

# Penshurst Public School Newsletter

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## Welcome Back

Welcome back. I hope everyone took some time over the past two weeks to stop thinking about school and enjoy the time to relax and rejuvenate, ready for another big term.

## G.O.A.T. (Greatest Of All Time)

Playing tennis as a young boy, I admired the talent and mental toughness of our elite tennis players. I grew up in an era that were in awe of players like Stefan Edberg, Mats Wilander, Ivan Lendl, Stefi Graf, Monica Seles, Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd, with that respect now transferring to players like Roger Federer and Serena Williams.

To date, Federer has won 93 career titles including 19 Grand Slam tournaments. His current 8<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon title is a record. As he mentioned, winning Wimbledon again is 'magical' and achieving his dreams. You have to admire that throughout his career, amongst the highs and lows, Federer to be a true gentleman on the tennis court. His respect, humility, professionalism, sportsmanship and hard work has made him the consummate champion. Very rarely do you see him abuse the umpire or linesman. He accepts the decisions and moves on. Nor do you hear or see him ridicule or demean another player or opponent or give up. At the end of the day, tennis is about the player that maximises the number of winning shots and minimises the number of unforced errors up to the very last point.

Wouldn't it be great to have more champions or at least be champion-like, like Federer in our world. If we use Federer as a role model, maybe we could all aspire to be the G.O.A.T.s in our chosen paths and lives.



## 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.

## Awards System

As a reminder to all our families, especially families in Year 1 onwards, our award system will now enable awards, from Term 4 2016, to rollover in the following years and be traded to a higher award. As stated in a handout in an earlier newsletter:

## Coming Events for Term 3, 2017

### Week 1

Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Footsteps K-6
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	PSSA Season 2, Round 6 Swimming 10.00-11.30

### Week 2

Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Footsteps K-6
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Opportunity Class test for Year 4
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Footsteps K-6
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> July	PSSA Season 2 Round 7

### Week 3

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Footsteps K-6 Yr 3-6 ICAS English 3pm
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From 2017 onwards:

- If you would like your child to trade up to a **bronze award** you will need to provide the classroom teacher with five merit awards. Teachers will sign and date the back of each award to indicate that they have been traded.
- If you would like to trade up to a **silver award** you will need to provide the classroom teacher with the bronze award and the five merit awards. Teachers will sign and date the back of each award to indicate that they have been traded.
- If you would like to trade up to a **gold award** you will need to provide the classroom teacher with the silver award and the five merit awards. Teachers will sign and date the back of each award to indicate that they have been traded.
- If you would like to trade up to a **gold medallion** you will need to provide the classroom teacher with the 3 gold awards. Teachers will sign and date the back of each award to indicate that they have been traded.

As with any change with a system, we are more than happy to answer any questions you may have about our awards.

## NAPLAN Online Trial

Penshurst PS has been selected to trial the NAPLAN online system. This trial will only affect some Year 3 and some Year 5 students this year and will provide our school a practice run to assess the system needs for this to be successfully implemented. It will also provide Year 3 and Year 5 the opportunity to experience online test question types and formatting.

I have attached, with this newsletter, a fact sheet for your reference.

Value of the month: Integrity – Take responsibility for your actions

### School Upgrade

Following the announcement of the Capital Works projects at Penshurst Public School, information booths have been scheduled to encourage ongoing school and community consultation and feedback.

To find out more about the upgrade, please visit the information booths at Penshurst Public School, located adjacent to the main office:

- Thursday 27 July 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm
- Thursday 10 August 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm
- Thursday 24 August 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm
- Thursday 21 September 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm
- Thursday 12 October 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm
- Thursday 2 November 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm

A link to a community survey will also be sent out in the near future.

### NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC was nationally celebrated in the first week of the school holidays (2-9 July 2017). This year's theme is "Our Languages Matter". The 2017 theme, Our Languages Matter, aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.



Last week I had the pleasure of watching a performance by the Bangarra dance group at the Sydney Opera House. "Bangarra is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation and one of Australia's leading performing arts companies, widely acclaimed nationally and around the world for [their] powerful dancing, distinctive theatrical voice and utterly unique soundscapes, music and design."

The dance performance told the story of Woollarawarre Bennelong who became an intermediary between his clan and the colonialists and as a result, became an exile to both communities.



The performance raised questions about how we move forward while still be connected to our culture and heritage. Such themes have been the inspiration behind each of Bangarra's performances and the work of the artistic director, Stephen Page who was born into a family of storytellers.



We will be celebrating NAIDOC in Week 4 of this term.

### Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO)

Penshurst Public School strives to be an anti-racist environment. Penshurst Public School's Anti-Racism Contact Officer is Miss Jessica De Giorgio. If you have any concerns you wish to address, please contact the office to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, Miss De Giorgio can be located in 1/2D before or after school hours.

### School and Sports 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.

It is great to see our students wear our new winter school. As a reminder to all our parents, the winter school uniform at Penshurst Public School is:

#### Winter Uniform

- Boys:
- Grey long trousers
  - Red sloppy joe with school crest (or Royal blue zip jacket with school crest)
  - Red skivvy or red long sleeve polo
  - Grey socks
  - Black shoes
  - Hat
- Girls:
- Winter tunic or royal blue trousers with a Peter Pan shirt
  - Navy blue stockings or white socks
  - Black shoes

#### Sport

- Boys:
- Royal blue shorts or navy blue track pants
  - Red sports shirt with school crest
  - Sports socks
  - Joggers/sandshoes
  - Hat
- Girls:
- Royal skorts or shorts
  - Navy blue track pants
  - Red polo shirt with school crest
  - Sport socks
  - Joggers/sandshoes
  - Hat

Please note that track pants are to be worn on sport days only. We understand that with any transition to a new school uniform that some difficulties may arise. We appreciate your efforts in ensuring that your child/ren comes to school in full school uniform.

**Jeff Lie**  
Principal

**INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS****VALUE OF THE MONTH – T2 Wk 9 & Wk 10**

KM	Elenna Z, Maddison C
KO	Kasey D, Alexander H
KR	Eva B, Charles W
KW	Swapneel K, Subeeka P
1H	Pranathi B, Ranya V
1-2L	Ewan B, Hirak P
1-2D	Eric S
2G	Christian L, Samantha J
2CK	Kiara S, Ishita R
2M	Daniel Chan, Mohammed H

**SUPERSTAR AWARD – T2 Wk 9 & Wk 10**

KM	Mingwah W, Summer Z
KO	Armen H, Jayden X
KR	Sparsh N, Jo Ying K
KW	Anabella E, Suri N
1H	Zain S, Elizabeth B
1-2L	Derreck S, Emma Z
2G	Xavier B, Gwen C
2CK	Hubert H, Raziella D
2M	Sebastian B (Reading), Elaine L

**BRONZE AWARD – T2 Wk 9 & Wk 10**

KW	Ivan S
1/2L	Ruby W, Derreck S
2CK	Kevin H, Kate F
2M	Angelica V

**SILVER AWARD - T2 Wk 9 & Wk 10**

1/2L	Derreck S, Emma Z, Sophia S, Sofiya K, Ayden B
2G	Christian L

**CLASS OF THE WEEK**

Week 9	1H
Week 10	KO

**Education Week Concert and Classroom Visits**

We will be celebrating NSW Public Education Week on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Parents and family members are invited to join us in the school hall at 9.15am for a short concert, featuring various performance groups that represent Penshurst Public School.

Following the concert, parents and carers are invited to visit their child's classrooms to see some of the wonderful work students do each day. To conclude the celebrations, parents and carers are also invited to join their child for morning tea in the school playground.

The Canteen will be selling morning tea packs that can be pre-ordered if you wish to share with your child/children on the day.

**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS****VALUE OF THE MONTH – T2 Wk 9 & Wk 10**

3M	Connie C
3T	Anson H
3-4S	Aleks P, Jordan A,
4E	Callum C, Tiffany D,
4J	Charlynn L, Yul K,
5D	Samantha Q, Min Sok K,
5W	Nira G, Natasha G,
6G	Shirley X, Laurence L,
6F	Dhanzel A, Brielle L,

**SUPERSTAR AWARD – T2 Wk 9 & Wk 10**

3M	Chloe H
3T	Jacinda Z
3-4S	Callum C, Kayla S
4E	Samragyee B
4J	Gabriela M, Leo P
5D	Michael S, Roppo P
5W	Hussani D, Jasmine H
6G	Peter N, Luca B
6F	Avani G, Alex G

**BOOKWORK AWARD – T2 Wk 9 & Wk 10**

3M	Keer X (Writing), Aden S
3T	Isabella C
4E	Ryan C
4J	Andy Z, Nesrine G
5W	Jarell L
6G	Katy H, Kelvin W
6F	Christabell S, Hala Z

**BRONZE AWARD – T2 Wk 9 & Wk 10**

3T	Chloe S
4E	Tiffany D, Frances G
4J	William H, Linda C

**CLASS OF THE WEEK**

Week 9	6G
Week 10	5D

**The Smith family**

Our school is helping support The Smith Family this term. This wonderful charity helps disadvantaged children to feel happy and cared for. We are asking each family to purchase a brand new toy (in packaging) no bigger than the size of a pencil case and to bring to school before Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017. Your toy will be given to a representative who will deliver it to a child not receiving any presents this Christmas. You can choose any age from 0-12 and the gender. Think of the powerful impact that your kindness will have to this young person! I thank our community in advance for your generosity. Miss Kellie O'Hara



Swimming continues this week Friday 21.07.2017 for the next 5 weeks. Mrs Amanda Hanna



## 2/3 M Newsletter Item Week 1 Term 3

2/3 M has had a busy term; the students got to know their new teacher Mrs Dotta, and showed her their amazing talents in class.

Throughout the term, Year 3 visited the Royal Botanical Gardens and the Sydney Art Gallery with Stage 2. Year 3 used their visit to help support their learning about Sustainability in class.

Year 2 have had a full term also, researching characters in quality literature books and writing narratives about Superhero's and their own crazy fairy tales. They have shown Mrs Dotta how wonderful their imaginations are.

Starting half way through Term 2 we started our 'Footsteps' Dance program and all the students are really enjoying the practise and fitness incorporated within the program.

We are ready for Term 3 and excited about more learning together.

By 2/3M

