

# The Pearsall Post Newsletter

Thursday 23rd February

Student Absence Line:  
**0437 482 159**

## Important Dates to Remember

- EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 2:30PM
- Running Club –every Thursday @ 8am
- LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 6TH MARCH

Please **TEXT Absences to**  
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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

### Swimming Program 2023

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the swimming programs that took place in week 1 and week 2 . The year 5 and Year 6 students enjoyed the opportunity to learn beach swimming at Mullaloo Beach. Children from Pre-Primary to Year 4 learnt the skills of swimming at Wanneroo Aquamotion. Students were congratulated on their behaviour and participation at both venues.

*Congratulations to all students who received a role at our Leadership assembly on Thursday the 16th of February!*



## TERM DATES FOR 2023

*Pupil free days are subject to change*

**Term 1 - Wednesday 1st February-Thursday 6 April**

Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st of January are PUPIL FREE DAYS

**Term 2 - Wednesday 26 April– Friday 30th June**

Monday 24th April is PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 25 April is Anzac Day public holiday

**Term 3 - Tuesday 18th July—Friday 22nd September**

Monday 17 July is a PUPIL FREE DAY

**Term 4 - TUESDAY 10TH October—Thursday 14th December**

Monday 9th October is a PUPIL FREE DAY

### 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

### 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.

### Attendance

Attendance is a significant concern for all schools and is essential for the best educational outcomes. You must write a letter or email if you require to take leave during a school term. We understand that sometimes things are unavoidable and that things are more expensive during the school holidays. We suggest refraining from doing this if possible. What leave is deemed as 'unacceptable' by the Department is as follows:

- celebrating a birthday
- Going on a family holiday
- Visiting family and friends
- Has slept in or had a big weekend
- Looking after other children
- Has a sport or other recreational activities that the school has not approved
- Has an appointment such as haircut and minor check ups

### Did you know, Its NOT OK to stay away!

The following chart highlights the impact of non-attendance over time. Viewed in this context, the implications of regular absenteeism are startling. The chart shows the cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period from Pre-Primary to Year 12. Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form peer relationships.

If your child misses...	that equals...	or...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part way through year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part way through year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	40%

### **Congratulations to all our new P&C members. The following are the office bearers of the P&C for 2023 .**

Jason D'Lugi	President	P&C
Sophie Steencamp	Vice President, Lunches	
Nicole Seath	Secretary	
Neil Crooks	Treasurer	
Anna Jozkowics	Executive Committee	
Kirby Thomas	Executive Committee	
Kristy Beckett	School Board Rep	
Anjo Roach	Executive Committee	
Renie Kounis	Executive Committee, Fundraising Committee	
Renata Ason	Uniform Shop	

### School Business Plan

During the school development days, our staff put the finishing touches to our new 2023-2025 Business Plan. This outlines the direction for the school for the next 3 years. It also makes clear the targets that will be measured each year and the improvement required.

### Gates

A reminder that from the start of Week 6 Tuesday the 7th of March that parents will be required to allow students to walk onto the school grounds by themselves. This will mean that all students from Pre-Primary to Year Six will be asked to enter the school grounds by themselves to set themselves up for the school day. This is a skill for students in developing leadership skills and independence.

### School Start and Finnish Times

The school gates will open at **8.25am** each morning, for a **8.40am** Lesson start. The school day finishes at **3pm** apart from **Wednesday for early close at 2.30pm**.

**Assemblies 2023**

There will be some changes to the structure of assemblies in terms of frequency, content and classes attending.

**Factors impacting on changes:**

- 1) The number of students in the school, requires a split of student numbers attending assemblies.
- 2) The concern regarding ventilation and possible infection exposure to viruses.
- 3) The amount of time required by staff to prepare students for items at assemblies.

**Benefits Of School Assemblies**

- 1) They provide public speaking opportunities to students
- 2) Students develop a sense of community within the school.
- 3) Assemblies provide a setting requiring the self– discipline to listen and observe what is being presented in a vigilant manner.
- 4) Social discipline is taught in an assembly setting to observe quietly, to be polite and courteous to staff and other audience members. Students learn how and when to participate appropriately , be that clapping or signing along.
- 5) The assembly provides an opportunity to reinforce core values that our school has. It is another medium for character development.

**Structure of Assemblies for 2023**

GROUP ONE	GROUP TWO
Pre– Primary	Year 1
Year 2	Year 3
Year 4	Year 5
1 x Year 6 class	1x Year 6 class

*Assemblies will be performed by students at a Year level, not a class level. It will require co-ordination with the teachers of the same year level.*

	GROUP ONE	GROUP TWO	HIGH ACHIEVERS
TERM 1	Year 2 Thursday 23rd March (NAPLAN)	Year 1 Thursday 30th March (ARTS)	Monday 3rd April
TERM 2	Year 4 Wednesday 7th June	Year 3 Tuesday 6th June	Friday 23rd June
TERM 3	Year 6 (Production )		Friday 15th September
TERM 4	Pre-Primary Thursday 23rd November	Year 5 Thursday 16th November	Friday 8th December

**Term One**– In Term One there will be one assembly for Group One and one assembly for Group Two. These assemblies will be hosted by Year 2 and Year 1 respectively.

**Term Two**- In Term Two there will be one assembly for Group One and one assembly for Group Two. These assemblies will be hosted by Year 4 and Year 3 respectively.

**Term Three**- In Term three Year 6 students will present their drama Production to Years 1-5 at one assembly. This will be in preparation for their Production evening.

**Term Four**– In Term Four there will be one assembly for Group One and one assembly for Group Two. These assemblies will be hosted by Pre-Primary and Year 5 respectively.