



Pomona Public School

Fortnightly Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Welcome to this newsletter. Please read each item carefully and mark important dates into your calendar.

Student Leaders Assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended our Student Leaders Assembly last week parents, teachers and students. I must also thank our Grade 5 students for running the assembly. I am looking forward to working with our student leaders and wish them all the best as they begin their leadership journey this year. Our school leaders were presented with their leaders badges and polo shirts by their parents/carers after presenting their speeches and pledging a school leader's oath.



Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival yesterday. It was wonderful to see Pooncarie Public Schools involved once again in the small school's network. Pomona School won the overall trophy. Thanks to Mrs Forster for organising the non-swimming events for students.

All swimmers who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd according to times will now have the opportunity to participate in the Murray / Darling Swimming Carnival on Friday 8th March at the Dareton Swimming Pool. These students will receive a note early next week with the events they have qualified in. This permission note will need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

We May Be Small But We've Got It All

Important Reminder

All school personnel, this includes staff, parents and students must treat each other in a manner which is in line with the NSW Department of Education's acceptable behaviour whilst on and around school grounds.

Students learn best when they feel happy and safe at school. It is our goal as a school community to make sure we provide this environment for our students. The students have had a wonderful start to the school year settling in very well and all are getting along and interacting nicely together.

Remember, if you have any concerns about your child's learning or safety please come and discuss these with myself or a staff member.

Circus Challenge

Students from the small schools will be involved in a Circus Challenge at Palinyewah Public School on Tuesday 12th March. Travel to and from this event will be by bus. There is no cost involved. Please complete the attached permission note and return it back to school.

P & C Meeting

The first P & C meeting for the year will be held in the senior room at 3:15pm on Wednesday 27th February. All parents are welcome to attend.

Year 6 Transitioning To Year 7

A Government Booklet regarding Year 6 students moving into Year 7 has been distributed today and should be returned ASAP but no later than 7th March.

School Library

The school is currently completing a library stocktake. Once this is completed our library will be up to date with books we have on the shelves for students to borrow. The school will also be using "Oliver" which is a new library program provided by the department to borrow and return books.

All students have library bags which they will need to use to borrow books each Tuesday afternoon.

A reminder that there are no kitchen garden lessons while the library stocktake is taking place. Can parents make sure students have their own lunch on Tuesdays until further notice.

Roll Marking

Pomona Public School has transferred to using the departments roll marking program called EBS Ontrack+ at the start of this year. All students who are absent from school for one day or more must inform their class teacher why they have not attended. This is a requirement by law. This can be done via the phone, verbally in person, sending in a note, emailing the school or using the school app. Regularly missing school affects your child's learning and makes it hard for them to catch up on lessons.

Under the new roll marking system parents must notify the office when dropping off or picking up students during school class hours. Before and after school drop off and pick up continues as normal.

Regards



David McDonnell
Principal

Important Dates For Your Calendar

February

Wednesday 27th February - P & C meeting 3:15pm

March

Friday 8th March - Murray / Darling Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 12th March - Circus Challenge at Palinyewah Public School

Thursday 21st March - Barrier Swimming - Broken Hill

Friday 22nd March - Barrier Trials - Broken Hill

K-2 Class:

Hello all,

We have had a very busy couple of weeks. Spelling Green Group have been revising short 'a' & 'o' words and Blue Group have been working on 'ay' & 'ee' words. In maths we have been working with MAB blocks and 10's frames to make numbers up to 100. We have also been looking for patterns in numbers by using a 100's chart and 1, 2 & 3 dice.

For technology we have been using Blue Bots and working out how they move, next we will be working out how to CODE.

Well done to all the students who competed in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival yesterday.

Have a great week.

Year 3-6:

Students have been enjoying using the Stem share Robotics kits in the classroom every Wednesday with Mr Stewart. We have these two robotics kits to use for the term before they will be packed up and sent to another school. Mt Stewart is also currently updating all our computers to Windows 10. Every student in the senior class also has their own laptop to use for technology use.

Permission Notes

Would we like to thank everyone for returning all the mandatory permission notes from the last newsletter. We still have some outstanding school fees, please send payment into the office. Thank you.

School Banking

School Banking Day for students is every Wednesday. The school banks through our local Wentworth & District Community Bendigo Bank. Just by using Bendigo Bank School banking program the P&C receives a 5% commission of all monies deposited. A box is located in the office to place bank books in.

We would also like to thank Wentworth & District Community Bank for grants our school has received over the past few years.

SkoolBag

At Pomona Public School we are trying to stay up to date with technology and have been using the skoolbag app for 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.

Garage Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our garage sale last week. It was good to see most unwanted items found new homes. All money raised will go towards our Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year.



Dareton Public School General Assistant / Gardener

Dareton PS is looking for a General Assistant – Gardener, to work 1 day a week at the school. Duties will include weeding, mulching and minor landscaping work.

A full WWCC is required for the successful person.

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