

Pentland Primary School

Vewsletter

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Principals Desk 26/11/2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to announce that with the continued easing of COVID restrictions we will be able to implement our curriculum, programs and events we would normally experience in Term 4.

Planning for our concert is well underway. The concert will be conducted on the basketball court and families will be able to attend. Details regarding tickets and food vans will be distributed to families soon.

Our final assembly will be conducted on the basketball court on Thursday 16th December at 2.10pm. Families will be able to attend. Friday 17th of December is a curriculum day, so our final day for students is Thursday 16th of December.

Our Art Show was a wonderful success. Congratulations to all of our students who had their work on display. Thank you to the families who supported the event. Special thanks to Jared and our staff involved in the organisation of this event.

Term 4 is going to remain both busy and exciting as we squeeze a range of camps, excursions and other events into the remaining few weeks. Thanks in advance for your support.

We are currently completing the assessment and testing of our students as teachers complete the writing of semester 2 student reports. Student achievement and the student learning growth has been outstanding this year despite the COVID interruptions. Our student performance and the overall performance of our school is fantastic and we all should be proud of what we have achieved.

Generally students have made a positive transition back to onsite learning this term. We are however experiencing a range of behaviour that we will require assistance from families if we are to improve student behaviour.

We have experienced an increasing number of students being disrespectful to their teachers and other staff members. We are also experiencing more and more incidents of students harming other students, pushing, fighting etc.

This week we opened a new toilet block provided by the Department of Education. We have experienced a long journey working with the Department of Education in order to secure additional facilities for the students at Pentland Primary School.

This week we have had students kick the internal walls of the toilet block leaving marks on the walls. The girls toilets were block by students filling the toilet bowls with toilet paper and the cardboard roll. We also had students wipe faeces on the cubicle walls in the boys toilets. Students also splashed water all over the toilet floors and scattered sand and dirt creating a film of sandy mud on the floors.

So we really need all of our families at Pentland Primary School to find a moment to unpack with their children the school rules and expectations.

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.

We continue to encourage families to send a mask to school with their children in grades 3-6. Families will need to provide masks for their children who are in grades 3-6.

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.

We will be implementing a grade structure in 2022 based on 16 grades. We will announce the grade structure and teachers in the coming weeks.

Principals Desk 26/11/2021 continued.....

We have ordered our new playground to be constructed in the area beside the outdoor classroom. This playground will be installed in February 2022.

Our Colour Run has been an amazing success. Congratulations to our Parents Club and all involved. We will include a final fundraising result shortly.

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.

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.

Have a great week

Andrew & Sky.

We raised an amazing \$359 for the RSL from the sale of Remembrance Day merchandise.

We also raised \$105 for Battlefield Blue (PSTD charity).

Thank you for your support.





Key Dates for Term 4 2021 *all activities subject to government restrictions

Friday 26/11/21	•	End of Year Event—Colour Run
Wednesday 1/12/21	•	Grade 3/4 Camp—Maldon
Thursday 2/12/21	•	Grade 3/4 Camp—Maldon
Friday 3/12/21	•	Grade 3/4 Camp -
Tuesday 7/12/21	•	School Council Meeting
Friday 10/12/21	•	School Concert
Tuesday 14/12/2021	•	Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday 16/12/2021	•	LAST DAY OF TERM 4—for students • Final Assembly 2.10pm, student dismissal 3.10pm
Friday 17/12/21	•	CURRICULUM DAY—NO students are required to attend school

Key Dates for Term 1—2022

Monday 31/0122	Parent Teacher Interviews—students only attend school at their interview time
Tuesday 01/02/22	 Parent Teacher Interviews—students only attend school at their interview time
Wednesday 02/02/22	 First day of school for students in Grades 1—6 Foundation Students DO NOT attend school
Thursday 03/02/22	 First day of school for Foundation Students—early dismissal at 1.10pm
Friday 04/02/22	• Foundation students attend school all day (pick up at normal time 3,10pm)

Tickets on sale from the front office Tuesday 30th November 2021

PENTLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

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You're invited to Pentland Primary School's 2021 whole school concert

Where: Pentland Primary School Basketball Court

When: Friday December 10th 2021

Basket Dinner: 4.30pm

Come along and have dinner with the school community out on our oval area. BYO picnic or visit one of the food trucks on the night to purchase food and drinks. Please note, this is an alcohol free event.

Concert start: 6.30pm

Please arrive no later than 6.15pm so that we can ensure a prompt start.

Camp chairs or a blanket will need to be brought along with you.

<u>Cost:</u> \$5 per ticket, available for purchase from the office—no cost for Pentland students or non-school age children. There is no limit to the amount of tickets a family can buy.

Important information: Families attending the basket dinner will have <u>first</u> priority of seating for the concert (from 4.30pm onwards). Seats will be allowed to be left in a position of your choice. Once the basket dinner is finished, seating will be opened to all other families and tickets will be collected. Again seating is first in best dressed, so please arrive early enough to get yourself a spot.

















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