



Penshurst West Public School Newsletter

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Our 3 teams competed in Gala Day for the Mind Our 3

TERM 4, WEEK 2 October 2017

From The Principal's Desk

The students' return last week for the commencement of Term 4 went quite smoothly. Our 2018 Kindergarten attended the final transition program. Our drama group, choir and recorder group performed for the parents highlighting more of the exceptional talent within our students. At present we have approximately 40 children enrolled in Kindergarten for 2018. If you have a child or know of a neighbour with a child turning 5 in 2018 who has not yet applied to a school please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Today our school hosted Gala Day for the Mind. This is a competition between six different schools where the students worked collaboratively in teams to complete five tasks. Mathematics, Science Problem Solving, Debating, Spelling and General Knowledge. Two teams competed with a third junior team from Penshurst West and they did really well enjoying this unique

experience. This will now become an annual event in the School Calendar.

The School is preparing the School Plan for 2018-2020. It is important that within this plan we keep in mind that we create a school environment that prepares the students for a future which is not yet realised. Ten years ago there were no such careers as app developers. We don't know all of the types of careers that our children will come out of school to, but we can equip them with the skills to problem solve, collaborate and communicate. Literacy and Numeracy skills will always be important but being able to recall information is becoming less possible when knowledge is increasing so rapidly. Currently the world's knowledge doubles every 12-18 months. It is said that in the next few years this will occur every 13 hours. Our students need to be able to learn how to access this knowledge and it is that process that is so important. Our school will be heading down a Growth Mind Set pathway over the next few years. Instead of "I can't do

that!" We want all the students to have the mindset of "I can't do that yet!"

For a little more on this topic google Carol Dweck and watch either a YouTube video or TED talk on Growth Mind Set.

LIFE EDUCATION

The St George Life Education Van (Healthy Harold) will be visiting our school from Monday 23rd October to Wednesday 25th October and Monday 30th October 2017.

The Life Education Centre provides a preventative drug education program for all children from Kindergarten to Year 6. The aim is to reduce drug use and abuse by promoting a healthy lifestyle, as well as helping children gain an appreciation and respect for the human body.





Week 1 – Safety

PBIS



Week 2 - Effort

Silver Awards	
Jayda F - 5/6S	Shanika M - KB
Penelope R – 5/6C	Clare K - KB
Loewe Y - 1/2H	Sophie - 1/2A
Chloe M - 1/2H	Selina A - 1/2A
Holly L - 1/2A	Alex P - 1/2H
Shreya B - 1/2C	Varun B - 1/2C
Sarah M - 1/2C	Jarryd M 3/4F
Mia S 3/4F	Atticus H 3/4A
Sawyer H 5/6C	Stevan D 5/6C
Isaac L 3/4F	
Gold	
Jayda F - 5/6S	Zac Scullino - 5/6S
Alex P - 1/2H	Jackson P - 1/2H
Saina - 1/2C	Selina S – 1/2A
Emma K 3/4F	Atticus H 3/4A
School Medallion	
Jayda F - 5/6S	

Are you receiving your School Medal in 2017?

Students hoping to receive their School Medal at the Celebration of Learning need to have their three Gold Certificates in to School no later than Friday 10th November. This is the last date as the school needs to order the medal. The school does not have a record of the Awards that have been presented to students over their years at school. Several students have been announced this year in achieving their School Medal. This has been recorded.

Book Club

Book Club catalogues were handed out last week. This is the last order of the year so take the opportunity to get a head start on your Xmas shopping and help the school at the same time. Using the LOOP app is the quickest and easiest way to place an order. **ORDERS DUE BY 24.10.17**



P & C Report

The P&C enables parents and members of the PWPS community the opportunity to come together and play an active role in the education of our children.

P & C meetings provide a setting for parents to learn about the happenings at the school, raise issues and offer input into decisions affecting their children.

Through parent volunteers, the P&C runs the canteen, the uniform shop, and the majority of fundraising events that occur throughout the school year, including this year's hugely successful fete. The money raised from these activities is then used to fund a wide variety of activities and resources.

The following are some examples of the many worthwhile items the P&C have funded over the last 2 years:

- The BEAR reading program for Stage 1 - \$2500
- Netball uniforms and bibs - \$1250
- Bus fare for the school concert rehearsals - \$935
- Lego Robotics kits and storage - \$7700
- Air server software and licenses - \$660
- Coin counter for the office - \$600
- 20 Infinity laptops \$7000
- Bed cushions for sickbay - \$800
- Easter Bunny suit - \$200

Aside from fundraising, the P&C also coordinates the application of various government and community grants.

Successes in recent years have included funding for:

- New ovens for the canteen
- The introduction of Flexischools (including a laptop for the canteen and uniform shop)
- A defibrillator with paediatric pads
- Shade shelter for the lower playground (joint funding with the P&C)

The crossing supervisor that we have on Scott St in the mornings and afternoons is also a result of lobbying by the P&C. Topics being discussed and/or decided upon currently within the P&C are NAPLAN results, communication methods within the school community, and ideas for new playground equipment. Planning for the end of year BBQ has also started. If you have some fresh ideas or would simply like to sit and listen, **meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.** Newcomers are most welcome.

Term Calendar 2017

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 Term 4	9/10 Students Return	10/10	11/10	12/10 Kinder Transition	13/10 PSSA Round 3
Week 2 Term 4	16/10	17/10 Gala Day for the Mind	18/10	19/10	20/10 PSSA Round 4
Week 3 Term 4	23/10 Life Education	24/10 Ultimo Public Speaking Finals Life Education	25/10 Life Education	26/10	27/10 PSSA Round 5
Week 4 Term 4	30/10 Life Education	31/10	01/11	02/11	03/11 PSSA Round 6
Week 5 Term 4	06/11	07/11	08/11	09/11 Stage 1 Excursion Vaucluse House	10/11 PSSA Round 7
Week 6 Term 4	13/11	14/11	15/11	16/11	17/11 PSSA Round 8
Week 7 Term 4	20/11	21/11	22/11	23/11	24/11 PSSA Round 9 School Spectacular Excursion
Week 8 Term 4	27/11	28/11	29/11	30/11	01/12 PSSA Finals Election of School Leaders 2018
Week 9 Term 4	04/12	05/12	06/12	07/12	08/12
Week 10 Term 4	11/12	12/12 K-2 Picnic Day- Cronulla Park + Movie. <u>Year 6 Farwell Dinner</u>	13/12 Celebration of Learning 10.00am under the COLA	14/12 3-6 Activity Day Hurstville Leisure Centre	15/12 Last Day of School

Student Absence Slip 2017

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

0458 207 991 or robertofkf@bigpond.com

HAROLD MERCHANDISE



Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit organisation that relies on the support of the community to assist us in reaching our fundraising goals. Every Harold product purchased helps us visit more children in NSW.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports our overall fundraising activities and helps cover the gap between the cost of delivery and what parents and schools pay for our program. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit. You can also check out our NEW product range online by visiting www.lifeeducation.org.au/shop

Name: _____ Class: _____

Product Description	Price Incl. GST	QTY	Product Description	Price Incl. GST	QTY
Tattoo	\$0.50		Large Harold Soft Toy	\$15.00	
Harold Post-it-note	\$1.50		Harold Stationery Set	Check availability with Educator	
Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00		Harold Keyring	Check availability with Educator	
Small Harold Soft Toy	\$8.00				
Total Owing	\$		Total Owing	\$	

NB Harold Products are subject to availability Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.



Help support Life Education

* I would like to donate \$ _____ to Life Education NSW. Gifts of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: _____ Phone [optional]: _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____

Postcode: _____ Email [optional]: _____

Child's Class: _____