

Pitt Town Public School Newsletter

2019 Term 4 Week 2



DATES TO NOTE

Date	Event
29 th Oct	Kindy 2020 Parent Evening
30 th Oct	Kindy 2020 Orientation
31 st Oct	Windsor High Transition Day
1 st Nov	P&C Halloween Disco
2 nd Nov	P&C Shopping Trip
8 th Nov	Year 6 Mini Fete

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4 – another busy and exciting 10 weeks awaits us all.

Our long awaited toilet block has begun. The construction will continue throughout term 4 with the completion date during the summer holidays. You would also have noticed a new demountable has been placed on site. This is in preparation for an extra class for 2020. Exciting times ahead for a well deserving community!!

You will also notice that in every classroom we now have active panels, replacing our interactive whiteboards – big learning curve for our teachers but they have risen to the challenge.

Grandparents Day

What a morning we had with our wonderful Grandparents. The school welcomed over 200 grandparents to be entertained, awe struck and proud as they were our special guests at assembly, visited their grandchild's classroom and enjoyed yummy treats from our canteen.

A big thank you to our Grandparent Day Committee and classroom teachers who ensured the morning was memorable. I would also like to thank our Canteen Manager, Mel, and her team for supplying all the treats and great coffee with a smile.

P&C congratulations and thanks!

On Wednesday night we had our first meeting for term 4. Congratulations again to Karen Lees and her team of hardworking parents, the colour run made over \$21 000 profit. It was discussed and agreed upon that \$20 000 would go towards robotics and ipads/laptops to support the software. This year we implemented the new Science and Technology syllabus. Within the content, teachers have to provide opportunities within the area of robotics and coding. By having our own resources this will ensure we cover the content and prepare our students for the skills needed for their future endeavours. Over the next few weeks and months to come video footage and photos will be showcased on our website, as our children create, discover and have loads of fun.

End of Term dates

The last day of the year for students is Wednesday 18th Of December. Staff have worked throughout the year to accrue the required number of hours to cover the training requirements to finish on the Thursday 19th December, 2019. Please note, there will only be a skeleton staff at school on 20th December, 2019.

Yours in partnership,

Mary Roche
Principal



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Wow! What a wonderful day. It was so lovely to see so many grandparents at Pitt Town public school. We have so many dedicated teachers who were proud to show case many talented students in dancing, singing and drumming.

All students were excited to have our special visitors enter classrooms demonstrating what they can do and what they have learnt.

We hope to see you at Pitt Town next year.

Grandparent Day
Committee



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Australia Post Pen Pals Club

Classes have registered to be a part of this club and they are very excited as they get to write letters to a school located in another state. Below are some overviews of what is happening in your child's classroom.

KH are learning the art of letter writing and practicing their writing skills by participating in Australia Post's Pen Pal program. They have been partnered with an Early Learning Centre in Victoria and are writing to children who are 4-5 years old.

Each KH student has selected a pen pal based upon similar interests. KH children have written their first letters, and are eager to receive mail from their new pen pals!

3S is excited to have been matched with Mulgrave Public School in Victoria for the Pen Pal Club. We have received letters from our Pen Pals and have sent a letter in response. 3S is writing Poetry in the classroom and are eagerly waiting for their second letter, as our year 3 at Mulgrave Public School, are also learning about Poetry. It has been a wonderful experience for our year 3 students to make new friends and learn the significance of a hand written letter.

KG - Throughout Term 3, the students of KG have been writing letters from the point of view of a Fairy Tale character. When the opportunity of writing a real letter to another person came, KG were super excited. The process of writing a draft, editing and a final copy became the key focus. KG have written their first pen pal letter to another Kindergarten class in Victoria. The students are anxiously waiting for their letters.

Dear Eddie,
My eyes are blue. My name is Ben. My hair colour is light brown. I have a pet dog. I am five years old. My favourite food is chocolate. Do you have a pet at home? What is your favourite food?
From Benjamin

Dear Alex,
My name is Luca. I live in Sydney. I have brown eyes. I like playing football. I have brown hair. I am a boy with short hair. When I get home I play with my sister. My favourite food is ice cream. I also like chocolates. I have two fish. I like playing Nintendo Switch. My favourite is Mario tennis. Do you have a pet?
From Luca





Hawkesbury Dance Festival

Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Dance Groups on their outstanding performance on Tuesday night at the Hawkesbury Dance Festival. Both groups attended the dress rehearsal in the morning at Windsor Function Centre and returned that evening to perform in front of a hall filled to capacity with parents from schools throughout the region. All dancers worked hard and we are very proud of their enthusiasm and commitment.

After a fairly late night, they also performed their dance at the Grandparents Day Assembly.

Thank you to all the parents and staff at Pitt Town who have supported our dancers during this year.

Year 6 Mini Fete

Friday 8th November 2019

The fete is organised and operated by Year 6 to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell and the Year 6 gift to the school. The fete will be held between recess and lunch with the raffle draw being held after lunch and is a student only event. Stalls will vary from hairspray and obstacle course to snow cones and popcorn. Children are required to use mini-fete tokens at the fete – **no money will be used on the day**. Tokens for the mini fete will cost \$5 for ten tokens and these need to be purchased before the day of the fete. Tokens will be handed out on the day of the fete to avoid them being lost beforehand. Tokens must be ordered by Monday 5th November.

Pre-order your tokens TODAY!

Students are permitted to wear mufti on the Friday 8th November 2019.

There will also be a sausage sizzle meal deal available on the day. The meal deal includes a can of drink or water and a sausage with your choice of sauce for \$5. All sausage sizzle orders must be pre-ordered by Monday 5th November.

If your family would like to donate an item for the major raffle or little prizes for the fete Year 6 would greatly appreciate it. All prizes donated must be new.

Nicole Knight



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World Teachers Day

A big thank you to our wonderful P & C on behalf of our parents and students, for the wonderful morning tea and gifts to celebrate the wonderful work of our teachers



Visible Growth



Learning How to Lose!

Do you always let your child win? Even if you think it's the right thing to do, **letting him win gives him a false success**. In fact, your child may have already realised this and may have said to you on more than one occasion, "Dad! Don't let me win, play properly!" I'm sure the first time he said it left you stunned! He wants the very challenge that you are trying to avoid.

Although this may seem silly, the truth is that with this attitude you are preventing your child from growing. You're preventing him from maturing and finding out that sometimes he'll succeed, but other times he won't. Because of this, learning how to lose is very important in the early stages of life. **We can't always win and knowing how to accept both results will be very valuable in the future.**

Learning how to lose is just as important as knowing how to win. If you let your child win he will never have this opportunity.

Do you let your child win because you're afraid he'll feel bad? Undoubtedly, in most cases you let your child win because you fear that his self-esteem will be diminished. You think he'll feel bad and that he'll be scarred by a succession of defeats. But all you are doing is preventing them from going through the great experience of learning how to lose. Of learning that they have to improve and overcome in order to win.

The saying "you have to know how to lose" is a very apt one. When you put it into practice it allows you to overcome barriers, conflicts and problems that always arise when you least expect it. But none of this will be possible if you always let your child win. He'll be losing out if you always pretend to lose, when there's no way he could have beaten you. How can you face always feeling bad if you win every single game?

WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL



CAR SHOW

Sunday 17 November

car entry 8am to 9am \$10
public entry 9am to 2pm \$2

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THE FIFTH ANNUAL

P&C SHOPPING TRIP

SHOP TIL YOU DROP: NOVEMBER 2

This years shops include:

Perfume, Homewares, Christmas Lights and
Decorations, Manchester, Surf Outlet, Toys,
Ladies Clothing, Handbags and Shoes!

\$55 including a hot pub lunch and
a seat on a comfy coach.

Contact Karen for more info: 0414 894 798.





SATURDAY * 26TH OCTOBER 2019

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Rotary 

It is with great delight that The Secret Garden introduces the revival of this much loved community event!

Entries are invited for our

SCARECROW COMPETITION

The prize categories for best Scarecrows are:

- Disability Service/ Organisation
- Pre-school
- Primary School
- High School
- Aged Care Facility
- Business
- Independent/Individual



- Market & food stalls • Devonshire teas
- Hundreds of beautiful plants for sale
- Wood-fired pizzas • BBQ • Train rides
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