

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment



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Principal's Message

Social Media

Social media applications, like Facebook and Snapchat have become prominent communication and sharing mediums in present day society. What this means for our children is that another avenue for access is made available. Not only are some of our kids communicating with strangers online but they can also be exposed to inappropriate content and experience inappropriate exchanges. This would include "trolls" and cyberbullying. In the years that I have been at Penshurst, some of our students have created online social media profiles. Please know, that according to the Office of the eSafety Commissioner, most, if not all, our students **DO NOT** meet the age requirement to use social media applications, with the exception of apps like Minecraft and Moshi Monsters. If prevention is better than cure, abstinence from social media may be the better solution for our students.

Social Media	Terms of Use – Minimum Age Requirements
ASK.fm	13+
Club Penguin	All ages (directed at 6 – 14 year olds)
EA (Electronic Arts)	18+ (with parental permission up to 17 yrs)
Facebook	13+
Facebook Messenger	13+
Flickr	13+
Foursquare	13+
Google+	13+
Instagram	13+
Keek	13+ (with parental permission up to 17 yrs)
Kik	13+ (with parental permission up to 17 yrs)
Linkedin	14+
Minecraft	All ages (parental permission required to create a mojang account if user is under 13 yrs)
Moshi Monsters	All ages (Directed at 6 – 12 year olds. If user is under 13, parent's email is required)
Pinterest	13+
Skype	18+ (With parental permission up to 17 yrs)
Snapchat	13+
Spotafriend	13-19 yrs only

Coming Events for Term 1, 2018

Week 5

- Fri 2nd March Intensive Swimming Wk 1
PSSA Round 2
Tue 6th March Stage 2 Aquarium and Zoo excursion
Fri 9th March Intensive Swimming Wk 2
PSSA Round 3
Mon 12th March Young Leaders Day

Steam	13+
Tinder	18+ (Facebook account required to register)
Tumblr	13+
Twitter	13+
Vimeo	13+ (With parental permission up to 17 yrs)
Vine	13+
WhatsApp	16+
Yellow	13+ (With parental permission up to 17 yrs)
YouTube	13+

<https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/social-networking/is-there-an-age-limit-for-kids-on-social-media>

Attendance

Education for our child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Education in NSW is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered for home schooling with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

At all times your child needs to be at school by 9.00am. Every time your child is late **you need to accompany your child to the office** and you will need to sign the late note. This also includes early departure, prior to 3.00pm. Research has demonstrated that time away from school, impacts student performance. This includes NAPLAN. Every minute at school counts.


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

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!



Seven New School Zone Traffic Offences

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic infringements with new fines.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

BYOD - Chromebooks

Have a question about the use of Chromebooks within our BYOD program at Penshurst PS? Click on the link below where it will take you to our website where you may find some answers. <http://www.penshurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/ict>

SEAT Project

Following the completion of the 2017 Year 6 SEAT project, I recently received notification that they had been sent off to the Solomon Islands as planned. Well done to our 2017

students, Mrs White, and Mrs Grant for making the lives of other students, a little happier.

Jeff Lie
Principal

2018 Swimming Carnival

The PPS annual Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 7th February at the Bexley Aquatic Centre. The weather was fantastic and all the students participated enthusiastically in both swimming and novelty events. Congratulations to Green House for winning the day!

A big thank you to all parents who attended the carnival, it was greatly appreciated.

The District Swimming Carnival will be held at Bexley Aquatic Centre on Thursday 8th of March. Further details will be given to the team members who have qualified for this carnival closer to the date.

Fiona White and Megan Deller



Christa Silvia

National Project Manager at the S.E.A.T Project

Last week a shipping container filled with gifts from the students of 3 Sydney schools, left for Honiara Solomon Islands. The 40 foot container, costs of shipping and an abundance of tools packed inside was generously donated by the Lions Club of Parramatta and their community partners.

The remaining space in the container was filled with socks, shoes, underpants, sport uniforms, books and book shelving. For those items that couldn't be transported, such as glass for the windows in Gilbert Camp school, solar panels and malaria tablets, money has already been transferred for these items to be purchased at the other side of this journey!

This initiative was made possible through the S.E.A.T Project and it's connection with Hills Grammar School Kenthurst, Roseville Public School and Penshurst Public School. Through S.E.A.T's lessons of enquiry in philanthropy, powerful contribution and global engagement, these students with the help of their enthusiastic teachers were able to pull off a mammoth collaboration!

[Jeffrey Lie Leeanne Hurren https://lnkd.in/ga3Rrat](https://lnkd.in/ga3Rrat)



Intensive Swimming Program

Need to cool down in summer? BLUEfit are providing another INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM for Years 3-6 in Term 1 starting this Friday 2/3/18.

Final Reminder the intensive learn to swim program is fast approaching. It develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The program is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes. Water lessons will take place at Hurstville Aquatic Centre in the indoor pool. The students will walk to the pool supervised. The lessons will take place at 10.00am- 10.45am. We will leave the school at approximately 9.30am and return

by 11.15am. Additional notes can be located at the office.
Cost \$55.00.

This program is an excellent opportunity for students in Years 3-6 to learn how to swim and to continue to develop water survival skills. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR ANY NON SWIMMERS and students who cannot swim one length of the big pool.

Amanda Hanna and Karen Hodgson

Band Program

This is an exciting year due to our school's move in locations in the second half of the school year to Peakhurst West. We expect our band will continue to grow from strength to strength as all plans are in place to ensure band rehearsals continue at our new school site. At this stage, at our new school we are planning to have band rehearsals during lunchtimes to save parents any problems with transport to and from rehearsals.

Performing band invoices have gone home and you are encouraged to pay via POP, cash or cheque (to the class teacher please) as soon as possible. As a reminder, we do require payment of band fees one term in advance however this year due to the move, we are requesting that our parents pay **two terms in advance**. This will mean we require only two payments this year. The first one is due now and the second one is due at the beginning of Term 3. Please contact us if there are any problems with payments.

Band Commitments:

- Weekly tutorial - 30 minute small group session with expert tutor. Each student will be notified of their tutorial and are expected to attend. Performing band tutorials started in **Week 3** and training band tutorials start in **Week 5**.
- FULL PERFORMING BAND REHEARSAL:** Wednesday morning 8.00-9.00am in school hall. **(Started)** Please be on time and have your instrument with you on this day.
- FULL TRAINING BAND REHEARSAL:** Thursday morning 8:00-9:00 am in Mrs Bakers room. **(Not starting until Week 7)**

Mrs K. Hodgson & Miss J. De Georgio

Notes you should have received

Sent Out	Subject	Students Involved	Response Due By
20/2/18	EALD cooking lessons	EALD	asap
26/2/18	District Swimming	Qualifying students	6/3/18
26/2/18	High School Application Forms	Yr 6	16/3/18
21/2/18	Class of 2018 shirt	Yr 6	9/3/18
16/2/18	School Choir	Yr 2-6 interested	2/3/18
16/2/18	Harmony Day Student Performance	All	asap
16/2/18	Dance Group	Yr 3-6 Interested	asap
19/2/18	Voluntary Contributions	All	asap
19/2/18	Paper Levy	All	asap

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS

SUPERSTAR AWARD – T1 Wk 3 AND Wk 4

PK Muhammad A
KM Kevin G, Dylan Z
KH Hailey H, Ricardo Q
KR Karina W, Sabrin N
KW Aayan A, Ryder B
1H Nara P
1L Jarrod T, Yehya A
1M Armeen H, Deborah S
1-2D Elektra K, Zayne A
1-2GO Ivan S, Summer G
2KE William H
2L Sofiya K, Ewan B

VALUE AWARD – T1 Wk 3 AND Wk 4

KM Inara R, Eliana G
KH Romisha N, Isaac L
KR Amber S, Milly T
KW Saahil B, Avi C
1H Alexis W
1L Sarah Y, Abubakar B
1M James Q, Kasey D
1-2D Patrick P
1-2GO Kory W, Gurmaan G
2KE Layla P
2L Amy K

BRONZE AWARD – T1 Wk 3 AND Wk 4

2L Riya K

CLASS OF THE WEEK – T1 Wk3 AND Wk 4

1H and 2L

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

SUPERSTAR AWARD – T1 Wk 2, Wk 3 AND Wk 4

3L Evie L, Aariz H, Joanna A
3-4O Hayson W, Kees H, Hadi A
3-4S Heyun L, Mia Rose O, Abdulla H
3-4T Brandon T, David C, Christian L
3-6I Adrian L, Andrew S
5-6D Aanya S, Eugenia C, Ada D
5-6F Aydin L, William H, Michael S
5-6G Callum C, Min Sok K, Callum C
5-6W Mailee W, Heneel P, Issabella T

VALUE AWARD – T1 Wk 2, Wk 3 AND Wk 4

3L Celine H
3-4O Olivia K, Isabella C, Maryam H
3-4S Catherine W, Isabella X, Hubert H
3-4T Olive S, Maya C, Samantha J
3-6I Aya H, Nicholas P, Mohamad AM
5-6D Frank NS, Jovante E, Nira G
5-6F Winnie L, Andy Z, Jerry D
5-6G Levi Y, Taj L, Tiffany D
5-6W Muhammed M, Nirdisha T, Ben M

BOOKWORK AWARD – T1 Wk 2, Wk 3 AND Wk 4

3L Hubert G, Ishita R
3-4O Mia L, Leena S, Raziella D
3-4T Kira P, Anniyah R, Zara S
3-6I Nicholas A
5-6D Victoria G
5-6G Kayla S, Janisha G
5-6W Yizhao Z

CLASS OF THE WEEK – T1 Wk 2, Wk3 AND Wk 4

3-4S, 5-6W and 5-6W!

2KE shared their goals for 2018.

