

# Pitt Town Public School Newsletter

## 2019 Term 2 Week 6



### DATES TO NOTE

Date	Event
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Kindy Teddy Bears Picnic
21 <sup>st</sup> June	School Athletics Carnival
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Digi Ed Incursion
5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term

### PRINCIPAL REPORT



Welcome to week 6 and the beginning of Winter. Thank you for ensuring your child is dressed appropriately (full winter uniform) for the winter days ahead. Don't forget if you would like to purchase any second hand, good quality school clothing items at discounted prices, the second hand store is open every Friday.

We are now the proud owners of sparkly refurbished children's toilets and two new toilets in our staffroom. It has been a long time coming but it was worth the wait. Thank you again to the parents who are relentless in their support in getting things done for our wonderful school – your efforts are paying off. Next project... construction of our new toilet block.

### REPORT WRITING

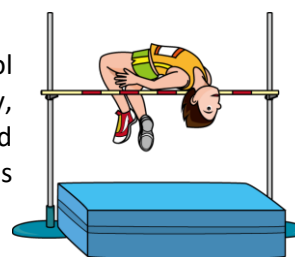
This time of the year is a very busy time for teachers as they are assessing student's performance against the outcomes in the syllabus and writing reports. Teachers spend a lot of time preparing these reports that show where a student is at a point in time based on extensive and thorough assessment processes. Our school reports will be sent home at the end of the term.

### ICT ACCEPTABLE USER POLICY

Last week every child received a note that outlined this policy. We have had a few issues with the older students; therefore, as a school, we would like to ensure that our learners understand their responsibility when using ICT.

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – HIGH JUMP

Our athletics carnival – track events will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June on our school grounds. Then our field events will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Unfortunately, there are no members of staff who hold coaching qualifications for high jump and due to the Department of Education guidelines we will not be practising these skills during Friday sport time. **If you do hold these qualifications and you would like to oversee this event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, could you please notify the office.** If we are unable to find a person to fulfil this role, we will be asking students to present, to Mrs. Casburn, their high jump height measurements from Little Athletics.



### OPENING OF GATES

I would like to apologise for any inconvenience that was caused during the week due to the gates not being opened at 8:15am. In the future, we will ensure that the back and front gates are opened on time.



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### ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

It is imperative that the school community continues to support school attendance through ensuring students are at school on time and the provision of notes when a child is absent.

### Notes

Following an absence from school, parents must ensure that within 7 days they have provided their child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. If the school has not received an explanation from a parent/caregiver within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence. A child with multiple unexplained absences will be issued with a letter outlining the attendance policy.

### The importance of arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during a school term is necessary, please discuss the leave with the school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

We recognise that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school. We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**Yours in partnership,**

*Mary Roche*

Principal



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### Farmer for a day

Thank you to all parents and community members who made a donation during our Farmer Mufti Day. We have raised an amazing **\$915** for Rural Aid's 'Adopt-a-Farmer' initiative. Your donations go directly to our farmers who continue to live in drought.

Mr. Tasker





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### World Environment Day

To raise awareness of our impact on the environment and help reduce landfill, each class participated in activities throughout the day. We had lots of wrapper and package- free recesses and lunches brought in- great work and please keep it up! Students had the opportunity to exchange a toy from home, that they no longer used, for a 'new' one during our Toy Swap. This was a successful way to rehome unused toys and there were lots of smiling faces as a result!

Lots of rocks were painted today with pictures, words and messages of kindness. These will be prepared for the outdoors over the coming weeks and placed in a 'Kindness Garden' at the front of the school- kindness rocks!

The last important activity that each class took part in today was the creation of the school's new 'Green Team'. These students represent each class and are all keen to take responsibility for environmental tasks within the school. They will be introduced to the school community at Friday's assembly.



### FIVE WAYS I CAN HELP EARTH

1. USE NO PLASTIC
2. CUT DOWN ON PAPER – LESS TREES CUT
3. DON'T DUMP STUFF IN WATER
4. PROTECT EARTH AS IT GIVES LIFE
5. ANIMALS CAN DIE FROM RUBBISH

BY JYE (5C)





# Growth Mindset Matters

## **Conversations to have with your child**

As parents, we want the world to be an easy enjoyable place for our children. Unfortunately, this is not the real world. We are seeing the highest rates of anxiety in our children right from the early years into the teenage years. We need to build children who know the world can be a tough place but have the strategies to cope and come out the other side smiling.

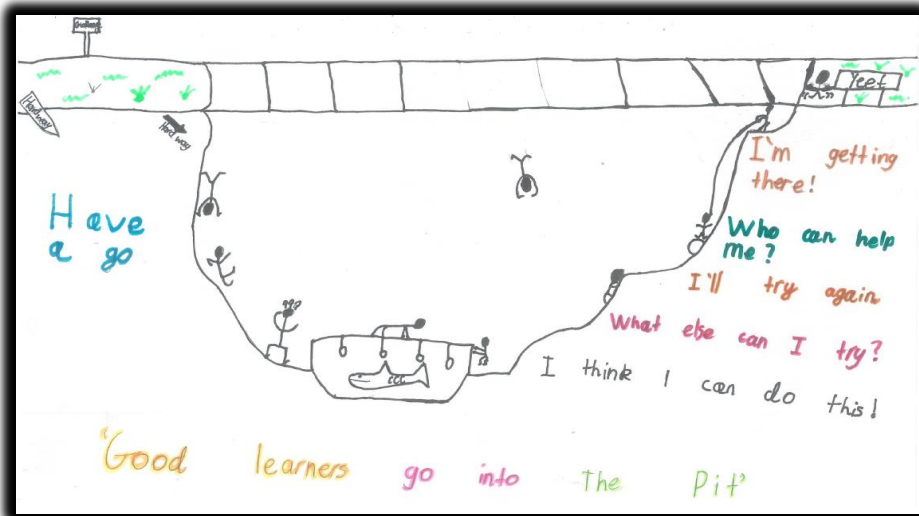
This week in my class students were completing a poster on the learning pit. The pit is the place we find ourselves during challenges and by having a growth mindset we work our way out of the pit. One of my students drew a ladder over the pit with a person trying to take the easy way out. Unfortunately, in the words of this student "he fell in the pit because you have to go through the challenge to really understand the work". This is something we need to build in our children, the knowledge of how to get out of that pit. So when your child comes home from school ask some of these questions, it might just open up an opportunity to have a valuable discussion. It may help them to develop a growth mindset and become a resilient strong child.

- What was the hardest thing you had to do today? How did you get through it?
- What are you good at in math? How can you use that to help in other areas of math?
- Do you like reading?
  - Yes! What do you like about it?
  - No! What don't you like about it? How can I help you to like it?
- Who did you sit with at lunch today?
- What was something that made you smile today?
- What is something you did today that was helpful? How did that make you feel?
- What subject do you want to improve at? How will you improve? What can I do to help?
- What challenged you today? Why?



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## Road safety



### Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



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Winter. Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pale blue polo shirt with school crest long or short sleeved.</li> <li>• grey shorts or trousers</li> <li>• royal blue jumper or jacket with school crest</li> <li>• royal blue bucket hat or broad brimmed hat with school crest</li> <li>• grey socks</li> <li>• black shoes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pale blue long sleeved blouse or pale blue polo shirt with school crest</li> <li>• school material tunic with dropped waist and pleated skirt or school material slacks</li> <li>• royal blue jumper or jacket with school crest</li> <li>• royal blue bucket hat or broad brimmed hat with school crest</li> <li>• white socks or blue tights</li> <li>• black shoes</li> </ul>
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## 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.



### **TERM 2 ACCOUNTS**

The Term 2 account has been issued 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.



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