

The Pearsall Post Newsletter

Term 1 Issue # 2

Thursday 21st February 2019

Important Dates to Remember

- Wrapper Free Wednesdays
- School Banking Tuesday mornings behind the staff room.
- Early Close Every Wednesday at 2.30pm
- Lunch Orders Subway on Fridays
- Assembly Thursday 7th March - Yr 1/2 Room 8
- Friday 1st March Clean Up Australia Day
- Monday 4th March PUBLIC HOLIDAY (No School)

Fantastic start to 2019

We have had a fantastic start to the 2019 school year. It has been a pleasure to visit classes over the first two weeks to see enthusiastic students with beaming smiles. The children have settled in well and classroom routines and procedures are being established.

We currently have nearly 60 staff and 516 students with 21 K-6 classes.

Student Absences

Please be aware that a note of explanation is required for all student absences.

School Visits/Early Pick up/Late to School

Please note that if you need to come to the school for any reason (other than an assembly), you should always attend the school office.

A SIGNED STUDENT LEAVE PASS is required to take your child home early or for an appointment.

A LATE CARD should be collected at the office if the child arrives any time after 8.40am.

Publications Permission

Upon enrolment, parents decide whether to give consent for their child's name, photo or work to be published in school newsletters, school related activities, promotional material for the Department of Education and articles for community newspapers. If at any stage you want to change the permission status then you will need to notify the office in writing of this request.

Play Equipment

Students are asked not to play on equipment before or after school. Adequate supervision cannot be guaranteed. We ask that parents support our staff in this matter.

Merit Certificate Awards Week 2



Excellence Every Day

Rm 3 - Ana
Rm 4 - Alex
Rm 5 - Trent
Rm 6 - Evie
Rm 7 - Ethan
Rm 8 - Anieka
Rm 9 - Lucy
Rm 10 - Phoebe
Rm 11 - Donard
Rm 12 - Keenan
RM 13 - Adam
Rm 14 - Rafferty
Rm 15 - Diya
Rm 16 - Jasmine
D1 - Ava
D2 - Ruby
D3 - Finton
D4 - Jacinta

Leader In Me

Rm 3 - Charli
Rm 4 - Eva
Rm 5 - Addison
Rm 6 - Noah
Rm 7 - Isabelle
Rm 8 - Rihanna
Rm 9 - Jaxon
Rm 10 - Kaecia
Rm 11 - Mia
Rm 12 - Jayla
RM 13 - George
Rm 14 - Annabelle
Rm 15 - Nic
Rm 16 - Seth
D1 - Makayla
D2 - Rohan
D3 - Eva
D4 - Riley

8.25am	Classrooms Open
8.40am	Siren for start of day
10.40am	Recess
11.05am	End of Recess
12.45pm	Lunch
1.25pm	End of Lunch
3.00pm	School Day Ends

Please note:

2.30pm finish on

Wednesdays

Assemblies held

every 2nd

Thursday at

8.45am

**Second Hand
Uniform Shop**

8:00-8:30am

Thursday

**mornings in the
under covered
area.**

**Run by the P&C
Committee.**

Parking Around Schools—Did you know?

1. It is an offence to park on a footpath.
2. Parking on private property or a verge opposite the private property is unlawful unless the property owner has given permission.
3. Walk or ride to school if you can.
4. Congestion around schools can be a major hazard. Please obey all signage and road rules.
5. Rangers at the City of Wanneroo use the City's Parking Local Law 2012 to ensure parking remains safe, lawful and allows traffic to flow. Don't risk a fine for parking illegally around a school.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges

For 2019 Voluntary Contributions are \$60 per child.

Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected fees it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the contributions and charges. Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the curriculum learning areas. While the contributions are voluntary the quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family makes its contributions to the cost of supplementary funding gained from other sources including the Federal and State governments.

It is therefore vital for the school to receive your family's contribution. Your contribution will be used to supplement school funding for the purchase of resources needed in provision of the learning program activities.

Payment options

1. Cash in an envelope to the front office.
2. Eftpos at the front office.
3. Direct Deposit to our school bank account.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality are critical factors in maximising the learning opportunities of student and I remind all families that we have high expectations in these areas and look forward to your support throughout the year. The Education Act makes provision for students to attend appointments, such as dentist or doctors, but where possible appointments for non-medical purposes should be scheduled out of school hours. Holidays should not be taken during the school term. Written permission must be submitted to the principal.

School Assemblies for 2019

There will be assemblies each fortnight commencing from the 21st of February. The first class room assembly was conducted by Miss Casey McLeod's Year 3 class. Our next assembly will be conducted by Ms Annmarie Schell's Year 1/2 class. All are welcome to attend.

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings have been organised by classroom teachers and are now taking place.

On Entry Assessment

Students in Pre-Primary will participate in an assessment of Literacy and Numeracy over the next 3 weeks. A letter will be sent home to parents shortly and teachers can answer questions parents may have at class meetings.

Harmony Day Rainbow Run

The Harmony Day Rainbow Run will be held on **Friday 22nd of March**. This will raise funds for additional work days for our school chaplain Lisa Ingham. More details will follow.

Payments

Please note that all payments to the school can be made by **EFTPOS** in the front office or **Direct Deposit**:

**Acc: Pearsall Primary School
BSB: 066040**

Acc: 19904146

Put your child's initial, surname and reason e.g. J.Smith swimming.

You can combine the amount if you have more than one child.

Please note, Eftpos and Direct Deposit are for school related payment and not for P&C payments.

Student Update Contact Information

If you have recently changed mobile numbers or moved address, it is important you update your contact information with the office. Please also advise if there is a change to any of your emergency contact information.

Pearsall Primary School is an Allergy Aware School

This is a timely reminder that there are students in the school who have a nut allergy. This means that if they come into contact with nuts directly or someone who has been handling a nut product, they will suffer a severe reaction - anaphylaxis.

With this in mind, we have put a number of strategies into place in the classroom which includes washing of hands after each break, ensuring students only eat their food and limiting contact between students at eating times.

We would also like to ask that consideration be taken when making your child's lunch to limit the number of nut products in the classroom. Your consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Student Medical Information

The school is currently reviewing all of the medical information to ensure we have the most current information. To assist us with this, some forms will be sent home to parents of students who have medical conditions, requesting up to date information. It would be appreciated if the forms could be filled in and signed by the doctor before being returned to the office as soon as possible.

Also, if during the year, your child requires any kind of medication to be taken during school hours, a form is required to be completed (available from the school office) and provided to the school.

Your assistance with this will be greatly appreciated. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

Ukulele Club will operate in the Music Room every Wednesday lunch from 1:00pm to 1:20pm. This club is open for Year 3-6 students who can already play 3 chords (C, F, G7) and transition between chords smoothly.

BuskStop

Year 3-6 students who want to practice performing by singing or playing an instrument can now do so at the "Busk Stop" on non-assembly Thursdays at lunch time. Music leaders will set up a speaker and microphone (outdoors if weather permits) and students who want to sing or play to their friends can choose to do so. This is not karaoke, but an opportunity to play a rehearsed/polished item to an informal audience and aligns with Pearsall's Leader In Me program.
- **Mrs Frost, Music Specialist**

New Bridge

We are pleased to announce an exciting collaboration between Pearsall Primary School and Mater Dei College. Design and Technology students at the College will be embarking on a project to build a wooden bridge linking the sandpit and the monkey bars, to create a natural flow between the play areas. As part of our passion for nature play opportunities for our children we are always seeking ways to encourage imaginative and creative play.

CAN YOU HELP? We are looking for donations of jarrah wood to help with this project. If you can help or know of someone that can, please contact Ms Cannon on jacqueline.cannon2@education.wa.edu.au - **Jackie Cannon, Teacher**

Synergy Sound: Pearsall's first Instrumental Band

Thirteen Year 5 students will be learning to play flute, clarinet and brass instruments taught by the Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) program in 2019. They are using the first 2 terms to consolidate their music-reading and teamwork skills, to form Pearsall's first band. In Term 3, they will begin to play their IMSS instruments together. They are demonstrating wonderful leadership and enthusiasm as they continue learning how to play instruments together. In week 2, we tried playing a range of percussion instruments with a swing beat on the keyboard, then we played "Up the Ladder" and the first half of "Shortnin' Bread" on ukuleles and glockenspiels or keyboards.

I am so excited to see where 2019 takes us!

Mrs Frost, Music Specialist



THE GREEN TEAM:

As a new school year starts, our school focus is on **Wrapper Free Wednesday** and trying to make every day wrapper free.

A reminder that **every Wednesday is Wrapper Free Wednesday** please ensure that you have packed your child a wrapper free lunch to minimise waste in our environment.

Tips for a Wrapper Free Lunch:

- * Make a tray of sweet or savoury muffins with no cupcake wrappers
- * Make your own slices/fritters both sweet and savoury that can be packed in reusable containers
- * Use whole foods such as bananas, mandarins, kiwi fruit which have their own natural wrappers
- * Buy in bulk and pack handfuls in small reusable containers; eg buying 1kg of yogurt and putting it in small containers rather than 6 individual pots or squeeze pouches; buy a whole packet of biscuits and put 2 in a container instead of individual wrapped cookies/Teddies/Shapes
- * Using sandwich wraps/beeswax wraps and containers instead of cling wrap around sandwiches and rolls. As always we thank you for your constant support for The Green Team and our future environment.

