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newsletter

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Term 4 | Week 4 | Thursday 7 November 2019

Message from the Principal

One of the highlights for me this week was meeting on Monday night with our parents and community members at our monthly P&C meeting. What an honour it is to partner with parents who are so generous with their time and energy in committing to an evening meeting in an effort to promote the interests of the school by bringing all members of our school community together. Whilst it's a long day for our teachers (over 12 hours at school), it's never-the-less a great chance for parents and teachers to talk about what really matters at our school and explore ways that parents can partner with us to help support our students and offer them the best experiences possible at our school. One of the things shared at the P&C meeting this week was the proposed oval upgrade, about which I am extremely excited! Rather than simply considering re-turfing our oval, we are thinking creatively about how to construct purposeful play spaces and engaging garden areas for students to sit, chat, engage in quiet or imaginative play (whilst leaving purposeful areas free for our kids who love to run around and burn up some energy!). I believe that playing and moving are essential to young children and, at our school, I am keen to see the physical curriculum, including play, supported and promoted by developing and improving our physical school spaces. With P&C input and in initial collaboration with both a wonderful local landscaper (thanks, Mark!) and Sydney designer, we have created a plan which encourages and invites children to experience both natural and man-made elements in our school environment.

There is compelling research on the positive relationship between exposure to green spaces and children's and adolescents' mental health. We want to create a green, welcoming, environmenally harmonious spaces which encourage engagement and free play. Incorporating interactive garden areas that provide opportunities for students to explore and play imaginatively as well as provide spaces for purposeful, quiet play was also a key element. Designing garden areas with a focus on sensory engagement was also goal, as well as including plants that could be incorporated into our kitchen garden program. The final focus was strategic planning for water management. The possibliity of incorporating a "rain garden" into the designs is exciting, as is the thoughtful and effective planting included in the design, incorporating gravel, stone and sand elements into garden beds to reduce water run-off. I love the idea of teachers not asking students to "get out of the garden!" but rather, enabling and encouraging students to engage positively with play spaces that reflect and accentuate our beautiful environment and native surrounds. I look forward to working with our P&C to finetune the design to best meet our needs and purposes in the coming months!

TTFM feedback

Just last week, the survey results from the recent *Tell Them From Me* student and parent survey were released. I am delighted to see substantial improvements in certain school areas which we know to be drivers of success for students. As a school it is essential we strive to understand parents' perspectives on their child's experience at school, including teaching, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour and it is exciting to see that, in each of these broad areas, the school is making positive gains. An example of improvement is the measure of how parents at PBPS feel welcome: our results tell us that the percentage of parents who strongly agree that they feel welcome at our school is higher than the average pecentage of parents across the state. This is a strong improvement from previous years and, whilst we celebrate this shift, we know that our continuing goal is to ensure all our parents feel welcomed, valued, heard and informed. I look forward to presenting the findings of our TTFM results in next month's P&C meeting on Monday 2 December. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

Kind regards, *Karen Wardlaw*

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What's Happening at PBPS?

Please visit our website for more details and spare notes…https://prettybch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

When?	Events & Due Dates
T4 Wk 4	8/11 - K-1 Swimming Program Assembly 1/2Blue
T4 Wk 5	11/11 – Rememberence Day 12/11 - Kindy Orientation 12/11 - PBL Reward Day 14/11 - Footsteps 15/11 - K/1 Swimming Program 15/11 - Kincumber HS Roadshow
T4 Wk 6	19/11 – Kindy Orientation 21/11 – K/1 Swimming Program Assembly K/1

*Presentation Night – **10 December***
*Year 6 Farewell – **17 December***
Just a reminder that the last school day for students this year is *Wednesday **18 December**, 2019*. The last day for teachers is *Thursday **19 December** 2019* and the last day for admin staff is *Friday **20 December** 2019*.

Sun Safety at Pretty Beach Public School

At Pretty Beach Public School, we are serious about protecting our skin from the sun! When UV Index levels reach 3 and above, sun protection is needed. In NSW, average UV Index levels are 3 and above from the beginning of August until the end of May with particular sun protection required during peak UV radiation times of 10am-2pm.
At our school, to promote the use of broad-brimmed hats and to protect our sensitive skin against the harsh Australian sun, we have a NO HAT – NO PLAY policy. This allows all students to be protected during their play time and during scheduled learning time in the sun. Please remember to bring and wear your hat at school!

2019 Ball Games Carnival

A huge congratulations to the 29 students and Mr Barron who represented our school with pride at the 2019 SCCPSSA Ball Games Carnival. It is the first time in many years that Pretty Beach were able to send a team to this prestigious event, and the select few who made the team did our school proud. Each team participated in 3 different events throughout the day and cheered loudly the whole time. While we didn't walk away with any ribbons or medals, a whole lot of fun was had. Thanks to the parents who came to cheer on our teams, and a special mention to Nate R who stepped in at the last minute to help us build our junior boys team up due to sick students!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ALL!
Mr Podmore and Mr Barron (aka Proud Coaches!)

Clever Kids

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards at our last assembly.

Term 4 - Week 2

Kinder	Isabelle,Oliver, Eyslan
Kinder/1	Daisy, Imogen, Artie
Yr 1/2 Blue	Ethan, Ella, Jonah, Enzo
Yr 1/2 Red	Ethan, Eva, Eben, Jake
Yr 3	Charlie, Xavier, Darcy
Yr 4	Noah, Harvey, Gabe
Yr 5	Will, Marlene, Keanu
Yr 6	Jamie, Ava, Thorne

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

The week in PBL we have revised our whole school expectations for inclusion. We like to show Excellence, Respect and Responsibility at Pretty Beach by being inclusive of others. Remember to look out for your friends and include others in the playground and classroom. Our PBL trade day was this week with our reward day being held next Tuesday, 12 November 2019. Students will be able to enjoy the following rewards;

- Bring a soft toy to school
- 1/2 hour free time
- Art session
- Just dance session.

We can't wait to enjoy our reward day next week. Keep up the great work everyone and strive for Excellence, Respect and Responsibility.

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Presentation Night 10 December 2019

As mentioned in the previous newsletter (Term 4 Week 2), there will be some changes to Presentation Night this year. For students receiving an award on the night, a personal family invitation will be sent home in an envelope addressed to the parent in Week 6. Families will be asked to RSVP so that the school can make appropriate seating arrangements. As the last newsletter highlighted, the number of class awards has increased to six awards per class. Students will continue to be recognised and congratulated for showing their "personal best" but this will take place during school assemblies rather than Presentation Evening. The Choir and the Strings Ensenble students will be performing on the night.

Year 7 Entry to Selective High School 2021

Online applications close on Monday 11 November

2020 Book Packs

After positive feedback in 2018, we have decided to implement a new streamline way of purchasing resources for the 2020 school year. We are in the process of getting quotes for individual Book Packs, which will consist of workbooks, stationery, chair bags, mathematics equipment and some art supplies. Please note that book pack prices may seem expensive however, prices will go down from year to year as items will not need to be purchased multiple times eg: chair bags. This will be a compulsory purchase for **all** students. Once we have received confirmation from our providers, we will notify all families of the cost per child. Payment will need to be made online, by the middle of January for us to have the packs ready for the start of the 2020 school year.

Please note, these packs will not eliminate our $40 family contribution fees.

Thank you for your support at this transitional time,
Kate Keyes
Assistant Principal

Returning to School in 2020

Please inform the school as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning to Pretty Beach School in 2020.

SAKG

Volunteers are needed to help in the SAKG Garden on Wednesdays. If you have 1 hour to spare on a Wednesday morning between 10.20am-11am and would like to volunteer in the SAKG Garden please contact the school office or Mrs. Hutchens with your availabilities.

Thank you
Mrs Hutchens

SAKG – Week 3 & 4

This fortnight Years 3 and 4 made Chicken Noodle Salad in the kitchen with Mrs Hutchens. We used mint from our garden to create a delicious and healthy meal - It was our biggest hit yet!

We used Vermicelli rice noodles, shredded chicken breast, red capsicum, cucumber, carrot, lettuce, coriander and mint. We combined all our ingredients together with a simple Thai salad dressing and the result was a colourful, yummy salad.

Mrs Hutchens

Summer Uniforms

Girl's summer uniforms can be ordered through the school office. The office also sells sport polo shirts, hats and zipper jackets.

Thank you.

Canteen News

Don't forget lunch orders are placed in the gold box in the office **every Thursday for Friday's lunches**. If your child is sick on Friday please phone the office and the order can be held over for the following week or a refund will be given. Lunch orders will be accepted on Friday **before 8.45am** at the Canteen.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help in the canteen so far this term (roster below). **If you are available to help please call into the office or phone 4360 1012.**

Date	Volunteer Names
25/10/2019	*Melissa West*
1/11/2019	*Emma Pratt*
8/11/2019	*Jess Pickering*
15/11/2019	*Karin Witanowski*
22/11/2019	*Lara Keogh*
29/11/2019	
6/12/2019	*Minette Ansell*
13/12/2019	***Canteen closed for stocktake & cleaning***

Jan Tochowicz
Canteen Manger

Ethics Volunteers needed for 2020

We need people to teach ethics and someone to help co-ordinate.

If you can teach ethics at the school one day per week please go online to apply here:
https://primaryethics.com.au/

If you're interested in being the ethics co-ordinator please email maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au to find out more about the position.

You don't have to be a parent at the school to teach or take part, so even if you're not personally able to take part, please feel free to pass this information on to other family members or friends in the community who might be interested.

School Banking…each Monday

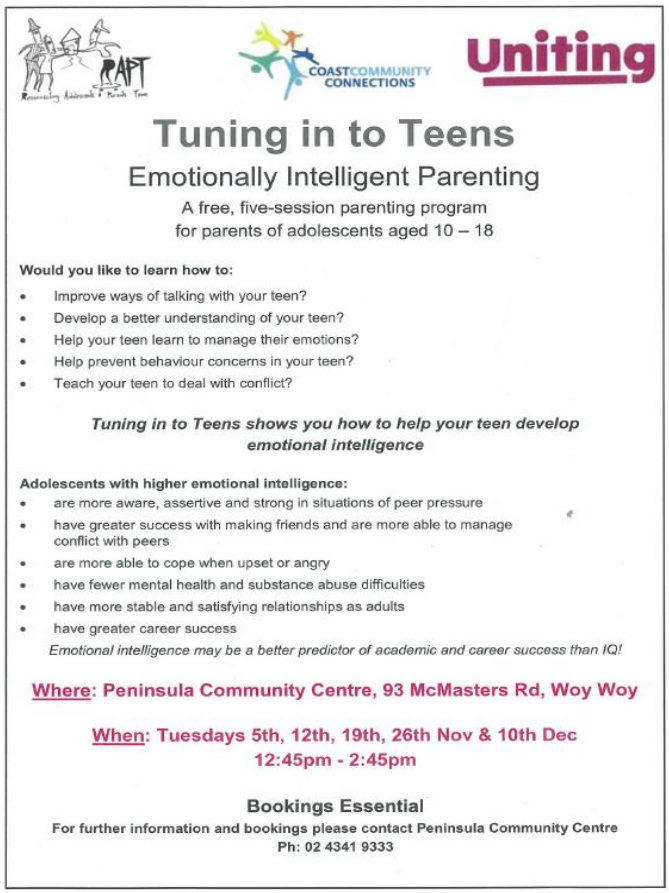
Our school banking day is each Monday. Students need to hand their bank book in to their teacher or drop into the box at the office before school. The banking reward items now available are the *Scented Stackable Highlighters and Snowy Origami Set*, *Icicle Slapband Ruler*, *Yeti Fluffy Notebook*, *Artic Owl Fluffy Keyring*, *Scratch Art Cards* a *Water Skimming Bounce Ball and Polar Pencils and Toppers.*

Are you using the CommBank Youth App yet?
Did you know if you use this app your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youth Saver account
- View school banking deposits in their transaction history
- Track the number of times they have banked towards their next reward
- Set up savings goals and monitor progress
- Create lists of chores they can do to earn pocket money

So explore the CommBank Youth App to help encourage regular saving.

Your child doesn't have a bank account? To open a bank account just go to any Commonwealth Bank or this can be done online. The bank have advised if you do this the deposit book, with their account details and yellow wallet will be sent to you by mail within 5-7 working days. Could you please ensure that the account number details are completed in your child's deposit book, prior to your child bringing the book in on their first School Banking Day.



Aboriginal Culture, Visual Art, Movement, Positive Psychology

Creative Wellbeing Workshops

Genre: VISUAL ART
Presenter: Belinda Ingels - TBOTB
Title of workshop: Creating Joy Through The Visual Arts
Description: This is a practical workshop of discovery and design. Learn to take striking images with your phone. Develop the right side of your brain through drawing. Look at things from a different perspective. Have fun trying something new.
Locations: The Watanobbi Community Centre, The Gosford Regional Services, The Green Point Community Centre, The San Remo Neighbourhood Centre, Wyongah Progress Association, The Peninsula Community Centre.

CREATING JOY THROUGH THEVISUAL ARTS
Multi-Purpose Room – Coast Community Connections Peninsula Community Centre
MONDAY 4th November, 2019 11.30AM – 12.30PM
$5.00 Entry

Genre: ABORIGINAL CULTURE
Presenter: Tim Selwyn - Girri Girra
Title of workshop: Aboriginal Stories
Description: This workshop provides knowledge of Aboriginal stories with an introduction to Aboriginal dance, music and movement.
Locations: The Watanobbi Community Centre, The Gosford Regional Services, The Green Point Community Centre, The Peninsula Community Centre.

ABORIGINAL STORIES
Multi-Purpose Room – Coast Community Connections Peninsula Community Centre
THURSDAY 14TH November, 2019 1PM – 2PM
$5.00 Entry

Genre: MOVEMENT
Presenter: Rosemary Blundo - Moving for Joy
Title of workshop: Ageless Grace (R) Brain Health Program
Description: Ageless Grace (R) is an engaging, seated, body and brain health program for all ages but particularly beneficial for older adults. Please wear comfortable clothes, bring your water and sense of humour...
Locations: The Watanobbi Community Centre, The Gosford Regional Services, The Green Point Community Centre, The Peninsula Community Centre, Wyongah Progress Association.

AGELESS GRACE
Main Hall - Coast Community Centre Peninsula Community Centre
WEDNESDAY 20th November, 2019 10AM – 11AM
$5.00 Entry

Genre: POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
Presenter: Michelle Cuneo - Cashed up Creative
Title of workshop: How To Be Happier
6 Simple Ways to Power Up Your Positive!
Description: Worldwide, negative feelings are on the rise. We'd all like to feel a bit happier. This fun workshop will take you through six simple activities to increase the positive emotions in your day and boost your confidence.
Locations: The Watanobbi Community Centre, The Peninsula Community Centre, Wyongah Progress Association, San Remo Neighbourhood Centre.

HOW TO BE HAPPIER
Main Hall – Coast Community Connections Peninsula Community Centre
Main Hall - Saturday 9th November 11AM – 12PM
Multi-Purpose Room Friday 22nd November, 2019 1PM – 2PM
$5.00 Entry
For more information or to book a place, call Coast Community Connections Peninsula Community Centre on (02) 4341 9333 - HURRY – PLACES ARE LIMITED

CURTAIN UP

SHOWCASING AUSTRALIAN SOLOISTS

FEATURING

Chaminade Flute Concertino
Soloist - Janet Webb

Doppler Flute Duet
Soloists - Janet Webb and Kate Rockstrom

Sydney Wind Symphony
Music Director - Fiona Lucas

Central Coast Concert Band
Music Director - Patrick Brennan

Gosford High School Bands
Music Director - Rowan McBride
Music Director - Diane Gardiner

JANET WEBB
Retired Principal Flautist
Sydney Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, 1 December | 2.30 pm
Gosford High School Hall
Racecourse Rd, Gosford

TICKETS
$15 adult | $5 student concession
available at the door or book at
www.trybooking.com

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You can see the *Shell Questacon Science Circus* at

Breakers Indoor Sports Stadium
Duffys Road
TERRIGAL NSW
Saturday 7 December 2019
Come any time between
10 am–3 pm

Admission: Admission: FREE
No booking required
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult
Enquiries: 0447 160 124
www.questacon.edu.au

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You can see the *Shell Questacon Science Circus* at

Niagara Park Stadium
18 Washington Avenue
NIAGARA PARK NSW
Saturday 30 November 2019
Come any time between
10 am–3 pm

Admission: Admission: FREE
No booking required
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult
Enquiries: 0447 160 124
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