



PRINCIPAL NEWS

Here we are in Week 8 with only two weeks of the school year to go! Semester 2 reports are currently being finalised and should be available on the Sentral Parent Portal on Wednesday 9 December. You will be able to print your report from the Sentral Parent Portal.

The end of year normally includes a lot of activities and celebrations where we can pause and celebrate the wonderful things that happened across the year. I am so pleased we are able to have parents at our upcoming Stage 2 and Stage 3 Presentation days as well as the Year 6 Farewell and Stage 3 ringing of the bell. Information has been circulated about how the events are being conducted in a COVID safe way. Please ensure you are familiar with all of the protocols if you have been invited to attend one of our events. End of year stage celebrations are being conducted locally this year and it's so good that the students can still celebrate 2020.

Over this week and next, our teachers are participating in planning days for 2021. Planning days allow teachers to collaborate together to develop well structured and resourced teaching and learning programs.

There will also be some classroom movements from now until the end of the year. We have tried to minimise any disruption to learning. We won't be able to confirm teachers on grades as yet. We have been receiving new enrolment enquiries on a regular basis. If you know you are leaving Pottsville, can you please let us know ASAP.

Attendance improved last week and we hit 93% which is close to our 95% target. We expect all children to attend school up until the last day which is Wednesday 16 December.

Mrs Foster and I met with the SRC last week to try and finalise student voice in our school plan. I am very proud of the SRC and how they have analysed the survey data and prioritised what is important to students. We discussed the survey results and what they think makes a great teacher.

Even though it isn't finalised yet our students would like:

- teachers to differentiate so all students can access the curriculum;
- learning intentions and success criteria because it tells them what to do and how to do it;
- teachers to continue to work with students who need help or extension;
- flexible furniture in all classrooms to suit learning styles of all students.

Student voice is critical in ensuring our school progresses and achieves our school targets. I'm looking forward to working with the student body to support their student identified goals.

You will be hearing more information about Positive Behaviour for Learning as our school moves towards a model of welfare and behaviour support that promotes positive behaviour and is implemented consistently across our school. The SRC has endorsed the changes to the welfare policy. Thank you to our PBL team and to John White (PBL coach and mentor) for developing a system that will be easy to understand and focus on promoting and rewarding positive behaviour across our school in all school settings.

It was wonderful to have our last P&C Meeting last night as a face to face meeting! A massive thank you to all of our P&C for their ongoing efforts throughout the year. It has been highly successful even though there hasn't been the chance to conduct any real fundraising efforts. BUT, fruits of previous years fundraising has paid off with our new playground equipment installed. The P&C contributed \$100,000 to that project and it would not have been completed without the support of all parents and the P&C. Thank you!

We also discussed the feedback from the parent surveys sent last term. Parent voice is vital in ensuring we continually improve as a school. Based on your feedback, the following has been endorsed by the P&C to include in our school plan:

- clear, consistent and ongoing communication about the academic progress of all students;
- catering for the needs of all students (including high potential and gifted);
- increase parent participation across the school and accept parents willing to assist (in ALL stages).

If you would like to provide feedback on the endorsed goals, please contact me on 6676 1161 to discuss further.

Have a great week.

Brad Lyne

Principal

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Young Archies

Attendance - 'Every minute counts'
Class Needs 2021 - All stages

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 7 December - ES1 Science
Monday 7 December - Year 1 Science
Tuesday 8 December - Year 2 Science
Wednesday 9 December - Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 10 December - S1 Beach Day
Friday 11 December - S3 Presentation
Friday 11 December - S2 Presentation
Monday 14 December - S3 Fun Day
Tuesday 15 December - S2 Murbah Pool
Wednesday 16 December - Last day Term 4



Year 5 Taster Day KHS



Athletics Age Champions

OFFICE NEWS

SMS Sick Bay Notifications - Commencing tomorrow, Thursday 3 December, if your child presents to sick bay and needs to go home an SMS will be sent to you with the details and asking you to contact the school. This is a new system that we are introducing and thank you in advance for your assistance with this new initiative.

POP – Making payments for multiple students - Parents/Caregivers: Please note that when you “make a payment” using online POP you are able to include all your family in the one transaction. You will need to put the details of one child into the Student details section but in the payment items section you can “add another payment” and in the description add each student. Thank you for your support with using online POP for payments.

Susan Matheson - School Administrative Manager

ES1 NEWS

Show and Tell - Our show and tell topic for this week is ‘Tell us about your favourite show, theme park, circus or zoo experience.’ Our topic for next week is ‘Tell us about your plans for the school holidays.’ Students may bring in a prop to support their show and tell. 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 ‘told, children, called, outside’. Our sight words for next week ‘ball, ever, shop, jump’. It is always helpful for students to practice recognising and writing these words at home to consolidate the learning we do in class.

Numeracy - In numeracy this week we have been focusing on making and drawing halves. We have also been looking at measuring and comparing the mass of different objects.

Home Readers - This week will be the last week our Kindergarten students will be taking home a home reader. We ask that all home readers are returned to school by this Friday. Teachers will then be stock taking our home reading collection. We encourage students to continue daily reading using the PM readers online and complete activities on Reading Eggs and Mathseeds.

Kindergarten Science Incursion - Kindergarten are invited to come to school dressed as a scientist or in their favourite play clothes for our Science incursion provided by Street Science next Monday 7 December. Please remember that sleeves, enclosed shoes and a wide brimmed hat must be worn. The incursion will be engaging, dynamic and highly interactive. Notes and payment are due today. Please contact your class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Choosing and using a helmet - Always choose an approved helmet with a standards approved sticker. Pick a helmet with a bright colour so it can easily be seen. Choose the right size so it doesn’t cover your eyes or ears. Look for a light-weight helmet with adjustable straps and fitting.

Tips to check your helmet is fitted properly – Can you place just two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet? Can you fit just two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin? Do the straps join in a ‘V’ just below your ears? Has an adult checked your helmet?

Check out the video on the Ride2School Parent’s Place website on fitting a helmet – <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/ride2school/get-involved/parent-porta/>

KTP - On behalf of Pottsville Beach Public School, we would like to thank you and your children for a wonderful Kindergarten orientation. All the

teachers, Year 5 buddies and Kindergarten students had a wonderful time getting to know our school and making connections with peers and teachers. Everyone should have received a KTP bag during our Week 6 visits. This bag contains information and resources for both you and your child. We hope you enjoy reading the book Maddie’s First Day and completing some of the activities with your child. If you did not receive a bag, please contact the front office. Emails will be sent out later this week with information about the one hour Best Start assessment interview and your interview time for next year. The dates for the assessment will be scheduled for either Friday 29 January and Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 February. If the time you have been allocated is not suitable for you, please contact the office by no later than Friday 11 December 2020 so we can try and arrange another time that works for you and your child. Kindergarten will commence their first day on Thursday 4 February. We can’t wait to meet all the students again next year when they commence Kindergarten! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

Kindergarten 2021 Class Needs - In our PBPS KTP bags, you will find a leaflet of class needs and equipment your child can provide to support their first year of school. These items can be brought to your child’s Best Start assessment interview time next year, ready for our first day of Kindergarten. The 2021 Kindergarten class needs leaflet will also be found on Skoolbag and the school website.

Eleanor Collier - ES1 Relieving Assistant Principal

STAGE 1 NEWS

Science Incursion - All Stage 1 students should have returned their note and money by today. Year 1 will be on Monday 7 December and Year 2 on Tuesday 8 December. This incursion will be for fun and to further explore our science unit on materials and their properties. This is a day that the students can come dressed in mufti clothes or as a scientist.

Stage 1 Beach Day - All Stage 1 students need to return this note by Friday to participate in this excursion.

Recycled Bags - for student work. Over the next two weeks students will be bringing home art work and books could you please send a recycled bag with your child so that they can bring home their work.

Stick Insects - A 2F parent has a lovely clutch of stick insects that need homes. These low maintenance pets would be a great addition to any home. She is charging a small fee that she is donating to the school. If you would like to purchase please contact Mrs Frost for further information.

Kathy Frost - S1 Assistant Principal

STAGE 2 NEWS

Crafty 4K - Term 4 has seen 4K getting crafty with a variety of materials to construct pieces of work. We created weaving looms to make woven bookmarks. We used sticks and wool to create colourful wall hangings and ornaments. We have also learnt the techniques and processes involved in creating clay pots. This is 4K working on their most recent woven creations!



Holiday Reading - a friendly reminder for students to continue reading over the holidays! Students have worked very hard this year to develop their reading skills and are encouraged to continue reading, for at least 10 minutes per day. Students will also continue to have access to Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Hit The Button, should they wish to utilise these over the break.

End of year fun day - A reminder that Stage 2 will be going to Murwillumbah Pool on Tuesday 15 December. Cost is \$15.00 per student. Payment and permission note due Wednesday 9 December.

Dave Mercer - Relieving Assistant Principal - Year 3

Tamara Keyes - Relieving Assistant Principal - Year 4

STAGE 3 NEWS

Year 6 Cake Stall Fundraiser - Thank you to all Year 6 students and parents/carers for your support of our Year 6 fundraiser. It was a very popular event in our Term 4 calendar. The cake stall raised over \$600. A fantastic effort!

Year 6-7 Transition to Kingscliff High School - Yesterday approximately 67 of our Year 6 students enjoyed a day at Kingscliff High School finding out about their classes for 2021, getting to know students from other schools, teachers from the high school and the location of different classes and faculties. This day was enjoyed by all and once again we were thoroughly impressed with the way our PBPS student's represented our school!

Stage 3 Fun Days - All permission notes and money due to the office by Wednesday 9 December.

Year 6 Farewell - Permission slips and money is due to the office by Friday 4 December. Two visitors per student are permitted on site and must present their paperwork (External Visitors to School Site form) on arrival. It is set to be a fabulous evening. Please refer to the information provided to all parents/carers (also available on SkoolBag).

Stage 3 Presentation Day and Year 6 Ringing of the Bell on Friday 11 December at 9.10am - By now all students have received information regarding our Stage 3 Presentation day and Year 6 Ringing of the Bell. Thank you for your understanding and adherence of the COVID plan that has been relayed to you all. Invited guests must present their paperwork (External Visitors to School Site form) on arrival. Thank you.

Leonie Richards - S3 Assistant Principal

YEAR 5 TASTER DAY AT KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL

On Tuesday 24 November Year 5 travelled to Kingscliff High School for a trial high school 'taster day'. The learners rotated between four different subjects varying from English, PE, Music, Woodwork, Science and Mathematics. Our students enjoyed familiarising themselves with the KHS teachers, buildings and learning facilities. They were spoilt with a free sausage sizzle at lunch where they could interact with fellow Year 5 learners from Cudgen, Bogangar and Kingscliff Public School. A great experience all round.

Georgia Coleman - Year 5 Teacher

SRC NEWS

SRC executive elections have taken place and successful applicants will be announced on Friday. All students who are interested in applying for sports captain positions will be able to collect application forms today.

Sport House Captain application forms will be handed out today. The written application is due on Friday 4 December. Eligible students will be announced Monday 7 December. Elections will be held on Wednesday 9 December and the Sports House Captains and Vice Captains will be announced on Thursday 10 December prior to the Teachers Vs Students newcombe ball game. Students will be presented with their badges early in Term 1 2021. A huge thank you to our fantastic students who applied for the position and were willing to represent our school as SRC executive. You all had amazing presentations.

Darlene Briggs - Coordinator

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a consistent, school-wide system of support that helps define, teach and support appropriate student behaviours and wellbeing, creating a positive school environment. PBL is an approach for schools that is supported state wide by the NSW Department of Education and underpinned by the Wellbeing Framework for Schools.

Would you like to become a PBL team partner? Pottsville Beach Public School has begun implementing PBL. We have formed a PBL team and attended training sessions already. We have started to develop systems and practices to support the defining, teaching and acknowledging positive behaviour and produced documents to consistently respond to problem behaviour, all of which will be monitored and proactively responded to with the use of data. The SRC have been involved in discussions about what PBL is and how this will be implemented across our school. PBL is a whole-school approach that relies heavily on stakeholder support and this is why input is valued from staff, students and the wider school community. More information was provided at yesterday's P&C meeting.

PBL Team

LIBRARY NEWS

New Books Ordered for 2021 - Fantastic community support for Book Club and the Book Fair has allowed us to sign up for a comprehensive book subscription worth over \$5000. This subscription will bring hundreds of quality, award winning books into our library in 2021. Many thanks for a great year!

Renai Hollis - Librarian

BAND NEWS

Congratulations to the band students who persevered and kept practising over a difficult year and especially this term. Congratulations also, to those musicians who joined in the Zoom lessons and continue to extend their playing by using the Google Classroom posts. The beginner band will be performing at the S2 Presentation assembly, Friday 11 December 12 noon. The School Band will also perform at the S2 Presentation assembly and the S3 Presentation assembly at 9.00 am Friday 11 December. All hired school instruments need to be returned by Friday 11 December, as they will be taken to be serviced. Please include all accessories. Thank you to parents for your continued support and the priority you have made for your child's musical education.

Yvonne Thompson - Band Teacher and Coordinator

SPORT NEWS

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival Results - We were lucky to still be able to run a modified athletics carnival this year. We competed in the 100m, 800m, high jump, long jump, discus, shot put, tug o war, relay and ball game events. The overall competition was very close with Cook house taking out the overall athletics carnival champions. Congratulations Cook house. Congratulations to the following age champions who were presented with medallions last week.

Jnr Boys - Joshua B, **Jnr Girls** - Ruby P and Reign W (joint champions)

11s Boys - Elijah L, **11s Girls** - Macey F

Snr Boys - Elijah K, **Snr Girls** - Marlee S

Peter Rologas and David Mercer - Sport Coordinator

CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS

We only have a few short weeks before our summer holiday club kicks off. We want to extend a warm welcome to our new service coordinator Donna Stanmore who will be taking over the service while Marika is on maternity leave. We know Donna is going to do a great job. Our summer holiday club is filled with water play, movie excursions, Christmas and summer craft and loads of outdoor fun. Bookings are now open. If you would like to book or want more information please visit campastralia.com.au. You can also call our customer service team on 1300 105 343.

Marika - Camp Australia

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The uniform shop will be open on the Tuesday 8 and Tuesday 15 December and will also be open on Wednesday 27 January from 9.00am to 12 noon. We encourage you to order through Flexischools, which makes picking up your order easier and quicker.

Sue - Uniform Coordinator

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