TERM 1 CALENDAR

Week 8 March
Tue 17 Interrelate Personal Development evening
Wed 18 No assembly
AFL: Paul Kelly Cup
Thu 19 School photos

Week 9 March
Mon 23 Harmony Day/National Day of Action against Bullying
Thu 26 & Fri 27 Yr 5/6 Excursion to Bathurst
Thu 26 No Senior Dance

Week 10 - April
Wed 1 2pm, Easter Hat Parade
Thu 2 Hot Cross buns on sale. Please pre-order
Last day, Term 1

TERM 2
Week 1 – April
Tue 21 Students return

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Could all children please be in correct summer uniform on Thursday for school photos. This includes navy socks and black shoes. The shorts embroidered with P.P.S. are for sport and should only be worn on Fridays. We are hoping that the photographers will be able to take some of the family photos before school. If you accompany your children to school, have a look in the hall to see whether your children can be photographed while they are still pristine.

UNIFORM SHOP
The next opening time is 9.15am this Thursday 26th March. In the meantime, uniform orders can be placed at the office (with correct money - cash or cheques payable to Pagewood Public School P&C).

Monday, 16th March 2015

PLEASE REMEMBER: AVOID SENDING NUT PRODUCTS TO SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY PEANUT BUTTER AND NUTELLA.

A SPECIAL REQUEST PLEASE: WE TRY TO KEEP THE GRASS IN THE ENTRY COURTYARD IN GOOD CONDITION. COULD EVERYONE, INCLUDING PARENTS, PLEASE USE THE PATHS ON EITHER SIDE RATHER THAN WALKING ON THE GRASS. IT DETERIORATES QUICKLY WHEN IT IS WALKED ON.

Election Day stalls volunteers’ code: 6GJSE

SCHOOL SOCCER AND NETBALL TRIALS
Trials for Year 3-6 students who are interested in joining the school's netball or soccer teams will be held tomorrow (Tuesday 17th March) during school time. Students may wear their sports uniform. Students who will be trialling for soccer may wear their shin pads, but soccer boots do not need to be worn for the trial.

Training for the students who are selected for these teams will be held before school, from 8:30am, one morning each week. Students are expected to attend.

HARMONY DAY/ANTI/BULLYING
On Monday, 23rd March, we will mark two important days, Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying. The children are asked to wear “a touch of orange” with their school uniform. The teachers will revise anti-bullying strategies during the next few weeks. In addition, attached to this newsletter is information to assist parents.
DANCE REFUNDS
Our office is still holding refunds for children who were not selected in the dance groups. Because it is cash, we would like to pass it directly to an adult. Please visit the office to claim the refund.

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to our recent canteen volunteers:
Wed 11 Mar: Tony Faust & Susanne MacMillan 9-12
& Lesley Ryder (12-2)
Fri 13 Mar: Vicky Roy & Jason Ryder

Thank you Tony, Lesley and Jason for your ongoing help in the Canteen. A big thank you to Tony for stepping in for Tara on short notice. Also welcome to Susanne and Vicky. We hope you enjoyed your time in the canteen. Thank you to Tony and Jason for running through the procedures with our new volunteers.

This week’s canteen volunteers are:
Wed 18 Mar: Delwyn Hinton & Tony Faust
Fri 20 Mar: Shelly Harrison & Jana Ukopec

Please Note:
Recess/Lunch orders are not being handed in at the appropriate time, which is before 9:15am. Volunteers recently had 8 orders given in at Recess and 2 further orders at Lunch. The Canteen Volunteers do their best to fill all orders, but this makes it very hard, when orders come in late. Please remind your children to hand in Recess/Lunch orders as soon as they arrive at school, ie before 9:15am.

New volunteers are always welcome. Forms can be collected from the office. All canteen rostering issues/changes to Chrissy Jenner (4jfam@live.com.au)
If you have any feedback regarding the canteen, our menu etc. we would love to hear from you. Please email us at pagewood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

DEALING WITH CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT ANOTHER CHILD’S IMPACT ON YOUR CHILD
It is inevitable in the school situation that conflict will arise between children. There are many reasons why this can occur. All teachers are alert to such possibilities and do their best to manage such situations. It is important that all parents inform a teacher of such concerns. Please do not attempt to deal with an issue by speaking to someone else’s child. The advice we would like you to give your child is to let the class teacher know immediately, ie the same day, of incidents which worry your child.

HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS
The parents of our Year 6 students are currently making decisions about their choice of high school. Many public high schools have developed specialist streams. Parents at Pagewood PS may be interested in seeking further information about the following schools.

DULWICH HIGH SCHOOL - Visual Arts and Design Specialist Stream 1-9 Seaview Street, Dulwich Hill
Dulwich High School of Visual Arts & Design provides opportunities for students to pursue excellence within the disciplines of Visual Arts and Design, whilst studying the core curriculum prescribed by the Board of Studies, for the attainment of School Certificate and Higher School Certificate. Students enrolled at the school will be involved in the main stream courses or the visual arts and design stream.
The application process involves 3 components:
1. Application form
2. Interview
3. Presentation of a Body of Work

NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL of the PERFORMING ARTS  www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au
Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.

Students who are seeking entrance in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops.

Please Note: To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.
OVERNIGHT EXCURSION
Next week, students from our school will be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

VEGETABLE GARDEN REPORT
Many of the children have enjoyed wandering around the vegetable garden and sampling some of its produce. We have had regular “picnics” of cucumber, capsicum and rockmelons. We have also picked and eaten two massive watermelons, the smaller of which weighed more than 15kg. Both were sweet and wonderful in texture and flavour. There are another 16 watermelons growing so we are looking forward to some more tasting sessions. There are also a few Jap and butter nut pumpkins growing, but the pumpkin crop doesn’t look as prolific as last year’s 45 Jap pumpkins.

We had lots of tomatoes, but most were spoiled by fruit fly – we don’t want to take the risk of using any insecticides, chemical or organic, in a school garden. The strawberries were also disappointing – overgrown by rampant rockmelon and watermelon vines.

Emily from Y1 planted some corn late last year. It hasn’t grown very tall but has some cobs ripening. Fingers crossed that bugs don’t get it before it is ready.

I am happy for the cooks in our families to help themselves to some of our basil. There is quite a bit there at the moment. There is also rosemary in the garden near the flag-pole. The rosemary really benefits from regular trimming so don’t be shy.

It won’t be long now until we plant some winter crops – the Pagewood kids seem to love eating snow peas and beans. We try to grow things that can be picked and eaten straightaway.

POTS for PLANTS NEEDED
One of the class stalls at the Market Carnival will be selling succulents. The organisers are in desperate need of your old pots and also cuttings of succulents. Plastic pots are fine, but terracotta or other decorative pots would also be welcomed. No bigger than 8” please, and smaller pots are preferred. Please leave pots and/or cuttings just outside the office entry and the stall organisers will collect them each afternoon.

PHOTOS
If any parents have taken great photos of activities at school, could you please email them to the school address or bring them in on a USB, which would be returned. When these events are happening, we are often too busy to be taking photos, but it is good to have a selection of photos for the web-site, Annual School Report etc. We would particularly like photos of Day 1 of Kindergarten.

MISSING INVITATIONS TO 2014 SPEECH DAY
For many years, it has been our practice to publish a general invitation to Speech Day. We also post invitations to parents of children who are to receive an award. Last year, it appears that few of these invitations arrived. We have followed this up with Australia Post and they have acknowledged that this was an error on their part. Last week, one of our parents let us know that the invitation had just arrived. If this occurs for other families, please be aware that the invitations are vastly out of date! This year, we will not post invitations. Please make sure that we have up to date email addresses and phone numbers as this is how the notifications will be made.

EASTER HAT PARADE
The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at 1:50pm in the school hall. All students are encouraged to design and make an Easter hat to wear for the parade. Hats need to be made at home and brought to school on the morning of the parade. Parents and visitors are invited to attend our Easter celebration.

We considered having an Easter Raffle. However, we have decided not to proceed with it this year. Families will have just been asked to donate cakes for the Election Day Cake Stall the previous weekend. We would rather not ask too much of families in such a short time frame.
SEEKING STALL HOLDERS - MARKET CARNIVAL

On Saturday 17th October, Pagewood Public School will be holding a Market Carnival. The 2012 Pagewood Public School Market Carnival was a huge success and we are delighted to be once again holding this special community event.

We are inviting applications for stall holders. The carnival will run from 9am – 3pm with the rides running from 10am – 2pm. The carnival will involve rides and amusements, food and drinks, performances, attendance by community organisations and various market stalls. The carnival will promoted using both printed and social media.

Non-food stalls will cost $50 and food stalls will be $100. All stalls must be pre-paid. Payment can be made by cash or cheque payable to Pagewood Public School P&C, and should be marked to the attention of Anna Demetrios.

Applications from prospective stallholders close on Friday 11th September 2015 and acceptance will be confirmed at the latest by 18th September 2015.

Please contact Anna with any further questions.

Anna Demetrios
Stall Co-ordinator, Pagewood Public School Market Carnival

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HARMONY DAY/ NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved. Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- Mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- One-off acts of meanness or spite
- Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. Listen calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. Reassure your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all’.

3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.
Election Day BBQ and cake stall – 28th March

As our school is a polling booth, Pagewood P&C will be running BBQ and cake stalls on SATURDAY 28th MARCH.

Funds raised will go towards the school’s objective of improving technology in the school.

YOU CAN HELP !!

We need volunteers to help at the stalls on the day AND donations of HOMEMADE cakes, cupcakes and slices ( homemade items always sell best ) on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th.

To volunteer, please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter code 6GJSE

Cake box decorating competition

As part of the day, we will be sending home cake boxes for the children to decorate and for parents to fill with delicious baking and return for sale at the cake stall. The box judged to be the most creative will win a prize.

For enquiries, please call Ann Linich on 0432 340 827 or email richlins@optusnet.com.au
INTERRELATE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENING – TUESDAY 17th MARCH

Usually we post home the information about the Interrelate Personal Development evening, which is most suitable for children in Years 3-6. We are now moving towards more use of online facilities so we won’t be sending home as many notices. Please try to inform the school of your current email address so that you get all emailed notices.

Information about the evening was emailed yesterday to most families. The Interrelate sessions are scheduled for Tuesday 17th March, with sessions at 6pm (Where did I come from?) and 7.15pm (Preparing for Puberty). If you would like a hard copy brochure, please contact our office.

It is preferred that payment is made to the school prior to the evening but it is possible for you to pay on the night.

We look forward to seeing many families at this valuable occasion.

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