

The Pearsall Post

Newsletter

Wednesday 4th May 2022

Student Absence Line:
0437 482 159

Important Dates to Remember

- **EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 2:30PM**
- **Recess & Lunch Time Changes for 2022**
Recess 10.40am - 11.15am
Lunch 1.15 - 1.40pm
- **P&C Mothers day raffle 6th May**
- **17th June Colour Run**
- **Subway every Friday via Quickclick**

Please TEXT Absences to 0437 482 159

Welcome back for Term 2,

We would like to welcome you back to term 2. We trust that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break. All students have made a fantastic return to the classroom and picked up where they left off in Term 1. We are proud of how well students have returned back to Pearsall Primary School.

We would like to welcome Miss Polly Taberer who will be taking over Miss Marshall's days on a Monday and Wednesday. Miss Taberer will also be working on a Tuesday and Friday in a variety of roles.



Naplan

During weeks 3 and 4 (Tuesday, May 10th– Friday, May 20th), our Year 3 students will participate in NAPLAN testing in Writing, Reading, Language conventions and Numeracy. These assessments will be completed online using school iPads/laptops with the exception of Year 3 Writing which is a pencil and paper test. I encourage you to go to the NAPLAN Public Demonstration site and have a 'play'.

Completing an assessment online requires our students to think differently to when they are gaming or interacting with other content. Many children have become accustomed to getting a visual or sound cue if they give an incorrect answer so may not take care to answer accurately the first time. Teachers have been concentrating on problem solving strategies and using working out, especially in Mathematics. If you are problem solving with your children at home it is important to verbalise your thought processes to assist them to develop these skills.

Transperth

Students enrolled in schools across Western Australia, have the ability to access cheaper student fares across the Transperth network of Public Transport. If you would like more information about a Student Smart rider, head over to transperth.wa.gov.au and click on Smart rider at the top of the page. As a community, we want to promote employee and student health and wellbeing through physical activity (walking or cycling to stops), making better use of travel time and reducing their travel costs.



National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 20 May 2022.

Now in its 23rd year, the annual campaign encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk safely and regularly to school. The event seeks to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. Australian children are becoming less active. One substantial contributor is the decline in walking and/or taking public transport to school. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and are less likely to be obese or overweight. Sedentary behaviour can lead to long-term and costly risks of illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

**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

**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.

2023 Kindergarten Enrolments - Open Monday 2nd May

Applications for children born between 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 will be taken from Monday 2nd of May. 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.

**Table Tennis Tables**

We now have three table tennis tables that will be made available to students for use. They are weatherproof and will be able to stay outside.

Student details

If your child's/ren's details have changed, whether its phone numbers, address, email address or emergency contacts, it is important to advise the front office of these changes. Please email to pearsall.ps@education.wa.edu.au for your child's/ren's details to be updated.

School Gates

The school gates will be opened at 8.25am where staff will greet students where possible. Our kindergarten students have begun walking to their classrooms from the kindy gates. Its encouraging to see their confidence growing. Gates will be open in the afternoon for parents to collect students from their classroom.

Leaving School

I would like to remind parents that they must leave the school premises directly after meeting their children at classrooms. I understand it may be inviting to stay but from a supervision perspective and a requirement from the chief Health Officer that premises are vacated as soon as possible.

**Attendance**

There are 3 simple ways you can notify us if your child is absent from school:

- 1. Text our Attendance Line: 0437 482 159**
- 2. Email us: pearsall.ps@education.wa.edu.au**
- 3. Phone us: 6207 3900 (from 8am-4pm)**

Please always give your child's name and the reason for their absence.

Our message system will automatically send you an SMS to your mobile if your child is absent from school and we haven't been notified by you.

Please remind your child to come to the office before going to class if they arrive after the siren.

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.

Crunch&Sip®**What foods can I pack for Crunch&Sip®?**

The Crunch&Sip® break is a time to introduce children to raw vegetables and fruit and encourage the water drinking habit. Fresh vegetables and fruit are the best choice. Please only send foods with a tick:

✓ **Allowed****Vegetables**

- ✓ All fresh vegetables (eg celery, carrot sticks, broccoli bits etc.)

Fruit

- ✓ All fresh fruit (eg whole fruits, chopped melon etc.)
- ✓ Fruit canned in water, juice or 'no added sugar' (eg peach slices)
- ✓ Dried fruit - please limit as it contains concentrated sugar and tends to cling to teeth, increasing risk of tooth decay

Water

- ✓ Only plain water

✗ **Not Allowed****Drinks**

- ✗ Any drinks other than plain water including fruit or vegetable juice, fruit juice drink, fruit cordial, mineral waters, carbonated water

All other foods not permitted include:

- ✗ Dips, including those that are vegetable based
- ✗ 'Fruit' products (eg fruit leather, fruit roll-ups, fruit bars or similar)
- ✗ Fruit jams, jellies, pies and cakes
- ✗ Fruit canned in syrup or jelly or with artificial sweeteners
- ✗ Canned or processed vegetables
- ✗ Vegetable or potato crisps, hot potato chips
- ✗ Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties, sausage rolls)
- ✗ Vegetable cakes, fritters, quiches, breads or similar
- ✗ Popcorn

**New Playground**

Over the holiday break work started on the installation of a new playground area on the eastern side of the school. The play area features a spider web arrangement for students to traverse. A big thank you to the P & C for the funds to purchase this innovative equipment.

Electoral site

Pearsall Primary School will be a electoral site for the Federal election to take place on Saturday the 21st of May.

Anzac Day Service

On Friday the 29th of April students and teachers held a Anzac Day ceremony. This year was a little different as it was an online virtual service. Our Year 6 ANZAC Leaders worked incredibly hard to prepare for this event. Thankyou to everyone who donated flowers and made our Service possible.



Covid Update

The state government announced public health and social measures eased on Friday 29 April.

For schools, these changes include:

masks no longer mandatory at school except for in [specific settings and circumstances](#).

Masks are encouraged for staff and students where physical distancing is not possible.

density and capacity limits no longer apply to school activities

asymptomatic close contacts no longer required to isolate (see requirements below)

an additional supply of RATs for all students and staff.

If your child becomes an asymptomatic close contact due to a person in your household being COVID-19 positive, they will no longer have to isolate for 7 days. They will be required to:

inform the school via email – pearsall.ps@education.wa.edu.au

do a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and receive a negative result each day to attend school

wear a mask at school and when travelling on public transport or ride-share.

We will let you know when you can collect the free RATs the state government is providing for all students. In the meantime, if your child displays any symptoms of being unwell or is a household close contact, please contact us.

If your child becomes symptomatic they should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. Refer to healthywa.wa.gov.au for information on close contact definition, testing and isolation requirements. You should notify the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Updated guidelines for close contacts with no symptoms

Effective 12.01am, Friday 29 April, asymptomatic close contacts will no longer have to isolate for seven days, provided they:

- Undertake daily RATs
- Avoid high-risk and large gatherings
- Wear a mask outside the home
- Should notify employer or educational facility
- Work from home, where possible
- Close contacts with symptoms must continue to follow existing close contact requirements

More information can be found at www.wa.gov.au

New baseline public health measures

Effective 12.01am, Friday 29 April 2022

- Indoor mask-wearing no longer mandatory**
Masks will only be required for those aged 12+ in the following settings:
Aged care, disability care and hospitals; Taxis and ride-share; Public transport; Airports; Correction facilities.
Masks are encouraged where physical distancing isn't possible.
- All capacity limits and the 2 square metre rule lifted**
Stadiums return to full capacity
- New protocols for close contacts with no symptoms**
- Proof of vaccination no longer required at businesses and venues**
Workplace vaccination requirements remain
- Proof of vaccination no longer required for interstate travellers**
- Q20 Pass no longer required for all travellers into WA**
- Some additional visitors allowed in hospitals**
Masks and proof of vaccination still required
- Entry to some remote Aboriginal communities remains restricted**

More information can be found at www.wa.gov.au

Pearsall Primary School would like to thank Margaret Quirk, our local MLA for her generosity in donating our staff/P&C Easter Raffle prizes. We can not thank her enough for her kind donation.

