

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

21st Century Soft Skills

With the pace of change in today's world, we often hear about the support and development of a child's soft skills in readiness for an unpredictable and future world. These skills include critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, flexibility, leadership, initiative, productivity and social skills. The combination of all these skills have been highlighted as being more crucial for success than the hard skills of just being literate and numerate, in being able to adapt and prepare for new worlds and environments. Sharing and playing in a sandpit is a wonderful example of this happening. Our children are great at adapting to new situations. Let's build sandcastles together!



Buses – Hurstville Aquatic Centre

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation, flexibility and understanding with the bus transport to and from our temporary school on the site of Peakhurst West PS. I have really enjoyed supporting our students on the buses in the morning and afternoons and am proud with the level of maturity and responsibility that our students have displayed when boarding and disembarking the buses.

Please ensure that your child/ren are early and ready to board buses. This will help in ensuring that all students are ready to start school at 9.00am, especially with consideration of possible traffic congestion.

Coming Events for Term 1, 2019

Term 1 Wk 5

Fri 1st Mar PSSA Round 2
Intensive Swim Scheme Wk 1
3-6 Assembly 2pm

Term 1 Wk 6

Mon 4th Mar SRC Meeting
Tue 5th Mar District Swim Carnival
Fri 8th Mar PSSA Round 3
Intensive Swim Scheme Wk2
K-2 Assembly 12.30pm

Term 1 Wk 7

Mon 11th Mar Young Leaders Day – Darling Harbour
Wed 13th Mar Newsletter to go home

AGM P&C Meeting

Every student has been provided a bus passtab. This passtab enables tracking of bus travel of our students. We ask that you assist your child in ensuring that your child's bus passtab be kept safely and securely. Please note: **should your child's bus passtab be lost or damaged, a replacement cost of \$12.00 will be required.**

To ensure that your email details are correct, please see our website for update-of-details form for you to complete. The emergency details that you provide will help us communicate concerns/news we may need to share with you.

If you haven't been receiving the email notifications following a passtab scan/sign in please check your junk/spam mail in your email inbox as this has happened to other parents.

Thanking everyone again for your cooperation, flexibility and understanding. Remember: **DON'T BE LATE! DON'T MISS THE BUS! ☺**

Kindergarten Finishing Time

Congratulations to all our Kindergarten students on completing the first few weeks of 'big' school, especially with the new transport procedures and the temporary relocation of Penshurst Public School on the site of Peakhurst West Public School.

As of Monday 1st March 2019, Kindergarten's school day will finish at the same time as the rest of Penshurst Public School. Instead of leaving school by bus at 2.45pm, Kindergarten will

Value of the month: Care and Compassion – Act fairly and safely at all times

finish and leave school at 3.00pm with the other students. This means that once each bus is fully boarded, they will depart school for arrival at Hurstville Aquatic Centre. This will also mean that Kindergarten may not be the first bus to arrive at Hurstville Aquatic Centre for you to collect your child/ren. Kindergarten will continue to follow the same exit procedures and all board the same bus.

To minimise any confusion with pick up, it is **highly recommended** that **ALL** Kindergarten students travel by bus to Hurstville Aquatic Centre. This will ensure that no Kindergarten child is left behind at school still waiting for parents after 3.00pm. The exception here is if students live in the locality and/or do not use the bus to travel to and from school at all.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact the school.

Parking on Belmore Rd

While Penshurst Public School shares the site with Peakhurst West Public School, we ask all members of our school community to be considerate of where cars are parked. Please avoid blocking driveways to homes and please ensure that all road traffic and parking rules are adhered to.

Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

School Community Charter

Last week, we sent out the School Community Charter to all our families. This is a recent initiative by the NSW Department of Education in supporting schools as places of respectful learning.

The NSW Department of Education has introduced a School Community Charter for all members of NSW Public School communities. It has been developed in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

The School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

The School Community Charter was produced to support a respectful environment in our schools. It outlines a framework for positive interactions and provides parents with guidance in engaging as partners in their children's learning. It also highlights unacceptable behaviour that has no place in our school communities.

NSW Public Schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our students for their participation at the school swimming carnival. Having the swimming pool on-site and within 100m of classrooms made things a lot easier and cheaper as buses were not required to transport students. I also want to thank all our teachers for their active engagement

in ensuring that the event was successful. I also want to thank Mrs Edmondson and Ms Tasipale for their organisation of this event. Playing and getting along. How wonderful it is to see.



Jeff Lie
Principal

Deputy Principal Message

Thank you

I would like to thank all the wonderful students and their families for making me feel so welcome at Penshurst PS since arriving in week 1. It is a real credit to the families of Penshurst Public School that they are raising such well-mannered, respectful and kind children. It really makes my day when I see smiling faces accompanied by a friendly "Hello Mr Fisher" from many of the students. I look forward to continuing to meet many more students and their families as the term progresses.

Lost property

We currently have a large accumulation of lost property at school this early in the year. Can I please encourage you to ask your child to check the lost property tubs on the silver seats if they are missing school items. We have a collection of hats, jumpers, lunch boxes and drink bottles sitting there awaiting collection. Many of these items are labelled with student's names.

Well done to all the students

In my role as Deputy Principal, working with both Penshurst PS and Peakhurst West PS, can I say how impressed I am of both

schools. The students have transitioned seamlessly, getting to know one another quickly. As I take a walk out into the playground at lunch and recess, it is wonderful to see many of the students from both schools playing and interacting happily. This unique opportunity of having two schools being able to interact with each other on a daily basis has already shown to have many positives. As I look around in the playground, I see students developing important life skills such as; being able to share, being tolerant of others, having the ability to be flexible and being able to compromise and problem solve. Keep up the terrific work everyone!

Ryan Fisher
Deputy Principal

Scripture

In 2019, weekly scripture lessons will be on each Wednesday for half an hour. The scripture denominations that are available and are regularly conducted include Buddhist, Catholic, Protestant, Church of the Living God and Muslim. Students who are in 'non-scripture' participate in alternative meaningful activities. These activities for non-scripture students can include independent study, reading, completing homework and drawing. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Wenggren or Mrs Angeli.

Mrs Wenggren & Mrs Angeli.

Band Information

- Tutorials are on Wednesday or Thursday every week.
- Performing Band rehearsals have begun and will be held at 8:00am every Wednesday morning in the school hall (Peakhurst West PS).
- Training Band Auditions will be on next Tuesday 5th March at lunchtime in the hall. Mr Forrester will assist the students in finding which instrument suits them.
- Training Band rehearsals will be on every Tuesday at lunch time.(More information will be provided regarding when training band begins this term. It is likely to begin in week 7, Tuesday 12th March.)

If your child is in Years 3-6 and is interested in joining the band, please contact us or fill in the band note that can be found on our school website (if you haven't filled in any previous note).

Miss De Giorgio and Mrs Marshall



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Primary Assembly 2019 Term 1 WEEK 2 and 3

CLASS	SUPERSTAR	STAR Student	STAR Student	STAR Student	STAR Student
3/4G	Emma Z	Talia N	Kushal G	Raziella D	
3/4G	Kingsly W	Ethan Y	Paranthi BP		
3/4S	Lara H	Ewan B	Samantha J	George K	Kira P
3/4S	Jack S	Ghazi D	Klimentina K	Ryan P	Ruslan R
3/4T	Matthew M	Hubert G	Alice Z.	Abdullah H	Anniyah R
3/4T		Taylor H	Kaitlyn S	Madison M	Yoyo W
5/6G	Andy Z	Zara B	Kendall S	Aleksandar P	
5/6G	Patrick B	Rhianna V	Callum C	Charlotte C	
5/6W	Samita S	Kevin Y	Leonid P	Isabella X	
5/6W	Norah N	Ryan C	Mia L	Fidelio L	

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Odds and Evens



Punctuation Detective



Match my number



All about you



Say it, make it, write it



Revising and editing our texts



Making Connections



Talking telephones



Modelled Reading



Reading in the engine room



Partner talk

Students are enjoying learning centres, the engine room, modelled reading and writing. We are lucky that we get to work with 2S.

