

Term 4 | Week 8 | Thursday 5 December 2019



Message from the Principal

Dear parents and families,

I wish to start with both a thank you and an apology. The thank you is specifically directed at the parents who have reached out to me and expressed their feelings and queries regarding changes to Presentation Night: their respectful candour and willingness to engage in true partnership with the school was modelled by honest recourse and a desire to share both opinions and feelings about the matter. My apology is directed to all parents and members of our school community for school communication this week that may have implied that not all of our school community are welcome to attend the 2019 Presentation Night.

Whilst I know that it is impossible to please every parent or family in our community, I always intend to make school-based decisions which reflect the core values of the school. Our school is one that strongly values and strives for excellence and staff made a unanimous decision to consider how organisation for Presentation Night could best reflect this. However, whilst not every child in the school will receive an award at this ceremony, it was never the school's intention to communicate that the whole of our school community are not invited to attend. Please let me clarify this. Invitations were specifically sent home to ensure that parents had advanced notice that their child would be receiving an award. Again, I ask that our families would accept my apology for not anticipating that this may have made other families feel unwelcome or unsure as to whether they may attend this special celebration.

I was so moved by an email from a parent last night and specifically asked their permission to share with you some of their sentiments in our newsletter. They so eloquently and clearly explained what I was unable to do: that Presentation Night at PBPS is a whole-school celebration and an opportunity for us to come together to acknowledge achievement, reflect school values and celebrate student success. Here's why they acknowledged that, despite their child not

receiving an award, they will be still attending Presentation Night:

- 1- I don't want my children to think they should only attend an event if they personally are receiving an award. They should attend to support all of their friends and peers.
- 2- A member of my family will finish Year 6. I want to be there to help to celebrate their primary school years.
- 3- I want to hear the captains and vice-captain speeches
- 4- We would like to see the awarding of the winning sports house
- 5- Celebrating Dux of the school and Sportsperson of the Year.

I absolutely admire and respect these reasons and know that they (along with other personal reasons) will motivate many families to commit to attending Presentation Night this year. These reasons reflect for me the wonderful heart of our community. I deeply regret any error on my behalf if I have communicated in a way that may have suggested that all families are not welcome to attend this special evening. ALL families are more than welcome to attend and celebrate with us on this special occasion, whether their child is receiving an award or not.

As a leader, I look forward to offering all families a voice in providing valuable feedback **following this year's Presentation Night**. I guarantee to all members of my school community that everyone will have chance to "review the night ahead, discuss the past and make changes if necessary" as a parent so eloquently recommended. I look forward with great anticipation to this special school event and am certain that the night will be one marked by celebration and acknowledgement, honouring the wide and varied student contribution to our wonderful school.

Kind regards,
Karen Wardlaw

Important dates

Presentation Night – **10 December** 2019

Year 6 Farewell – **17 December** 2019

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.

Whats 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 8	5/12 – Footsteps KHS Orientation Night 5.30-7.30pm 6/12 – K/1 Swimming Assembly Kinder
T4 Wk 9	9/12 – Last day for school banking 10/12 – Presentation Night - 6pm Gymnastics 12/12 Footsteps 113/12 – Yr 6 special Assembly
T4 Wk 10	16/12 – Movie Day 17/12 – Yr 6 Farewell 18/12 – Last day of term K-6

Clever Kids

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

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Kinder	Hayley, Ryan, Zoe
Kinder/1	Brianna, Axel, Georgette, Finn
Yr 1/2 Blue	Vin, Hugh, Marlow, Isabelle
Yr 1/2 Red	Bodhi, Anna, Jalen, Jake, Misha
Yr 3	Frankie, Elliot, Joseph, Jack
Yr 4	Sebi, Niamh, Penelope
Yr 5	Vic, Martin, Mia, Gnanita
Yr 6	Lily, Ruby, Jemima

2020 School Leaders Speeches



2020 House Captain Speeches



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

In PBL this term we have been revising our school expectations. It is important for us to remember to strive for Excellence, Respect and Responsibility at Pretty Beach Public School. With the end of year events quickly approaching we need to ensure we are displaying our school values when representing the school including; at Presentation Night, the Year 6 Farewell and Movie Day. The end of term reward for this term is our whole school movie day and we are very much looking forward to enjoying this whole school reward. Please make sure you return your notes and money on time. We will also have our PBL reward day on **Thursday, 12 December 2019**.



Students will be trading on Monday, 9 December for one of the following rewards;

- ½ hour free time
- Bring a soft toy
- Cooking/food decorating session
- Mufti

Keep up the great work everyone!

Questacon

On Tuesday 3 December, our whole-school was lucky enough to attend a science workshop. It was delivered by enthusiastic and knowledgeable presenters from Questacon. We learnt about structures and which shapes are stronger than others. Also, we learnt about different fluids and how some fluids are more viscous than others. All students who attended the workshop have received a **FREE TICKET** to Questacon's science workshop in Terrigal. It's on Saturday 7 December 10-3pm at Breakers Indoor Sports Stadium. Come along and experience Questacon's science exhibits!



Year 6 Mini Fete

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 students for hosting the extremely successful Mini Fete. Students in our school were treated to a wide variety of fun activities to help Year 6 raise money for the Year 6 Farewell and gift to the school. There were sport and skill competitions, tattoos and face painting, special treats and the spooky haunted house. Year 6 also went above and beyond by providing prizes and goodies to students for participating, and major prizes to the most successful at each of the competition activities. Well done Year 6 and thanks for the fun afternoon!





Teacher professional learning:

Last week Mrs Gordon, Mrs Bridgman and Miss McKinney attended a 3 day course on the foundations of multisensory structured language education. This intensive course was delivered by the Executive Director, Corey Zylstra, from REACH OG Learning Centres. Corey is recognized and accredited as an Orton-Gillingham Master Trainer for the Canadian Orton-Gillingham Academy, an Honorary Fellow of the American OG Academy and as a Certified Dyslexia Therapist through the International Dyslexia Association - Centre for Effective Reading Instruction. The course provided an overview of reading development, the structure of the English language, and how to identify and intervene when phonological awareness difficulties are present. The topics addressed included:

- Dyslexia
- An introduction to the Structured Literacy and the Orton-Gillingham Approach
- Stages of Reading Development
- Current Research in Effective Practices for Teaching Literacy
- Response to Intervention (RTI) in the classroom

- Phonological and Phonemic Awareness and Dispelling Common Confusions
- Phonology (sounds and sound-symbol relationships)
- Orthographic Code
- Decoding (from sound-symbol to blending sounds to text reading)
- Assessment of Reading Fluency.

This course was very informative and built on our understanding of how to implement structured literacy within the classroom and intervention groups at Pretty Beach. We are looking forward to sharing all the information we have learnt and implementing new resources and strategies within our whole school programs.

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.

Music

This term in music our primary students have been learning to notate and play their own music. Using the Xylophones and percussion instruments, students have worked in small groups to create their own pieces of music. Students wrote their own melody and then worked together using Beat, Melody and Rhythm to create wonderful performances for their class mates.

Infants' students have been learning to sing a new song which they are excited to perform at one of our upcoming assemblies. They have also been learning about rhythms and the difference between rhythm and beat. Students learnt how to write down their own 4 beat rhythms and then clap them and use percussion instruments to play them to the class.

We have had a fun time learning about music this term!



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

This fortnight Year 3 and 4 made Nachos in the kitchen with Mrs Hutchens. We made a salsa to go with corn chips, a bean dip, Greek yoghurt and cheese. Students used herbs from the school garden to add to the salsa. Students thoroughly enjoyed eating this delicious meal!

Strings

On Thursday 28 November I had the pleasure of attending the Strings Concert. This concert was held at Hardy Bays Community Hall. The strings students had the opportunity to perform a special song to the audience of parents. Students either played individually or with a friend. Some of these students have only been playing their instrument for a year so were extremely brave to stand in front of others and perform. Every performance was accompanied by the piano. All participants were truly amazing. I was very proud of everyone. We were lucky to have a performance from Emma Townsend our Violin teacher and Monica Jamieson our Cello teacher. Both these ladies showed us what dedication and practice can achieve. Their performances were truly breath taking and a great example for our students to aspire to be. On the evening a special mention was given to Emily Stoddard who has coordinated the Strings program for Pretty Beach for many years. She has given many hours to organising events, chasing up payments and coordinating with the conservatorium in Gosford. We thank Emily once again for all her efforts, they have been hugely appreciated. Emily is passing this role onto Monica for 2020 and we look forward to continuing this strong relationship between the strings program and Pretty Beach PS.

Mrs Gordon

Canteen News

Thank you to all who have volunteered in the canteen this year and to Minette Ansell who will be volunteering tomorrow. **Please note tomorrow is our last canteen day for the year to enable the end of year stocktake to take place and for the canteen to be cleaned.**

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

Please note our last school banking day for the year will be NEXT Monday 9 December.

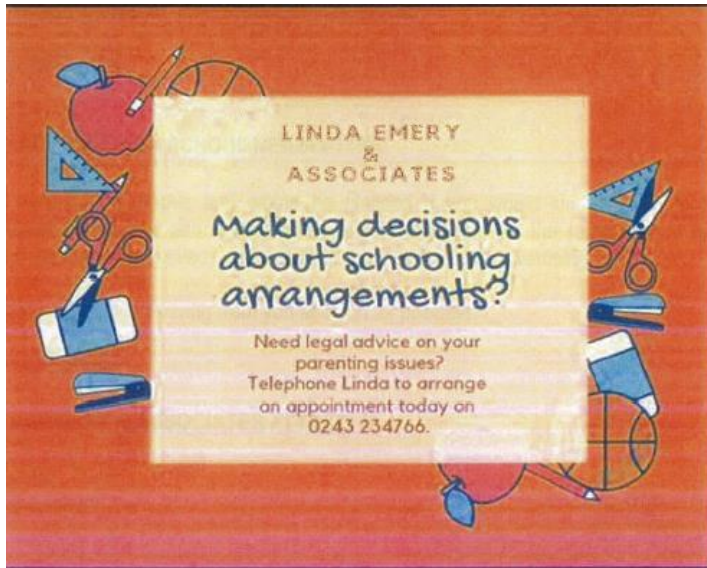
Each Monday students need to hand their bank book in to their teacher or drop into the box at the office before school.

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.



LINDA EMERY
&
ASSOCIATES

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about schooling
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FREE SERVICE

Recycle electronic waste for free!

Residents can now drop off unlimited quantities of household e-waste at Council's Waste Management Facilities for free!

Traditional items such as televisions, computers, tablets and printers are all accepted as well as any electrical product with a cord that does not contain liquid.

Dispose of waste responsibly and help create a more

A few spaces will open up in the [Pretty Beach After School Drama Club](#) for 2020.

For enquiries or bookings, please contact Donna on 0432535041 any time after December 19.

Thank you,
Donna