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6 February 2020

What's on?

FEBRUARY

- 12 Scripture commences
- 18 Parent Information Evening
- 20 Parent Information Evening

MARCH

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to 2020!

Mr Koletti will be on leave for Semester 1 and I'm excited to continue in the role as Relieving Principal. It has been my pleasure to welcome new families and students to our great school and witness the excitement of our 2020 Kindergarten students and teachers.

A 2020 staff list with accompanying map was emailed to all parents last week to help you locate your child's new classroom and teachers. Our Parent Information Nights will be on 18th and 20th February. We have scheduled two nights in the hope that it makes it a little easier for parents to attend all sessions involving their children.

The sessions will begin with a brief introduction in the hall and then move to classrooms, except for Stage 3 (who will be in the 5/4M room). So please join us to find out what is planned for your child's learning in 2020.

I would like to welcome new staff members to Putney: Miss Laura Piggot - our teacher librarian who was appointed through Merit Selection and excited to make our library an even more engaging learning space to help encourage our students to develop a love of reading.

Miss Pia Stutchbury who is teaching 4S, Miss Laura Thomas-Pike KT's teacher and Miss Kaitlin Ryper who teaches a range of classes using QTSS (Quality Teaching, Successful Students) funding which is used to support and develop teacher efficacy.

Congratulations to Mrs Caroline Millar who became a permanent member of our staff this year through the transfer process. Mrs Millar was so excited last week with her 2019 students who wrote some fabulous imaginative texts. "They have remembered to use punctuation!" she proudly told me as the students showed me their work. Moments like these are why teaching is such a rewarding profession.



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The smiling faces of our Administration team in the front office are often the first contact with the school that our parents and community have. We are fortunate to have such a great team and their diligence in fulfilling their roles has ensured a smooth start to the year. Mrs Dyer our Administration Manager is on leave for 2020 and we welcome Mrs Susan Turner to the front office. The Administration team includes: Mrs Sue Aldridge (Relieving School Administrator Manager), Mrs Sandy Harwood and Mrs Susan Turner (School Administration Officers).

I had morning tea with our Student leaders for 2020 last week and was very impressed with their ideas and plans for the year. Our leadership team include:

Captains: Isabel P and Gabriel J **Vice Captains:** Zara A and Jack B

Students Representatives: Alexandra O and Thomas T



Thank you to Mr Anderson for taking the leaders through the procedure and protocols of raising flags. The students will be writing down steps in a procedure for future leaders to follow.

I'd like to thank Putney IGA for their generous donation of \$370 from the Putney Street Fair. This money will be used to buy games to be used in the playground. I was delighted to receive the cheque from Irving Quin, an ex-Putney student and son of the owners of IGA.



It has come to my attention that parents and carers are parking illegally at drop off and pick up. It is extremely important that road rules are followed to ensure the safety of our students. We also need to be respectful of our neighbours and keep driveways clear. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

If you are late to pick up your child, due to unforeseen circumstances, ring the office and inform us. Students are to come and wait in the front office if they haven't been picked up. This avoids students becoming anxious.

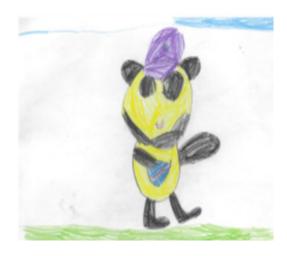
Congratulations to Ms Donnelly and her partner on the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter Matilda. Both mum and dad are besotted with their beautiful daughter.

Congratulations to Tess J who received her prize for second place entry in the Mayor's 2019 Christmas Card Competition. Tess and her family went to the Council chambers last year and Tess was excited to meet the Mayor of the City of Ryde, Jerome Laxale.



Parry the Panda seems to be a hit with our new Kindergarten students. Below are some Kindergarten drawings of our school mascot which I believe is a very good likeness.

Milla-Rose and Aria were our clever artists!





M. Brooks
Relieving Principal



Introducing our Student Leaders for 2020





Thomas, Zara, Gabe, Isabel, Jack, Alexandra

Hi my name is Isabel and I am School Captain for 2020. I enjoy reading and drawing. My favourite subject is art. As a student leader, I am looking forward to working with the other leaders to create new ideas and projects for our school.

Hi my name is Gabe and I am Putney's School Captain for 2020. I enjoy all sports in particular, soccer and cricket. My favourite subject at school is art. As a student leader, I am excited to help create more opportunities for all students to be involved in extra-curricular activities.

Hi my name is Zara and I am Putney's Vice Captain for 2020. I enjoy classical ballet and expressing my emotions through dancing. My favourite subject at school is art. As a student leader, I am looking forward to helping the new kindergarten students settle in and collaborating with the other leaders to improve our school.

Hi my name is Jack and I am Putney's Vice Captain for 2020. I enjoy fishing and playing cricket. My favourite subject at school is art. As a student leader, I am looking forward to collaborating with our students to make Putney an exciting place to come everyday.

Alexandra - Hi my name is Alexandra and I am Putney's Student Representative for 2020. I like walking my dog and playing netball for the Ravens. My favourite subject at school is writing. As a student leader, I am looking forward to representing Putney Public School and helping our students feel safe and happy.

Hi my name is Thomas and I am Putney's Student Representative for 2020. I like soccer and being called Tuson. My favourite subjects are science and maths. As a student leader, I am looking forward to leading our school and helping all students feel more comfortable and safe at school.

We are very approachable and if any students have any problems please come and see us and we will assist you as best we can.

Gabe, Isabel, Jack, Zara, Thomas and Alexandra

Swimming Carnival

The Putney Public School Annual Swimming Carnival was held on the 30th January. It was a huge success, with students competing and cheering for their house.

Congratulations to all students who competed and placed in their events. It was fantastic to see so many students participating in the events and cheering for their team mates.

The zone swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 11th March at Ryde Aquatic Centre.

E. Russell and S. Kemp Carnival Co-ordinators



Dance Audtions

We are fortuntate to have Danni Camage return to teach dance groups again this year.

Every dance group is capped to include 24 dancers. This number is due to restrictions applied by the organisers of dance competitons entered and must be strictly ahered to. Auditions for dance will be held next week in the hall

Stage 1 - Thursday lunchtime

Stage 2 - Wednesday morning before school

Stage 3 - Thursday morning before school

J. Gerges
Dance Co-ordinator



P&C News & School Banking



Happy New Year and welcome back to school! The P&C hopes everyone had a relaxing break over the holidays and are ready for an exciting year ahead in 2020. Welcome to all the new kindy students and parents and to any new students who are starting Putney Public School this year.

We are very excited to announce that we are funding the installation of air conditioning in the hall and a range of other items including sporting wear and other equipment for the classrooms.

Look out for the newly designed canteen menu and name, 'Bamboo Snack Shack', based on the school mascot 'Parry the Panda'. Thank you to Canteen Coordinator, Nicole Greentree, for organising the approval and update of our new healthy canteen menu and all the effort she has put into the amazing designs.

Our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 19 February 2020 from 7pm in the school library. We look forward to welcoming parents and citizens of Putney public school.

Kind regards

Robyn McLean President Public P&C

School Banking

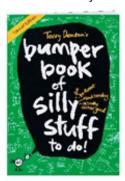
School Banking is back again for 2020! Banking takes place Thursday mornings, before school. We are located outside the school office, near the canteen.

School banking is a great way for children to learn about saving money. It also allows students to collect tokens to earn prizes, enter competitions and as an added bonus, raises money for our school.

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

This year the rewards theme is 'Treetop Savers', and two exciting new Term 1 rewards are now available for those who have already collected 10 tokens.

Terry Denton's Activity Books



Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)



If your child hasn't banked with us before and would like to start, come and visit us on Thursday mornings between 8:45 and 9:15am and we can help you register. We are looking forward to seeing you all at banking soon!

 $\ensuremath{\textit{Belinda}\,\mathcal{H}\!\textit{all}}$ (on behalf of the School Banking team)



Chess



A friendly reminder that the chess class is due to start on Tuesday, 11 February 2020, 1:20pm to 2:10pm



Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134 Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Putney Public School is held on Tuesdays from 1:20pm to 2:10pm, starting on 11 February 2020.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

















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In Term 1, 2020, we will continue to provide eletronic keyboard organ / piano lessons at your school.

Students would be taught by Mrs Chiara who has been teaching group keyboard lessons for over 20 years for Top Note Music School.

Tuition is \$20.00 for a 45minute lesson per week. Family discounts for siblings are available.

To express your interest in providing this program, fill in the form, and return to your school or email at topnotemusicschool@gmail.com Friday 14th February, 2020.

MUSI	C LESSONS	
Yes, I'm interested in my child in learn	ing to play the piano/keyboard with Top Note Mus	sic Schoo
Child's Name	Class	•••••
We have our own instrument Piano	Elec. Organ/Keyboard □ None □	

HYGIENE & HEALTH @ PUTNEY PS

Student hygiene and health is extremely important in a school setting, particularly as we have a number of students with low immune systems, who are susceptible to infection.

We ask that students follow appropriate school protocols, such as:

- covering mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing or coughing,
- disposing of the tissue in a rubbish bin, carefully washing their hands,
- avoid sharing drinks, food and utensils.

Live Life Well @ School IMPORTANCE OF BREAKFAST It's the most important meal of the day, Handy tip: but 1 in 4 children in Australia skips Discourage breakfast. children from At school, a hungry child can lose eating breakfast concentration in class and have no in front of the energy for playtime. Quick and easy breakfast ideas: This can also · Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit help speed up your morning · Wholegrain toast or raisin bread routines! · Smoothies made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit For more ideas, Health Northern Sydney healthykids.nsw.gov.au Local Health District

