

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

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Principal's Message

I am very proud of the students we have at Penshurst Public School. It's great watching our students develop those hard and soft skills in adapting to a temporary but new school environment while still growing and developing socially, emotionally and academically. Our students remain smiling and happy on rainy days.



Even our Kindy students are able to independently alight buses in the morning and afternoon and walk into the school and the Hurstville Aquatic Centre.

Harmony Day

Do you remember this iconic photo of the previous president of the United States of America, Barack Obama, greeting children at a day care facility adjacent to his daughter's school? What an amazing photo that represented the values that underpinned his presidency.

The school recently celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's and Penshurst Public School's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.



On Monday 8th April, students came to school dressed in their national costume or wearing yellow or orange, the colours that symbolise Harmony Day. As part of the day, to further intercultural understanding and build appreciation of other

people's beliefs and lifestyles, students were also provided the opportunity to watch a Mexican musical performance.

Thank you to the Harmony Day committee (Mrs Andreone, Mrs Ong-Ricketts, Miss Medina, Mrs Wenngren) for organising this event for us.

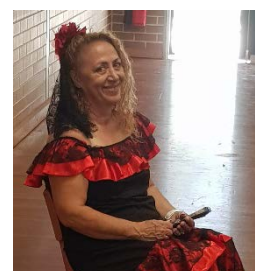
Coming Events for Term 1, 2019

Term 1 Wk 11

Thur 11 th Apr	Whole School Photo Day State Swim Carnival
Fri 12 th Apr	PSSA Round 8 State Swim Carnival Intensive Swim Scheme 3-6 Assembly 12.35pm Last day of Term 1

Term 2 Wk 1

Mon 29 th Apr	Staff return
Tue 30 th Apr	Students return to school



Value of the month: Fair Go – Act fairly and safely at all times

Easter Hat Parade

Today we held our annual K-2 Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to all our parents who came and supported this event. There was a sea of smiles on the children's faces waiting to showcase their colourful and creative hats. Thank you Ms Ghafari for bringing Easter cheer to Penshurst Public School. Happy Easter!!



Cross Country

Thank you to all our students for their effort and participation at the recent school cross country. It was great to see some parents cheering and supporting all our students as they endured the 2km/3km course. A big thank you to Mrs Baker for her organisation of the event and for keeping the rain at bay.



School and Sibling 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

- Captains and Prefects
- House Captains and Vice Captains
- Choir
- SRC
- Library Monitors

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.

If you are seeking a sibling photo as well, *sibling only* envelopes can be found in the school office foyer.

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. Please also note that photo money is to go directly to the School Photographer and not paid to the school.

Happy Holidays

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I want to thank everyone for your support in our transition to a temporary school site on the grounds of Peakhurst West Public School. I wish you a happy and safe holiday as well as a happy Easter. See you all back in Term 2. Students return **Tuesday 30th April 2019**.

Mr J Lie
Principal

Deputy Principal Report

Time flies when you're having fun

It is hard to believe that Term 1 has come and gone. What a busy, but exciting term as the Penshurst PS students have got to know the Peakhurst West PS students and staff. Congratulations to all the Penshurst PS students who have transitioned seamlessly into the temporary pop-up site. Can I take this opportunity to once again thank the students, staff and community for making me feel so welcome. I have enjoyed Term 1 immensely and look forward to an exciting rest of the year.

Lost property

This week, Mrs Grange and Mrs Host kindly sorted the lost property tub, returning items that had a student's name on it. There was an abundance of lost property to be sorted through. Can I please ask all parents and carers to remind their child if they have lost an item to check the lost property tubs both at school and at the Hurstville Aquatic Centre. Bluefit staff often find items left on the buses each afternoon and place these items into their lost property tub. This blue tub can be found next to the student sign in area at the Hurstville Aquatic Centre each morning. Please speak to a member of the Bluefit staff should you not be able to locate this tub.

Hurstville Aquatic Centre and bus travel expectations

This week your child will be bringing home a guideline which outlines the responsibilities of students, Penshurst PS staff, parents and Bluefit staff when students are present at, and when travelling to and from the Hurstville Aquatic Centre. This guideline will begin Day 1 of Term 2. I encourage all families to read these guidelines carefully and to discuss it with your child/ren. As of Term 2, Penshurst PS staff will be scaling back the level of supervision at the Hurstville Aquatic Centre and on buses, passing more of the responsibility and duty of care over to Bluefit staff. These guidelines ensure that all parties are aware of their obligations in regards to student well-being and safety.

Passtab

Of late, there are increasing numbers of students who have reported that they have lost their Passtab.

These students have to be signed in manually each day which is a time consuming practice for Bluefit staff. Swiping a Passtab is a much quicker, reliable and preferred option.

As of Term 2, all students MUST have a Passtab in their possession. Notes to purchase a replacement Passtab will be issued to students who repeatedly turn up at the Hurstville Aquatic Centre without it.

It is very important that students have a PASSTAB each day when travelling to and from the Hurstville Aquatic Centre. Students having their own unique PASSTAB enables attendance to be tracked, ensuring student safety always remains a priority. If your child has lost their Passtab, please see Bluefit staff so that a note can be issued to your child. Replacement Passtabs incur a \$12 charge.

Mr R Fisher
Deputy Principal

ANZAC Day Memorial Service

On Tuesday 30th April our school will be having an Anzac Day Memorial Service in the hall commencing at 12:50pm. All parents are welcome to attend as we honour and remember those who fought and died in war.

Mrs Baker



Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020?

You must apply online at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

**Key dates**

Tuesday 30 April 2019

Application website opens

Friday 17 May 2019

Application website closes at 5.00pm

You must apply by the due date.

Wednesday 17 July 2019

Test authority letters sent to applicants

Wednesday 31 July 2019

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Mid-October 2019

Placement outcome information is sent

Application information should be read carefully before applying.

It is on the website at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Note: The information in this document is available in an accessible format on the website.

Parents' should check this website regularly for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website and Facebook for up to date information before you contact the Team.

Infant Assembly Awards
Super Star Awards

KG Nathaniel C, Grace R
KM Joshua D, Zainab B
KR Karthigeyan P, Aanya P
IL Ryder B, Grey DS
IM Inara R, Brooklyn Z
IO Avi C, Jaclyn S
1-2H Amber S, Sidney S
1-2D Zayne A
2KE Kiaan K, Yehya A
2S Rochelle G, Michael M

STAR Student Awards

KG Ashley L, Cooper P, Archris P, Srijan S
KM Kenneth W, Arthur Y, Tiana P, Caroline Y
KR Olivia S, Winni X, Kenneth W, Daveena R
IL Jamel B, Molly W, Arpan A, Kevin G
IM Yino C, Alleyah L, Sabrin N, Muhammad R
IO Joanna L, Raphael H, Emi F, Bidev C
1-2H Anabia H, Anabella E, Elena S, Isaac H
2KE Jawad K, Maryam T, Subeeka P, Jayden X
2S Jo Ying K, Sarah Y, Daniel K, Rita L

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Ningyin Z 2KE	Nicole J 1/2H	
Ayo A 2S	Mustafa T 10	
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Primary Assembly Awards
Super Star Awards

3-4S Ruslan R, Olive S
3-4T Sophia S, Kavya K
5-6D Sade A, Kripa G
5-6G Doraphie O, Kayla S
5-6W Krystal L, Oscar DG

STAR Student Awards

3-4D Kira P, Kevin Z, Rishika V, Ewan B, Ghazi D, George K
3-4T Madison M, Hubert G, Joanna A, Israel K, Amy L, William H
5-6D Samragyee B, Winnie L, Catherine W, Brandon T, Rushil P, Linn L
5-6G Kendall S, Charlotte C, Zara B, Aleksandar P, Callum C, Patrick B
5-6W Mia L, Dina K, Chloe R, Fidelio L, Leonid P, Yul K

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Wheylan S 5-6G	Sophia S 3-4T	
Hendrix O 3-4T		



Our Experience at Mindquest

By Naisha, Kira and Olive



Last weekend, some stage 2 girls went to Mindquest at St George Girls High School. Mindquest is a course designed to challenge students with curious minds. At Mindquest, olive went to the Minibeast course, Naisha went to Clear as a Crystal and Kira went to Chemistry That's Gooney. Olive's experience included using a microscope to look at different insects and learn about them. She did trivia quizzes, made bug homes and got 2 crickets as pets who were called Katie and Leafwinja. Kira made different slimes, bread dough and made bouncy balls made out of eggs left in vinegar overnight. Naisha made crystals out of chemicals and hot water, studied what the Earth was made of, used playdough and plaster to make fossils and made volcanoes. During breaks we played together, made new friends and had an awesome experience.

NAPLAN 2019

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

In Term 2 week 3, Year 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN online. Penshurst Public School has participated in NAPLAN online trials in 2016 and 2017 and are ready for online testing.

NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. The assessments can run through a real-time internet connection or onscreen without an internet connection.

NAPLAN Online features 'tailored testing' which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability – resulting in better assessment and more precise results.

Significant planning, development, research and trialing has been carried out to make sure we are all ready to move NAPLAN online.

NAPLAN Online tests will take place in a specific order. Individual students are not permitted to sit the online tests after Friday 24 May 2019. Testing commences on 14th May 2019.

TEST	DURATION	ORDER	DETAILS
Writing	Year 3: 40 minutes Year 5: 40 minutes	Testing takes place in the first two days.	Year 3 complete paper-based writing test on day one only.
Reading	Year 3: 45 minutes Year 5: 50 minutes	To be completed after the writing test.	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts.
Language Conventions	Year 3: 45 minutes Year 5: 45 minutes	To be completed after the reading test.	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 minutes Year 5: 50 minutes	To be completed after the conventions of language test.	This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability.