



WE ARE SAFE

WE ARE RESPECTFUL

WE ARE LEARNERS

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome to Week 8 and only a couple weeks of the school year to go!

All staff have been working hard to finalise Semester 2 reports. These reports will be available on the Sentral Parent Portal on Wednesday 8 December. You will be able to print your report from the Sentral Parent Portal. Planning of our end of year activities and celebrations are well on there way. We will be sending detailed information about how these events will be conducted in a COVID safe way via the Sentral Parent Portal.

This week our Executive staff have been planning for 2022. During Week 9 our teachers will participate in planning days for 2022. 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.

Our leadership process for 2022 has seen many aspiring leaders place their hat in the ring. It was impressive to meet with the 20 students that applied for a role on the SRC Executive for 2022. I would like to extend my congratulations to all of these students for the fabulous job they did at interview. The 20 students were narrowed to a field of 8 and these amazing students created a video that urged their peers to vote for them. The videos were engaging and definitely showcased all of their leadership qualities. Congratulations to you all on such a wonderful job. Thank you Mr O for all your work with this process.

We had 12 Year 4 students participate in the Opportunity Class test for 2022 – a huge thank you to Mr Mercer for his organisation and support of our students to participate in this process. We also had the opportunity to participate in the NAPLAN readiness test which allowed our school to check our systems and resources to do NAPLAN online in 2022.

Last week I had the privilege of posting off letters from our Year 5 buddies to our Kindergarten students for 2022. These letters and envelopes were so caringly created and impressive to see. I am sure that our Kindergarten students 2022 will love to receive these wonderful messages. Thank you to Miss Coleman and Miss Collier for their organisation and to our other Year 5 staff Mr O, Mrs Briggs & Mrs Keyes for your support with these letters.

Our Year 6 students have also had the chance to participate in their transition day at Kingscliff High School – our students are well and truly ready for this next phase in their schooling career and we wish them all well. Thank you to Mrs Smith, Mrs Briggs, Mr Rologas & Larissa for your support and leadership on this day.

Kathy Frost
Relieving Principal



**Year 5 Buddy Letters
for Kindergarten 2022**

OFFICE NEWS

Lost Property - We have an enormous amount of lost property already this term, including many uniforms without names. **PLEASE LABEL** your children's uniforms so we are able to return to the owner.

Music Fees - Invoices for music fees were sent home with all participating students. Please pay by POP or Eftpos as soon as possible. You are welcome to pay by instalments. If you would like to discuss your invoice please call the office.

Sue Matheson - School Administrative Manager

2022 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are being accepted for Kindergarten 2022 at Pottsville Beach Public School. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 6676 1161. Enrolment applications can now be accessed and submitted through the school's website:

<https://pottsville-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Eleanor Collier - Coordinator

ES1 AND STAGE 1 NEWS

Show and Tell - Our show and tell topic for this week is 'What is your favourite celebration?'. Our topic for next week is 'What are you doing in the holidays? Tell us about what you will be getting up to.' 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 'ball, ever, jump, shop'. Our sight words for next week 'quick, doing, what, two'. It is always helpful for students to practice recognizing and writing these words at home to consolidate the learning we do in class.

Kindergarten end of year celebration - To celebrate the end of our fabulous year, Kindergarten will have a celebration day on Tuesday 14 December. In the morning, Kindergarten will participate in water fun activities. Students are asked to come to school wearing water play clothes and shoes that are suitable to get wet. They must also bring a change of play clothes, towel and closed in shoes to change into afterwards. School hats are to be worn as normal. Throughout the day students will participate in fun activities linked to our learning programs we have explored this term.

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 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 visits. This bag contains information and resources for both you and your child. We hope you enjoy reading the book *The Pigeon Has To Go To School* 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 soon with information about the one hour Best Start assessment interview and your interview time for next year.

The Best Start assessment will be scheduled for either Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2, Thursday 3 or Friday 4 February. If the time you have been allocated is not suitable for you, please contact the office by Tuesday 14 December so we can try and arrange another time that works for you and your child.

Kindergarten will commence their first day on Monday 7 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!

Stage 1 - Stage 1 end of year celebration - To celebrate the end of our fabulous year, Stage 1 will have a celebration day on Tuesday 14 December. Throughout the day students will participate in fun activities linked to our learning programs we have explored this term. More information on our celebration day will be communicated to you in the coming weeks.

ES1 and S1 - K-2 Assembly - Students enjoyed watching our K-2 assembly via video today. The class presentations were fabulous and a big thanks goes out to the students and teachers involved. The video link to our assembly will be shared with parents tomorrow via Seesaw. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

Library Books - All library books need to be returned before the end of term. Students can return their books on any day and are encouraged to place them into the return shoot at the library. Students will no longer borrow books this year but will still have their library lessons and experiences with Mrs Hollis.

Eleanor Collier - ES1 Relieving Assistant Principal

Amy Paron - S1 Relieving Assistant Principal

STAGE 2 NEWS

Stage 2 End of Year Celebration - Tuesday 14 December (Week 11) - This year all stage 2 students are invited to attend a fun day organised by the Stage 2 teachers. We will be hosting a beach and movie fun day for the students to enjoy.

P&C Party packs - Thank you to the P&C. 3B, 3AT, 4L, 4R and 4M will enjoy a popcorn party pack on Friday Week 8 and 3P on Friday Week 9. This Friday (Week 8) is Wellbeing beach day dress up and next week (week 9) is inside out dress up day.

David Mercer - S2 Relieving Assistant Principal

STAGE 3 NEWS

Cake Stall - Year 6 will be conducting a cake stall on Monday 29 November at recess and lunch time. Students from all grades will be able to purchase cakes on this day. Cost for cakes will be between \$1.00 and \$2.00. Money raised will go towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

High School Transition - Year 6 have now received two out of the three

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

"1-2-3 What are we?"

"SAFE-RESPECTFUL-LEARNER!"



With the year drawing to a close the PBL are busy reflecting on all the positives that Pottsville Beach Public School has made in 2021. With a COVID affected year the students have plenty to be proud of when they look back on their achievements and their respective accolades. As a school, we have introduced tokens to signify Safe, Respectful and Learner behaviours and delivered evidence based lessons on the requirements of our school using data generated by the hard-working teachers and staff of the school. The PBL team would like to thank all staff and students for their hard work and their dedication to the implementation of the Positive Behaviour for Learning model in to Pottsville Beach Public School.

PBL Team

Prime to High lessons. We are proud of the maturity they are displaying and their engagement in these lessons. Orientation Day at Kingscliff High was a huge success. Students had the opportunity to attend some high school classes. Congratulations Year 6 on your outstanding behaviour.

Mobile Phones - A reminder that mobile phones are to be dropped into the office before school and collected after school. Phones are not to be used at school or on buses. This ensures personal devices are kept safe and are used at appropriate times only. If a student needs to contact family during the day they can approach the office or their class teacher. Year 5 have posted letters in the mail to their 2022 kindergarten buddy. Their letters have their photo included so the buddies can put a face to name.

Leonie Richards - S3 Assistant Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

We have begun our yearly stocktake. Please send in a note if you are unable to locate books on loan to your children. This will help us update our records.

Renai Hollis - Teacher Librarian

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen is operating on Thursday and Friday with over the counter sales.

Tamara Sheehan - Canteen Coordinator

Wellbeing Friday PBL Colour day



Dates to Remember

Last day Term 4 Students - Thursday 16 December
 Last day Term 4 Staff - Friday 17 December

Students First Day of Term 1 2022 - Tuesday 1 February
 Staff Development Day Term 1 2022 - Friday 28 January
 Staff Development Day - Monday 31 January

SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL TIP

Portal Calendar and Newsfeed

SENTRAL FOR PARENTS

Pottsville Beach Public School

Newsfeed, Absences, Calendar, Daily Notices, Shortcuts, Members, Newsletters, Help Portal, Issues, Forms