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Term 4
Week 4

7 November 2019

What's on?

NOVEMBER

- 11 Kindy 2020 Parent Evening
- 14 Kindy 2020 Orientation Day
- 18 Band Instrument Fitting
- 21 Year 6 Social Media Talk
- 27 Kindy Excursion – Calmsley

Hill Farm

- 28 Kindy 2020 Orientation Day
- 29 Stage 1 Incursion - Fizzics

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten 2020:

The Putney community welcomes Kindergarten 2020 to our school next week. The Parent Information Night will take place on Monday 11th November and the children will have their first orientation visit on Thursday 14th November.

It was wonderful to meet recently with the 2019 Kindergarten Liaison Parents, Una Forstinger and Stephanie Sullivan, handing over the reins to the 2020 Kindergarten Liaison Parents Bree Totman and Lucie Munzarova. The role of a liaison parent provides valuable support to new parents to our school. The Executive team would like to thank Una and Stephanie for their work throughout 2019 and thank Bree and Lucie for volunteering for this role in 2020.

Transition Programs:

Transition programs to high school will take place this term. Some students are invited to participate in extra transition sessions at local public high schools to help make the transition as smooth as possible. Mrs Amanda Falconer (School Psychologist) and Mrs Hedge (Stage 3 Relieving Assistant Principal) will be implementing a transition program with the Year 6 students in Weeks 7-8.

There is a Year 2-3 Transition session planned for parents with children in Year 2 going into Year 3 in 2020 on Tuesday 10th December 3:30-4.00 pm. Parents were keen to see this session reintroduced to provide information pertinent to students in Years 3-6 including sport and NAPLAN.

P&C:

Congratulations to the P&C Executive who were re-elected at last month's Annual General Meeting. President -Robyn McLean, Vice President-Hooma Mishra, Treasurer- Marissa Wallace, Secretary-Una Forstinger and elected members Alison Hallworth, Rebecca Dejardin, Nicole Greentree, Marissa Ballion and Bree Totman. The staff look forward to working with you for the remainder of 2019 and 2020. I encourage members of the school community to get involved.

Thank you to the school community for being supportive with the maintenance work being carried out at the moment. Stage 1 rooms and corridors in Block A are being painted and linoleum, cabinets and sinks replaced in the wet areas. Roof tiles have been replaced in Block A and new roofs for the Library and Kindergarten rooms will follow.

Attendance:

Schools have a duty of care to monitor student attendance and address attendance issues if they emerge. At Putney we work in partnership with you to encourage and support regular attendance at school.



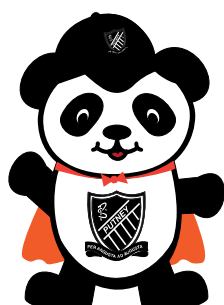
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Parry the Panda

As a result of the Departmental external roll check recently, I would like to remind parents of their responsibility to promptly explain the absences of their child from school and within seven days to the school or class teacher by written note or email. Please inform the school of any issues that may be impacting on your child's attendance as we will implement support strategies to address ongoing attendance issues.

Variation of Term 4 School Development Days:

Student's last day of attendance at school in 2019 is the 18th December and the Staff Development Day is 19th December. During Term 1 and this term, staff attended two 3 hour twilight professional learning sessions in lieu of attending the Staff Development Day set down on the calendar for the 20th December.

Not returning in 2020:

Thank you to the parents who have already informed the school that their child is not returning to Putney next year. If you have not already done so, please inform your child's teacher or the school office in writing. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Class Formation Policy:

As stated in our Class Formation Policy, during Term 4, the Principal begins the consultation process with the school leadership team, the Learning and Support Team and class teachers. Parental requests for special considerations are to be made by Week 7 of Term 4 via email to the Relieving Principal: michelle.brooks6@det.nsw.edu.au

Please note:

- Requests for special consideration should focus on the learning needs of the student.
- Selection of teacher is not an option.
- There is no guarantee that the school will be able to accommodate parental or student requests.
- Requests will not be considered at the beginning of Term 1 in the following year unless the Principal considers there are mitigating circumstances.

Online Selective High School applications:

A reminder that all online Selective High School applications for 2021 need to be submitted by the 11th November.

M. Brooks

Relieving Principal

AROUND THE SPORTS GROUNDS

Congratulations to the Putney Rugby League 7s team who won the Paul Sironen 7s competition last Wednesday at Leichhardt. The event had been postponed twice and the boys were eager to play after training diligently under the expertise of coaches Richard Warner and Sam Harrison.

The Champion team includes: Nathan P, Brandon L, Harrison F, Charlie B, Jordan T, Liam G, Daniel C, Marco J, Jaiden M, Robbie S and Nate S.

The team was also assisted with enthusiastic trainers who were past Putney students eager to support their school. I'd like to thank Liam Perkins, Nathan Warner and Darcy Fletcher for giving their time to help the coaches train the boys every week and run the water and coaches' instructions throughout the day.

The team only lost one game throughout the day to Denistone East but blitzed them with damaging defence and speed out wide in the Grand Final. It was a pleasure to watch the team work together and show resilience and determination to become the champions. I'd like to thank the parents who were committed to the training schedule and supported the team throughout the day.

Tigers League Tag Gala Day

On the 23rd of October students from years 3-6 whom were chosen to represent Putney at The League Tag Gala Day had a great time filled with sweat, snow cones and smiles. All students from Putney that attended The Gala Day for League Tag had a lot of fun, working together and using all the YCDI skills to play various matches of League Tag. We all walked down to Morrison Bay Park and placed our bags down in the shade. All too eager to start playing everyone was passing balls and doing drills on the grass. Each game only lasted 16 minutes, but was action packed with persistence and sportsmanship. There were over 160 teams participating in the event from both Catholic and Primary schools in the local area.

Senior Teams

We were challenged in the scorching hot sun. It reached close to 30 degrees but Putney were resilient and still put in 100% effort throughout their games. The senior's first game was a huge success with the girls score 4-0 and the boys 3-0.

After this all the seniors were pumped with energy but had to wait almost 2 hours for the next match. Unfortunately, the girls' lost 0-1 in a tight game but the boys stayed strong 4-0. Not so long a wait for the next match where the girls scored 8-1 and boys tied 3-3. For the last game we were determined to win scoring 2-2 for the girls and 2-3 for the boys. We walked back to the shade where the juniors' had wrapped up their last matches and were waiting to hear our results. On behalf of all the teams we would like to thank all the teachers, Miss Russell, Mr Foo and Mrs St Flour for coaching, cheering us on and helping us participate in this spectacular and fun event.

By Malia B, Penni P and Luca T - 6H



Girls - At the Tiger League Tag Gala Day, the girls team had so much fun learning new skills and playing as a team. We played our first game against Eastwood heights and won 6-0. In our second game we challenged St Michaels 2 and dominated to win 5-0. Our third game against St Michaels 3 was very challenging as they scored an early try. But we came back to draw the game 1-1. After that, we played against Our Lady Queen of Peace and put in a great effort to win 2-0. Our last and final match was against Truscott Street which we also won 2-0. Overall the day was very hot but so much fun!

By Natalie M - 4SK



Junior Teams

Boys - We went up against 4 different schools, the first game we played was up against Holy Spirit which we won 6-0 with an exciting happy hat-trick. The next game we played St Ambrose which we had a blasting game which we won with another high score of 5-0. The third game we played we challenged St Michaels and was another successful outstanding win 3-1. The last and final game we played against Our Lady Queen of Peace, which was an exceptionally marvellous achievement 5-1. The junior boys has a fun day at Morrison Bay Park for the gala day. It was a day full of fun with lots of cheers and excitement. Overall my team and I played very well and I would love to participate again next year.

By Peter S - 4SK



DID YOU KNOW THE CANTEEN IS AT RISK OF CLOSING?

The canteen is suffering significant losses and we need your help!

Please support the canteen by placing lunch orders at school24.net.au or volunteering your time.

Email info@putneypc.org.au

All meals are made fresh daily





Grandparents Day Photography Competition

A huge congratulations to all students who entered the Grandparents Day Photography Competition earlier this term. There were a variety of creative and touching photos displayed which generated much discussion and sharing of fond memories. Guests, teachers and students had the opportunity to vote for their favourite photo submitted based on the theme 'Connecting Generations'. The following students received the most votes and will be awarded a prize in their stage assembly this Friday:

- 1st Place- Sebastien B (4B)
- 2nd Place- Olaia B (1/KC)
- 3rd Place- Harrison F (5F)

All students who participated in the competition will receive a certificate to recognise their efforts and for being involved in a new school event.

Mrs St Flour
Assistant Principal



One Walk for Diabetes

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the One Walk For Diabetes on the 27th October. We raised double my goal, making more than \$1000. I did this 5km walk/run with my friends. We had lots of fun while raising money for diabetes. Thank you as well to everyone who donated or had a guess at the jellybean competition. Our lucky winner was one of our own teachers Mr Kemp. The number was 555. Good job and thanks to everyone.

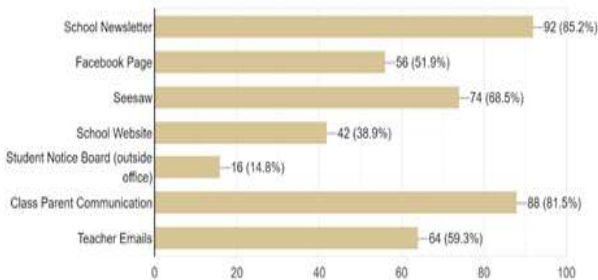
Sophie B

Parent Communication Survey



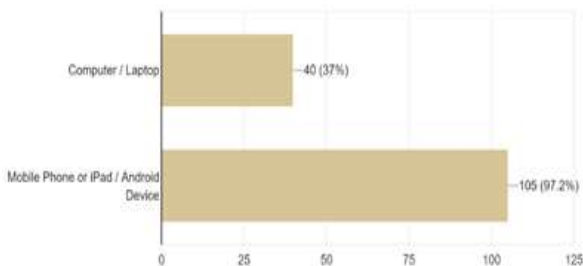
Thank you to all the parents who took part in the school's communication survey earlier this year. There were 108 respondents who provided a significant insight into the various methods of communication that parents and caregivers are using, what they find most valuable and areas for school improvement. Please see below for an overview of the responses and some of the planned school initiatives.

Please select which methods of communication you use at Putney.
108 responses



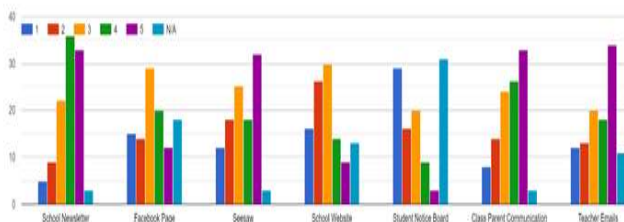
These results show that the school newsletter, class parent communication and Seesaw are the 3 most popular methods of communication.

On which device/s do you receive our communications?
108 responses



These results show that most communications are accessed from a mobile device (smartphone or tablet).

How informative/user-friendly are the methods of communication?

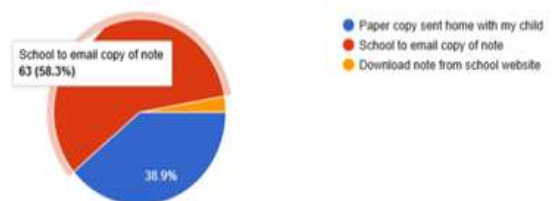


Below is a table summarising written feedback based on the above methods of communication:

School Newsletter	Useful for whole school general information as it is timely and regular.
Facebook Page	Mixed responses with some parents using Facebook for quick and simple access to information. Other parents are not Facebook users and have concerns about privacy.
Seesaw	Useful for seeing what students are specifically doing in class when it is regularly updated.
School Website	Mixed responses including that some parents find the website a bit difficult to navigate and find information.
Student Noticeboard	Most parents are not familiar with or use this method, however, acknowledge that this is more for student communication.
Class Parent Communication	Useful when information is timely, regular and consistent with other communication methods.
Teacher Emails	Useful for being specific to student or class. Information can be kept in inbox for future reference.

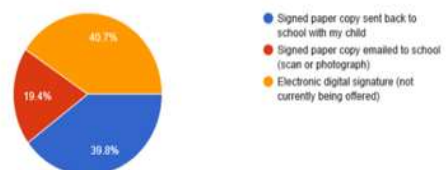
Generally, respondents referred to school newsletters for general school information appropriate for all families, and teacher emails, class parent communication and Seesaw for child specific information.

How would you like to receive permission notes?
108 responses



The most popular method to receive permission notes was for the school to email a copy of the note.

How would you like to respond to permission notes?
108 responses



The most popular method in responding to permission notes is for an electronic digital signature.

What suggestions of school-wide communication options would you like Putney Public School to explore?

As a summary, respondents would like more information about the following communicated:

- Sporting/ Extra Curricular Groups
- School and Zone carnival allocated dates when these are booked
- Athletics and gymnastics programs and days for each class
- Tennis and swimming information, including when notes are due
- Discipline issues and student academic concerns as these arise
- Specific learning focuses each term / semester
- School calendar with all events

SCHOOL INITIATIVES

As a result of the feedback gained from the school communication survey, the following school initiatives will be implemented:

- A transition afternoon meeting for Year 2 parents will take place on Tuesday, 10th December to find out important information specific to students moving into Year 3 in 2020. Specific meeting details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.
- All grade stationary lists will be sent home before the end of the year.
- The executive team has recently had a demonstration and the school has made the decision to fund full access to an online platform called 'Sentral' for 2020. As part of Sentral, parents will have access to a parent portal application. Some of the features of the Sentral parent portal include:
 - Digital permission - instant approval for permission notes through the app
 - Class Messages from teachers
 - An online interview schedule through the portal
 - Newsletters uploaded as a PDF
 - School online calendar
 - Automated emails- push notifications about absences and permission notes

We anticipate that Sentral will assist in streamlining communication between teachers and parents and help ease some issues outlined in the survey with permission and absence notes. Teachers will also be using other modules embedded in Sentral such as recording attendance, student wellbeing and staff communication.

It will take our administration officers, executive team and classroom teachers some time to set up and be trained in using Sentral. Once this has taken place, families will receive instructions on how to get started using Sentral's parent portal.

If you require any additional information, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Kind regards,

J. St Flour, K. Donnelly, C. Foo and N. Shearer
Strategic Direction 3 - Making Connections with the Community



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 To express your interest in providing this program, fill in the form, and return to your school or email at topnotemusicsschool@gmail.com Friday 29th November, 2019.

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MUSIC LESSONS



Yes, I'm interested in my child in learning to play the piano/keyboard with Top Note Music School.

Child's Name Class.....
 School.....

We have our own instrument Piano Elec. Organ/Keyboard None

Parental Approval.....  Contact Phone No.....



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