

Pitt Town Public School Newsletter

2019 Term 1 Week 2



Date	Event
8 th Feb	Welcome Back BBQ
14-15 th Feb	Leadership Camp
15 th Feb	Global Play Day
19 th Feb	Meet the Teacher
19 th Feb	P&C Meeting
26 th Feb	Twilight Swimming Carnival
4 th Mar	District Swimming Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2019 and my first as the Principal of Pitt Town Public School. Thank you for your warm welcome - what a wonderful community we have. It has been an exciting first two weeks, welcoming back existing families and welcoming new ones. Even more exciting was the start of the educational journey for our fifty-three Kindergarten students.

Mr. Gavin Casburn

At the start of the week, we were saddened with the news of Mrs. Casburn's husband and Tilly's father passing away. Our condolences go out to Michelle and Tilly, their family and friends. Students and parents in 5C were notified on Monday to make them aware of arrangements for the class whilst Michelle takes leave through this sad time. My apologies to the families that were unaware of this sad news.

The funeral is on Monday morning and a number of staff members will be attending, including myself. To ensure classes are covered, I would like to thank the Principals of Maraylya, Oakville and Richmond and the teachers who will generously give of their time to come over and cover classes that require replacing. PTPS is part of a wonderful network of schools that are always there to support in times of hardship.

Partnership

The relationship between home and the school plays a very important part in a child's education. We cannot overestimate the critical role parents play in successful learning. Parents contribute much to their child's development and are among the most important influences on the way in which the child approaches learning. Teachers are responsible for the more formal aspects of children's learning, and successful teaching builds on the home experiences of the child. This is most effective where there is an active partnership with parents. Two-way communication is a critical factor in the partnership between parents and the school. Where a partnership exists, it is easier for parents to feel confident about the teaching and learning taking place in the classroom and to solve



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problems. I want to urge you to make contact with myself if you have any concerns or simply if you want to provide any feedback to the school.

What might you talk to your school about?

- Issues particular to your child
- School or class issues
- Access to support services



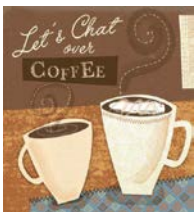
How your school communicates with you –

- Reports on student progress
- Regular information about the school through newsletters
- Parent-student-teacher (3 way) interviews
- Notes
- Surveys
- Displays of children's work
- Assemblies
- Special events and celebrations
- Parent information booklets
- Parent information sessions



This is a very busy term with many events occurring throughout the term. Major activities this term include our 'meet and greet' BBQ, 'meet the teacher' information sessions, 'Global Play Day' and our twilight swimming carnival. There will be much to do and lots of fun and learning to be had as well, so all-in-all this is a very busy term.

Friday Community Coffee and Chat



It is great to see so many parents at our school prior to school commencing and at the morning assemblies that we have had so far. I am organising a coffee get together every Friday in the old library at 8:50am commencing next Friday 15th February. There will be toys and other fun stuff for your pre-schoolers whilst you enjoy the company of other parents as we get to know each other to ensure our community continues to grow.

Mary Roche
Principal

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Wednesday morning assemblies

Please be advised that as of next week we will be moving our Wednesday morning assembly to the afternoon from 2:20 to 2:40. This has come about due to our commitment to uninterrupted blocks of learning for English and Mathematics. The morning session is seen as being a vital time for engaging all our learners. Parents/carers are invited to attend this assembly.

Welcome Back BBQ

On Friday 8th February we will be holding our Welcome Back BBQ. The evening aims to bring our school community together to meet some new faces and catch up with some familiar ones too! Our Year 6 students will be running a sausage sizzle on the evening and there will be activities for the kids. Please bring along your picnic blanket and a plate of nibbles and join us for the evening. The welcome BBQ will commence at 5:30pm.



Global Play Day

This will take place on Friday 15th February between 8:45am – 9:45am involving the whole school. Please read the fact sheet that will be available on our website closer to the date.

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher evening will be held on Tuesday, 19th February between 5.30 and 6.30pm. The evening is intended to provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and be informed about the year ahead, the class organisation, the class program and expectations for the year. We will meet under the COLA at 5.30pm for a general school discussion and introductions before heading to individual classes for specific class presentations starting at 5.50pm. For parents who have children in two classes, these presentations will be repeated at 6.10pm, ensuring that you have the opportunity to attend both should you wish.

Pitt Town Public School P&C

Just a reminder, the first Pitt Town Public School P & C meeting is being held on Tuesday the 19th of February. Prior to the P & C meeting there will be a supper in the library from 6:30pm after the meet the teacher information session. Meetings are held in the school Library. They commence at 7pm. All parents are most welcome to join us.

Kate Gaffey's Farwell

I am pleased to say that Kate and the school have chosen a date to farewell her. This will occur on Friday 8th March at our afternoon assembly.



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Student Banking

Student Banking will resume next Friday for the year. If your child has a student banking book and wishes to make a deposit, the school banking day is every Friday. One of our parents, Mrs Young, processes the student banking on a Friday morning. Students must ensure they send their bank books to the office first thing in the morning as once finalised for the week, new transactions cannot be processed. Many thanks to Mrs Young for fulfilling this role in 2019, as Friday banking is very popular with our students. If you would like more information regarding student banking, please contact our office.

SkoolBag App

The school will commence using the Skoolbag App in the coming weeks. We will keep you informed as to the progress of creating this app for PTPS.



Uniform Shop times

This year the Year 6 leaders will be responsible for the Uniform Shop. This will be opened on Friday mornings from 8:15am and during coffee and chat.

LJ Harper Textbooks

Textbooks were distributed to students yesterday. If you have not purchased yours, you are still able to, the instructions for purchase are in the notes section of our school website. Textbook orders are placed online through LJ Harper books. Please bring your receipt of purchase to the school office and we will provide a book pack on the spot.

Name labels

It is very important that all students have their name on all possessions that they bring to school. Clothing is often well labelled, but lunchboxes, Tupperware containers and drink bottles often get forgotten. In general, if an item is well labelled, it will get returned to the student who owns it. This extends to ensuring that any sports equipment brought to school is also well labelled.

Supervision

We have had a number of students arriving at school **before** there is any teacher supervision. Our School hours are 8:45am until 2:40pm.

The School's supervision roster **starts at 8:15am**. There are no staff available to supervise your child in the playground prior to this time.

We understand that many parents may have commitments at work, which require them to start early. There is a before and after school service available through Pitt Town ELC and Milestones Preschool.