

Pitt Town Public School Newsletter

2019 Term 4 Week 6



Dates to Note

Date	Event
25 th – 27 th Nov	Stage 3 Camp
29 th Nov	Kindy 2020 Transition Morning
5 th Dec	Presentation Evening
6 th Dec	Christmas Carols

Principal Report

What a few weeks we have had with the weather conditions and the hazard to so many children and adults with health problems. Thank you so much for your understanding and support as we decide each day what is best for the children in our care. At this time it is also a reminder that if your child has any health problems and you have not notified the school and if your contact details, including emergency contacts, have changed, please notify the office.

Student Leadership 2020

Big thank you to the 21 children who nominated themselves for the positions of senior student leaders for 2020. Congratulations to the 12 students who have progressed to the next level:

Daniel	Maddeline	Riley
Chelsea	Samantha	Faith
Zara	Charli	Emelie
Matlida	Jason	Edmond



Our Student Leaders for 2020 will be announced at our Presentation Night on Thursday 5th December.



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P&C Annual General Meeting



On Tuesday 19th November, Pitt Town Public School P&C held their Annual General Meeting. A large number of interested and supportive parents attended this meeting. All positions were declared vacant and the new P&C Executive Committee are as follows;

President: Rachel Young

Vice Presidents: Kelly James, Mel Bird

Treasurer: Richelle Adam

Secretary: Olivia Wallace

Social Coordinators: Cara Lukeman, Casey Jordan, Caroline Skinner, Jaz Campbell

Congratulations to all the new position holders and welcome to the many new members who joined on the night. We look forward with working with you to.

Thank you to Mrs. Mel Bird who has been our P & C President and Mrs. Karen Lees (fundraising) this year.



Traffic Safety

There have been some reports to the school regarding violation of road rules by parents and/or carers that are putting our students at risk. Student safety is our primary concern and we would urge all parents and carers to ensure they are following road rules and using caution when picking up and dropping of children. The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools. Buckingham Street has become particularly congested during these times. We are also reminding all parents to be vigilant when exiting and entering our school and crossing roads. All students and parents are to use the designated crossing outside our school when crossing the road.

Final Assembly

The final assembly for 2019 will take place on Friday 6th December. At this assembly we will be announcing our Sports Captains for 2020.

Yours in partnership,

Mary Roche

Principal



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Congratulations to Faith (4/5C) who was a finalist in the 'Write 4 Fun' competition for the her poem 'The Witch'.

She scoots across the suspicious room, wonderful webs, glorious gloom.
To a cauldron dark, bubbly and round. Potion pot, sizzling sound.

Fiery flames on a frightful face, banana beak, veins of lace.
Eyes that hang out more than in. Saggy pout, craggy chin.

A toothless grin with gums of grey. Warts for plenty, hair like hay.
Hideous cape and pointed hat. Bristling broom, clawing cat.

Moulding morsels in the brew; lizard's legs, snail stew.
Incantations, spells and chants. Sinister songs, raving rants.

Sudden banging on the door. Angry villagers to settle a score.
She protests, they yell liar. Her final moments, led to a fire.

You truly are a star Faith!!!!

Swim School Information

We are receiving a small reimbursement from the Good Az Gold bus company and Riverstone Swimming Centre for the non-attendance of 4 days to swim school, due to the weather conditions. As a school, we are going to put this reimbursement towards the money raised at the Carols on the 6th December that will be going to the Rural Fire Service for their tireless work during this period. We are not able to refund to individual families, therefore, if you have an issue with our decision could you please contact the office for further information and advice.

Library News

Next week is the last week for borrowing. All books need to be returned by week 8 (6th December). Thank you to everyone who has supported the Library this year.





How the cassowary got its casque

In the Dreamtime, when the animals were being made, there was a cassowary. He was doing his regular stuff with the other birds. Then one of the birds said "Hey cassowary. I bet you can't do a somersault!"

Cassowary agreed and did it but never realised there was a rock nearby. "Bonk!" "OW!" He tried getting it off but it never budged! And that's how the cassowary got its casque.
By Carter 2/3D

How Kangaroo got a long tail

In the Dreamtime, in the bush, Kangaroo and Platypus went to the river. It was dried up. They thought about the cool water. They looked at the hills. They saw some water so they set off to the hills. They were getting very hot so they sat down for a rest. Then they saw the clear, fresh, beautiful water. They headed towards it. Then Kangaroo's tail got stuck! It got stuck on a rock. They pulled and pulled but it got longer each time they pulled. Then it came out of the rock. And that's how Kangaroo got its long tail.

By Isabella 2/3D

How Kookaburra got his laugh

In the Dreamtime there was Kookaburra and Tree Kangaroo. Kookaburra lived on a rock. Tree Kangaroo lived in a tree.

Tree Kangaroo lived near a little waterhole with sparkling water. One day, Kookaburra found that sparkling waterhole. Kookaburra swooped down and was drinking and drinking and drinking. Tree Kangaroo said "Stop!" But he didn't stop drinking so Tree Kangaroo pulled a stick off a tree and threw it and hit Kookaburra in the throat. It hurt a lot and when he laughs it makes a weird noise. And that's how Kookaburra got his laugh.

By Hunter 2/3D

Visible Growth

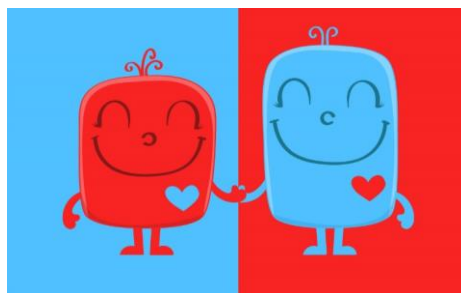


Empathy

Empathy is the ability to understand and respect the perspective of others. It is at the root of a child's ability to be kind and compassionate. A child's sense of empathy appears early in life, which can be seen in the way that infants cry when they hear another baby cry or when they try to console one another on the playground. Studies have found that when young children take another person's perspective and apply it to their interactions, they are more likely to succeed in social settings and are better-liked by their peers.

Show your child empathy. Listen carefully as he talks, acknowledge what he says and ask him questions about his feelings and thoughts. As they get older, children's capacity for empathy can mature through social interactions, although for some children it happens more naturally than for others. Have a picnic with your child. You can invite a few of his furry friends or action figures over and ask him about his day. If he tells you about a difficult encounter, ask him how he felt and what he thinks the other person in the situation felt, and have him tell you what he could do the next time.

Help your child explore other perspectives and roles. Reading stories like Clifford the Big Red Dog is a fun way to share and learn how people deal with common issues like making or losing friends or handling conflicts. While reading together, ask your child to tell you about ways a character in the book solved a particular problem. "How do you think he's feeling?" and "Why does he feel that way?" are always good questions for children this age. Research has found that when families routinely do this, kids can learn a lot about other people's perspectives and how their minds function.





Christmas Carols

Pitt Town PS

When: Friday 6th December
Time: 6:30pm – Carols begin at 7pm
Where: Pitt Town Public School back field.

Come along and sing Christmas Carols with our wonderful school community.

A BBQ, drinks and other snacks will be available on the night. There will be many glow in the dark and light up items available for sale.





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
Monday the 16th December 2019
at 10:45am.

RSVP: Friday 7th December 2019