

## Principal's Report

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Kindy First day	Mon 3 Feb
Jellybeans Starts Stage 2	Wed 5 Feb
SRC Nomination Forms due 9:00am	Mon 10 Feb
P & C Welcome BBQ & Meeting	Tue 11 Feb
Swimming Carnival Yrs 2 - 6	Wed 12 Feb
Meet The Teacher	Wed 19 Feb
Leadership Induction	Fri 21 Feb

### WHAT'S DUE NOW

Swimming Carnival Notes & Money
Jellybeans Notes & Money
Mobile Phone Policy Notes

### WELCOME BACK TO PICNIC POINT PS FOR 2020

I am so excited to begin as Principal of PPPS and I thank the students, staff and parents for their warm welcome to this fabulous school. On Tuesday, I had a wonderful day learning alongside the staff, getting to know them, as well as developing inspiring mathematical teaching plans and exploring ways to facilitate our children to become more confident mathematicians. On Wednesday and Thursday, I have been out and about in the playground, before and after school and in classrooms getting to know our students and meeting some parents. I look forward to meeting more families at our P&C Welcome BBQ.

I hope that all our families were able to spend some quality time together and enjoy the holiday break. We've begun the school year swiftly with all 15 classes formed and settled-in, not to mention the completion of Kindergarten Best Start testing ready for a smooth transition to PPPS for our Kindergarten students on Monday. Welcome to all our new families, including our new Year 5 students in our Opportunity Class.

This year the Summer Olympics will be held in Tokyo, Japan from 24 July to 9 August, and as such, we have chosen the theme of 'Japan' for our class names. Parents, please be aware that although we try to maintain the classes as they are, sometimes, for any number of reasons, slight changes may need to be made.

Our classes for 2020 are:

Kindergarten Kyoto	Mrs Austin
Kindergarten Koi	Mrs Bowen & Miss Romeo
Year 1 Osaka	Mrs Hayes
Year 1 Tokyo	Mrs Pokorny
Year 2 Pokemon	Mrs Weissel
Year 2 Nintendo	Mr Burdon
Year 3 Kumano	Mr Bowen
Year 3 Manga	Mrs Collinet
Year 3/4 Hakuba	Mrs Stawski & Mrs Williams
Year 4 Kabuki	Mrs Psomadellis & Mrs Mayorga
Year 4/5 Bonsai	Mrs Allen & Mrs Jaure
5/6 Katana	Mr Belgre
5/6 Suzuki	Miss Carter
5/6 Samurai	Mrs Colusso & Mrs Gray
5/6 Kaizen	Mrs Perantuono
Computer	Mrs Chatterton
STEM	Mr Narris

Reading Recovery / LaST	Mrs Clarke
EALD / LaST	Mrs Black
Literacy/Numeracy/Visual Learning	Mrs Plush (Term 1)

### **WELCOME BBQ & P&C MEETING**

All families should have received an invitation to attend the 2020 Welcome BBQ, hosted by the P&C on Tuesday 11 February. This cost-free event is open to all families, so come along, enjoy a bite to eat and make new friends.

The BBQ starts at 4:45pm, with entertainment from our school band. We would like to warmly invite and encourage parents to join us at the first P&C meeting of the year, commencing on the same evening at 7:00pm in G Block.

We look forward to having all community members join us.

### **MEET THE TEACHER EVENING**

Our annual Meet the Teacher Evening will be held on Wednesday 19 February. This is a great opportunity to not only meet your child's teacher, but to learn about the school routines and your child's class routines for 2020. Information has been emailed to all families, so please put this date on your calendar as we'd love to see you all here.

### **LEADERSHIP INDUCTION CEREMONY**

Save the date: Friday 21 February at 11:05am. Further details to follow closer to the date.

### **STUDENT SAFETY – MOBILE PHONE PROCEDURES**

Mobile phones have become an important and invaluable part of our modern lifestyle. At Picnic Point PS we recognise that many students and their families own a mobile phone. We also recognise that some parents/guardians request that their child bring a mobile phone to school for before and after school safety/security reasons. For the purpose of safe storage as well as minimising disruptions to learning, no phones are to be kept by students in pockets or school bags.

Please see our Mobile Phone Policy on our website, in the policy you will find the Mobile Phone Consent Form. This must be filled out and handed to the office before your child can start bringing their phone to school. Please remind your child that mobile phones must be handed in to the office upon arriving and picked up when leaving for home.

### **UNIFORM DRESS CODE**

I must compliment our parents and students on the way uniform is worn at our school. At PPPS we are very fortunate to have a uniform that is both practical and looks great. When worn well, our uniform; defines our identity as a proud school; gives students a sense of belonging and promotes a positive perception of our school within our community. We thank our parents for your support in ensuring your children follow our school dress code.

Please remember to mark all belongings clearly with your child's name. In addition, don't forget that the uniform shop is open Thursday mornings or parents are welcome to look through lost property in E Block. If something is unmarked, feel free to take it for your child.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance and understanding in this matter.

### **INJURIES AT SCHOOL**

Unfortunately, there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting or any other activities.

Apart from Medicare and private health insurance parents and caregivers can access personal accident cover through normal retail insurance outlets. When deciding whether to take additional insurance cover it

would be advisable to assess the level and extent of the child's involvement in sport programs at school, district, region and state level.

Many years ago, there used to be insurance schemes which parents subscribed to through the school, but that is no longer the case.

Looking forward to a wonderful year of learning. Remember to access the Parent Portal top keep up to date with school events. <http://ppps.sentral.com.au>. Families new to our school will soon receive the instructions on how to access the Parent Portal.

Karen Sellick  
Principal

## *Shared Language of Learning*

# BEE BRAVE



***"Bravery is not the absence of fear but rather the courage to face our fears and move forward"***

### **Definition**

Bravery is our student's ability to face challenges, tasks and learning with the belief that they can succeed. Bravery allows our students to be confident when faced with new challenges and take risks to improve their learning and themselves. For example Bravery can be as small as putting your hand up and saying "I'm not sure" or as big as giving a speech in front of the whole school.

### **Language of Learning Challenge**

Your challenge if you are 'brave' enough to accept, is to have a conversation with your child and share an experience of how bravery has helped you and conversely ask them, have they been brave this week?

### **Student Quote - 1 Osaka**

"We have to be brave so we are not afraid of tricky work." Olivia Dzheoshvili

"You need to be brave because if you are doing work and you think you can't do it, you need to not be scared and try." Yousef Helwe

## *Band*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Band Resumes	Mon 3 Feb
Welcome BBQ Performance	Tue 11 Feb
AGM & General Committee meeting	Mon 24 Feb (W5)

### **WELCOME BBQ**

Please ensure you are ready for some rigorous practice next Monday and Tuesday, as the concert and training bands will be performing at the Welcome BBQ - that means they only have 2 weeks to prepare!

The timetable remains the same for now - which means the concert band starts at 8:00am sharp. Please be on time to minimise disruptions.

### **BAND COMMITTEE MEETING**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the above date, at 6:30pm, followed by the Ordinary Meeting at 7:00pm, in G-block. It is important for parents to come forward and be involved in the band organisation.

There are many ways you can help, without committing to an 'official' role - helping on competition and performance days, discussing opportunities for additional performances, looking after the uniforms, fund raising, as well as the many events we hold at school over the course of the year.

Please come and meet other band parents and organisers and have your say!

## *Chess*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Chess Academy resumes

Wed 12 Feb (W3)

### **CHESS ACADEMY**

The sessions will be starting every Wednesday on the above date, from 3:00pm to 4:00 pm and will again be held in Mrs Stawski's (seniors) and Mrs Allen's (juniors) rooms. If your child has not participated in these lessons before and may be interested, you can find more detail on [enrolment@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrolment@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au)

### **SCHOOL CHESS CLUB**

The in-school chess club is held at lunchtime on Tuesdays (Mr Burdon's room) and on Thursdays (Mrs Stawski's room). Anyone is welcome - girls, boys, beginners, experts, students of any level. Come and play, learn how to play or just watch to see what it's about!

## *SRC*

### **NOMINATIONS AND VOTING**

The nomination forms have been emailed home today, these will be due back by 9:00am on Monday 10 February. We will not be able to accept any late forms.

During Week 3 each classes will conduct their speeches followed by voting. This time will be determined by the class teacher to fit in with their timetable. If standing for the position please have your 40 second speech ready and practised; palm cards may be used.

The Leadership Induction will be held in assembly time on Friday 21 February from 11:05am. Once all SRC names are known, an invitation will be sent to the whole leadership team.

As soon as all class representatives have been voted, an invitation will go home with information about our Leadership Induction on Friday 21 February.

## *Sport Report*

### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

All swimming notes must be returned by this Monday 3 February even if not attending the carnival. All students not attending the carnival are required to be at school for the day.



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Sign on days



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