



# Pomona Public School

## Fortnightly Newsletter

**Term: 2 Week: 5**

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### Principal's Report

Welcome to this newsletter.

#### P & C Major Fundraiser

The P & C has accepted an opportunity to combine with the Wentworth School P & C to cater breakfast for the Sh\*tbox Car Rally later in the year. This is a major fundraising opportunity that doesn't come around very often. It will require at least 20 people from Pomona to help cook and serve breakfast to approximately 550 people at the Wentworth Showgrounds from 6-10am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please set aside this date in your diaries and encourage any local community members that might like to come along to help as well.



#### Cross Country

Thank you to Mrs Forster for organising this year's cross country. Congratulations to all our students for their efforts today. Those students who qualified will now compete in the Murray Darling Cross Country being held at the Inland Botanical Gardens in Buronga on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>.



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### **Murray Darling / Barrier Cross Country**

The P & C is catering for the Murray Darling / Barrier Cross Country on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at the Botanical Gardens in Buronga. Please find attached to this newsletter a menu and roster for assistance. If everyone is able to help out it makes it so much easier.

### **Director Educational Leadership Visit**

Mr Peter Macbeth visited our school last Thursday and spent time with staff and students.

### **Western Local Landcare Excursion**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May our students attended the Western Landcare Excursion to Fort Courage with students from other local schools. Students enjoyed learning about and participating in activities to do with the environment.



### **Grip Leadership Conference**

On Wednesday our Grade 5 and 6 students attended the Grip Leadership Conference which was held in Mildura. Students spent the day with other student leaders from many local schools. Motivational speakers and follow up activities had students fully involved in the day's schedule.



### **School Newsletter**

The school is looking at transitioning the school newsletter to being available to parents via the school app only. The P & C are fully supportive of this move. All permission notes will still be sent home as a hard copy to be signed and returned as normal. I am keen to hear parent's feedback about this. Feel free to share your thoughts with me.



### **Staff Welcome**

While Mrs Rooney is away on Long Service leave Mrs Bronte Earl will replace her for one day a week. We welcome Mrs Earl and I'm sure she will enjoy her time working with the students at our beautiful little school.

### **Tabloid Sport Carnival**

On Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> a Tabloid sports carnival will be held at Pomona school. Palinyewah school is coming to visit for the day and will also share our Kitchen Garden Lunch together. Thanks to Mrs Gebert for organising and preparing the pasta bolognese for everyone to eat. Please ensure permission notes and money are returned asap.

### **Sporting School - Golf**

Students are currently being taught the skills of golf as part of Friday's sporting school's program. We thank local golfer Edward for providing his time to do this.



### **Queen's Birthday Holiday**

Please don't forget that Monday June 10th is a Public Holiday for students. Pomona School will be closed on this day.

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David McDonnell  
**Principal**

### **Important Dates For Your Calendar**

#### **June**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Queen's Birthday Holiday

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Barrier/Murray Darling Cross Country at Botanical Gardens Buronga

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Child Protection workshops with Palinyewah

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Mildura Eisteddfod Choir

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - NAIDOC Day with Palinyewah and Pooncarie

#### **July**

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

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Coomealla High -Yamaha Concert 1pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - School Breaks up for term 2 Holidays

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - School Starts for Students for Term 3

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

Hello Everyone,

We are very busy in the infant's class. During literacy we are exploring informative texts where the students understand the difference between real and make-believe and can identify the difference between a fact and an opinion.

During maths we are looking at fractions and being able to differentiate what is  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{5}$ ,  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ .

Have a great week.

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

Well done to our Grade 3 and 5 students who completed their NAPLAN tests. This was done with minimal disruption and students completed the tests online. Thanks to Mr Stewart for his organisational skills. This is also the first-time tests have been completed online at Pomona school. Students have been studying time in maths and after that they will be learning about perimeter and area.

## 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'. This past two principal's awards are Vincent James and Allan Crombie.



## PBL News (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

This week is our we are sharing our 'Learning' core value statements. We encourage all parents to have regular discussions with their children about these values and how important they for everyday life, not just to be followed at school.



## Pop Payments

Payment for school activities can be made through the Pomona Public School website, via the Make a Payment tab on the home page. Visa/Mastercard, credit or debit can be used by this secure page hosted by Westpac.

## P&C News

Thank you to all families that supported the Pie Drive fundraiser. Also a copy of the minutes from the last P&C meeting are attached.

## Safety Reminder

I am asking parents to please make sure they obey the 40kmph speed zone during pick up and drop off times during school days.



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## Spanish Chickpea Balls

Season: Summer/Autumn

Serves: 30 tastes in the classroom or 6 at home

Fresh from the garden: coriander, garlic, lemon, parsley, silverbeet, tomato

### Equipment:

measuring scales  
mortar and pestle  
or food processor  
tea towel  
cook's knife  
chopping board  
large bowl  
zester  
measuring cup  
measuring spoons  
mixing spoon  
large saucepan  
2 large frying pans  
tongs  
kitchen paper

### Ingredients:

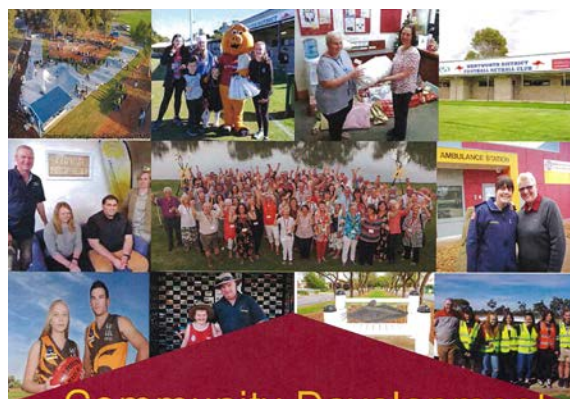
720 g cooked chickpeas  
or 3 x 400 ml tins  
5 garlic cloves, finely chopped  
1 lemon, zested  
½ cup fresh breadcrumbs  
2 tsp ground coriander  
2 tsp ground nutmeg  
2 tsp ground cumin  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
(Note: spices can be roasted  
whole and ground in a mortar  
and pestle)  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 small handful parsley,  
finely chopped  
4 tbsp olive oil  
extra olive oil for cooking

### For the sauce:

1 tbsp olive oil  
1 red onion, finely diced  
2 garlic cloves, finely  
chopped  
6 tomatoes, diced roughly  
3 tbsp tomato paste  
1½ cups vegetable stock  
¼ tsp cayenne pepper  
3 silverbeet leaves, finely  
chopped  
1 small handful coriander,  
roughly chopped  
2 tbsp natural yoghurt

### What to do:

1. Mince the chickpeas with a mortar and pestle or in a food processor until soft, but with chunks.
2. Combine the minced chickpeas with the garlic, lemon zest, breadcrumbs, spices, parsley and egg mix in a large bowl.
3. Combine the chickpea mixture, using your hands, adding the olive oil a little at a time.
4. Roll tablespoons of mixture into balls and refrigerate them while making the sauce.
5. To make the sauce, add the olive oil and onion to a large pan and cook over a medium to high heat for 2–3 minutes until soft. Add the garlic and cook for a further minute.
6. Add the tomatoes, tomato paste and stock. Let the sauce simmer gently for 8–10 minutes.
7. Set up two frying pans to cook the chickpea balls. Heat 1 tbsp of olive oil in each frying pan.
8. Over a medium heat cook the balls in two or three batches, tossing in the pan occasionally until golden all over.
9. Add the chickpea balls and cayenne pepper to the sauce and allow to gently simmer for a further 5–10 minutes until the sauce has reduced slightly and the flavour is rich and spicy.
10. Remove from heat and toss through silverbeet and herbs.
11. Add a dollop of yoghurt to the sauce before serving.



## Community Development Funding Presentation Evening

20 Years and \$3.6 million later we've made a difference  
to your community

**When:** Wednesday 12 June 2019

**Time:** 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

**Where:** Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club  
Silver City Hwy, Dareton NSW 2717

**RSVP:** Before Friday 7 June to Jill Davidson 0428333811  
or email [jill@wdcl.com.au](mailto:jill@wdcl.com.au)

All Community Bank members are invited to attend the presentation to  
recipients of our 2019 Community Development Funding grants and  
sponsorships program. Finger food and drinks provided.



## How to Install The Skoolbag App

Instructions for parents installing Skoolbag



### For Apple Users

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button above or open the Apple App Store and search for  
"SkoolBag"
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3. Opening the app, and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

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**Pomona Public School P&C - Menu**  
**2019 Barrier Cross Country @ Botanical Gardens**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**FOOD**

Sausage in bread with or without onion	\$2.50
Chicken schnitzel sandwich with coleslaw	\$6.00
Cup of soup with dinner roll	\$3.00
Raspberry twist bags	\$1.00
Mixed lolly bag	\$1.00

**DRINKS**

Bottled water	\$1.00
Fruit boxes	\$1.00





Pomona Public School P&C – Roster  
Barrier Cross Country @ Botanical Gardens  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

9:30-11am	11-12:30pm	12:30-2pm
Cole Crombie Crombie Hopkins Lee	Gebert King King O'Grady Parker Summers	Gallagher James Lyall Pritchard Robertson

Jobs will include set up, cooking, serving, taking money, clean up & pack up

If you are unable to complete your rostered hours please let either someone on the committee know or Mr Mac.

Thank you in advance for pitching in to make this a successful fundraiser for our little school.