

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

(temporarily based on the grounds of Peakhurst West Public School)

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Principal's Message

P&C AGM

Our P&C are a valuable organisation connected to the school. We recently held our P&C Annual General Meeting where we held the election of P&C positions.

A big thank you to our 2018 P&C executive. Our newly elected 2019 P&C executive are:

- Diamando Burgess – President
- Kylie Jennings – Vice President
- Leonie Haritos – Treasurer
- Rebecca Cundasamy - Secretary

The P&C will be hosting our annual Mother's Day stall for students to purchase items. This stall will occur on Wednesday 1st May 2019.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our P&C for everything that they do in supporting the students at Penshurst Public School.

School Photos

Our school photo day is scheduled for Thursday 11th April. This year, the school, in consultation with the P&C, have engaged the services of The School Photographer to take all our school photos this year. The following photos will be taken on this day:

- Class group/s
- Individual student
- Hearing Support Unit
- Family/Sibling
- House Captains and Vice Captains
- Captains and Prefects
- Choir
- SRC
- Library Monitors

Envelopes will be sent home in the near future for you to place your order for school photos. Please note, with the exception of class, family/sibling and hearing support unit group photos, all other group photos can be ordered next term when these group photos are available.

The school photographer accepts cash, money order and online credit card payments. No cheques are accepted by The School Photographer. Late orders may incur a \$15.00 fee from The School Photographer.

Coming Events for Term 1, 2019

Term 1 Wk 9

Fri 29th Mar PSSA Round 6
Intensive Swim Scheme
3-6 Assembly 12.35pm

Term 1 Wk 10

Fri 5th April PSSA Round 7
Intensive Swim Scheme
K-2 Assembly 12.35pm

Term 1 Wk 11

Mon 8th Apr **Harmony Day**
Harmony Day Canteen Special Order
Tue 9th Apr Easter Hat Parade
Wed 10th Apr Newsletter Home
P & C Meeting 2pm

Please ensure that all school photo orders are returned by Thursday 11th April 2019.

School Redevelopment

The State Significant Development application was approved earlier this year. The construction contract has been awarded to Grindley Construction.

Work is underway to upgrade Penshurst Public School in response to forecast population growth in the area. Works include: removal of buildings, construction of 47 new flexible learning spaces, new hall, library, canteen, covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and open spaces. Penshurst Public School is operating out of a pop-up school at Peakhurst West Public School while the work takes place.

Site works will begin from Monday 4 March, 2019, and demolition of the existing school buildings was scheduled to



begin on March 11. Site establishment prepares the construction area so that construction work can begin. Works

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



will take place in accordance with planning approval from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Site sheds and associated walkways, and required tree protection will be installed, along with shade cloth and site signage to minimise dust and ensure resident safety. The safety of neighbours and community is of the highest priority.

Attendance

Education for your 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. This also means arriving at Hurstville Aquatic Centre before 8.30am to catch the last bus to our temporary school site at Peakhurst West PS. 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.

Mr J Lie
Principal

Harmony Day

In Australia, we celebrate Harmony Day on March 21st. It is a day to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. As a school, we will be celebrating Harmony day on Monday 8th April. Students will enjoy a performance by Cultural Infusion to learn about the music and dance of Mexico, titled 'Viva Mexico'. The canteen will also be offering a special menu of Mexican tacos or nachos on the day. Students are asked to wear National costumes, cultural clothing and orange or yellow clothing to commemorate the occasion.

Harmony Day Committee



Regional Swimming Carnival

A huge congratulations to the four competitors who attended the Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday at Homebush.

We are very proud of Mia, Zoe, Norah and Hunter who represented our school so well.

Ian Thorpe was there on the night to present the swimmers with their place certificates. Hunter came second in his race and was able to shake Ian Thorpe's hand. What an incredible achievement! He will now progress to the State Carnival. Well done to everyone!



Mrs Edmondson and Mrs Tasipale

2019 PENSURST PUBLIC SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

DATE: Week 10, Tuesday, 2nd April

TIME: 9.45AM - 1PM

VENUE: Peakhurst Park - the corner of Gover & Trafalgar St

STUDENTS NEED TO BRING: a hat, towel/rug to sit on, a quiet, inexpensive activity or a book to occupy the waiting time, water and lunch.

The program will be conducted as follows-

Events:

8/9 Years boys and girls	2km
10 years boys and girls	2km
11 years boys and girls	3km
12/13 years boys and girls	3km

* The 2km track is 2 laps of the course.

* The 3km track is 3 laps of the course.

* 12/13 years will run together, but will be judged separately.

The first 4 in each race progress to the District carnival. Points are awarded to the first 6 placegetters.

You are very welcome to attend the carnival and support the students as they race around the course.

Mrs Baker - Cross Country Coordinator

Chess Coaching Classes Term 2 – 2019

Sydney Academy of Chess will be running chess coaching / chess club during lunchtime on a Thursday, Term 2 for students in Years 3-6.

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 1, Term 2 (Thursday 2nd May). The last lesson will be in Week 10, Term 2 (Thursday 4th July). This will be a 10 week coaching class. Your child must be committed to attending all 10 weeks of lessons as prices are based upon this figure.

Thursday lunch-time (library)	11.00– 11.50am
Total cost	\$88.00

Your child will receive a chess note this week.

Mrs Quere - Chess Coordinator

Infant Assembly Awards**Super Star Awards**

KG	Tyler T, Tina W
KM	Wendy L, Inaya B
KR	Aydin A, Sarika P
IL	Ryder B, Grey DS
IM	Jacob N, Ava M
IO	Angie G, Romesha N
1-2H	Chloe F, Valantis G
1-2D	Zayne A
2KE	Ningyin Z, Kylie M
2S	Adam H, Emily H

STAR Student Awards

KG	Lydia Z, Aliya A, Maram H, Soumya B
KM	Jayden P, Nivan A, Aaron L, Trisha N
KR	Irisha S, Flynn M, Aavash A, Saumya S
IL	Jamel B, Molly W, Arpan A, Kevin G
IM	Stefan J, Jayden L, Aaryav P, Aariana P
IO	Sahaj B, Eshana S, Diego S, Mustafa T
1-2H	Lucas S, Hailey H, Nicole J, Argen L
2KE	Melody C, John L, Hiya P, Bowen Z
2S	Vidi B, Travis P, Sarin S, Jerrison D

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Medallion
Nara P 2KE	Arya M 1L		Annabelle L 2S
Ava M 1M			

Plant Donations

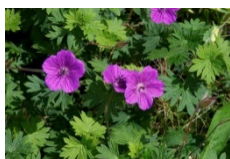
As you can see by the picture our school looks a bit bare. Our environmental team would love to do something about this to improve our learning areas and foster our wellbeing. We are hoping you would be able to assist us with this endeavour.

In the coming weeks we would be grateful for donations to plant in between the classrooms. Hearty plants such as agaves, geraniums,

mothers tongue and non-flowering durable plants would be appreciated.

We ask you to kindly deliver any plant donations to the front of 2KE classroom, please do not send them on the bus with your children.

Thank you in advance, Mrs Ellmoos and Mrs Andreone

**Primary Assembly Awards****Super Star Awards**

3-4S	Ava A, Zahraa B
3-4T	Jad S, Abdullah H
5-6G	Cheyenne L, Maryam H
5-6W	Oliver G, Zoe S

STAR Student Awards

3-4S	Mosese F, Summer G, Gurmaan G, Aariz H, Mohammed H
3-4T	Zishu T, Yoyo W, Chelsea D, Israel K, Sophia S, Hendrix O, Christian L, Kavya K
5-6G	Kevin L, Tristan H, Roman H, Corey N, Gabriela M, Mischa L
5-6W	Yul K, Oscar D, Chloe S, David C, Christa K, Chloe R

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Medallion
Jeremy X 5-6G			
Keer X 5-6W			

**School Visitor Procedures**

All parents/caregivers/visitors are to go to the office **first** before entering any school building or playground.

Any messages/items can be left at the front office to pass onto your child/ren. This includes any food such as lunch, birthday cakes etc.

With the exception of emergencies, parents and caregivers should not need to see their child/ren or disrupt the classroom during school hours.

Making School Payments

Cash money: Please enclose the correct amount of money, the permission note, order form or payment advice and give to the class teacher. Make sure the envelope has your child's first and last name, class, amount you are paying and what you are paying for marked clearly on the front.

Online Payments: Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. Go to the schools website:

www.penshurst-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Select **Make a payment** and follow the prompts.

(Only fill in the required fields that have a '*' marked next to it.) Please note that online payments **CANNOT** be made for any P&C fundraising activities.

*1L read a story called **Piggybook** by Anthony Browne.*

We then watched an Art Hub For Kids tutorial on how to draw a pig.



Arya, Louisa and Ryder were not at school on the afternoon we took the photos.