

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment



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Principal's Message

HI Family Night – Farewell to Mr Crook

Last Friday night, we hosted our second HI Family Night for the year. Not only was this evening a celebration of the accomplishments of our students for another term, but the evening was also a formal farewell to our very own Mr Crook. Mr Crook is retiring at the end of this term.

With a packed hall of well-wishers, a hall full of students and HI families, past and present, we congratulated Mr Crook on an outstanding career in education and as an advocate and leader for our HI community.

Thank you, farewell and all the best for the next chapters in your life.



Student Reports

At the end of this week, all our students will have received their Semester 1 reports that outline their achievements for the year so far.

Please note that on our A to E reporting scale, we expect that the majority of our students will have achieved a 'Sound' result. Here, students have demonstrated sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Coming Events for Term 2, 2016

Week 9

Thursday 23rd June

Bandfest

Friday 24th June

Debate team competition

PSSA Season 2 Round 4

Swimming lessons Week 6

Reports sent home

Week 10

Monday 27th June

Year 5 fundraiser-Spider drinks

Tuesday 28th June

Athletics Carnival – Field events

Wednesday 29th June

SRC Mufti Day

Thursday 30th June

Kindergarten Farm excursion

Hazelhurst Art Gallery excursion 3M, 3-4W and 3-4T

Friday 1st July

PSSA Season 2 Round 5

Swimming lessons Week 7

Last Day Term 3

Term 3 Week 1

Monday 18th July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 19th July

Students return

Student will also receive an assessment of the level of effort they have applied to learning tasks. These can range from 'Always' through to 'Rarely'. Indicators of effort include: maintaining focus on learning tasks, taking responsibility for their own learning, asking the teacher for assistance when necessary, actively listening, showing willingness to contribute in class activities, completing tasks as required, initiating their own learning experiences appropriately and taking learning risks.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

In the last newsletter, an outline of available times for parent-teacher interviews was published. Additionally, you would have received a note, inviting you to book an interview time with your child's classroom teacher. These interviews allow you to discuss your child's Semester 1 report and to celebrate their achievements this year so far.

If you haven't done so already, please complete the interview booking form and return to your child's classroom teacher before the end of the week.

School Uniform

At our last P&C meeting, the committee and I looked at options for the girls' winter school uniform as well as other items such as blazers for student leaders and representatives. Claudines, our school uniform provider, will mock up samples for us to look at, based on the decisions made at this meeting. Stay tuned.

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

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

who they wish to enrol in Kindergarten next year, please let them know to contact the school.

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.

Happy Holidays

The term has certainly flown. As this is the final newsletter for the term, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 3, ready to conquer the second half of the year. Students return to school on Tuesday 19th July 2016. See you all then.

Jeff Lie
Principal

Education Week

Open Day - Tuesday 2nd August

Parents are invited to visit classrooms
Years 3-6: 9.20-10.00am Years K-2: 10.20-11.00am

Also come and watch your child in the Wheelathon
Pre-school and K-2: 9.20-10.00am
Years 3-6: 10.20-11.00am
Recess –Parents stay for morning tea with your children.

Concert - Thursday 4th August - 2.00-3.00pm in the School Hall. Performances from the Junior and Senior Dance Group. Signing Choir, Choir and Performing Band. Save the date in your diary! Hope to see you all there.

Mrs Angeli

Wheelathon is only 5 weeks away.....

The Wheelathon is one of the exciting events planned for Tuesday, 2nd August - our Open Day in Education Week next term. All parents are invited to come and watch their children participate on the day. P-2 students will start at 9.20am and Years 3-6 students will start at 10.20am.

There are some great prizes to be won for the student in the school who raises the most money and for those who have also worked hard to raise significant amounts. In addition, there will be a pizza party for the two classes with the greatest totals.

Next week all students will receive their sponsorship cards for the **WHEELATHON**. Students will have just over four weeks to seek sponsors. Sponsorship cards and money do not need to be brought in until **after** the Wheelathon. All money raised will go towards buying additional iPads to support student learning. Last year we were able to buy 23 mini-iPads and we are hoping to double that amount this year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us. Good luck in seeking sponsors!

Mrs Karatasoulis and Mrs Chandler
Organisers

Notes you should have noticed

Sent Out	Subject	Students Involved	Response Due By
Week 8	SRC Mufti Day	K-6	n/a
Week 8	Canberra requirements	5-6	n/a
Week 9	Field events Carnival postponement	3-6	n/a

PEER SUPPORT : A Better Friend

In this week's final session of the Peer Support module *Keeping Friends* the children will be participating in a board game, reinforcing all of the concepts and skills that have been learned over the past 7 weeks.

They will be reminded of the qualities of a good friend and the skills needed to maintain friendships and make new friends. Each Peer Support group will have the opportunity to celebrate what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made.

Stage 3 Teachers

SRC Mufti Day

Due to PSSA, the Mufti Day planned for this week **has been moved to next Wednesday, the 29th of June 2016.** On this day, the Student Representative Council will be holding a Character Day to raise money for the people of Nepal.

Students are asked to participate in the fundraiser by coming to school **dressed as their favourite character** and making a **gold coin donation**. Characters can be from books, movies, cartoons or even TV shows. Students must wear closed in shoes and be appropriately dressed for the weather. Thank you for your support.

The SRC Team

2016 Athletics Carnival Track

The Athletics Carnival (Track) was held on Tuesday 14th June at Hurstville Oval and what a difference a week makes! The weather brought clear skies and a pleasant 21°C. As always, the children were enthusiastic and well behaved. It was an impressive display from the children of Penshurst Public School with three new records set. Alston Z set a new record for the 11 year Boys 200m, Jack N for the Senior Boys 200m and Saffy S for the Senior Girls 200m. They are to be congratulated on their achievements! Congratulations also go to Blue House for winning the day.



The Georges River District Athletics Carnival will be held on **Monday 15th August, 2016**. Permission notes will be given to students who qualified for selection closer to the date.

Mrs D West & Mrs M Deller
Carnival Coordinators

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2016**VALUE OF THE MONTH (TERM 2 WEEK 7 & 8)**

PK	Patrick P.
KE	Elsa R., Arham J.
KO	Emma Z., Kingsly W.
KR	Olivia H., Ewan B.
1L	Zishu T., Rishika V.
1H	Toshan A., Yoyo W.
1M	Liana Y., Niket Vyas.
1-2S	Jeremy X., Maya C.
2CK	Cheyeene L., Evan W.

SUPERSTAR AWARD (TERM 2 WEEK 7 & 8)

KE	Ashley L., Rohit M.
KO	Zain S., Kaitlyn S.
KR	Maahi B., Pranathi B.P.
1L	Hannah L., Rohan I.
1H	Sebastian B., Chelsea D.
1M	Kate F., Daniel N.
1-2S	Anora R., Klimentina K.
2CK	David C., Chloe H.
2M	Chloe S.

BRONZE AWARD (TERM 2 WEEK 7 & 8)

KR	Olivia H.
KO	Ruby W., Kevin Z.
1H	Anniyah R.
1M	Liana Y.
1-2S	Olivia K., Aden S., Aarjoo B., Nadya E., Jeremy X.
2CK	Patrick B., Kassey N., Connie C.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 7	1M
Week 8	1/2S

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2016**VALUE OF THE MONTH (TERM 2 WEEK 7 & 8)**

3M	Arush B., Jerry D.
3-4J	Yizhuo Z., Corey N.
3-4T	Althea R., Kayla S.
3-4W	Yiyang Z., Gabriela M.
4M	Kathryn Y., Matthew M.
5D	Luca B., Nathan D.
5W	Srijan T., Katy H.
6G	Zheng L., Ginelle G.
6F	Bernadette T., Poutama P.

SUPERSTAR AWARD (TERM 2 WEEK 7 & 8)

3M	Kevin Y.
3-4J	Michael S., William H.
3-4T	Natali I., Kai H.
3-4W	Milena V., Emily G.
4M	Afeefa A., Jacob M.
4-6S	Andrew S.
5D	Pauline M., Shamsuddin M.
5W	Avani P., Sabrina K.
6G	Sheree H., Jashan S.
6F	Joshua F., Mason Z.

BOOKWORK AWARD (TERM 2 WEEK 7 & 8)

3-4J	Blake F., Nirdisha T.
3-4T	Ribha S., Narah N.
3-4W	Ruby-Jean F., Natasha E.
5W	Qinwei Z., Dhanzel A.
6G	Sapana B.
6F	Arya B., Emelia S.

BRONZE AWARD (TERM 2 WEEK 7 & 8)

3-4W	Hussani A.
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CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 7	4M and 2-3M
Week 8	2-3M

Environment News

Our Environment Education Program has had a great start again this year. Students from Year 2-6 are once again, participating in environmental sustainability. Environment Leaders were chosen as the representative for each class in 2016 and were presented with a badge in assembly. These leaders will be part of the Environment Committee of the school and will perform their duties and responsibilities, collecting fruit scraps, looking after our worm farm and chickens. The chickens and worm farm are used as a learning space. It is an important role being an Environment Leader and being able to contribute to our school in such a way.

Our leaders also attended an Environmental Workshop run by Hurstville City Council at the school. The students completed a module where they delighted in the opportunity to get up close and personal with the inhabitants of our own worm farm. They enjoyed discovering how a real worm farm works, what to feed worms and picked up fascinating facts about worm farming.

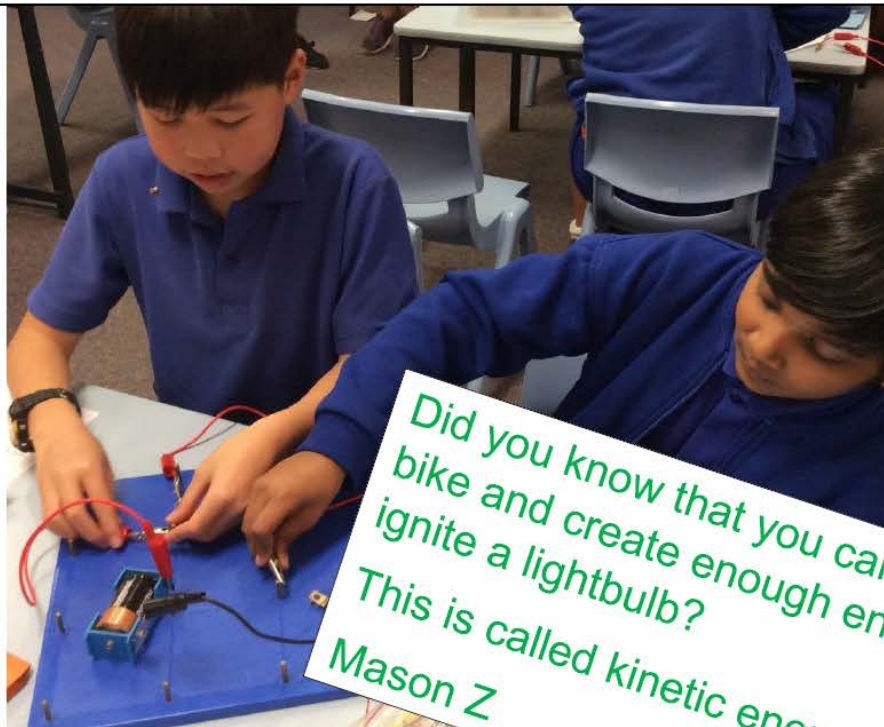
Environment Committee Coordinator
Mrs Andreone



Did you know that by rubbing a balloon on the carpet you can stick it onto a door?
This is called static electricity
Jonathan L

6F are electrifying!

Buzzz! Electrons zoom through the insulators.
Click! Lights go off when the circuit is broken.
Sparks fly through the air because the wire is broken. So many forms of electricity; static, hydro, solar ... Energy and electricity, it's electrifying! Elena H



Did you know that you can ride a bike and create enough energy to ignite a lightbulb?
This is called kinetic energy.
Mason Z