

Pitt Town Public School Newsletter

2019 Term 2 Week 2



DATES TO NOTE

Date	Event
21 st May	P&C Meeting
24 th May	District Cross Country
31 st May	School Disco
5 th May	World Environment Day
7 th May	Year 2 Excursion
21 st June	School Athletics Carnival

– WELCOME –
BACK TO SCHOOL

Over the holidays a number of things have happened – new boys' demountable toilets, a tree lopped to make way for the construction of our new toilet block and a new storage shed adding on to the sports shed. Throughout the term, we will see the refurbishment of the old children's toilet block as well as two new staff toilets in the staff room. Very exciting times ahead.

ANZAC DAY

Our two school captains represented Pitt Town Public School at the dawn service at McQuade Park, Windsor on 25th April as well as the service in Pitt Town. Thank you Darcy and Dylan and to your family for ensuring you arrived on time.



The students also commemorated ANZAC Day on Tuesday 30th April with a special whole school assembly led by our Student Leadership Team. Yet again another job well done by these students and a big congratulations to the rest of the students who showed so much respect during this assembly.

STAFF UPDATE



We would like to welcome our newest member of staff– Ms. Lisa Apap. Lisa is KG's new classroom teacher. She has settled in well and has felt very welcomed by the parent body. The students have also settled and are enjoying the learning experiences that Ms. Apap has given them so far. There will be a chance to meet Ms. Apap next Monday at a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon. You will find all the details on the Skoolbag app or our website.



Congratulations to Mrs. Ann Gibbs who has accepted a position as Literacy and Numeracy Strategy Advisor commencing in week 5 for 18 months. Mrs. Gibbs will be missed by us all, as she has been with our community for many years filling numerous positions, including Relieving Principal. We thank Ann for her dedication and passion to all she has worked with and alongside – staff, students and parents, and wish Ann luck (but not goodbye) as she takes up this role.



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MOTHER'S DAY STALL

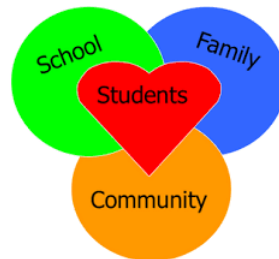
Thank you to the P&C for organising the Mother's Day stall. I would also like to thank the parents who volunteered their time to ensure the stall ran smoothly and helped the students choose some wonderful gifts.



Also, **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** to all our mums, grandmums and the special women in our lives, I hope you have a fabulous day.

NAPLAN TESTS

Next week on the 14-17th May 2018, students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be completing the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The results of these tests will provide information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement once the assessments are marked and results are collated. It is important that students in Year 3 and Year 5 be at school by 8:45am to ensure they are prepared and ready for the assessments.



PARENTS COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF

I would like to remind parents of the protocols of communicating with staff. If you have any issues or concerns in regards to your child's schooling or wellbeing, please contact the office to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you feel that the issue has not been resolved, please contact the Stage Supervisor/Assistant Principal for further discussion with them and the class teacher. As a school, we constantly reinforce with students our three expectations – to be responsible, safe and respectful learners. Staff demonstrate these expectations on a daily basis when they deal with each other, students, parents and community members in a professional and respectful manner. We ask that parents behave in the same manner when engaging with staff on the school site.

OPPORTUNITY CLASSES

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2020 is about to begin. Parents and carers must apply online between Tuesday 30th April and Friday 17th May 2019 at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

interested parents and carers must read *Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020* available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/information-for-applicants>. Forms have been sent to all year 4 families for consideration.



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WINTER UNIFORM

Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pale blue polo shirt with school crest long or short sleeved. grey shorts or trousers royal blue jumper or jacket with school crest royal blue bucket hat or broad brimmed hat with school crest grey socks black shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pale blue long sleeved blouse or pale blue polo shirt with school crest school material tunic with dropped waist and pleated skirt or school material slacks royal blue jumper or jacket with school crest royal blue bucket hat or broad brimmed hat with school crest white socks or blue tights black shoes
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Winter		
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Whilst this term is officially the start of Winter uniform, as we all know, the weather can be unseasonably warm sometimes in May. Therefore, we will have a transition period for three weeks at the start of this term where students may choose Summer or Winter uniform according to how warm it is.



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If you have a Working with Children Check and some spare time on your hands, we would love to see you volunteer to work in our classrooms. No experience necessary just patience and a passion for seeing children shine. It would be great if we could have a 'bank' of parents who would be willing to go on a roster to help in the classes that need this support. If you are interested, please leave your name with the front office before the 24 May 2019 and I will be in touch.

Yours in partnership,

Mary Roche

Principal



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2020

If you have a child turning 5 years of age before July 31, 2020 and thinking about sending them to Kindergarten next year, please come and collect an enrolment package from the front office.

If you would like a tour of the school or just to meet with the Principal to ask questions or alleviate any concerns, please contact the front office and this can be arranged.

If you have any neighbours, family or friends in the area who may have a child starting Kindergarten next year, please pass on this information as we would love for them to be a part of our community.



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TERM 2 ACCOUNTS

A Term 2 account will be issued next week and it is important to try and avoid letting these payments build up, as they then become increasingly difficult to pay. Should you have any questions, or require a short extension of time in which to pay, please feel free to contact me directly.

PAPERLESS PITT TOWN NEWSLETTER

As advised last term, PTPS are trying to minimise the amount of paper that we use, so we are starting this with the newsletter being made available through the Skoolbag app or our website. As you can imagine the time, paper and other supplies that are used to produce a paper copy of the newsletter each fortnight to every family, has a high toll on staff and on our school budget. However, if you require a paper copy, please come in and see the office staff.

SRC NEWS

The SRC is very excited to be planning a school mufti day for Rural Aid's 'Adopt a Farmer' initiative. This is an opportunity for our school, as well as schools around the country, to support our Aussie farmers still living in drought.

The mufti day, scheduled for Week 5, will help raise money for drought relief, by making a gold donation on the day.

The SRC members are also communicating with their peers to make sure rubbish is placed in the bins and not around the playground.

LEGO LEAGUE

This term we are introducing a new lunch-time club called the *Lego League*. Students in Stage 2 and 3 will be selected to participate in this extra-curricular club, which focuses on technology and engineering components. The club involves students participating in a variety of Lego building challenges in a group setting. The club will run every Thursday at lunch-time this term.

GRUB CLUB

This week, students planted a new passion fruit vine, that will grow over the arch of our garden beds, as well as some herbs and lettuce seeds. Our club has been tending to our radishes, cucumbers and tomatoes, which are beginning to ripen. Students are encouraged to come along on Wednesdays at lunch-time to help in our fruit and vegetable gardens.





NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY



Friday 17 May 2019

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

Friday 17th May (Week 3) is National Walk Safely to School Day, when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk safely to school. It is a great opportunity for parents and careers to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviours, vital road-crossing skills and regular exercise. Parents and carers who have to drive, can park the car at least 10 minutes away from school. The SRC will be handing out stickers to students who walked to school on the day. For more information go to: www.walk.com.au

PSSA GIRLS KNOCK OUT - SOCCER

On Thursday the 9th of May the girls PSSA soccer team played Hobartville Public School at Inalls lane. The girls have been training hard to prepare for their first match this year. Our attack was strong with some very experienced soccer stars. We also had a very strong defence with Scout and Emma in the role of sweeper. Our goal keepers, Amelie and Tilly did a wonderful job defending the goals. Maddy scored a brilliant goal that was unfortunately decided as offside by the referee. A penalty handball inside the opposition's goal box saw our team with a penalty. Unfortunately the penalty just missed!

It was a close game, however Pitt Town was able to defeat the opposition by scoring a goal. The final score was 1-0. Well down to the girls.

We are off to round 4 of the PSSA knockout competition which will be held in June. Thank you to the parents who transported their children to the game. A special thank you to Mrs Wallace who supplied jerseys for the girl's team and for also washing the shirts for the team.

The Team: Sienna, Jasmin, Izabella, Ellie, Mikaylah, Jayde, Tilly, Hannah, Scout, Emma, Amelie, Maddy, Kellie, Sabeela. Chelsea (absent), Darcy (absent)



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PSSA BOYS KNOCKOUT - SOCCER

Pitt Town Public School boys' soccer knockout team played a brilliant match today. They worked as a team with a heavily passing game the first half. This allowed many of them to score in the second half multiple goals. The result is a testament to their efforts and commitment. A special mention for the brilliant training given by Matt Adam.

The final Result was a Pitt Town victory 11-0 over Hobartville public school.

Player of the match – whole team.

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