

Pitt Town Public School Newsletter

2019 Term 4 Week 4



DATES TO NOTE

Date	Event
11 th – 22 nd Nov	Swim School
14 th Nov	Diabetes Mufti Day
15 th Nov	Kindy 2020 Transition Morning
19 th Nov	P&C AGM and Meeting
22 nd Nov	Kindy 2020 Transition Morning
25 th – 27 th Nov	Stage 3 Camp
29 th Nov	Kindy 2020 Transition Morning

PRINCIPAL REPORT



Congratulations to Ms Horwood and the Grub Club for their fantastic scarecrow. They won first prize in the Primary School category.

Also a big thank you to Ms Horwood's family who made sure our minions were placed just right on the day. They then transported them back to PTPS and ensured that their new home (in the front garden) was a place for all to admire.



If you would like a closer look at the trophy, it is proudly displayed at the front office. Thank you and well done again Ms. Horwood and the Grub Club.

Kindergartens 2020

Last Tuesday night we welcomed 52 families to our kindergarten parent evening and this was followed by 52 very excited kindy children coming along to their one of four orientations.

Thank you to all the stallholders and the year 1 families who supplied morning tea for our 2020 kindy parents and their children.

End of Term dates

The last day of the year for students is Wednesday 18th 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.

Students not returning in 2020

Just a reminder, if your child/children are not returning to Pitt Town PS in 2020, could you please let the school know. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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Student Leadership Day

On Monday Mrs. Pendleton, Mrs. Casburn, Mr. Tasker and myself had the privilege of working with our wonderful Year 5 students. Their excitement, motivation and manners were outstanding – thank you Parents/Carers for nurturing these great qualities in our future leaders. Throughout the day we spoke a lot about leadership and what that means for them as they transition into Year 6.

A big thank you to our P & C for your catering donation and organising morning tea and lunch on the day.

On Tuesday we continued the nomination process for School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects. A good number of students have self-nominated for one of the positions and we will notify the top 12 next week. They will then prepare a speech and campaign for votes over the next few weeks. Well done Year 5 for making Monday so memorable.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

Next Monday is Remembrance Day. Year 6 will lead the school in commemorating this special day. Thank you Mrs. Knight and 6K.



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Would you like to have more of an input into the progress of our school, are you a great team player, do you love to share your ideas and opinions to create an even better school for your child or children????? Then...



This year's P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th November. This meeting involves electing our P & C committee for 2020. All community members are invited to attend. Please come along and nominate yourself or someone you know for a position on the executive.

The development of a strong supportive school community is facilitated through having a strong P&C. It is a great way to meet new families, it provides a platform for parents to have a voice in school decisions, and to advocate for our school and public education to local and federal government.

Each year the P&C runs a large number of activities for our students, such as discos, mother's and father's day stalls and fundraisers, these are only made possible through the support of volunteers.

Even if you are unable to attend the meetings, please consider joining the fundraising group, volunteering some time at the working bees or just helping next year at a BBQ. You can also donate financially towards specific items or help to raise money for our school. Every little bit of support helps our students, your children.

Yours in partnership,

Mary Roche
Principal

P&C News

The final figures are in !!!! The Colour Explosion was a huge success for our school. We managed to raise \$23 975.13 and Pitt Town Public School even got a mention on the Australian Fundraising page due the amount raised with only 300 students. The class that raised the most money was KH and they enjoyed their hot chip lunch this week. As outlined in the previous newsletter \$20 000 will be put towards robotics and laptops/ipads to support the software, and enhance school's implementation of the new Science and Technology syllabus. We will also now be able to purchase 5 new marquees for our sports carnivals and special events when needed. Thank you to everyone that was involved and to all the students and parents for supporting this event and we hope you all enjoyed your prizes.



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Presentation night is the 5th December – special awards and the announcement of School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will be announced.

Christmas Carols is the 6th December – come along with a picnic rug and celebrate this festive season. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.

Day for Daniel

A big thank you to everyone who wore red and donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation on Day for Daniel. We raised \$480! With a special mention to Mel in our canteen who donated \$100 to the cause. On the day, students participated in safety talks run by their classroom teachers, and were reminded to stay safe in physical and online environments.



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Library News

The latest orders from Book Club have arrived and will be sent home early next week. Thank you to everyone who orders from Book Club, as every order contributes to rewards for our school.

A special thank you to Tallara, Kirra, Scout, Joshua and Lucas who have donated books to the library.

During Grandparents Day, the library was open for grandparents to come and read with their grandchildren. It was wonderful to see the interactions between them and to see how much they recognised the value of reading. Thank you to the following children whose grandparents donated books to the library:

Tyler 1GJ, Lily 3S, Mali KE, Allegra 1D, Allegra 1D, Charlotte 3S, Harry KE, Chelsea 2/3D, Bella 1D, Hunter 1D, Hunter 1D, Jimmy KE, Isabella KE, Henri 4P, Lincoln 1D, Charlotte KG, William KH, James 1D, Blake 3S, Blake 3S, Charlotte KG, Noah 3S, Joshua KE, Ava KE, Harper KE, Brent 2/3D and Gracey-Leigh 2M.

In the coming weeks, overdue borrowing notes will be sent home. Please see this as an opportunity to search for any books just in case they have been misplaced. Sometimes books will slip through the system and are not returned properly and these books will appear during stocktake at the end of the year. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this.

Sandra Martin

Year 5 Sports Gala Day

Our Year 5 students participated in a Sports Gala Day at Windsor High School, along with South Windsor PS, Windsor PS and Oakville PS. The students had fun playing multiple rounds of modified Netball and Oztag. All of our students represented Pitt Town with great sportsmanship and played safely, respectfully and responsibly. Well done!



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Year 5 Cooking Excursion

Selected Year 5 students participated in a cooking experience at Windsor High School on Thursday. Perfecting their cooking skills, the students learnt how to prepare and cook a bolognese pasta bake, mini quiches, garden salad and apple and apricot strudel. With assistance from Year 8 and 9 students, they all enjoyed a big feast for lunch.



Kindergarten Orientation Transition and News

Staff welcomed new and existing families on Tuesday 29 October into our school library. Families were explained the processes of school life and were able to go in and see the classrooms with the new furniture.

The next day our new students came to their first transition morning. They all participated in singing, story time, creating and making. After a session on the behaviour policy and Pitt Town's school merit system for parents and carers, there was time for coffee/tea and delicious food. This was an opportunity for all families to sit, chat and to get to know one another.

Thank you to all those families who volunteered, shared a plate of morning tea and all the stallholders for making it such an eventful morning.



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State Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Addison (4P) and Chelsea (2/3D) who represented PTPS on Wednesday. An awesome effort for both girls. Chelsea, with a 17th place overall and Addison placed 1st overall. Great achievement.



Sydney West School Sport Association

3 hrs •

Addison Zahra from Pitt Town PS. Gold medallist 9yrs Girls 100m.



Visible Growth



Reflecting on Behaviour

When a child does something wrong, say for example they hit another child. It is important that the child is assisted by an adult to reflect on that behaviour. This doesn't have to take a lot of time. It can be a quick conversation but ensure, as a parent you feel the reflection is resolved.

These are the steps of reflection

1. It is important to discuss with the child why they did what they did. This helps the child to understand the reason behind their action. When describing what they did they may often use the word accident. 'I accidentally hit him'. The word accident is often used as child has learnt that if something is an accident it possibly does hold the same consequence as if it was on purpose. So be careful, don't accept the word accident unless you are sure that it truly was an accident.

2. Discuss with your child the consequences of their actions.

How did they feel after the incident? Reflecting on their own feelings can assist them to not repeat the incident as they may not like feeling sad, angry or even embarrassed by their actions.

How did their behavior affect other people? This is key! Knowing that their actions can impact other people is extremely important. It helps build empathy in a child. Putting themselves in someone else's shoes allows them to see their actions from the other persons point of view.

3. Plans for improvement. Discuss with your child what will you do next time this happens. 'If you are feeling angry what can you do?' Allow your child to come up with their own response. If they are having trouble doing this by all means help but it is important that they decide on future actions as this will help them to begin to reflect on their behavior independent of an adult.
4. Consequences are the last step. A child needs to know they their actions not only make others feel bad but they have a consequence. That consequence may be a time out in a quite part of the house, technology banned for a period of time, missing out on a favourite treat. Whatever your consequence ensure that it is something that you can stick with, if not the consequence is meaningless and your child soon learns that they can get away with inappropriate behaviours.

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I have asked Mel to share some insights into the workings of the canteen as she had won a prize for her outstanding management of our school canteen a few months ago. She has been recognized externally for the great work that she does, and I thought it was only fitting that we did the same.

A message from our lovely canteen manager, Mel.

The canteen is something I love doing. I get to work for myself, see the kids smile everyday and enjoy creating yummy foods for not only the kids but also the parents and teachers. We make most of our items in the canteen and we try and not buy in pre-packaged foods. We make:

- lasagnes
- mac and Cheese
- penne pasta in red sauce
- brownies
- muffins
- cupcakes
- cookies
- banana breads
- popcorn we now freshly pop daily
- And more....

The only items we buy in are our sausage rolls, pies, nuggets and chicken/ beef patties.

Our salads and sandwiches are made fresh to order every day. We make the pizzas on Turkish bread. We do not buy in the pre-cooked/package pizzas.

Our slushies are now 99% fruit based, so no more sugary syrups.

Our Canteen is always open for breakfast, recess and lunch, as well as most afternoons.

I offer family meals for parents for convenience and instead of buying a frozen pre-packaged meal from Coles or Woolies, ours are freshly made in our canteen. I love to help families out where I can. We are now offering fresh sliced bread and milk you can pick up from us when you drop off the kids or pick them up. Saves you having to stop at the shop on the way home from school.

We offer children's birthday cupcakes or ice block buckets for classes.

I will never let a child go hungry. We will always give them something to eat if they have forgotten their lunch. I will always send a note home with that child explaining why they received food from the canteen and the amount that needs to be paid back to the canteen.

We offer coffees for parents. Not many primary schools have a proper machine for coffees.

For school event, I will always try and get involved and help cater for the parents. Such as Sports days and Grandparents day. I will always try and donate back to the school, as I want to feel a part of the community and the school is always supporting me.

We have special menu days where I will do lunch specials for the kids to try and change things up a bit.

The canteen is a small business and I try my best to work with the school and the kids. I spend hours thinking of ideas to try and make the canteen exciting for the them. Without your support I cannot run a successful canteen.

Mel, I know on behalf of the staff and the school community we thank you for always giving us the best service. We are very lucky to have a canteen contractor that goes beyond the contract to ensure our children (parents and staff) walk away satisfied. Thanks Mel.



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Dear Parents/carers,

Next Thursday 14th November 2019 we will be holding a Mufti Day for Diabetes. Students may wear mufti to school in return for a gold coin donation. All proceeds are going to JDRF.

The Mufti colour is blue. Please ensure your child's clothing is sun safe (no singlets) and that they wear enclosed shoes (no thongs).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Roche
Principal



Christmas Gifts from the Canteen

Christmas is coming around the corner and I know I always leave myself to the last minute. So, I thought to help out with some yummy gifts the canteen will be doing Christmas packs. You can add it to a gift or just on its own. It is all homemade.

Rocky Road slices \$12.00 (5 slices per pack)

Mars Bar slices \$12.00 (5 slices per pack)



Order Form - Christmas Slices

Name: _____

Contact: _____ Date to pick up: _____

Quantity: Rocky Road: _____ Mars Bar Slice: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Please drop order forms and money to the canteen. Cut off for orders will be 9th December.

WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL



CAR SHOW

Sunday 17 November

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

PRIZES

BBQ

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General enquiries contact
Helen 0407 364 925

Car queries contact
Doug 0407 296 125

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