



Pomona Public School

Fortnightly Newsletter

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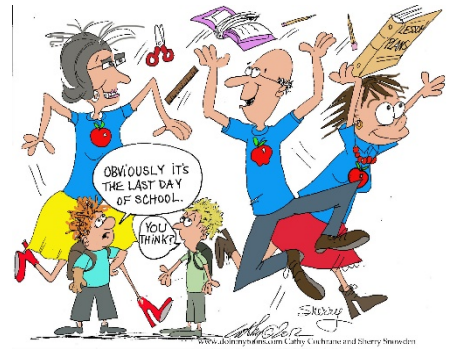
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Principal's Report

Welcome to this newsletter. Please read each item carefully and mark important dates into your calendar. Thank you for returning notes promptly.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Term 1 holiday and thank everyone who has helped contribute to the running of the school during Term 1.



Term 2 will begin for students on Tuesday 30th April

Student Behaviour

I must congratulate our students on their recent behaviour and attitudes towards their schooling. All staff have been quite impressed and proud of our students who are displaying very positive behaviours towards each other both in the classroom and playground. Students recently received their first Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) reward for reaching 1000 dojo points as a whole school. It was a pancake luncheon and photos of this can be seen on our facebook page. Well done everyone.

End of Term Assembly / ANZAC Day Ceremony

Our end of term assembly will be an ANZAC Day Service hosted by our Grade 5 and 6 students. All are welcome to attend. Starting time is 2:30pm.

Congratulations - Barrier Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Darcy Pritchard who competed in Broken Hill at the Barrier Swimming Carnival. Darcy placed first in his freestyle age race, 2nd in the Junior Boys Breaststroke and 6th in the Junior Boys backstroke. He also swam in the junior boy's relay race which placed 2nd. Well done Darcy.

We May Be Small But We've Got It All

NAPLAN Online Practice Test

Students in Grades 3 and 5 have competed the NAPLAN online tests in preparation for the NAPLAN tests from 14th - 16th May this year. Thanks to Mr Stewart for assisting students with these tests.

Staff Development Day Term 2

All teaching staff will be involved in the 3rd day of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) training on Monday 29th April. This training will take place at Gol Gol Public School. Mrs Witte will be at Pomona School on Monday 29th April.

Sporting Schools Thank You

A big thank you to Brett Bertalli who has been teaching our students baseball/softball this term. Students have thoroughly enjoyed learning about another sport.

End of Term Disco

Don't forget the end of term disco being held in the senior room on Wednesday 10th April. Start time will be 5:30pm until 7:30pm. The Pomona Hall is currently being renovated and unavailable for use. Thank you to Mrs Forster and parents for supervising this special occasion. The theme for the disco will be Easter.



Year 6 Canberra Raffle

A raffle to help fund the expenses for our Year 6 students going to Canberra has been organised. The exciting prize is two tickets to an Elton John concert in Adelaide. The Grade 6 parents have donated their time to sell these tickets throughout the district. Any leftover money from the raffle will go towards the Year 6 farewell.



We must also thank the Pomona School P & C Association who contribute funds to assist parents with this large expense each year.

School Residence Fence Tender

The successful tender to remove the colour bond school residence fence is Jason King. The removal will take place during the Term 1 holidays and the site made safe. I would like to thank people who placed a tender for this asset.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David McDonnell'.

David McDonnell

Principal

Important Dates For Your Calendar

April

Friday 5th April - P & C Meeting 3:15pm

Sunday 7th April - Daylight Saving Finishes

Wednesday 10th April - School Disco Easter Theme. Start time 5:30pm until 7:30pm

Friday 12th April - An ANZAC Day Service lead by our Grade 6 students.

Friday 12th April - Last day of school for Term 1

Thursday 25th April - ANZAC Day

Monday 29th April - Term 2 Staff Development Day - Gol Gol

Tuesday 30th April - Term 2 begins for students

May

Monday 6th May - Kent Road School Visit

Tuesday 14th May - NAPLAN testing starts for Grades 3 and 5

Friday 24th May - Western Landcare Excursion to Fort Courage

Wednesday 29th May - Grade 5/6 Grip Leadership Conference - Mildura

Friday 31st May - School Cross Country

June

Monday 10th June - Queen's Birthday Holiday

Friday 14th June - Barrier/Murray Darling Cross Country at Botanical Gardens

Tuesday 18th June - Child Protection workshops with Palinyewah

Monday 24th June - Mildura Eisteddfod Choir

Friday 28th June - NAIDOC Day with Palinyewah and Pooncarie Public Schools

K-2 Class:

Hello everyone,

Well, the end of Term 1 is coming around very fast.

The infants have been focusing on a Geography Unit. We have been looking at the Australian States, Territories, Capital Cities and some well-known natural and manmade features. These include The Sydney Opera House, Ayres Rock, The Great Barrier Reef and some Aboriginal rock paintings.

In Literacy we have been looking at how to write a procedure. We completed one on 'How to Make Pancakes' and 'How to Clean Your Teeth'.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday ☺

Year 3-6:

Our Grade 3 and 5 students have completed their NAPLAN Online practice tests with Mr Stewart last week. Remember there is a website which students can log onto at home to do some further example questions. This would be a great idea to help students familiarise themselves with the layout and different question types.

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

The Grade 3-6 class have had a super term and I want to thank them for their efforts. Their attitudes towards their schoolwork, presentation skills, work rate and positive behaviour have all continued to improve. Well done and I look forward to similar improvement in term 2.

Hearing Tests

Pomona Public School has been advised that not only Grades 3 and 5 will have their hearing checked but as we are a small school all students have now been offered this opportunity. Please complete and return permission notes asap.

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.

P&C News

Pomona P&C meeting is being held this afternoon in the senior classroom, starting at 3:15pm. Everyone welcome.

A reminder all raffle tickets and money need to be returned to school by Wednesday 10 April. Donations for the Easter raffle should be dropped into the office no later than Wednesday 10 April, so hampers can be made up.

Thank you.

**The Lower Anabranh Sporting and
Landcare Group Inc.**

**Are holding their
Annual Picnic and Sports Day
Saturday April 6th 2019.**

**To be held at
The Anabranh Hall**

Starting at 1pm sharp, with the kids running races.

Entry Free

Raffle and Lolly guess held.

Please bring a plate of Afternoon Tea to share

Cordial for the kids supplied.

BYO drinks, shared evening BBQ meat and Salad.

Evening entertainment provided - TBC.

Coin roll.

A great family day!

All welcome!

