

Pitt Town Public School Newsletter

2019 Term 3 Week 4



DATES TO NOTE

Date	Event
15-20 Aug	Book Fair
20 Aug	Book Parade
20 Aug	P&C Meeting
27 Aug	Windsor High Transition Day
28 Aug	District Field Events and 800m
29 Aug	Father's Day Stall
30 Aug	District Track Events

PRINCIPAL REPORT

We truly have hit the ground running with the ongoing events that are taking place at our wonderful school. With so much going on, I urge you to regularly check the online calendar at:

<http://www.pitttown-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>.

Education Week – Open Day

Thank you so much to all our families, extended family members and friends who joined us for Open Day on Tuesday – what a turn out!!!! Our talented singers, dancers and drummers entertained us all during an assembly led by our wonderful student leadership team. It was then on to the classrooms for some exciting activities and to show off all the wonderful work that takes place in our learning spaces. The morning ended with families sharing recess and enjoying the sunshine.



Ms. Robyn Preston visit

Our Member for Hawkesbury, Ms. Robyn Preston will be visiting our school to meet with members of our school community – staff, students and parents on Monday 19th August, 2019 at 9:30am in the old library. She is very keen to listen to and support our school community any way that she can. All parents are invited to come along, have a cuppa and be a part of this exciting discussion.

Parents and Citizen's Association (P & C) meeting next Tuesday

The next meeting of the P & C will be held on Tuesday 20th August 2019 at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Helper Workshop

Ms. Melinda Burness facilitated a workshop with around 16 very dedicated parents who are going to give their time to help in our classrooms. This is a very important job that is very much appreciated by the staff and the children.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

What an amazing effort from all Pitt Town Public School families! We collected 17,700 stickers and ordered so many resources including sport balls and outdoor game sets. These resources are due to arrive in Term 4. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Woolworths Earn and Learn program.



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Maintenance/construction update

Not only have we had a lot of exciting events happening at PTPS but we have also been updating furniture. We invite you to come and have a look at our newly purchased flexible seating in the library – the children love it!!! We have also ordered new furniture for our Kindy rooms. Once this is delivered and set up the Kindies would love you to come and take a look.

The construction of our new toilets has gone out to tender with the possible date of completion being the end of the Summer holidays – all ready for the new school year. If you are interested in what the finished building will look like, just come and ask one of the office ladies.

Yours in partnership,

Mary Roche

Principal

Lego League

A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Crawford, grandparents to Mark (KH), for donating two new boxes of Lego to the Lego League. Also a big thank you to the P & C for their donation so that we can buy some more Lego. Because of your donation, more students will be able to join our Lego club.

Thank you, Mr Tasker.

Athletics Carnival – field events

What a blistery, windy day we had for our field events, however, the show went on thanks to our dedicated staff who braved the weather to ensure all children who wanted to try out for the district field events could do so. Also, thanks to the parents and grandparents who came along to cheer them on.



District Athletics

The district athletics carnival is being held at McMahon's Park, Kurrajong:

Field Events & 800m Heats - Wednesday 28th August - Commencing 8:45am.

Track Events - Friday 30st August - Commencing 9:15am.





Education Week 2019

Parents, grandparents and siblings joined in the fun activities that were on offer in each learning space.





Education Week 2019



The Art Show was a great success with your generous donations raising just over \$300 for much needed art supplies.



For video footage of our wonderful dancers, drummers and singers and more exciting photos, please go to our website.



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Richmond Marketplace Performances

On Thursday 8th August, Miss Stalenberg, Ms Horwood and Mrs Roche took 43 Pitt Town PS students to perform at Richmond Marketplace as part of a community Education Week event. Our senior choir, Kindergarten singers and the newly-formed drumming group, were greeted by many of our Pitt Town families and supporters. The drummers performed first and made sure they had everyone's feet tapping. The Kindergarten students (supported by some of the school choir) sung a version of the Torres Strait Islander song 'Taba Naba' beautifully. They did an amazing job to learn the lyrics and actions in such a short time. Lastly, our choir performed 'One Call Away', which they had been practising all year.

All performers are commended for their wonderful behaviour whilst representing our school!

Ms Horwood

Science Day

Students at Pitt Town P.S had the opportunity to participate in a number of Science and Stem challenges during National Science Week. Teachers provided exciting hands on experiments and activities. These included programming robots, creating rainbow clouds, making static electricity, egg parachutes, the power of magnets and so much more. Each class had three rotations and took part in stage appropriate activities. Science Committee



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Author Visit

Wow! We were so fortunate to have Kate and Jol Temple come and talk with our learners. They were funny, creative and engaging for everyone from Kindergarten to Year 6. They read from their books with Jol demonstrating a skill for talking in accents ranging from Scottish to Elvis. Tips were shared on how to be authors and a wide range of questions were answered during each session.

Our learners were so impressed that the library was like a scene for a rockstar with them crowding around Kate and Jol to get their autographs. Kate and Jol generously interacted with all our aspiring authors, staying well past the time they should have left.



Book Week

We kicked off Book Week a little early with the visit of Kate and Jol. Book Fair has arrived and all learners have had a quick browse of what is on offer. The Book Fair opens on Friday and will be at school until next Wednesday afternoon. Books can be ordered when we get to the last copy of a book and they usually arrive at school quite quickly. All purchases made at Book Fair contribute to the rewards the school receives after Book Fair closes.

Book Parade is on next Tuesday after recess. This is usually a highlight of Book Week and I never cease to be amazed at the creativity displayed in the costumes. Book Fair will be open before and after the parade.



Visible Growth

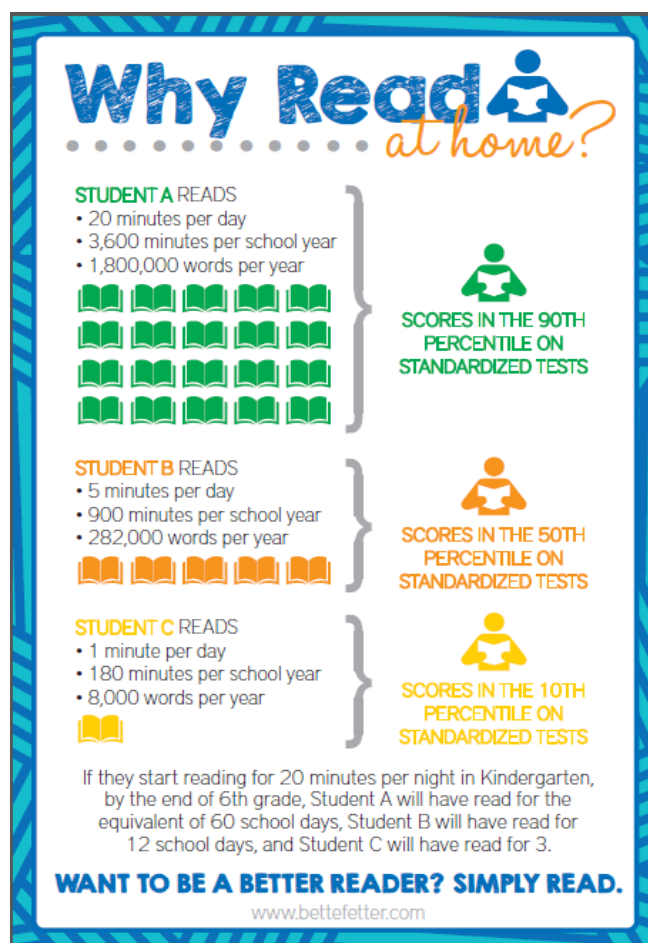


Goal Setting – Reading

Goals need to form part of our everyday lives. It is important for our children to work towards a desired goal. In class students have a developed goals for their teachers to improve their writing.

It is important that parents and caregivers are aware of the goals your child is setting. This improves the partnership between home and school.

At home, set up a reading goal to help improve your child's reading ability. From Kindergarten to year 6 every child, every night, should be reading. Parents need to listen to your child read every night. This is a great family building time. It allows you to focus on your child. It also a great way to learn new information. Children should be reading for 20 minutes on average every night. The more they read the faster their reading will improve.





THE FIFTH ANNUAL

P&C SHOPPING TRIP

SHOP TIL YOU DROP: NOVEMBER 2

This years shops include:

Perfume, Homewares, Christmas Lights and
Decorations, Manchester, Surf Outlet, Toys,
Ladies Clothing, Handbags and Shoes!

\$55 including a hot pub lunch and
a seat on a comfy coach.

Contact Karen for more info: 0414 894 798.



COLOUR EXPLOSION

As from Monday August 26th, we commence the School Run4Fun Colour Explosion Sponsorship Drive. This is our major P&C fundraiser this year so we do ask for your support. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects.

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on Tuesday September 24th.

Colour Powder

The colour powder used in our event is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students will shortly receive a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time.

Queries?

If you have any questions regarding anything to do with the Colour Explosion please don't hesitate to contact Karen Lees on 0414 894 798.





TUESDAY 20TH AUG

**BOOK WEEK
LUNCH SPECIAL**

Hot dog with a piece of fruit or
carrot/cucumber sticks,
popcorn and a drink \$6.00

or

Cheese toastie, with a piece of
fruit or carrot/cucumber sticks
popcorn and a drink \$6.00

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