

# The Pearsall Post Newsletter

Term 1 Issue # 1

Thursday 11th February 2021

Student Absence Line:  
**0437 482 159**

## Important Dates to Remember

- **EARLY CLOSING EVERY WEDNESDAY— 2:30PM**
- **Lunch Orders begin Week 4**
- **First Assembly— Thursday 25th February (\*information will be provided as to parents attendance)**
- **Public Holiday: Monday 1st March**

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our students and families. We hope that you have had a restful, relaxing and enjoyable break. This year we welcome our 80 Kindergarten students and 12 new students and their families. We look forward to getting to know you all and celebrating lots of learning in 2021.

### COVID-19 Updates and Measures

COVID-19 is still a very present issue as the recent weeks have highlighted. At Pearsall we will remain vigilant and committed to our community ensuring all safety measures are maintained and encouraged. Currently, all staff are wearing masks, except when teaching class, as per government regulations. Parents are asked to adhere to regulations, wearing a mask when on school grounds and maintaining social distancing restrictions and not lingering on school grounds but leaving straight away. Students are not required to wear masks in primary schools.

Hygiene processes are still in place and will continue until further notice:

- Handwashing and hand-sanitizer will be used before entering and exiting classrooms. Students are encouraged to bring their own sanitizer.
- Extra cleaning is continuing on school grounds during the day, sanitizing high exposure areas.
- Students are to provide their own labelled drink bottles and not to drink from fountains but can refill bottles.

We will continue to communicate via Connect as further information is received.

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are now scheduled for Week 3 only.

Aquamotion Wanneroo have informed the school that due to the current restrictions on patrons allowed in the venue that they are unable to host the In Term Swimming program for Pearsall for Week 2.

**A five day program will commence on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, lesson duration will remain at 40 minutes.**

Due to the high demand for the In Term Swimming program there is no capacity to reschedule the two week block.

We will now be undertaking the five day program on the proviso that restrictions are lifted. Students will receive a \$23 credit to be used for future events.

### Gates—entry to school

School gates will open at 8.25am for parents and students for the following groups:

KINDERGARTEN: all of Term 1

PRE-PRIMARY: the first 5 weeks of Term 1

YEARS 1—6: the first 2 weeks of Term 1

At the end of the school day, gates will open at 2.40pm and 2.10pm on Wednesdays.



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**

### Staffing

Welcome back to all our wonderful team and returning staff. We welcome two new staff members. Mrs Rochelle Tedge and Mrs Claire Knoesen. We have an amazing team at Pearsall who are passionate and dedicated, working together to benefit students, families and the community.



### Parent Information Sessions—Years 1 to 6

Parent information sessions will be held over weeks 2 and 3 of Term 1. These sessions will provide information to parents with general information about class routines, expectations, timetables and communication methods. Meetings will take place after school and will be staggered so that most parents with more than one child can attend each child's class. **We prefer that children do not attend this event if possible.**

Please note that these meetings are designed for general information, not for discussion regarding individual students. If you would like to discuss your child's individual needs with the classroom teacher, please make an appointment.

### Absentee SMS

Pearsall PS uses an SMS system to notify of student absences. If your child is absent please ensure that you notify the school by messaging **0437 482 159** with your child's name, classroom number, date and the reason for absence.

### Medical Issues and Updating Information at School

Important communication to our Pearsall Primary School community is implemented via email and mobile phone. If any details have changed, it is important to keep the school updated. You can come into our office to update your address, email or phone contact information during school hours.

If your child has a medical issue or any medications that are required while at school you must complete the relevant forms at the school office. If your child has an allergy it is important that annual anaphylaxis forms are completed and medication including Epipens are stored at school. If you are unsure, please contact the school office on 6207 3900 or in the office during school hours.



### Parent Contributions

Parent contributions are set by the School Board each year. In accordance with the School Education Regulations 2000, an amount of \$60 per student is charged, up to a maximum of \$150 per family for three children or more. These contributions assist us to provide more funding to classes for hands-on activities such as cooking, outdoor play, rewards, special classroom purchases, computer consumables, classroom activities and consumables, Physical Education, Art, French, Science, Music and Technologies resources and materials. Contributions can be paid by cash or eftpos at the school office or via direct deposit using our school bank account:

BSB 066040

AC 19904146

Note: Please use your child's name as the reference.

**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.*

**Every Day Counts**

As we start the year, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

**No Hat No Play**

It's summertime and the weather is hot and sun intense. Western Australia has one of the worlds highest rates of skin cancer. With this in mind and with the aim to create responsible students, the teachers will be enforcing the NO HAT, NO PLAY rule. Spare hats will be available for students to participate in Physical Education lessons only. Students without their own hat at school will need to remain in the undercover area and either read or draw. All students are required to bring and wear a broad rimmed school hat each day. We thank you for your assistance with this request.

**Camp Australia**

OSHC provider, Camp Australia operates at Pearsall Primary School before and after school and also runs holiday programs. Camp Australia is conducting Virtual Information Sessions. Register for free and book at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

**Important Dates for Term 1:**

<b>InTerm Swimming lessons</b>	<b>15th February to 19th February</b>
<b>Assembly—Yr 3, Room 11</b>	<b>Thursday, 25th February</b>
<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, 1st March</b>
<b>Clean Up Australia Day</b>	<b>Friday, 5th March</b>
<b>Assembly—Yr 1, Room 7</b>	<b>Thursday, 11th March</b>
<b>HARMONY WEEK</b>	<b>Monday 15th—Friday 19th March</b>
<b>Harmony Fun Run</b>	<b>Friday 19th March</b>
<b>Assembly—Yr 2, Room 14</b>	<b>Thursday 25th March</b>
<b>Assembly—Yr 1/2, Room 8</b>	<b>Thursday 1st April</b>
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>	<b>THURSDAY 1ST April</b>

***Easter Long Weekend***  
***Monday 5th April***  
***School Holidays***  
***April***

***Friday 2nd April—***

***2nd April— 19th***

**First day of Term 2**

**Tuesday, 20th April**

