

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment



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Principal's Message

Supervision Duty and School Safety

As principal of Penshurst Public School, I need to make sure that school remains a safe and happy environment for everyone. Teacher supervision duty commences at 8.30am and concludes at 3.00pm.

With recent incidents, some involving injury and ambulance assistance over the past year, and occurring after school hours and the school supervision plan, all parents, friends, family members and students are to vacate the school premises and/or head home by 3.15pm. Students will not be permitted to play on the playground equipment or stay in the playground. Anyone on the playground will be asked to leave and the Forest Rd gate will be locked at 3.15pm.

The exception is if there are parent teacher meetings after school or programs such as chess that students participate in. If any student is waiting to be picked up by a sibling or carer, they are required to come to the front office. No student is to wait in the playground, after school finishes. Additionally, students should not be at school prior to 8.30am.

Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

School Photographs

Envelopes for 2018 school photographs were recently sent out. On March 27th 2018, your child will have their photo taken as part of a class, school group, individual or with siblings. Please complete details on the envelope for each student in your family, with the exception of sibling photos and return it school with payment, prior to March 27th 2018.

If you have any questions regarding school photos, please feel free to ask your child's class teacher or the office.

Sibling Envelopes are available from the office.

Family Occupation Education Index (Green) Note

Schools receive funding depending the needs of the community. These needs are not only identified from student learning outcomes but also the information received from parents and carers on enrolment. As such, this information is important.

The school recently sent home 'green' notes to check that the information we have about your family, is regularly updated. With the changes to the way funding of schools is calculated, accurate records about student details and parent occupations are vital to assist our school plan to obtain the necessary funding. Additionally, this process also ensures that contact details are checked to ensure that we are able to call you in case of an emergency or illness/injury.

Coming Events for Term 1, 2018

Week 7

Fri 16th Mar Intensive Swimming 9.30 – 11.30
PSSA Round 4

Week 8

Wed 21st Mar Kindy Vision Screening
Thur 22nd Mar Stewart House Bags to go out
Fri 23rd Mar Intensive Swimming 9.30 – 11.30
PSSA Round 5

Week 9

Tue 27th Mar School Photo Day
Wed 28th Mar Newsletter to go home

Please note that the information you provide us is stored securely.

Kindergarten enrolments 2019

It's never too early to enrol your child into Kindergarten for 2019. If you would like to enrol your child, or know of someone who is seeking to enrol their child into Penshurst Public School, we are currently accepting enrolments for 2019.

Please come to the front school office where one of our office staff will assist you in the process.

National Young Leaders

Last Monday, our student leadership team had the opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day, held at the International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. This event gave our students into what leadership means from listening to various leaders in our society. This year, over 4000 students enjoyed presentations by Matt Cosgrove-author and illustrator, John Coutis- a man without the lower part of his body tells his story of overcoming adversity, Harrison Craig – The Voice contestant who has a stutter but sings like an angel, and Lauren Cheatle – the 19 year old left arm fast bowler who is a team member of the women's Australian cricket team.

Each person offered inspiring stories about personal and team leadership.



Value of the month: Doing Your Best – Do your best to learn and participate

Here are some takeaway messages from our leadership team from the day. At the conference, we met John Coutis, Lauren Cheatle, Harrison Craig and Matt Cosgove. We heard inspirational talks and learned a lot. "Know what you can control and what you can't", "if it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you", "no matter what your hurdles are, you can overcome them" and "stay positive" are just some of the dozens of motivational quotes. My favourite part was when Harrison sang "Angels" and we had a mini concert.Angela



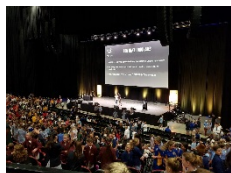
On young leaders day I learnt many things such as: When given a challenge, never turn away from it. If you did turn away, you will never change. Also, always treat other as you would like to be treated, always do your best, never give up and whatever puts you down just get back up.....Brendon I was most inspired by John Coutis because he never gave up, no matter what. John Coutis had his legs amputated when he was 12 and travels on a skateboard. He was born with severely deformed legs. I am inspired by him because he faces physical and mental challenges in life and gets through them. What I learnt from him was to "treat others the way you wish to be treated" as well as "say what you mean and mean what you say"Elektra



We had lots of fun at the convention centre and go to meet many inspiring people like John Coutis, Lauren Cheatley, Harrison Craig

and Matt Cosgrove. The most inspiring lesson I learnt is to push yourself out of your comfort zone.Jacob

The thing I found in all the talks was don't give up and follow your dreams. That is very important because as a leader, to help others pursue their dreams, you need to know how to do it yourself. Another point is if you want to become a good leader you need to overcome your fears, or at least your public speaking fear because you will be doing a lot of that. But just as Lauren Cheatle said, "if something doesn't challenge you, it won't change you" and that's something we all need to remember.....Jasmine.



John [Coutis] isn't any ordinary man. He has no legs and travels with a skateboard which he's pretty good on. The reason why I loved John so much is because he had a lot of interesting stories and he seemed like a really nice person as he acknowledged the other speakers. He gave us so much advice that we could use in our school..... Matthew

The things that I learned at the Convention Centre is that no matter what challenges people or things get put in your way you will eventually overcome them. Also, never give up on your dreams, especially the crazy ones because they're most likely to come true. Making a lot of friends also helps



you, because they can help you, encourage you and motivate you.....Audrey

Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Held every year on 21 March. The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The message of Harmony Day is '**everyone belongs**', the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.

This year, Penshurst Public School will host our annual concert and school incursion. The concert will be on Thursday 29th March 2018 at 11.30am in the school hall. This will follow the K-2 Easter Hat Parade. The Harmony Day incursion, where students will get to participate in various cultural experiences from other nationalities, will be on Tuesday 3rd April 2018.

We look forward to seeing you all the Harmony Day concert where our students at Penshurst PS and the GRC community will perform.

Jeff Lie
Principal

Training Band

Thursdays at 8:00am-9:00am in Mrs Baker's classroom
Training Band Practice will commence in Week 7 on Thursday 15th March 2018 at 8:00am-9:00am in Mrs Baker's classroom. Please remember to bring your musical instrument and sheet music folder.

Mrs Hodgson & Miss De Giorgio
Band Coordinators

Notes you should have received

Sent Out	Subject	Students Involved	Response Due By
19/2/18	Voluntary Contributions	All	asap
19/2/18	Paper Levy	All	asap
20/2/18	EALD cooking lessons	EALD	asap
26/2/18	High School Application Forms	Yr 6	16/3/18
05/3/18	Kindy Vision Screening	Kindy	21/03/18
08/3/18	Training Band Practice 2018	Training Band members	-
07/3/18	Selective High School Placement Test	Year 6	-
12/03/18	School Magazine	5/6W	21/03/18
14/03/18	Year 5 Fundraising	Year 5	21/03/18
14/03/18	The Magic Flute Opera		04/05/18

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS**SUPERSTAR AWARD – T1 Wk 5 & Wk 6**

PK	Petulisa A,
KM	Miya M, Aarushi P
KH	Rarita P, Yino C
KR	Argen L, Rishabh K
KW	Axell C, Isaac H
1H	Denzel H, Celina Y
1L	Travis P, Georgia X
1M	Ayo A, James Q
1-2D	Yusuf L, Xavier A
1-2GO	Kylie M, Justin Z
2KE	Emma P, Ashley L
2L	Riya K

VALUE AWARD – T1 Wk 5 & Wk 6

KM	Jaclyn S, Aariana P
KH	Zoya T, Sahaj B
KR	Noor F, Erica S
KW	Emi Jade F, Reagan K
1H	Subeeka P, Summer Z
1L	Yolander W, Jaden X
1M	Kiaan K, Melody C
1-2D	Eric S
1-2GO	Bowen Z, Madison M
2KE	Pranathi BP, Samman B
2L	Ava A

BRONZE AWARD – T1 Wk 5 & Wk 6

1-2GO Jack S

SILVER AWARD – T1 Wk 5 & Wk 6

1H Subeeka P

GOLD AWARD – T1 Wk 5 & Wk 6

1L Hiyal P

CLASS OF THE WEEK – T1 Wk5 & Wk 6

Week 5	KM
Week 6	KH

**2018 District Swimming Carnival**

On Thursday 8th March, 23 students from our school competed in the Georges River District Swimming Carnival at Bexley Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to all swimmers who competed to the best of their ability on the day.

The following students deserve a special mention for their achievements: Ethan Z (2nd Jnr 50m backstroke), Lucas G (2nd 11yr 50m breaststroke), Zoe S (4th 10yr 50m freestyle), Norah N (4th Jnr butterfly), Ty M (5th 10yr 50m freestyle), and Tiffany D (5th 10yr 50m freestyle).

Ethan and Lucas have both qualified to represent our district at Homebush Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 20th March, 2018. We wish them the best of luck and hope they enjoy the experience!

Once again, a big thank you to all the parents for their help and support on the day.

Mrs White and Mrs Deller

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**SUPERSTAR AWARD – T1 Wk 5 & Wk 6**

3L	Abbas G, Shirley Z
3-4O	Evan W, Joshua K
3-4S	Jeremy X, Xavier B
3-4T	Kevin F, Mohammed H
5-6D	Annabelle H, Angelica Z
5-6F	Rico J, Rory M
5-6G	Janisha G, Karen P, Kashvi K
5-6W	Alexander S, Leo P

VALUE AWARD – T1 Wk 5 & Wk 6

3L	Chelsea D, Hannah L
3-4O	Yassin H, Aarjoo B
3-4S	Hubert H, Anvi G
3-4T	Kevin H, Zahraa B
5-6D	Samita S, Norah N
5-6F	Sigourney S, Ziqi Z
5-6G	Joe K, Lachlan Y
5-6W	Ryan C, Prashant A

BOOKWORK AWARD – T1 Wk 5 & Wk 6

3L	Hubert G
3-4O	Arya J, Leena S
3-4T	Nicolette B, Naisha D
3-6I	Isabella S, Alexa M, Adian L
5-6D	Natasha E
5-6F	Doraphie O, Joylen K
5-6G	Kai H
5-6W	Zoe S, Mai W

CLASS OF THE WEEK – T1 Wk 5 & Wk 6

Week 5	3-4O
Week 6	5-6D

Are you ready to move?

SUPERHERO MOVE-A-THON

Thursday, 12th April

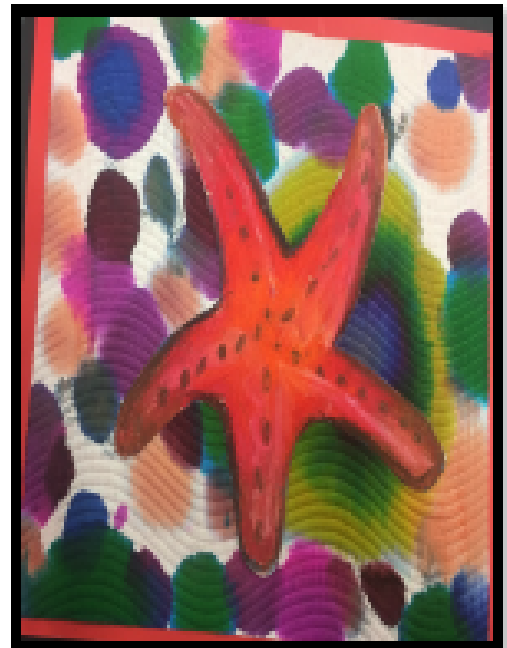
After a successful Fitathon last year, we have decided to organise a different kind of 'a-thon' this year. We're having a **MOVE-A-THON** in Week 11 of this term. Students will be **moving** in a variety of fun activities, with the aim of raising funds for our school.

Next week all students will receive their Sponsorship Cards for the **MOVE-A-THON**. We ask that you keep this in a safe place. Students can ask friends and family over the next four weeks to sponsor them a specific amount e.g \$2, \$5, \$10. Cards and money are due back to school on Tuesday, 1st May. Please do not send them in before the Move-a-thon. This gives families the April school holidays to collect money raised.

There are some great prizes to be won for the student in the school who raises the most money, for those who raise substantial funds and for the two classes who collect the highest amounts.

Of course, all parents are invited to come and watch their children participate. More details to come in the next newsletter.

Mrs Karatasoulis, Mrs Gray and Ms Tasipale
Organisers



5/6F have been investigating diverse environments and the factors that change these landscapes. Through geography, literacy, visual art and science lessons, we have researched these areas.

Interestingly, some of the biggest destructive impacts to these environments are man-made, whilst others are the result of natural forces.

We are realising the complexity of balancing these elements.

