



Pomona Public School

Fortnightly Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Welcome to this newsletter. Please don't forget to vote tomorrow in the Federal Election!



School Attendance / School Uniform

I wish to congratulate all students on the excellent attendance we have here at Pomona Public School. The school's attendance rate is currently better than the states average.

Thank you to parents for letting the school know when their child is absent from school. This is a requirement by law and we do it very well here at Pomona School. I must mention that it is very pleasing to see all students in correct uniform each day as well.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



P and C Meeting

The next P and C meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd May in the senior classroom at 3:15pm.

Western Landcare Excursion

All students will be travelling by bus to attend the environmental day organised by Western Landcare NSW with other local schools at Fort Courage on Friday 24 May. Can parents please complete the permission note/photo release form and return to school.

NAPLAN Tests

This week students in Grades 3 and 5 participated in the NAPLAN online testing. Thank you to parents for making sure their child(ren) were in attendance on these days.

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

We May Be Small But We've Got It All

Cross Country

All parents are invited to attend Pomona schools cross country on Friday 31st May. We will be assembling at the Pomona Hall from 9.30am. Successful students will then be invited to attend the Murray Darling/Barrier Cross Country on Friday 14 June being held at the Inland Botanical Gardens in Buronga. Students must run in appropriate shoes. Parents are not allowed to run with their child during the competition.



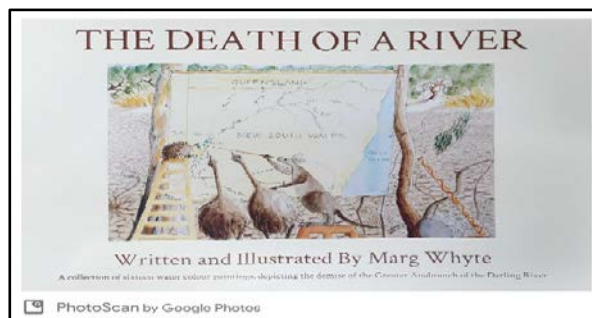
Grip Leadership Conference in Mildura

Students in Grade 5 and 6 will be attending the Grip Leadership Conference being held in Mildura on Wednesday 29th May. Students will be transported to and from this event by bus driven by Mr Mac. Please return the attached permission note so your child can attend this event.



Book Donation

A special thank you to Marg Whyte who has donated a book to our school library called "The Death of a River" which she has written and illustrated.



Staff

Mrs Tina Rooney will be taking leave from May 21 until the end of Term 2. Mrs Bronte Earl will replace Mrs Rooney during this time for one day a week.

School Grounds

Please be aware of your surroundings when in and around the school grounds and make sure appropriate language is used. Thank you

Healthy Eating

Pomona school is currently trying to implement the department's healthy choices policy. I ask parents to pack lunches that encourage healthy eating. Please be aware that lollies and chocolates are not suitable recess or lunch foods.

Regards

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

David McDonnell

Principal

Important Dates For Your Calendar

May

Sunday 19th May - Walk Wentworth Sing

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

Tuesday 4th June - Tabloid Day

Monday 10th June - Queen's Birthday Holiday

Friday 14th June - Murray Darling/Barrier 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

July

Mon 1st - Wed 3rd July - Parent / Teacher Interviews

K-2 Class:

Hello Everyone,

During maths we have been covering a topic on money, the students have been counting the value of coins. They have also been determining the equivalent value of coins up to \$5 using 5c, 10c, 20c, or 50c coins.

For literacy we have been discussing various topics, for example 'Which is better summer or winter?' or 'If I had \$1000 I would buy.....?' We have been brainstorming our ideas then writing.

Year 3-6:

The senior class has been very busy learning about the structural features of plants and how plants respond to their environment by growing and moving towards the light. They conducted an experiment with seedlings planted inside shoe boxes to observe, measure and record the changes in the seedlings. We have had some wonderful conversations about inquiry questions, predictions, and what conclusions can be drawn from various findings. We are continuing with the topic '*Living World*' and the coming lessons will look at how plants have adapted to their environment, plant classification, and how animals and plants are different.



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Mildura Eisteddfod

Pomona School has entered into the School's Choir competition this year. The Eisteddfod will take place on Monday 24 June at the Mercy Stadium in Mildura. We hope to see you all there supporting our students. It has been many years since Pomona school has entered a choir into the Mildura Eisteddfod.

PBL News

We have been working on the next stage of our PBL journey. Now that we have established 3 core Values, we need to decide on universal Statements for each Value.

The first one we worked on was 'Respect'.



Kitchen Garden

If anyone has excess fruit or vegetables, donations to the Kitchen Garden program would be greatly appreciated. Please drop any donations into the kitchen at school and Mrs Gebert will use her magic to create marvellous meals with our students.

Please find attached week 2 recipe of Zucchini Soup and week 3 was Leek and Mixed Pea Risotto.

School Banking

Bendigo Bank Wentworth provides a school banking service to Pomona Public School. A staff member from the Wentworth Community Bank comes to the school and collects bank books and returns them the next day. This service starts week 2 of every term. Students are to bring their bank books in on Wednesday morning and leave them in the banking box in the office for collection.

Principal's Award

Each Friday during our whole school assembly Mr Mac announces a Principal's Award for a student that has been following our 3 school values 'Respect', 'Learning' and 'Safety'. The past two principal's awards have been presented to Brock Lyall and Lily King.



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Hot Lunch Order

A reminder that hot lunch orders have to be in on Wednesday of each week and if you require extra order forms there in a box located in the kitchen. Thank you.

Wentworth Area Skate Park

The Wentworth Area Skate Park Committee are very excited to announce that the park is nearing completion and as such they will be holding an official opening on Tuesday May 21.

Primary School Newsletter Story - Fire and Rescue NSW Open Day 2019

Winter is just around the corner so it's a great time to visit your local Fire and Rescue NSW Fire Station and learn more about how to be home fire safe.


In an effort to educate the community about fire prevention and safety, Fire and Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Open Day on Saturday, 18 May 2019 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

You and your family are invited to visit your local station for home fire safety tips, hop on a fire truck and chat with firefighters to learn more about what they do every day.

While we fight fires and save people from burning buildings, it's not all we do. We are prepared for anything, to protect the irreplaceable.

For more information, visit ww.fire.nsw.gov.au. Make sure you mark it in your diary and come and join us on the day.

**MAY
21ST**



**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE
WENTWORTH AREA SKATE
PARK**

**BEVERLEY ST, WENTWORTH
4PM TO 6PM, 21ST MAY 2019**

**THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDS ARE
WELCOME TO ENJOY GRIND PROJECTS SKATE DEMOS.....**
TOTEM SKATEBOARDING SAFETY WORK SHOP, HELMET EXCHANGE PROGRAM (BRING AN
OLD HELMET TO TRADE FOR A NEW ONE), BBQ BY WENTWORTH PUBLIC
SCHOOL, FRUIT PLATTERS & HOT SOUP, DRINKS BY DARETON YOUTH GROUP, WASP
MERCHANDISE FOR SALE, LIVE DJ MUSIC, WOMENS WEAVING INSTALLATION,
PRIZES: HOODIES BACKPACKS & MUCH MORE.....

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Friday, 24 May 2019

10 am to 3 pm

Near the Wentworth Grande Resort, Darling Street

WENTWORTH

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice



DAY OF CHOIRS 2019 *Walk Wentworth sing*

SUNDAY MAY 19TH | 12PM - 6PM
Wentworth Town Hall, Adelaide St, Wentworth

A special community event that will touch and amaze all who share in this wonderful afternoon and evening of music. Individual choral, instrumental and school groups perform their own repertoire, followed by a combined all ages voice and instrumental ensemble, led and rehearsed by Castlemaine singer, musician and choir leader James Rigby.

Further information call Anne Hederics 0407 893 485 or Catherine Threlfall 0420 939 229



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