



## TERM 4 CALENDAR

### Week 9 December

- Mon 2 Swim Scheme starts  
Miss Hoskins & Ms McLean to course
- Thu 5 Reports sent home  
Soccer clinic Y3 & 4. Wear sport uniform.

### Week 10 December

- Wed 11 Annual Speech Day, from 9:30am
- Thu 12 Uniform Shop open, 9.15 – 9.45

### Week 11 December

- Mon 16 Y6 day out
- Tues 17 Picnic Day
- Wed 18 Last day for students

### 2014

- Tue 28 Jan Teachers return
- Wed 29 Jan Years 1-6 return
- Mon 3 Feb Kindergarten children start
- Tue 4 Feb Text book sale
- Thu 6 Feb Swimming carnival

## UNIFORM SHOP

Our current team is able to open the shop once a month on a Thursday morning from 9.15 – 9.45am. Orders left at the school office will continue to be filled on a weekly basis. The next date of opening will be Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December from 9.15 to 9.45am.

## ANNUAL SPEECH DAY

All members of our community are invited to attend our annual Speech Day, to be held in the school hall from 9:30 – 11:00am on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## PICNIC DAY K-Year 6

On Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, parents are invited to join their children for a picnic lunch in the playground, from 12.30 to 2.00pm. "Bring a plate", co-ordinated by the class teacher.

## SPEECH DAY MORNING TEA

The P&C traditionally holds a morning tea after the Speech Day ceremony, which will be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Volunteers who can help with setting up should contact Ashleigh Zee on 0414 428 547.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to our most recent canteen volunteers:  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: Monica Morrison  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: Karen Fitzgerald & Chrissy Jenner  
Thank you to our reliable and ongoing canteen volunteers, Monica & Chrissy. Your continued support is invaluable to the running of the school canteen. A BIG warm welcome to Karen Fitzgerald, Jazz's mum, for her first and last canteen stint. It's such a shame due to your busy work schedule we weren't able to see you more often in the canteen. I'm sure Jazz was thrilled to see you!

### Reminder: canteen opening hours during the final weeks of this term.

Canteen will be opened to ONLY sell ice-creams and snacks between 1:10-1:30pm on Wed 11 Dec (Speech Day) and Wed 18 Dec (last day of term).

### This week's volunteers:

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christel Lichtner & Tony Faust**

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Donna Jones & Daneille Mayall**

Your ongoing assistance really makes a difference!

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Denise, our Crossing Supervisor, has asked to let everyone know that she sends them her best wishes for the holiday season. In past years, she has delivered "sweet treats" to all the children. The RTA has advised all the crossing supervisors that they can no longer do this.

## STEWART HOUSE

Just confirming, the sausage sizzle held on 16<sup>th</sup> November raised \$386 for Stewart House.

## THANKS

Thanks to our special visitors last week for giving up their time to inspire our students and give positive messages about healthy living and leading an active life. Paul Reid, a football development officer, will return this Thursday for clinics with Years 3 and 4. He was very impressed at the tone of our school. We would welcome a return visit at any time by Luke Burgess and Jason Clark from the Rabbitohs. They were extremely popular with both the students and teachers!

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28<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

## Languages Survey

The purpose of this letter to our community is to seek feedback about the possibility of changing our language program from French to Mandarin.

The French program at Pagewood Public School has been running for many years. It has continued with great community support, with approximately 75% of respondents to the annual survey validating its continuation. Reasons to continue with the French program include the following:

- The supply of good teachers, accredited for public primary schools, is probably stronger for French than other languages, as French is the language with the highest candidature at HSC level.
- The school has purchased resources to support the teaching of French.
- Having started French in the early years of schooling, many parents may be keen to have their child continue to Year 6 and not risk “losing” French language competencies before high school.

Why consider a change? You may be aware that a new “National Curriculum” is to be introduced to all schools across Australia, beginning in 2014. One of the cross-curriculum priorities is “Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia”. Students will develop knowledge and understanding of Asian societies, cultures, beliefs and environments. Asian literacy, developed throughout the years of school education, will provide students with the skills to communicate and engage with the peoples of Asia so they can live, learn and work in the region.

In 2012 and 2013, there has been discussion at P&C meetings about the possibility of changing to an Asian language. Our current teacher of French has just informed me that she will not be returning next year. So, if a change is to happen, this seems like an opportunity to do so. We have settled on Mandarin as feedback from other schools is that while it is difficult to find teachers of Mandarin, it is even more difficult to find teachers of Japanese, Hindi, Indonesian etc.

Once we hear back from the community, if there is to be a change, we would then look for a teacher and work out how best to move towards “Asia Literacy”.

If we change to Mandarin, it may be possible to continue French for a year or two for those who opt out of Mandarin, but this cannot be guaranteed.

We would appreciate it if you could complete the survey below and return it to a class teacher by next Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. (One survey per family). Please ring me or catch me in the playground if you would like any clarification.

Thank you,

Ms M Hogan

Principal

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Child’s/Children’s Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick boxes which are relevant:

I do not want a language program at Pagewood PS.

I want a language program and I want it to be French    Mandarin. (Please circle language you prefer).

