

# 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

### Environment Leaders

Last Friday, the school inducted our new Environment Leaders. They received their badges and performed an oath in front of the assembly.

The Environment Leaders, from Years 2 to 6, have been elected by their class to represent the school in many ways.

These students will have special responsibilities during the year which include:

- Attending all Environment Committee meetings
- Being a spokesperson for their class at these meetings where class issues are raised and discussed
- Organising the recycling for the class they are responsible for
- Delivering important messages to their classes and reporting back on decisions made at Environment Committee meetings

Congratulations to all our Environment Leaders.

### Evacuation – WH&S

All staff and students at Penshurst Public School and Peakhurst West Public School recently participated in an emergency evacuation drill. This is a mandatory work, health & safety procedure that all schools are required to complete to ensure that our students understand what they need to do and where they need to go in dangerous situations. Our assembly point is the local park on Ogilvy St, across the footbridge over Henry Lawson Drive.

As we share a site with two schools, when a safety/emergency incident happens in one school, the other school is alerted so that a similar safety/emergency response can be taken.

Congratulations to all our students for their cooperation in following safety instructions from school staff. As the boy scouts used to say "be prepared!".



### Winter School Uniform (Terms 2 & 3)

As the cooler weather sets in we ask that all students now wear the school's winter school uniform. As a reminder to all our parents and carers, the winter school uniform at Penshurst Public School is:

#### Boys:

## Coming Events for Term 2, 2019

### Term 2 Wk 3

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> May Debating Comp at Hurstville PS  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May 3-6 Assembly 12.40pm

### Term 2 Wk 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May Kindy excursion to farm  
Tue 21<sup>st</sup> May Stage 3 excursion to Nan Tien Temple  
Audiologist visit  
Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> May District Cross Country – Gannons Park  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May Debating Workshop – Peakhurst PS  
Stewart House Envelopes due  
K-2 Assembly 12.40pm

### Term 2 Wk 5

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May Parent Interview online booking opens  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May Yr 6 Debaters to Hurstville PS  
Newsletter to go home

- Grey long trousers
- Royal blue sloppy joe with school crest (or Royal blue zip jacket with school crest)
- Royal blue long sleeve polo
- Grey socks
- Black shoes
- Hat

#### Girls:

- Winter tunic or royal blue trousers with Peter Pan shirt sky blue
- Navy blue stockings or white socks
- Black shoes
- Hat

Our school uniform is a symbol of Penshurst Public School. It identifies us within the community and also represents the sense of pride we have about ourselves and our accomplishments.

### Stewart House

Recently, Stewart House envelopes were sent home to all families. The money donated to Stewart House supports the 1700 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

The due date for these envelopes to be returned to school is **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**



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

### Mother's Day Stall



A huge thank you to our P&C for organising the Mother's Day stall. Our students really enjoyed purchasing the variety of gifts to give to their mums and/or female caregivers.

### Morning Buses

If your child/s are catching buses in the morning to our temporary pop-up school, please ensure that they arrive at Hurstville Aquatic Centre between 8.00am and 8.30am each day. Some students have been arriving late. As indicated in the guidelines sent out last term:

Students are expected to:

- Arrive at the HAC before 8:30am each morning in order to catch the bus to school on time
- Have their Passtab ready to 'scan in' each morning
- Listen to and follow the directions of the BlueFit staff
- Seek help from BlueFit or Penshurst PS staff, if needed
- Play fairly and have fun during the physical activity provided by BlueFit.

Parents are expected to:

- Ensure that their child is dropped at the HAC between 8:00am and 8:30am each morning
- Use council approved car park spaces to safely drop off their child/s at the HAC, if used
- Follow the reasonable directions of Penshurst PS and BlueFit staff
- Not board buses with the students or BlueFit staff

Your cooperation will help ensure that children are safe and arrive at school on time. Remember: **DON'T BE LATE! DON'T MISS THE BUS!**

**Mr J Lie**  
**Principal**

### Applications Are Open for Opportunity Classes

Opportunity classes located in 75 NSW government primary schools cater for Year 5 and Year 6 academically gifted and talented students. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students and using specialised teaching methods and educational materials at the appropriate level.

Parents normally apply when students are in Year 4. Students who are placed then attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program.

OC applications close Friday 17th May and must be made online at <https://shsocplacement.org.au/registration/>

**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.



### 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, commencing in the second full week in May.

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 to NAPLAN online. Penshurst Public School has participated in NAPLAN online trials in 2016 and 2017 and are ready for online testing.

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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019. We ask all students in Year 3 and 5 to be at school and on time to ensure that all students begin the NAPLAN assessments on schedule. This also means that students **MUST** be at the Hurstville Aquatic Centre by 8.30am to board morning buses to school.

### Penshurst Public School NAPLAN online 2019 schedule - May

	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thu 16	Fri 17	Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Thu 23	Fri 24
Yr 5	Writing	Reading		No Test	Language	Stage 3 Excursion	Numeracy		No Tests
Yr 3	Writing Paper Test		Reading			Language	Numeracy		

**Ms Tasipale**  
**NAPLAN Coordinator**



**Infant Assembly Awards  
Term 2 Wk 1 & 2**

**Super Star Awards**

**KG** Srijan S, Cooper P  
**KM** Aaron L, Skylar-Ann O  
**KR** Nelson R, Ivy K  
**IL** Miya M, Erica S  
**IM** Arshia P, Yino C  
**IO** Stanley H, Mustafa T  
**1-2H** Erina T, Smaran K  
**1-2D** Petulisa A  
**2KE** Mia L, John L

**STAR Student Awards**

**KG** Grace R, Hanzhong Z, Tina W, Tyler T  
**KM** Cassandra L, Ava T, Wendy L, Hanwu Z  
**KR** Leo G, Dia P, Jenna W, Jason D  
**IL** Jenny D, Milly T, Ryder B, Rarita P  
**IM** Ava M, Aariana P, Damir R, Karina W, Brooklyn Z  
**IO** Taran S, Teresa Z, Emily D, Bidev C  
**1-2H** Hunter L  
**1-2D** Jenny L, Nimsha G, Rishabh K, Sparsh N  
**2KE** Snithik K, Eva B, Aurora N, Denzel H

<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>
Christian K 1/2H	Axell C 1L	Aaranyaa S 1L
Sidney S 1/2H	Mia L 2KE	Jamel B 1L
Chris W 1/2 H	Kylie M 2KE	Kevin G 1L
Hailey H 1/2H		Molly W 1L
Rishabh K 1/2H		Alleyah L 1M
Erica S 1L		
Grey DS 1L		
Milly T 1L		
Vanesha L 1L		
Yino C 1M		
Filbert L 1M		
Jacob N 1M		
Aariana P 1M		
Muhammad R 1M		
Damir R 1M		
Lisa T 1M		
Batoul G 1/2D		
Hunter L 1/2D		
Nathaniel C KG		

**Primary Assembly Awards  
Term 2, Wk 1 & 2**

**Super Star Awards**

**3-4D** Andrew D  
**3-4S** Ava A  
**5-6D** Isabelle T  
**5-6F** Arush B  
**5-6G** Kevin L  
**5-6W** Joylen K

**STAR Student Awards**

**3-4D** Anvi G, Allan Z, Angelica V, Shanea R  
**3-4S** Zahraa B, Aariz H, Noah H,  
**3-6C** Adrian Lu, Aya Hodroj, Patrick P  
**5-6D** Sade A, Brandon T, William H  
**5-6F** Amjad K, Ruby Jean F, Callum C  
**5-6G** Zara B, Kendall, S, Charlotte C  
**5-6W** David C, Yul K, Chloe S.

<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>
Tristan H 5/6G	Rhianna V 5/6G	Linda C 5/6W
Isabella S 3-6C		



Hello and welcome back to Term 2. I know it is Week 3 but I'd like to start off by welcoming everyone back. I hope that you enjoyed the school holidays, I know I did, no rushing in the morning or having to be somewhere in the afternoon.

**Mother's Day**

On Wednesday the 8th May we held our Mother's Day stall and it was a success!!

I really enjoyed watching all the children eager to buy for their loved one. I would like to thank each one of you that supported our stall and spoilt your mother, grandmother, aunty, stepmother or any other significant woman in your life.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped on the day, Leonie, Rebecca, Anika, Tapaea and Cathy. A special mention to Cathy after completing her shift at the pedestrian crossing, she came over to help us at the stall, a very big thank you to her and to Tapaea who donated her beautiful homemade candles to the stall. They were a popular item, they smelt delicious, and of course, they sold out.

I cannot forget about Tony who helped us set up the tables for the stall.

In addition, I'd like to thank Charlotte and Andy from year 6 for doing a brilliant job being the runners for the day (they even helped children decide on purchases), well done.

Without all your support, the Mother's Day stall would not be a success. The P & C really appreciates all your help, so once again THANK YOU.

**Diamando Burgess  
P & C President.**



# THIS WEEK IN 3/4S!



This week in 3/4S, we have been learning about forces!

With a strong focus on STEM this year, we are building skills and scientific knowledge that we can later apply to our final STEM projects.

In these images, students are working together to determine which forces are occurring in each of the images. Students later discussed and presented their findings.

