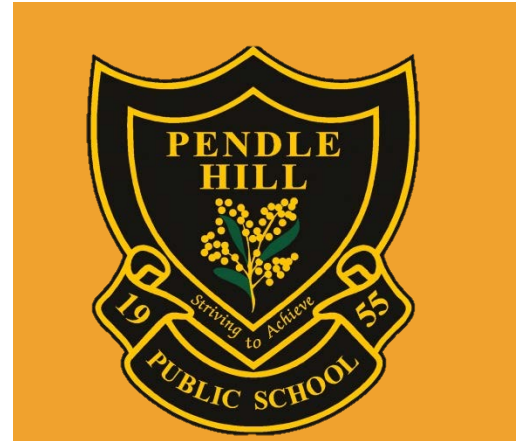


# NEWSLETTER

## PENDLE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

22.2.18



### From the Principal

It was great to see so many parents and carers at our Parent Information night this week. Please remember if you wish to discuss your child's progress or any issues with their teacher you can contact them at any time to do so. Teachers are not available to meet with parents whilst they are supervising students but they will be able to organize a suitable time to meet with you. Alternatively you can contact the office to organise a time to meet with the teacher.

Our school Learning Support Team meets regularly to discuss the progress of students, address any concerns about student learning and development and to plan school supports for student learning and development needs. The team develops and implements a range of programs to support learning and development. We are currently formalising our reading intervention programs for 2018. Reading Interventions or support programs allow us to provide additional teaching supports so that all children develop a firm foundation for their reading. One of our significant programs in previous years has

been the Reading Recovery program which provides individualized reading lessons for targeted students in Year 1. The Department of Education is no longer running the Reading Recovery Program which means we can no longer run it within the school. We still have the staffing component in 2018 and are using this to transition to other support programs targeting needs across the school. We have purchased materials and trained Learning Support Staff in the Minilit and Rip it Up Reading programs. Both programs target phonic and other reading skills. We will target students needing support in Year 1 and 2 with the Minilit program and older students with Rip it Up Reading. In 2018 we will also continue to provide an individualized reading intervention in Year 1 which targets reading texts and writing skills. These programs will complement existing programs in the school. Our EALD teachers provide specific support for students who speak English as a second language and need additional supports for learning.

Our students enjoyed the recent swimming carnival held last week at Wentworthville Pool. The new



venue worked very well allowing us to run both novelties and races at the same time. We have a decreasing number of strong swimmers in the school and I would urge parents to follow up swimming lessons for children. We live in a country where children will have easy access to swimming pools, beaches and rivers throughout their lives. It is really important they learn to swim and develop those skills over a number of years so they can swim strongly.

Gabrielle Buczynski



## Principal's Award



Congratulations to these students who received a Principal's Award this week for being consistent helpful, safe respectful learners.

Award winners who maintain this behavior across the term will be invited to the Principal's Reward Activity at the end of term.

<b>KR</b>	<i>Varni, Mikhail</i>
<b>KV</b>	<i>Hargun, Alina</i>
<b>K/1L</b>	<i>Thanushka, Safir</i>
<b>1F</b>	<i>Likshita, Taye</i>
<b>1S</b>	<i>Aadya, Prabhnoor</i>
<b>2K</b>	<i>Thuvaarakan, Haniah</i>
<b>2M</b>	<i>Tharanikaa, Kaidan</i>
<b>3-4R</b>	<i>Jeremy, Prisha</i>
<b>3/4S</b>	<i>Ishaant</i>
<b>5/6M</b>	<i>Tamanna, Saambavy</i>
<b>5/6V</b>	<i>Himani, Tanish</i>

## Building Update

The tender for our planned new building has closed and the building contractor will be announced soon. There has been a revision to the planned administration refurbishment with a canteen and toilet block proposed for the area beside our Covered Area in the back playground. This is good news as it means we will be able to plan for a canteen over the next few years.

The architects plan to hold an information Kiosk in the school during March. Watch out for dates.

## Assembly Term 1

*Assembly is held fortnightly on Thursdays in the Hall at 12.25pm. A different class presents the assembly each fortnight.*

Wk 6	5/6V
Wk8	3/4R
Wk10	3/4S

## Uniform Shop

The uniform shop has new stock of Lawson and Wentworth Sport shirts. They are awaiting delivery of the Blaxland shirts .

The uniform shop is opened on Monday mornings.

## Chicken Pox Alert

We have one reported case of chicken pox in our upper primary classes. Another local school has 6 confirmed cases of chicken pox. Chicken pox usually begins with a skin rash, small bumps that turn into blisters and then scabs. Chicken Pox is highly infectious. Children who have chicken pox must remain home until at least five days after the onset of the rash and all blisters have dried.

## NUT ALLERGY

Please do not send foods with nut products to school with your child as we have a number of children with severe allergies at school. Birthday cakes cannot be shared for this reason.



**The simplest way**  
to improve the health of your family and save money

## Come to our **FREE** Healthy Eating Workshop






Date: Monday 26th of March, 2018

Time: 9.00 am to 10.30 am

Venue: Pendle Hill Public School



Did you know that eating the right amount of fruits and vegetables will help protect children against many diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

-  Save time and money making healthy meals.
-  Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters.
-  Get a free recipe book simply by attending.
-  Pack a healthy lunch box your kids will love.
-  Plan menus, modify recipes and more.



## Calendar

Term 1

28.2.18

Leaders Induction assembly

8.3.18

Year 3 SSO Concert

12.3.18

Young Leaders Conference  
STEPS Vision Screening  
Preschool

15.3.18

Selective High School  
Exam

STEPS Vision Screening  
Preschool

20.3.18

P&C AGM

Please note this is a revised date

21.3.18 Harmony Day

26.3.18

Healthy Lunch Box  
Workshop

28.3.18

Easter Activity

30.3.18

Good Friday Public Holiday

2.4.18

Easter Monday Public  
Holiday

10.4.18

P&C Meeting

Parent Interviews

11.4.18

Cross Country

12.4.18

ANZAC Service 13.4.18

Last day Term 1

## GREYSTANES HIGH SCHOOL



## OPEN DAY

Date: Thursday 8 March 2018

Time: 5.45pm to 7.30pm

### OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

**PARENTS:** 5.45pm to 7.30pm Information Session for interested parents of Years 5 & 6 to be held in the Hall followed by an interactive tour. Discussion will include an overview of the school and details of the Year 6 into Year 7 enrolment procedures. Light refreshments will be served.

# Sydney Symphony Orchestra Program

We have been extremely lucky to be invited to participate in a 3 year Musical Education program with Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Mrs Russell and Ms MacKenzie participated in a week long training program during the school holiday and a follow up workshop last week. There will be another follow-up workshop later in the year. Other teachers will have the chance to attend the training in coming years.

Mrs Russell and Ms Mackenzie were extremely enthused about the training and have been trying out their new found skills as music educators. The program will enhance Music education across the school as they share their skills with staff and students.

The program will target music education in Stage 1 and 2 and as part of the program Year 3 students have been invited to attend "Who needs a conductor anyway?" a concert held by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 free of charge. The event will explore musical concepts through a captivating concert performed by Simon Tedeschi and conducted by Roger Benedict. The concert is being held at Riverside Theatre in Parramatta.

## LAUNCH OF COMMUNITY READING BOXES

Join Poppy for songs, stories and craft activities and the exciting opening of Cumberland Council's Community Reading Boxes Project. All welcome – no bookings necessary.

**Date:** Monday 12 March 2018

**Time:** 10am - 11am

**Venues:** **Mayor to officially launch**  
Central Gardens Wildlife Area  
Merrylands Road, Merrylands West

**Clr George Campbell to officially launch**  
Auburn Botanical Gardens Wildlife Area  
Cnr Chisolm & Chiswick Roads, Auburn

Please note this session may be cancelled in the event of rain.  
Parents and carers are responsible for their own children during these events.

For more information phone Cumberland Council's Children's Services Team on 8757 9000 or email [childrens.services@cumberland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:childrens.services@cumberland.nsw.gov.au)



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