

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

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Principal's Message

Choose Happy

I recently had the pleasure of hearing a speech by Snithik in Year 2. I was so impressed by what he had to say that I thought I would share his wise words with everyone else.

Feeling happy is very important. It is wonderful medicine for our health. When we are happy, we can be calm or energetic and be creative. When we are happy we want to do things that we like to do such as study, play and work. If we are unhappy we don't want to do things.

My first reason is that by being happy we can become more self-confident, creative and energetic. This will help us live a good life.

My second reason is, through our personal interactions, we can make other people happy as well. Nobody wants to study or play with unhappy people. Everyone wants to hang around with happy people instead. It is very important to make happy friends. Usually happy people do not fight or argue. They are cool and caring to others. They are nice, helpful and not trouble makers.

My third reason is that by being happy we can change many lives just by being ourselves. Happy people do not make other people unhappy.

My conclusion is that happiness is the key factor for any relationship.

Very wise words from a very wise seven year old.

Georges River and Kogarah Principals Network Visit

On Tuesday 20th August, a contingent of about 50 principals attended a network meeting in the Peakhurst West PS library, concluding with a school tour and classroom visit to observe the co-teaching environment that is happening at Penshurst Public School. It was a wonderful way of showcasing the great work that is happening at our school, in a new school environment, using future focussed pedagogy. Student leaders from both schools (Peakhurst West and Penshurst) led the principals through the school and classrooms.



Coming Events for Term 2, 2019

Term 3 Wk 5

Thur 22nd Aug Debate Training 8am

3-6 Author Visit

Fri 23rd Aug Drum Tutorials 8am

PSSA Season 2 Finals

3-6 Assembly 12.40pm

Term 3 Wk 6

Mon 26th Aug District Athletics Carnival - Track

Wed 28th Aug Performing Band Rehearsal – Clemton Park

Public School 9.30 – 12.30pm

P&C Father's Day Stall

Thu 29th Aug Debate Training 8am

K-2 Author Visit

Fri 30th Aug Drum Tutorials 8am

K-2 Assembly 12.30pm

Term 3 Wk 7

Tue 3rd Sep CPSMF – all day rehearsal

CPSMF Evening Performance Bankstown

Sports Club

Wed 4th Sep Performing Band Rehearsal 8am

Thank you Mr Fisher, Ms Munzone, Ms Tasipale, Mrs Karatasoulis, Mrs Ho, Mr Walker, Mrs West, Ms Ghafauri, Miss Medina and Miss Robinson for your support on the day.



Value of the month: Respect – Treat people and property with respect



NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge – Elysha O'Neill

Recently, Elysha O'Neill came to visit our school and talk to the students at the 3-6 assembly. Elysha is a member of the Australian water polo team and an ambassador of the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge.

Elysha spoke to us about healthy eating and living as well as sharing her experience as an elite athlete and the values of determination, resilience and hard work that has underpinned her achievements.

Elysha shared that "Sport is not only something you do for fitness or a healthy lifestyle, but plays a big part in developing confidence and self esteem. It's all about having fun and enjoying it. It doesn't matter what level you are at. You can achieve success in any sport if you put your mind to it!"

Thank you Mrs White for organising this.



Payment Online

To minimise cash handling and the amount of cash onsite, we ask that payment for events and programs be made through the school's parent online payment (POP) process. This involves the following steps:

1. Access the school website: www.penshurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
2. In the home tab, click on 'Make a payment' and enter all mandatory information

3. In 'Payment Options' please select 'Other' and in 'Payment Description' please type in the event as suggested in the excursion/event/program note
4. All notes to be returned to the class teacher with POP (Parent Online Payment) receipt number included

If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact the school.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

Now is the time to enrol any students who will be attending Kindergarten at Penshurst PS in 2020. If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten next year please visit the office at school to commence arrangements for their enrolment. Similarly if you know of anybody who has a child who they wish to enrol in Kindergarten next year, please let them know to contact the school.

Student Assistance

The school understands that families may have difficulty in meeting payments for school events and excursions. Should this be your circumstance and you would still like your child to participate in the school event/excursion, please feel free to arrange a time to see me so we can discuss how we can best support you. This may also include payment instalments or an extended due date for payment.

As circumstances vary across all families, application for financial support will be considered on, and not limited to:

- Family/parenting and work arrangements in the household, e.g. dual vs single income households, level/type of employment
- The number of students in the one family attending the event/excursion, e.g. families with 3 or more children
- The cost of the excursion/event
- Welfare and support arrangements
- Ability to pay via instalments

Mr J Lie
Principal

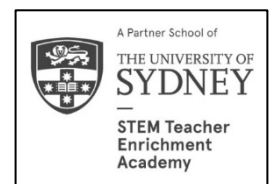
Stage 2 STEMposium

Over the course of Terms 2 and 3, Stage 2 classes from both Penshurst and Peakhurst West Public Schools have been engaged in a community of STEM learning. STEM education is the learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an interdisciplinary or integrated approach. By developing curiosity and knowledge of STEM disciplines students make connections and see the relevance for future career pathways.

On Thursday the 12th September the Stage 2 classes will be showcasing their STEM projects to the community and their peers at the STEMposium. This will be held in the school hall and surrounding classrooms. The students are very excited to be showing off their innovation skills and creativity on this day. Parents and carers are invited to come along and share in the achievements of the students. The opening of the STEMposium will begin at 9:45am in the school hall. We hope you can make it!

Penshurst Public School is a partner school of the University of Sydney STEM Teacher Enrichment Academy.

Mr Fisher, Ms Tasipale, Mrs Richmond, Ms Munzone and Mrs Duke



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

Super Star Awards

KM	Joshua D, Tiana P
KR	Daveena R, Nelson R
IL	Arpan A, Malachi K
IM	Damir R, Alleyah L
IO	Emily D, Aarushi P
1-2H	Argen L, Nicole J
1-2D	Batoul G,
2KE	Kasey D, Snithik K
2S	Raisa B, Ayo A

STAR Student Awards

KM	Wendy L, Ava T, Skylar-Ann O, Aaron L
KR	Dia P, Leo G, Ivy K, Jason D
IL	Aaranyaa S, Rosemary H, Arya M, Axell C
IM	Lisa T, Karina W, Brooklyn Z, Dylan Z
IO	Angie G, Emi F, Bidev C, Eshana S
1-2D	Zayne A
1-2H	Nimsha G, Armeen H, William C, Elena S
2KE	Kylie M, Suvi N, Nara P, Novo K
2S	Emily H, Kelly H, Subrat B, Adam H

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Medallion
Arthur Y KM	Annabelle L 2S	Jawad K 2KE	Jarrod T KE
Jawad K 2KE	Avi C 1O		Mia L 2KE
	Angie Gu 1O		
	Aaryav P 1M		
	Smaran K1-2H		

STEM POSIUM
PENSURST & PEAKHURST WEST PS
STAGE 2
INVITES YOU TO THE 2019
STEM POSIUM
12TH SEPTEMBER
OPENING 9:45
CLOSING 1PM
SCIENCE * TECHNOLOGY * ENGINEERING * MATHS

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

Super Star Awards

3-4D	Kory W, Kees H
3-4G	Emma Z, Calista S
3-6C	Yusuf L
5-6D	Brandon T, Jordan A
5-6F	Aavash B, Ruby-Jean F
5-6G	Kendall S, Corey N
5-6W	Mia L, Christa K

STAR Student Awards

3-4D	Bob X, Celine H, Kate L, Layla P, Yassin H
3-4G	Kate F, Japmann S, Isaiah L, Kevin H
3-6C	Eric S, Adrian L
5-6D	Arugna B, Kripa G, Angela H, Karen P, Winnie L, Ethan K, Seth Z
5-6F	Joshua K, Kai H, Hadi A, Kassy N, Hayson W, Aanya S
5-6G	Doraphie O, Aleksandar P, Kayla S, Wheylan S, Rhianna V, Milena V
5-6W	Alice O, Chloe H, Linda C, Chloe S, Kevin Y, Dina K

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Layla P 3/4D	Ashley L 3/4D	Mia-Rose O 3/4D
Karen 5/6D	Allan Z 3/4D	Chanelle L 3/4D
Matthew G 5/6G	Aden S 5/6D	Karen P 5/6D
Mia L 5/6W	William H 5/6D	Tristan H 5/6G
Samita S 5/6W	Karen P 5/6D	Zoe S 5/6W
Chloe H 5/6W	Kendall S 5/6G	
	Mia L 5/6W	
	Norah N 5/6W	

Hurstville Aquatic Centre – Urgent Attention

Parents/Carers,

Can I please ask you to have a discussion with your child/ren about moving safely within the grounds of the Hurstville Aquatic Centre car park each morning. Students have been seen using the underground car park as a thoroughfare from Cambridge St to the entrance of the aquatic centre, which is an unsafe practice. Of a morning, the car park is extremely busy with the general public moving about in their cars. The underground carpark is also not a well lit area making it more difficult for drivers to see pedestrians. I thank you for your co-operation.

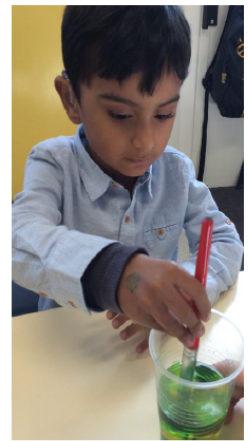
Mr Fisher

Deputy Principal



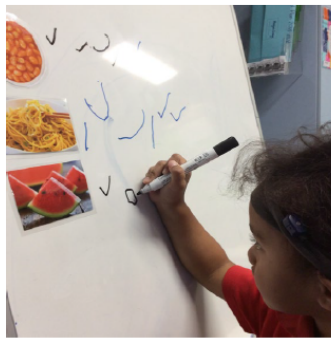
Learning is Fun! Early Literacy Development in PK

The preschool years are critical for developing not only a strong foundation of early literacy skills but a life-long love of learning.



Developing fine motor skills allow later pencil grip/ control, letter formation/ size/ orientation and engagement in writing.

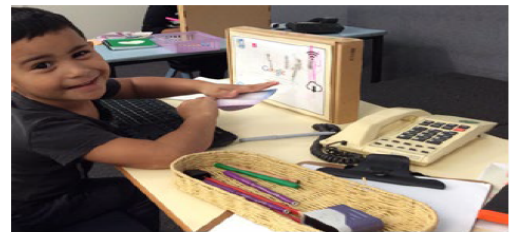
Encouraging and fostering a love of reading- Providing quality texts, reading stories daily aloud and generating rich discussion helps build comprehension and curiosity. It is just as important for children to read for leisure and to each other.



One aspect of literacy is the realisation that mark making has the power to communicate- PK students ticked their favourite foods.



PK participates in a modified Jolly Phonics program each week with a focus on beginning sounds. This has been a great success!

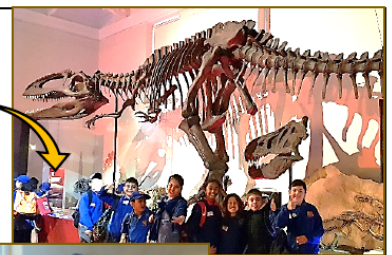


Play is the most effective way young children learn and is how children make sense of the world around them.



3/6C's Past Events

Powerhouse Museum Excursion Term 2
Australian Museum Excursion Term 3
STEM Robotics- 'Makey Makey' and 'Microbit'.



Snaketails Reptile Show

Eric has a new friend!
Everyone patted the snake!

Elektra and Aakash signed the song,
'My Island Home' on Education Day.

