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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2021

At our presentation day we were very excited to announce and badge our 2021 Student Leaders. It's with great excitement that we welcome the following students into their new roles for next year who will represent their peers K-6 in 2021:

**Molly and Archie** - School Captains.

**Addison and Will** – Vice Captains

**Jayda and Cameron** - Prefects

Thank you to our current Student Leaders for living out our school values, being great role models and wearing your badges with pride.

Congratulations again to our new 2021 Leadership Team!



### **STAFFING FOR 2021**

As we come to the end of the year, the following staff will make up our brilliant team of educators. Unfortunately, until numbers are confirmed (hopefully week 2 of term 1) I am unable to say on what stage they will be teaching. Assistant Principals and support staff:

Ms. Lisa Apap	Assistant Principal	Instructional Coach
Mrs. Lauren Piccolo	Assistant Principal	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Jo Pendleton	Relieving Assistant Principal	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Sharon Hopkins	Interventionist	
Ms. Melinda Burness	Learning and Support Teacher / Interventionist	
Mrs. Sandra Martin	Librarian (RFF) / Classroom teacher	
Mr Tom White	RFF	
Classroom Teachers		
Mrs. Michelle Richardson	Ms. Zoe Kanellopoulos	Mrs. Rebecca Johnston
Mrs. McGee Brown	Mrs. Sara Kennedy	Mrs. Katie Cormack
Mrs. Mel Horwood	Ms. Ashleigh Sutherland	Ms. Jaime Kent
Mrs Michelle Casburn	Ms. Chloe Reith	

Mrs. Jessica Greer is extending her maternity leave for another year.

Ms. Tracey Duncan has accepted another year's contract at Rutherford Public School.

Mr. Neorcsik is on leave for another year.

**I will confirm class names and teachers in Term 1 week 2.**

### **CLASS ALLOCATIONS**

To end the year, our teachers have and will continue to engage in the process of class building for next year. Many factors must be considered by our classroom teachers and support teacher teams when placing students in their classes. To honour the integrity of the class building process, our students will be placed into their next year's class by their current teachers. As educators, this is a very important task – one that requires much insight, professionalism and knowledge about our students – academically, socially and emotionally - in order to create an effective classroom learning environment. Recognizing this, our teachers are solely responsible for the class building process given they know your child's needs best. We thank you for respecting the integrity of this process and trusting your child's teacher and our in-school team in placing & communicating your child's next year's teacher in February. Thank you for honouring the professionalism of our school staff.

### **CRUNCH AND SIP**

Just a reminder that Crunch and Sip is to be purchased from the Canteen prior to school starting. Children are not to leave the classroom during crunch and sip as this is learning time.

May you and your loved ones have a wonderful Christmas.

Regards

Mary Roche  
Principal

### Pitt Town Spelling Bee 2020



Due to COVID, the Premier's Spelling Bee did not occur this year. We were lucky enough that Mrs. Roche allowed us to still be able to run a COVID safe, written Spelling Bee. All students from K-6 were given words to learn based on their spelling words from this year's spelling program, which had a variety of spelling rules in them.

I was so pleased to see so many students take part in a challenge that

was completely non-compulsory! Learning up to 40 words a week for 3 weeks (and then a handful from each stage competing in multiple tie-breaker rounds) is a HUGE ask for any student. But our amazing students at Pitt Town relished the opportunity and made selecting a top three from each stage very difficult!



I can't thank all of the parents enough for encouraging, supporting and practising with their children to ensure they were prepared for each round.

A huge congratulations to our stage winners!

Miss Kanellopoulos and Ms Sutherland

#### **Kindergarten:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Mia

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Iris

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Jaxson

Runner Up- Lain & Tahlia

#### **Stage Two:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Tyler

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Hannah

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Mya

Runner Up- Isabella

#### **Stage One:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Evie

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Jacob

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- James

Runner Up- Ivy

#### **Stage Three:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Jacob

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Jenna

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Zara

Runner Up- Lily, Jayden, Matilda







Congratulations to all the students who sat the ICAS assessments in Term 4. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing\*, Spelling and Digital Technologies. Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition.

This year, Pitt Town Public School received recognition in the following subjects:

Mathematics: 2 Merit, 2 Credit and participation certificates

Science: 1 Distinction and participation certificates

Digital Technologies: 1 Credit and participation certificates

Spelling Bee: 1 Merit and participation certificates

English: 1 Merit and participation certificates

\*Writing was not offered in 2020

Certificates will be presented to students at the next assembly.

Mrs K Cormack

ICAS Coordinator



## Windsor High School Orientation Day



# Visible Growth



## Teaching Patience

Not only is patience a success principle, but patience is also a skill. And like all skills, patience can be learned. There are many benefits of patience. From the ability to make more rational choices to the skill of focusing and obtaining long-term goals, patience can make a big difference in a person's life. The best way to learn patience is to practice patience, but sometimes, that is easier said than done. Patience is not simply the ability to wait. It's how we behave while we're waiting.

### 2 Simple Steps to help your child learn to be patient.

#### Step 1 – Teach Patience by Starting Small

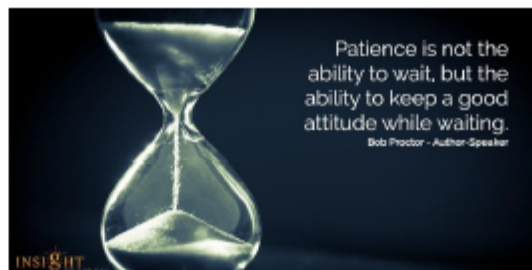
Most young children aren't born patient. Anybody who has ever seen a toddler have a meltdown because their sippy cup didn't appear fast enough can attest to that! The best way to start out teaching kids patience is with tiny baby steps. Next time your child asks for a drink or a snack, tell them, "Yes, I will help you!" But then move slowly. Let your child see that you are 'working on it' but don't dash to help as fast as you can. While you are 'working on it,' talk to your child about what you are doing. Let your child see that their request is being honored, even if it isn't as quickly as they hoped it would be.

#### Step 2 – Wait A Little Longer (Avoid Instant Gratification)

Once you've had some success with the 'moving slowly' method, move onto the 'wait a little longer' method. This just means when your child asks you to get him something (like a snack or a drink for example) tell him you would LOVE to help him, but you need to finish one thing first. Wait a little bit (depending on the child's age and how good the child is at practicing patience; this could be 10-15 seconds or 2-5 minutes) then get up and honor your child's request. Young children who have no concept of time might struggle with this at first, but they will get better at practicing patience, so long as you always follow through with their request after the allotted time has passed. Again, when you have finished helping your child, tell him 'thanks for waiting!' and 'he is so good at waiting patiently.' Point out to your child what skill he is practicing and let him feel good about his hard work being patient for such a long wait. (This is also an important step to teaching kids growth mindset.)

Because let's be real – being patient is HARD WORK! Even for adults, having a hard time being patient is a common thing. That's why we're focusing on this hard-earned skill now.

Remind your child that everybody has to wait sometimes. Point out a time you had to wait for something and tell him how it was hard for you!



## November/December Merits

Jason	Victoria	Elliana	Maya	Charlotte
Indy	Tyler	Khloe	Axel	Jackson
Archie	Lachlan	Emily	Isaac	Liam
Cameron	Mackenzie	Klay	Flynn	Rory
Chelsie	Piper	Skyler	Sienna	Nimreet
Tallara	Katelyn	Ivy	Jacob	Serenity
Alexander	Samuel	Seb	Ashton	Charlie
Lily	Crystal	Ashton	Chloe	Jett
Courtney	Toby	Chelsea	Bree	Alexander
Sebastien	Myiah	Matilda	Jenna	Heath
Carter	Tyler	Maddy	Will	Jonathan
Olivia	Evie	Jacob	Ivy	Mark
Jaxson	Henry	Sienna	Lachlan	Jarryn
Lain	Koby	Isaac	Caleb	Brendan
Ava	Axel	Zara	James	Sam
Ava-Rose	Henri	Charlie	Lucas	Mia
Austin	Siena	Olivia	Cierra	Will
Victoria	William	Archie	Heath	Daniel
Sonny	Piper	Samantha	Mackenzie	Ethan
Aliyah	Ciera	Eden	Emelie	Harper
Ivy	Joby	Axel	Edmond	Harry
Eden	Madison	Ava	Harry	Reggie
Juliet	Lucas	Mason	Bridie	John
Maddy	Mikayla	Lacey	Indy	Cooper
Chloe	Callin	Lucas	Chloe	Eva
Matilda	Hannah	Logan	Miller	Mitchell
Brody	Lucas	Beau	Zara	Hope
Charlie	Sienna	Indya	Anyia	Blake
Jayden	Braxton	Raphael	Sienna	Liam
Josh	Rory	Harley	Carter	Mackenzie
Klay	Indie-Lee	Lilah	Juliet	Braxton
Ayub	Giorgia	Tahlia	Lexii	Sophie
Loki	Charles	Piper	Charlie	Lily
Bryson	Ella	Lain	Lucy	Charlie
Sonny	Taylah	Jaxson	Oliver	John
Sienna	Manuel	Henry	Marley	Ashleigh
Jarrold	Mitchell	Lincoln	Toumba	Mali
Nataliya	Eden	Zek	Jonathan	Bowen
Ella	Lincoln	Caleb	Victoria	Nataliya
Isabella	Seth	Alexander	Olivia	Jye
Adam	Skyler	Elsie	Ava	Braxton
Flynn	Jayden	Liam	Blake	Archer
Mark	Hope	Layla	Lincoln	Adam
	Bruno	Bowen	Bronte-Lee	Lain



# Thank You!

From Pitt Town Public School P&C  
Association,

*Parents,  
Students &  
Teachers*

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For Always Being.... Helpful and  
Generous in 2020!