

The Pearsall Post Newsletter

Thursday 9th March

Student Absence Line:
0437 482 159

Important Dates to Remember

- EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 2:30PM
- Running Club –every Thursday @ 8am
- ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY Tue 25th APRIL

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)

ARTS OPEN NIGHT
29TH MARCH

COLOUR FUN RUN
31/3/2023



Colour Run

The colour run will be held on **Friday the 31st of March**, on the School oval from **2.15pm to 2.45pm**. All funds from this fundraiser will go towards our Chaplaincy program and enable us to employ Lisa our School Chaplin in our school three days a week. **How does my child fundraise???** Follow the instructions outlined in your child's sponsorship booklet which was sent home in Week

4. Your child can accept donations online by creating a cybersafe fundraising profile at [Colour Explosion School Colour Run | Australian Fundraising](#).



Assemblies

Assemblies will take place on Thursday the 23rd of March at 8.45 in the under cover area. The Year 2 students will host the first assembly whilst the Year 1 students will host the assembly on the 30th of March. We have split the school in half to have classes move comfortably and hygienically attend assemblies. On the 23rd of March the Pre-Primary, Year 2, Year 4 and Mrs Parkers year 6 class will attend. On the 30th of March the Year 1 classes, year 3, year 5 and Mrs Sillences class will attend. Parents of the presenting year groups are welcome to attend. Please note there will be no certificates.



ANZAC Day Ceremony

An ANZAC Day ceremony will take place on Wednesday the 5th of April. Selected students will comper and speak at the event. The Woodvale SHS band will participate providing the music for the special event.

First day of Term 2

Please note first day of **Term 2** will be **Wednesday the 26th of April** due to Tuesday the 25th of April being Anzac day.



Free Dress Day

Thursday the 6th of April (last day of Term) will be a Free dress day. Please provide a Gold coin donation all funds will go to our P&C.



Medical Plans



Students who are identified as having a specific medical diagnosis including: asthma, anaphylaxis, allergies or seizures are required to have a current medical plan in place, with all medications accounted for and in date.

This is imperative in assisting staff when caring for your child. Each plan is required to be recompleted by your physician each 12 months to ensure the most up to date information is on hand.

As your child brings home their medical plan to be updated, please have your doctor sign the plan and return as soon as possible with any required medications, so we can continue to support your child as needed.

Without a current medical plan and medication this can be challenging. We appreciate your support with this.

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

We are focused on raising our attendance this year as this dropped over the last few years as a result of COVID. Parents, please notify the school in advanced of any planned extended leave (ie. Vacations). It is also a requirement that any unplanned time away from school (illness/ emergency) is explained. This can be done by an email to pearsall.ps@education.wa.edu.au or by filling in a form at the front office. A absentee text will be sent until we have been notified of the reason for absence.

Crunch and Sip

We are encouraging students to participate in Crunch and Sip at school. It is a set time, in the morning, where students refuel with fruit or vegetables and rehydrate with water, which helps improve concentration and mental and physical performance.

School Gates– Pre-Primary to Year 6

In the mornings students from Pre-Primary to year 6 will be now entering the school grounds on their own. This allows for student independence and the opportunity to practice the 7 habits. Gates open at 8.25am. **Students are not to be left at the gate unsupervised.**

School Psychologist

The school is very lucky to have Sarah Morphett as our school psychologist. She works every Tuesday and alternative Fridays. Referrals are done through Mrs Payne the Deputy Principal of SAER and Pastoral Care.

Arts Week

Arts Week will take place from the 27th of March through to Friday the 31st of March. An open afternoon will take place on Wednesday the 29th of March, where families are invited to view all the wonderful art work happening in the classrooms. More information will follow about the activities and events that will take place.

Why not ditch the car and walk, bike or scooter to school?

Pearsall PS is excited to become involved in the Your Move initiative. (yourmove.org.au). Many of us can attribute just how busy the drop off and pick up times can be in and around a school. So why not make a positive choice for your family, ditch the car and walk, ride or scooter to school and home? Most of us at Pearsall live within walking distance of school. Walking to school reinforces safe pedestrian



behaviour, promotes healthy habits and reduces traffic congestion at school drop and pick ups. Our bike racks are located inside Gate 5 at school, accessible through the parent car park. Remember:

- parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age
- ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- reduce the level of traffic congestion.

NAPLAN

All students in Years 3,5,7,& 9 across Australia in both public and private schools will participate in the NAPLAN tests in Weeks 7 and 8 of this term. As per last year, students will participate in online testing other than Year 3 Writing which will still be written. NAPLAN has been moved from Term 2 to Term 1 commencing on Wednesday 15th of March.



I would like parents and guardians to note that as a school we try to play down the importance of these tests to students. We are conscious of the impact these tests may have on the anxiety levels of some students and for that reason we don't make a big deal about them. The major purpose of NAPLAN is to provide schools, parents and caregivers with information about student performance in relation to nationally-agreed proficiency bands and bench marks. The results also allow schools, parents and caregivers to monitor students achievements over time.

Stranger Danger

As it is the start of the school year, I urge you all to talk to your child or children about walking safely to and from school. Following are some suggestions to help your child/children stay safe.

Please ask your child to:

- Always travel in company
- Walk on the right hand side of the road so you face oncoming traffic
- Whenever possible, leave space between yourself and the roadway
- Stay in well lit areas
- Stay in view– avoid going into areas that are hidden
- Be alert– earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- If you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number
- If a passing car stops nearby never get too close
- Do not hesitate to run from a situation in which you feel at risk
- Provide this advice to brothers and sisters, especially if younger
- Report suspicious behaviour to parents, school and the police, noting number plates of cars and or distinguishing features.

Remember to call 131 444 or the local police station to reach crime stoppers. Only call 000 in case of an emergency.

**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