

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Harmony Day Part 1

As part of our Harmony Day celebrations, our students enjoyed the various cultural experiences last Tuesday. Part 2 of our Harmony Day celebrations will be on Thursday 6th April, where a concert full of cultural performances will entertain our students and community. Here are some comments from our NAP students who attended on the first day.

I liked the Brazilian performance because the costumes were cool and they did clever handstands. They taught us some Brazilian songs in their language and I tried doing some at home.....Evan 3/4S

I liked the Brazilian performance in the hall. They showed me how to do kicks, do back flips and we all had a go. I learnt about their culture and how they pretended to be dancing when they were actually training..... Mohammad 3T

I liked the Japanese Taiko Drumming because I learnt about the drums. They were made by cutting down trees over five hundred years ago. Some students got to play them but I liked the beautiful songs they sang..... Zuneirah 3/4S

I liked the Korean dancers. Their dance and costumes were so beautiful but best of all I learnt about their art and some of their dance moves. Frances 4E

I liked the Indonesian performance best of all. The lady danced for us and taught us how to play an instrument made of bamboo. She also told us that her country has seventeen islands. WOW! Linda 4J

I liked the German performance the best. The amazing performer started dancing at the age of two and wanted to have a dance competition with us. The dancer won and we could not believe it when he told us he was 48 years old. Amazing! Pauline 6F



Coming Events for Term 1, 2017

Week 11

Thurs 6 April Easter Hat Parade 10.20am-11.00am
Harmony Day Concert 11.35am-1.10pm
Fri 7 April PSSA Season 1, Round 7
Swimming Lessons
Last Day Term 1

Term 2 Week 1

Wed 26 April First Day for students Term 2
ANZAC Day Service 10.00am
Thurs 27 April School Photos
Fri 28 April PSSA Season 1, Round 8
Swimming Lessons

Term 2 Week 2

Tues 2 May Cross Country
Thurs 4 May Yr 5 Debating workshop
Fri 5 May PSSA Season 1, Round 9
Swimming Lessons

P&C School Disco

Thank you to our P&C and our parent volunteers for hosting another school disco. It was a lovely way of celebrating the end of very busy and successful term.



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

In May 2017 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to

Value of the month: Fair Go – Act fairly and safely at all times

support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. This will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 9-12 May, 2017.
TUESDAY 9 MAY Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)
WEDNESDAY 10 MAY Writing & Reading
THURSDAY 11 MAY Numeracy
FRIDAY 12 MAY Catch-up day

In the numeracy tests, students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. Students will need to complete the tests using an HB or 2B pencil.

All tests will be undertaken in classrooms at Penshurst Public School. Tests are scheduled to begin at 9.00 am on each day. If your child is involved in the assessment program (Years 3 and 5), please ensure that they arrive at school on time. If you would like to discuss NAPLAN further, please call the school to make an appointment with Mr Metliss.

Happy Holidays

This is the final newsletter for the term. I want to thank everyone for their kind support, their smiles and hard work in making Term 1 of 2017 a truly successful term and a great start to the year. With Term 2 just around the corner, a term that is characterised by consolidation of curriculum programs, the starting of new curriculum programs, assessment of learning, student reports and NAPLAN, please take the time over the next couple of weeks to relax and rejuvenate. Please have a safe and enjoyable school holiday break. Students return on Wednesday 26th April 2017.

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.

Jeff Lie
Principal

It is Easter Hat Parade Time!



Tomorrow, Thursday 6th April, we are having our annual Easter Hat Parade for students in Pre-School, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. The parade will begin at 10.20am in the assembly hall. All parents are welcome to attend. Students have been asked to make an Easter Hat at home, bring it to school tomorrow and participate in the parade. The design of the hat is up to you and your child and does not need to be elaborate. Students will be given a certificate of participation at the assembly. Although we warmly welcome all students' participation, we understand if you do not want your child to join in due to religious or cultural beliefs. If so, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

Notes you should have received

Sent Out	Subject	Students Involved	Response Due By
Week 10	Chess Coaching	Yrs3-6	28 th April
Week 9	School Photo envelopes	All	26 th April
Week 9	Yr 6 Polo shirts	Yr 6	31 st March

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at the Easter Hat Parade if you are able to attend!

Mrs N. Chandler

ANZAC Day Memorial Service

On Wednesday 26th April our school will be having an Anzac Day Memorial Service in the hall commencing at 10am. All parents are welcome to attend as we honour and remember those who fought and died in war.

Mrs Baker

Friday Sport BLUEfit Swimming Program Reminder

This program will continue for the first 3 weeks in Term 2. Last lesson will be Friday 12th May. We are pleased to advise that this program will be again offered for the PSSA Season 2 timeframe starting Friday 2nd June to Friday 18th August. Notes will go out next term.



The Term 4 Intensive Swimming Program will run for 2 weeks, every day excluding weekends from Monday 30th October to Friday 10th November opened for Years 2-6.

Mrs Hanna

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 2017 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, recycling, planting, growing herbs and vegetables, collecting fruit scraps, looking after our worm farm and chicken. The vegetable, herb garden, worm farm and chickens 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.

Environment Coordinator
Mrs Andreone

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS**VALUE OF THE MONTH – T1 Wk 9 & 10**

KM Peshal S., Snithik K.
 KO Leo Z., Nicole J.
 KR Noah T., Andy X.
 KW Sarah Y., Raisa B.
 1H Summer G.
 1M Antony L., Jack S.
 1-2L Farhan A K., Lara H.
 1-2D Yusuf L., Elekra K.
 2G Bob X., Abbas G.
 2CK Rohan I., Hannah L.

SUPERSTAR AWARD – T1 Wk 9 & 10

KM Subrat B., Eva G.
 KO Jayden X., Annabelle L.
 KR Denzel H., Daniel K.
 KW Celina Y., Abubakar B.
 1H Isaiah L.
 1M Gurmaan G., Antony L.
 1-2L Ayden B., Hira P.
 1-2D Xavier A., Alexa M.
 2G Naisha D., Rishika V.
 2CK Zahraa B., Kira P

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 9 1M
 Week 10 KM

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**VALUE OF THE MONTH – T1 Wk 9 & 10**

3M Arugna B.
 3T Amjad K., Fidelio L.
 3-4S Corey N., Chloe R.
 4E Seth Z., Milena V.
 4J Felix J., Rushil P.
 3-6I Nicholas P.
 5D Angela L., Prashant A.
 5W Blake F., Jarell L.
 6G Shirley X., Leykhan T.
 6F Joshua H., Shamsuddin M.

SUPERSTAR AWARD – T1 Wk 9 & 10

3M Cheyenne L.
 3T Muhammad R., Angela H.
 3-4S Callum C., Kevin F.
 4E Tiffany D., Mischa L.
 4J William H., Martha Y.
 5D Brendan J., Nirdisha T.
 5W Natasha G., Elizabeth L.
 6G Iris X.
 6F Kasun D.

BOOKWORK AWARD – T1 Wk 9 & 10

3T Ethan K., Alishay A., Kassey N.
 4E Winnie L.
 4J Gabriela M V., Dina K.
 5D Issabella S., Michael S.
 5W Maya R., Victor L.
 6G Sasha Z.
 6F Era S., Briella L.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 9 6F
 Week 10 5D

OC applications for Year 5 students in 2018

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 26 July 2017**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26 April 2017** in a printed application information booklet and at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opens on **26 April 2017** and closes on **Friday 12 May 2017**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library or talk to the office staff about using a school computer. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **26 April 2017**.

Mr Metliss

1H have been learning about dinosaurs! This week we researched the Brachiosaurus. First, we gathered our information. Next, we wrote up our dinosaur information reports. Read some of them below to learn about the Brachiosaurus.

