

The Pearsall Post Newsletter

Thursday 10th March 2022

Student Absence Line:
0437 482 159

Important Dates to Remember

- **EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 2:30PM**
- **Harmony Week 15-21st March**
- **Recess & Lunch Time Changes for 2022**
Recess 10.40am-11.40am
Lunch 1.15-1.40pm
- **Pizza Day 24th March Via Quickcliq (cut off 22 March)**
- **Sausage sizzle 18th March Via Quickcliq**

Dear Kindergarten Parents and Caregivers,

Our 73 Kindergarten students have made a fabulous start to school. They have settled in extremely well to school life, following routines and rules perfectly and most importantly enjoying learning and making new friends! A great start to kindergarten helps to set students up with a positive attitude towards school which will stay with them for their school life. This is why it is critical for students to attend kindergarten. The kindergarten students have been engaging in many learning activities including listening to stories, developing fine motor skills and learning about different countries and places around the world. Thank you to our families for helping our newest students settle seamlessly into Pearsall Primary School. We are very excited to see them grow through the year.



**Kind Regards,
Gary Payne
Principal**



2023 Kindergarten Enrolments - Open Monday 2nd May

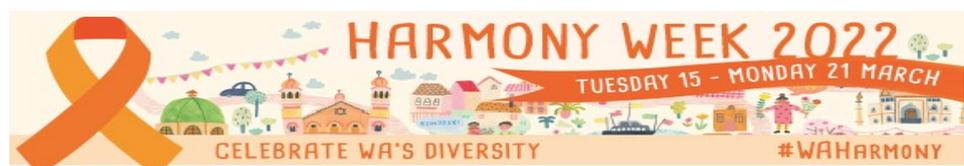
If you, or someone you know residing within the Pearsall intake area have a child due to begin Kindergarten in 2023 (born between 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019), you can download an Application to Enrol form from our website. When lodging enrolment, a copy of the child's birth certificate, current immunisation records and proof of address (copy of utilities bill) are required. Places are limited and fill fast. For more information, please see our website. **Applications will only be accepted from Monday 2nd May.**

Dental Screening

On Monday 28th March, the Year 3 and Year 6 students will undergo a dental screening at the Pearsall PS Dental Therapy Clinic.

Harmony Week, 21st – 25th March

Pearsall PS will celebrate Harmony Week during Week 8. Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity; it is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. On **Wednesday 23rd March**, we are asking that students **wear orange or traditional/cultural costume** to celebrate Harmony Week.



**NEW 2022
TIMETABLE**

8.25am	Classrooms Open
8.40am	Siren for start of day
10.40am	Recess
11.15am	End of Recess
1.15pm	Lunch
1.40pm	End of Lunch
3.00pm	School Day Ends

Please note:

2.30pm finish on

Wednesdays

Assemblies held

every 2nd

Thursday at

8.45am (On

Hold till further

notice)

**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.

COVID Update

Thank you to the school community for your ongoing support in implementing the COVID Safe protocols. The Director General of Education has been clear in her intent along with government to keep schools operating as close to normal as possible, but there have been some changes to operational processes that will increase as we move into a very High Case load setting effective as of Thursday 10th of March. These include the requirements for adults and children in Year 3 and above to wear masks at all indoor public settings and at major stadiums. It should be noted that these health measures now apply to all school aged children in Year 3 and higher, and all adults unless exempt.

Please keep up to date with Connect. Please keep children at home if they have flu-like symptoms such as a temperature, fever, cough, runny nose, sneezing, vomiting, diarrhoea or any other symptoms. Any children that are symptomatic will be sent home.



We are aware at Pearsall that there will be individual, circumstances where exemptions due to conditions that students may have, allowing them to have an exemption. Parents on school site should be wearing a mask. Social distancing needs to be in place and gatherings should not take place. Parents and students are please asked to move off school site as soon as practically possible.

- Parent and teacher interviews can take place by phone.
- Assemblies will not take place until further notice.

It is inevitable that we will have COVID issues. We have very clear communication strategies to ensure that the school community will be informed when there are cases and what procedures we need to follow. Please make sure that you are aware of the variety of situations for testing and isolation. Should you have any doubt ring the [Corona virus Information Helpline on 13 268 43](#).

In term Swimming

In term swimming has now concluded with 3 sessions over the last 6 weeks. One at Mullaloo Beach and two sessions at Wanneroo Aquamotion. In all situations the sessions have been successful. The students can be congratulated on their learning and their leadership behaviour through these activities.



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.

Clean up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day is held on the **first Sunday of March every year and encourages people to clean up their local areas.** Students in Pre-Primary —Years 6 took part by helping clean up the school grounds. All children had a great time participating and making the school look immaculately clean! Great job students!

**Programmed Learning Sounds—Write**

In the weeks of the holidays all staff completed learning on a phonics program that is now being used across the school. The Sounds Write Program is highly structured, multi-sensory, incremental and code-oriented, implemented in classrooms to provide fast and effective teaching for children at all levels. The programme provides lesson plans that are clearly structured and easy to follow within a systematic, synthetic phonics programme. It teaches all key elements of conceptual understanding, factual knowledge and, the three essential skills of blending, segmenting and phoneme manipulation necessary for learning to read and spell completed on a daily basis until all children achieve the automaticity that underlies the fluency of every successful reader.

4 Questions Parents can ask their Children

Parents are our learners first teachers. According to Pam Betts, "Parents and the broader community are important stakeholders, with parents and caregivers having roles critical to their children's success". Below I have listed 4 questions to assist you in engaging with your child's learning.

1. What did you learn today?
2. How did you do?
3. How can you improve on your learning?
4. What are you most proud of?

The importance of arriving on time***Arriving at school and class on time:***

- * Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- * Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- * Give students time to greet their friends before class
- * Reduces classroom disruption, Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.



Asymptomatic close contact protocols for schools and childcare centres

Effective 12.01am Thursday 10 March 2022, in line with very high caseload settings

Students in school or early childcare, who are asymptomatic but have been identified as a close contact will be able to do the following, provided they remain asymptomatic:

- **Attend school, before school care and after school care**
- **Travel** between the student's usual place of residence and their school
- **Attend school-based sporting, cultural training or after school events** at the students' school

Students must self-isolate at all other times until seven days has passed.

NOTE:

These settings **do not apply** to students who are a household close contact - in this case, students will need to self-isolate for seven days and follow the regular close contact protocols.

More information, including details on symptomatic close contact protocols and confirmed positive case protocols can be found at www.wa.gov.au

Family Law Issues in Schools

The law presumes that parents have joint parental responsibility, irrespective of the children's place of residence. Consequently, each parent is entitled to:

- > *Contact the child should he/she seek to do so while the child is attending school (Via administration as per visitors policy) to the extent it does not impact on the normal operations of the school*
- > *Discuss the child's academic progress with Teachers, Learning Support Coordinators, Deputy Principals or the school Principals*

Any variation to this can only occur when the school is provided with a copy of a current Family Court Order, parenting plans registered with the Family Court, and or a Restraining Order. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that the school is provided with these documents and any subsequent variations to these.