

Penshurst Public School Newsletter

Quality Education in a Caring Environment



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Principal's Message

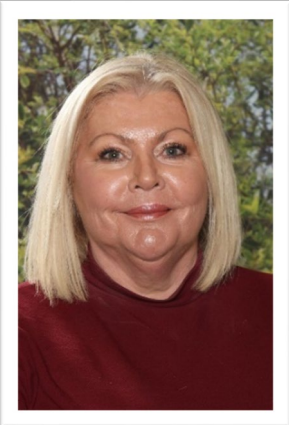
P&C

Thank you to the P&C for their support at parent meetings and fundraising again this term. Their contribution of donating Easter eggs and chips to our students and hosting a second-hand school uniform stall was greatly appreciated.



Happy Retirement!

Over the past few years, Penshurst Public School has seen many new faces to our staff who have thrived and enjoyed the wonderful school community that we are, even within our new innovative learning environment. The strong team structure that we have adopted has supported the quality teaching and learning that has occurred and supported our responsibility and accountability structure and distributive leadership.



At the beginning of this year, after many years, two of our long-standing team members celebrated the start of their retirement from the Department. Mrs Leahy has been at teacher at the school since approx. 1997. Mrs Deller has been a teacher at the school since approx. 1986 and both have seen and lived the changes that Penshurst PS have experienced. They always ensured that our students received the best of quality teaching and learning, in supporting student success. Thank you Mrs Leahy and Mrs Deller for your contributions to public education and Penshurst Public School.



As we see a changing of the guard, teachers like Mrs Deller and Mrs Leahy have blazed model careers of success and hard work in education. We wish you both the very best in your retirement.

Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

A big thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our parent-student-teacher interviews these past two weeks. These interviews provide us the opportunity to share your child's success and areas for improvement including student goals.

These interviews feed into next semester's student reports.

Happy Holidays

Being the last day of Term 1 2024, I want to thank everyone again for your support. It has been another successful term and I'm sure that we're all feeling it. As always, we wish everyone a safe and happy two-week school break.

With the first day of Term 2 being a staff development day, the **first day for students is Tuesday 30th April 2024** when we will be hosting our ANZAC Day Commemoration Assembly in the hall at 2pm.

Mr J. Lie
Principal



Year 5 Opportunity Class Entry in 2025

Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2025 open 4 April and close 20 May 2024. Opportunity classes play an important role in supporting high-potential and gifted students. The tests will be held in designated government high school test centres or other facilities.

Key dates:

- **Thursday 4 April to Monday 20 May 2024** – Applications open for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes in 2025.
- **Thursday 1 August 2024** – Candidates sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test.

Resources to help you:

For general information on the application procedures and guidelines please refer to attached [Information for applicants – procedures and guidelines for placement in opportunity classes in Year 5 in 2025 \(PDF 347 KB\)](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the [Selective Education Unit through the SHS and OC schools' site](#) messaging feature or email ssu@det.nsw.edu.au.

Student Awards - Term 1 Weeks 10 and 11 (K-2)
Term 1 Weeks 8, 9, 10 & 11 (3-6)

K-2WL	Stella D, Mia P, Umar N
K Green	Lam K, Valeria G-M, Kannika L, Zachary W, Jaycus W
K Orange	Ari L, Paul J, Khloe R, Niyasa P, Stefanie Y
K Purple	Hunter F, Ava S, Elise D, Bronte H, Jessie S
1KB	Aasmi B, Thomas L, Sarai G, Alvina P, Aroon A
1J	Elliot W, Marcia K, Shri S, Eddie C, Paul S
1SR	Ian M, Adrian L, Evie V, Aabha R, Aarambha S
1EC	Amanda H, Shivam S, Lei W, Thea L, Ava-Grace T
2T	Zayan C, Rayoon A, Abigail W-G, Bernie D, Max L
2WH	Matthew X, Nandin G, Luna M, James H, Aron A
2S	Franco C, Mikail R, Jana T, Raymond S, Marielle E
2GE	Ayana A, Jonathan D, Ritika S, Jude K, Farrell W, Shawn W
3-4K	Dylan F, Felicity H, Stefan P, Grace G, Kye K, Marchy H, Yanice G, Mujtaba H, May H, Isaac W, Sanya S, Alexander L, Aleyna O, Ali S, Andre M, Daniel W, Hannah L, Felix Z, Zahra A, Zoyana D
3-4M	Ryan S, Esther M, Simon T, Kris S, Sworna K, Vincent X, Eknor G, Chelsea, Y, Olivia Z, Nia Z, Anshu K, Sophia D, Ali K, Jayden T, Abeaha H, Zuhairah H, Kyle W, Camilla H, Lucia L, Christina W
3-4O	Ivan C, Oroni G, Ajit A, Agape C, Riley H, Alexander W, Olivia R, Kenzo L, Cooper H, Kehlani G
3-4W	Hayley C, Elijah R, Jason L, Samrat T, Miley L, Kristy S, Ayden Y, Anthony H, Swara K, Lisa S, Edric T, Jayden Y, Hardik B, Denuwan I, Nia L, Renee M, Oliver M, Yasin O, Aryanna T, Mia W
3H	Noah H, Avner W, Ellis F
4-6G	Kadeeja H, Sonya R, Zakaria A, Petulisa A
5-6D	Aayan A, Jayden L, Inaya B, Palmyra S, Emily D, Lisa T, Jessica L, Bruce T, Maram H, Edan H, Lara N, Grace R, Milly T, Zac W, Jaclyn S, Yino C, Zaira C, Noah B, Zareef F, Archris P
5-6J	Alisa X, Dylan Z, Muhammad A, Ava T, Aahan S, Sevriell R, Wendy L, Jess W, Miya M, Aaron L, Jayden P, Ava M, Claire Y, Macayla S, Aariana P, Jenny D, Stanley H, Teresa Z, Aaryav P, Diego S
5-6O	Zainab B, Nathaniel C, Reece O, Elena S, Riley B, Peter C, Hope C, Kristy L, Charlotte M, Petra T, Caroline Y, Aahana G, Ethan H, Hailey H, Raphael H, Vanesha L, Romisha N, Emon T, Ariana V, Karina W
5-6V	Aaryahi D, Joanna L, Ashley C, Kenneth W, Stefan J, Jacob N, Martin P, Jayden CT, Dia P, Ashley L, Genee X, Cooper P, Suprit G, Jason D, Tarren Y, Kaitlyn P, Sahaj B, Demitrios M, Inara R, Filbert L

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Medallion
Jackson H 2T	Saras T 2T	Ace R 2GE	
Lucas Z 2T	Tiffany C 2T	James T 1EC	
Sofia S 2GE	Jaden B 2WH	Oliver D 3/4O	
Nathaniel C 5/6O	Milly T 5/6D	Milly T 5/6D	
Milly T 5/6D	Jayden T 3/4M	Kenneth W 5/6V	
Milly T 5/6D	Abeaha H 3/4M	Jayden T 3/4M	
Alisa X 5/6J	Camila H 3/4M	Abeaha H 3/4M	
Jayden T 3/4M	Jess W 5/6J	Nia Z 3/4M	
Lauren Z 3/4M	Kristy L 5/6O	Tina W 5/6V	
Saumya S 5/6J		Jess W 5/6J	
		Yilin W 3/4O	
		Oliver D 3/4O	

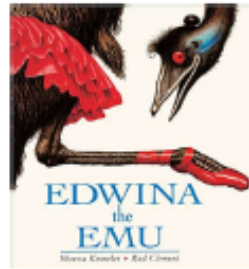
SRC Training Day Newsletter

The Student Representative Council (SRC) Training Day was held on Wednesday, 3rd of April in the Hall. During the day, students engaged in activities about leadership and teamwork and learnt how the SRC operates at Penshurst Public School. All students were exceptionally behaved and demonstrated why they were chosen as 2024 SRC leaders by their peers. We look forward to a great year working in collaboration with this enthusiastic student group.

Mrs Ellmoos and Miss Cooper
2024 SRC Supervising Teachers



Edwina The Emu



We have been reading this book in class and learning about emus.

Edwina the Emu needs to find a job so she and Edward can raise their 10 emu babies.

Can you answer these questions?

<p>1. How many emu eggs were there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> four <input type="radio"/> six <input type="radio"/> ten <input type="radio"/> nine 	<p>2. Why did Edwina read to find a job?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> a magazine <input type="radio"/> an ipad <input type="radio"/> a sign <input type="radio"/> a newspaper
<p>3. Edwina first tried to be a ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> waiter <input type="radio"/> bus driver <input type="radio"/> ballet dancer <input type="radio"/> chimney sweep 	<p>4. What did Edwina do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> sit on the nest <input type="radio"/> look for food <input type="radio"/> get a job <input type="radio"/> lay eggs
<p>5. What did the man want to eat?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> chips <input type="radio"/> eggs <input type="radio"/> sausages <input type="radio"/> cake 	<p>6. What job did Edwina want to do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> a dancer <input type="radio"/> a mum <input type="radio"/> a waitress <input type="radio"/> a chimney sweep

You can find the answers in the book.

HAPPY READING!

Year 1 NAP Class

I'M AUSTRALIAN TOO



We love Reading in our NAP Class.

This is another special book we enjoyed reading this term.
We learnt lots of things about each other and where we come from to celebrate Harmony Day.

We wrote an Acrostic Poem after reading the book.

I love Australia.

A place of Harmony.

My friends come from many countries.

A place of many cultures.

Understanding each other.

Sharing and giving.

Travelled from places far away.

Respect for everyone.

A place of many languages.

Living together.

It is our home.

A place of the First Australians.

New friends.

Treating each other with respect.

One country from many lands.

Of course I'm Australian too!

Where do you come from?



ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 30th April
we will be holding a
whole school assembly to commemorate
ANZAC Day.

Parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us
in the school hall at 2.00pm
for a short ceremony.



School Bytes

School Bytes provides a parent portal to help your school communicate with you. This is accessible via a website and an App, available for both Apple and Android devices.

Penshurst Public School uses the parent portal for various things, including **online permission notes, attendance, and payments**, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction, even if they attend different schools (assuming all of the schools use School Bytes!).

IMPORTANT – To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

Detailed steps

1. Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>
2. Select the create a new account link.
3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.
6. Enter a password.
7. Confirm the password.
8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address. Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform.

1. Select link other student.
2. Search for the school's name.
3. Enter the student's first name.
4. Enter the student's last name.
5. Select the student's current grade.
6. Enter the student's date of birth.
7. Select search.

If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

If you are unable to link a student to your account or if you have any questions relating to this process please contact the school.

Activating the Parent App

1. Access the app store on your phone and search for School Bytes.

If you can't find it, here are the direct links:

Apple: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

2. Download the School Bytes App.
3. Use your username and password created previously to log on.
4. If prompted, allow notifications.

You are all set to go!



Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news





Our Children
Our Communities
Our Future



Australian Early Development Census

School newsletter (external)

Building a national picture of child health

From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand

children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact the principal.



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NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook

The “**NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook**” is a comprehensive and free resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety.

The updated digital edition (link below) includes important content updates from: Fire and Rescue NSW (home fire safety), Transport NSW (school bus and seat belt safety), NSW Department of Communities and Justice (keeping children safe), eSafety Commissioner and NSW Rural Fire.

You can view the digital handbook here:

NSW Police Legacy – <https://www.policelegacynsw.org.au/resources/>

Child Safety Hub website – <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>

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DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now valuable online with updated safety content.

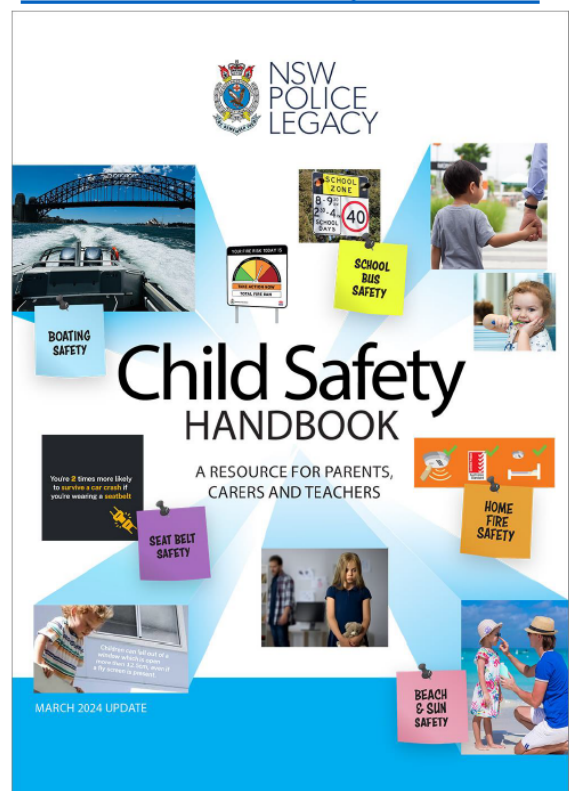
We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children.

Child Safety Handbook App available for download:



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2-Day program - Wed 17th April & Fri 19th April (9:30-12:30)

Contact: Aaron Hadley aaron.hadley@cricketnsw.com.au

Register by Scanning QR Code, or contact Aaron





TIE-DYE WINDOW HANGINGS

Monday 15 April | Kogarah Library
 Wednesday 17 April | Penshurst Library
 Thursday 18 April | South Hurstville Library
 Monday 22 April | Oatley Library
 Tuesday 23 April | Hurstville Library
 10.30am-11.30am | 5-10 years | Free
 Join us these holidays to create tie-dye style window hangings with household materials and minimal mess!



CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA: PODCASTING

Thursday 18 April | Hurstville Library
 4pm-6pm | 12-17 years | Free
 Can you hear me? Learn the basics of making a podcast with Shopfront Arts Co-Op in this free workshop. Participants will learn how to come up with a podcast idea and how to record using the Sound Booth and Digital Tool collection kept at Hurstville Library.



CAPOERIA

Monday 15 April | South Hurstville Library
 Tuesday 16 April | Oatley Library
 Monday 22 April | Penshurst Library
 Tuesday 23 April | Kogarah Library
 Wednesday 24 April | Hurstville Library
 10.30am-11.30am | 5-12 years | Free
 Learn capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian martial art combining elements of dance, acrobatics, and music.



AIRBALL BASKETBALL

Mon 15 April | Clive James Library, Kogarah | 10.30am-11.30am | 8-12 years | Free
 Explore the science of air while constructing and then playing your own game of Airball Basketball to take home!



STARR'S PLANETARIUM

Wed 17 April | Hurstville Library 2pm-3pm and 3pm-4pm | All ages | \$8 per person
 Be engaged, amazed and inspired as we take you on an out-of-this-world experience that will be fun for the whole family.



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Monday 22 April | Clive James Library, Kogarah 10am-3pm | 12-16 years | Free
 Join us for a day of adventure with dice, dungeons, and dragons!



BOOKINGS

For more information, or to book your place in any activity, scan the QR code or visit the library website georgesriver.spydus.com



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