

Black and White

Term 1
Week 4

21 February 2020

What's on?

FEBRUARY

- 24 SRC Badge Assembly 12.40pm
- 28 Clean up Schools Day

MARCH

- 2 Premier's Reading Challenge commences
- 2 National Young Leaders Day
- 11 Preliminary Rotary Speaking Public Speaking Comp
- 11 Zone Swimming Carnival
- 19 Harmony Day
- 23-25 Year 6 Camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent/ Teacher Information Nights

I would like to thank parents and carers for attending our Parent Information Nights this week. We planned four sessions over two nights to provide parents the opportunity to attend as many sessions as possible. We are always reflective of our practices and last year's parents suggested including a classroom visit and an opportunity to speak with the teacher following the information session in the hall. This inclusion has been well received by parents who attended on Tuesday and Thursday night.

Class Parents

The role of Class Parent has proved to be an invaluable avenue of communication. Thank you to the parents who have put their hand up to fulfil this role in 2020. At the Parent/ Teacher Night parents were asked to provide contact details for class parents. If you were unable to attend and are happy for your details to be distributed to other parents in your child's class, the note has been attached and can be returned to your child's teacher, who will then forward it to the class parent.

P & C Support

P and C have provided the funding for a number of items identified by staff last year on a "wish list". The items include: jerseys for our Tiger Tag teams, new timber garden beds for our kitchen garden program, Kindergarten mats and a new Parry mat in the library. The air conditioning for the hall will also be funded by the P&C once it has been approved by the department.

I look forward to working with the P and C in 2020 to implement various planned projects. I encourage parents to come along to the meetings held in the library to hear of school initiatives and opportunities to further connect with your child's education.

Teacher Accreditation

Congratulations to Mrs Jennifer Gerges and Mrs Lauren Burke who were recently awarded their accreditation by NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority). Supporting beginning teachers with collaborative planning sessions, lesson observations and collegial support is extremely important and one of our priorities at Putney to help develop our young teachers.



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Parry the Panda

PLSPs (Personalised Learning Support Plans)

Over the last two weeks teachers have begun the process of preparing Personalised Learning Support Plans for students identified with additional learning and support needs in consultation with support staff and Assistant Principals. Collaboration with parents is an important part of the process. During the next couple of weeks, if your child requires a PLSP your child's teacher will contact you to arrange a PLSP meeting at a mutually convenient time to discuss the provision of adjustments and support to meet your child's needs.

These meetings will be an opportunity for learning and/or behavioural goals to be set. Monitoring and review of the PLSP will take place every term.

If at any time you are concerned about your child's learning and/or any aspect of your child's schooling please contact your child's teacher to discuss your concerns. We encourage a collaborative approach to your child's learning.

Black Polos from Lowes

Last week I met with a representative from Lowes to discuss the recent issue of "snagging" that has occurred with some of the new black polo sports shirts. An investigation into the problem is currently being conducted. Lowes at Top Ryde is happy to refund the cost of the shirt or exchange with a white polo if necessary. The issue may be a faulty run of material and Lowes have contacted the supplier and if need be will source another supplier to ensure the problem is rectified as soon as possible.

Scripture Afternoon Tea

The 2020 Student Leaders helped to host an afternoon tea for our Scripture and Ethics teachers last week. Mrs Gerges, our Scripture coordinator, lead the discussion of current procedures and ways to improve our practice and support our volunteers. The student leaders were impressive with the contributions they also made to the discussions. We were delighted to have our school canteen provide catering for the afternoon.

Sentral

We have purchased Sentral, a proven web-based software system that manages school administration, student wellbeing and attendance. It enables staff to access student data to assist teachers with assessment and the reporting process. Sentral also provides a Parent portal that we will be using in the future to improve communication between the school and parents. The mobile app and portal will help streamline online payments and permission for excursions, allow parents to send absence details, book parent interviews online and many other features to make communication with the school easier and more efficient.

Clean-up Schools Day

We are once again participating in the Clean-up Schools Day initiative to encourage our students to be responsible for the care of our playground. Buddy classes will be designated areas in the school playground to clean. It is important that students bring along a pair of thick rubber gloves or gardening gloves. We also suggest a pair of kitchen tongs if available to help students pick up the rubbish.

Buddy classes

The Buddy program has begun at Putney with older students paired with younger children from their buddy class. Teachers report that participation in buddy programs enhances children's cooperative learning behaviours such as taking turns, listening, sharing knowledge, praising another's effort, helping one another, and completing a task. Due to the extra attention and assistance, the younger children's work often improves. As the older students assume the role of the teacher, they are motivated to do their best. They also experience pride in their ability to be helpful. The younger children bond with the older buddy and friendships flourish as the year progresses.

Our Buddy Program is designed to help create a friendly and caring school culture by fostering positive relationships between buddies. The table below outlines the Buddy classes.

KC and KS	6H
KB and KT	6R
5F	2F
5E	3S
5/4M	2/1H
4S	2G
4F	1SK
3F	1M and 1E

Wests Tigers Visit

We had some very excited Years 2-6 students and teachers when five Wests Tigers players came to speak to our students about respect. They explained that respect is thinking and acting in a positive way towards oneself and others. Each class will reflect on three actions and make a commitment to display respect and care for themselves, their class and others. The Wests Tigers visit is just one of the many initiatives that we implement at Putney to support student wellbeing.



Student Voice - SRC

Congratulations to our SRC Councillors who were elected recently by their classmates. The election process is taken very seriously with nominations followed by speeches and finally the election.

The Student Representative Council has representatives from Years 2-6 classes. The SRC meet on a regular basis to discuss ideas and issues that are important to the students and our school community. SRC provides opportunities to develop their skills of leadership, teamwork and cooperation. Our SRC Councillors will be inducted in our first K-6 assembly next **Monday 24th February**.

Student Councillors for 2020

6H	Kaitlyn F and Asher R
6R	Tiana L and Benjamin B
5E	Chanha Y and Chloe P
5F	Ingrid J and Micah H
5/4M	Quinton C and Protiti K
4S	Rahul B and Kyan G
3S	Hayden R and James W
3F	Saxon M and Oscar F
2/1H	Noah B and Chloe T
2G	Alexander N and Ayla G
2F	Jemima O and Rachel H

Winning House

Congratulations to Lawson who were the winning house at the recent swimming carnival. Our Lawson House captains Thomas G and Krystal K had the honour of being awarded the house shield at a recent school assembly.



Parry the Panda

Kindergarten have been learning about expectations of behaviour in the classroom and the playground. The Parry lessons have been a real hit with the kindergarten students. Though I was a little stumped when asked some tricky questions by our kindy students.

Is Parry real? Does he have a family? When can we meet him or her? Is Parry a girl or boy? At which stage I looked at the kindergarten teacher with raised eyebrow searching for some guidance but to no avail. So I will be enlisting help from our students. Watch this space!



Congratulations

Last weekend Mitchell M from 3S competed in the regional athletics Under 9 Boys 700m Walk held at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation Athletics Centre, Narrabeen. This was the first time he has competed at regionals and he started the race really well and soon took the lead after 40m and stayed in the lead the entire way. Mitchell finished in first place beating his previous personal best time by 26 seconds.

Mitchell will now represent his region in the State Athletics Championship held at SOPAC on 15 March.



Communicable Diseases

The school has had two reported cases of hand, foot and mouth disease. It is a common viral infection.

A link to a factsheet on "Communicable Diseases" has been provided.

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Factsheets/infectious_childhood.PDF

M. Brooks

Relieving Principal



Fabulous 2F are fantastic artists!
These landscapes are inspired by Canadian artist, Ted Harrison.





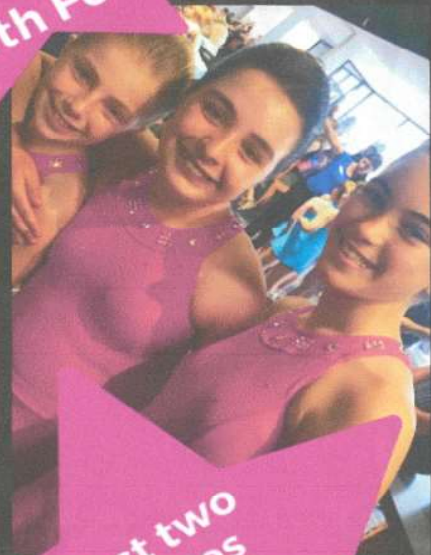
JOIN US IN 2020!

What is Physie?

- Physie is an affordable, low impact dance sport for girls aged 3+ right through to ladies, starting from \$5 per lesson
- It increases- posture and core strength - balance and flexibility- grace and coordination
- A combination of aerobic exercise and dance, physie provides opportunities to work individually and as part of a team, while making lifelong friends
- Building resilience, self confidence and empowering young girls and women of all abilities.

★ PUTNEY PHYSIE

Classes
start
11th Feb!



First two
classes
free for
new
members

Class Times - Tuesdays*

St Chads

3-4 Years 350-415pm
5-8 Years 415-515pm
9-12 Years 515-615pm

Putney
Primary

13-16 Years 630-715pm
Seniors 715-820pm
Ladies 830-945pm

* Extra Saturday Classes from Term 2



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