



# Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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TERM 1, WEEK 2 February 2018

## From The Principal's Desk

Welcome back to all of our students and their families in years 1-5 and welcome to our new Kindergarten students and the new families who have joined us for the first time. Joining us are 38 new kindergarten students.

### Class Structures for 2018

K Rainbow – Mrs Digiglio & Mrs Robertson

K Stars – Miss Edwards & Mrs Butler

1O – Miss O’Riordan

1/2F - Mrs Ferlazzo & Mrs Woolley

2A - Miss Andreaacchio

3/4A - Mrs Apostolovski

3/4N - Miss Nakkan

3/4S - Mrs Sheen

5/6A – Miss Abela

5/6 B - Mrs Blyth

5/6 W – Miss Wood

### New Book Resources

The School has recently heavily invested in new readers for our K-2 students to provide additional

home readers. This will create a larger bank of books for the students to borrow and read at the appropriate level.

### Teacher Professional Learning

Our staff over the past four years have undertaken many hours of professional learning. This has taken place both during class/school time and during the teachers’ own time. It is a mandatory component for all teachers and has resulted in excellent teaching practices and student learning outcomes. In 2018 several teachers in Kindergarten – Year 2 will be engaged in training for the L3 program. Our whole school will participate in a focus on writing lead by Mrs Ferlazzo. Every school has been provided with funding to release staff under the Quality Teaching, Successful Students (QTSS) program. To facilitate this program Mrs Woolley will be sharing the teaching role of 1/2F.

## New Class for Penshurst West PS

The School has been selected to establish a new Special Needs class for Autism. The class will commence later this term with several new students to our school. This is great recognition for the school and community. Over the coming weeks the school will make adjustments which include the closing of the front gates. New fencing and gates will be installed to make the entry a safer area for all and will enhance the safety of the students at after school care.

### Swimming Carnival

Our Annual Swimming Carnival is coming up on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Students in Year3-6 are expected to attend. Races will be held for all ages from 8yr -12/13.

Any Year 2 student turning 8 years old in 2018 and who is able to competently swim 50 metres may also attend the swimming carnival.

The Carnival will be held at

Roselands Aquatic Centre. A Permission note and nominations for races will come home shortly.

## Parent Teacher Exchange of Information

This year the Parent Teacher meetings will take a different form. Instead of meeting as a stage and talking about the programs for the year, individual meetings will be held so that parents can share information about their child and set learning goals for the year.

Information about the class and stage will be given in a note at that meeting.

The staff hope that you will find this to be an effective way to engage with your child's learning and ensure the class teacher has the information to best meet their learning needs.

Exchange of Information meetings will be held on Tuesday 13 and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> from 2.30 pm – 6.00pm Please book your interview time at [Schoolinterviews.com.au](http://Schoolinterviews.com.au) and use this code

Event code: e4cb8

## New Digital Touch Screens

Our Stage 3 classes have just had new 178cm digital panels installed in their classrooms to replace the Interactive White Boards. This means every class now has the latest in interactive screens. The days of blackboards and chalk in the classrooms are long gone.

## Student Welfare Officer

Toward the end of last year the school applied for a program known as the chaplaincy program. A grant of \$7000 from the NSW Government matched by the school and community allows for this program to run in schools. It is not a religious program but a social welfare/wellbeing program to run for 3 years.

While the key tasks of a student wellbeing support officer will vary depending on the needs of individual school communities, they could include:

- Working closely with, and/or as part of the school learning and support team or wellbeing committee and to enhance student resilience and wellbeing services.
- Supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of students
- Developing relationships with, and referring students to specialist services within the school or externally, under the supervision of the school principal.
- Attending Parents & Citizens' or equivalent parent body meetings as required to provide details of the program and the services that are available.
- Facilitating community partnership programs between the school and the wider community, under the supervision of the school principal.

## Maintenance

In the coming weeks the school is going to receive a considerable facelift as workmen commence painting tasks around the school both inside and outside. We look forward to a fresher learning environment.

## P&C Meetings

Our School holds a Parent and Citizens meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

February. The P&C Executive committee and School Staff will welcome you. This is an important mechanism for the school reporting on programs and ensuring we are meeting the local community needs.

Please come along to the staffroom at 7.00pm next Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup>).

## Footsteps Dance and Jellybeans Music.

We have engaged two extra curricular programs to be run for the students of Peshurst West Public School Students. These two programs were the most popular choices from surveys conducted in 2017.

Notes went home last week on Thursday. The programs will run for ten weeks.

Both programs will run on a Tuesday. This has changed from the permission note that went home for Jellybeans Music.



## Scripture Classes

Scripture and Ethics commence on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Your child will attend the Scripture listed on their enrolment unless a parent letter has been sent to the school to change this.

Free NRL Clinic Tuesday 13 Feb 3.25-4.00 on school Oval K-6 welcome run by The Dragons.

## PBS – Value of the Week - Safety

Awards will be presented next Monday for this Value and a new Value announced.

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1					
2	5/2	6/2 Jellybeans Music 3-6 Footsteps K-2	7/2	8/2	9/2
3	12/2	13/2 <b>Parent Teacher Exchange of Information 3.00-6.00</b> NRL Clinic 3.25- 4.00	14/2	15/2 <b>Parent Teacher Exchange of Information 2:30-6.00</b>	16/2
4	19/2	20/2 Jellybeans Music 3-6 Footsteps K-2	21/2 Swimming Carnival	22/2	23/2
5	26/2	27/2 Jellybeans Music 3-6 Footsteps K-2	28/2	1/3	2/3
6	5/3	6/3 Jellybeans Music 3-6 Footsteps K-2	7/3	8/3	9/3
7	12/3	13/3 Jellybeans Music 3-6 Footsteps K-2	14/3	15/3	16/3
8	19/3	20/3 Jellybeans Music 3-6 Footsteps K-2	21/3	22/3	23/3
9	26/3	27/3 Jellybeans Music 3-6 Footsteps K-2	28/3	29/3 Scripture Easter Hat Parade	30/3 Good Friday
10	2/4 Easter Monday	3/4 Jellybeans Music 3-6 Footsteps K-2 Life Education K-2	4/4 Life Education K-2	5/4	6/4
11	9/4	10/4 Jellybeans Music 3-6 Footsteps K-2	11/4	12/4	13/4

# Canteen



The school canteen is desperately in need of volunteers, particularly for Mondays and Tuesdays.

- You are only required once a month from approximately 9am to 12pm,
- You will always be rostered on with someone else who 'knows the ropes',
- Your kids will love having you in the canteen,
- You get to feel all warm and fuzzy about contributing to your school community,
- Actually serving the kids only lasts for about 15 minutes so the rest of the time you can chat,
- Volunteering helps to keep canteen prices low.



Please consider volunteering or ask your child's grandparents, aunties and/or uncles if they'd like to be involved.

Contact the school office or email [pwpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:pwpscanteen@gmail.com)



## **Announcement: Term 1 Music Bus Enrolments Open**

*The Music Bus are taking new student enrolments for Term 1. The program is open for all students from K to 6. Running weekdays at School. The Music Bus have limited availability in Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drum and Ukulele and so it is advised to enrol asap.*

*The Music Bus is a wonderful music program that many of our students are already enjoying – a brilliant and cost-effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only \$16 per week (Drums \$18).*

*If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus, check out their website at [www.themusicbus.com.au](http://www.themusicbus.com.au) or call 1300 168 742*

*If you could please place in your next newsletter and/or other forms of school notices (e.g. Facebook and School App), that would be wonderful.*



**Student Absence Slip 2018**

*Please return this slip to your child's teacher the day your child returns to school.*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ (teacher's name)

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, of Class \_\_\_\_\_ was absent from school from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## FITNESS KARATE & *Flexercise*

**Welcome to F K F**

We sincerely believe that every person should be trained both mentally and physically in order to achieve a well balanced lifestyle and fitness level.

We are a not-for-profit group who do our best to promote fitness within the community.

### FITNESS KARATE

Group Exercises in Karate & Self Defence, with the focus primarily on Fitness

*Tuesday & Friday 7:00pm – 8:30 pm*





### FITNESS *Flexercise*

Exercises to improve overall Flexibility & Muscle Tone

*Monday & Thursday 7:00pm – 8:30 pm*





Training is held at the Penshurst West Public School hall, corner Scott Street & Forest Road, Mortdale NSW 2223

Interested? Then contact **ROBERTO** on  
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