



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. Thank you for returning notes promptly.

Murray Darling Swimming Carnival

Good luck to our students who are competing at the Murray Darling Swimming Carnival today. We hope you have a lovely day representing our small schools swimming side. I am looking forward to seeing all students trying their hardest and being a good sportsperson.

Kitchen Garden

This week our Kitchen Garden lessons began and will continue each Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Ruth Gebert who helps students prepare meals to share with each other and staff. We must also thank Mr John Woods who looks after our garden beds with students to grow and harvest produce which students use in our lessons.

Please be aware that there will be **NO** Kitchen Garden next week as our students will be travelling to Palinyewah Public School for the Circus Challenge.

Circus Challenge

Students from 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. A reminder students will need to bring their own recess, lunch and a drink bottle.

Barrier Team Trials

AFL, Basketball, Netball and Soccer trials will be held in Broken Hill on Friday the 22nd of March. If any students in Grades 3-6 are interested in trying out then they will need to see Mr Mac for entry forms. Students will be required to find their own transport to Broken Hill.

Attendance

Please read the attached handout on attendance. It is important that students are at school every day unless they have a valid reason for missing school.

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AFL Footy Tipping Competition

Each year Gol Gol School run an AFL footy tipping competition for students, staff and parents to enter. This year they have invited the Pomona Public School Community to enter if they wish. There is no cost to enter and the winner only receives bragging rights and a trophy. To register go to the AFL website and join up. Then you need to join the Gol Gol / Pomona Public Schools Tipping competition. The code is 6LRXYZ44.



Year 6 Transitioning To Year 7

A reminder to all Grade 6 parents that they should have returned their child's Transition booklets by yesterday. Please do so ASAP.

Colourbond Fence Tender

The current fence around the school residence is up for tender. If anyone is interested in acquiring the fence they are welcome to put in a tender to the Principal for its removal. Inspections can be made during school hours by reporting at the office. Removal needs to be completed over the school holidays (13th-26th April) and the site made safe after removal. (This includes all post footings being removed and post holes backfilled). Tenders should be addressed and handed to the Principal at Pomona School in a sealed envelope by no later than 29th March 2019.



Sporting School's

This term students will be involved in learning skills to play t-ball/softball/baseball. Brett Bertalli will run a 5 week program with students throughout the term from 11:30-12:30pm on mostly Fridays.

Regards

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

David McDonnell
Principal

Important Dates For Your Calendar

March

Friday 8th March - Murray / Darling Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 12th March - Circus Challenge at Palinyewah Public School

Monday 18th March - Walk Wentworth Sing 2019 Workshops

Wednesday 20th March - P & C AGM 3:15pm - All Welcome

Thursday 21st March - Barrier Swimming Carnival in B/Hill

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

Mobile Phone's

The NSW Department of Education has this year banned the use of mobile phones during school hours in NSW public schools. At Pomona School we support this policy and remind students not to bring these devices to school.

K-2 Class:

Hello Everyone,

For science our class has just started a unit called 'Changing Materials'

In this unit students:

- learn about materials
- investigate changes that occur when materials are bent, twisted and stretched
- investigate changes that happen when materials are heated and cooled
- perform experiments to test changes

Crunch and Sip is a short 5-10 minute break mid-morning designed for students to recharge in order for them to focus on their lessons until recess.

With so many of the infant students with wobbly teeth it would help with consumption if their fruit/vegetables can be cut into bite sized pieces. Also if oranges or mandarins are sent in we would appreciate if they are peeled at home as the students spend most of the time peeling their fruit and are then disappointed our time for 'Crunch and Sip' is over.

I thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Year 3-6:

Our present topic in Science is *Living World*, and we are learning about essential life processes and what is living and non-living. We are conducting an experiment using river water to grow algae and exploring the effects of light/plant matter/nutrients/oxygen on the growing process. Setting up the experiment was quite exciting and we look forward to analysing the results in the coming weeks.

Health Care Plans:

A reminder to all parents that if your child requires an Individual Health Care Plan to please have them updated and returned to the school ASAP. NSW Department of Education requires this information to be updated at the start of each year.

Walk Wentworth Sing Workshops:

Pomona Public School students have been offered to have workshops sponsored by Walk Wentworth Sing 2019 on Monday 18th March held at Pomona Public School.

James Rigby is a highly respected singing facilitator, sought-after Australia-wide for his warm, inviting style and exceptional skills in getting a group of people singing, laughing, and making gorgeous harmony in minutes. Palinyewah Public School will be joining us on the day with the workshops taking place from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

The annual Walk Wentworth Sing will take place on Sunday 19 March at the Wentworth Town Hall.

PBL Positive Behaviour for Learning:

Positive Behaviour for Learning is an evidence-based process that assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children.

We recently invited all students, parents, Pomona School Community members and staff to participate in a survey that would allow us to establish 3 core values.

We are excited to announce that the 3 core values that our school will adopt are:

RESPECT

SAFETY

LEARNING

Tell Them From Me Student Survey

This term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12019.pdf

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 11 March and 12 April to students in Grades 4-6. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please let the school know by **Monday 11th March 2019**.

POP Online Payments:

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or a MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include subject contributions, excursions and performances.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter: students name, class and DOB.

These details are entered each time you make a payment, as student information is not held within the payment system. **Student Registration Number and Invoice Number are optional fields, please leave them blank.**

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process, please contact the School.

Stewart House:

Stewart House hosts 1700 students from across NSW Public Schools each year for two weeks per stay providing educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being. Pomona Public School has invitations for students to attend each year.

Attached to this newsletter are fundraising envelopes for 'Stewart House Donation Drive 2019'. You can win a \$4000.00 holiday to a destination of your choice with a donation of only \$2.00. All donation envelopes are to be back at school no later than Friday 17 May 2019.

School Defibrillator:

Pomona Public School has a defibrillator machine on site. The defibrillator is located in the Principals office under the VC unit. All staff have update training in CPR and use of a defibrillator machine. In an emergency call 000.

TENNIS TENNIS TENNIS

Wentworth Junior Tennis practice will commence the 2019 season on Friday 15th March. No experience necessary, free coaching given to beginners. To be eligible for junior pennant tennis at Wentworth children must turn 8 by 31st December 2019 and no older than 17. Practice is from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. Pennant tennis is played on Saturday mornings and this year's season commences on May 4th.

Also available is sub-junior tennis for 4 to 7 year olds (on a shorter court with small racquets, which are available for use.)

Active Kids vouchers are available again for junior memberships. Anne can assist you with this.

For more information contact Cheryl Vines on 0428522969 or for sub-juniors Anne Snow on 0400113549

Free school holiday
activities

Kids Zone @Buronga Library

For school-aged
children



Tuesday 16th April
2pm - Lego fun

Wednesday 17th April
2pm - DIY Rockets

Wednesday 24th April
11am - Paper critters

***Sessions run for 1 hour**

Bookings essential
Ph. 5027 5027

Alison.Curry@wentworth.nsw.gov.au

Broken Hill - Mildura Bus

NSW TrainLink is consulting with local communities about proposed coach trail services that will enable better travel options from Broken Hill to Adelaide, and from Broken Hill to Mildura. For more information, visit transportnsw.info/broken-hill-trial.

Proposed timetables



Have your say

NSW TrainLink is consulting with local communities about proposed coach trial services that will enable better travel options from Broken Hill to Adelaide, and from Broken Hill to Mildura.

There are two new services proposed to Adelaide. The day return option could allow four hours in Adelaide, before returning on the same day. The weekend option offers the opportunity to leave on Saturday morning before returning to Broken Hill on Sunday evening.

The new service from Broken Hill to Mildura could offer customers direct travel to Mildura, spending around five hours there before returning on the same day.

The proposed timetables have been designed to allow time for shopping, medical appointments, business activities, or to visit family and friends.

We're inviting the community to come down to one of our information sessions or stalls to have their say on how they'd like these coach services to operate.

You can provide feedback on the proposed trials up until 22 March 2019.

We have developed the proposed timetables, which are indicative and may change following consultation with the community.

Broken Hill - Adelaide (same day return)			
Broken Hill Information Centre	05:30	Adelaide Coach Interchange	15:30
Royal Adelaide Hospital	11:15	Adelaide Railway Station	15:40
Adelaide Railway Station	11:20	Royal Adelaide Hospital	15:45
Adelaide Coach Interchange	11:30	Broken Hill Information Centre	21:30

Broken Hill - Adelaide (weekend service)			
Broken Hill Information Centre	07:30	Adelaide Coach Interchange	14:00
Royal Adelaide Hospital	13:15	Adelaide Railway Station	14:10
Adelaide Railway Station	13:20	Royal Adelaide Hospital	14:15
Adelaide Coach Interchange	13:30	Broken Hill Information Centre	20:00

Broken Hill - Mildura (same day return)			
Broken Hill Information Centre	05:15	Mildura Railway Station	14:15 (AEST)
Mildura Airport	09:00 (AEST)	Mildura Base Hospital	14:25 (AEST)
Mildura Central	09:10 (AEST)	Mildura Central	14:35 (AEST)
Mildura Base Hospital	09:20 (AEST)	Mildura Airport	14:45 (AEST)
Mildura Railway Station	09:30 (AEST)	Broken Hill Information Centre	17:30

Times shown in CST unless otherwise specified.

Ticketing

Ticket prices will be similar to other NSW TrainLink operated coach services. Pensioners and senior tickets will be \$2.50 across all locations. Customers can receive an additional 10% off the below prices when booking online.

Below are the indicative one-way adult fares, which may be refined after community consultation.

Indicative adult fares	Off-peak season	Peak Season	Pensioners and Seniors
Broken Hill to Adelaide	\$54.00	\$90.00	\$2.50
Broken Hill to Mildura	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$2.50

Community feedback

We are seeking your feedback on the proposed trial coach services from Broken Hill to Adelaide and Broken Hill to Mildura. We'd like the local community to help plan the services and let us know what works for them. We are asking for your input on details such as:

- Preferred days of travel
- Purpose of travel
- How often the services should operate
- Whether the proposed travel times suit your needs
- What towns should be stopped at along the way
- Where arrival and departure locations should be
- Any other feedback that would make this service operate better for the community.

You can complete our online survey by visiting transportnsw.info/broken-hill-trial or come and chat with us at one of our information stalls or sessions.



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