

# Perthville Public School



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## Newsletter

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Term 1 Week 3

Dear Parents,

Term one has started with full gusto, we are really looking forward to our swimming carnival this week and the district carnival the week following.

### Class Meetings & Family Picnic Afternoon

It was lovely to see so many families in attendance at our class information sessions and family picnic afternoon. Well done to the Classroom teachers on delivering a very informative session and giving parents lots of opportunities to ask questions and find about how they can assist with their child's education. Well done also to the P&C for putting on the free BBQ, everyone loves a good sausage sandwich, and they were delicious! Kids had fun, great family atmosphere and a wonderful way to start the year!



### Swimming Carnival – This Friday

This Friday, all children 8 years and older will travel by bus to the Bathurst Aquatic Centre. We will be leaving school promptly at 9.30am and won't be able to wait for late arrivers.

Students entering into the 100m events need to be taken by their parents and need to be at the pool no later than 9.15, ready to swim this event at 9.30.

All races are finals and children need to swim as fast as they can in each event.

Non carnival competitors will be watching some events and then completing activities in the middle pool in the indoor area. **Children swimming in the big carnival are not to go with the non-carnival swimmers.**

At the end of the carnival medals, ribbons, age champions and the winning house will be presented. The District carnival is the following Friday 21st February.

Children should wear their house coloured sports shirts, plus anything red, green or blue to support their house. However NO Hairspray, streamers or balloons, zinc is fine!

The bus will return to school before our afternoon buses leave for their normal runs.

Parents are welcome to come along and we'd love to see you there. We look forward to a wonderful day. Thank you to Ms Barlow who has worked tirelessly to make this a great success!

### **Kindy and Leaders Photos in the Western Advocate**

Today a photographer from the Western Advocate took photos of our school leaders and also our Kindy children. The photos will appear in the paper at this stage during the week of 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Kindergarten Best Start Assessments Complete and Parent Interviews being scheduled**

Ms Morris has now completed all best start assessments for Kindergarten in Literacy and Numeracy. Well done Ms Morris on assessing our new 17 students and preparing wonderful programs to start the year. Please ensure you request an interview by booking through our online service, the information is below.

Best Start interviews for Kindergarten will be held between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February. Interviews are strictly 15minutes. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code w9wzr.

1. Enter your details,
2. Select Ms Morris as the classroom teacher.
3. Select an appointment time that best suits your family.

The website opens for bookings tomorrow Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm.

### **P&C Meetings**

P&C Meetings will be held twice this term on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February (Please note one week later due to Family Picnic Afternoon) and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. All meetings start at 6pm and are held in our Library. Please come along and get to know your team. The meetings usually take about 1 hour and are friendly and welcoming. We'd love to have you along!

### **Attendance – School Time Each and Every Day!**

Our target is to have every child attending at a rate greater than 95%. We expect children at school each day unless they are unwell. Holidays are no longer exempt from this data and should be taken during scheduled school holiday time wherever possible. Please assist us by doing the following;

- 1 - Always contact us immediately if your child is absent from school
- 2 - Encourage and reward school attendance
- 3 - Come to the office with your child if you are running late or leaving early from school.
- 4 - Students should present to the office FIRST so we can record this on our SENTRAL attendance system.**

### **School Contributions**

The school contribution assists us with purchasing online maths and reading programs, text books, sports equipment, art and craft supplies and stationary needs. Fees are as follows.

1 child = \$70

2 children = \$130

3 or more children = \$180

We ask that you pay this contribution to the office before the end of Term One.

## **Excursion/Special Events and Payment methods**

Please send money and permission notes to the school office for excursions etc. in an envelope/bag with your child's name clearly labelled. Please send correct money if paying by cash as no change is held in the office.

Other payment methods include EFTPOS, cheque and the parent online payment system that can be accessed through the school website. To access Parent Online Payment go to the school website <https://perthville-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> and choose MAKE A PAYMENT from the top blue ribbon. Follow the instructions, please note the child's SRN is not required.

## **Library Bags ready for Library to Commence Please**

Library day is Wednesday for each class. This will commence in Week 4 of Term 1. Mrs Bicanic will be our Library Teacher this year and we encourage regular borrowing which supports student reading. All students will need a library bag and will be encouraged to borrow each week.

## **After School Care – Available 5 days a week!**

After School Care is held in the library between 3.30-6.00pm and will operate every afternoon Monday to Friday. Even if you may require this service casually or in an emergency style situation you need to be registered. Please support this initiative so that it can remain viable in our community. It's very affordable once Government subsidies are made available to all families, they do great activities and our students love it! Great to have it now operating 5 days a week. Well done Galloping Gumnuts!

[admin@gallopinggumnut.org.au](mailto:admin@gallopinggumnut.org.au) or 0427 070 871

## **No Hat Play in the Shade**

With the hot weather it is important for us to abide by the 'No Hat Play in the Shade Rule'. Hats should be worn outside at all times. If your child does not have a hat they will be asked to play under the COLA. Please assist us by ensuring your child has their hat each day (These are available from the front office and uniform shop) and it is clearly labelled with their name. Caps are not to be worn. Applying sunscreen in the morning before school is also a great idea and is readily available for reapplication throughout the day.

## **Contact Details & Email Address - PLEASE CHECK & UPDATE**

Please contact Elaine or Suzanne if any of your home contact numbers, mobile numbers, email address, emergency contact details or work details have changed. We must keep up-to-date information in case we need to contact you. Please also provide email address so a full colour copy of newsletter can be sent to you.

## **School Uniform – Each day Strong and Proud**

A reminder that students are expected in correct uniform each day. Uniform makes our students feel smart, strong and proud. Raban shoes and tights are not part of our uniform policy and should not be worn. All uniform is available at school by seeing our uniform coordinators Clare Kirby and Helen Top on **Tuesday and Thursday Mornings** or by sending in the attached order form. Second Hand uniforms are also available. Uniform shop is located in old admin building.

## **Year 6 Shirts**

Please remember that year 6 shirt orders need to start coming in, at this stage we don't have many and it's essential that we have all orders in before we purchase the shirts.

## **Perthville School Jazz Band**

Band lessons commence in Week 3 for students in Years 2-6. Mr Brent Dickson is looking forward to recommencing at our school and developing the Jazz band program with our students. Expressions of Interest for band students were sent home last week however if you would like to join please contact our office and ask to speak to Mrs Yordanoff (2020 Band Coordinator). We look forward to a great year with our band.

## **40K Zone around Schools**

***We ask that if you are collecting your children to come to Church Street not in Rockley Street.***

This allows the teacher on duty to observe all children when leaving. Please be aware that Church Street is a pickup zone and the 40 kilometer speed limit applies. Please drive slowly and collect your children on the right side of the road. Also take note of the no parking zone which applies to the top end of Church Street to allow for adequate turning space for cars. We have been in negotiations with council for some changes to our bus zones so will share these with you when any changes are made.

## **Volunteer Agreements**

All parents or relatives who volunteer to assist with our children are asked to read and sign a Statutory Declaration that complies with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012. Parents and grandparents are not required to obtain the Working with Children Check number. Volunteers not related to a child at the school must have the Working with Children Check number before volunteering at the school. We encourage you to contact your child's class teacher if you are able to help with reading, sport, computers or assist in the library. Please see the office before volunteering.

## **Tissues**

Last year each child donated a box of tissues to their class. We'd love your support with this again. Thank you to those families who have already donated a box. A big help!



## **Changes to Term 4 Staff Development Days**

Perthville School will have a variation to the staff development days that are normally held in the last week of December. These Staff Development Days will now be held on the following dates, Wednesday's week six each term from 3.30-6.30.

During these sessions teaching staff will be participating in modules to support the implementation of the curriculum and mandatory training.

Please be aware that these Professional learning sessions do not affect when students are at school as they are held outside of school hours.

It is important to note however staff will conclude the 2020 year the same day as students, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Major Excursions for 2020**

Please be aware that major excursions for our primary aged children occur each year. We like to give parents plenty of warning before significant costs are presented. A \$50 deposit for each child will be requested in Term 1. We encourage payment plans or making regular payments early on as children will be unable to attend without full payment or other arrangements being made

Term 3 - Years 3 & 4 Sydney - Approx. Cost \$250

Term 2 - Years 5 & 6 Canberra - Approx. Cost \$350. This is early in May.

## **Assembly Merit Cards**

At our assemblies our teachers hand out merit cards. These are used to gain blue star and gold awards and medals. Every teacher keeps a record of who has received merit cards and we try to encourage all students.

**3 Class Awards/Virtue Awards/School Blues (For representing our school) = 1 Blue Star Awards**



**3 Blue Star Awards = 1 Gold Award**

**3 Gold Awards = 1 Medal**

# Most of our recent photos of school celebrations, achievements and everyday happenings can be found on Facebook



PLEASE KEEP THIS CALENDER IN A HANDY SPOT AND ADD TO IT EACH FORTNIGHT

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>			Best Start Kinder Newsletter	Best Start Kinder	Swimming Carnival  QuoCKa
<b>4</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>					Assembly Y1 9.30 am District Swimming
<b>5</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>			Newsletter		QuoCKa
<b>MARCH</b> <b>6</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>			½ Staff Development Day		Assembly 5/6 9.30 am
<b>7</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>		P & C Meeting 6pm	Newsletter		QuoCKa
<b>8</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>					Assembly 1/2 9.30 am
<b>9</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>			Newsletter		QuoCKa
<b>APRIL</b> <b>10</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>					Assembly Y3 9.30 am
<b>11</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>			Newsletter	Easter Hat Parade 	Good Friday

### What's Due Back?



**School Contribution  
(K-6)  
Year 6 shirt deposit**

### Iceblocks Available

Tuesday and  
Thursday

Icy Poles & Paddle  
Pops \$1



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Thank you to the tremendous volunteers who have been fighting fires,  
and to their families and friends who support them in their service.

St. Peter's, Hill Street, Rockley, is having an **Appreciation Service**  
on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at 9:30am, followed by a BYO picnic and family games in Stevens' Park,  
Budden Street, opposite Rockley Pub.

Donations raised throughout the day will be directed to the Rockley RFS for distribution.

For further information or to RSVP by 20<sup>th</sup> February,  
please text or leave a message for Cynthia on 0423 812 727, or Jasmin on 6337 9357.

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