



Pearcedale Post



A message from our Principal - Simon Anderson

SAD NEWS

This week our school was devastated by the tragic death of Liam, one of our Prep students. Our heartfelt condolences to Josh and Bec and the whole family - our love and thoughts are with you. I have been so pleased with the level of support already shown to the family and indeed the school. The Pearcedale community spirit never ceases to impress me! PCH, and indeed the whole school are far richer for having known Liam, he will forever hold a special place in our memory.

During this terrible time, we were well supported by social workers and Psychologists from DET. If your child is experiencing distress or you need strategies to assist your child, we have numerous documents to support grief. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the office for support.

If you or your child would like to send cards or letters to the family please do so via the office where we can pass these on at a suitable time. Other offers of support e.g. food etc. for a special hamper will be organised and coordinated via the office.

We appreciate your understanding with the postponement of the Junior School Christmas Concert.

CONGRATULATIONS

Billie T. has backed up her amazing hole in one with a dominant display in the Murdoch District primary school golf tournament, where she was the overall winner. She clearly played well with only 40 shots at Settlers Run and the next best score was 47.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT 1

Last week I had some girls come and visit me after school. They were in the grounds and they saw the yard needed a clean-up. They came and grabbed some buckets and gloves and gave the school a great clean-up. How lucky we are to have such caring students. Great work Lilly, Rhenae, and Lily.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT 2

Last week, the Osborne family made a lovely donation to our school of a new sports whiteboard and broom for the hall...this equipment will be able to be utilised by the school, the PE department and the after hours users..... A lovely and thoughtful gesture.



UPDAY

On Tuesday we held our annual UP day for students to commence the transition into their next year of Primary School. We have a number of new staff and teachers have moved into different areas, so this day was important for children to get to know their new teacher. When visiting the classrooms I was impressed with the enthusiasm and positivity from both children and staff.

Our mission is to enrich and equip all students with knowledge, skills and strategies that empower them to be active life-long learners, productive community members and global citizens.

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Term 4

Fri 14th

Newsletter

Mon 17th

Grade 5 & 6 Swimming
Fun Day

Tues 18th

Grade 3 & 4 Swimming
Fun Day

Wed 19th

- Grade 6 Melb. Immersion Exc.
- Junior School Christmas Concert

Fri 21st

Term 4 Ends
2:30pm Finish

Term 1 2019

Tues 29th Jan

Staff return to school

Wed 30th

Grade 1 -6
return to school

Fri 1st Feb

- Prep begin school
- Assembly

Mon 25th March
CURRICULUM DAY

Sun 31st March
SCHOOL CARNIVAL



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Sports Report

We would like to congratulate Billie Tate on winning the Murdoch District Golf Tournament that was held at Settlers Run Golf Club on the 30th of November. We would also like to congratulate all of the other Pearcedale students that represented the school. It was fantastic to have so many willing participants taking part. You should all be proud of your efforts!



We would also like to take this time to thank all parents, guardians and siblings that have assisted with any sporting event throughout 2018. At Pearcedale Primary we have such a jam-packed sporting calendar that we would not be able to deliver if it wasn't for the on-going support and help of the school community. If you have helped with anything, from transport to coaching and everything in between we very much appreciate your time and effort, so thank you very much!

We hope you have a fantastic break, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you all for a very exciting 2019,
Thank you,

Josh Simpson and Rhonda Peney



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

On the 29th and 30th of November all Pearcedale Primary students attended an African Drumming Incursion.

The incursion took place in the school gymnasium where the instructors Kofi and Abli taught all the students how to drum a Djembe. Kofi and Abli told us they grew up in Ghana which is a country in West Africa.

To start off the session we learned basic sounds on the Djembe such as Base, Tone and Slap. They taught us a combination using those drumming techniques to play on the drum which some found easy and others found difficult to play. After everyone mastered the combination everyone played it all together and it sounded phenomenal!

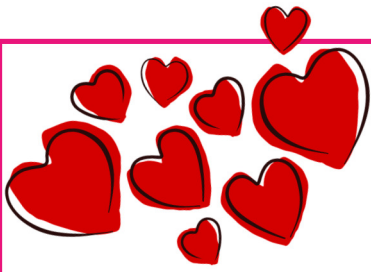
The students then had some time to spare with Kofi and Abli so they were allowed to ask some personal questions and some questions about their home country Ghana. Some of the questions included "What was your favourite African meal?" and "What do you do in your spare time when you're not playing your instruments?" and as a matter of fact their answers were very complex and surprising to lots of us!

Overall the African drumming incursion was a great experience and taught us students a lot about African Drumming!



By Molly Potter and
Chloe Dike 6CH

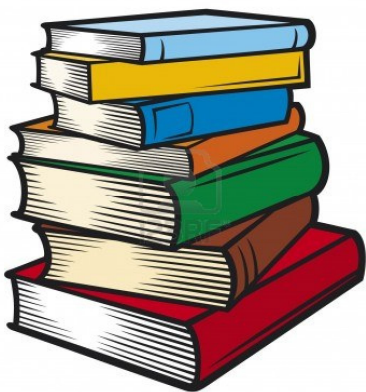




Miss Wiese

On Sunday 2nd December - our beautiful Miss Wiese became Mrs Cumberlidge.

The sun shone just in time for her to walk down the aisle! Miss Wiese was very honoured to have her class PMW attend her wedding and her students were so excited to be included on her special of her day. We wish her a life filled with love and laughter.



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our December Book Fair - your generosity has allowed us to select new books for our library to the value of \$2600.

Canteen News

Please note that the canteen will be open as usual every day next week- for the last week of term.

Wishing you a safe and Happy Christmas - thank you for your support this year we look forward to seeing you all in 2019

Performing Arts 2019

Over the summer break, could you kindly collect large plastic tubs or buckets (4L ice cream tubs or larger buckets) for our Performing Arts program?

We are also seeking as many Kinder surprise plastic containers as possible.



Students may bring items to the Performing Arts Room when school starts in 2019.

Thank You! Happy summer holidays.



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Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

To all families who are registered with Camp Australia, before next year, can you please update your details, as we require all information to be on the service's tablet.

I need to print new enrolment forms for 2019.

Update online, or if this is not possible please ring Camp Australia. Thankyou

All the staff at Pearcedale OSHC wish all families a very Merry Christmas and happy and safe New Year.

Wendy and Mariena

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Supporting young people online


Information and advice for parents and carers




The internet – an inspiring and positive place

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your child has better technical skills than you do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online. Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. We have grouped potential online risks into these 4 categories.


Conduct:

 Children need to be aware of the impact that their online activity can have on both themselves and other people, and the digital footprint that they create on the internet. It's easy to feel anonymous online and it's important that children are aware of who is able to view, and potentially share, the information that they may have posted. When using the internet, it's important to keep personal information safe and not share it with strangers. Encourage your child to be respectful and responsible when communicating with others online, and to consider how what they share may reflect on them. Discuss with your child the importance of reporting inappropriate conversations, messages, images and behaviours and how this can be done.


Content:

 Some online content is not suitable for children and may be hurtful or harmful. This is true for content accessed and viewed via social networks, online games, blogs and websites. It's important for children to consider the reliability of online material and be aware that it might not be true or written with a bias. Children may need your help as they begin to assess content in this way. There can be legal consequences for using or downloading copyrighted content, without seeking the author's permission.

Contact:

 It is important for children to realise that new friends made online may not be who they say they are and that once a friend is added to an online account, you may be sharing your personal information with them. Regularly reviewing friends lists and removing unwanted contacts is a useful step. Privacy settings online may also allow you to customise the information that each friend is able to access. If you have concerns that your child is, or has been, the subject of inappropriate sexual contact or approach by another person, it's vital that you report it to the police via the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (www.ceop.police.uk). If your child is bullied online, this can also be reported online and offline. Reinforce with your child the importance of telling a trusted adult straight away if someone is bullying them or making them feel uncomfortable, or if one of their friends is being bullied online.

Commercialism:

 Young people's privacy and enjoyment online can sometimes be affected by advertising and marketing schemes, which can also mean inadvertently spending money online, for example within apps. Encourage your child to keep their personal information private, learn how to block both pop ups and spam emails, turn off in-app purchasing on devices where possible, and use a family email address when filling in online forms. Make your child aware of scams that may seek to gain access to their accounts, and advise them to be wary in following links or opening attachments in emails that appear to be from organisations such as banks and service providers.

There are real advantages in maintaining an open dialogue with your child about their internet use. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

1 Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

2 Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

3 Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.

4 Encourage them to help someone! Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.

5 Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

Find out more ways of starting a conversation about online safety at www.childnet.com/have-a-conversation

What can I do right now?

- ☐ Maintain an open dialogue with your child and encourage them to talk to you about their internet use: for example who they're talking to, services they're using, and any issues they may be experiencing.
- ☐ Create a family agreement to establish your children's boundaries, and your expectations, when on the internet. A template agreement can be found at www.childnet.com/have-a-conversation
- ☐ Give your child strategies to deal with any online content that they are not comfortable with – such as turning off the screen, telling an adult they trust and using online reporting facilities.
- ☐ Consider using filtering software to block unwanted content. In addition to filtering, remember that discussion with your child, and involvement in their internet use, are both effective ways to educate them about the internet.
- ☐ Encourage your child to 'think before you post.' Online actions can impact not only yourself but the lives of others. Content posted privately online can be publicly shared by others, and may remain online forever.
- ☐ Understand the law. Some online behaviour may break the law, for example when downloading or sharing content with others. Be able to recommend legal services.
- ☐ Familiarise yourself with the privacy settings and reporting features available on popular sites, services and apps.
- ☐ If your child is being bullied online, save all available evidence and know where to report the incident, for example to the school, service provider, or the police if the law has been broken.
- ☐ Familiarise yourself with the age ratings for games and apps which can help to indicate the level and suitability of the content. Also see if online reviews are available from other parents as these may be helpful.
- ☐ Set up a family email address that your children can use when signing up to new games and websites online.
- ☐ Encourage your child to use nicknames (where possible) instead of their full name online, to protect their personal information, and create strong passwords for every account.

Sign up to our Childnet newsletter at www.childnet.com.

Help make sure that your children know how to stay safe online, by using our SMART Rules for primary aged children, or 6 Tips for Teens.

SMART Rules for primary aged children:

- S** Safe: Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too.
- M** Meet: Do not meet up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, as they are still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/ videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- A** Accepting: Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) and do not accept something if you are unsure who the person is or what they've sent you.
- R** Reliable: You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. Always compare 3 websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you find online.
- T** Tell: Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. You could talk to a teacher, parent, carer or a helpline like Childline 0800 11 11.
- Heart**: Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

6 Tips for Teens:

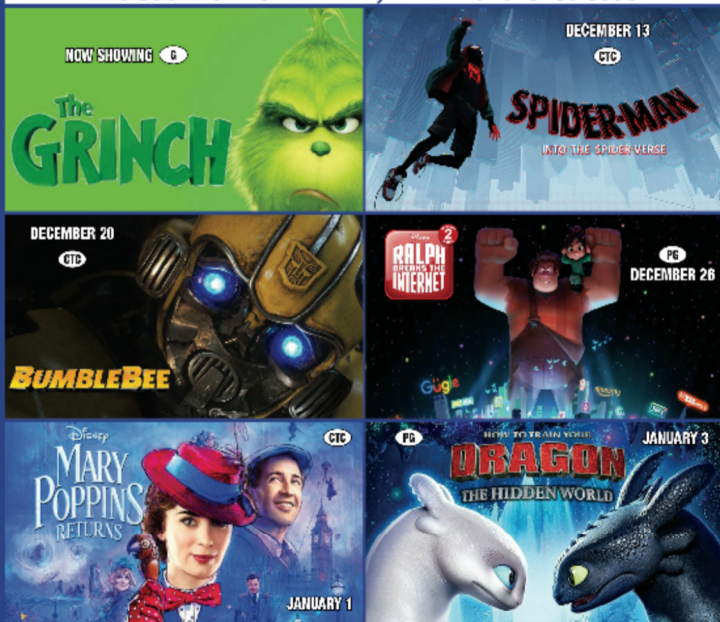
- 1 Protect your online reputation: use the tools provided by online services to manage your digital footprints and 'think before you post.' Content posted online can last forever and could be shared publicly by anyone.
- 2 Know where to find help: understand how to report to service providers and use blocking and deleting tools. If something happens that upsets you online, it's never too late to tell someone.
- 3 Don't give in to pressure: if you lose your inhibitions you've lost control; once you've pressed send you can't take it back.
- 4 Respect the law: use reliable services and know how to legally access the music, film and TV you want.
- 5 Acknowledge your sources: use trustworthy content and remember to give credit when using other people's work/ ideas.
- 6 Be a critical thinker: not everything or everyone is trustworthy; think carefully about what you see and experience on sites, social media and apps.



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Donations to local care for the needy
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Summer 2019 school holiday dates:

- Week 1: Mon 7th Tue 8th Wed 9th Thu 10th January
- Week 2: Mon 14th Tue 15th Wed 16th Thu 17th January
- Week 3: Mon 21st Tue 22nd Wed 23rd Thu 24th January
- 10am-4pm

Cost: \$80.00 per day, or \$220 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Maximum 16 children per day.

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Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

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