



PAGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 5 2019

Monday 11 November 2019



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

WEEK 5

Mon 11	Remembrance Day	
Wed 13	Assembly: School Leaders	2:30pm
Thur 14	Uniform Shop	9:15am

WEEK 6

Mon 18	Interrelate Parent and Child Evening	
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WEEK 7

Mon 25	Swim School begins	
Wed 27	Prefect Speeches in hall	9:30am

DECEMBER

WEEK 8

Mon 2	Swim School continues	
Tues 3	High School Orientation	
Tues 3	P&C Meeting	7:00pm

WEEK 9

Wed 11	K-2 Presentation Day	9:30am
	Y3-6 Presentation Day	10:20am

CALENDAR TERM 1 2020

JANUARY

WEEK 1

Wed 29	Y1-6 students start school	
Fri 31	Kindergarten start school	

FEBRUARY

WEEK 2

Thur 6	2020 Swimming Carnival	
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RAINBOW AWARDS presented Wednesday

Cody (3C)	Rose (1B)
Lillianna (1B)	Matthew (1B)

SILVER AWARD presented Wednesday

Olympia (1K)	Penny (KLR)
Barry (1/2H)	Lilly (1B)
Archie (1B)	

GOLD AWARD presented Wednesday

John (1B)	Holi (1B)
Mandy (1B)	Nikoleta (1B)

MERIT AWARDS for last week

KS	Hayden	Zach
KT	Toby	William
KLR	Emma	Toby
1B	Liam	Ala
1K	Madison	Maya
1/2H	Lily	Jake
2M	Iggy	Isaac
3A	Matthias	James
3C	Eleanor	Jeremy
4M	Archie	Bradley
4/5W	Scarlett	Sophia
5/6C	Nathan	Malaina
5/6G	Emily	Orlando

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Remembrance Day - *Lest We Forget* -



Today is Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war. A minute of silence is dedicated to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

Thank you to 4/5W students for leading our ceremony and the choir for their lovely performance.



Last week we welcomed our 2020 Kindergarten children for their second Orientation Day. It was

lovely to welcome our new families and see new students meet their buddies.

Congratulations to our Junior and Senior band who performed at the 2019 Big Gig at South Cooee Public School last Wednesday evening. They had the opportunity of showcasing their musical talents to the wider community and they were brilliant! Well done – your dedication and hard work was rewarded!

This morning I listened to a wonderful speech from Isabella in Year 6. With her permission I have included a copy of her speech on page 2. As our Year 6 students reflect on their time at school they think deeply about the contribution their teachers and parents have made to their education and learning.

At the P&C meeting last week I outlined 2019 NAPLAN results, the current enrolment of 50 Kindergarten students for 2020, the need for composite classes in 2020, the changes to the Direction in Music band fee structure and payment method and a review of the online students programs currently offered at Pagewood Public School.

I also spoke about the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) review of the curriculum in NSW which was announced in May by the Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Education Rob Stokes. The goal is to ensure that learning in schools continues to equip students to contribute to Australian society into the 21st century. For more information and the opportunity to provide feedback please go to the

NESA website.

A couple of reminders:

- Statement of Account reminders will be sent this week for any unpaid Term 4 accounts.
- Dogs are not to be brought on to school premises.
- Smoking is not permitted on school grounds.

Have a great week.

Nicole Mayhew

Principal

Isabella's speech

There are so many things in this world that you could think of that are some of your necessities or needs but today I'm focusing on three of mine. To be completely honest one of mine would definitely be teachers because without teachers in this world we wouldn't have the knowledge and power that we have today. Don't forget we basically learnt everything apart from the basics from our teachers, we definitely wouldn't be as successful in our works of ideas, inventions and in all creativity without the support of our teachers. Our teachers don't just teach us something and leave us thinking they support us and help until we have figured the problem out that is why there is a resolution, because of our wonderful teachers. Think about it, we have either all been here for about 6 or 7 years and most of us think we're pretty smart, but the reason we think that is because our teachers gave us the mindset that we should always stay positive to build up on that there is not a moment or second where your teacher will give up on you there one of your biggest supporters, don't ever forget that.

My second absolute need in this world is my parents. I think by now you're all thinking that your parents are on your list and I bet that's true but there is always something different and brilliant about each child's parents. I can tell you one thing, my parents can sometimes be weird, embarrassing and a little bit scary but I will always love them, and you know what they deserve each and every bit of my love they raised me without them I would basically have nothing including shelter, food, water and many more things I need to survive. They have also provided for me so many things that I want not need. Remember parents gave us the life today imagine not having your best friend or anyone for that matter not even being able to have a good life, were pretty lucky.

Last but not least I need oxygen. Now this is pretty practical but if you think about it, it is a topic to discuss. The Amazon fire happened not too long ago and that was a tragic event but you may be thinking how can we help, how can we be a hero. Have you heard of the 16 year old environmental activist Greta Thunberg have you seen the things she has done to change the worlds thoughts on climate change and ecologically making it better, we could easily be that kind of change we want to see is our planet in only 4 years. If we want to stay alive, be healthy and see the light of day tomorrow we need trees for air and oxygen, and you never know when you will wake up but you won't hear the sound of birds chirping in the breeze, your mother saying breakfast is ready or even opening your eyes, that doesn't feel good does it, that's what Greta has already thought about and how she doesn't want that to happen. To conclude upon this paragraph I hope you have enjoyed my needs in this world and I can't wait to hear yours.

ICAS

Some students at Pagewood Public School have entered the University of New South Wales ICAS Digital Technologies tests. We are proud of all of our students but special mention must go to the following award winners:

ICAS Digital Technologies

Credit

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Harry Chloe Safwana	Jonathan Stanislaw Madeleine	Sofia Tristan.D Emily Martin Gabriella	James

Distinction

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
Krishna Jasmine Ella	Cooper

ICAS Spelling

Credit

<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
Zixuan Isaac Jeslyn	Ella Ananya	Tristan. D Jacob Gabriella

Distinction

<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
Ayden	Krishna Chloe	Daniel

These awards will be handed out at our assembly on Wednesday 13 November.

PSSA SUMMER SPORT

PSSA AFL and Softball is on this Friday. Please note AFL is always at Heffron but the softball venue will vary each week.

AFL	Heffron
Softball	Nagle

Training this week:

AFL: Fridays 8.00am – 9.00am

Softball: Fridays 8.30am-9.00am weather permitting. If there is any rain, training will be cancelled.

INTERRELATE

On Monday 18 November there will be workshops available for parents and their Year 3-6 children after school provided at a cost by INTERRELATE. INTERRELATE have been teaching sexuality and relationship education to young people and their parents for over 90 years and have a reputation for non-discriminatory and open teaching on sensitive issues. Their primary programs cover issues including sexuality, gender identity, bullying awareness and respectful relationships. Further information was sent home to Years 3-6. We will run this program every second year.

ROBOTICS

Robotics Club will now be held every Thursday at lunchtime in the 5/6G classroom.

PPS P&C (Parents and Citizens) News

Pagewood P&C Association is established to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation, to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school

This year, projects the P&C have financially contributed to include:

1. Half the funding for the playground upgrade that the students will be enjoying next year.
2. Two marquee tents for use at Sporting Carnivals and other events
3. \$1225 worth of STEM resources from Scholastic raised via Book Club
4. Fully funded a 3D printer
5. 40 new athletics singlets for students who represent the school at zone and regional carnivals
6. Resources purchased with Woolworths Earn and Learn rewards
7. STEM resources funded by an ORICA Community Grant.
8. \$150 contribution to a student who represented the school at State level.

Early next year P&C in cooperation with Ms Mayhew and the teaching staff will be considering how we can best contribute to the school. We would love to take advantage of the creativity of our wider school community to generate new ideas on how we can do this.

Please send any ideas to our email address: pagewoodpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Highlights of the November P&C Meeting

- Ms Mayhew gave an overview of this year's NAPLAN results and the staffing plans so far for next year
- Our triumphant Market Carnival team gave their final report.
- Discussion about reviewing the uniform policy in 2020

Many thanks for all your support

Your P&C

Monday 18 November in the Pagewood Public School Library. Information will be sent home with your Year 3 -6 child this week.

Session 1: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Session 2: 7:15pm-8:15pm

overview & session outline

Session 1: Where did I come from? (Years 3 & 4)

Objectives

- To help children aged 8-10 years gain an understanding of the structure and functions of the reproductive system in males and females.
- To provide information on conception (describing sexual intercourse, associated with love in the context of a caring relationship), foetal development and birth of a baby.
- To provide opportunities for parents and children to discuss various aspects of reproduction in an informal way.
- To reinforce the role of parents as a source of information on matters pertaining to sexuality and reproduction.

Content

- Introduction
- Family structure and family relationships
- Male/female babies – which is which?
- Protective behaviours
- Male/female reproductive systems
- Sexual intercourse & conception including assisted
- Foetal development
- Twin explanation
- Birth
- Conclusion

Session 2: Preparing for Puberty (Years 5 & 6) (Years 3 & 4 at parent's/guardian's discretion)

Objectives

- To provide information on puberty for 10-13 year olds, in relation to the physical changes and emotional changes (in particular, helping them feel comfortable about their bodies and its functions; preparing them for the changes during puberty and dispelling the myths and providing accurate, understandable information).
- To help young people feel okay about being different. Everyone develops at a different rate, especially during puberty.
- To confirm their individuality and promote self-esteem.
- To facilitate communication between parents and their children and encourage young people to take their questions, problems and concerns to their parents.

Content

- Introduction
- Revision of Session 1
- How, why and when of puberty
- Physical and emotional changes to both boys and girls
- Changes to boys only
- Changes to girls only
- Why are these changes happening?
- Conclusion

Cost: **\$32 (incl. GST) per family to attend one session**
 \$37 (incl. GST) per family to attend both sessions
 Includes an Interrelate Educator

Term 4 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
Week 5	Nov 11 Remembrance Day	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15 PSSA	Nov 16/17
Week 6	Nov 18 Interrelate Stage 2 and 3 Parent Evening Prefect speeches due	Nov 19	Nov 20 Year 6 2020 Prefect posters due	Nov 21	Nov 22 PSSA - SEMIS	Nov 23/24
Week 7	Nov 25 Swim School	Nov 26 Swim School	Nov 27 Year 6 2020 Prefect speeches presented & election Swim School	Nov 28 Swim School	Nov 29 PSSA – FINALS Swim School	Nov 30/1
Week 8 Wellbeing Week	Dec 2 Swim School	Dec 3 Year 6 High School Orientation 7:00pm P&C Meeting Swim School	Dec 4 2020 School prefects announced Swim School	Dec 5	Dec 6 Swim School	Dec 7/8
Week 9	Dec 9 Big Fizzics Science Show 10am K-3 11:30am 4-6	Dec 10 Stage 3 Cricket Gala Day at school	Dec 11 Presentation Day	Dec 12 Year 6 Fun Day Out	Dec 13 Reports home Year 6 Dinner	Dec 14/15
Week 10	Dec 16 Picnic Day	Dec 17	Dec 18 Last day for students and staff	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21/22