

The Pearsall Post

Newsletter

Term 2 Issue # 6

Thursday 6th May 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
- **UNIFORM SHOP**
Wednesday 2nd June 2.30—3pm
- **NAPLAN (Yr 3 & 5)**
- 10th to 21st May
- **COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN - Friday 21st May**
- **PEARSALL PS INAUGURAL ARTS WEEK—OPEN NIGHT** Wednesday 16th June

From the Principal...

COVID-19 Updates

At school, we will continue to follow the advice from the Health Department of WA and updates from the Department of Education. We have focused on doing as much as we can safely and our children have coped extremely well. We continue to do the best we can and I would like to thank our community for supporting us and doing their bit to keep us all safe. However, it is staff that I would like to especially acknowledge. They are a very strong and resilient team of outstanding people. Their work, their resilience and their dedication has enabled the start to the new year to be a very successful and smooth one for our students. Putting our students central to everything we do is our focus. Thank you to our community once again for being supportive and understanding.

All Covid-19 related information will be provided to parents via Connect, which is our main form of communication. Staff have prepared contingency plans, should there be a situation where a lockdown occurs during school time. We are continually aware of not dropping our guard with hygiene practices we use and the preparedness for online or distance learning.

If your child is not well, please make sure that you keep them at home. Student also must have a drink bottle to drink water from and their own personal hand sanitiser is preferable.

2022 Kindergarten Enrolments Are Now Open

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 at our school office, a copy of the child's birth certificate, current immunisation history statement and proof of address are required. Places are limited and fill fast. For more information, please see our website.



COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN — FRIDAY 21ST MAY

Pearsall PS is excited for our upcoming Colour Explosion Fun Run. This fundraising event will take place on **Friday 21st May at 1.30pm** and is to raise much needed funds for Lisa Ingham, our School Chaplain. On the day students will need to bring a white shirt to wear. A non-toxic biodegradable colour powder will be used. Please see child's sponsorship booklets (sent home last week) for further information on fundraising and ordering incentive prizes. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AS ALL ORDERING IS TO BE DONE ONLINE** at myprofilepage.com.au If you have any questions about the Colour Explosion Fun Run please contact their office on 1300 133 022.



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

LOST PROPERTY

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A box of lost property is located at the rear of the Admin building. Parents are welcome to check for items once gates open in the afternoons. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled.

Plastic Bottle Tops

Our Year 2 classes are reusing **bottle tops** to create a piece of art for the Arts Open Night on Wednesday 16th June. In order to create this masterpiece, we will need **lots** of plastic bottle tops in a variety of colours. If you could donate some lids that would be fantastic. Please ensure that they are **clean and dry**. There will be boxes marked with at the entrance to Block 4 (by the water fountains) where you can place your donations. Thank you, from the Year 2 Teachers.



Staff Member Leaving

It is with regret that I announce that Mrs Carly Doughty, our French teacher will be leaving Pearsall as of May 2021. She will be following her teaching passion with a position at the Language Development Centre.

We thank her for the considerable efforts she has made at Pearsall students and staff. She has created an outstanding French Language program at Pearsall.

Running Club

The school, with Mr Gartrell and Mr Birkelbach have successfully been conducting a running club since the beginning of the year. All are welcome to attend, including parents (as long as there are no Covid-19 changes). Running Club has many health benefits, including increased fitness levels, improved energy, improved attendance and concentration levels at school and even being more competitive on school sports days. Pearsall Running Club occurs on **Tuesday mornings, at 8.00am, meeting on the school oval.**

After School

At the end of the day students should not be playing in the outdoor classroom or any other school play equipment. There is an expectation that parents are actively supervising their children on school grounds. Parents and students should vacate the school site immediately after the siren as quickly as possible. **Students are not permitted to play around the school grounds or on play equipment after school.**



Thanks

A special thanks is extended to Barbara Van Leeuwen, who for a number of years has organised and run the Scholastic Book Club. Her time and efforts have been greatly appreciated. The Scholastic Book Club provides catalogues for kids to look through and pick reading books that interest them. The catalogues are packed full of books from best-selling authors, popular titles and series that kids love, as well as products and books that make perfect gifts for younger siblings who may not be at school yet. Don't forget to look out for the Scholastic Book Club catalogues when they come home in your child's school bag. Ordering from Book Club is easy—simply go to the website www.scholastic.com.au and place your order and pay online. The books are delivered to your child's classroom when they arrive.

Student Allergies

At Pearsall we have a "No Sharing Food Policy" and are including the following information as a reminder to all parents and our wider school community. We have this policy as a number of our students are allergic to different foods and in a few cases the students are highly allergic to foods containing nuts. In the current situation with Covid-19 virus, not touching and sharing food is even more important than ever.

Vandalism

There is an increasing instance of teenagers entering the school and creating extensive vandalism and graffiti to school property. If you notice any suspicious behaviour near or on our school site, please call 1800 177 777 or 08 9264 4632.

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.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). This is a nationwide census/survey of early childhood development held once every three years. The AEDC is a government initiative run by the Education Department, Skills and Employment and includes all children in their first year of full-time school (PrePrimary).

The AEDC provides vital information to communities about how children are developing in the crucial early years, and informs planning and improves services, supporting children and families. It is completed by teachers, is voluntary and is not a school test. It shows what is being done well and what can be improved.

E-Safety and Online Accountability

Today's children and teenagers are growing up in an increasingly online environment and have a world of online material at their fingertips, and it is finding them at an ever increasingly young age. On average, the latest research shows they can be exposed to inappropriate material online between ages of 8 or 9 years and unfortunately, it is no longer a matter of if, but when they are exposed. Watching inappropriate movies whilst young is also harmful and can have a negative lasting impact on their developing, maturing brains. Once inappropriate material has been seen, a child may come to school and share it with their peers, causing misconceptions, embarrassment, anxiety or confusion amongst their peer group.

While exposure to harmful material, whether accidental in nature or not can be worrying, there are steps parents can take to lessen the damage.

If your child does happen to watch, hear or see anything inappropriate either online or onscreen directly or indirectly, it is imperative that it is not dismissed or seen as a joke, but addressed directly. While this may be difficult for some parents, it is important to fight through this discomfort and have regular conversations about what real, loving and positive relationships are like. Where families have open and honest communication, children who may have heard or seen something worrying can bring these misconceptions home to a trust adult, knowing they will be told the truth in a way that is developmentally appropriate, so it is important to continue talking openly and often. The bottom line is, that as parents, we are accountable for being vigilant and overseeing what our children have access to and keeping them safe.



From the P & C...

For more information you can visit their **Facebook page: Pearsall Primary School P&C**

Upcoming P & C Events...

Mothers Day Stall—Thursday 6th and Friday 7th May, classes will be allocated times to attend the Mothers Day stall.

Pizza, Sushi and Subway Orders—Quikcliq: Pizza—Thursday 6th May & 3rd June ;
Sushi— Monday 24th May—*all orders via Quickcliq.com.au*

Subway lunch orders are available Fridays using the Quikcliq platform.

Visit 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.

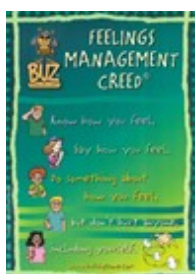
Harmony Colour Run—Friday 21st May All funds raised from the Colour Run will go towards our school chaplaincy. All fundraising will be done online. Sign up at myprofilepage.com.au

Chaplains Chat...

This term we will be highlighting some of the BUZ programs run by Lisa, our school Chaplain.



The BUZ (Build Up Zone) program enable children to develop important life skills, addressing conflict resolution, protective behaviours, bully-proofing, self-awareness, poor self-esteem and builds confidence, emotional competence, relationship skills, empathy and respect.



Our BUZ Feelings Creed is taught to every child and we get to learn little actions that go along with the creed to help children remember it. Children are encouraged to know what they are feeling, (sad, mad) to then talk about what happened to make them feel that way, as a group we talk about what we can do that is safe and appropriate to help us, we come up with lots of ideas that include not hurting anyone else including ourselves.

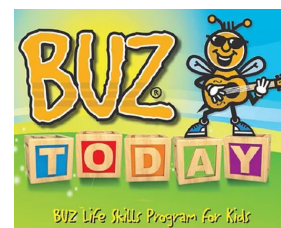
In BUZ we group our feelings into 4 categories **GOOD**, **BAD**, **MAD** and **SAD**. We learn that all feelings are OK but it's not OK to hurt ourselves or someone else, that includes yelling and hitting especially those we love. We talk about each of the feelings groups and what they might look like in our everyday life. BUZ is child centred learning, they learn from each other by discussing and talking each week, it is fun filled and gives really good tools for children to grow in a comfortable and safe place.



All children from years PP to year 6 will get a BUZ program this year and in each program they learn about all 4 categories of feelings.

Pre-Primary and Year 1 - BUZ TODAY

- Build a positive self image.
- Increase their friendship making abilities—knowing what friends 'do'.
- Develop new friendships
- Identify feelings and recognise situations that may cause different feelings to emerge.
- Understand, communicate and manage feelings, especially anger and sadness.
- Appropriately express feelings and wants to others.
- Recognise and resolve conflict.
- Know what to do if someone is not being friendly or picking on them. (Bully-proofing)
- Grow and celebrate positivity.



Year 2 – BUZ FRIENDS - Program Outcomes

- Build a positive self image.
- Confidently establish and maintain communication with peers.
- Develop new friendships.
- Identify feelings and recognise situations that may cause different feelings to emerge.
- Understand, communicate and manage feelings, especially anger and sadness.
- Appropriately express feelings and wants to others.
- Recognise and resolve conflict.
- Handle situations when they are not being treated fairly or with respect. (Bully-proofing)
- Grow and celebrate positivity.

If you have any questions about our BUZ program, please feel free to discuss these with your child's classroom teacher.