

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

At a recent primary principals conference, in addition to presentations on creativity, future focussed learning, school planning and other educational matters, we had the pleasure of listening to the inspiring stories of Turia Pitt, Leigh Sales and Dr Nikki Stamp.

Turia Pitt

I have previously mentioned Turia Pitt in past newsletters and the inspiration that she is to everyone. Her world was turned upside down when she was trapped by a grassfire in a 100km ultra-marathon in September 2011 and suffered burns to 65 per cent of her body resulting in the amputation of fingers and obvious physical scarring. Since this incident, Turia has undergone over 200 operations to deal with her condition.



To date, Turia dedicates her time to various charities and causes. Interplast is one such charity that provides free reconstructive surgery to people in developing countries. Despite her physical condition, Turia trained for, qualified and competed in the Hawaiian Ironman Championship. This event involves a 3.8km swim, 180km bike and a 42.2km run. Turia finished this event in a time of 14 hours and 37 minutes.

Turia also talked about her time with the motivational speaker, Tony Robbins. As part of her experience with this speaker, she was required to do fire walking. This involves walking barefoot over burning coals. Though Turia was understandably extremely hesitant, Turia faced her fears and feeling supported through the exercise, Turia conquered her fears and walked the whole path of burning coals, barefoot. Turia is a true inspiration. She has certainly triumphed over adversity.

Leigh Sales

Leigh Sales is an award-winning author and journalist at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and currently anchors 7.30. Until 2011, Leigh Sales anchored the prestigious Lateline program, interviewing major figures including Hillary Clinton, Tony Blair and Henry Kissinger. From 2001 to 2005, she was the ABC's Washington correspondent, covering stories including the aftermath of September 11, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the 2004 Presidential election and Hurricane Katrina. She continues to be a highly respected journalist on the ABC.



Coming Events for Term 4, 2018

Term 4 Week 5

Fri 16th Nov PSSA Season 3, Round 6

Term 4 Week 6

Tue 20th Nov Yr 6 Girls at GRC Penshurst
Yr 6 Boys at GRC Hurstville
SRC Meeting

Thurs 22nd Nov Stage 3 Fundraiser – lolly bags

Fri 23rd Nov PSSA Season 3, Round 7
P&C Disco 5pm

Term 4 Week 7

Tue 27th Nov Yr 6 Girls at GRC Penshurst
Yr 6 Boys at GRC Hurstville
Leadership speeches 11.25am

In 2005, Leigh won a Walkley Award, Australia's highest journalism honour for her coverage of Guantanamo Bay and the case of David Hicks.

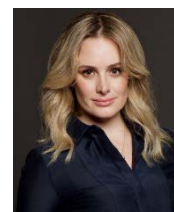
Leigh is also an author of 3 books including her latest book, "Any Ordinary Day", that talks about "Blindsides, resilience and what happens after the worst day of your life". From people like Stuart Diver, the sole survivor of the Thredbo landslide, to the family of Phillip Hughes, the Australian Test and One Day International cricketer who sadly passed away from being struck in the head by a short ball while batting for South Australia in a Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales, even with wearing a helmet, Leigh discusses how one moment can change a person's life, the choices that we make and how strength, hope and humour can manifest from grief and fear. It's about how people cope with life's unexpected blows that question our mortality.

Leigh was once told that she wasn't smart enough or pretty enough to be a news anchor. I believe Leigh Sales has had the last laugh.

Dr Nikki Stamp

Dr Nikki Stamp is a heart and lung surgeon, a champion for women and determined to make us all healthier. Through her training as a surgeon, Nikki is determined to help educate the public about the importance of heart health. Nikki has a strong desire to change the way we think about health and she is committed to raising awareness of women's heart disease, currently the number one killer of Australian women.

Dr Nikki Stamp is a passionate advocate for women achieving in domains that are traditionally dominated by men,



Value of the month: Care and Compassion – Act fairly and safely at all times

encouraging other women into fields such as surgery, engineering and the like. She is also a strong advocate for the importance of self-care and work-life balance.

As mentioned in my Kindergarten Leapfrog sessions, my aspiration for all our students is to be strong, successful and independent members of society. Dr Nikki Stamp is one strong, successful and independent woman with a cause!

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day this year marked the 100th anniversary of the last day of World War I. We recently hosted our Remembrance Day assembly on Monday 12th November. We thank our guest, Corporal Matt Perfect for addressing the assembly as a member of the armed forces. After the assembly, the student leaders visited Penshurst RSL to lay out wreaths at their epitaph. We were greeted by Mr Barry Stevenson, a member of the Penshurst RSL Sub-branch committee and co-curator of memorabilia. Mr Stevenson also showcased the war artefacts exhibited. We would like to thank Mr Stevenson for his time in meeting us and Mrs Andreone for her organisation of the Remembrance Day event.



Communication Survey

The school is currently reviewing our communication procedures to ensure that information and feedback is relayed to you in a timely and purposeful manner.

To date, the school sends out correspondence (excursions, newsletters, surveys, event information, etc) on paper, uses Seesaw App, the school website, the SchoolStar App and SMS. A survey was recently sent out to all families at Penshurst Public School to gauge your thoughts on this matter. Though this survey is not compulsory, your feedback is important and valued as part of school improvement processes. If you haven't done so already,

please complete the voluntary survey questionnaire and return it to school by this Friday 16th November 2018.

Leapfrog Sessions

With the completion of the final Leapfrog session on Monday, I want to thank all our 2019 Kindergarten parents for their attendance and participation. I also want to thank Mrs Gray and Mr Walker for their organisation and to all our teachers who helped out to make these sessions, worthwhile and meaningful.

Kindergarten is the beginning of their formal education and their journey to becoming strong, successful and independent members of our society. We look forward to sharing the journey and growth of your child/ren as they become the adults that we would like them to be. It's about the **BIG** picture. It's about beginning with the end in mind. It's about empowering our kids with the skills, knowledge and understanding to be strong, successful and independent in a world that can be cruel and unpredictable, full of people of different and even conflicting personalities but full of promise, opportunities and hope at the same time. An important message that I conveyed in my Leapfrog presentations was – "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime."

As our school vision says, ... "At Penshurst Public School, we are committed to delivering excellence within a dynamic and inclusive environment. We inspire students to become successful, confident and creative global citizens in preparation for a changing world."

Jeff Lie
Principal

Year 5 Fundraiser

On Thursday 22nd November, Year 5 will be selling lolly bags at recess and lunch. Lolly bags will sell for 50c and \$1.00. All money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell. Thanks for your support!



Stage 3 Teachers

Penshurst Band dates for Term 4

Please be aware of the following band dates for Term 4 events:

- **Week 7** - Band Showcase in Hall for K-2, Wed 28th Nov, 9.00am -9.20am
- **Week 8** - Reverse Christmas Concert – Wed 5th Dec, 9.45am (parents welcome)
Band and Choir Soiree – Thurs 6th Dec, 6.00pm (parents welcome)
- **Week 9** - Presentation Day – Thurs 13th Dec, 9.00am (hand back instruments)
- **Week 10** - Band pizza party – Mon 17th Dec, 1.10pm (note will go home soon). **Last day for instrument return.**



Many thanks for all your support during 2018.

Karen Hodgson & Jess De Giorgio
PPS Band Coordinators

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS**SUPERSTAR AWARD – T4 Wk 3 & 4**

KM Eliana G, Stefan J
 KH Ethan H, Stanley H
 KR Muhammad R, Angie G
 KW Emi Jade F, Reagan K
 1H Anabia H, Subrat B
 1L Yolanda W, Adam H
 1M Armeen H, Videepta B
 1-2D Eric S, Elektra K
 1-2GO Brendan A, Justin Z
 2KE Fiona L, Layla P
 2L Ayden B

STAR AWARD – T4 Wk 3 & 4

KM Jamel B, Jaclyn S, Damir R, Aarushi P
 KH Isaac L, Rarita P, Jayden L, Rosemary H
 KR Arshia P, Rishabh K, Aurko C, Grey DS
 KW Ahmad H, Isaac H, Jessica L, Arya M
 1H Snithik K, Kelly H, Sarin S, Denzel H
 1L Jarrod T, Rochelle G, Aurora N, Sarah Y, Daniel K, Elenna Z
 1M Emily H, Chris W, Melody C, Deborah S, James Q, Patrick B
 1-2GO Summer G, Kylie M, Ivan S, Bowen Z, Michael M, Kavya K
 2KE Layla P, Antony L, Samman B, Isaiah L
 2L Jad S

BRONZE AWARD – T4 Wk 3 & 4

KH Molly W
 1L Nicole J, Rochelle G
 1H Annabelle L
 2L Ranya V

SILVER AWARD – T4 Wk 3 & 4

KH Molly W, Isaac L
 KM Sulina G
 KR Aaryahi D
 1H Annabelle L
 1L Rochelle G, Sarah Y
 2L Kate L
 2KE Sarim S

GOLD AWARD – T4 Wk 3 & 4

KW Axell C, Ahmad H
 KM Bidev C, Smaran K
 KH Hailey H
 1L Jarrod T, Rochelle G
 1H Annabelle L,
 1-2GO Kylie M, Michael M, Brendan A, Ivan S

MEDALLION – T4 Wk 3 & 4

2L Noah H

CLASS OF THE WEEK – T4 Wk 3 & 4

1H and PK

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**SUPERSTAR AWARD – T4 Wk 3 & 4**

3L Japmann S, Shirley Z
 3-4O Bob X, Isabella C
 3-4S Kendall S, Abdullah H
 3-4T Madison J, Oliver W
 3-6I Mohamad AM, Alexa M
 5-6D Ada D, Frank NS
 5-6F Daniel B, Nesrine G
 5-6G Janisha G
 5-6W Mailee W, Muhammad M

STAR AWARD – T4 Wk 3 & 4

3L Evie L, Chelsea D
 3-4O Yassin H, Allan Z, Kees H, Arya J, Zara B, Hayson W
 3-4S Alice ZK, Christa K, Ava H, Mia Rose O, Kate F, Alex P
 3-4T Kassey N, Matthew M, Kira P, Brandon T, Kevin F, Monika H, Keer X
 3-6I Adrian L, Isabella S
 5-6D Jarell L, Ethan L, Alice O, Kevin L, Annabelle H, Natasha E,
 5-6F Thomas Y, Winnie L, Jacob M, Samantha Q, William H, Samantha Q
 5-6G Rhianna V, Lachlan Y, Taj L, Milena V, Mercy W, Samragyee B, Blake F
 5-6W Daniel B, Isabelle T, Charlotte C, Sade A, Arun L, Prashant A

BRONZE AWARD – T4 Wk 3 & 4

3-4T Zahraa B

SILVER AWARD – T4 Wk 3 & 4

3-4S Matthew G

GOLD AWARD – T4 Wk 3 & 4

3-4T Brandon T, Jessica G

CLASS OF THE WEEK – T4 Wk 3 & 4

3-6I, 2-3L and 3-4T

Year 5 Student Leadership Training

Year 5 students participated in a Student Leadership Training program on Tuesday 30th October. Student candidates are currently wearing their nomination badges and will address the assembly on Tuesday 27th November at 11.25pm. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

Mrs Deller and Mrs West
 Leadership Training Coordinators





5/6W has created this colourful art using the famous urban artist, Keith Haring's work as inspiration.