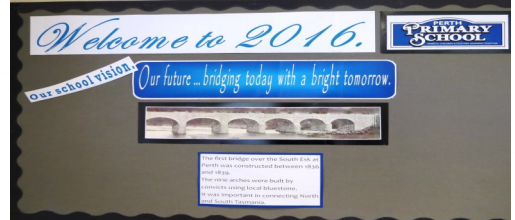


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Key Dates for 2016

Wed 3 Feb

Term 1 starts

Tues 9 Feb

Assembly 1.30 pm 6P Hosting

Fri 12 Feb

Canteen commences
Book Club/Levies/Validation
Forms Due

Tues 16 Feb

Milkshake Orders Commences

Wed 17 Feb

School Banking Commences

Thurs 18 Feb

Welcome BBQ 4.30pm
MYTERN Parent Session 5.45pm

Fri 19 Feb

Hawks visit 2-3 pm



Wed 24 Feb

Public Holiday
Launceston Cup Day

Wed 2 & 30 Mar

School Association Meeting 7 pm

Wed 4 Mar

Clean Up Australia Day 1.30 pm

Thurs 10 Mar

3-6 Athletics Carnival

Fri 25 to Tues 29 Mar

Easter break



Welcome. . . .

It was such a pleasure to reconnect with our students and families today and to greet new children who begin their learning journey at PPS this week. All students have made a very settled start with classes showing the typical focus to their learning that we have come to expect. Much of the program for the first few days aims to develop relationships and routines and helps teachers to re-assess students' strengths and areas for future development. Many thanks to teachers and staff who have worked hard to ensure that classroom programs and all areas of the school are ready for children to start learning right from the first morning of the school year.

Introducing Our New Team

Late last year we introduced the new staff members who would be joining us for this year. We are delighted to confirm Mr Ben Johnson as one of our ASTs for this year. Mr Johnson will also teach Gr 1- 2 HJ on Thursdays and Fridays and we look forward to Ben's leadership in the early childhood area and his contributions to our school. Welcome Ben!

Mrs Rachel Wyatte joins us from Glenorchy Primary School, and is teaching our Foundation/I class. Rachel comes to us with considerable experience and expertise and we look forward to her great contributions to our team.

Adrian a'Court brings the enthusiasm of beginning teachers to his temporary position on Gr 3-4, where he will work until Chris Wheeler's return in mid Term 2. We are delighted to welcome Adrian to our team, and we look forward to working alongside him during the next two terms. Welcome Adrian!

Georgie Underlin is studying Education at UTAS and has started with us as a literacy assistant, working in Foundation-I. We know Georgie's growing knowledge in Education and her experience in the classroom assisting with the Foundation-I program means she will quickly develop expertise to assist students with their literacy development. Welcome Georgie!

Welcome BBQ / Class Visits / MYTERN

This year an exciting guest speaker will be part of the Welcome BBQ and Class Visits evening to be held on Thursday 18th February. Details are included on a separate flier sent to all families and also later in this newsletter. We hope the parents of every child will attend 'open classroom' sessions to talk with teachers and to collect tokens for free sausages / hamburgers for the BBQ. Dr Jane Foster will speak about MYTERN starting at 5.45pm in the hall. Supervision for children will be provided by teachers outside, so that as many families can attend as possible. Some supervision for kinder and foundation children will be provided in the kinder playground if necessary. We hope to see you there.

Student Safety


This week we have seen much media attention to hoaxes made against schools in Tasmania and other Australian States. None of these threats have been credible but they have caused disruption, particularly in other States where the school year started earlier. We have reviewed our procedures for managing all situations and ensure parents that student safety is our number one priority. In line with our usual practice, we will hold several drills to ensure that students are familiar and comfortable with our processes and know exactly what to do in all unusual circumstances. We continue to remind students about personal safety messages so that they take as much responsibility for their own safety as possible, including the most basic messages such as sun safety and personal safety messages such as those from BRAVEHEARTS"say NO and run & tell". Sadly harm from known and trusted people are the most common threats to child safety. The BRAVEHEARTS program will be offered again later in the year. Please talk with your child's teacher or with Jenny, Ben or me if you have further questions about this.

MYTERN

Starting next week students in every class will be learning about MYTERN and working through some activities in class to help build their understanding of the concepts and language which MYTERN supports. The first two focus areas are: what are emotions & take control of your emotions. Ask your child about MYTERN and attend the MYTERN parent session on Thursday 18th February with Dr Jane.

Assembly – Tuesdays at 1.30pm

This year Assembly time will be on alternate Tuesdays at 1.30pm. Our first assembly will be next Tuesday, with our Grade 6 students hosting the first of the year. All parents and school community members are warmly invited to attend 'every' assembly to hear about the excellent work students are completing in classes and across the school. We look forward to seeing you there each assembly time.

Best wishes for a wonderful year of learning and fun at our school. We have many exciting plans for a great year ahead including a visit from the  on Friday in week 3. More details about this when they become available.



Lee





Happy Birthday



Staff and students would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Evie Guy, Trisha Farrow, Ignatia Van Der Pols, Bodhi Love, Jarrod Leaman, Amali Nicklason, Emma Henderson, Laila Biffin, Charlotte Pears, Taylor Carew, Casey Boyer, Erica McLaren, Rohan Addicoat, Melody Reihana, Jett Connie, Jaxan Berwick, Victor Bosworth, Tailah MacKenzie, Seth Perry, Madison Hodgetts, Thomas Laverty, Blair Starick, Caden Swindells, Ryan Springer, Ava Harwood, Ella Willmott, Mrs Wickham, Mrs Arrieta, Miss Delphine, Mrs Carr and Ms Hernandez.

1st Jan – 17th Feb

LiL 2016

Early Learning sessions are held on a Monday (holidays excluded) in the Kindergarten at Fore Street and will be commencing **on Monday 22nd February, 2016.**

Tadpoles are from **9-30am-10.45am** age birth-3yrs.

Pre-Kinder is for children who turn 4 in 2016. Sessions are from **11.15am-12.30am.**

Sessions are free of charge.



NEWSLETTER



A reminder to all parents that our school newsletter is uploaded to our Perth Primary School website every fortnight. Thank you to all parents who have chosen to access our newsletter on line or supplied us with their email address. However, we do issue hard copies only to parents who have advised us.

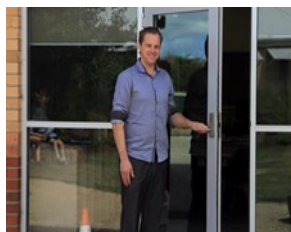
PPS welcomes our newest staff members.....



Mr Ben Johnson
AST / 1-2HJ



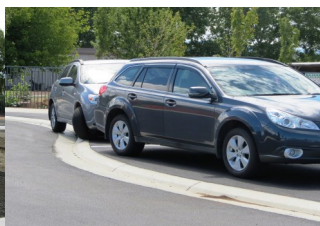
Mrs Rachel Wyatte
F-1W



Mr Adrian a'Court
3-4W



Miss Georgie Underlin
Literacy Assistant F-1W



School construction over the holidays.....

Fore Street Turning head

POD Toilet Facilities



LEVIES

All levies are to be paid by **Friday, February 12th 2016** or a payment plan made. Payment can be made by cash or cheque through the office. 'Early bird' discount vouchers are available for parents to collect at the office.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday & Wednesday
2.45-3.00 pm
Friday
8.45-9.00 am
2.45-3.00 pm

Validation Forms

due by Friday
12th February

School Banking

commences
Wednesday 17th February

Milkshakes
commence
Tuesday 16th



Canteen News



Firstly welcome to Term 1! For those who are new to the school, I would like to let you know that the canteen operates every Friday for recess and lunch. Order forms are available from your classroom.

We ask parents to send orders to school in a zip-lock bag (there are plenty of spare ones in the lunch baskets in classrooms) and to provide correct change where possible. Change will not be given until the lunch orders are delivered to classrooms.

Funds raised from the canteen are generated back into the school. Last year's profit of just under \$9000 went towards the completion of the primary play equipment.

We have two changes to the menu; we have included a Quiche – Bacon & Cheese, these are gluten free. Unfortunately we are unable to continue to offer pikelets due to insufficient volunteers.

Looking forward to another successful year at Perth Primary School!

Kristy Springer
Canteen Manager

Perth Primary School Association

Welcome



and

presentation

BBQ



MYTERN[™]
Take Emotional Responsibility Now

We invite you to come along to our free BBQ on **Thursday 18th February** outside the Canteen. Classrooms will be open for parents to visit and meet teachers from 4.30pm.

The BBQ is an opportunity for families to meet and talk to teachers and Dr Jane Foster in an informal setting. Enjoy a sausage or hamburger in the grounds of the school while socialising with other school families. Dr Jane will talk to parents from **5.45pm**. Supervision for children will be provided in the playground so that as many parents as possible can attend Jane's session.

Collect your tokens for free sausages/hamburgers by attending the 'open classroom' sessions and visiting your child's classroom 4.30 – 5.00pm. Teachers are hoping the parents of every child will attend.

Throughout the year the School Association raises funds to be put back into the school to benefit our children and we take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our school community for your valued support! So come along and enjoy a free BBQ. We look forward to seeing you there!

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