

# The Pearsall Post Newsletter

Thursday 9th February

Student Absence Line:  
**0437 482 159**

## Important Dates to Remember

- EARLY CLOSE EVERY  
WEDNESDAY @  
2:30PM
- P&C AGM—MONDAY  
13TH FEB
- SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING—MONDAY  
20TH FEB
- LABOUR DAY PUBLIC  
HOLIDAY 6TH MARCH

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## COMING UP IN TERM ONE:

NAPLAN (Y3&5)  
15TH –27TH MARCH

ARTS WEEK  
WEEK 9 (27/3—31/3)

COLOUR FUN RUN  
31/3/2023

### **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to Term One for the 2023 school year and a special welcome to our new families to the school. I hope you had the opportunity to relax over the summer holidays, recharged the batteries and spent some quality time with loved ones. It was great to see our students engaging with teachers and excited to see old and new friends and fellow students over the first few days of term. In 2023 we welcome back Mrs V, our Deputy Principal specialising in all things ICT and BYOD.

### **Thank You**

A big thank you to our cleaning staff led by Lyn, who kept the school in tip top shape. A thank you also to Brendan and Vince our gardeners who worked hard over the break to ensure our gardens and facilities were well maintained.

### **Swimming**

Swimming will come to an end on Friday the 10th of February. Students in year 5 and year 6 are attending Mullaloo Beach and are enjoying this experience. Our PP to year 4 students are swimming at Wanneroo Aquamotion. Students at all swimming venues are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to further their swimming skills.

### **Office Hours**

The school office is open from 8am to 4pm  
Monday to Friday during school terms.

### **SMS absence line— 0437 482 159**

T: 6207 3900

E: [pearsall.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:pearsall.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

W: [Home - Pearsall Primary School](http://Home - Pearsall Primary School)

[pearsallps.wa.edu.au](http://pearsallps.wa.edu.au)

### **School Hours**

Start 8.25am door open; 8.40am lessons start

Recess 10.40am – 11.15am

Lunch 1.15pm – 1.40pm

Finish 3pm

(Wednesdays 2.30pm)

### **Pearsall Dental Clinic:**

9405 3405



### **Sun Protection**

Thank you parents and carers for ensuring your child has a hat each day for school. At Pearsall Primary School, we have a “no hat, play in the shade” approach, to reduce the risk of skin damage. On particularly hot days, we also encourage students to seek shade during break times. Some families have their children apply sunscreen before coming to school, a great additional level of sun protection.



### **Attendance**

Settling into a new school year can be difficult for some students, as they move into a new class, with a new teacher, new friends, and new routines and procedures. For some children, this can result in anxiety and/or anxiety-induced illness. Below is an excerpt from an article written by Karen Young, psychologist and founder of Hey Sigmund, which explains why it is so crucial that parents do not support school avoidance.

“Supporting any avoidance of school will make anxiety bigger. The amygdala, the part of the brain responsible for anxiety, only learns from experience. Once it has associated school with threat, this will continue to drive anxiety until there have been enough experiences of that anxiety giving way to calm. This can be tough. Often, anxiety will get worse before it gets better. This can make anxiety at school feel fierce, which can understandably move a loving parent to remove children from school before anxiety has had a chance to ease. This makes sense—there is nothing that feels okay about moving our children towards the things that are causing their distress, but here’s the rub. The more that children avoid school, the more the brain will learn that the only way to feel calm and safe is to avoid school. This will catastrophise school and make anxiety bigger.” [Anxiety in Kids and Teens - How Can You Help | Hey Sigmund](#)

### 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

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.

### Staffing 2023

CLASSROOM	TEACHER	EDUCATION ASSISTANT
Kindergarten-IKA	Mrs Long	Ms Watters
Kindergarten-IKB	Mrs Foster	Ms Watters
Kindergarten-2KC	Mrs Tedge	Mrs Garrett
Kindergarten- 2KD	Mrs Tedge	Mrs Garret
Pre-Primary –Room 3	Mrs Zepeda	Mrs Gurr / Ms Grace
Pre-Primary-Room 4	Miss Wills	Ms Carraher
Pre-Primary-Room 5	Mrs Robertson/Mrs Prebble	Ms Parson
Year One – Room 6	Miss D'Adamo	
Year One/Two – Room 7	Mrs Williams	<b>Office Staff</b>
Year One – Room 8	Ms Palfreyman	Gary Payne—Principal
Year Two - Room 14	Mr Turvill	Mandy Payne—Deputy Principal
Year Two - Room 15	Miss Layton	Rachel Van Der Heiden—Deputy Principal
Year Two – Room 16	Miss McLeod	Tiffany Harding—Manager Corp Services
Year Three - Room 10	Ms Knoesen	Trish Schofield—School Officer
Year three - Room 11	Mr Gartrell	Sarah Guilfoyle—School Officer
Year three - Room 12	Mrs Letch	Kelly Taylor—School Officer
Year four –Room 13	Ms Cannon	Sarah Morphett—Psychologist
Year four—Dem 3	Mrs Kitin	Lisa Ingham—Chaplain
Year four—Dem 4	Mrs Burdon	Shari Smith—Librarian
Year five– Dem 1	Mr Birkelbach	<b>Specialist Staff</b>
Year five—Dem 7	Mrs Hodgson	Mrs Benjamin
Year Six— Dem 5	Mrs Sillence	Mrs Rispoli
Year Six– Dem 6	Ms Parker	Mrs McLay
Sport- Mrs Wilson	Music—Mrs Frost	Mrs Ielati
Science—Mrs Warden	French—Mrs Appledoorn	Ms Layton
		Miss Marshall

Special Needs	Education Assistants
Mrs Clarke	Mrs McLagan
Mrs King	Mrs Mogridge
Ms Lyndsey	Miss Murphy
Mrs Marx	Mrs Slaughter
Mrs Messer	Mrs Worthington
Mr Pasco	

Gardner's	&	Cleaning Staff
Mr Wedge		Lyn
Mr Lumbuca		Almaz
		Julie
		Maxine
		Rose
		Ben



### Connect information for parents



This platform is used to communicate important, and at times, more immediate, information to you. The CONNECT platform also has a library for parents that can readily access. Importantly, you will need your password to retrieve your child's school reports at the end of each semester. If you do not have a password (or need further support with CONNECT) please contact the office on 6207 3900.

***Djurapin koort, djurapin moort*** (Happy heart, happy family)

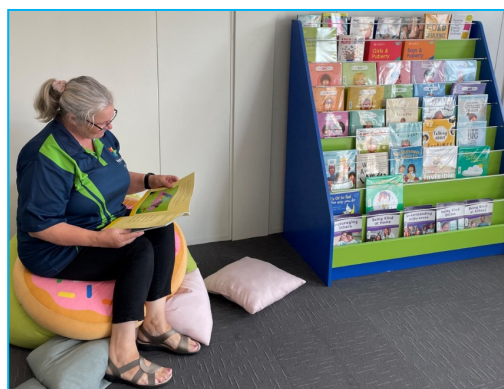
Our new Student Services Building is open for business!

It is with great excitement we announce our new Student Services Hub is open, with therapists Daisy and Sophia ( pictured with Jethro from Year 1), the very first to utilise the space. The hub is a purpose built building providing 4 therapy rooms for visiting therapists and a dedicated space for Lisa Ingham our school chaplain. Our speech therapist and school nurse will also be operating from the hub and we have a small collection of mental health, anxiety, ADHD and Autism books for parents to borrow once our parent library is up and running. There is a large common space which will be utilised for social groups run by Lisa and throughout the year we will run several parent sessions including the PPP program, pre-K parent sessions and other informative events in this space.



We could not have achieved our vision for this building without Margaret Quirk, MLA, Member for Landsdale and we express our heartfelt thanks for her very generous donation.

Our Hub is wonderful but we know it's what happens on the inside of the building that changes children's lives. To enable us to purchase much needed therapy equipment, furniture, books, sensory and mental health resources, we will be approaching local businesses for any sized donation and applying for community and government grants. If you know of any businesses that may be able to support us, please contact the school or [amanda.payne1@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:amanda.payne1@education.wa.edu.au)

**On Entry Assessment**

During weeks 3-6 of this term, all pre-primary students will be participating in the Education Department's On-Entry Assessment Program. This program provides teachers with information on the essential literacy and numeracy skills and understandings of each child in the class. The assessment tasks will be conducted in both whole class and individual environments. Further information regarding the program will be sent out to all parents/carers over the next week. Additional information can also be found at: [On-entry assessment - Department of Education](#)

**Quality Teaching Framework**

As a learning community we are excited by the Education Department's recently released new Quality Teaching Framework, which will guide our lesson structure and planning, teaching and assessment. Staff and leadership will work in a collaborative way to identify what is already in place and what we can turn our attention to in 2023 and beyond. All strategies and initiatives will link to our Business and Operational plans as we continue to strengthen connected quality teaching at Pearsall Primary School and support our staff to Implement the best learning experiences for our students. It is an exciting time to be in education in Western Australia and we look forward to bringing the new Quality Teaching Framework to life in our context.

**YOUR MOVE**

Pearsall Primary School has joined the Your Move program. This Department of Transport initiative aims to increase the number of students (and parents) walking, riding, or scooting to school. The best part is, we can earn points, rewards, and grant funding by increasing our active travel to school! There are also many additional benefits, including:

- Reduced congestion, travel times and parking problems around schools
- Reduce carbon dioxide emissions around school
- Improved safety for everyone at drop off and pick up times
- Lifelong improved health and emotional well-being due to instilling positive exercise habits at a young age
- Improved concentration and academic performance

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN testing this year will take place for Years 3 and year five students between Monday the 20th of March to Friday the 31st of March. This will be an on line test, apart from some year 3 writing.

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

It is really important that your child/ren attend school everyday. This supports children to develop routines, allows them to have expectations around how their day will go and is critical to building strong foundations for learning. Students make the best progress and achieve to their abilities when they attend school regularly/. Missing school equals missing out, socially, emotionally and educationally.

However, we know that germs and virus are around and accidents occur. If your child must miss school, you may let us know via:

- SMS– **text 0437 482 159**– simply state your child's first name and surname, room number and a brief reason eg: Sam Tom, room 21– unwell. Note: this is a no-reply number.
- Phone the Administration- 9607 3900
- Email [pearsall.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:pearsall.ps@education.wa.edu.au) (this method would be best used for a long period of absence/holiday)

Pearsall Primary School works hard to support families and individuals to maintain high attendance rates. Parents may expect contact from your child's class teacher, the front office ladies, in the event of unexplained and/or persistent absence. We care about making sure every child has the best opportunities to grow and develop and wish to work in partnership with you to maintain high attendance rates.

**Term dates for 2023**

**Term 1: Wednesday 1st February : Thursday 6th April**

**Term 2: Monday 24th April : Friday 30th June**

**Term 3: Monday 17th July : Friday 22nd September**

**Term 4: Monday 9th October : Thursday 14th December**