

# Pentland Primary School

## Newsletter

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**PRINCIPALS DESK 15/10/2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the team at Pentland Primary School, welcome back to Term 4.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all members of the Pentland Community for your support during our recent lock down and now our transition back with a partial return to onsite learning. We are making a smooth transition back to on site learning. All of our normal programs are up and running, some face to face onsite while other programs are being conducted remotely for students in years 3-6.

It is great to have students back on site. We are really looking forward to all students returning to onsite learning from October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Each time we return from a period of remote learning we find students take some time in settling back into the school routine and living with all of the school rules and expectations. It would be most appreciated if families could continue to promote and reinforce our school values and expectations with their children, in particular reminding your children about personal space and kindness. Thanks for your continued support.

As we return to onsite learning it is important that students arrive to school on time. We are continuing our morning walk and have our students ready for learning directly after the walk finishes. Students arriving late must call into our office and collect a late pass. Parents and carers are not to enter the grounds and walk their children to class when they arrive late.

It is our intention and aim to make term four as engaging and exciting as we can for our students. We are determined that despite COVID restrictions we want to create positive school memories of school life during term 4.

Concert planning and rehearsal has commenced. Families can expect more details to be circulated regarding concert over the coming weeks.

Naplan results for 2021 have arrived. The level of student achievement, particularly in the area of growth, is outstanding. Naplan results will be sent home to families next week on the days our students in grades 3 & 5 are onsite. Please find a moment to share and celebrate your child's success.

Planning is well underway for our Grade 1/2 and 3/4 camps. Due to COVID restrictions we have rescheduled the grade 1/2 camp. Information regarding the grade 1/2 camp will be sent home to families shortly.

We are very aware of our connection to community and appreciate that things are not completely back to normal for visitors on site. Unfortunately at this stage we are only permitted to invite essential visitors to Pentland Primary School. So at this stage we cannot allow parent helpers into our classrooms. We cannot conduct any working bees. We cannot conduct any enrolment tours. At this stage children will have to walk into school without their parents. As soon as the restrictions on schools are lifted we will review the schools operations guide and advise families of any changes. Thank you for your support and patience. The Department of Education reviews and updates the Operations Guide for schools regularly. We will continue to communication changes to school operations as we receive them. Thank you for your patience.

A new student toilet block has been delivered. We anticipate that this building will be operational within the next few weeks. During Term 4 we will commence some improvement works to the existing junior toilet block.

**PRINCIPAL ~ MR. ANDREW HARRISON**  
**PH: 5367 6080**

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

## PRINCIPALS DESK 15/10/2021 CONTINUED.....

The Chief Health Officer and the Victorian Government has announced that commencing Monday October 18<sup>th</sup> it is mandatory for students in grades 3-6 to wear face masks while they are inside our school buildings. At the writing of this newsletter we are still waiting for operational guidelines around the management of mask wearing. As soon as we receive information and advice from the Department of Education we will share the guidelines with Pentland families. We fully appreciate that the decision by the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government and the Department of Education will cause concern and anxiety for some students and families. We value the wonderful home & school relationships we have with our community. I appeal to all families not to allow decisions made by the CHO to reduce or ruin the home school partnership. We will manage the mandatory mask wearing for students in grades 3-6 carefully, respectfully and sensibly. It is my belief that families who have concerns regarding their children in grades 3-6 wearing masks while indoors should seek an exemption from the principal. If you have any queries or concerns please write to me via the Pentland Primary School email address [Pentland.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Pentland.ps@education.vic.gov.au), outlining your child's need for an exemption.

It is recommended that students in grades Foundation to grade 2 wear masks while indoors at school. This is a decision for families to make. We will not be requesting students in grades F-2 to wear masks at school. Families need to provide masks for their children if they intend their children to wear a mask. Pentland Primary School will not be providing masks to students in grades F-2.

Families will need to provide masks for their children who are in grades 3-6.  
Pentland Primary School will not be providing masks to students in grades 3-6.

It has come to our attention that a letter regarding face masks, reported to be from our school, has been circulated via social media. Besides an SMS to families advising we are waiting on advice regarding the wearing of masks, Pentland Primary School has not circulated any communication regarding face masks. Please disregard that post/letter. The posting of false and misleading information has been very unhelpful.

We would like to remind families that students should be in full school uniform now that we have returned to onsite learning. Thanks for your support with this.

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. Planning for the 2022 school year is now well underway. If you have any queries or concerns regarding student enrolment please contact our office.

I would like to remind families that the procedures remain in place in relation to late arrival to school and early dismissal of students. The sign in books are located in the Office and all visitors must sign in. 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 visitors on site must also scan the QR code and complete that sign in process. Thanks for your support with this.

School assemblies and year level assemblies are currently not able to be conducted under the current restrictions. We have commenced conducting our whole school assemblies online via webex.

Please find a moment to check the list of important dates. We have a wide range of events planned for this term and due to the constant changes due to COVID dates are likely to change.

Thanks for your continued support.

Andrew & Sky.

# Key Dates for Term 4 2021

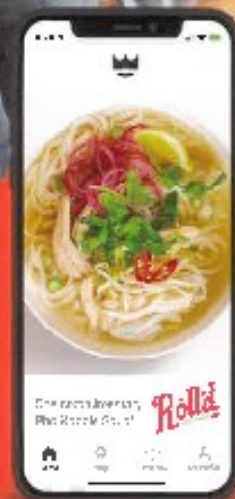
**\*all activities subject to government restrictions**

Monday 18/10/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ON-SITE—Foundation –Grade 2 Students</li> <li>• REMOTE LEARNING—Grades 3-6 Students</li> </ul>
Tuesday 19/10/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ON-SITE—Foundation—Grade 4 Students</li> <li>• REMOTE LEARNING—Grades 5-6 Students</li> </ul>
Wednesday 20/10/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ON-SITE—Foundation—Grade 4 Students</li> <li>• REMOTE LEARNING—Grades 5-6 Students</li> </ul>
Thursday 21/10/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ON-SITE—Foundation—Grade 2, Grade 5-6 Students</li> <li>• REMOTE LEARNING—Grades 3-4 Students</li> </ul>
Friday 22/10/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 8.40am</li> <li>• ON-SITE—Foundation—Grade 2, Grade 5-6 Students</li> <li>• REMOTE LEARNING—Grades 3-4 Students</li> </ul>
Monday 25/10/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ON-SITE—Foundation –Grade 2 Students</li> <li>• REMOTE LEARNING—Grades 3-6 Students</li> </ul>
Tuesday 26/10/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO ON-SITE LEARNING</li> </ul>
Wednesday 27/10/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Council Meeting 6pm</li> </ul>
Friday 29/10/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 8.40am</li> </ul>
Monday 1/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CURRICULUM DAY—Students are not required to attend school</li> </ul>
Tuesday 2/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY</li> </ul>
Wednesday 3/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 1/2 Camp—Sunnystones</li> </ul>
Thursday 4/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 1/2 Camp—Sunnystones</li> </ul>
Friday 5/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 8.40am</li> </ul>
Tuesday 9/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• China Day</li> </ul>
Thursday 11/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art Show</li> </ul>
Friday 12/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 8.40am</li> <li>• Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Fed Park Excursion</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>• Sub-Committee Meetings: Education 3.30pm, Finance 5pm, Buildings and Grounds 6pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholastic Book Fair</li> </ul>
Thursday 18/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>• Parents Club Meeting 2.10pm</li> </ul>
Friday 19/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 8.40am</li> <li>• Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>• Foundation Big Night In Excursion—Micks Jump and Play</li> </ul>
Friday 26/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of Year Event</li> </ul>
Wednesday 1/12/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 3/4 Camp—Maldon</li> <li>• School Council Meeting 6pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 2/12/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 3/4 Camp—Maldon</li> </ul>
Friday 3/12/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 3/4 Camp -</li> </ul>

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# 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](https://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](https://kidshelpline.com.au) or call them on 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day 7 days a week