A huge thank you to Homestead State School for hosting Under 8’s day on the June 12th. There were many dashing princes and chivalrous knights armed and ready to fight off the fierce dragons to save the beautiful princesses from ice castles and dungeons alike. The children had an awesome day full of games, food and friendship. Well done Homestead! The children haven’t stopped talking about their great day.
Reading

I am very excited to announce that all of our students have made exceptional improvements in reading this semester. Recently, we had Cluster Principals and an advisory team from District Office visit our school and do ‘walk throughs’, during reading groups. They were very keen to see our reading groups in action and pleased to observe the students on task and engaged in their work. My Assistant Regional Director, Lesley Pecchiar, was very impressed with the student’s knowledge on decoding and comprehension strategies and the staff’s ability to articulate and teach the concepts. Well done team! It is great to see all our hard work pays off and the students are improving in reading.

Dalrymple Cluster Soccer Carnival

On Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June, the students and staff will be travelling to Ravenswood State School to participate in the Dalrymple Cluster Soccer Carnival. You may have seen the students training on the oval on Wednesday mornings at 8am-9am each week. It is amazing to see how their skills have improved in such a short time period, with extra training. Many students are choosing to even play soccer at lunch times! Check out the next Pentland Post for photos of the carnival.

Camp Darradgee

We will be away in week one of next term, 13th-17th July on our annual school camp. This year we are off to Camp Darradgee, near Innisfail. The staff and students are looking forward to it!

Have a lovely holiday, and we will see you next term!

Yours in learning

Laura Peagham
We have reached the half way mark for the 2015 school year! The students have completed all of their assessment and shown tremendous progress in reading, writing and spelling. Congratulations to Bradleigh Clarke for receiving a reading scholarship to commend his wonderful progress.

The 3/4/5 students did a fantastic job writing a historical literary recount, from the perspective of a convict during the First Fleet. They really got into this piece of writing and produced recounts of high quality.

The P-2 students have been learning about data in Mathematics for the past few weeks. They have been conducting surveys, asking questions, collecting data and representing data. The students really enjoy this Mathematic concept!

I hope everyone has a great holiday and I look forward to kicking term three off with some quality school bonding at camp!

- Ella James
  Teacher
I missed my friends after I went on the old ship. After eleven months on that disgusting pile of wood, I landed at Sydney Cove.

All the convicts walked off the ship and I saw another ship of convicts. One of them tripped me over. He helped me get up and we made good friends. His name was Thomas. I introduced myself. “Hi, I’m Mavis. I’m 13 years old and I’m here because I stole a loaf of bread.”

One day we all built a factory and we started to do work. One of the guards said “get the beard and put it on the deck.” I said “no”, “I beg your pardon?” said the guard. Thomas’s hand got stuck but he got it out. His finger started to bleed. One of the nice soldiers put a piece of shiny fabric on his hand and his hand felt better. I felt scared because I thought “Will that happen to me?”

After three years, I went on the ship and it took eleven whole months to get back to London. I saw my friends and told them how it was. I told them that I met a new friend. His name was Thomas. I loved Sydney Cove. It was the best place ever.
Never Ever Steal

By Chelsea Harris - Year 3

The stench woke me again. As my eyes opened cautiously, all I could see was darkness. There was a flickering light then a sound, "BAM!!!" The door crashed down; I was in fear of my life. Lots of people walked in with whips and guns. One of the officers said, "What's your name?" I replied, "Charlotte Rose". "How old are you?" "8 years old", I answered quickly.

The boat stopped. I carefully looked through the crack in the hull. I saw luscious green grass, beautiful tall trees, amazing animals, blue fresh water and nice food. I thought I was in Paradise. "Charlotte Rose, get off this filthy wooden ship this instant, you revolting stealing animal," yelled the officer. When I was off the horrible ship, I was speechless. I could hear the sound of waves crashing, people laughing, animals slopping when they drank water. I felt excited about staying on this new land because it looked beautiful and amazing after being locked in the disgusting, filthy ship. As I stepped of the ship, I felt exited, but at the same time I missed my family back in Scotland.
Old Rooster Jack

They lived at Aunty Ellen’s house and out the back there was a chook yard.

They went to the toilet and Rooster Jack pecked her leg.

They killed Old Rooster Jack.

They were sad because Old Rooster Jack died.

They buried him in the sand.

They went to the grave.

I can connect to the story because my dog chases me and bites me. She jumps up at me and she scratches me.

Sumah

Prep
Cinderelephant

The water hogs and Cinderelephant lived together. She was sad.

They got a note.

She was sad because they went to a ball and danced and she couldn’t go.

She wanted to go to the party.

She met a little tiny mouse. She went to the party.

She danced with the king, then ran home and left a shoe behind.

Cinderelephant fit the shoe and they married and lived together.

I can connect to the story because I was sad one time when I was all left alone.

Skie

Prep
Old Pig

Old pig and Granddaughter lived together for a long time.

One morning Old Pig did not get up.

Old pig was sick.

Old pig wanted to pay off her banks.

Old pig looked at the leaves.

Old pig died.

I read Old Pig at my house. It reminds me of when my dogs died. I felt sad like Granddaughter pig.

Joshua

Prep
Bodhi used “Spin it Spider” comprehension strategy to make connections while reading.

Leon

Text to self – I connected to the story “Leon” because I played soccer at Ipswich.

Text to Text – Phil Kettle read us a story about soccer. I connected this story to that one.

Text to World – Leon and the ostrich looked like they were playing soccer in Africa. The Australian soccer team plays soccer all around the world.

Bodhi
Gr 5

“Summar Seal” comprehension strategy helped Angela to summarise ‘Hedgehogs in the City’.

Hedgehogs in the City was about three adventurous hedgehog brothers. They climbed into pickle jars and rolled down the hill, flew off a cliff in a caravan and landed in the ocean, and caught a garbage barge to go and explore the city. One of the hedgehogs found true love in the city and they all found a zoo to live in.

Angela
Gr 2
Chelsea used the “Syn-Thesis Sloth” comprehension strategy to combine new information to what she already knew, to get a whole new understanding and then she hammered it home. She realised getting to know people from other countries was a good thing because you could get to understand them.

Chelsea Gr 3

“Reasoning Rhino” comprehension strategy helped Elma to make an inference about what was happening in ‘Ferdinand the Bull’.

She inferred that Ferdinand was shy and couldn’t get used to the other bulls so he went and sat under the tree and smelt the flowers.

She also inferred that Ferdinand would not be any good in the bull fighting ring because he was too gentle.

Elma Gr 4
Buffalo Country
On the edge of the rolling plain
Where the coarse cane grasses swell
Lush with the tropic rains
In the noontide’s drowsy spell
Slowly the buffalo grazes through
Where the brolgas dance, and the jabiru
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Station life
Oh, a station life is the life
For me,
And the cold baked mutton
in the morning!
Oh, the glorious ride o’er the
plains so free,
And the cold baked mutton
in the morning!
And the rising moon on the
mountains brow!
And the ringtailed possum on
the gum tree bough!
And the leathery damper and
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Althea Gr 1
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And the ringtailed possum on
the gum tree bough!
And the leathery damper and
the salted cow.
Last Wednesday the ‘Walk for Life’ team visited the students. Everyone was amazed to hear that they were walking all around Australia. All the participants were in the twilight years of their lives with one 75yo lady averaging 10 kilometres a day. They definitely put me to shame.

The trip began at Stanthorpe where they headed north to Cairns before backtracking to Townsville and venturing west. They expect their 16,000 km trip to take 16 months. All I can say is “RESPECT.”

Walk for Life is to raise funds to find a cure for Breast and Prostate Cancers. Donations can be made at http://give.everydayhero.com/au/walk-for-life1 or to show your support follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/robinsnestwalkforlife
Tennis coaching is over for another year. The students have enjoyed having Mr Single here to teach them some skills with the racquet. Not only has their fitness improved, but so has their forehand and backhand. We have quite a few promising tennis stars among our students. A huge thank you to Mr Single, for travelling out and supporting our small schools sporting efforts.
Sporting schools has proven a huge success with the students this term. Every Wednesday morning students start the day with soccer training. They have learnt about the game, the rules and how to show sportsmanship. Over the term I have seen students, who knew absolutely nothing about soccer, come to learn and love the sport! We are ready to blitz the Cluster Soccer Carnival!!

Every Friday afternoon students have been involved in Athletics training. We have practiced high jump, long jump, shot put, relays, hurdles and sprints. I would like to commend all students on their enthusiasm and love for sport – it’s great to see! I look forward to watching the students excel in the Cluster Athletics Day next term!

- Ella James
Over the last few weeks the students and Chappy have revived our vegetable gardens.

We have pulled out all the weeds, turned manure into the beds, planted many different seedlings, watered and weeded. We look forward to watching our seedlings grow into plants, then flower and fruit. Sometime next term, we should have sugar snap peas, beans, sweet potatoes, beetroots, tomatoes and more that we have grown ourselves.

With Mr Perks' help we have also been preparing one of our regular garden beds for all new plants next term. We have transplanted most of the plants that were there, removed the rest and have started turning the soil over. We need to finish turning over the bed and hope to add manure to it before planting next term with a range of interesting new plants (watch this space).
Students were fortunate to have Polly’s crafts come to our school last week to do some very special creative Art with us, when they were on their way to Winton and places further west.

Mick and Linley were very patient in showing us what we could do with Sand Art, Spin Art and our Glitter tattoos.

The finished products were awesome and we have kept some of the Art work to show off in our show display at the Charters Towers show next month. Check them out if you go to the show!

It was an even more special event, as it was fully paid for with some of our RREAP funds.

Thanks RREAP for this opportunity to do something different that we don’t get to do most of the time.
03.06.15
Selwyn is awesome. He is always respectful to teachers.
Sumah is awesome. She is a great sentence writer.

12.06.15
Chelsea is awesome. She always does her homework.
Angela is awesome. She is a great listener.
Skie is awesome. She always has great manners.
Mathew is awesome. He has focus in class.

15.05.15
Bodhi is awesome. He practices hard in athletics training; especially high jump.
Elma is awesome. She is a great independent writer in English.

Calendar of Events
- 25th & 26th June – Ravenswood Soccer
- 27th June / 12th July - HOLIDAYS!
- 2nd and 6th July – Tennis Coaching
- 13th -17th July – School Camp

SCHOOL RULES
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be an Active Learner.
Mum was born in NSW and lived most of her childhood in the Eastern Suburbs. Her Father travelled for work and her Mother went with him. Mum was raised by her Aunt Maude who was an Inspector of Schools. Aunt Maude trained Mum as a Teacher and her first teaching jobs were in local primary schools around the Eastern Suburbs. This was in the early 1940’s during WW11.

After her marriage in 1947, Mum moved to Victoria and raised 5 children. She also went back to teaching and for many years taught Needlework (at Footscray Girls Secondary School) which subsequently became part of Domestic Science.

After remarrying in 1969, Mum became mother to 2 more children. She continued working and finished her teaching career at Doveton High School.

Mum had two great loves aside from her family. She often took disadvantaged girls under her wing and aside from teaching them how to sew, she also taught them basic hygiene and social skills.

Her other great love was reading and in her later years could always be found with a book by her side. In honour of this we would like to award one child each term who has most improved their reading skills with $100 to go towards their education needs.

Mum always said “Reading is knowledge.”

**The term two recipient for the McGrath Family Scholarship is Bradleigh Clarke, for outstanding improvement in reading this term.**

Pentland State School Staff and Students would like to thank Eileen and Frank McGrath for their generous donation towards the reading scholarship. This is a great incentive for the students to improve in their reading.
This week is our last playgroup for term two. We have had a very special time at playgroup this term, and it was great to see Dylan back joining us after being away on holiday for a few weeks.

We have some special Art pictures adorning the walls of the playgroup that shows all the different things we do throughout the term. Call in and have a look one day!

Our next playgroup after the holidays will be on 22 July due to school being away on camp during the first week of term three.

But How You Play the Game

With the Cluster Schools Soccer Carnival happening this week I thought I would look at what values might help or hinder our students at the event.

I've been looking at "50 Rules Kids Won't Learn in School" by Charles J Sykes, a US educator. Many of these seem pertinent to our Soccer Carnival. I've reworded some of those rules and added some of my thoughts to each.

1. Life is not fair. Get used to it. While staff will do their best on the day, some things may not be fair. We can let it ruin our day or 'get used to it'.

19 & 22. If you make a mistake, don't blame someone else and whine about it. Admit you did something wrong and learn from it.

43 & 47. Don't let the success of others get you down. You are not perfect and don't have to be. As I sometimes tell students... There can only be one person in the world who is the BEST at any given thing. That is what BEST means. Chances are 7 billion to one that you are NOT that BEST person.

9 & 12. Competition and losing is part of life. In any given competition there will be winners and losers. In most cases far more losers than winners. Losing is not failure. Losing happens because someone else was better, failure happens because you gave up. How you handle defeat is a sign of your character. How you compete is also a sign of your character.

28 & 33. If you win, do it graciously. You will see these people again and they may remember how you behaved. How you handle success is a sign of your character.

50. Enjoy this while you can. Whether you want to compete or not, whether you make mistakes or not, whether it's fair or not, whether you win or not, you can CHOOSE to enjoy it... or not.

I look forward to getting together with the other schools again for another great day. I hope you do too.

Chappy Jarvis
Beef Stew

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons salt, plus more for seasoning
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more for seasoning
- 1 1/2kg boneless chuck roast
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, large dice
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 cup dry red wine
- 4 cups beef broth
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 fresh thyme sprigs
- 3 medium carrots
- 3 medium celery stalks
- 4 medium potatoes
- 1 cup frozen peas

Instructions

1  Mix 1/4 cup of the flour and the measured salt and pepper in a large bowl. Trim the meat and cut it into 1- to 1-1/2-inch cubes. Place the meat in the flour mixture and toss to coat; set aside.

2  Heat the oil in a large, heavy-bottomed pot or Dutch oven over medium heat until shimmering. Shake off the excess flour from about one-third of the meat and cook, stirring rarely, until browned all over, about 4 to 5 minutes. Remove to a large bowl. Repeat with the remaining meat in 2 more batches; set aside.

3  Add the onion to the pot and season with salt and pepper. Cook stirring occasionally, until softened and just starting to brown; about 5 minutes. Add the tomato paste, stir to coat the onion, and cook about 1 to 2 minutes.

4  Sprinkle in the remaining tablespoon of flour and cook, stirring occasionally, about 1 minute. Pour in the wine, scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pot, and cook until the mixture has thickened, about 3 minutes.

5  Return the meat and any accumulated juices in the bowl to the pot. Add the broth, bay leaves, and thyme and stir to combine. Increase the heat to high and bring to a boil. Immediately reduce the heat to low and simmer uncovered for 1 hour.

6  Cut the carrots, celery, and potatoes into large dice and add them to the pot (peel the carrots and potatoes first, if desired). Stir to combine, cover with a tight-fitting lid, and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables and meat are knife tender, about 1 hour more.

7  Remove and discard the bay leaves and thyme stems. Stir in the peas and simmer uncovered until warmed through, about 5 minutes. Taste and season with salt and pepper as needed.

Lemon Angel Pie

Ingredients

- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 C sugar
- ¼ tsp. cream of tartar
- ½ C sugar
- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp. grated lemon rind
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 2 cups whipping cream

Instructions

1. Beat egg whites until foamy.
2. Add in sugar gradually and cream of tartar.
3. Beat until stiff but not dry (it's o.k if this doesn't happen)
4. Pour into a butter glass pie dish
5. Bake meringue crust at 300 degrees for 45-60 minutes.
6. Cool.

Filling

1. Take 4 egg yolks and beat slightly.
2. Stir in ½ cup sugar, 3 Tbsp. lemon juice and 1 Tbsp. grated lemon rind, ¼ tsp. salt.
3. Cook until thickened in microwave for 4 minutes (stir every 30 seconds) Cool.
4. Whip 2 cups whipping cream and fold ½ of whip cream into lemon mixture.
5. Pour into cooled meringue shell. Top with the remaining whip cream. Chill for 24 hours.
Q: What washes up on very small beaches?
A: Microwaves!

Q: What goes through towns, up & over hills, but doesn’t move?
A: The road!

A new student came to the class. After telling the rest of the children his name, the teacher asked, “What does your father do?”

Student: “Whatever Mom says.”

Q: Why was there thunder and lightning in the lab?
A: The scientists were brainstorming!

Q: Why didn’t Noah go fishing?
A: He only had two worms.

Q: Why did Tony go out with a prune?
A: Because he couldn’t find a date!

Q: What did the little mountain say to the big mountain?
A: Hi Cliff!

Q: What did Winnie the Pooh say to his agent?
A: Show me the honey!

Knock, knock
Who’s There?
Barbie
Barbie Who?
Barbie Q Chicken!

Q. Why didn’t Noah go fishing?
A. He only had two worms.
## School Holiday Tennis Coaching Clinics

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| 10.45 – 11.45 Advanced  
(Year 5, Year 6, Year 7, High School) | 3.15 – 4.15 Advanced  
(Year 5, Year 6, Year 7, High School) |
| 11.45 – 12.45 Adults | 4.15 – 5.15 Adults |

**WHERE:** Pentland Sports Club

*Everyone Welcome!*

**COACHING COST:** Free

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ALUMINIUM CAN
RECYCLING

Remember to recycle all your aluminium cans at Pentland State School. We are also collecting used car/truck batteries.

The drop off bags are along the school fence on Gilmore Street.