



Pomona Public School

Fortnightly Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Welcome back

A big welcome back to everyone. How time flies. I hope you all had an enjoyable break over the Christmas/New Year period. It has been really enjoyable catching up with students, staff and parents. I can proudly say all students have settled back into the new school year smoothly with enthusiasm and confidence. We would also like to welcome our new students Sasha Hopkins and Emily Crombie in Year 5 and Annabelle Crombie in Year 2 to our beautiful little school.



School Communication

A reminder to all parents that communication between the school and home occurs in the following formats.

Newsletter - this is sent home every second Friday starting in the first week.

Skoolbag App - is used for reminders and communication at any time. Please make sure it is up to date.

Facebook - the school has a Facebook page called Pomona Public School which regularly gives updates about what has been happening in the school.

Notes - most permission notes are sent home with the newsletter but sometimes they will be sent home as a separate note due to time restraints.

Student Leadership Assembly

Our first weekly assembly for the year will be held on Friday 15th February starting at 2:30pm. Our student leaders, Joanie Alchin, Darcy James, Mia Lyall, Cody Gallagher and John Robertson will present their speeches and be presented with their Year 6 shirts and leader badges on this day.

We May Be Small But We've Got It All

School Arrival Times

A reminder that students should not be arriving at school before 8:30am unless prior permission has been organised with the principal. No supervision occurs before 8:30am as teachers are preparing lessons for the day.

Staff Training

Staff have had 3 Staff Development Days updating mandatory requirements to teach, this includes child protection training, CPR and anaphylaxis training, corruption prevention and code of conduct. Staff have also attend training at Gol Gol School on Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). I thank all staff for their efforts and time preparing the school ready for students to return.

Student Health / Medical Needs

Please see attached letter re this requirement.

School Fees & Yearly Permission Note

In 2019 school fees have been set at \$40. Payment can be made to the office or via POP online. We have attached an envelope to this newsletter to make payment easier. Also attached to this newsletter are yearly permission notes/consent forms, update of emergency contact forms and student technology access agreement. Please ensure they are returned ASAP.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This year Pomona School is looking at introducing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL).

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

The framework assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people.

When PBL is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. Students and staff benefit from:

- reduced problem behaviour
- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- support for teachers to teach, model and respond effectively to student need
- a predictable learning environment where staff and students know what is expected to deliver effective practices that can be sustained over time.

Positive behaviour for learning will be our focus throughout 2019 and beyond.

Unwanted Items / Garage Sale

The school has had a clean-up of unwanted items that have accumulated over the years. These include pieces of furniture, pillows, paintings, knickknacks etc. These items are currently stored in the back of the K-2 room. From Monday next week parents are welcome to come and look at these items and purchase them if they wish. No reasonable offer will be refused by Mrs Forster. All money raised will go to the Year 6 farewell dinner.



Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Please make sure this entry form for students turning 8 years and up is completed and returned to school by the due date Friday 15th February.

Thank you

A special thank you to Sheryl Dannatt and Nathan Fordham for their efforts in preparing the school for the return of staff and students for the 2019 school year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Crunch n Sip

Each day students participate in the Crunch n Sip program. This is a time for students to refuel, which improves student concentration. It also teaches them to enjoy healthy snacks of fruit and vegetables and to drink water. All students should be bringing a drink bottle with water in it each day to school. I thank parents for taking the time to prepare this food for students each day.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. McDonnell'.

David McDonnell

Principal

Important Dates For Your Calendar

February

Thursday 7th February - Safer Internet Day Grades 3-6 Video conference

Monday 11th February - Chinese Lessons Start

Friday 15th February - NRL Rugby League Session 11:30pm

Student leadership Assembly 2:30pm

Friday 21st February - Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Wentworth 10am start

March

Tuesday 12th March - Circus Challenge at Palinyewah

Friday 22nd March - Barrier Trials for netball, basketball, AFL and soccer in B/Hill

K-2 Class:

Hello All,

Welcome back, it was lovely to see all the students back at school and excited to get 2019 underway. Over the next week we will be setting our routines for the year and establishing responsibilities and learning goals for each student.

Homework will start on Monday 11-2-19

- reader's and diaries are to be returned daily.
- Homework books go home on Monday and return on Friday for marking.
- Year 1 & 2 students will also have a sight word booklet they will work through at their own pace.

If you have any queries regarding your child's emotional, social or educational wellbeing please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me so we can have a chat.

Have a great week

Mrs Liz Forster ☺

Year 3-6:

Senior students have settled into the school year smoothly. Students have been provided with the necessary materials to complete their lessons and are currently working on routines, standards and requirements as to how work is to be set out and completed.

Homework Requirements

Reading logs are to be returned each Monday with 5 entries.

Students need to practice their spellings words each night to prepare for Fridays test.

Students need to learn their timetables.

Library borrowing will occur on a Tuesday so students need to have their library bag with them each Tuesday.

SkoolBag App

Pomona Public School use the skoolbag app for messages, reminders and newsletters. If you are not receiving notifications on your skoolbag app you may need to update the app. If this doesn't work try uninstalling and reinstalling the app.

Please find attached instructions on how to do this.

<https://mogproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>

Private Music Lessons

Merrilyn Air is offering private music lessons for students in the district. Please check out her details below if you are interested.

Merrilyn is a registered provider for the Creative Kids program. To be a provider, she has completed the Child Safe eLearning module and can provide Public Liability insurance details.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creative-kids>

Merrilyn offers private music lessons (singing, piano, guitar and computer recording) for children aged 8 and up. Places are limited. The \$100 voucher provided by Service NSW will cover 4 x 30 min sessions from her studio at 127B Darling Street, Wentworth. There is more information here:

WWC0409265 (Working with Children's Check)

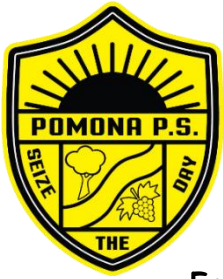
You can contact Merrilyn on 0402 405 144 for further details

<http://www.rivertrackstudios.com/the-musician.html>



Would you like to be part of our Hook in2 Hockey? Come to our Come and Try sessions to see if hockey is for you. They are Saturday 16th February at 9am-10am or Wednesday 20th February at 6pm-7pm. Sunraysia Hockey Association is running two Hook in2 Hockey Programs - one on Saturdays 9-10am and one on Wednesdays 6-7pm. Both programs run for 8 weeks with week one including a Come and Try session. The program is held at Sunraysia Hockey grounds at the Old Aerodrome Ovals on Eleventh Street, Gate C

This experience will introduce new players to a game that provides fun, friendship, and teamwork. It is an action-packed and fun-filled one-hour session that will show players how exciting hockey can be. For more information please contact Sunraysia Hockey through sunraysiahockey@gmail.com or Renee Drelaud on 0448936566.



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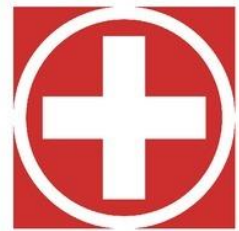
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Dear Parents,

I am currently updating the school's medical records re: children who have a medical condition (this could be an allergy or reaction, asthma or a physical condition) and require a health care plan as part of the NSW Department of Education and Community requirements. The department states that this should occur every 12 months or when your child's condition changes. If your child suffers from asthma or anaphylaxis, the school needs to be provided with a plan which has been organized by your child's doctor using the ASCIA Action Plan Form.

Student Health
Care Plans



Can you please visit your child's doctor to update your child's plan if needed and then make an appointment with me at school to discuss your child's medical plan. Please bring in any updated information or medication that the school should be aware of or requires to help treat your child and keep them safe.

It is your responsibility to provide the school with current information about your child's health condition and with medication that hasn't expired.

If your child requires an EpiPen at school it is your responsibility to keep this medication in date and provide the school with a current doctor's medical ASCIA plan.

Thanking you

David McDonnell
Principal