

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

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Principal's Message

Community

Recently, a giant mural depicting the New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern consoling a Muslim woman was unveiled in Melbourne. This mural was painted on a 25 metre tall silo in Brunswick, Melbourne. Images of the mural went viral to the extent that the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, was lit up with the image, with the word "peace" written above it in both English and Persian.

Out of tragedy comes hope. The image is a reminder that we all can and do live together in a climate of support, peace and harmony.



Zayne – Giggle and Hoot

Anyone who watches ABC KIDS may also know of the children's show *Giggle and Hoot*, hosted by Jimmy Giggle and his owl-pal, Hootabelle.

Recently, one of our very own students, Zayne from 1-2D, had the pleasure of being on the show to talk about AUSLAN and demonstrate, through the use of signing, how AUSLAN is used to communicate with members of the hearing impaired/deaf community.

1-2D and PK had the pleasure of watching one of their peers educate the wider Giggle and Hoot community on AUSLAN while celebrating and showcasing our hearing-impaired community.

Well done Zayne!



Coming Events for Term 2, 2019

Term 2 Wk 5

Fri 31st May PSSA Season 2
Intensive Swim Lesson
3-6 Assembly 12.40pm in the Hall

Term 2 Wk 6

Tue 4th Jun Premiers Debating Competition
Fri 7th Jun PSSA Season 2
Intensive Swim Lesson
K-2 Assembly 12.40pm in the Hall

Term 2 Wk 7

Mon 10th Jun PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Queens Birthday
Tue 11th Jun 3.30pm Learning Links Parent Workshop



Below is Zayne's recount of being on the *Giggle and Hoot* episode about Auslan:

At the ABC studio on the 7th March I had a change of clothes and had hair and makeup done.

They talked to me about signing and how I was going to meet Hootagadget. I met the lady who controls Hootagadget. I even made a sign name for Hootagadget. It was really good.

I felt a little bit nervous at the beginning but then when I was actually in the studio talking, I felt proud of myself.

PASSTAB

While Penshurst Public School is temporarily relocated to a pop-up school on the site of Peakhurst West Public School, buses will continue to be used to transport our students to and from the Hurstville Aquatic Centre at the beginning and end of the day.

As a safety measure, to track student movement, the school has implemented the PASSTAB system where each individual student has been provided with a bus PASSTAB. This bus PASSTAB is scanned in the morning and afternoon to indicate location/boarding of buses.

It is very important that students have a PASSTAB in their possession each day when travelling to and from Bluefit. We ask that you assist your child in ensuring that their bus PASSTAB be kept safely and securely.

Students having their own unique PASSTAB enables attendance to be tracked each day, ensuring student safety always remains a priority.

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

PASSTAB scanning each morning informs staff that your child has arrived safely and is ready to board buses, while scanning of an afternoon, as they depart school, enables tracking your child has safely boarded the buses and are on their way to Hurstville Aquatic Centre, ready for pick up or to make their own way home.

All students accessing the bus service **MUST** have a bus PASSTAB. If your child has lost or damaged their bus PASSTAB, a replacement cost of \$12.00 is required in order for your child to be issued with a new bus PASSTAB. As of next week, students will no longer be able to sign into the system with their name. This facility on the iPads will no longer be functional. A bus PASSTAB must be used to scan in the morning and afternoon instead.

Should your child not have a bus PASSTAB on any particular day, they WILL be required to write in their details on a paper sign on sheet until they present/receive a bus PASSTAB for scanning into the system.

The school will be monitoring this.

Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Bus Behaviour

As indicated in the "Penshurst Public School and the Hurstville Aquatic Centre Expectation Guidelines":

Students are expected to:

- Remain seated at all times on the bus. (Wear a seatbelt if available)
- Remove their school bag from their back and place it on the floor or their lap when seated
- Speak quietly on the bus
- Keep all mobile devices, toys, food and drinks in their school bag
- Stand and exit the bus only when asked to by BlueFit staff
- Make sure they have their PASSTAB ready to scan when on the bus
- Seek help from BlueFit staff, if needed

Parents are expected to:

- Reinforce with their child/ren the expectations of behaviour when travelling on buses.

Recently, there has been student behaviour that has not complied with these expectations nor the school's *Student Welfare and Discipline Policy*, jeopardising the safety of themselves and others and also impacting on the wellbeing of other students.

Please discuss bus expectations with your child to ensure that all students are safe and happy while travelling on buses, to and from the Hurstville Aquatic Centre.

Mr J Lie
Principal

Keeping our children safe

The internet is an essential part of young people's lives for learning, keeping in touch with friends and having fun.

Did you know that around 12% of young people aged from 10 to 14 years [share](#) personal information online? As digital natives, they often have different conceptions about privacy and sharing, and can, at times, compromise their own privacy and safety online.


As a parent, carer or even teacher you can play an important role in helping young people explore the digital world while educating them on how to avoid harmful experiences online and how to deal with them if they arise.

Below is a useful link providing parents and carers with tips and advice about how to help your child/ren stay safe online. I encourage you to spend some time looking over this site.


<https://esafety.gov.au/parents>

Free Parent Workshops

Yesterday all families received a note about two free parent workshops being run by Learning Links. The flyers below have additional information about each session. Join us if you can. Return slips need to be handed in to the class teacher, by Thursday, 6th June.



ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS




A focus on what parents can do to support their children

Parents gain knowledge regarding the symptoms displayed by children and adolescents with depression and/or anxiety. Parents gain a basic understanding of treatment, diagnosis, causes, related risk factors and practical strategies to support these children. This will be measured through an evaluation process at the completion of the workshops.


The 1.5 hour session covers topics such as

- Identifying depression and/or anxiety
- Strategies to support children with depression and/or anxiety
- Risk concerns
- How to talk to your child

When: Thursday 13th June 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Where: Peakhurst West PS School Hall



DEVELOPING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN



What a parent can do to build resilience

This workshop helps parents gain knowledge about resilience, looks at how it is developed and what external factors can effect resilience. It also looks at how to promote your child's resilience and examines what resources are available to parents.

The 1.5 hour session covers topics such as:

- What is resilience?
- Why is it important?
- What are the factors associated with it?
- 7 learnable skills of resilience
- The overall model of resilience
- The protective factors associated with resilience

When: Tuesday 11th June 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Where: Peakhurst West PS School Hall



**Infant Assembly Awards
Term 2 Wk 3 & 4**

Super Star Awards

KG	Macayla S, Archris P
KM	Ella A, Caroline Y
KR	Irisha S, Flynn M
IL	Milly T, Vanesha L
IM	Sulina G, Bruce T
IO	Stanley H, Ahmad H
1-2H	Anabella E, Rishabh K
1-2D	Muhammad-Ali A
2KE	Ivan S, Kasey D
2S	Daniel K, Annabelle L

STAR Student Awards

KG	Ashley L, Lydia Z, Aliya A, Martin P
KM	Nivan A, Trisha N, Nicson W, Tarren Y
KR	Aydin A, Saumya S, Riley B, Lara N
IL	Axell C, Benjamin L, Aaranyaa S, Jamel B
IM	Noor F, Isaac L, Lisa T, Dylan Z
IO	Angie G, Bidev C, Sahaj B, Ricardo Q
1-2D	Batoul G
1-2H	Shreya P, Argen L, Nicole J, Hailey H
2KE	Deborah S, Liam T, Nara P, Yehya A
2S	Rochelle G, Sarah Y, Adam H, James Q

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Subeeka P 2KE	Yehya A 2KE	Georgia X 2S
Ryder B 1L	Hiya P 2KE	Jerrison D 2S
Ethan H 1L	Yolanda W 2S	Chris W 1/2H
Jamel B 1L	Georgia X 2S	Armeen H 1/2H
Hanwu Z KM	Erina T 1/2H	Ava M 1M
Tiana P KM	Chris W 1/2H	
Skylar-Ann O KM	Christian K 1/2H	
Wendy L KM	Bruce T 1M	
Ava T KM		
Georgia X 2S		
Isaac H 1/2H		
Amber S 1/2H		
Lucas S 1/2H		
Eliana G 1/2H		
Smaran K 1/2H		
Arshia P 1M		
Petulisa A 1/2D		
Ivy K KR		
Dia P KR		
Jenna W KR		

**Primary Assembly Awards
Term 2, Wk 3 & 4**

Super Star Awards

3-4D	Mia-Rose O, Ranya V
3-4G	Isaiah L
3-4S	Mosese F
3-4T	Joanna A, Israel K
3-6C	Nicholas A
5-6D	Winnie L, Arugna B
5-6G	Connie C, Andy Z
5-6W	Dina K, Oliver W

STAR Student Awards

3-4D	Yassin H, Chanele L, Layla P, Umar W, Bob X
3-4G	Kate F, Kushal G, Cianna H, Zain S
3-4S	Gurmaan G, Klimentina K, Emma P, Rishika V
3-4T	Taylor H, Amanda T, Christian L, Amy L, Arham J, Madison M, William H
3-6C	Yusuf L, Aakash N
5-6F	Jordan A, Joe K, Angela H, Catherine W, Rushil P, Althea R
5-6G	Callum C, Zita Y, Isabella C, Jeremy X, Natasha E, Milena V
5-6W	Isabella X, Alice O, Jacinda Z, Zoe S, Oscar D

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Chloe H 5/6W	Zara B 5/6W	Linda C 5/6W
Leonid P 5/6W	Mia-Rose O 3/4D	Ayden B 3/4T
Isabella C 5/6G	Hubert G 3/4T	Rory M 5/6F
Allan Z 3/4D		

Parent-Teacher Interviews – Week 10, Term 2

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held at Penshurst Public School 'Pop Up' from Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July. Our Parent-Interviews provide a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's academic and social progress.

Interviews will be **10 minutes in duration**.

For these interviews we are using an online booking system that will allow you to choose a time that suits. Your child received information about bookings this week.

Mr Walker

District Cross Country

On Thursday, 23rd May, 2019 32 students from our school went to Gannons Park to compete in the Georges River District Cross Country Carnival. It was pleasing to see all students giving their best effort in either the junior distance of 2000m or the senior distance of 3000m. Kevin H from 3/4G will go through to represent our school in the Sydney East SSA Cross Country Carnival finals. We wish him well.

Mrs G. Baker

Cross Country Coordinator



KG AT THE FARM

On Monday 20th of May KG visited the farm as part of our Science unit of study on Living Things. We saw many animals such as cows, sheep, ducks, geese, dogs, kangaroos and even a camel. We had the opportunity to pat some of the animals and we also got to milk Buttercup the cow. It felt a little bit squishy and we had a giggle about it.

While on the farm we were lucky to watch a sheep dog work. We saw the dogs follow commands, round the sheep into the pen and do some other clever tricks. The whip cracking show was fun too. Some of us tried to crack the farmers whip but it's much harder than it looks.

The tractor ride took us around the dusty fields and we had an excellent view of the paddocks. The farmer went really fast downhill and we all screamed with delight.

At the end of the day we watched "Baabra" the sheep get her wool shorn. She was very heavy for the farmer and she stayed very still. We got some wool to take back to school.

After seeing many things and learning lots about the life of animals on a farm, we were very glad to have a bit of a nap on the bus back to school. It was a wonderful day for everyone.

