



Penshurst West Anti – Bullying Incursion

From The Principal's Desk

2019 has started off exceptionally well with a great new cohort of kindergarten students eager to learn and engage. They have quickly moved into a routine and as we approach the later stage of Term 1 they seem like they have been here for years. Our school has also been enhanced with the addition of 2 new autism classes. The school knows these classes as Nurture classes and we have seen our students welcome and integrate together very effectively. During Term 1 several Year 5 and 6 students have been supporting these students in the playground with understanding the appropriate areas to play, engaging in games and activities and generally helping the school staff. It has been wonderful to see the positive relationships that have developed. Our school is training several students in Term 2 to be peer mediators and with the current students as examples of students supporting each other this will be a

highly successful program. One that enhances leadership skills and at the same time build on our school culture and sense of belonging.

The New Building

Currently a tender has been released and will close on the 9th April 2019. This obviously means that the buildings will not be demolished in the April School holidays but theoretically could start in the July holidays. Our school is taking advantage of the hording which surrounds the building on the playground side with a developing mural project for which every student will play a part. Stage three are currently finalising a design with a local artist. The hope is this project will take on a life of its own as the students seek sponsorship to support the project and ultimately donate the mural to suitable organisations to brighten up their days.

Nurture Class upgrades

The School will also see some minor building work occur as the Nurture rooms receive upgrades to provide

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quality facilities. This will include the creation of a sensory room, disabled toilet and washroom



and the moving of storage areas. Our Nurture rooms were

recently brightened with the installation of automated feature blinds.

P&C BBQ and Disco

A special family afternoon-evening to celebrate surviving Term 1 will be held on Tuesday 9th April from 4.30-6.30. Footsteps Dance will run the disco for all. Come and meet our community and enjoy an afternoon together.

PSSA

PSSA Teams have been having positive results of the past weeks. We are really pleased with the behaviour and sportsmanship of the teams and look forward to the rest of the competition. The finals for season 1 will be held in mid-May.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in representative team sports.

Girls Soccer Natasha H

Boys Soccer Atticus

Regional Swimming Louis B

Parent Teacher Exchange of Information

Our Parent Teacher Exchange of Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd of April. This meeting is an important opportunity to share knowledge about the student and understand how they are going in class. The appointment is only 10 minutes long to share all this information and identify a learning goal together. If you need further time an alternative meeting time will need to be booked with the office.

A survey will be provided to guide the questions and collect specific permissions as needed by the school.

Easter Hat Parade

The Annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday 12th April. We encourage parents, grandparents and friends to come along and enjoy our parade as the students show off their creations. Stage 2 will be creating Eggcellent Diaramas. While Stage 3 will create eggtravagant poster displays. These will be displayed in the Library.

Ethics and Scripture

On Thursday 11th April Ethics classes will continue as normal. However there will be a combined Christian Scripture as they celebrate Easter. The Combined session will run from 12.20 – 1pm.

Gymnastics and Jellybean Music

The Term 1 Gymnastics program is drawing to a close. We would like to thank Got Game for the program. The students have been engaged and thoroughly enjoying the program.

Next term on Tuesday's, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in the Jellybeans Music Program. A specific note has come home regarding the program. The cost is \$50.00 per child for the 10 week program.

Students in 3-6 will meet the music syllabus outcomes through class programs.

Cross Country

The Annual Cross Country Carnival is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 1st May. This is during the first week back for Term 2. Students in year 2-8 will complete a course laid out around our school grounds. Students who perform well at this carnival will go on to represent at the Georges River Cross Country Carnival

This carnival runs as a Junior event 8-10 year old, U11 and a Senior event for 12/13 year olds.

Students will be asked to wear a particular coloured shirt to be distinguished from other competitors.

NAPLAN and NAPLAN Equating

NAPLAN will be held in week 3 of term 2. This is a national test for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. NAPLAN assesses student skills in Literacy and

Numeracy with a report coming home later in the year.

Every year a small number of schools are identified to undertake an Equating Study. In 2019 Penshurst West PS is one of these schools.

The Equating Study is a critical part of the National Assessment Program as the equating process allows the comparison of NAPLAN data from year to year. The schools selected are scientifically sampled to be representative of the wider population. Participation is essential to ensure the sample is maintained, and so that NAPLAN tests are able to be placed on the national NAPLAN measurement scales. All selected schools are expected to participate, in accordance with nationally agreed education requirements

The study will be conducted from **Monday 29 April to Friday 10 May 2019 but will only be held on 1 day and for 1 assessment.**

Election BBQ

Our Election BBQ and Cake Stall will be held on Saturday 23rd March. Donations may be dropped off at school on Friday to the canteen or brought in the morning.

Thank you to all our fantastic volunteers for the work leading up and on the day.

Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle is coming up. Our P&C are getting prizes together from your kind donations. Easter Raffle tickets will be coming home soon. The Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 12 April 2019.

School Leaders

Our SRC received their badges for their positions on Monday 18th. This is an important role and provides Student Voice across the school. Congratulations to all of the SRC.



PBS Value of the Week.



Every week a school value is announced as a focus and students are identified during that week as demonstrating the value. The Photo's below are the award winners.



Respect Wk 2



Effort Wk 3



Responsibility Wk 4



Effort Wk 6



Safety Wk 5



Responsibility Wk 7

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9	25/03	26/03 K-2 Gym	27/03 K-2 Gym	28/03	29/03
10	01/04	2/4 Last Gym K-2 Exchange of Information	3/4 Last Gym 3-6	4/4	5/4
11	8/4	9/4 BBQ / Disco	10/4 Paul Kelly Cup	11/4	12/4 PSSA Easter Hat Parade
	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Term 2 1	29/4	30/4 Jelly Bean Music K-2	1/5 Cross Country Yr2-6	2/5	3/5
2	6/5	7/5 Jelly Bean Music K-2	8/5	9/5 Mothers Day Stall	10/5
3	13/5	14/5 Jelly Bean Music K-2 NAPLAN Yr3/5	15/5 NAPLAN Yr3/5	16/5 NAPLAN Yr3/5	17/5
4	20/5	21/5 Jelly Bean Music K-2	22/5	23/5	24/5
5	27/5	28/5 Jelly Bean Music K-2	29/5	30/5	31/5
6	3/6	4/6 Jelly Bean Music K-2	5/6	6/6	7/6
7	10/6 Queens Birthday	11/6 Jelly Bean Music K-2	12/6	13/6	14/6
8	17/6	18/6 Jelly Bean Music K-2	19/6	20/6	21/6
9	24/6	25/6 Jelly Bean Music K-2	26/6	27/6	28/6 ½ Year Report sent home. Kindy Farm Excursion
10	1/7	2/7 Jelly Bean Music K-2	3/7	4/7	5/7
School Holidays					

Awards

Silver Awards

Henry M 2D	Matthew S 2D	Owen R 2/3 N
Kayley E 2/3N	Lily H 2D	Jack O 1A
Joshua R 1/2W	Ali S 1/2W	Emma P 1/2W
Judah C 1/2W	Dakota S 3/4S	Holly Lam 4E
Rhys E 5/6A	Rogan L 5/6S	Freya 5/6S
Jamal D 5/6A	Lillian M 2D	Alex D 2D
Louis S 1/2W	Mabel T 3/4D	Liam J 2/3N
Majid H 2/3N	Alex P 2/3N	Jasmine M 2/3N

Gold Awards

Henry M 2D	Matthew S 2D	Kayley E 2/3N
Judah C 1/2W	Rhys E 5/6A	Natasha H 5/6S
Rogan L 5/6S	Chloe L 4E	Anabelle F 2/3N
Liam J 2/3N	Alex P 2/3N	

School Medal

Rhys E 5/6A		
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Tuesday, 19 March 2019

Parent Teacher Exchange of information

Dear Parents,

To further enhance parent engagement within the school, a parent teacher meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019. This is an opportunity to meet 1-1 with your child's teacher about their learning and development. It is a great opportunity to share with the teacher any information that you believe we should know and may not have been passed on but also for us to raise anything that we have noticed. We will also use this time to establish a learning goal that the teacher will focus on with the student.

Interviews will be booked through the School interview booking site. You will need to enter the following code when logging in **82y2w**

Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

Choose make a booking and enter the code. Complete the details and choose an appropriate time slot. Remember bookings are only 10 minutes long.

Creating the opportunity for Student Voice is so important for our students Voices. Shave for A Cure was a great example. Congratulations to all our students here is just a sample of the crazy hair we saw.

**Crazy Hair Day at
Penshurst West PS.
Supporting Shave for
a Cure.
Thanks Olivia**



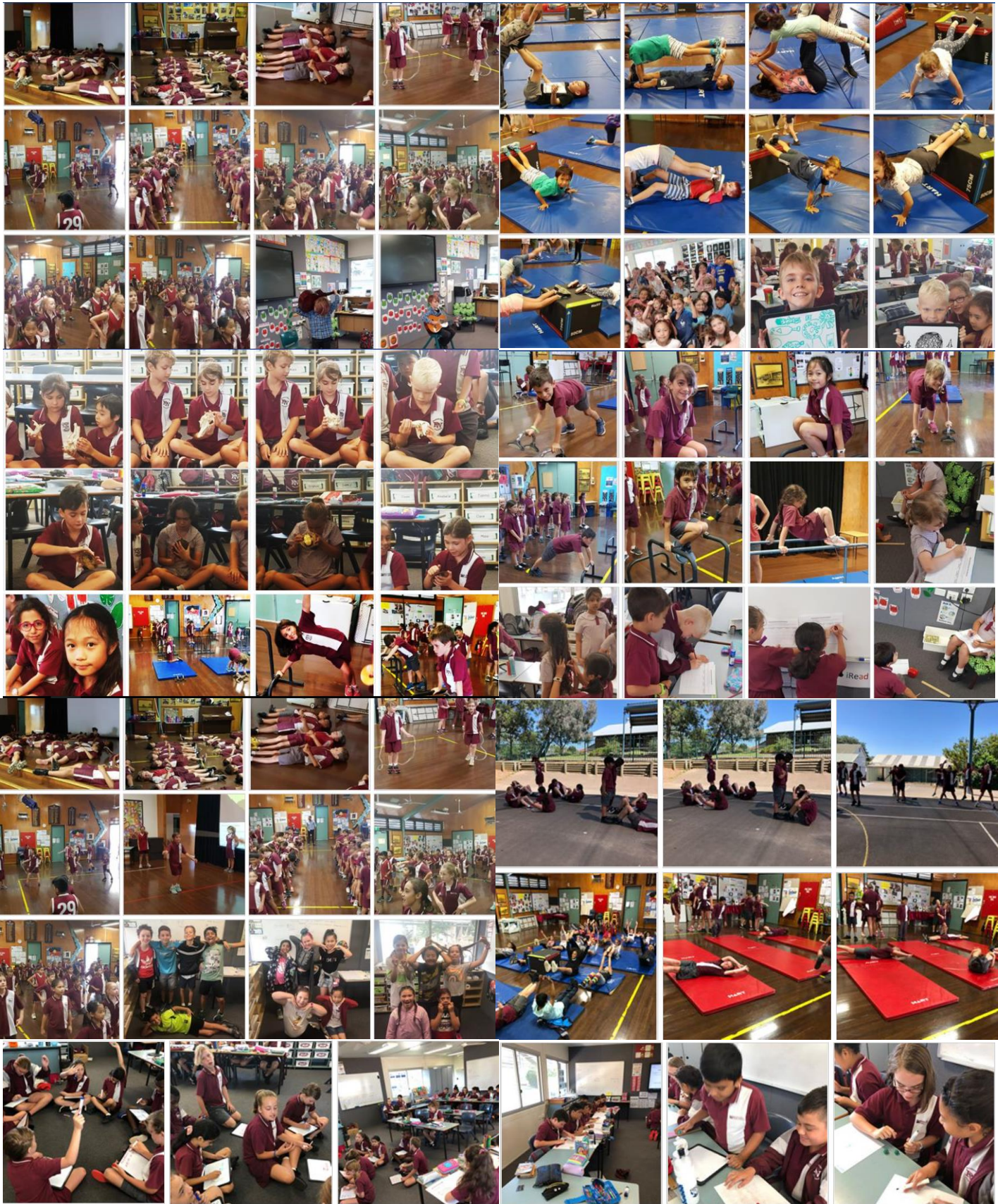
Kindergarten 2019



Stage 1 2019



Stage 2 & 3 2019



Student Absence Slip 2019

Please return this slip to your child's teacher the day your child returns to school.

Dear _____ (teacher's name)

My child, _____, of Class _____ was absent from school from _____ to _____ because _____

Signed: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

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We invite you to try out a few sessions for free; after that normal fees will apply. However, these fees are very reasonable compared to other group fitness classes.

For further details contact **Roberto** on **0458 207 991**
or via email: robertofkf@bigpond.com



Information for parents and carers

NAPLAN 2019 Equating Study

Your child's school has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in this year's NAPLAN 2019 Equating Study.

The NAPLAN 2019 Equating Study is being held in approximately 420 schools across Australia between **Monday 29 April to Friday 10 May**.

The equating tests have occurred each year since 2009. Each year a small number of schools participate. Schools are carefully selected to ensure a diverse range of student backgrounds and abilities are represented. The purpose of the Equating Study is to enable the results for the NAPLAN tests to be reported on the same NAPLAN measurement scales from one year to the next.

ACARA appreciates the participation of your child in the Equating Study. Your child's involvement and the results from this study will help ACARA ensure that parents, teachers and schools can rely on NAPLAN results and be confident that the information is valid and comparable.

Please be assured the equating test is about ensuring NAPLAN results can be reported comparably, not about testing your child. Your child's results are not reported.

What the study involves

Your child will sit only one paper-based equating test in either Reading, Language Conventions, Numeracy or Writing. The equating test will be paper-based even if your child is sitting NAPLAN Online in May.

The tests will be administered at the school by trained test supervisors. The teacher will remain in the classroom.

All selected students are expected to participate in the Equating Study, unless they have been exempted or withdrawn from NAPLAN tests. If you have questions about your child's participation, please raise these with your school.

Further information about NAPLAN is available at www.nap.edu.au



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