



# **Pomona Public School**

## **Fortnightly Newsletter**

**Term: 1 Week: 8**

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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.

### **School Library**

The school has completed its library stocktake and are currently using Oliver Library for keeping track of the school books. We have ordered some more library shelving which will be set up in the senior classroom once it arrives. A big thank you to Mrs Wall and Mrs Gebert who have spent many hours preparing for this transition. Tuesday is borrowing day for students so please remind your child/ren to bring their library bags to school.

### **Morning Arrival Time Reminder**

Please remember there is no playground supervision before 8:30am. Teachers are preparing lessons for the day. Students should not be arriving at school before this time unless an arrangement has been made with the principal. On the odd occasion that parents may need to drop their child off at school earlier, students must remain seated in the lunch area till 8:30am.

### **Congratulations - Barrier Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Murray Darling Swimming carnival. Well done to Darcy Pritchard who qualified and competed in Broken Hill at the Barrier Swimming Carnival yesterday. Darcy was junior boy's runners up individual champion at the Murray Darling Swimming Carnival.

### **NAPLAN Online Practice Test**

Students in Grades 3 and 5 will be involved in NAPLAN online practice testing. This will help students prepare for the actual NAPLAN tests which will take place 14-16th May this year. There is a demonstration site where students can go online and have a practice at some sample NAPLAN questions. I encourage parents and students to do this at home. The link is

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

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### **Shade Sails**

Mildura Gazebo and Shade have been engaged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the shade structure over the playground equipment. This will be completed in the near future.

### **Wentworth Community Bendigo Bank 20 Year Celebrations**

Bendigo bank is holding their 20 year celebrations in Wentworth tonight at 6:30pm. Activities are taking place in the street so take the family for an enjoyable night out.

### **Hearing Tests**

Students in Grade 3 and 5 will have the opportunity to have their hearing checked at school. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete each child's test. The test will look for conductive and sensorineural hearing loss, and give an indication of auditory processing disorder. Results are immediate and we will be able to provide information on the day of testing to children that require follow up. Results from this test may be used as a referral to Australian Hearing if necessary.

### **Year 6 Canberra Costs**

The expected costs for Canberra excursion this year will be approximately \$700.00. The P&C are generously subsidising half of this for our students. The excursion is in week 8 Term 3.

### **James Rigby Music Visit**

Last Monday, students were lucky to have a special visit from musician James Rigby. James was in the area to support the Walk Wentworth Sing workshops. James shared his music and songs with the students.



Regards



David McDonnell  
**Principal**

## **Important Dates For Your Calendar**

### **March**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April - School Disco Easter theme.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Coomealla High School Open Night 5:30-7:30pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - An ANZAC Day Service lead by our Grade 6 students will be our end of term assembly at 2:30pm.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - P & C Meeting 3:15pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of school for Term 1

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April - ANZAC Day

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Term 2 begins for students

### **K-2 Class:**

Hello All

What a busy 2 weeks we have had with our visit to Palinyewah for the Circus challenge, Mr Brett Bertalli here for baseball coaching and Mr James Rigby for a music workshop.

In maths we are focusing on money. We are having a lot of fun exploring the value of money and making up various combinations of the same amount.

For PD Health we are focusing on PBL 'Positive behaviour for Learning', We now have our three values which are RESPECT, LEARNING and SAFETY.

### **Year 3-6:**

A reminder that Tuesday is library borrowing day for students. In the afternoon Mrs Wall is timetabled to assist students to borrow books for reading at home. Students need to bring their library bag to school so they are able to borrow books. It is important that students select suitable reading material for their reading ability.

They need to select a "just right book"

To do this students need to:

- Choose a book
- Do the five finger test and ask themselves;
- Did my book have 1, 2 or 3 challenges?
- Did I feel comfortable reading it?
- Did I understand what I read?
- Did my reading sound like talking?
- Can I answer questions about my reading?
- If you answered no to any of these questions go back to step 1.
- If you answer yes to every question you have a 'Just Right Book'

### **Fundraiser Opportunity for P & C**

The P & C have an opportunity to cater for the Murray Darling / Barrier Cross Country Carnival being held on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Botanical Gardens in Buronga. If you are able to help with coordinating this event or with helping to cater on the day please contact the school.

## P&C:

Our AGM was held on Wednesday afternoon. All positions have been filled:

**President:** Jason King

**Vice President:** Rachel Parker

**Deputy Vice President:** Erin O'Grady

**Secretary:** Nikki King

**Treasurer:** Breeon Cole

**Hot Lunch Coordinator:** May Crombie

**Uniform Coordinator:** May Crombie

Also raffle tickets went home on Monday for this year's Easter Raffle, we are asking all parents to donate something for the Hampers. Donations can be brought into the office before Wednesday 10 April.

Thank you.

## Pomona Footy Tipping Competition Reminder

A reminder that the footy tipping competition starts this Friday night at the Pomona Fire Brigade Shed at 6pm. New members welcome.

## Broken Hill – Mildura Bus

To Community Member,

Please be advised that Transport NSW is planning to trial a bus link between Broken Hill and Mildura, unfortunately it does not include a much needed departure and pick up stop at Wentworth.

I believe it is imperative to give families, tourists and business people a more flexible and affordable travel option to our Wentworth Region so if you would like the bus to stop in Wentworth, Dareton or Buronga on Route to Mildura please take a couple of minutes and complete the survey. I have included the Q8 and Q10 feedback that I consider to be of the upmost importance and am happy for anyone to copy and paste this into their survey to save valuable time.

Please find below the hyper link that will take you to an online survey that you and anyone in the far west can fill in to give feedback as to where the trial bus should stop.

The Link is <https://www.woolcott.com.au/TrainlinkBH.html>

Q8. What location would be the most convenient to get on and off the coach from?

**Mildura**

- ☐ Mildura Airport
- ☐ Mildura Central Mall
- ☐ Mildura Base Hospital
- ☐ Mildura Railway Station
- ☐ This location is not relevant to me
- \* Other (please specify): include Wentworth AVIC as a departure and pick up location

Q10. What other feedback or suggestions do you have to improve our proposal and make sure the new coach services suit community needs?  
(Please be as specific as possible in your response)

On the Broken Hill to Mildura Route it is imperative to have a pick up and departure point located at the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre. This will make no additional alteration to the existing travel route but will provide a much needed drop off and pick up point for passengers.

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  
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