

The Pearsall Post Newsletter

Thursday, 17th November 2022

Student Absence Line:
0437 482 159

Important Dates to Remember

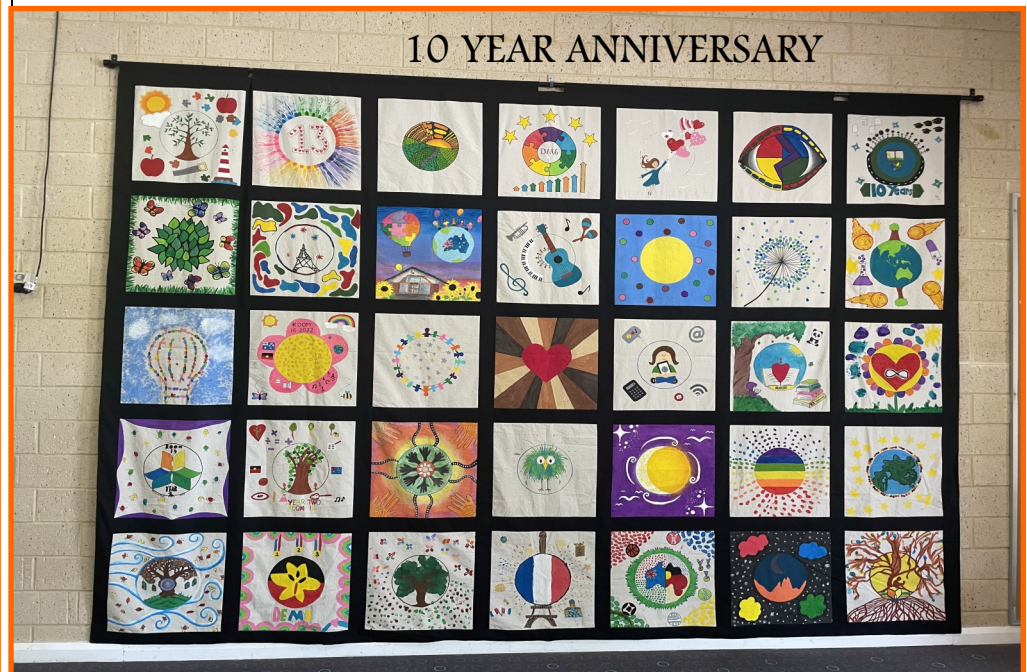
- EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 2:30PM
- Christmas Concert & 10 Year Celebration Thursday 8th December
- Pizza Day Thursday 1st December
- Subway every Friday via Quickcliq
- Last day for Term 4 Thursday 15th December

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From the Principal,

Each Piece tells a story

On Thursday the 10th of November, a student assembly was held revealing a magnificent quilt created to mark the 10 year anniversary of Pearsall Primary School. Each class created a personalised square to represent their thoughts on the school culture and what makes Pearsall Primary unique. A huge thank you to Mrs Frost for co-ordinating and sewing the quilt, the arts committee for assisting and to staff for facilitating their classes to produce such amazing pieces. To find out the meaning behind each piece, please go to [10 Year Celebration Quilt - YouTube](#)



PEAC

Early in the year all year 4 students completed a PEAC assessment for the Primary Extension and Challenge program, co-ordinated by the Department of Education. Five of our students from the current year 4 cohort have qualified for a placement which are generally offered to students scoring in the top 3.5% across the state which is a great achievement.

Supporting Students With Disabilities

Did you know that approximately 14 000 students with a disability are taught in WA public Schools? At Pearsall Primary School, we strive to meet the individual needs of all students through a model of collaboration between parents, staff, therapists, and where possible, students themselves. Please follow the link below to learn about Caitlyn's Story— one of our Year 6 students who appeared recently in an online ABC article. [Resourcing key for children with disabilities to succeed in public schools, but barriers remain - ABC News](#)

COVID

The Chief Health Officer has lifted all COVID restrictions. If you are unwell with COVID, please stay home. Parents are welcome to let us know students who are positive for COVID, however this is not a requirement. As the regulations stand right now, if you are well you attend work/school. Naturally, if you feel well you would probably not be testing yourself, therefore we can be fairly sure COVID is circulating undetected in our community. The Chief Health Officer reminds us all to keep vaccinations up to date, to wear a mask if you wish and to isolate if you are COVID positive.

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.

Robotics

Many classes are teaming up to take on coding challenges. We currently are using Dash Dot robotics to navigate paths over designated areas. Students work in teams to participate in these tasks.

Mental Health Week

October was mental Health Month, and we can all benefit from looking after our own mental health and mental health of our community. Mental Health starts with our children. Early childhood is a critical time for brain development and functioning. Childhood experiences build the foundations of lifelong resilience, social and emotional well being and self-esteem. These are key for children to develop into compassionate, confident people. Good mental health is when we can cope with the stressors of our daily lives, participate in loving relationships, contribute to our community and work towards our goals. Everyone has mental health and we can all benefit from looking after our own mental health of our community.

Book Fair

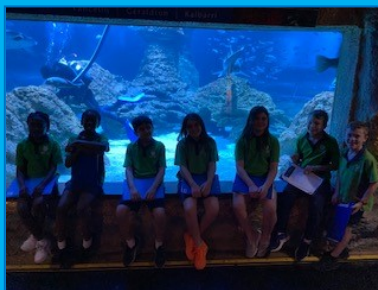
Over the past two weeks our school librarian Miss Shari has hosted a Book fair. Children have had the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books featuring characters and subjects kids love and will engage with. The theme for the book fair was Paws for Books. A big thank you to Miss Shari for organising this opportunity.

Leave

Mrs Frost will be taking leave until the end of the year. Her role will be undertaken by Mrs McGinnity and Mrs Westland.

Aqua Excursion

On Monday 7th November Year 4s from Rooms 12 and 13 went on an excursion to AQWA. It was heaps of fun and we learnt so much too! After studying Tim Winton's novel Blueback it was amazing to see the variety of underwater species we have in our own country. We participated in the Wildlife Rescue presentation where Andrea talked about how important it was to rescue and research turtles. Did you know that a turtle's egg is the size of a Freddo Frog?! We also became researchers ourselves by tagging turtles, categorising them, using magnetic force to move them and we also weighed and measured their lengths. In our groups we were able to tour the centre. All the children spent time at the Touch Pool, in the Underwater Tunnel, in the Danger Zone and wandering along the Perth coast exhibit.



NAPLAN

Due to the disruptions with COVID in 2022, we do not have access to all of the data sets that we would usually be looking at in regards to NAPLAN that was held in May. As a school we are using the data available, in combination with teacher judgement, and other standardised assessments to make informed plans for the future. We did see a drop in our average scores across NAPLAN assessments compared to last year, however we still have a large number of students doing very well which would have been represented in the individual reports that went home to Year 3 and Year 5 students earlier in the year.

Excursions

We have a number of classes this term undertake excursions to a variety of venues. This has included AQUA, Caversham Wildlife Park, Kalamunda History Village and Whadjuck Gift. All where a great success and enjoyed by all that attended.

Loose Parts Incursion

All the year groups from Kindy to year 6 thoroughly enjoyed the loose parts incursion at Pearsall. It was wonderful watching the children work together and use their imaginations to create all kinds of play scenarios with the materials. The nature play team has been busy collecting their own range of loose parts for the kids to enjoy during break times. Thank you to all the parents who have donated items.



Facebook

Pearsall Primary School now has a face book page for you to access. Current information will be provided regularly via this means of communication.

School development Days for 2023- *Please note children do not attend school on School Development days.

Term 1	Monday 30th January 2023 Tuesday 31st January 2023
Term 2	Monday 24th April 2023
Term 3	Monday 17th July 2023
Term 4	Monday 9th October 2023 Friday 15th December 2023

No Hat No Play

We would like to remind families the importance of wearing a sun-smart hat during outdoor play. It is the policy of the school that all students wear hats when participating in outdoor activities. Please ensure that hats are clearly labelled with the students name.



Christmas Concert



The Christmas concert will take place on **Thursday the 8th of December**. At the conclusion of the concert food trucks will be in attendance, for meals to be purchased. This will take place to acknowledge 10 years of Pearsall P.S
Connect notices will be released by teachers providing more information closer to the date.

