

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment



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Principal's Message

Public School Education

As a proud graduate of the public school system, in both the primary and secondary levels, it is pleasing to see that public schools share of enrolments have increased for a second year running. This suggests that parents are favouring government schools over non-government schools when thinking about the type of education that can be provided for their child. As mentioned in the Sydney Morning Herald, this increase in enrolments in the public education system is due to the Department's quality teaching initiatives, in addition to the population growth across Sydney and NSW.

At Penshurst Public School, in achieving the school's vision of creating critical and creative global citizens, teachers continue to improve their teaching and learning practice so that our students continue their journey as lifelong learners in an ever complex world.

As a school, our teachers have engaged in quality teaching initiatives around literacy – Focus on Reading (Phase 1), Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) for Kindergarten and Stage 1, Multilit, Minilit and technology and project based learning. This is in addition to our creative arts programs of dance, choir and band and other initiatives such as debating and public speaking.

As a whole school community, we should be proud of the public education that we provide to our students.

School Supervision Duty

The school is officially open from 8.30am in the morning. At this time, playground supervision duty commences to help ensure that our students are safe and happy whilst at school. In the near future, teachers on 8.30am playground duty will be wearing a fluorescent high-vis vest. This will assist identification by students and parents in seeking help and assistance from the teacher on 8.30am playground duty.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school after 8.30am in the morning and no sooner. Additionally, school finishes at 3.00pm in the afternoon. It is expected that all students will be heading home or to afterschool care, depending on your arrangements. If you are running late to pick them up, please contact the school so that we can let your child know that you are still on your way.

Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Coming Events for Term 1, 2017

Week 9

Wednesday Stewart House Bags go home

Friday

PSSA Season 1, Round 5

Week 10

Tuesday

Cultural Infusion Incursion

Wednesday

District Boys Touch Trials

Friday

PSSA Season 1, Round 6

Week 11

Tuesday

District Boys & Girls Basketball Trials

School Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday

Last day to return Stewart House bags

After School Hours

As a community, it is great that our parents can catch up after school. At present, some parents choose to stay on the school site with their children.

Over the past years that I have been principal of the school, there have been accidents after school, especially when playing on the school playground equipment, even when children are under the supervision of their parents.

As a reminder to all our parents and caregivers please ensure that appropriate and safe play occurs, even after school hours and especially when on school grounds. Students are not to remain on school grounds without their parents/ caregivers, when dismissed at the end of the school day.

As the principal of the school, I am responsible for the safety of everyone on the school site.

Statement of Accounts

Due to a change with the Department and school's finance system, a statement of accounts will be sent home to each family. This will detail requested payments for the paper levy and school contribution.

Please note that payment is voluntary for both paper levy and school contribution but will be greatly appreciated. As a school with minimal reliance on text books, funds received from families will go towards printing and photocopying needs in addition to purchasing teaching and learning resources for the school.

Fitathon

Congratulations to all our staff and students who participated in the fitathon this year. The fitathon will raise valuable funds for the school, that will be used to purchase valuable resources. This may include iPads and reading resources that

Value of the month: Doing Your Best- Do your best to learn and participate

will further enhance the quality of public school education that we can provide for our students.

A big thank you to Mr Walker, Mrs Karatasoulis and Mrs Chandler for your organisation of this event. Not only did we raise money for the school but we also got fitter at the same time!!!



Winter School Uniform

Our school uniform is a symbol of Penshurst Public School. It identifies us within the community and also represents the sense of pride we have, about ourselves and our accomplishments.

Because of the new girls' winter school uniform this year, Claudine Schoolwear, our uniform supplier, will be here on Wednesday 29th March from 8.30am to assist with sizing and orders, under the COLA near the hall. They will be showcasing

Notes you should have received

| <i>Sent Out</i> | <i>Subject</i> | <i>Students Involved</i> | <i>Response Due By</i> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Week 7 | Chicken Pox in school | All | N/A |
| Week 8 | Head lice in school | All | N/A |
| Week 7 | Foot and Mouth in school | All | N/A |
| Week 8 | Easter Hat Parade | Year P-2 | 20 th Feb |
| Week 8 | Family Information update | All | 24 th March |
| Week 8 | St 2 Camp expression of interest | Year 3&4 | 31 st March |
| Week 8 | Cross Country Carnival | All | 30 th March |

the winter tunic, peter pan shirt, trousers and other school winter wear.

School Photos

Just a reminder that our school photos are on Thursday 27th April 2017. Class/ individual/ family and some group photos will be taken on this day. Make sure that you come to school, on Thursday, in full school uniform, looking neat and tidy and ready to smile for the camera.

Stewart House Bags

Stewart House bags will be sent home this week. Your kind donation of clean and wearable clothing will help raise funds for Stewart House and the great work they do in supporting children and families. These bags are due back to school on Wednesday 5th April 2017.

Jeff Lie
Principal

FITATHON

We were very lucky to have dry weather yesterday when students P-6 participated in the Fitathon. They came dressed in their favourite team colours or as sport stars. Activities included relays, an obstacle course, a beep test, dance, newcombe ball, our playground equipment and minor games. Thank you to those families who were able to join us.

All students now need to return their sponsorship cards **by Tuesday, 4th April** to be eligible for a prize. There are great prizes to be won for those students who raise significant funds.

We are looking forward to finding out how much the school will raise from this event. All profits will go towards purchasing iPads to support student learning in the classroom. Thank you to all families in advance for your support.

Mrs Chandler, Mr Walker and Mrs Karatasoulis
Organisers

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS**VALUE OF THE MONTH – T1 WEEK 7 & 8**

KM Summer Z., Kelly H.
 KO Jubina K., Ryan O.
 KR Shristi G., Anabia H.
 KW James Q., Kaivan T.
 1H Kory W., Jasmine W.
 1M Maahi B., Kavya K.
 1-2L Evie L., Derreck S.
 2G Shirley Z., Cianna H.
 2CK Amanda T., Allan Z.

SUPERSTAR AWARD – T1 WEEK 7 & 8

KM Jerrison D., Elenna Z.
 KO Christian K., Annalyse H.
 KR Eva B., Tianna Z.
 KW Subeeka P., Ivan S.
 1H Matthew C., Jack S.
 1M Matthew Y., Kingsly W.
 1-2L Isabella W., Aaron S.
 1-2D Adrian L.
 2G Joanna A., Matthew M.
 2CK Klimentina K., Kevin H.
 2M Chanelle L.

BRONZE AWARD – T1 WEEK 7 & 8

1M Kaitlyn S.
 1-2L Daniel L.
 2CK Kira P.
 2G Samantha J., Xavier B.

SILVER AWARD – T1 WEEK 8

1M Antony L.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 7 1-2L & 2M
 Week 8 2M

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**VALUE OF THE MONTH – T1 WEEK 7 & 8**

3M Aarjoo B.
 3T Christa K., Chloe S.
 3-4S Alice O., Naman A.
 4E Winnie L., Isabelle T.
 4J Roman H., Sade A.
 3-6I Andrew S.
 5D Alexander S., Sahaj M.
 5W Annabelle H., Sigourney S.
 6G Luca B., Aryabhat P.
 6F Ezekiel H., Joshua C.

SUPERSTAR AWARD – T1 WEEK 7 & 8

3M Olivia K
 3T Wheylan S., Matthew G.
 3-4S Leonid P., Jessica G.
 4E Callum C., Ellen F.
 4J Aliesya E., Yul K.
 3-6I Mohamad A-M.
 5D Ribha S., Mercy W.
 5W Andrew C., Jojo E.
 6G Leykhan T., Avani P.
 6F Connor Y., Dhanzel A.

BOOKWORK AWARD – T1 WEEK 7 & 8

3T Alishay A.
 4E Daniel C.
 4J Natasha E.
 5D Benjamin M.
 5W Annabelle H.
 6G Qinwei Z., Yasmin N.
 6F Angus L.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 7 6G
 Week 8 5D

1/2L is studying dinosaurs. We researched the Apatosaurus in the library and wrote a report.

Apatosaurus

Apatosaurus was a dinosaur that lived millions of years ago. They are now extinct.

Apatosaurus was a herbivore. They ate plants and swallowed rocks to crunch them up. Apatosaurus had a small head, a massive brown body and an extremely long, strong tail. They had a long neck and four short, strong legs. They had small, blunt teeth to rip leaves from tall trees.

