



FAREWELL KINDERGARTEN, 2009

Just days until our Kindies become Year 1 and our Year 6 are ex-students of Pagewood....

We have had another fabulous year in 2015. The feedback from the annual survey overwhelmingly confirmed that Pagewood Public School is recognized as excellent and responsive by its community, as a result of its effective engagement with its community. In 2016, we aim to maintain the interactions which have led to this view.

Highlights of 2015 included:

- MARKET CARNIVAL
- Overnight camp for Y5&6
- Y6 Fun Day activities
- Teddy Bears' Picnic
- MARKET CARNIVAL
- Softball coaching
- Welcome BBQ & Disco
- Kids having their own vegetable gardens
- MARKET CARNIVAL
- iPads in Kindergarten
- Gymnastics and Footsteps
- Mrs Maguire bringing the NRL premiership trophy won by the Rabbitohs in 2014
- New scarecrows
- MARKET CARNIVAL
- The bushwalk

Kindergarten seemed to like everything: assemblies, the office, Star of the Week, the playground, the Christmas tree, Secret Santa, art and learning. They also liked that their teacher made everything so much fun.

We say goodbye to Mrs Peirson (French), Mr Mudie (Y3) and Mr Johnstone (Y5/6) but will be welcoming a number of new faces onto the staff in 2016. We are expecting about 290 students to be enrolled in 12 classes.

I would like to congratulate our students for the enthusiasm and pride they continually display in all aspects of school life. It is such a pleasure to work with our children.

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.



TERM 4 CALENDAR

Week 11

Mon 14	Year 6 Day Out
Tue 15	Class picnics. Everyone wears "mufti".
Wed 16	Last day T4. Everyone wears "mufti". 2.15pm. Year 6 Farewell assembly.

2016 RETURN TO SCHOOL

Wed 27 Jan:	Teachers return
Thu 28 Jan:	Years 1-6 return
Mon 1st Feb:	Kindergarten starts
Tue 2 nd Feb:	Text book sale day

UNIFORM SHOP

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY MORE ORDERS AT THE OFFICE THIS YEAR

In 2016, the Uniform Shop will open on Thursday 28th January after the "Welcome Back" assembly and allocation of classes has been completed. This will be at about 9.45am.

PICNIC DAY K-Year 6

On Tuesday, 15th 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.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER NEEDED: FRESH FOOD ORDERING

We need a volunteer to do the Daily Fresh ordering for next year. This involves orders for fresh items, not bulk ordering (eg: Butter, bread, cheese etc). Please inform the school office immediately if you can volunteer for this job. Thank you Jo Crothers, for doing such an amazing job for so long.

Thank you to our recent volunteers:

Wed 9 Dec: Clare Rowbotham & Delwyn Hinton
Fri 11 Dec: Joanne Donadel / Ann Linich (9-12) /
Amanda Cooper (12-2)

This week's Canteen Volunteers are:

Wed 16 Dec: **(Lunch time only. No recess selling)**
Anthony Faust & Laeti Noblet

Thank you Clare, Delwyn, Joanne, Ann, Amanda, Tony and Laeti for your ongoing support in the canteen. Ann we wish you all the best and thank you for all your support and help in the Canteen.

PLEASE NOTE - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Wed 16 Dec: NO LUNCH/RECESS orders taken. The canteen will only be open at lunch time to sell ice blocks and chips.

New volunteers are always welcome. Forms can be collected from the office. All canteen rostering issues or changes to Chrissy Jenner 4fam@live.com.au.

READING TUTOR VOLUNTEERS' MORNING TEA

A morning tea will be held on Tuesday, 15th December at 9:15 - 10:00 am in the school staffroom. It will be a chance to say thankyou to all our wonderful reading tutor volunteers who have helped run our B.E.A.R and Multilit programs as well as assist Mr Riley throughout the year. Please join us for a casual morning of tea and sweets.

Jenny Reilly, John Riley
Learning and Support Teachers

BOOK COVERING

Mrs Kerves (teacher-librarian) would like to thank her great team of book coverers, which has now expanded to number seven: Daneille Mayall, Lynette Shaw, Vicki Barlas, Marena Lummow, Kim Hescott, Tahnee Smith and Margorie Obey. We appreciate your efforts.

SOFTBALL

Through a grant from 'Sporting Schools', we have been able to engage two experienced softball coaches to come and work with our students during Term 4, teaching them some of the skills needed for the game.

Last Friday, our Year 2-6 students had their last lesson. The children and the coaches really enjoyed the sessions, and many students asked for some information for teams they could join. The softball season runs from September through to February, so the coaches have said they will send through some information in mid 2016, before sign up dates occur.

Girls from Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to try out for the Pagewood PS softball team when we compete in the Friday PSSA competition for the first time in Term 1 next year.

Boys (and girls) will have the opportunity to trial for the Pagewood PS AFL team. More information will be published next year.

BUDGETING FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL

Each year, a list of Term 1 expenses is published to assist budgeting for the new school year. The list below is not exhaustive and there may be some minor changes, but it 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, 2nd February. Kindergarten: \$34.94
Years 1- 6: \$51.93
- The General School Contribution (annual school fees) of \$45 per child will be due in Term 1.
- French/Mandarin: \$60 per child per year.
- Swimming Carnival: (children 8 years and older): about \$10.00 for pool hire and bus fare.
- Year 5 and 6 overnight camp. Deposit of \$50 will be due in the first few weeks. Balance will be due before the excursion dates of 5th and 6th May.

Optional programs:

- Choir: \$40 (approximately) participation fee for Opera House Concert, if our choir is accepted.
- Band: \$100.00 per term (or \$350.00 for the year if paid by in full by Tuesday, 22nd March.) **In addition**, there is an instrument hire fee of \$10 per term.
- Dance fees will be \$55. Dance fees are to be paid in full once parents are notified that their child has been successful at the audition and before the first rehearsal.
- PSSA Sport: For the first time we will participate in summer sport (softball and AFL). Bus fares for Term 1 will be approximately \$50.