

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment



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Principal's Message

Our School Vision

At Penshurst Public School, we are committed to delivering excellence within a diverse and inclusive environment. We inspire students to aim high to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed global citizens.

On Monday night, I had the opportunity to watch one of the knockout segments on *The Voice*. Britannia, James and Hoseah, all from different backgrounds and experiences but sharing the opportunity to shatter stereotypes, defy prejudice and overcome hardship, sang songs that personally resonated.

"Bringing songs with a message to the Knockout ring, Team George's emotional mentoring session was the start of powerful journey for Britannia Clifford-Pugh, James Banks and Hoseah Partsch."

Britannia, wearing her hijab, sang John Lennon's song *Imagine*. *Imagine* is a song about peace, acceptance and harmony.

James sang Christina Aguilera's song, *Beautiful*. *Beautiful* is a song about resilience, self-acceptance, self-respect and empowerment.

Hoseah Partsch blew everyone away with the Michael Jackson classic, *Man in the Mirror*. *Man in the Mirror* is a song about making a difference in the world by being the change we want to see in the world.

Our school vision talks about helping our students to becoming active and informed global citizens. Citizens that promote peace, harmony and acceptance. Citizens that are resilient and empowered. Citizens who want to make a positive difference in the world, starting with themselves. We're on our way.



Coming Events for Term 2, 2017

Week 5

Thur 25 May GRPSSA District Cross Country
Fri 26 May HI Family Night

Week 6

Mon 29 May GRPSSA District Boys/Girls Softball Trials
Debating
Tue 30 May Kindy at Fairfield City Farm
Footsteps in Hall K-6
Coding Club Yr 3-6 Lunchtime
Thurs 1 June Footsteps in Hall K-6
Fri 2 June PSSA Season 2 Round 1
Swimming Starts

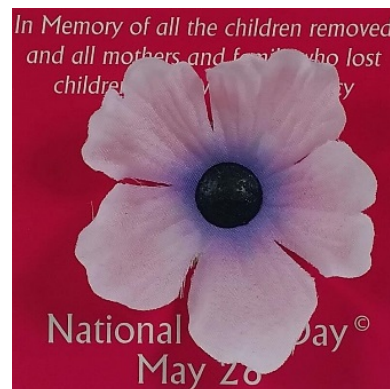
Week 7

Mon 5 June Track Carnival P- 6 Bexley Oval
Tue 6 June Footsteps in Hall K-6
Wed 7 June Newsletter to go home
GRPSSA District Netball Trials

National Sorry Day

This Friday 26 May is National Sorry Day. On this day we remember and recognise our Stolen Generations and to work towards healing the wounds that were created from the forced removal of Indigenous children from their families.

On sale this Friday, will be the Stolen Generation Commemorative Flower to commemorate this day, at a cost of \$2.80 each.



Congratulations to NAPLAN students

Congratulations to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students who recently completed their NAPLAN assessments. These assessments provide schools important information on the progress of each and every student and how we can help our students move and improve. I want to thank Mr Metliss on his organisation of the school in addressing the needs of the

Value of the month: Freedom – Do your best to learn and participate

NAPLAN assessments and to the teachers who supported our students during the assessment periods.

Premier's Sporting Challenge

We are now in an age where our kids are immersed in digital entertainment instead of outdoor activities, an age where our kids are increasingly raised in apartments with no outdoor play space and an age where one in five children are considered overweight or obese.

As in past years, our school will be participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge. The NSW Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

The Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge, that seeks to encourage all our students to be involved. All our students need to do is to engage in physical activity at school or at home that could be as simple as walking.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2018

Now is the time to enrol any students who will be attending Kindergarten at Penshurst PS in 2018. 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.

Thank You P&C

Our P&C work tirelessly to help raise funds for our school and in supporting the education programs that happen. With their recent hosting of the Mother's Day stall, I want to greatly thank them for all their hard work in organising this event, in enabling our students celebrate their mums and mother-figures while raising money for the school.

Excursion/Program/Event Money

As part of school and office procedures, please return any money for school excursions/events/programs to your child's respective classroom teacher. No money should be handed into the office. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

A Message from Year 5

Have you ever wondered what the world will look like in a thousand years? One thing that we can guarantee is that it will be full of the plastic bags we throw away today. Plastic bags are extremely dangerous, not only for our future generations but for today's marine animals and environment too.

We must take care of our future generations by banning the plastic bag today. Australians use 10 million bags per day and each bag is used for only 12 minutes! It takes up to 1000 years for a plastic bag to disintegrate. It is clear that plastic bags are terrible for our future and must be eliminated before they eliminate us.

Notes you should have received

Sent Out	Subject	Students Involved	Response Due By
Week 1	BLUEfit Intensive Swimming	Yr 3-6	19 th May
Week 1	Year 3 & 4 Camp Deposit	Yr 3 & 4	8 th May
Week 1	Footsteps	K-6	19 th May
Week 3	Canteen Price List	All	-
Week 3	Kindy Fairfield City Farm	Kindy	19 th May

The state of our environment is unacceptable and this is largely a consequence of plastic bags. Why should we have to put up with this when we know we can ban the bag and put a stop to it? We've all seen plastic bags hanging off trees, sitting in gutters and blowing along the streets. It is evident that if we want a clean environment we need to ban the plastic bag!

Should we also turn a blind eye to the thousands of birds and animals that plastic bags kill each year? The plastic bag is the ocean's greatest predator and it's not because of their stingers. Marine animals see them as food but end up dying a slow and painful death from suffocation or strangulation. Plastic bags find their way into the oceans and we must stop this by banning them.

If we care about our future generations, if we care about the environment, if we care about our marine life, it is clear that we must ban plastic bags immediately. We can all make a difference. Dispose of bags thoughtfully and recycle them too.

Better yet, stop using plastic bags, use environmentally friendly bags whenever you go shopping and bring back nanna trolleys. Don't delay, start today!! Ban the plastic bag.

*Yours Sincerely,
Class 5D*

Looks like 5D are demonstrating that active and informed global citizenship!

Jeff Lie
Principal

PSSA

The first season of PSSA school sport has finished. The boy's junior and senior softball are very happy to end on a win. All the boys improved immensely throughout the season.



INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS**VALUE OF THE MONTH – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4**

KM	Georgia X
KO	Annabelle L, Annalyse H
KR	Jo Ying K, Bria W
KW	Sambhavi S, Ivan S
1H	Elizabeth B
1M	Ashley L, Gurmaan G
1-2L	Sophia S, Daniel N
2G	Xavier B, Talia N
2CK	Nadya E, Abdulla H
2M	Aayan S, Tiffany Z (Maths)

SUPERSTAR AWARD – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4

PK	Batoul G
KM	Peshal S
KO	Alexander H, Christian K
KR	Charles W, Terrence C
KW	James Q, Kaivan T
1H	Noah H
1M	Antony L, Madison M
1-2L	Brendan A, Evie L
1-2D	Eric S
2G	Hubert G, Bob X
2CK	Allan Z, Kiara S
2M	Angelica V (Reading), Zara S

BRONZE AWARD – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4

KM	Mingwah W, Aryan K
KO	Jubina K, Kasey D, Armeen H
KR	Anabia H, Shristi G, Noah T, Hiya P, Kiaan K, Rita L, Muhammad R, Charles W, Yolanda W,
KW	Michael M, Suri N, James Q
1H	Arham J
1M	Kingsly W
1/2L	Mia Rose O, Brendan A, Evie L
2CK	Kiara S, Zahraa B
2G	Yassin H, Christian L, Anvi G, Bob X
2M	Zara S

SILVER AWARD – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4

1H	Summer G
2M	Aaya S

GOLD AWARD – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4

2G	Hubert G
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CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 3	PK
Week 4	1/2L

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**VALUE OF THE MONTH – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4**

3M	Arugna B
3T	Joshua K, Ethan K
3-4S	Kendall S, Kevin F
4E	Rory M, Doraphie O
4J	Frank N, Ruby F
5D	Ribha S, Issabella S
5W	Eugenia C, Elektra B
6G	Jessie D, Nathan D
6F	Alex G, Sabrina K

SUPERSTAR AWARD – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4

3M	Chloe H
3T	Muhammad R, Alishay A
3-4S	Kevin L, Austin G
4E	Karen P, Samita S
4J	Dina K, Andy Z
5D	Amrit B, Alexander S
5W	Mathew M, Jovante E
6G	Zoe O, Kevin
6F	Lachlan B, Joshua H

BOOKWORK AWARD – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4

3M	Keer X, Anora R
3T	Hayson W, Angela H
3-4S	Alice D
4E	Ellen F
4J	Martha Y, Aliesya E
5D	Tony W, Nirdisha T
5W	Sigourney S
6G	Simon A, Luca B
6F	Jack T, Era S

BRONZE AWARD – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4

3M	Connie C
3T	Isabella C, Linn L, Muhammad R, Samragyi R, Christa K, Monica H
3-4S	Zita Y
4J	Andy Z
5D	Min Sok K, Mia W
5W	Jovante E, Victor L, Elizabeth L
6G	Jessie D, Kelvin W, Laurence L

SILVER AWARD – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4

4E	Leon M
4J	Sade K
5D	Tony W
5W	Elektra B

GOLD AWARD – T2 Wk 3 & Wk 4

5D	Ropo P, Tony W
5W	Mitchell B

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Week 3	4J
Week 4	5D

COME AND HAVE FUN AT PLAYGROUP!

You and your child/children are welcome to join us for playgroup every Friday morning from 9.00am to 10.55am in PK's classroom (Block D) and playground. All members of the community are welcome (you do not need to have older siblings attend Penshurst PS) to come and play. Join in the fun of climbing, sliding, digging in the sandpit, painting, play-dough and arts and craft plus many more activities. Enjoy group time with a story, a song and a dance at 10.30am. Playgroup is a wonderful opportunity to meet other mums, dads, grandparents and carers in the area. **Please note playgroup is cancelled on rainy days.** We would love to see you join us on a Friday morning, so come and drop in for a play!

Aim: To build a 30cm bridge that could hold as much weight as possible.

Groups: Each group had four members. Each person had a role to play. There was a scribe, an architect, a builder and a tester.

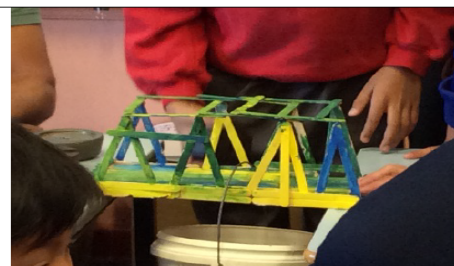


Materials: We could only use 100 paddle pop sticks and one cup of glue.

Some teams painted their completed bridges as they had spare time.



Year 4 Bridge Building Project



Process: We investigated tension of materials in Science. Then we researched different types of bridges. Finally, we built our bridges. We made a strong base and then we made some triangles to spread out the weight so that the bridge could hold a bigger load.



Testing: We positioned two tables side by side with a 30-centimetre gap. Next, we hung a bucket from the bridge and added Kg weights until the paddle pops cracked. Simultaneously, we recorded the amount of weight as it was added.

Results:

Winners are grinners: Callum C, Daniel C, Jordan A and Corey N made up the winning team. Their bridge held a magnificent 16.1Kg before it broke.

Teamwork: We learnt that the teams who worked well together produced better bridges and achieved a higher outcome. Individuals who worked within their specific roles had greater responsibility for specific aspects of the project.

Fun: We recommend that you try building a bridge yourself. It was really good fun, especially the testing part when the bridges collapsed.

Written by Kevin Y and 4J

Term 2, Engadine BandFest 2017

This term the Performing Band will be participating in *Engadine Bandfest*. (Further information about this activity can be found at www.engadinemusic.com.au.)

Please note the following details about this year's performance.

Date: Wednesday, 21st June

Where: St George Auditorium
4-16 Montgomery St
Kogarah

Time: Leave school : 12:30am
Return to school by: 4:00pm

Transport : Train – Mrs Hodgson will accompany the students.

Cost : Use your own opal card

What to wear: Full school uniform (**please don't wear your sports uniform**).

What to bring: Students should bring their instrument and music. Students need to bring a water bottle and their lunch in a small bag.

Parents are welcome to join us for this event (be there by 2.15pm if you wish to see the performance).

A letter will come home with your child this week. Please sign and return by Friday 9th June.

