

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment



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Principal's Message

Welcome Back

We hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays and are ready to aim higher in 2018, after achieving many great things in 2017. We welcome any new students and families to our school, including our Kindergarten students who commenced school.

Kindergarten's First Day

Congratulations to all our Kindergarten students and families for successfully starting at Penshurst PS on Tuesday 6th February. I was amazed at how settled they were in class and with writing their names and sounds/ letters. There were some tears but I mostly saw lots of smiles who were really happy to be at 'big' school, ready to exercise their brains and learn lots of things, making their brains stronger and smarter.

Our aim is for our little Kindergarten kids to grow into strong, successful and independent people who are able to make a positive contribution to society and themselves. Even at a Kindergarten level, in addition to learning, we expect our students to carry their own bags, feed and toilet themselves and ask for assistance if they need help. Kids are never too young to understand and learn responsibility.



For safety reasons, especially in the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times, parents are not permitted on the balcony, outside the Kindergarten classrooms, so as to

Coming Events for Term 1, 2018

Week 4

Mon 19 th Feb	Stage 1 Parent Info - Hall 3.10pm – 4pm
Tue 20 th Feb	Audiologist Visit Kindy Parent Info – Hall 3.10pm – 4pm
Wed 21 st Feb	Stage 2 Parent Info – Hall 3.10pm – 4pm
Fri 23 rd Feb	HSU Family Night

minimise the level of congestion as our little Kindergarten students put away their bags and settle into class, ready to learn and make new friends.



Classes 2018

We have formed preliminary classes for 2018. Please be assured that our teachers worked tirelessly to create these classes. At Penshurst Public School, our classes are what we call parallel classes. This means that the mix of kids in one class is no better than the mix of kids in the next class, on the same grade/stage.

As part of Department procedures, the school submits confirmed enrolments every year. This data is then used to calculate the number of classes the school is entitled to have. Enrolment data was submitted to the Department of Education on Wednesday 7th February 2018. As always, we aim to minimise any variation to class structures. Should there be any changes affecting your child on this issue, we will keep you informed.

This year, the school has 17 mainstream classes, in addition to the 3 hearing-impaired support classes.

The 2018 school structure is:

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

PK:	Mrs Gray
KH:	Ms Hunter
KM:	Miss Medina
KR:	Miss Robinson
KW:	Mr Walker
1-2D:	Miss De Giorgio
1-2GO:	Mrs Gleeson/ Mrs Ong-Ricketts
1H:	Miss O'Hara
1L:	Mrs Leahy
1M:	Mrs Dotta
2-3L:	Ms Law
2KE:	Mrs Karatasoulis/ Mrs Ellmoos
3/4O:	Mrs Olm
3/4S:	Miss Munzone
3/4T:	Ms Tasipale
3-6I:	Mrs Schmidt
5/6D:	Mrs Deller
5/6F:	Mrs White
5/6G:	Ms Ghafari
5/6W:	Mrs West

Our Support Teachers are:

Relief from Face-to-Face Teaching (RFF):	Mrs Marshall, Mrs Edmondson & Mrs Bryce
Reading Recovery:	Mrs Hodgson
Learning and Support:	Mrs Hanna
New Arrivals Program:	Mrs Andreone
English as an Additional Language/Dialect:	Mrs Baker & Mrs Angeli

Our Assistant Principals are:

Mrs Gray (Hearing Support Unit)
Mrs Karatasoulis (Stage 1)
Mrs Ong-Ricketts (Stage 1)
Mr Walker (Kindergarten/ Early Stage 1)
Mrs Tasipale (Stage 2)
Ms Ghafari (Stage 3)

Additional Support and Administration Staff are:

School Administration Manager:	Mrs Tam
School Administration Officers:	Mrs Goosmann, Mrs Viza, Mrs Whitley
General Assistant:	Mr Tony Lynch

We welcome Ms Ghafari, our new Assistant Principal, Ms Law and Ms Hunter to the school this year.

Inclosed Lands Act

As a reminder to all our parents and school community, the school is an inclosed land and as such falls under the provisions of the Inclosed Lands Protection Act.

Primarily, this Act ensures that staff, students, parents and other visitors are safe and secure while on school premises.

This Act can be invoked if:

- Actual physical assaults or threatened physical assaults on students, staff, parents or community members at the school or during the course of school activities
- Inappropriate behaviour in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors that is so serious that it warrants action being taken immediately

- Behaving in a manner in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors to the school that could reasonably be expected to cause alarm or concern
- Use of offensive language in the presence of students
- Use of abusive, threatening or offensive phone calls, text messages, websites or emails to or about staff, or directed towards staff or the school
- People persistently interrupt the learning environment of the school by entering classrooms without permission
- People persistently enter onto the school site without permission or legitimate reason

Between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm, all parents and visitors must present to the front office. Depending on the matter, you may be required to sign in and receive a visitor's badge, prior to proceeding any further.

Please note that the school car park is for Department of Education staff and contractors only.

As Principal of Penshurst Public School I want to make sure that the school environment remains a safe, happy and productive learning environment. Your cooperation in this area will ensure that this is maintained.

Parent Information Sessions

Each stage will be hosting a parent information session to discuss the teaching and learning and events that will be happening this year. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

- Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) – Tuesday 20th February 2018 3.10pm -4.00pm in the school hall.
- Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) – Monday 19th February 2018, 3.10pm – 4.00pm in the hall.
- Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) - Wednesday 21st February 2018, 3.10pm – 4.00pm in the library.
- Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) – Wednesday 14th February 2018, 5.00pm- 5.45pm in 5/6G – 5/6F classroom.

School Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Mrs Deller and Mrs White and all our teachers for their organisation, management and participation in the school swimming carnival last Wednesday. With the warm weather that we have been currently experiencing, the opportunity to get wet and enjoy structured water based activities would have been appreciated.



Jeff Lie
Principal

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS**BRONZE AWARD – T4 Wk 10**

2CK Yoyo W, Allan Z

SILVER AWARD - T4 Wk 10

2CK Xiao Xin D, Kees H, Allan Z

GOLD AWARD – T4 Wk 10

KW Adam H

2CK Chelsea D, Kate F, Allan Z

MEDALLION – T4 Wk 10

2CK Kevin H

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**BRONZE AWARD – T4 Wk 10**

3-4S Chloe P

3-6I Nicholas P, Mohamad AM, Muhammad M,
Drew B, Nicholas A**SILVER AWARD - T4 Wk 10**

3-4S Alice O

GOLD AWARD - T4 Wk 10

3-4S Chloe P

MEDALLION – T4 Wk 10

3-4S Leena S

Chess Coaching Classes Term 1 – 2018

Sydney Academy of Chess will be running chess coaching / chess club after school on a Thursday during Term 1 for students in Years 3-6. Notes were sent home with students on Tuesday 30th January.

The class begins with an interactive lesson by an experienced coach. During the second half of the lesson, students play games against each other, putting newly learned strategies into practice. As the term progresses and the students become proficient in all the basics, the lessons will move on to more complex ideas such as strategy, middle game ideas and chess techniques.

Chess coaching lessons will begin in Week 3, Term 1 (Thursday 15th February). The last lesson will be in Week 11, Term 1 (Thursday 12th April). This will be a 9 week coaching program. Your child must be committed to attending all nine weeks of lessons as prices are based upon this figure.

Thursday afternoon (library) 3.00– 4.00pm

Total cost \$72.00

Chess Coordinator**Mrs Quere****Cyber Safety Lesson**

On Thursday 8th February, Stage 2 and Stage 3 learnt about cyber safety in an online course. We learnt that cyber bullying is when people say bad things about someone online. We also learnt not to participate in any cyber bullying and some ways that we could help to stop cyber bullying.

When online, if you can't say (write) anything nice, then don't say (write) anything at all!!!
Remember, always be nice :)

Elektra B.**School Captain 2018****Notes you should have received**

<i>Sent Out</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Students Involved</i>	<i>Response Due By</i>
Dec 2017	Stage 1 Homework Policy	Years 1 & 2 2018	Nil
30.01.18	Chess Coaching	All	09.02.18
05.02.18	Stage 2 Parent Info Afternoon	Yr 3 & 4	Nil
05.02.18	Stage 2 Homework Policy	Yr 3 & 4	Nil
05.02.18	Stage 2 Zoo and Aquarium	Yr 3 & 4	12.02.18
05.02.18	Stage 1 Textbooks	Yr 1 & 2	16.02.18
05.02.18	School Magazine and Spelling City	Yr 3 & 4	12.02.18
05.02.18	Code of Conduct	All	ASAP
06.02.18	Chromebook Purchasing Portal	Yr 3-6	Nil
06.02.18	Intensive Swimming	Yr 3-6	28.02.18
06.02.18	Stage 3 Parent Info Afternoon	Yr 5 & 6	13.02.18
09.02.18	Stage 1 Fitness	Yr 1 & 2	Nil
09.02.18	Attendance	All	Nil
09.02.18	Authority to Publish Form	All	16.02.18
09.02.18	Stage 3 Textbook and Permission booklet	Yr 5 & 6	ASAP
10.02.18	School Band Program	Performing Band Students	Nil

Special Religious Education Lessons

Special Religious Education lessons, otherwise known as scripture classes, occur every Wednesday throughout the school year. Your child will attend the scripture group you nominated last year. If you need to make any changes to your child's scripture group, please request a scripture note from the office or put it in writing and return it to the scripture coordinators. The scripture lessons we have available are non-scripture, Protestant, Catholic, Muslim, Buddhist and Church of the Living God. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us.

Muslim Scripture

Would you be interested in teaching our school's Muslim scripture class? Please contact Islamic Special Religious Education on 9708 0880 or info@isre.org.au. At this stage, we do not yet have a scripture teacher to teach our Muslim students. **Our Muslim students will attend non-scripture classes until we get a Muslim scripture teacher.** Thank you.

Miss De Giorgio and Mrs Angeli
Scripture Coordinators



Class 3/4T had a great week getting to know each other.

