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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Remembrance Day Assembly

Last Wednesday the School Leaders ran a touching service with the assistance of Mr Mee and Mrs Blake.

We were fortunate to have the Schools Director, Instructional Leader in attendance and the students showed great respect throughout the service

Playground Repairs

It has been a mission, but we have finally had the patch of dirt in the playground between the toilet block and canteen filled in with concrete, making it safer for students to play.

BYOD in Stage 3 for 2021

Tonight we will be having a Zoom presentation with the families of students who will be in Stage 3 next year to discuss students bringing their own device.

Year 6 Farewell

This year has certainly had its challenges, but we are pleased to be able to celebrate the Year 6 Farewell on school grounds and appreciate all the parents who are helping out and attended the meeting (online) on Monday Night. We appreciate this support and the suggestions to make this night a memorable one.

Dismissal Time back to the Normal Time of 3:20pm

As of next week students will be all leaving at the normal end of day time (3:20pm).

KJ and KT will be utilising the additional gate on Monterra Avenue near their classroom to exit and we are encouraging any Stage 3 students without siblings to use the gate closest to the hall to alleviate congestion.

The rest of the students (including KM) and siblings will continue to exit from their normal

gates with their teachers. Whilst parents are still not permitted on school site, we would also like to encourage adults to remember to physically distance themselves from each other by waiting 1.5 m apart.

Presentation Day via online platform

This year, Presentation Day will need to be live streamed as we cannot allow visitors or parents on site. Abiding by restrictions and the required ratio is unattainable in our setting. It is therefore with heavy heart that we have had to adopt this alternative presentation.

This year there will also be a reduced number of awards as many activities did not proceed (for example, Athletics). Please see the flyer in this newsletter outlining our award procedures. If your child is receiving an award, you will be notified and sent a link.

We will also be doing professional portraits as a way of capturing this special event in lieu of parent attendance and gifting these.

Monterra Avenue

I have been going out to the Monterra Ave Gate and am concerned by the cars that do U-turns in the street when the congestion is at its worst. This is putting students at risk. Please consider going around the block instead of using this practice for the safety of our students.

White Ribbon Day

This Friday is White Ribbon Day and this is a time to recognise that violence is not ok. To reinforce this with students, each class has had an opportunity to inscribe on white ribbon and this will be weaved around the school fence to represent our acknowledgement of breaking the silence and strengthening a culture of respect and equality.

Main Gate Access during the Day

The main gate on Pindari Avenue is now fitted with a camera and automatic gate.

If you need to come to the school during school

hours, please press the buzzer and you will be able to speak to a staff member. We have had to install this feature for the safety and security of our students.

Neralie Chappell

Mrs Neralie Chappell

Principal

Where will you be in 2021?

An Operoo e-Form was sent home last week via email 'Students Not Returning and Classes for 2021.'

This e-Form needs to be completed for ALL students. Please complete the option that applies to your child by 1 December 2020.

If circumstances change, please notify the office immediately.

End of Year Events

Please put these important dates in your diary!

Thur 3 Dec Year 6 Mini Fete

Tue 8 Dec 9:45am - 11am: Presentation

> Day - PSPS School Hall - to be live streamed

Thur 10 Dec **PSPS** Band

Fundraising BBQ and Raffle

Fri 11 Dec Year 6 Day

> Out -Cables Wake Park

(Penrith)

Mon 14 Dec 6pm: Year 6 Farewell -

PSPS School Hall

Wed 16 Dec Student Last Day 2020

2:45pm: Year 6 Arch



| Peak Award Achievers | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| KIN | DER | | | | |
| Zaki B | Base Camp | | | | |
| Zaiden C | Base Camp | | | | |
| Jessica C | Base Camp | | | | |
| Isla D | Level 1m | | | | |
| Filip J | Base Camp | | | | |
| Lincoln L | Level 1m | | | | |
| Kobi N | Base Camp | | | | |
| Olive S | Base Camp | | | | |
| Stephanie W | Base Camp | | | | |
| YEA | AR 1 | | | | |
| Nanuq D | Level 1m | | | | |
| Grace M | Level 2m | | | | |
| Amy P | Level 2m | | | | |
| Elise P | Level 2m | | | | |
| Lucas Z | Level 1m | | | | |
| YEA | AR 2 | | | | |
| Grace D | Level 5m | | | | |
| Zara D | Level 1m & 2m | | | | |
| Ayla D | Level 4m | | | | |
| Micah H | Level 4m | | | | |
| Braxton K | Level 1m | | | | |
| Imogen P | Level 7m | | | | |
| Taytum S | Level 7m | | | | |
| Anouk V | Level 2m | | | | |
| YEA | AR 3 | | | | |
| Dominic O | Level 2m | | | | |
| Addison T | Level 6m | | | | |
| Audrey V | Level 5m | | | | |
| James Y | Level 20m | | | | |
| YEA | AR 4 | | | | |
| Laura M | Level 8m | | | | |
| Ardem R | Level 6m | | | | |
| Bailee-Kapri R | Level 2m | | | | |
| YEAR 6 | | | | | |
| Gabrielle D | Level 2m | | | | |

Stage 3 Camp

This year, Stage 3 embarked on a journey to the Berry Sport and Recreation Camp for five days. We were especially lucky for being able to not just go to camp during these strange times, but stay for 5 days. There are thousands of different things to cover from camp, so we should get right into it!

On the day we arrived, we were treated with some delicious burgers, settled into our rooms, and went off to our first exhilarating activity. Some amazing activities Berry had to offer were:

- Canoeing, which builds teamwork and coordination skills
- Biscuits, which is just canoeing but on a circular floatie, and it was especially fun when you and your friends went tumbling into the freezing water of the creek
- Pool games, which is where you could mess around with your friends while playing super fun games
- Rogaining, which is where you and your team had to use a map to discover markers worth different point values
- Photo challenge, which is where your team had to take pictures of certain things, like all team members hugging a dead tree
- Circus skills had many interesting and unique stations like the diablo, which is basically a massive yoyo (it's much more than that)
- And plenty more activities!

After the main activities had concluded, the night activities began. On the first night, we played a bunch of fun party games like whack the leg, where all the students sat in a rectangle, and the people wielding the "wacker" had to hit one of the sitting students leg, race to a hula hoop on the ground, drop it in the hoop, and run back to sit down.

We also played tails, which is where eight different people had tails (actually tags) placed in their pockets, and the other players had to try and remove them before giving it to another student sitting down.

And the teachers' favourite game of all time - teachers' revenge, where the teachers would go around whacking the students' legs, causing them to fall to the ground like a dead cockroach.

You could be revived if four people carried you onto a green "hospital" mat.

On night two, we went down to the campfire. All the students and teachers roasted marshmallows together, and told scary stories to each other. It was one scary walk back to our cabins!

On night three, we all sat down and watched the State of Origin. We all received some amazing popcorn, chips and snacks (Go The Blues!).

And on night four, our final night, we did the Mini Olympics. There were some tough challenges, like getting a basketball into a hoop using a blanket, or building a rectangular prism out of pipes. The night activities gave us some great experiences at camp, and our group leader talked to us about gratitude to finish the night off on a really positive note.

There weren't just the activities that were great at camp - there were also some hilarious moments that happened between the teachers and the students. There was the massive prank war between Mrs Drew and Mr Cohen, but it turns out that Miss Raphael was the true winner by pulling off a colossal prank on Mrs Drew. The prank wars had begun.

Kendall V - "All the activities were astonishingly fun, but my absolute favourite was the biscuits!"

Noah A - "It was a great time off of technology for 5 days".

Miss Raphael - "What a blast we had at camp! Berry was stunning and it was awesome to have so much fun together as a stage. I will never forget the experiences we shared!"

I'm completely confident that almost every student had an extremely great time at Berry Sport and Rec Camp. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who made the trip to Berry possible. This camp is definitely our favourite highlight of 2020!



















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VALUE FOR THE FORTNIGHT: FAIRNESS

Stage 2 Camp

Last week Stage 2 went to camp at The Collaroy Centre. When we arrived, the supervisors told us the camp rules, then we had yummy brownies before we started the first activities. The activities included: abseiling, giant swing, orienteering, flying fox and the challenge course. Lunch on the first day was a delicious chicken salad wrap. Afternoon tea was a delicious ANZAC biscuit. After that we found out our cabin groups, room codes and went and checked into them. We just had time to make our beds and shower before we went to dinner. Spaghetti bolognese with cheese and garlic bread on the side! Soon after that night games started with bragging rights up for grabs!

Day 2 started very early for some cabins. Lucky breakfast was big with bacon, eggs, toast and orange juice. We had to pack up our cabins and drag our bags ALL the way up the hill. We had our last two activities with morning tea in between. Before the bus arrived, we had time for a massive play on the grass field before we had to get on the coach back to school. There were lots of sleepy kids.

On behalf of stage 2 we want to thank our parents for letting us go and the teachers, Mr Holden, Ms Moore, Mrs McIntosh, Mrs Ray and Mrs Bowden, for accompanying us.

Alexandra and Patrick











P&C News and Information

Canteen

WEEKS 5 & 6

| | Canteen Roster | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Friday 20 Nov | 9am - 12pm: Kellie 11am - 2pm: Carol 12pm - 2pm: Careena 12:30pm - 2pm: Vacant | | | |
| Monday 23 Nov | 12:30pm - 2pm: Vacant | | | |
| Wednesday 25 Nov | 11am - 2pm: Vacant | | | |
| Friday 27 Nov | 9am - 12pm: Ally 11am - 2pm: Natasha C 12pm - 2pm: Vacant 12:30pm - 2pm: Vacant | | | |
| Monday 30 Nov | 12:30pm - 2pm: Vacant | | | |
| Wednesday 2 Dec | 11am - 2pm: Vacant | | | |
| Friday 4 Dec | 9:30am - 12pm: Kellie 11am - 2pm: Vacant 12pm - 2pm: Natasha C 12:30pm - 2pm: Vacant | | | |
| MON: Half Day (HD) 11:30am – 2:30pm WED: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm FRI: All Day (AD) 9:30am – 2:30pm | | | | |

It seems the influx of orders prior to Friday morning last week worked the trick and we suffered no issue with the MySchool Connect app. I understand things get in the way and we lose track of time but it would be greatly appreciated if all lunch orders can be processed before Friday morning to avoid any disruptions.

Please ensure you receive a confirmation email of the order from MySchool Connect.

Idy Washbourn

Canteen Manager

pspscanteen@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

You can place your order online which is available 24/7 via the Myschoolconnect app at:

www.myschoolconnect.com.au/pspsuniform

Online orders will be delivered to your child's classroom teacher <u>within the week of ordering</u>, due to the high volume of orders.

Please send any enquiries by email to: em_bowering@yahoo.co.uk

Emma Bowering

Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator

Band

Band Fundraising Event

TWO WEEKS LEFT to get in your Band BBQ ORDERS AND RAFFLE DONATIONS!

The P&C Band Committee will be holding a fundraising BBQ lunch on **Thursday 10 December** to celebrate the end of 2020! All proceeds from the day will go to our school bands for the purchase and maintenance of instruments and other equipment. We will be selling BBQ Picnic Packs consisting of a sausage on bread, drink (Water or Chill J), Christmas Cookie and 3 raffle tickets all for \$10.00. We will also be holding a raffle for the chance to win one of our fantastic Christmas hampers

All details about how to order are on the Operoo note which was sent home a few weeks ago. Orders will need to be made via the Canteen's "My School Connect" online ordering site prior to **Friday 4 December**.

BAND Raffle Christmas Hamper Donations

We are asking each family to kindly make a donation of one or more hamper items which can be placed in the designated box in your child's classroom by **Wednesday 2 December**. See Operoo note for more details. Thank-you for your contribution!

Thinking of volunteering at PSPS in 2021?

It is a requirement that **all** volunteers have completed a working with children check (see link below) for unpaid volunteers. The WWCC is valid for 5 years.

https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/childsafe-organisations/working-with-childrencheck

P&C News and Information



FAREWELL 2020!

PSPS Band Sub-Committee Fundraising BBQ

and Raffle

Thursday 10 December 2020

At this time of year, we are normally getting ready for our annual Band Carols night and Twilight BBQ. Due to the current restrictions, we will not be able to enjoy a whole community event, and so instead are holding a student only, lunchtime event to celebrate the end of the school year and raise some funds for the school bands.

This year we will be offering a **Band BBQ Picnic lunch** pack consisting of a sausage on bread with your choice of onion and sauce, plus a drink (Water or Chill J), a special Christmas Cookie and 3 raffle tickets for **\$10.00**. **These need to be pre-purchased via My School Connect.** Please look for the Term 4 Special Meal day option in My School Tuckshop. Extra raffle tickets (3 for \$5) and Christmas Cookies (\$2.50 each) can also be ordered via this site. **No sales will be taken on the day so please pre-order or your child may miss out. Cut-off date for orders is Friday 4 December.**

As part of the festivities, we will also be drawing the winners of our fabulous Christmas Hampers.

All proceeds raised will go to our school bands for the purchase and maintenance of instruments and other equipment.

Students are encouraged to dress in Christmas mufti for the day!

REQUEST FOR RAFFLE DONATIONS

The PSPS P&C Band sub-committee are holding a fundraising raffle as part of the Band BBQ lunch. We are asking each family to kindly donate one or more items for our Christmas hampers. This is the band's only fundraiser for the year, and we appreciate your contributions. Please bring items in by Wednesday 2 December and place them in the box labelled "Band Raffle Donations" in your child's classroom.

Listed below are some suggestions of items that may be donated. Other items gratefully accepted, but please *NO* out of date, pre-loved or alcoholic items.

Kindy - Christmas stationery, decorations, wrapping paper, Christmas cards

Year 1 - Beach themed items

Year 2 - Chips, pretzels, corn chips, savoury biscuits, soft drink

Year 3 - Children's Pack items such as books, small toys, games

Year 4 - Christmas Cooking Pack items such as cookbooks, utensils

Year 5 - Outdoor Pack items for BBQ, garden, car, fishing etc

Year 6 - Lollies, chocolates, nuts, mince pies, sweet biscuits

PSPS: Notes sent via Operoo

Please check your email and read and respond to these notes if required ASAP.

Permission and information notes sent: 5 November to 18 November 2020

| Grade | Note / date sent by email | Information only ✓ or response date | Date of event | Payment details | |
|-------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| K-6 | PSPS Band Sub-Committee Fundraising BBQ and Raffle | 4/12/2020 | 10 December 2 December | \$10 to be paid online at MySchoolconnect | |
| 4 | Opportunity Class Placement Test / (6 November) | ✓ | - | - | |
| 3/4BW | Teacher on Leave / (10 November) | ✓ | - | | |
| 3-6 | Interrelate Information Sessions / (10 November) | 16/11/2020 | 17 November | \$32 one session - \$37 two sessions online on the PSPS website or your child can bring cash into office | |
| 6 | Year 6 End of Year Events / (12 November) | ✓ | 3 December & 14 December | Various costs - notification of amounts to follow | |
| 4-5 | Stage 3 2021: Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information Zoom / (16 November) | ✓ | 19 November - 4pm | - | |
| K-6 | Year 6 Mini-Fete 2020 / (17 November) | 30/11/2020 | 3 December | \$1 per token CASH ONLY to the office | |

For the Fridge Upcoming Dates

| Term 4 Week | Monday 16 November | Tuesday 17 November | Wednesday 18 November | Thursday 19 November | Friday 20 November |
|----------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| 6 | 10am: Prefect Elections (Years 1—5) in hall | 8:15am - 9:15am: Film Club 8:40am - 9:15am: Garden Club 6pm - 7pm: Interrelate - Where Did I come From (Years 3 & 4) 7:15pm - 8:15pm: Preparing for Puberty (Years 5 & 6) | 9am: Opportunity Class Placement Test State of Origin - Donut Day | Koomurri Aboriginal incursions NAIDOC celebrations Gym Man: Years 3 - 6 4pm: BYOD Stage 3 Parent Info Session via Zoom (for 2021) | White Ribbon Day 8:15am - 9:15am: Robotics Club Gym Man: Years K - 2 |
| Term 4 Week | Monday 23 November | Tuesday 24 November | Wednesday 25 November | Thursday 26 November | Friday 27 November |
| | | | Life Education: Tueso | lav 24 - 30 November | |
| 7 | | 8:15am - 9:15am: Film Club 8:40am - 9:15am: Garden Club | 7pm: P&C Meeting via Zoom | Gym Man: Years 3 - 6 | 8:15am - 9:15am: Robotics Club Gym Man: Years K - 2 2:05pm: Assembly K-6 (students only) |
| Term 4 Week | Monday 30 November | Tuesday 1 December | Wednesday 2 December | Thursday 3 December | Friday 4 December |
| 8 | 12:45pm: Sport Captain Elections | 8:15am - 9:15am: Film Club 8:40am - 9:15am: Garden Club High School Orientation Day - Year 6 | P&C: last day to bring in donations for Band Raffle | Gym Man: Years 3 - 6 11:20am: Year 6 Mini Fete | 8:15am - 9:15am: Robotics Club Gym Man: Years K - 2 |
| Term 4 Week | Monday 7 December | Tuesday 8 December | Wednesday 9 December | Thursday 10 December | Friday 11 December |
| 9 | | 8:15am - 9:15am: Film Club 8:40am - 9:15am: Garden Club 9:45am: Presentation Day - to be Livestreamed | | Gym Man: Years 3 - 6 Band BBQ Picnic Lunch | 8:15am - 9:15am: Robotics Club Gym Man: Years K - 2 2:05pm: Assembly K-6 (students only) Reports sent home |

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY

JOIN US FOR SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT PCYC!
Workshops run weekday | \$45 per day per child

activities

AGE GROUP: 5–12 YRS OLD | THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY JUNIOR BOXING CAMP
AGES 8 YRS–16 YRS OLD | 9AM – 3PM

WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY BASKETBALL/ARTS & CRAFTS

THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY JUNIOR BOXING CAMP (8-16 YO)

FRIDAY 15TH MULTI SPORTS / ARTS & CRAFTS

MONDAY 18TH JANUARY JUDO / YOGA

TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY SOCCER / MINI GOLF PUTT PUTT

WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY BASKETBALL / ARTS & CRAFTS

THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY MULTI SPORTS ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION / ARTS & CRAFTS

FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY ROLLER DISCO / DANCE WORKSHOP



CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

GET IN TOUCH TO BOOK TODAY. SPACES ARE LIMITED!



ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS (\$10 ANNUAL FEE) | ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR CLOSED IN SPORTS SHOES | ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE SIGNED IN & OUT AT RECEPTION EVERYDAY | PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS SUCH AS MOBILE PHONES, IPODS, IPADS OR OTHER GAMING DEVICES | PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILDREN WITH MORNING TEA & LUNCH, SNACKS AND WATER EACH DAY



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