Tuesday, 2nd August** to raise funds for the purchase of iPads. These will enhance student learning across the school. This is our big fundraiser for the year and we are hoping all families will continue to support our fundraising efforts. The Wheelathon is an event the students will thoroughly enjoy. All families are welcome to come along and cheer on their children.

In the next few weeks, all students will bring home a Sponsorship Card which includes all the details of the Wheelathon. Students will have just over 4 weeks to seek sponsors. Family and friends can sponsor a child for a specific amount (e.g. \$2, \$5, \$10) to complete the circuit on the day. All amounts, whether big or small, will help to achieve our target.

There are several prizes to be won too. More details in the next newsletter.

Mrs Karatasoulis and Mrs Chandler
Organisers

**Education Week**

Tuesday 2nd August Open Classrooms Years 3-6 - 9.20am-10.00am; Years K-2 – 10.20am-11.00am

Wheelathon times: Pre-school and Years K-2 9.20am -10.00am; Years 3-6 10.20am-11.00am

Thursday 4th August come and see the work that students in the Junior and Senior Dance Group. Signing Choir, Choir and Performing Band have been doing. Concert 2.00pm-3.00pm



2/3M made 'Pinch Pots' as part of a unit in which they are studying sculpting. They designed their own pots and painted them in colours of their choice.

