

Pentland Primary School

Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS DESK 25/06/2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As term 2 rapidly draws to a close we would like to sincerely thank all of our families, staff and students for their commitment and enthusiasm. We have experienced a highly successful term with the vast majority of students achieving outstanding learning growth.

Semester One Student Reports will be sent home to families on the last day of term 2. We encourage families to find a moment to unpack their child's report and celebrate their success. The level of student achievement in semester one is most pleasing. We have seen many examples of students making 12 months growth in 6 months and large numbers of students achieving above and well above the expected level.

Attendance will remain a strong focus next term. While our attendance data is really pleasing we still have a small group of students with poor attendance. Our semester one student achievement data shows that students with poor attendance have made less learning growth than those students with regular attendance.

This term we have installed 3 aqua bubblers to improve the state of the drinking taps for our students. The aqua bubblers have replaced the existing troughs and taps. Next term we will install another 3 aqua bubblers. The aqua bubblers also have provision for students to refill their drink bottles. We encourage families to continue to send their students to school with a drink bottle.

As a result of a recent audit of our school facilities the Department of Education has provided an additional \$45,000 for facilities maintenance. We will be targeting a number of areas of our facilities next for maintenance works that will include repairs to the gym roof, painting and replacement of some floor surfaces.

We are currently in discussions with the Department of Education regarding funding to improve the state of our existing staff and student toilets and to provide additional staff and student toilets.

Mr Egan is commencing some long term leave at the end of this term. We wish Michael all the very best and hope he thoroughly enjoys his time away. We have appointed Chao Li to replace Mr Egan.

Mr & Mrs Wells will be enjoying some long service leave during part of term 3. Di Cole will replace Mrs Wells and will teach full time while Pauline is on leave.

We have made some small changes to the school bell times to provide more time for students to eat their lunch inside. By reducing the length of the lunchtime break by 10 minutes we are now able to provide 15 minutes for students to eat their lunch inside. Our school start and finish times remain the same. We have not reduced the learning time.

With the gradual lifting of restrictions we are pleased to confirm that parents and carers can continue to walk their children to their class each morning and collect their children from their classroom of an afternoon.

We are also pleased to announce we can allow parent helpers into our classroom. We will provide more information regarding classroom helpers after the school holiday period.

The Department of Education reviews and updates the Operations Guide for schools regularly. As the restrictions continue to lift we will also lift the restrictions within our school.

SCHOOL VALUES
Happiness, Learning, Trust, Honesty, Respect, Communication, Teamwork.

PRINCIPALS DESK 25/06/2021 CONTINUED...

Families are still able to enrol students commencing this year and in 2022. Our Prep/Foundation enrolments for 2022 are steadily increasing. If you have a child due to start at Pentland in 2022 our advice is to enrol now. Once restrictions are lifted we will be conducting some school tours. If you have any queries or concerns regarding student enrolment please contact our office.

This term students will experience a significant upgrade of our IT infra structure. As part of our journey implementing STEM we are increasing the number of Ipads, netbooks and large TV screens in our classrooms. This upgrade will be completed in time for the commencement of term 3.

I would like to remind families that the procedures remain in place in relation to late arrival to school, early dismissal of students. The sign in books are located in the office. All visitors must sign in at the office. Students arriving late must sign in at the office and collect a late pass. Parents collecting their children early must sign the early dismissal book in the office.

As part of our COVID management all visitors on site are required to not only sign the visitors book in the office but also scan the QR code and complete that sign in process.

School assemblies will continue to be conducted of a Friday commencing at 8.40am. Assemblies will be conducted from 8.40am until 9.10am. At this stage parents and carers will not be permitted to attend assemblies. We hope to welcome families back to assemblies as the restrictions lift.

Please find a moment to check the list of important dates. We have a wide range of events planned already for this year.

Have a great week
Andrew, Brianna & Sky.

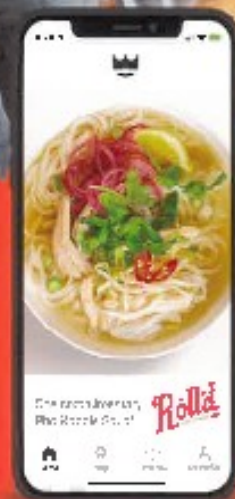
Key Dates for Term 3 2021

Wednesday 14/07/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 15/07/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 16/07/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 8.40am
Tuesday 20/07/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-Committee Meetings: Education 3.30pm, Finance 5pm, Buildings and Grounds 6pm
Thursday 22/07/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Tour 12pm • Parents Club Meeting 2.10pm
Friday 23/07/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 8.40am • 100 Days of Prep Celebrations
Friday 30/07/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly including Choir Performance 8.40am
Wednesday 04/08/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Meeting 6pm
Friday 06/08/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 8.40am
Friday 13/08/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 8.40am
Tuesday 17/08/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5/6 Camp—Harrietville
Wednesday 18/08/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5/6 Camp—Harrietville
Thursday 19/08/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5/6 Camp—Harrietville
Friday 20/08/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5/6 Camp—Harrietville • Assembly 8.40am

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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

It has been a busy term for fundraising with a few events happening amidst all of the restrictions.

Our Mothers Day stall was a hit with the kids and as a bonus, we raised in excess of \$500.00.

At last weekend's fundraiser BBQ at Bunnings Melton, we snagged ourselves a profit of over \$2000.00. This was only achieved by the amazing generosity of our local and school community who donated goods and their time to make it an amazing success. We thank the following people who contributed to this wonderful profit!

Rayner First National Real Estate
Bacchus Marsh Baptist Church

Foodworks

Steve Hicks, What Knots

The Colevic family

The Marshall family

The Pannetta family

Andrew Harrison

Katrina Filbey

Rose Wells

Michelle Kleeham

Liz Thompson

Carlos Bonnett

Melissa Davy

Craige Godfrey

Olivia Weaver

Tim Conlan

Tamara Norman

Hayley Gill

Harriet Bevan

Margaret and Jeremy—Bacchus Marsh Baptist Church

Fiona Antonello



HOW TO REPORT CYBERBULLYING MATERIAL



1

Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service



2

Collect evidence – copy URLs or take screenshots of the material

If the content is not removed within 48 hours



3

Report it to
esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying



4

Block the person and talk to someone you trust

If you are in immediate danger, **call 000** (triple zero)
If you need to talk to someone, visit kidshelpline.com.au or call them on 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day 7 days a week