

Term 4 | Week 6 | Thursday 13 November 2014



Message from the Principal

This year we have been introducing Positive Behaviour for Learning as a framework which encourages positive behaviour from students and which has been shown to improve their self-concept and motivation to learn. The teachers have been undertaking ongoing professional learning throughout the year in ensuring the successful implementation and last week the school was 'assessed' by an external coach. I am pleased to announce that our school 'passed with flying colours' and we were in fact commended on our achievements in embedding the school-wide expectations of *excellence, respect and responsibility* as well as being noted as having an 'exemplary student wellbeing policy.' It is recognition like this that supports the quality of education we provide everyday for our students. Well done and keep up the great work everyone!

Reporting to Parents

Your child's Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Friday 12 December and is a report of your child's achievements in Terms 3 and 4.

When reading reports it is important to remember that 'Sound' achievement indicates that your child is making sound progress in relation to what he or she was expected to learn over the last semester – your child is on track. While 'Outstanding' achievement to 'Limited' achievement grades are an important indicator of your child's progress, they are only part of the picture. Student reports also include information on your child's level of effort and teacher comments on progress in each subject. Each child is an individual and it is important not to draw comparisons with others. Your child's achievements are unique and reports provide an opportunity to really acknowledge and praise your child for their achievement. Report information will also help you discuss with your child (and his or her teacher if needed) how further progress can be achieved. If you wish to discuss your child's progress, issues concerning their behaviour, how they are achieving compared to their peer group or any other issue please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment at any time.

Keeping Everyone Safe at our School

As part of our ongoing work to create a safe school site, we are vigilant in following up issues that may be identified as hazards to the health and safety of children, staff and visitors.

While all due care is taken there are circumstances that arise on a daily basis that may present as a hazard that we are unaware of. If you are coming on to school grounds and become aware of a potential hazard please let the staff in the office know. We have hazard forms that can be filled out so that the appropriate action to rectify the situation can take place.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children, staff and visitors safe.

K-6 Assemblies

Parents and community members are very welcome to attend our K-6 Assemblies which are held every second Friday at 2:15pm. Our next assembly is tomorrow and is hosted by K/1H. Our host classes for assemblies in Term 4 are:

- 1/2HD – Week 8

Have a fantastic fortnight everyone.

Kind regards

Jane Rees

Relieving Principal

School Leaders 2015

Recently Year 5 students and their parents as well as staff completed a survey about the 2015 student leadership team. After much consideration and taking into account Year 5 student, parent and staff responses, the student leadership format for 2015 will include:

- 2x School Captains
- 1 x Pelican House Captain
- 1 x Kookaburra House Captain
- 6 x student leaders

Year 5 candidates will deliver their speeches on Tuesday 25 November. At the conclusion of the speeches, students will return to their classrooms where students from years 2 – 5 will vote for the 2015 school leaders.

Successful students will be presented with their badges at this year's Presentation Day.

Good luck everyone

Diary Dates

Calendar	Week 7 & Week 8
Week 7	
Tues 18 Nov	Footsteps
Week 8	
Mon 24 Nov	Combined Scripture Assembly 2:00pm P&C Meeting 7:00pm in Library
Tues 25 Nov	Footsteps

Remembrance Day Assembly

Thank you to the students, staff and parents for the respect shown during our Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday. This year's ceremony is specifically special as it commemorates 100 years since the start of the Great War, as well as 96 years since the armistice that ended the war. It's days like these that help us to reflect on how lucky we are to be living in such a safe and free country, and to pay our respects to the men and women who bravely fought for our freedom in all conflicts. I would also like to specifically thank Emma, Maya, Arabella and Olivia on the way that they professionally and respectfully conducted our assembly.

Mr Podmore
Assembly Coordinator



Combined Christmas Assembly

The Scripture students combined Christmas Assembly will be held on Monday November 24 at 2.00pm. We would like to issue an invitation to all students to attend. If you would prefer your child not to attend then please send a note to school.

Presentation Day

We look forward to you joining our Presentation Day Assembly on Thursday 11 December 2014 commencing at 12:00pm and concluding at 2:00pm. Parents who wish to take their child home at the conclusion of the assembly are able to sign their child out at the office on the day.

To assist with the resourcing required for our assembly, we request that all families please RSVP to the school office to indicate their attendance.

NSW Public School Terms and Holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

Find out more:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Where's the octopus?

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be>

Rosie the Budgie – Free to a Good Home

Rosie the budgie is ready to leave Kindergarten and is looking for a loving family to take her home. If you think you may be that family, please contact the office or see Mrs Simpson.



Safety on Wheels

Please find attached to this week's newsletter, information for parents and carers about the laws and safety advice for users of bicycles, scooters, skateboards and rollerblades.

Bouddi says

**Excellence,
Respect and
Responsibility**

by
**Everyone,
Everywhere,
Every time**



This fortnight we have learning about how to demonstrate Respect, Responsibility and Excellence when in the Office.

P&C News



P&C MEETING
MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2014
@ 7:00PM IN THE LIBRARY

Come along and find out what's happening
ALL WELCOME

Pretty Beach Strings Concert

The Pretty Beach Strings Program is pleased to announce their Inaugural Gala Concert to be held on Thursday 27th November at Wagstaffe Hall. Doors will open at 6pm for a 6.30 start. This special concert will feature both group and solo performances by students, as well as solo performances by their renowned music tutors – Sally Maer on Cello and Dan Russell on Violin. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of music and instruments for the strings program.

Tickets available from Wagstaffe Store, School office, or Committee members (Gina, Leah B, Emily, Kelly, Maria)
Adults \$10, Children \$5, Under 5 free

Please contact Emily Stoddart for further information (0415 142412)

After School Drama Classes 2015

The P & C are proud to announce critically acclaimed actress and award winning playwright Donna Cameron will offer after school drama classes in 2015, exclusively to our school. Donna is a NIDA graduate who holds a BA in performance and an MA in writing. For the past fifteen years she has balanced her professional career with teaching, specialising in self-devised work with young people. By utilising her performance and writing skills, throughout the year Donna will enable the students to explore their sense of play and imaginations to produce a high quality, original performance work.

When: Tuesday afternoons.

Yrs K- 2 Class 3:00pm to 3:30pm **Cost:** \$80 per term

Yrs 3-6 Class 3.30pm to 4.30pm **Cost:** \$120 per term

(Part of the term fees will go directly to our P & C)

Where: K block (room under pre school)

Bookings/Enquiries: donnacameron1@live.com

Ph 0432 535 04

Merit Awards

KS: Bonnie, Nina, Maya, Oscar

1/2H Amelie, Scarlett, Makayla, Baden

2/3B Zane, Xianna, Jacob, Lauren

3/4P Brianna, Jayden, Rafferty, CJ

5/6W: Caleb, Logan, Emma, Meg

***Congratulations to our
Wave Award Recipients***

We are very proud of your achievement!

***High Achievement In
Excellence Respect
Responsibility
Yellow Wave Awards***

***Green Wave Awards**
Gnanita, Grace, Ulysses*

***Silver Wave Awards**
Oscar, Kobe, Kit, Grace, Benjamin,
Georgia, Karina, Alira, Daniel, Scarlett,
Eva, Molly, Bodhi, Oscar, Bailey, Max,
Atticus, Caleb, Maya, Jarrah, Meg, Eli*

***Blue Wave Awards**
Ellie, Kit, Lily, Makayla, Francesca, Soleil,
Luca, Ella, Oliver, Elliot, Daniel, Brianna,
Lucy, Jayden, Jhon, Flynn, Rafferty, CJ,
Ella, Olivia, Olivia, Willow*

***Purple Wave Awards**
Maya, Oscar, Gabriel, Emma, Arabella*

Attendance

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - It's NOT ok to stay away

All children have the right to an education.

Regular School attendance lets students develop a sense of belonging and builds important coping and friendship skills. Confident children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour.

When students miss out on basic skills in the early years of school they may have learning problems in later years. In the long run unsatisfactory attendance may affect the awarding of the Record of School Achievement.

Parents are required by law to ensure all children from 6 to 17 year olds are enrolled at and regularly attend school or are registered with the Office of the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling.

Be on time, Be at school, That's the rule!



Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility Communication

If you have any concerns or questions please let us know or make an appointment with the class teacher, an executive staff member or Mrs Callender. The school newsletter and website are great sources of information and may just hold the answers you need.



Pretty Beach
Community Preschool

Limited Vacancies for 2015

3-6 year olds

Contact Kim ASAP 43601355

Canteen News

Thank you to our volunteers who have volunteered so far this term. **We need your assistance for the next few weeks.** If you can help on any of dates below please phone the office on 4360 1012.

Volunteers are only needed from 10:30am to approximately 12:00 noon and can be a parent, relative, friend or neighbour.

Date	Volunteer Names
20/11/2014	Andrew Fulton
27/11/2014	
11/09/2014	
4/12/2014	Deidre Moran
11/12/2014	

Kids-TRYathlon



The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is the biggest kids triathlon in the world and continues to grow with over 35,000 kids in Australia and New Zealand taking part this year.

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon inspires children aged 7 -15 years to get moving in a friendly and supportive environment where the emphasis is on enjoying an active lifestyle. Kids of all abilities cross the finish line a champion and everyone who participates takes home a medal.

Pretty Beach encourages students to take part in the event at James Browne Oval, rear Peninsula Leisure Centre, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, Central Coast on 8th Feb 2015. By having at least 15 of our students registered to participate, kids will not only share in the fun and excitement of the event. Parents can register their children online at <http://try.weetbix.com.au/> Entry is just \$45 (further discounts may apply) however places are limited so get in early! Entries will close when field limits are reached.

Pretty Beach Public School has been registered online.

Mt Penang Gardens

Mt Penang Gardens presents

Christmas Lights in the Gardens

12-16 December 2014
6:30 to 10pm - Lights turn on at 8pm

Entry: \$10 Family Pass (2 adults + up to 3 children)
 \$5 additional/single ticket
 For event updates go to
Facebook/Mt-Penang-Gardens-Event-Park

Come along with your family and friends to see a stunning Christmas lights display on the Central Coast.
 There will be twilight Segway rides, food vendors, roving entertainers and much more!
 Mt Penang Gardens, home of the 2014 Central Coast Carols. Parklands Road, Mt Penang Parklands, Kariong (2 min from the Gosford exit M1)

Pretty Beach Public School Strings Program

Inaugural Gala Concert

Thursday 27th November

Wagstaffe Hall, Wagstaffe

Doors open 6pm, concert starts 6.30

Cost: adults \$10, children \$5, under 5 free

Tickets available from Wagstaffe Store and School office

Sally Maer
(cello diva)



This event is a celebration of all that is wonderful about children developing a lifelong love of music and the arts. The concert also marks the end of the first full year of the strings program running at Pretty Beach Public School.

22 students aged between 6 and 12 currently learn cello or violin at Pretty Beach Public School.

This special concert will feature both group and solo performances by students, as well as solo performances by their internationally renowned music tutors

- Sally Maer on Cello and Dan Russell on Violin.

All proceeds from the evening will go towards the purchase of music and additional instruments for the strings program. We hope you can join us at Wagstaffe Hall on November 27 to celebrate this special night with our budding musicians.

For additional information please contact Emily Stoddart, Pretty Beach Strings Committee on 0415 142412.

Dan Elliot
Russell.



Pretty Beach
Public School
Senior
Ensemble

Dress code:
Smart to
Glamorous

Fundraising for The Pretty Beach Strings Program

