



## PRINCIPAL NEWS

It was wonderful to have families in for parent/teacher information sessions yesterday afternoon. I hope you found the sessions informative. If you were unable to attend, any documentation that was discussed or handed out, should have been sent home with your child today. If you have any follow up questions, please make sure you contact your child's teacher.

Our teachers have been working hard making phone calls to all families. I hope you have found the phone calls to be beneficial and it is important to us that we communicate with you on a regular basis. We are hoping to complete all phone calls this week.

Our Kindergarten students have started very positively and we are pleased with how all the students are adapting to the routines of school. Our Year 6 buddies have been nothing short of amazing and we're very proud of them!

Thank you to our amazing P&C for donating \$20,000 towards the shade sail to cover the new playground equipment and \$15,000 to expand our music program to allow all classes to access a wide variety of instruments. We are so lucky to have such a proactive P&C that is well supported by our amazing community.

Your cooperation at drop off and pick up has been very much appreciated. Your support in ensuring students can enter and exit school grounds safely makes it much easier for us all. Well done!

We conducted a whole school assembly last week as a practice run for upcoming assemblies. It seems like an eternity since we've been able to conduct them and we are pleased to have them back. All assemblies have been placed on the Sentral calendar. Parents will be invited if your child is receiving an award or is part of a performance. COVID guidelines will need to be observed at all times.

Best of luck to our swimmers attending the district swimming carnival on Friday. We know you'll do yourselves proud!

**Brad Lyne**  
Principal

ARE YOU CONNECTED TO THE PARENT PORTAL?  
See information attached with this newsletter

### School Swimming Carnival



**Kindergarten and Year 6 buddies**

**DEPUTY NEWS**

**Attendance** - Regular attendance at school is essential to assist learners to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular and prompt attendance of students. From time to time however, students may need to be absent from school as a result of illness, appointments and or family commitments. Where possible, parents are encouraged to ensure that disruptions to attending school are minimised to ensure that learners do not miss out on critical aspects of learning. To explain an absence, parents and carers are encouraged to respond by text once you receive an SMS stating that your child is absent OR go to your parent portal on Sentral and complete the reason for absence. Parents are also reminded that our school day at Pottsville Beach Public School begins at 9.00am. Students arriving after 9.00am are required to attend the office where the lateness will be recorded and a late notice supplied. The school by law has to ask parents for reasons for these partial absences. Please see attachment regarding attendance at school.

**Ethics** - Ethics and Scripture are taught across the school each Thursday. At present we only have an Ethics teacher for Kindergarten. Attached you will find a flyer asking for volunteers to train as an Ethics teacher. If you are interested you may also contact Colette Kleiman on 0417 609 544.

**SRC** - Congratulations to our school SRC for 2021. Today students will have received information regarding the badging ceremony date and time.

6Richards Exec - Floyd U

6Rologas Exec - Tayla P

2Rudman - Lucas M and Harper C

1/2Squires - Harper M and Banjo W

3Patterson - Ella V and Frankie G

3Bird - Milla G and Geasper M

4Lee - Lennox S and Indy P

5/6Briggs - Claudia R and Keane M

5Oehlmann - Madison M and Keya L

6Rologas - Ava B and Madden C

6Richards - Nirvana P and Jason E

6Richards Exec - Kyla M

6Rologas Exec - Corey B

2Paron - Lola G and Albie H

2Roach - Isla N and Ravi C

4Mercer - Lulu R and Harley E

3/4Tait - Jake D and Eden D

4Ryan - Lola P and Tiger J

5Coleman - Kai R and Jazz K

5Keyes - Rory M and Charlie B

6Smith - Nate B and Billie H

**Jenny Foster - Deputy Principal**

**OFFICE NEWS**

**Class Names** - The class names for 2021 are as described in our Week 2 Newsletter, ie the year and the teacher's surname, eg K Collier, 2 Paron, 4 Mercer, 6 Rologas. Please use this system when referring to your child's class.

**Home Routines** - Please organise your child's home routine in the morning before they come to school.

**Messages to Students** - For emergency situations only.

**Absences** - Please record your child's absence on the Parent Portal. A reminder that sick/unwell is not sufficient, we require a reason.

**Sue Matheson - School Administrative Manager**

**ES1 NEWS**

**Sport and Fitness** - Kindergarten will participate in fitness on Tuesdays and sport on Fridays. Students are encouraged to wear their coloured sport shirts on these days.

**Communication Folders** - This week students will bring a communication folder home. All notes from the teacher/school to home will be placed in this folder so it is essential that it is checked, emptied and returned each day. Please place any notes to me or the school and any lunch orders or banking in the communication folder.

**Home Readers** - Your child will bring home a home reader each day commencing Week 5-6. Initially your child may experience difficulty reading it independently. In this case please read it to them. Perhaps you could read a page/sentence and then they could read it. We are concentrating on pointing to each word as we read, reading left to right and learning the difference between what is a word and what is a letter.

**Seesaw** - You will receive information on how to log onto Seesaw.

Teachers will use this app to share photos of your child's learning experiences in the classroom and as a communication tool. We will upload work samples and photos of different school activities.

**Reading Eggs and Mathseeds** - Passwords will be sent home shortly so that you may access this program at home.

**Speaking and Listening - News** - This term your child will be invited to give news to their classmates starting Week 5. They are encouraged to bring a small item from home to present to the class. They may choose instead to tell their class something interesting. It is always helpful for students to practise their news before presenting it to the class.

**High Frequency Words - Weeks 4 and 5** - Our high frequency words for this week are 'is, the, and, for' and our high frequency words for next week are 'a, on, I, am'. It is always helpful for students to revise these words at home to consolidate their learning.

**Buddies** - Thanks to our Year 6 buddies and their teachers for their ongoing support. Kindergarten have settled well into Pottsville Beach Public School. We are beginning to reduce buddy time to allow Kinders to develop their confidence and independence to play with their peers and follow school routines such as bells, going to the toilet with peers, lining up, arriving at school, eating and packing up.

**Safety on Wheels** - Road and bike safety are important aspects of our school curriculum. No matter your age, riding a bike is an avenue for freedom and independence. It is crucial that our students and families are aware of the current laws to ensure all road and path users are safe. The law states that unless there are signs that specifically prohibit them, bicycles may be ridden on the footpath by:

- Children under the age of 16
- Adults supervising a child under the age of 16
- Children 16 years and older with an adult accompanying another child under the age of 16. All bicycle riders may ride on a shared path. When riding on a footpath or shared path, riders must keep left, overtake on

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)**

Congratulations to Violet K of 6 Smith, Emilee A of 3 Patterson and Zeb E of 3 Patterson. We loved elements of all three and will work with a graphic designer to combine the designs to create our new mascot. Congratulations to Zeb, Violet and Emilee!

**PBL Team**



the right and give way to pedestrians.

- Bicycles must be fitted with a working brake and a bell or horn.

**Eleanor Collier - Relieving Assistant Principal**

**STAGE 1 NEWS**

**Parent Information Sessions** - A big thank you to all parents who were able to attend the Parent Information session last night. If you were unable to make the sessions, your child will bring home a copy of the Stage 1 Parent Guide and What We are Learning in Stage 1 Term 1 Grid. You can also find these documents on Skoolbag.

**Parent Survey** - We sincerely thank you for taking the time to complete our 'Tell me about your child' parent survey. It has been extremely insightful reading through your responses and allowed us to build a stronger connection with your child through conversation.

**Home Reading** - Home reading began this week. Students are encouraged to practise their reading each night for at least 10 minutes. They may choose to read a book from our homereader collection, school library, your personal home collection or Reading Eggs Library. We also encourage reading and spelling practise of the weekly High Frequency words. These lists can be found on the What We are Learning in Stage 1 Term 1 Grid.

**Reading Eggs, Mathseeds and Soundwaves** - In the coming week, students will bring home their log in details for Reading Eggs, Mathseeds and Soundwaves. Students can access these platforms at home to practise their reading, spelling and mathematics skills.

**Sport Shirts** - Stage 1 students are encouraged to wear their sports shirts on Tuesday and Fridays.

**Amy Paron - S1 Relieving Assistant Principal**

**STAGE 2 NEWS**

All families should have received the Term 1 overview and a parent flyer. These documents outline what is happening and when, in Stage 2 for Term 1. (If you haven't received a copy please let your child's teacher know or contact the office and we will send another copy home.)

Good luck to the Stage 2 swimmers representing Pottsville Beach Public School at the Murwillumbah district swimming carnival on Friday. Thank you to all Stage 2 families who have sent in the requested supplies (tissues etc). It is much appreciated.

**David Mercer - S2 Relieving Assistant Principal**

**STAGE 3 NEWS**

Stage 3 class teachers and RFF teachers have all commented about the wonderful start the students have made this year. They have demonstrated flexibility, respect, resourcefulness and a positive attitude which has not gone unnoticed. Furthermore we have had numerous positive comments from both parents and teachers about the Year 6 buddies and the positive impact they have had on their start to the school year for their Kindergarten friends. Well done Stage 3!

Many parents would have received phone calls from their child's teachers already, but rest assured, teachers are trying to find time in their busy days to contact you all. We were pleased to have an opportunity to catch up with some of you on Tuesday afternoon this week. Remember, if you would like to make a time to talk with or see your child's teacher, please call the office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Congratulations to all of the students who competed at the school

swimming carnival last week. Students who have met the qualifying time standard have received a permission note to attend the Murwillumbah district carnival on Friday. Champions will be announced and presented with medallions at an assembly in Week 5.

District trials in various sports have commenced. These trials are open to students from Stage 3 with Year 6 given priority if there are too many nominations. Selection trials for school teams will commence shortly. These trials will be open to students in Years 4-6. Students will need to listen to the daily notices to ensure they attend trials.

Badging of Sports Captains and Class SRC Representatives will take place at our next Years 3-6 Assembly scheduled in Week 5 on 24 February at 1.00pm. You will receive an invite to attend this assembly if your child is in one of the above categories.

**Yr 6 Shirt Order** - A new order will be placed in coming weeks for those students who wish to order another shirt. A note will follow.

**Leonie Richards - S3 Assistant Principal**

**MUSIC NEWS**

**Interested in Band?** We still have heaps of space for students wanting to learn a wide array of wind instruments so please get in touch if you are interested! We are especially looking for new clarinet players.

**School Concert Band** rehearsals have returned at the new time of 7.45am on Friday for all 3rd and 4th year players.

**Beginner Band** rehearsals have returned at the new time of 7.45am on Tuesday for all 2nd year players (1st year players will join once they have a basic understanding of their instrument).

**Enrolment Forms** need to be brought back ASAP if you still want to continue with band. I can't organise a tutorial time and allocate your child an instrument unless we have the form back.

If you have any questions regarding the program please don't hesitate to email me: [matthew.pines2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:matthew.pines2@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Matthew Pines - Band Coordinator and Music Teacher**

**WELLBEING**

**Wellbeing Tips!**

Wellbeing is a key to learning at school and can be developed at home through fun family activities.

Below is a few ideas that will help build and maintain your child's wellbeing. Most of them are short and require very few materials. You could:

- Play emotional charades with members of your family. Each person acts out an emotion and the others participants guess the emotion/feeling.
  - Name and describe the emotions of a character in your favourite TV show. Take turns in doing this with your child.
  - Encourage your child to tell a person in your family about their day. The listener tries to guess what emotions your child would have felt during their day.
- You can also ask your child about their day with these interesting questions.
- What equipment did you play with today?
  - Who was the friendliest person today?

**Dannielle Thomson - Student Wellbeing Teacher**



**BAND ROSTER**

**BEGINNER BAND - Tuesdays 7.45am**

**SCHOOL BAND - Fridays 7.45am**



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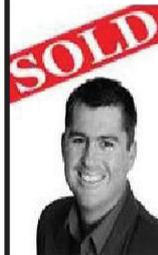
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