

Pentland Primary School

Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS DESK 20/05/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the team at Pentland Primary School I must express my sincere thanks to everyone for their support during some challenging times as we continue to manage the impact of COVID.

While we initially experienced a positive start to term 2 we are now experiencing significant staff and student absence due to COVID.

We encourage all staff, students and visitors to consider wearing a mask while on site. COVID is really taking hold again. Replacement staff are exceptionally hard to find at the moment. This has resulted in some of our programs and areas of the curriculum being suspended or cancelled.

Last Sunday we had our school cleaning team conduct an additional thorough clean of the school as part of our COVID management. Thank you to JMAC for their willingness to perform this additional clean at short notice.

With significant staff absence it is currently more difficult to maintain the daily running of our school. Our staff are remaining resilient and delivering the best possible outcomes. We request that our community remains patient and supportive. Thank you to the many families who remain patient and supportive.

Our Grade 6 School Leaders represented our school well and with pride at the Anzac Day Dawn Service conducted at Bacchus Marsh RSL. A very big thank you to our school leaders.

Schools have been advised by the Department of Education that the current RAT testing program will continue for the first 4 weeks of term 2. We have been distributing more RAT tests to families during the first few weeks of term 2.

We have confirmation that we will receive 16 additional air purifier units for the winter months. These units are being provided by the Department of Education. We will advise families once we receive delivery of the air purifiers. We are currently still waiting for the units to arrive.

Shade Sails have been ordered to cover the outdoor classroom and the new play equipment. We are currently waiting for installation. We are pleased to announce that Bendigo Bank has kindly donated \$10,000 towards the shade sail project to cover the new play equipment. A huge thank you to Bendigo Bank for their generous support.

We wish to advise that June 21st will be a pupil free day. This is not one of our four curriculum day but a planning day provided by the Department of Education. Staff will be involved in professional learning and curriculum planning that day. There will be no students on site on June 21st. Thanks for your support.

Education Week is Monday 23rd of May until Friday 27th of May. More detail will be sent home to families soon.

This week we have conducted our Book Fair. Thank you to the many students and families who have supported the book. Thank you to our team of helpers who have made this event a success.

We are pleased to advise that as part of the Department of Education support post COVID our school qualified for a heavily discounted camp. This year our year 5/6 students will have the opportunity to attend school camp for the cost of \$10 per student. This is a one time only opportunity. We encourage families to consider this opportunity as camp cost will return to normal in 2023. Many thanks to Rick Wells for pursuing this opportunity for Pentland.

We have commenced planning for camps in other year levels. Thank you to families who have completed the expression of interest process.

Our swimming program for our Grade 2 and 6 students has been postponed, due to Paul Sadler being unable to staff the second week of the program. We will advise families once we have new dates.

PRINCIPAL ~ MR. ANDREW HARRISON
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SCHOOL VALUES
Happiness, Learning, Trust, Honesty, Respect, Communication, Teamwork.

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This weekend Pentland Primary School will, for the very first time, will be a polling booth. So this time around our community will have an additional venue to cast their vote.

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.

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

Families are most welcome to complete the enrolment process for Foundation in 2023 now. This will assist with our planning for 2023 and secure a place in Foundation for 2023. The schools within the Bacchus Marsh Cluster and within the South Western Region have agreed to a common enrolment date of the 31st of August 2022.

We would like to remind families not to park in the school carpark. Please do not walk your children through the carpark to enter or leave the school. Please do not park in front of the bins.

We would like to remind families not to bring dogs into our school grounds. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Have a great week

Andrew, Daniel, Adrian and the Team @ Pentland.



To Parents/Guardians

This year, Education Week runs from 22–28 May. The theme, '150 Years of Public Education' commemorates the past, celebrates the present and imagines the future of education in Victoria.

Education Week is an opportunity for our primary school to highlight our education journey.

Pentland Primary School will be celebrating Education Week by doing a range of different activities inside and outside of the classroom including having the opportunity to write about what school would have been like 100 years ago, investigating how schools were different in the past to now, play some old-fashioned school yard games and a fun competition with some picture story books.

Originally, we had planned for an Open Day in each classroom where students could show their work but due to the current COVID situation within the community we have decided to not have these days.

Instead of these Open Days you can follow along on your child's SeeSaw to keep up to date with all of the fun activities happening throughout the week.

For more information and to access the calendar of free activities, visit [Education Week 2022](#).

Thanks,

Pentland PS Staff

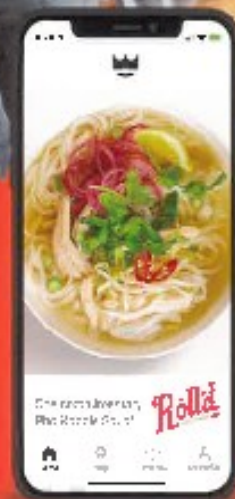
Key Dates for Term 2—2022

Thursday 19/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPLAN
Friday 20/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSO “Meet the Orchestra’ Excursion • NAPLAN
Monday 23/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teeth On Wheels • Education Week
Tuesday 24/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teeth on Wheels • Education Week
Wednesday 25/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teeth on Wheels • Education Week
Thursday 26/05/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division Cross Country • Education Week
Friday 27/05/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Week
Wednesday 01/06/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teeth on Wheels
Thursday 02/06/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teeth on Wheels
Friday 03/06/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teeth on Wheels
Tuesday 07/06/2922	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub Committee Meetings
Thursday 09/06/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Club Meeting 2.10pm
Monday 13/06/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 15/06/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 21/06/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Day—Student Free Day—Students do NOT attend school
Friday 24/06/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Term 2—final Assembly 1.50pm, student dismissal 2.30pm

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