

The Pearsall Post Newsletter

Term 3 Issue # 12

Thursday 5th August 2021

Student Absence Line:
0437 482 159

Important Dates to Remember

- **EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 2:30PM**
- **Running Club Tuesday @ 8am**
Meet Mr G & Mr B on the oval
- **Chess Club every Monday @ lunchtime**
Meet Mr B in the library
- **UNIFORM SHOP**
Wed 4th August 2.30pm — 3.00pm

From the Principal...

Interschool Cross Country

Congratulations to our Interschool Cross Country team who competed at Spring Hill Primary School on Tuesday, 27th July. We were the winners of the B Division Competition shield. There were many outstanding individual efforts with a large number of students who were winners or place getters in their events. The behaviour of the team was outstanding and they represented Pearsall Primary School excellently. Congratulations to Mrs Wilson and everyone involved!



Reporting to Parents

On Thursday, 27th July the school closed for half a day to hold Parent-Teacher meetings. These meetings were a fantastic opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss student academic, social and behavioural development over the first two terms of school.

Assemblies

This term we will have 8 assemblies, including the first of our PrePrimary classes. At these assemblies we do see a wonderful turnout of parents. Thank you for showing such great support to the school community. Here are some pictures from our most recent assembly from our Year 2, Room 16 class.



Upcoming Events for Term 3...

JEANS FOR GENES & DAFFODIL DAY



Jeans for Genes®

"No child's life should be cut short, and we will do all within our power to change "incurable" to curable" 1 in 20 kids are born with a birth defect or genetic disorder. That's one in every classroom! Cancer is also a disease that affects so many families in our community. You likely know and care about someone

living with a genetic disease or cancer, including some here at Pearsall.

On **Friday, 6th August 2021** we will be wearing jeans and giving a gold coin donation, or you can donate online. <https://fundraise.jeansforgenes.org.au/fundraisers/pearsallprimaryschool>

Daffodil Day is **Friday 13th August**. Pearsall is an accredited Sun Smart school and we support the Cancer Council. Students are asked to wear yellow on Daffodil Day and bring a gold coin donation.

Pearsall Faction Carnival

Our school faction carnival will take place Friday 27 August. The interschool carnival will take place Friday 10 September. More details will be provided via Connect.



Staffing

We have conducted a state wide merit selection process for a Deputy Principal (ICT), position that will be 3 days a week. I am able to announce that Mrs Rachel Van Der Heiden was the successful applicant. Her roles will include the roll out of ICT initiatives at Pearsall PS. Other areas of responsibility will include management of our ICT system and the integration of ICT into the curriculum.

School Improvements

A bike track for Kindergarten students was installed over the Term 2 mid year break. A walk way was also paved between Demountable 4 and Demountable 6.



Year 4 Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC)

The PEAC testing at Pearsall will take place in Week 3 of Term 3. If students in Year 4 are absent on the day of testing, there will be the opportunity for catch up testing over the next week.

The PEAC testing is a North Metropolitan Education District testing program that is used to identify the top 2% of students through Mathematical Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning assessments. The students who are identified through this process will then be offered places in the PEAC Program in Year 5 and Year 6.

Write A Book In A Day

On 26th August, some Year 5 and 6 students competed in the 'Write a Book in a Day' competition to raise money for The Kids' Cancer Project and to create awesome books for kids in hospital to read. We had two teams, each writing a separate book. We started at 8am. Our fabulous artists illustrated the novel, with pictures scattered through the book. It was an amazing experience, and I loved the fact that we synergised during complicating times, so the whole group would contribute. After a relaxing lunch, we shifted our gears to editing – one step closer to publishing. We edited here and there, spotting small flaws and room for improvement. While time flew by us, we were on the final stage: putting the book together.



And by that time, it was dinner time. We had some pizza and then received the news that our books were published! We all ate the rest of food, with a celebratory mood. Our WHOLE group felt so proud. After the books, we reluctantly had to leave. In the happiness of a publishing a book I skipped home.

By Krish Akilan, Year 6



COMING SOON...

* Book Week, Week 6

Book Week will take place in Week 6 of the term from Monday 23 August to Thursday 26 August. A book dress up day will be on the Thursday.

* Science Week, Week 9

Students will engage in science activities in Week 9 of the term from Monday 13 September to Friday 17 September. A space dome incursion will take place during this week with more details to follow.

* MSP School Photos, Week 10

School photos are scheduled for the last week of term on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 September. More information will be sent home shortly.



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.

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.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM COMPETITION WINNERS!

Our inaugural Outdoor Classroom competition took place last term with classes encouraged to use the learning space in fun and innovative ways. Learning in an outdoor setting is so important for positive mental health. Congratulations to Room 9 for showing us how easy it is to take Literacy and Art lessons outdoors and make them fun too! They won a class activity pack that will help continue their learning outside of



the classroom. **Ms Jackie Cannon, Nature Play Team**

COVID Requirements for Pearsall PS

Current recommendations are still in place for schools. These include:

- Physical distancing measures between adults where possible.
- Good hygiene practices, such as frequent handwashing and sanitizing are maintained and promoted
- Visitors, parents and students are not permitted to attend school if they are unwell.
- Drink fountains are only for refilling drink bottles, not allowed to drink from them.

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle and hat to school everyday.

It is important that parents do not send unwell children to school.

Some sicknesses are more contagious than others and we have a number of vulnerable students with serious underlying medical conditions that we do not want to endanger and sickness to spread, so please be very diligent. All sick children will be sent home to rest and recover.

Medication at School

All student medication must be signed in by a parent/carer at the Front Office on arrival at school. Medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and important Departmental forms must be completed before medication can be administered at school. This includes all prescription and over the counter medications and those that can be self administered. No medication is to be left in school bags during the day.

Being at school on time

Arriving before the school siren in the morning allows students to get themselves organised for the day and also provides opportunity for them to speak to the teacher in an informal way, strengthening the very important teacher student relationship. Arriving after the siren places stress and anxiety on the student as they are often embarrassed about coming into the room in front of everyone. Late arrivals also interrupt and disrupt instruction time for the teacher.

Please ensure your child is at school and at their class before class starts at 8.40am. Classroom doors open at 8.20am allowing students time to prepare themselves for the day.

**P & C Updates...**

For more information you can visit their **Facebook page**:

Pearsall Primary School P&C

Upcoming P & C Events for Term 3:

P & C Casino Night—4th September Please see the Pearsall Primary School P & C Facebook page for more information

Fathers Day Stall—Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September, more information to come via Connect

P & C Free Dress Day—Wednesday 22nd September, theme to be confirmed, Gold coin donation

Second-Hand Uniform Shop: Wednesday 2.30—3.00pm, 1st September

Lunch Orders—Quikcliq: Subway —Fridays; Pizza—26th August & 23rd September

All orders via Quickcliq.com.au - Visit quickcliq.com.au to register

School Banking: Thursdays: collected from classrooms.

