

# PAGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



# TERM 3 WEEK 3 Monday 3 August 2020



#### **CALENDAR TERM 3**

AUGUST				
WEEK 3				
Mon 3	Virtual P&C Meeting	7.00pm		
Wed 5	Uniform Shop Open	9.15am		
	Y3-6 Library borrowing			
Thur 6	K-2 Library borrowing	9.15am		
WEEK 4				
Wed 12	Pyjama Day – gold coin			
WEEK 5				
Thur 20	Kindergarten 2021			
	Open Day - CANCELLED			
SEPTEMBER				
WEEK 9				
Mon 14	Photo Day			
Wed 16	OC test date			

### **CALENDAR TERM 4**

NOVEMBER		
WEEK 4		
Wed 4	Kindergarten 2021 Transition	
WEEK 5		
Wed 11	Kindergarten 2021 Transition	

### **RAINBOW AWARDS**

Tony

### **SILVER AWARD**

Sebastian 1/2N	Lily 2/3C
	Sebastian 1/2N

## **GOLD AWARD**

Joseph 4L	Chloe 4L	Alice 4L
Eamon 4L	Darcy 2H	Anau 1H
Zoey 1H	Sofia 1/2M	Lilly 1/2M

### PLATINUM AWARD

Isaac 3/4G

### **MERIT AWARDS for last week**

Isabella	Richard
Caitlin	Vivi
Hugo	Spencer
Elena	William
Benayah	Nikita
Sophie	Beni
Azura	Jet
Jeremy	Kate
Isabella	Abigail
Joseph	Alice
Addison	Cody
Olivia GH	Scarlett
Archie	Zoe
Eva	Pascali
	Caitlin Hugo Elena Benayah Sophie Azura Jeremy Isabella Joseph Addison Olivia GH Archie

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

This week is Education Week. Our Education Week 2020 theme, 'Learning together', reflects an incredible year for NSW public school students, staff and parents, and the partnerships that have been strengthened in response.

This Education Week, we embrace the whole NSW public education community, highlighting the achievements of local schools and



the role of public schools as the cornerstone of their communities. Our teachers and students are lifelong learners, collaborating in a positive learning environment to achieve their best. Learning together makes us strong and creates resilient communities. Our school staff are dedicated professionals who know, value and care for all students. Technology enables learning together anywhere, any time.

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we are unable to have open classrooms but I have included photos of STEM bridge work and some fabulous artwork designed by our talented students at Pagewood PS and other photos.

We have had some students arriving to school prior to 8:45am when there is no teacher supervision. Unless your child is attending before and after school care they should not arrive until 8:45am when there is a teacher on duty. Any student who does arrive prior to this will be asked to sit outside the front office.

As advised by our Premier, the next three weeks are critical in NSW. NSW Health has requested anyone who has been in Victoria needs to self-isolate for 14 days and anyone who is unwell or has flu-like symptoms arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

We really appreciate your ongoing cooperation with the dropoff and pick-up systems currently in place.

Nicole Mayhew Principal

#### KINDERGARTEN DENTAL VISIT

The School Dental Health Initiative conducted dental health checks for Kindergarten students today who had parental consent. Some students will be see on Tuesday.

### **TECHNOLOGY FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

Presented by the Federation of Parents and Citizens Association of NSW (the P&C) in partnership with the NSW Department of Education's Rural & Distance Education team, this one-hour Zoom webinar at 7pm on Thursday 6 August has been specially created to give parents and carers a working understanding of the technology most commonly used in NSW public schools.

In this easy-to-access online event we will cover:

- the common technology platforms used in public schools
- the decisions schools make when they are selecting a technology product
- where you can access more information
- 'deep dives' into both GSuite for Education and Office 365, including how to check for your child's upcoming work and submitting work and
- general questions about GSuite for Education and Microsoft Office365.

Find out more, meet your presenters and reserve your place for Technology for parents and carers <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/education-week/technology-for-parents-and-carers">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/education-week/technology-for-parents-and-carers</a>

### **CASE OF CHICKEN POX**

We have had a student confirmed with a case of Chicken Pox. I have attached a fact sheet from NSW Health with further information. If your child has symptoms of Chicken Pox please ensure they see a doctor as it is highly contagious.

### **PYJAMA DAY**

The SRC will be holding a pyjama day to raise money for Exodus Australia on Wednesday 12 August. Exodus Australia provide meals, educational support and health and outreach services to Sydney's disadvantaged and homeless. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation if they are wearing their Pyjamas to school.

Mrs Berman

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Statement of Accounts were sent out last week to families in Y3-6 with outstanding expenses.

Our preferred method to pay your child's 'Statement of Account' is for Parents and Carers to use the Parent Online Payment (POP) system. This is to reduce the amount of cash being handled at school by the office, students and staff. To pay by POP, please go to the Pagewood Public School website at <a href="http://www.pagewood-p.schools.nsw.edu.au">http://www.pagewood-p.schools.nsw.edu.au</a> and select 'Make a payment'. Parents and Carers are welcome to pay for two or more children in one payment. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

Please note that this facility is to pay for expenses on your Statement of Account only, it **cannot** be used to pay for the Canteen or P&C costs such as Uniforms or fundraising. Payment instructions are on page 7. When paying by POP you must enter:

- student's first name
- student surname
- class

- Please tick what you are paying for (eg. voluntary contribution, sport, excursion, other, etc)
- \$ Amount
- You DO NOT need the Student Registration Number

If you wish to pay by cash, please send cash payments to your child's teacher on Tuesday only.

### LIBRARY BORROWING

Students have really enjoyed going back into our library to choose a book. All books should be returned on a Monday from 8:45am-9:10am to the box outside the library. Returned books will be quarantined for a period of 72 hours to meet Infection Control Guidelines set out by the Department of Education.



Wednesdays	Y3-6 Library borrowing
Thursdays	K-2 Library borrowing

### **HOME READING TERM 3**

Students will be taking <u>two</u> reading books home each <u>Monday</u> this term. These books need to be returned by <u>Friday</u> of that same week in order to meet the Infection Control Guidelines set out by the Department of Education. This will allow for the books to be quarantined over the weekend for the recommended 72 hours. Students are also encouraged to continue to read books from their school, home or local library, or access the online books from Reading Eggs/ Reading Eggspress.

Mrs Berman



Website: <a href="mailto:www.pagewood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au">www.pagewood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</a> Email: pagewood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



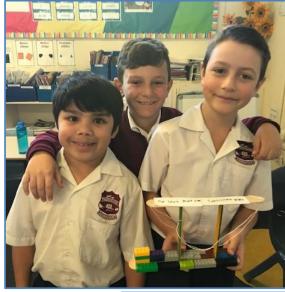


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## Term 3 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
Week 3 Education Week	3 AUG Kindergarten Dental Assessment 7.00pm Virtual P&C meeting	4 AUG	5 AUG 9.15am Uniform Shop Open	6 AUG	7 AUG	8/9 AUG
Week 4	10 AUG	11 AUG	12 AUG Pyjama Day Gold coin donation	13 AUG	14 AUG	15/16 AUG
Week 5	17 AUG	18 AUG	19 AUG 9.15am Uniform Shop Open	20 AUG	21 AUG	22/23 AUG
Week 6	24 AUG	25 AUG	26 AUG	27 AUG	28 AUG	29/30 AUG
Week 7 KINDY INTERVIEWS	31 AUG Stage 1 Public Speaking Comp	1 SEP 7:00pm P&C meeting Stage 2 Public Speaking Comp	2 SEP Stage 3 Public Speaking Comp 9.15am Uniform Shop Open	3 SEP Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Comp	4 SEP	5/6 SEP
Week 8 KINDY INTERVIEWS	7 SEP	8 SEP	9 SEP	10 SEP	11 SEP	12/13 SEP
Week 9 KINDY INTERVIEWS	14 SEP School Photos	15 SEP	16 SEP 9.15am Uniform Shop Open	17 SEP	18 SEP	19/20 SEP
Week 10	21 SEP	22 SEP	23 SEP	24 SEP	25 SEP	26/27 SEP



Communicable Diseases Factsheet

# Chickenpox and Shingles

Chickenpox is a common viral infection that can reappear later in life as shingles. Vaccination is recommended for all infants and non immune adults.

Last updated: 08 April 2018

### What is chickenpox?

- Chickenpox is a viral illness caused by the herpes zoster virus (also known as the Varicella-Zoster virus)
- In children it usually causes a relatively mild illness.
- Chickenpox in adults and immunosuppressed people can be severe.
- · Infection in pregnancy can cause foetal malformations, skin scarring, and other problems in the baby.
- Before routine vaccination began in November 2005, chickenpox was a very common illness. The incidence of chickenpox appears to have decreased as more people receive the vaccine.

### What are the symptoms?

- Chickenpox (varicella) begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell
  and a skin rash.
- The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
- The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.
- · Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.
- Most people recover without complications, but sometimes the infection can lead to serious complications, such as pneumonia and inflammation of the brain. Rarely, the infection can be fatal.
- Persons who are previously vaccinated can still get chickenpox. If chickenpox occurs in a vaccinated person it is usually mild and less contagious than in an unvaccinated person.

### How is it spread?

- · Early in the illness, the virus is spread by coughing.
- · Later in the illness, the virus is spread by direct contact with the fluid in the blisters.
- The infection is highly contagious to people who have never had chickenpox or who have not been vaccinated.
- People are infectious from one or two days before the rash appears (that is, during the runny nose phase) and up to five days after (when the blisters have formed crusts or scabs)
- Chickenpox infection triggers an immune response and people rarely get chickenpox twice.

### Who is at risk?

- Anyone who has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated in the past can get chickenpox.
- People with a past history of chickenpox are likely to be immune to the virus. Even adults with no
  history of chickenpox have a chance of being immune (because of past infection that was mild). Doctors
  sometimes perform a blood test to see if these people need a vaccination.

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### How is it prevented?

- A free varicella containing vaccine (MMRV) is now recommended for all children at 18 months of age.
- The Varicella vaccine is recommended for all non-immune adolescents (>14 years) and adults. This
  involves two doses, at least 1 month apart. It is especially recommended for people at high risk, for
  example, health care workers, people living with or working with small children, women planning a
  pregnancy, and household contact of persons who are immunosuppressed.
- People with chickenpox should avoid others (and not attend childcare or school) until at least five days
  after onset of the rash and all the blisters have dried.
- People with chickenpox should cover the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, dispose of soiled tissues, wash their hands well and not share eating utensils, food or drinking cups.
- Pregnant women should avoid anyone with chickenpox or shingles and should see their doctor if they
  have been around someone with these illnesses.
- Children with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or who are receiving chemotherapy should avoid anyone with chickenpox or shingles as the infection can be especially severe.

### How is it diagnosed?

Most cases can be diagnosed based on the symptoms and by appearance of the rash. Sometimes the diagnosis is confirmed by testing samples taken from the rash or from blood.

### What is Shingles?

- Shingles is caused by the reactivation of the virus that causes chickenpox, usually in adulthood and many years after the initial chickenpox illness.
- The illness is characterised by a painful chickenpox-like rash on a small area of skin, usually on one side
  of the body.
- Pain and tingling associated with the rash may persist for weeks or months after the rash has cleared.
   This is called post-herpetic neuralgia.
- The virus can be spread by direct contact with the skin rash of infected people. This causes chickenpox in people who are not immune.
- · Shingles develops more commonly in people who are immunosuppressed.

### How are shingles and chickenpox treated?

Shingles can be treated with special antiviral drugs such as acyclovir. Your general practitioner can advise on ways to minimise the discomfort associated with the symptoms of infection.

Chickenpox infection usually resolves without treatment.

## What is the public health response?

Chickenpox is not currently notifiable in NSW but the incidence is monitored through the number of patients attending emergency departments and the number of patients who are hospitalised with chickenpox or shingles.

- · Varicella vaccine protects against chickenpox, even if given up to five days after exposure.
- Short-term immunisation with varicella-zoster immunoglobulin (VZIG) which is made from antibodies
  in donated blood can prevent illness in people at high risk of complications. This needs to be given
  within 96 hours of exposure to the virus to be effective. People at high risk of complications following
  exposure include pregnant women who have not had chickenpox and who have not been immunised,
  newborn babies, and some immunosuppressed patients.

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website <a href="https://www.health.nsw.gov.au">www.health.nsw.gov.au</a>

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# **Payment Details**

Fields marked with an asterisk ( \*) are mandatory.

The process for making a payment is as follows:

- 1. Fill out all the required fields on this page.
- 2. Fill out credit card payment details on the next page.
- 3. Review and confirm your payment details on the confirmation page.
- 4. Review your payment receipt and optionally print it, or send it as an email.

## Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the left of the student's name.

\*\* Given Name

Smith

Class or Year

NOT NEEDED

NOT NEEDED

This number may be on the top of the

please use our preferred method of payment, the POP system (Parent Online Payment).

This should help you navigate the payment page, which is on the School Website and also the Skoolbag app. Thank You

These areas can be left blank.

Mandatory fields are marked with an asterisk \*

## **Payer Details**

invoice or statement issued by the school. It may have the heading Ref:

* Full Name	Joanne Smith
* Contact Phone Number	12345
e.g. 0249512345 or (02)49512345	

jo@gmail.com

## **Payment Options**

Add Payment

\* Contact Email Address

Ple	ase select which items you would li	ke to make a payment or donation for:			
	Voluntary School Contributions				
_',	Subject Contributions				
_	Excursions				
. !	Sport				
1	Creative and Practical Arts				
	Sales to Students				
4	Other				
*P	ayment Description 1	All outstanding			
*P	ayment Amount 1 \$	100.00			

Pay for items individually, or choose 'Other' and list the items you are paying for.

## PLEASE NOTE:

You will need to refer your invoice to get the **EXACT** amounts.

Total Payment Amount \$ 100.00

# PPS P&C (Parents and Citizens) News

Our next P & C meeting is via Zoom **Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 7pm**. Please note that we are trialling a **Monday** meeting. This is not a permanent change at this stage. We are interested to see if this allows more people to attend or allows others to attend who were unable to come on Tuesdays.

Details for joining the meeting are:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86906766206?pwd=enhMQVlzb3BZNHBhK0dleWNGNXNjdz09

Meeting ID: 869 0676 6206

Password: 194112

AGENDA Pagewood Public School P&C Association Meeting 3/8/20 7pm via teleconference

Apologies

Approve July 2020 Minutes

Principal's Report

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Secretary's Report

Business Arising/ Carried forward

Secretary & Vice President Positions Vacant

Potential P&C meeting night change

**New Business** 

P&C representative for Merit Selection Panel

Items requested by PPS staff for consideration by the P&C:

- Flexible furniture for library
- Solar panel for new demountable
- STEM equipment (Ozobots etc)
- Whiteboard tables with chairs for K-2 classes

Grandparents Day/Book Parade

Father's Day

Next meeting- TBC September 2020

Website: <a href="mailto:www.pagewood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au">www.pagewood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</a> Email: pagewood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au