



## PRINCIPAL NEWS

It's been a wonderful start to Term 4. Whilst we are still under COVID restrictions, Term 4 is normally a term of celebration, where we farewell our Year 6 students, conduct Presentation Day ceremonies and coordinate and organise end of year fun days. Book Week and NAIDOC Week will be celebrated as well as the election of our 2021 student leadership team. Kindergarten and High School transition is now taking place and our Year 6 students will be going to Lake Ainsworth in two weeks. Please keep your eye on the newsletter, SkoolBag and Facebook for information and updates on what's happening this term. We know that you are still missing not being able to come in and support our students and staff - we don't anticipate that to change this year and will be planning most events to not include parents. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

I mentioned in my end of week message that attendance will continue to be a priority. We are aiming to have a 95% attendance rate which means having 95% of students at school every day. We sat between 92-93% last week. We don't expect students to attend school if they are feeling unwell. Reminder that if you are planning a family holiday during school time, you need to fill out an application for leave before you leave. There is certain documentation you have to provide us before it is approved.

We have noticed that alternate socks are being increasingly worn (including Santa Cruz socks etc). Reminder that students are to wear black or white socks with black shoes preferable. If your child does not currently have black shoes, please consider purchasing some black shoes when your child needs new shoes next. When shopping for new school shoes before school comes back next year, please also consider purchasing black shoes.

We were advised this week that there has been changes to Staff Development Days from 2021. The first two days of the school year will now be staff development days. In 2021, it will be on the Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January. Students in Years 1-6 will return to school on Friday 29 January. 2021 Kinder students will participate in Best Start Assessments on Friday 29 January, Monday 1 February and Tuesday 2 February. (2021 Kinder students will be allocated a time on one of those days to participate in a Best Start Assessment). 2021 Kinder students will commence on Thursday 4 February.

2021 Organisation - Class organisation and planning is well underway for 2021. Could you please advise the office if your child is not returning to Pottsville Beach Public School in 2021.

If you have driven past the school this week, you would have noticed that the new playground equipment is being built!! How exciting!! It is anticipated to be finished in the next three weeks (weather permitting). We can't wait to try it out!!

Brad Lyne  
Principal



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Last day Term 4 Wednesday 16 December

### INSERTS (digital)

Day for Daniel - Friday 30 October

Book Fair Catalogue

Year 7 selective high school for 2022

Tweed River HS Canteen Licence Advert



## BOOK FAIR

Monday 2 November – Wednesday 4 November in our school library! Online orders available.

(unfortunately no parents can be included on site this year due to COVID-19 restrictions)

## BOOK WEEK DRESS UP

COME DRESSED UP on Monday 9 November.

**CURIOUS CREATURES WILD MINDS**

Come in theme, or as a book character or even try crazy hair!

It's all about fun!



## Kindergarten Enrolments

Please ring the office on 6676 1161 to register your child for Kindergarten 2021.

## DEPUTY NEWS

**Attendance** - At Pottsville Beach Public School we understand the significant and positive impact a regular pattern of attendance has on the social and emotional well-being and academic progress of our students. Every minute counts and every day counts. If your child is sick, please return them to school as soon as they are well enough along with a note or explaining their absence on the parent portal. If you intend to take leave (for travel, a holiday, a religious event or other) you are required to complete an 'Application for Extended Leave - Travel' and seek approval from the Principal. This application needs to be submitted prior to the leave dates.

**Tell Them From Me** - This survey has now closed. Thank you to those who completed the survey. Results will be conveyed to you as soon as we receive them.

**Day for Daniel - SRC initiative** - This year we will be supporting Day for Daniel and during that week discussing with classes the importance of safety. Friday 30 October we ask all students and staff to wear red and have a gold coin donation. Posters advertising this have been placed around the school.

**What is Day for Daniel?** Day for Daniel is Australia's largest day of action to raise awareness for child safety, protection, and harm prevention. Held annually on the last Friday of October, Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe. The theme is 'Wear Red, Educate and Donate'. Parents, carers, and educators are encouraged to start a conversation with children and young people about personal safety. Schools and early learning centres conduct child safety education activities, using the Foundation's free Keeping Kids Safe resources. Day for Daniel is the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year. Fundraising helps continue free education programs, resource development and support for young victims of crime.

As a school we will be using some of these resources to teach our children about safety.

**Why do we wear red?** We ask people to wear red on Day for Daniel in remembrance of Daniel Morcombe. Daniel was wearing a red t-shirt on Monday 7 December 2003 when he found himself in an unsafe situation. Wearing red links Daniel's very real story to the importance of safety education. It provides a message of strength and hope that together we can make the world safer for all children as a legacy to Daniel and his family. I have provided a link to the website for you to discuss further with your children. This also includes links to a board game you may like to print off and play as a family.

<https://danielmorcombe.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/DFD-2020-FAQ.pdf>

<https://danielmorcombe.com.au/day-for-daniel/>

**Jenny Foster - Deputy Principal**

## ES1 NEWS

Welcome back to term 4. Kindergarten have enjoyed returning to our class routines and are looking forward to another wonderful term of learning.

**Sport Day** - Kindergarten will continue to have sport on Thursdays continuing our fundamental movement skills and also learning simple dance sequences. Students are encouraged to wear their coloured sport shirts each Thursday.

**Show and Tell** - Our show and tell topic for this week is 'What is your favourite season and why?' Our topic for next week is 'Share a story or photograph from our past...' Students are encouraged to bring in a photo if they can, to share it with the class. It is always helpful for students to talk about their show and tell topic with their family before presenting it on their show and tell day.

**Sight Words** - Our sight words for this week are 'what, two, about, over'. Our sight words for next week 'are by, off, could, took'. It is always helpful for students to practice recognising and writing these words at home to consolidate the learning we do in class.

**Literacy** - In literacy this term, we will be exploring the concepts of perspectives and themes through our unit focused on Indigenous Australian texts. The texts we are focusing on are How the Kangaroos Got Their Tails by Pamela Lofts and George Lirrmiyarri Mung Mung, Dunbi the Owl by Daisy Utemorrhah and Pamela Lofts, How the Birds Got Their Colours by Mary Albert and Pamela Lofts, The Echidna and the Shade Tree by Mona Green and Pamela Lofts.

**Science** - Our focus in Science this term is weather. We will investigate how daily and seasonal changes affect us. We will look at how people, plants and animals change depending on the weather and we will be making daily observations and recording the weather patterns.

**History** - Kindergarten will continue to have history lessons taught by Ms Banks. Students will develop an understanding that stories of the past can be communicated through oral histories, photographs, books and digital media.

**Numeracy** - In numeracy this week we have been focusing on counting forwards and backwards and writing, recognising and representing numbers to 20. We have also been looking at recognising and telling the time to the o'clock on analogue and digital clocks.

**KTP** - PBPS are excited to announce that our 2021 Kindergarten transition can now take place! Students will be split into the following groups:

**Group 1** - Last name A-Ma and **Group 2** - Last name Mc-Z

Students are welcome to attend on the following dates:

**Group 1** - Monday 9 November and Monday 16 November from 9.30am - 12 noon

**Group 2** - Tuesday 10 November and Tuesday 17 November from 9.30am - 12 noon

Students are required to bring a backpack with a water bottle, crunch and sip, lunch and a hat to each visit. Due to restrictions parents are unable to come on site during our visits. Students are to be signed in and out just outside the front gate. Our Year 5 students are looking forward to meeting their Kindergarten buddies during our transition days!

**Eleanor Collier - Relieving Assistant Principal**

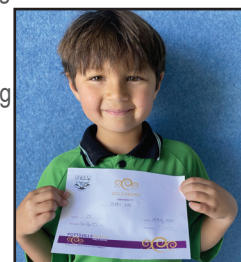
## STAGE 1 NEWS

Congratulations to Bodhi L from 2S for receiving his Gold Award. Great work Bodhi.

**Seesaw** - Stage 1 are continuing to use our Seesaw portfolios to share what we are learning in all areas. We encourage parents to make comments and check in with what your child is doing. These portfolios are a good way to start conversations with your child around what they are learning.

**Home Reading R.E.D (Read Every Day)** - Stage 1 students are encouraged to continue their daily reading and filling in their Read Every Day booklet. Happy Reading!

**Kathy Frost - Assistant Principal**



**1S NEWS**

As part of our English unit last term we explored poetic language and also identifying features of narratives. These drawings were inspired by the fairytale “Little Red Riding Hood” and was a way to identify character traits and develop written descriptions. We really liked exploring appearance, personality and the feelings of these fictional characters. This term we are exploring persuasive writing and enjoying convincing others to take on different points of view.



**Alison Stone - 1S Teacher**

**STAGE 2 NEWS**

Year 3 Check in assessment is taking place this week.

**CAPA** - This term Stage 2 is looking at ceramics and weaving in creative arts. If you have any balls of wool, any size or colour, please send it in with your child as soon as possible.

**Physical Education** - Stage 2 will be participating in beach activities for physical education this term. This will take place every Monday, weather permitting, starting Week 2. Please ensure your child has sunscreen, full school uniform, closed in shoes, hat and plenty of water. Students will NOT be entering the water.

**Speeches** - a reminder that speeches are due for all students in Years 3 and 4 on Monday 2 November of Week 4.

**Dave Mercer - Relieving Assistant Principal - Year 3**

**Tamara Keyes - Relieving Assistant Principal - Year 4**

**STAGE 3 NEWS**

**Year 6 Camp Lake Ainsworth** - A reminder that camp code of conduct notes need to be signed and handed in to your class teacher ASAP. Ensure the online medical form is completed by next Monday 26 October. Link is on the note and is also on skoolbag.

**Year 6 and a Baby photo** - Please remember to bring in a baby photo for our end of year slide and give to Mr Rologas.

**Human Sexuality note** - Stage 3 received a Human Sexuality note on Monday. You only return the note if you DO NOT wish for your child to be involved.

**Stage 3 Teachers**

**SAFETY ON WHEELS**

Many of our students enjoy riding to school. This helps to ease traffic congestion, reduce your carbon footprint and promotes physical activity. Community members have informed us that some of our students have been riding their bikes and scooters in unsafe ways in our local area. The safety of our students and families are our priority. Pottsville Beach Public School want to make sure that our students are riding to school safely and adhering to the road rules. This will ensure the safety of our students and community members.

Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways. While your child may learn skills such as balancing, pedalling and steering quite easily, they are still learning skills that help them to judge speed, distance and the direction of sound. Your young child will often ride with their head down, concentrating on

pedalling, not the environment around them. Your child needs ongoing adult help in safe, off-road locations to gradually develop all their skills.

**Eleanor Collier - Coordinator**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Week** - This year at our school we will be celebrating the best of Australian Children’s literature with a BOOK FAIR, a DRESS UP day and some fun activities in the library! We would love all of our students to be involved. Unfortunately we are unable to have parents on site due to Covid-19 restrictions. If parents would like to make purchases from the book fair, payments can be made online. The details will be available closer to the date. All students will preview the book fair on Friday 30 October with the option of making wish lists. Purchases can be made in cash by **STUDENTS ONLY** from Monday 2 - Wednesday 4 November with items for sale starting at \$1.00. We are proud to say we already own the Children’s Book Council short listed books with many of them supporting our teaching and learning programs throughout 2020. All proceeds from the book fair go towards new books for our school library.

**Renai Hollis - Librarian**

**SPORT NEWS**

**Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival** - The modified 3-6 athletics carnival will be run on Wednesday of Week 3 within the school grounds. Students will be participating in high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, sprint, tug o war and ball games events. We will hold an additional session during regular sport to run the 800m and relay events. Unfortunately, we are unable to have spectators at the event and there is no further level to progress this year due to Covid restrictions on inter school sports competitions. All students are expected to attend and earn valuable participation points for their sport house.

**David Mercer - Sport Coordinator**

**STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS**

Questions to get your kids talking. We all want to check in with our children and see how their day has gone. Often the “How was your day?” is met with the usual one word answer ‘good’.

To help you dig a bit deeper and keep a positive tone to the day you could give the following questions a try.

What made you smile today?

Who did you sit with at lunch?

What are you reading?

Asking positive questions will help make a stronger connections between home and school, for both you and your child.

**Dannielle Thomson - Wellbeing Teacher**

**CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS**

Welcome back to Term 4. Here at Camp Australia we had an awesome school holidays. We baked and decorated cookies, made masks, painted, made our own terrariums, played giant games and had a visit to tropical fruit world! The kids had a great time where they got to taste fruits such as bananas and mulberries straight from the tree. We’ve already been busy this term with cooking, French knitting, creating some amazing loom band designs and lots of craft. If you would like any holiday club information please visit [campaustralia.com.au](http://campaustralia.com.au). If you would like to know more about what we do at Camp Australia or about enrolment please contact the customer service team on 1300 105 343.

**Marika - Camp Australia**

<b>BAND ROSTER</b>
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<b>BEGINNER BAND - Mondays 8.00am - 8.45am</b>

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