



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wow – the end of the year already! It seems like just yesterday that Miss Jaksic and Mrs Hawkes were welcoming our new Kindies and the week before that when our Year 6 children were cute little Kindies starting to learn to read and write. Now the Kindies all look so confident as they move around the school and we are about to bid farewell to our beautiful Year 6 class. Time has flown.

Throughout 2014, Pagewood PS continued to build on its past successes and develop a vision for its future. This vision will be elaborated in the 2015-2017 School Improvement Plan. It was very gratifying that so many people returned the recent survey about technology and other aspects of the school. Early next year I will give feedback about a couple of things which were raised.

As prospective enrolments, current parents, volunteers, student teachers, tradesmen and other visitors are shown around the school, the remarks I hear most frequently are about the following:

The politeness, courtesy and respect shown by our students;

The high level of student engagement in classroom activities;

Our students' pride in belonging to Pagewood PS;

The sense of calm across the school; and

The smiles which beam from the faces of our happy students.

The positive nature of the comments stems from our highly skilled staff delivering quality pedagogy in co-ordination with support from our families.

While the importance of teaching all the key learning areas remains paramount, a review of this year's photos showed many festive occasions with the children in all kinds of "mufti", some related to curriculum, others for charities and some just for fun:

Swimming and athletics carnivals;

Senior camp;

Stage 1 Heritage Day;

Clean Up Australia Day;

Bathing of the Buddha;

Arrival of our chooks;

Excursion to Brasserie Bread;

K-2 Bush Christmas "incursion";

Year 5/6 Fundraising Day;

Footie Colours Day

Schools' Tree Day; and

Year 4 Mabo Day.

I would like to congratulate our students for the enthusiasm and pride they continually display in all aspects of school life.

Best wishes go with the students and families who are leaving us. We hope you remember your time with us as a happy and productive time of your life.

Enjoy the festive season. Have a happy and safe holiday and return refreshed for another wonderful year.

Marella Hogan

PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR – TERM 4

Week 11 - DECEMBER

Tue 16 Parents join children – picnic lunch at school

Wed 17 Last day of school

Year 6 Farewell Assembly

2015 RETURN TO SCHOOL

Tue 27 Jan: Teachers return

Wed 28 Jan: Years 1-6 return

Mon 2 Feb: Kindergarten starts (NB corrected date)

Tue 3 Feb: Text books on sale at school

Thu 5 Feb: Swimming carnival NB corrected date

Fri 27 Feb: Welcome BBQ and disco

UNIFORM SHOP – no more openings in 2014

Next opening time is 9.15am on Thursday 29th January.

Uniform orders can be placed at the office (with correct cash; cheques payable to Pagewood PS P&C).

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

Application forms for students who would like to enrol at Pagewood PS in 2016 can be lodged at the school office from 8.30am on Tuesday 27th January, 2015. Forms will not be accepted any earlier than this.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to our canteen volunteers from last week:

Wed 10th Dec: Jason Ryder & Vicky Roy

Fri 12 Dec: Amanda Cooper & Karen Lichtner

Thank you Jason, Vicky, Amanda and Karen for your fantastic efforts in the canteen last week. Also thank you to Tony for stepping in to do Shelly's shift on Friday 5 December. Welcome to Vicky. We hope you enjoyed your first time in the canteen. Thank you Jason for showing Vicky the procedures.

This week's canteen volunteers are:

Wed 17 Dec - Tony Faust & Sharon Price

Thank you Tony and Sharon in advance for your efforts in the canteen on the last day of school. Also Sharon, we wish you and your family all the best with your move to Queensland, we will miss you!

New volunteers are always welcome. Forms can be collected from the office. If you have any feedback regarding the canteen, our menu etc. we would love to hear from you. Please email us at pagewood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Please refer any canteen rostering issues/changes to Chrissy Jenner (4jfam@live.com.au)

MRS REILLY'S READING VOLUNTEERS

A reminder there is a thankyou morning tea for all the parent volunteers who helped with our Be Excited About Reading (B.E.A.R) and Multilit Programs throughout the year at 9:15am in the Staffroom on Tuesday, 16th December.

Hope to see you there, Mrs Jenny Reilly.

BUILDING WORK

For those who are wondering... during the holidays, the verandah platform will be extended to the end of the building so that the end classroom is a little more "connected" to the rest of the building.

BUDGETING FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL

Each year, a list of Term 1 expenses is published in the last few weeks of the year to assist budgeting for the new school year. The list below is not exhaustive and there may be some minor changes, but should assist some families in their planning.

Please note that any increase in fees is designed only to recover costs. We do not budget to make a profit for any of these activities.

All students:

- Text books will be on sale at the school on Tuesday, 3rd February. Allow \$45 - \$55 per child.
- The General School Contribution (annual school fees) of \$45 per child will be due in Term 1.
- French/Mandarin: \$55 per child per year.
- Swimming Carnival: (children 8 years and older): about \$10.00 for pool entry, pool hire and bus fare.
- Year 5 and 6 overnight camp. Deposit of \$50 should already have been paid. Balance will be due before the excursion dates of 26th and 27th March.

Optional programs:

- AFL skills (6 x T1 Fridays, Y2 to Y6 – optional): \$15
- Choir: \$35 (approximately) participation fee for Opera House Concert, if our choir is accepted.
- Band: \$90 per term or \$320 per year if year's fees are paid in full by 30th March. **In addition**, there is an instrument hire fee of \$10 per term.
- School photos will be taken late in Term 1. A full package of photos is about \$35.
- Dance fees will be about \$50. Dance fees are to be paid in full when the Expression of Interest is returned to school early in Term 1.

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THANKS TO FACTORY ONE (GRAPHIC DESIGN)

Once again we owe a big thanks to Cathy Schneider and Gavin Weaver of Factory One for their help. With the 2015 Year 6 class being quite small, getting their special Year 6 sport shirts was becoming very expensive. Costs were assisted by the team at Factory One doing the design and preparing it in a format that suited the screen printers.

So, again, thanks Cathy, Gavin and all the talented people at Factory One, 22 Beresford St, Mascot. Ph 9319 4222.

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