

# The Pearsall Post Newsletter

Term 1 Issue # 4

Thursday 25th March 2021

Student Absence Line:  
**0437 482 159**

## Important Dates to Remember

- **EARLY CLOSING EVERY WEDNESDAY@ 2:30PM**
- **Running Club Tuesday @ 8am**  
*Meet Mr G & Mr B on the oval*
- **Awards Assembly Friday 26th March**
- **UNIFORM SHOP**  
*Wednesday 31st March 2.30—3pm*
- **Next Assembly Thursday 1st April - Yr 1&2, Rm 8, Miss Schell**
- Students return for **Term 2 on Tuesday 20th April**

### *From the Principal...*

#### Happy Easter Break

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter Break. And we look forward to providing our wonderful students with some exciting learning in Term 2. This term has been exceedingly short, a 9 week term and interrupted with a later start but it has been a busy and productive one. The first day for students in Term 2 will be **Tuesday 20th April**.



#### Reading over the Break



It is critically important that your child continues to read every day over the school holidays. There is substantial evidence showing if a child does not read everyday then significant catch up is required before a child attains the level they were at prior to the break.

#### Harmony Week

In Week 7, students celebrated **Harmony Week** by learning about different cultures and taking part in a variety of activities. This included story telling each day by some of our staff. Each student created a handprint that represented them and their culture which was displayed around the library. At the end of the week, students and staff dressed in orange or cultural dress and celebrated by enjoying Yulunga Games. The main theme of Harmony Day was "Every one belongs". We have so many wonderful cultures at Pearsall and we loved celebrating them all together!



#### Awards Assembly

Our first Awards Assembly will be on Friday 26th March. At this assembly each teacher will present two awards that recognise students who have been able to go beyond their comfort zone, academically or socially. This assembly will be conducted by our Student Lighthouse Leaders. Parents of students receiving an award will be notified by their classroom teacher and are welcome to attend.

#### 2022 Kindergarten Enrolments - Open Monday 19th April

If you, or someone you know residing within the Pearsall intake area have a child due to begin Kindergarten in 2022 (born between 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018), you can download an Application to Enrol form from our website. When lodging enrolment, a copy of the child's birth certificate, current immunisation records and proof of address are required. Places are limited and fill fast. For more information, please see our website. **Applications will only be accepted from Monday 19th April.**



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**

### Evacuation Drill

On Friday 12th March, we held our evacuation drill. It was wonderful to see how orderly our classes moved to the oval which is our evacuation muster point. Well done in particular to our Kindergarten students!

### Year 6 Camp Meeting

A Year 6 meeting was held on Wednesday 17th March for students and parents, to provide information on the Term 4 camp. It will take place at Nanga Bush Camp in Dwellingup. This will be the third year our Year 6 students will be able to experience the exciting activities, build life skills and create memories that will last a lifetime. A \$50 deposit is required to secure your child's place on camp and must be paid before 23rd April.



### ANZAC Day Ceremony



At Pearsall PS, we will acknowledge ANZAC Day with a special assembly on Thursday 22nd April. Students have been chosen to speak and perform various tasks at the ceremony and the Woodvale Senior High School band will be performing. This will take place at 8.45am. Parents of students participating are welcome to attend.

### Running club

Running club starts at 8.00am on Tuesday mornings and is open to students of all ages. Parents are also welcome to participate. A big thank you to Mr Gartrell and Mr Birklebach for their role in organising this initiative.

### After School

At the end of the day students should not be playing in the outdoor classroom or any other school play equipment. Parents and students should move off the school site as quickly as possible to avoid congestion and to adhere to the ongoing Government requests of social distancing. **Students are not permitted to play around the school grounds or on play equipment after school.**

### School Gates

Access onto school grounds in the mornings by students without their parents will continue for Term 2. This has proved to be invaluable, providing effective routines for students to start the day. Kindergarten students will now follow the same routine, entering their gate unassisted in the morning in Term 2.



### Dental Screening

On Monday 29th March, the Year 3 and Year 6 students will under go a dental screening at the Pearsall PS Dental Therapy Clinic.

### NAPLAN 2021

Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit online NAPLAN tests during weeks 4 and 5 of Term 2 (11th May until 21st May). It is very important that all students in Years 3 and Year 5 attend school on these dates.

All tests will be conducted online, except the Year 3 writing which will still be pencil and paper. To test the technology schools will be using, the Year 5 students will sit a readiness activity on 25th March. This will be in the form of an online writing test. These activities will not be evaluated as it is a test of readiness of our technology only. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, please speak to your classroom teacher.

**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.*

**Third Party Services Online Student Permission Policy**

A highly important policy is required to be completed by each family at Pearsall PS. This form must be completed online or in hard copy by **Thursday 1st April**. A link to this online form can be found via Connect or a hard copy in the office. Failure to complete this form means your child will be excluded from online learning. For further clarification, please contact your class teacher.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**From the P & C...**

At Pearsall PS we have a very active and effective P&C. For more information you can visit their **Facebook page: Pearsall Primary School P&C**

**Easter Raffle:** Tickets have been distributed to each family. Remember to write your name on the tickets that you are returning. All tickets and money to be returned by **Friday 26th March**. Prizes will be drawn on Tuesday 30th March and winners notified. Thank you for the amazing generosity shown with donations.



**Dr Seuss Free Dress Day: Thursday 1st April**, a gold coin donation will be collected in class.

**2nd Hand Uniform Shop:** Will be open next on Wednesday 31st March, 2.30pm-3.00pm in the Undercover area. Donations can be left in the school office.

**Quikcliq:** Subway lunch orders are available on Fridays using the Quikcliq platform. Visit [quickcliq.com.au](http://quickcliq.com.au) to register

**School Banking:** On Thursdays. Students place school banking into the bags in their classrooms. New students can open accounts and register with Commonwealth Bank.



Camp Australia provides OSHC at Pearsall PS. Camp Australia is an experienced, reliable, engaging and affordable program. This school holidays they are launching a new exciting program Rocketeers. For more information or to register visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

**Did you know that you can recycle your Easter egg foil?**

Alfoil is a very valuable resource which can be recycled but not in small individual pieces. If you squish the alfoil together in a ball, approximately the size of large human fist, the alfoil can be recycled in the yellow lidded kerbside recycling bin..



Why does it have to be in this size/shape? So staff at the Material Recovery Facilities are able to grab it from the fast moving conveyor belts.

You can use the same tip to recycle all clean aluminium foil at home.

**Every little bit helps.**



## HEALTHY MINDS, From the Pastoral Care Team...

### Mindfulness Activities for Kids

To introduce the idea of mindfulness more directly to your children, you can use exercises that encourage them to tune into their senses. Make a game out of eating a snack very slowly, savoring the smell, texture, and taste. Or, dive into an afternoon of glitter jar making with any variety of materials: glitter, different-coloured beads, food colouring and oil, pieces of lego. The DIY craft doubles as a creative exercise and a mindfulness tool to represent the mind settling.



### 3 Good Things: An Appreciation Practice for Children – (by Susan Kaiser Greenland)

#### Leading the game:

1. Ask your child: "Do you ever feel disappointed by something or someone?"
2. Ask: "How did that make you feel?" *Acknowledge their feelings and, if appropriate, talk about them.*

3. Say something like: "I bet even when you're feeling disappointed there are good things happening in your life, too. Let's name three good things together."

#### Tips for naming three good things:

1. Remind your child that the point of this game *isn't* to pretend they're not upset when they feel upset. It's to remember that they can feel two things at once: they can feel grateful for good things while feeling sad, hurt, or disappointed by challenges.
2. If children or teens have trouble thinking of three good things on their own, brainstorm and help them discover some.
3. When kids understand that this game is not about sweeping their feelings under the rug, the phrase "three good things" can become a playful and humorous response to the minor gripes that show up in family life.
4. Parents can encourage kids to remind them to name *Three Good Things* when they're stuck on a trivial disappointment or minor annoyance, too.
5. To develop a habit of thankfulness, play *Three Good Things* around the dinner table, before bedtime, and at other times when the family is together.



## THE GREEN TEAM:

### Sustainability Hub— Coffee Pod Recycling

Pearsall PS is a collection point for used coffee pods. Your coffee pods cannot go in your recycling bin at home and if they go in your rubbish bin they will end up in landfill.

We encourage you to collect your used coffee pods in a reusable container and bring them to school to drop off. The coffee pod box is outside Block 2, the Year 1/2 block.

When the box is filled, it is taken directly to Ellenby Tree Farm, on Sydney Road where they are collected and recycled appropriately by Nescafe.

ALL coffee pods are welcome. Please no plastic bags.



*As always we thank you for your constant support for The Green Team and our future environment.*

### The Green Team 2021

#### Important Upcoming Dates: End of Term 1

Assembly—Yr 1/2, Room 8	Thursday 1st April
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>	<b>THURSDAY 1ST April</b>
<i>Easter Long Weekend</i>	<i>Friday 2nd April—Monday 5th April</i>
<i>School Holidays</i>	<i>2nd April— 19th April</i>
<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 2</b>	<b>TUESDAY 20TH APRIL</b>
ANZAC Day Ceremony	Thursday 22nd April
NAPLAN (Yrs' 3 & 5)	10th to 21st May