

Pitt Town Public School Newsletter

2018 Term 4 Week 8



Dates to Note

Date	Event
12 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
11 Dec	Parent Helper Morning Tea
14 Dec	Carols Evening
19 Dec	Last Day for 2018 Students

Presentation night

Thank you to everyone who joined us for presentation night on Wednesday. It was a wonderful evening, celebrating the achievements of our students in 2018. Thank you very much to Mrs Knight, Mrs Brown and Mrs Roeder who worked very hard behind the scenes in organising the event. Thank you also to our wonderful 2018 school leaders Alyissa, Kayla, Leila, Chloe, Tate and Indya who did a wonderful job in leading the evening. Congratulations to our new school leaders who were inducted for 2019.

Our School leaders are:

Captain: Darcy

Vice Captain: Dylan

Prefects:

Ellie
Lilli
William
Hannah

Swimming Carnival

A note for our 2019 school swimming carnival has already been sent home. For students in years 2-6 who will be attending the carnival, this note must be returned to the office next week. No payment is required at this time as the cost will be included in the 2019 Term 1 account.

Reports

Semester 2 reports will be sent home with students next Wednesday, December 12th. A significant amount of time goes in to making accurate, 'point in time' judgements regarding students achievements and areas for future development. We hope you find the reports informative. As always, should you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

2019 Start Dates

School will resume for students in Years 1-6 on Wednesday January 30th. Our office will be open on Tuesday January 29th. Our school email account is checked on a weekly basis throughout the school holidays, should you need to contact the school prior to the commencement of school for 2019. The school email address is pitttown-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Outstanding fees

Our office has today printed invoices which will be sent home on Monday to those families who have still not paid their 2018 accounts. These accounts must be settled by the end of the week, Friday 14th December.

Organisation for 2019

As you would be aware, much time and thought is currently going into our organisation for 2019 as we value a smooth transition from one year to the next and a positive start to Term 1, for all of our students and families.

Below is an outline of our current focus and plans regarding organisational matters.

Staff have been working on draft class placements, taking into consideration individual student needs, both academic and social. The number of students in each class, as well as the number of boys and girls is also considered. We also ensure that all students have other students from their 2018 class, moving into their new class with them.

For all students, it is beneficial for important information about their learning and development to be passed from their teacher in 2018 to their new teacher. This occurs in the form of brief interviews where information about students' academic and social needs are shared, as well as any other relevant information that will help teachers get to know their new cohort. For some students with particular needs, this occurs in an exchange meeting during week 1 of 2019 and includes members of our Learning Support Team as well as the students' teachers (if possible), both current and future.



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On the first day back, at the start of 2019, students will line up in their normal spot with their 2018 class. For the first day, students will stay with their 2018 class and teacher where possible. As you would be aware, schools are staffed according to student enrolments, and this process allows us to confirm the attendance of any new enrolments as well as checking all of our students have returned for 2019. As soon as we have confirmed our anticipated enrolment numbers, we will form our new 2019 classes.

Sometimes, students return from holidays late and **it is very important that you notify us in writing if you know your child will not be returning for the first day of school in 2019.** You can do so via email to pitttown-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Before we can form our classes we must phone parents to confirm the intentions of each student who has not returned on day one. As you could imagine, this process can be very time consuming, particularly if families are on overseas holidays, and it greatly slows the formation of our new classes.

Lastly, from all the staff at Pitt Town Public School, we would like to wish you a very safe and happy Christmas with your families. Enjoy a well-deserved break and we very much look forward to seeing you next year!

Ann Gibbs
Relieving Principal

In the Library

The final Book Club for 2018 has been distributed. Thank you to the many people who have ordered from Book Club throughout the year. This has enabled us to acquire new atlases as well as many new fiction and non-fiction books for students to borrow.

STEM this week had a Christmas focus. Our K/1 group had to design a new sleigh for Santa that could slide down a ramp and be dropped from a height without Santa or the presents falling out. Most sleighs passed the test and were decorated nicely as well.

The Years 2 to 5 group had to make a Christmas tree that you could hang an ornament from. They were only given a plastic cup, pegs, paddle pop sticks and a few pipe cleaners. I was amazed at the diverse range of trees created. One group even made a present to go under the tree.

Sandra Martin
Librarian

Parent Helper Morning Tea



To all our parent helpers,
To express our appreciation for the assistance you have given both the Staff and Students of Pitt Town Public School.
You are invited to a Garden Morning Tea to be held at the School on Tuesday the 11th December 2018 at 10:45am.
RSVP: Friday 7th December 2018

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Merit Awards

6K			
Aidan	Cye	Cassidy	Charlize
5/6T			
Chloe	Ozaya	Sabeela	Maddison
4/5C			
Riley	Emily	Campbell	Michael
4P			
Jason	Bree	Edmond	Finn
3S			
Jacob	Eden	Eden	Kate
2/3C			
Lily	Charlotte	Emily	Liam
2D			
Cody	William	Lily	Harper
1/2DG			
Hope	Hunter	Bryson	Mitchell
1N			
Billie	Mikayla	Eden	Jacob
K/1G			
Bonnie	Blake	Eva	Ethan
KM			
Jaxden	Joby	Logan	Layla
KH			
Allegra	Nicholas	Ava	Hayley

Work of the Week

6K			
Damien	Lachlan	Lucy	Leila
5/6T			
Bella	Darcy	Emma	Jasmin
4/5C			
Riley	Hannah	Joel	Georgia
4P			
Zara	Byron	Charli	Maya
Bree	Sophia	Keely	Chelsea
3S			
Fynn		Markus	Cooper
2/3C			
Will	James	James	Seth
2D			
Lincoln	Lachlan	Nataliya	Ashton
1/2DG			
Blake	Miss Demarco	Jaycob	Lailah
1N			
Milly	Oliver	Isabella	Brent
K/1G			
Kiera	Markie	Mila	Hunter
KM			
James	Georgia	Mitchell	Ivy
KH			
Manuel	Jye	Ella	Kyra

