

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Citius, Altius, Fortius

The Olympic Games is the only event that can bring all nations together in the one place without fear and prejudice. In encapsulating the Olympic spirit, this event that occurs once every 4 years, is about participation and less so about the win.

If you managed to watch the Rio Olympics that have recently finished there were some highlights that resonated with me. These included:

- New Zealand's Nikki Hamblin being helped by Abbey D'Agostino from the U.S. after falling in the 5000m track heat. What a remarkable and selfless demonstration of sportsmanship that was recognised with a roaring ovation from the crowd in the Olympic Stadium.
- Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt in their respective races and cementing their legendary status as all-time greats in the Olympic era.
- Countries like Fiji, Kosovo, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Tajikistan, Vietnam and the Independent Olympic Athletes winning their first ever gold medal with some being their only ever medal in the history of the Olympics.
- As part of an effort "to show solidarity with the world's refugees" a Refugee Olympic Team was allowed to compete this year.
- Mo Farrah, the Somalia born 5000/ 10000m runner, representing Great Britain who tripped and fell in his 10000m final only to get back up and win, defending his Olympic gold medal from 2012. How very *Chariots of Fire*.

The Olympics opens and closes with a ceremony that celebrates the host country, all the competing nations and all the athletes. It celebrates the sportsmanship and comradery between people, greatness in achievement and effort, unity and participation between all people and countries in our world. These are the moments that I will take away from the Rio Olympics and hope that our students can adopt some of the values demonstrated.

The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Coming Events for Term 3, 2016

Week 7

Thursday	Gotgame Gymnastics
Friday	SRC Fundraiser – Pink Ribbon Day for breast cancer

Week 8

Monday	Gotgame Gymnastics Stage 3 public speaking finals
Tuesday	Stage 2 public speaking finals
Wednesday	Early Stage 1 public speaking finals
Thursday	SRC Meeting 11.25am-12.10pm

Week 9

Monday	Gotgame Gymnastics
Wednesday	Newsletter

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Wednesday 14th September 2016**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey

This term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

Value of the month: Respect – Treat people and property with respect

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Remembering Book Week

Thank you to our very own Paper Bag Princess, Mrs Quere for organising the Book Week Parade.



Girls Winter School Uniform

The P&C and I have worked really hard to address the concerns the community has had about the school uniform and the public image/ message that this sends to our wider community. Last term, the P&C finalised options for the girls' school uniform. Skorts will now replace the skirt to enable our girls to play freely. The revised girls' winter uniform will now be a winter tunic with a Peter Pan shirt, worn with navy blue stockings. Royal blue trousers is also available to girls who prefer not to wear the tunic. The uniform is to be worn with black school shoes with white socks for girls, with the exception of Friday sports day.

You can view the new girls' winter school uniform near the school office for the rest of this term.

The new girls' winter school uniform will commence in Term 2, 2017.

Number Crunchers - Update

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that I had accompanied 3 of our students to the Number Cruncher competition at Lilli Pilli Public School. We were recently informed that Yutong, who participated in the Golden Pi competition, was successful in making the finals, that was held today at Connells Point Public School. To date, Yutong can recite over 300 decimal places of Pi !!! All I can remember is 3.1415!!! Stay tuned for the finals result.

Combined Public Schools Music Festival

Students from Penshurst Public School will be performing at the Combined Public Schools Music Festival tonight (Wed 31st Aug) at Bankstown Sports Club. We will be showcasing our choirs (singing and signing), dance performances and our band this evening. The CPSMF is a showcase of the creative and performing talents of our NSW Public Schools. I want to thank Mr Metliss, Mr Forrester, Mrs Robinson, Ms Tasipale, Ms Munzone, Miss Sabbah and Mrs Gray for all their hard work in training and developing our students for their performances.

Jeff Lie
Principal

Year 6 Fete

22 September is Fete Day!

Trash and Treasure

Your trash is some else's TREASURE!

We WANT your unwanted treasures.

Pre-loved items need to be clean and in good condition.

For example, toys, games, puzzles (no missing pieces) and household items (no electrical items).

Start gathering your items!!

Place them in the blue tubs near the canteen in the cola.

PPS Coding Club

What is coding? Coding is what makes it possible for us to create computer software, apps and websites. Your browser, your OS, websites and the apps on your phone – they're all made with code. Coding, in the simplest of terms, is telling a computer what you want it to do, which involves typing in step-by-step commands for the computer to follow.

Notes you should have noticed

Sent Out	Subject	Students Involved	Response Due By
Week 6	Positive parenting workshop	Parents	26/8/16
Week 7	Chicken Pox	K-6	N/A
Week 7	Musica Viva	K-6	

Our Coding Club at Penshurst Public School is held every Monday in the library at lunchtime after eating time. At the moment, the club caters for students in Years 3 to 6

The aim of the club is to engage children in Computer Science, and allow them to gain a practical understanding of basic coding.

Mr Walker

PSSA Season 2



Congratulations to all the students who participated in Season 2 PSSA teams. We entered teams in Boys Soccer, Girls Netball and Mixed Newcombe Ball competitions and each team represented the school demonstrating great sporting skills

and wonderful sportsmanship.

It is with great pride that we acknowledge the Senior Newcombe Ball team who came runners up to Mortdale Public School in their competition. This was a fantastic achievement for the students involved and a special mention to Mrs West who has coached and organised this team this season.

Season 3 PSSA sports will be Boys Basketball, Girls Touch Football and Mixed Hockey. Thank you to the staff who have been involved in PSSA this year and to the students and school community who support this valuable sporting program.

Go Penshurst !

Sport Singlets

If your child has a school sport singlet at home, could it please be returned to school as soon as possible. This includes athletic and basketball singlets as well as soccer jerseys. We know that sometimes they get lost in the wash or thrown into a drawer but we would appreciate all returns! Our supply of singlets has diminished significantly and with a new PSSA season about to begin, we would like to ensure that every student representing our school gets to wear a team singlet. It would be appreciated if the singlets were washed but please DO NOT iron them as the numbering will come off. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs White and Mrs Deller

SRC Pink Ribbon Day

On 2nd of September 2016, the Student Representative Council will be holding a Pink Ribbon Day to raise money to help beat women's cancer.

Students are asked to participate in the fundraiser by coming to school **dressed in their brightest pink clothing** and by making a **gold coin donation**. Students can wear as much pink as they please. Students must wear closed in shoes and be appropriately dressed for the weather.

Thank you for your support.

The SRC Team

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2016**VALUE OF THE MONTH (TERM 3 WEEK 5 & 6)**

KE	Noah H.
KO	Derreck S., Ava A.
KR	William H., Kavya K.
1L	Joanna A., Alice Z K.
1H	Helen Z.
1M	Talia N., Anya S.
1-2S	Leena S., Madison J.
2CK	Ava H., Amia R.

SUPERSTAR AWARD (TERM 3 WEEK 5 & 6)

KE	Riya K.
KO	Ranya V., Kevin Z.
KR	Jasmine W., Ayden B.
1L	Allan Z., Rishika V.
1H	Tiffany Z.
1M	Celine H., Daniel N.
1-2S	Angela H., Amanda T.
1-3GH	Adrian L.
2CK	Jacinda Z., Patrick B.

BRONZE AWARD (TERM 3 WEEK 5 & 6)

1H	Cianna H.
1M	Hubert G.

SILVER AWARD (TERM 3 WEEK 5 & 6)

KE	Hirak P., Farhan A., Arham J.
KO	Ruby W., Zain S.
1H	Anniyah R., Yoyo W.
1-2S	Leena S.
2CK	Ethan Z.
2M	Jacqueline M.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 5	PK
Week 6	KR

Reminder

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM for Years 2-6 , Term 4

We are pleased to announce an intensive learn to swim program in Term 4 following on from the recent success of the 10 week Year 3-6 program. The intensive learn to swim program, develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The program is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes. Water lessons will take place at Hurstville Aquatic Centre in the indoor pool. The students will walk to the pool supervised. The lessons will take place at 1.30pm-2.15pm. We will leave the school at approximately 1.10pm and return by 2.45pm.

This program is an excellent opportunity for students in Years 2-6 to learn how to swim and to continue to develop water survival skills. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR ANY NON SWIMMERS and students who cannot swim one length of the big pool. Spots are filling up so bring your money in soon to secure a spot.

Amanda Hanna and Kylie Mexon

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2016**VALUE OF THE MONTH (TERM 3 WEEK 5 & 6)**

3M	Angelica Z.
3-4J	Tristan H., Joylen K.
3-4T	Althea R., Ribha S.
3-4W	Tiffany G., Frank N S.
4M	Mitchell B., Alexander S.
5D	Hala Z., Noku K.
5W	Connor Y., Simon A.
6G	Jennifer M., Matthew G.
6F	Andree N S., Evan S., Yutong X.

SUPERSTAR AWARD (TERM 3 WEEK 5 & 6)

3M	Zuneirah H.
3-4J	Callum C., Ada D.
3-4T	Clement D., Daniel C.
3-4W	Ty M., Kashvi K.
4M	Natasha G., Jasmine H.
5D	Luca B., Pauline M.
5W	Aryan V., Kelvin W.
6G	Samantha M., Jack N.
6F	Tedi J., Elena H., Bernadette T.

BOOKWORK AWARD (TERM 3 WEEK 5 & 6)

3-4J	Charlotte C., Chloe P.
3-4T	Kai H., Callum C.
3-4W	Natasha E., Mia W.
5D	Angus L., Jack T.
5W	Sasha Z., Qinwei Z.
6G	Stephani B., Marianna P.
6F	Madiline M., Poutama P., Jayme C.

BRONZE AWARD (TERM 3 WEEK 5 & 6)

3M	Nilsson Y.
6G	Abraham H.

SILVER AWARD (TERM 3 WEEK 5 & 6)

2-3M	Martha Y., Andy Z.
3-4W	Suurvi D.
6G	Sapana B., Ginelle G., Jessica L.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 5	3-4W
Week 6	6G

Georges River District Track and Field Carnivals 2016

The Georges River District Track and Field Carnivals were held at The Ridge Athletics Centre, BARDEN RIDGE in fine and warm weather. All students were outstanding representatives of our school and competed to the best of their ability in both individual and team events. Our school placed 9th overall (out of 17) and congratulations for this outstanding result must go to all our athletes!

Thank you to the parents who offered their help and support at these carnivals.

The following students deserve a special mention for their achievements on the day.

Hamzah E-F, Adree N-S, Jack N, Ty M, Hala Z and Tiffany D (100m), Nathan D (discus) and Samantha M (shot put) have all qualified for the Regional Carnival which will be held on Tuesday 13th September at Sydney Olympic Park. We wish them all the best!

Mrs Deller and Mrs West Carnival Co-ordinators



iPads in the Classroom

3/4W have enjoyed using the iPads while researching
for their Geography unit.

