



The Pearsall Post Newsletter

Term 1 Issue # 4

Thursday 19th March 2020

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0437 482 159

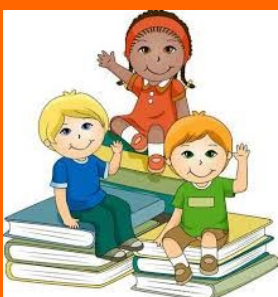
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**Important
Dates to
Remember**

Wrapper Free
Wednesdays

Early Close
2.30pm on
Wednesdays

Parent / Teacher
Interviews
Tuesday 7th April
Students to be
collected at 12.00pm
Interviews 12.30pm
to 7.00pm



From the Principal...

Coronavirus update effective 18th March 2020

We will keep you informed as information is provided to the school by the Department of Education. The following are directions that Pearsall Primary School has received:

We will be postponing the following events and activities:

- Whole school assemblies
- ANZAC Day
- Grandparents Day
- Solar Car Competition
- Year 5 Excursion (Friday 27th March)
- School Banking
- Triple P Parenting Seminar (Thursday 26th March)
- Year 6 Camp Information Meeting (Friday 20th March)
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These changes have been implemented:

- Morning Recess and Lunchtimes have been staggered
- Social distancing (no handshaking) and increased personal hygiene has been taught, encouraged and reiterated by staff. Hand washing and hand sanitising facilities have been provided.
- Administration have addressed all students at two separate assemblies to do with the Coronavirus
- Handwashing posters have been placed around the school
- All visitors/parents/carers to school grounds, must sign in at the office and they will be required to sanitise upon arriving at the school. No parent helpers allowed in classrooms effective immediately
- Kiss and Drop - parents no longer enter the classroom
- Library books will not be going home, but will remain in classrooms
- Library will be closed for borrowing, but open for use at school
- Students are welcome to bring along their own sanitiser
- Students should not be wearing masks as per the advise we have received from the Department of Health.
- Soap dispensers in toilets will be filled each day
- Harmony Day Lunch will go ahead, however children will only be able to eat food prepared by their own parents. The food cannot be shared
- The celebration of birthdays will now need to be with pre-packaged items rather than with cakes bought from home

The following events are still going ahead at this stage:

- Life Ed Van (PP—Yr3) incursion
- Parent—Teacher interviews (Tuesday 7th April)
- Harmony Day Lunch (no sharing of food)

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

LOST Property

*Located at the
back of the office.
Please ensure all
items are clearly
labelled so they
can be returned
to the students.*



Travelling Overseas

As per the WA Government, as of midnight Sunday 15th March, ANYONE arriving in Australia from overseas, will be forced to self-isolate for 14 days. This is enforceable under the Public Health Act and Emergency Management Act and penalties will apply. It is vital that all students, parents and family members who have travelled overseas contact the school on their return to Australia.

Unwell students

Any students who attend school with flu-like symptoms will be sent home immediately.

Absent Students

If you are keeping your child home for any reason, it is imperative that you inform the school office on the SMS line: 0437 482 159 stating the student name, classroom, date and reason for absence. **Please do not notify teachers.**

Payments for Events Postponed

Any money paid for Excursions/Incursions that have been cancelled or postponed, will be kept as a credit on your child/s account. There is no need to contact the office asking for this to be done.

Parent/Teacher Interviews are still going ahead at this stage

Parent/Teacher interviews are an important part of your child's education. At this short meeting, you are able to discuss your child's progress, meet the teacher, understand their academic development and support your child's learning. Parent/Teacher interviews will run from 12.30pm to 7.00pm on Tuesday 7th April.

To make a booking go to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BIMOE>

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE COLLECTED BY 12PM

School Fete

Congratulations to our P&C and in particular our P&C President, Renanka O'Shea for the wonderful fete that was conducted on March 13th. This was a great community event that involved all class and many members of the community. It was great to see so many people enjoying this event which was superbly organised.



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.

Kindy 2021 Enrolments

Application for Kindy 2021 open on Tuesday 28th April.

If your child is born between the 1st July 2016 to the 30th June 2017, they are eligible to enrol for Kindy. The following information needs to be supplied in full, when lodging your enrolment.

1. Copy of your Child's Birth Certificate
2. Current copy of your Child's immunisation records (ACIR) less than 2 months old
3. Copy of a current Utility/Service bill showing your current address
4. VISA information (if applicable)
5. Family Court orders (if applicable)

We strongly suggest that Families living out of our catchment area, enrol at their local school as well as lodging an expression of interest at Pearsall Primary School, as places are not guaranteed.

NAPLAN Practice

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in a NAPLAN practice session. This practice is designed to evaluate the capabilities of the network and to ensure laptop capabilities are in sync for the NAPLAN testing to take place next term. This test will take place on the 23rd March. Mrs Cannon is our NAPLAN Co-ordinator.

Cricket Blast School Cup Carnival

On Thursday 12th March a group of students from Years 5 & 6 attended a Cricket Carnival at Kingsway Sporting Complex. Our students showed excellent sportsmanship and represented Pearsall Primary with pride.



WHAT'S ON AT
Holiday Club this Autumn

Holiday Club roars back into action with activities to keep the kids entertained and to help them grow. Book them into a Mexican cooking class, a day of wacky science experiments, a rocket making workshop or an adventure into the wild.

Over 100 awesome activities & events | Over 230 locations | Open to all primary school aged children | Enriched learning in every activity

A TASTE OF MEXICO

PAINT TOOTH PASTE EXPERIMENTS

+ LOTS MORE!

Did You know?
Families can save up to 85% with the Child Care Subsidy. Check my.gov.au to see if you're eligible.

Bookings now open
To book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Bookings now open for **Autumn Holiday Club**

Get hands-on and create something cool with a project-based workshop or experience something new with special guests.

Fall day of adventures at HO

- Mexican-Cooking Steps
- Engaging Science Experiments
- Robot-based engineering
- Building Block Workshops
- Adventure Training + Ranger Games
- 7th & 8th Grade Party + Musical Arts

Embark on a journey

Join us on an adventure to visit some new and exciting places. This Autumn your children could go to:

- The Movies + Wildlife Sanctuaries
- Inhabitable Planetarium
- Laser Tag + Tennis Bowling
- Roller Skating + Ice Skating
- Glow Parties + Rock Climbing

All about convenience

- Over 100 awesome activities & events
- Over 230 locations
- Government subsidies available for eligible families
- Enriched learning in every activity

To attend any of our Holiday Clubs your child doesn't need to be a resident of the school where we operate.

Bookings now open
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Examples of a day at your Holiday Club

- 8:00am Breakfast**
Healthy Play options: Circle Seals + Read morning
- 9:00am Activity**
Games around the world: Learn about sports and games from around the world! Play for Lucky Day!
- 10:00am Morning Tea**
- 10:30am Activity**
Group Games: Wheel of Fortune + Outdoor games: Volleyball, 4th & 8th Grade, Air Hockey
- 11:00am Lunch**
Let's enjoy our taste of Mexico! Our teacher in the kitchen so we make something real and delicious!
- 1:00pm Flexible Play**
Board games + Ping Pong + Fun Games + Chess or Climb
- 2:00pm Group Games**
Water Balloon Toss!
- 4:00pm Afternoon Tea**
- 4:30pm end time**
Key Activity: Workbook + Homework + Reading
Healthy Play options: Group Games + Dance Party + Clean Canvas



Tips for talking with children about the coronavirus

Children will inevitably pick up on the concerns and anxiety of others, whether this be through listening and observing what is happening at home or at school. It is important that they can speak to you about their own concerns.

Answer their questions Do not be afraid to talk about the coronavirus with children. Given the extensive media coverage and the increasing number of people wearing face masks in public, it is not surprising that some children are already aware of the virus. Providing opportunities to answer their questions in an honest and age-appropriate way can help reduce any anxiety they may be experiencing. You can do this by:

- speaking to them about coronavirus in a calm manner
- asking them what they already know about the virus so you can clarify any misunderstandings they may have
- letting them know that it is normal to experience some anxiety when new and stressful situations arise
- giving them a sense of control by explaining what they can do to stay safe (e.g., wash their hands regularly, stay away from people who are coughing or sneezing)
- not overwhelming them with unnecessary information (e.g., death rates) as this can increase their anxiety
- reassure them that coronavirus is less common and severe in children compared to adults
- allowing regular contact (e.g., by phone) with people they may worry about, such as grandparents, to reassure them that they are okay.

Talk about how they are feeling Explain to your child that it is normal to feel worried about getting sick. Listen to your child's concerns and reassure them that you are there to help them with whatever may arise in the future. It is important to model calmness when discussing the coronavirus with children and not alarm them with any concerns you may have about it. Children will look to you for cues on how to manage their own worries so it is important to stay calm and manage your own anxieties before bringing up the subject with them and answering their questions.

Limit media exposure It is important to monitor children's exposure to media reports about the coronavirus as frequent exposure can increase their level of fear and anxiety. Try to be with your child when they are watching, listening or reading the news so you are able to address any questions or concerns they may have. [psychology.org.au](https://www.psychology.org.au)



The Green Team Update...

Pearsall is participating in the Wanneroo Central's Project Green School's. Pearsall now has a compost bin set up in the middle of the centre with our school's name on it. We encourage all parents and families to please shop at Wanneroo Central to earn tokens. These tokens can then be put into the compost bin with our name on it for our school to win some prizes- see photos attached. This competition will end Friday 3rd April so please support our school by shopping at Wanneroo Central.



Thankyou
The Green Team

