School Mission Statement

In a supportive partnership, provide for the development of each child the attitude, skills and knowledge needed to cope with the demands of living in our society.

Yesterday afternoon, Thursday 26th June, Pentland State School opened up their doors and hearts to host a community appreciation afternoon. Volunteers from far and wide were acknowledged for their contribution to our town, making it, the great place it is. It was tremendous to see such a roll up of people; young, old and those in-between. Well done Pentland!
What a fantastic term!

Soccer Carnival

I would like to congratulate the students on their fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm during our recent Soccer Carnival in Ravenswood. We had 100% attendance at the event and 100% participation. Even though we haven't spent a lot of time training, our students got stuck in and gave it their best, some of them even scoring a goal! We almost won overall, but came a close 2nd to Ravenswood.

Academic Improvement

This week, teachers have been conducting parent teacher interviews and sharing the student’s academic improvements with parents and grandparents. It is great to have such positive meetings and display the great work we are doing at school. I am pleased to say that every student has improved greatly in reading, spelling, writing and mathematics this semester. Keep up the great work!

Athletics Carnival

The cluster athletics carnival is scheduled to be held on July 25th at the Pentland Sports Grounds. We will be asking for donations of fruit, cakes, biscuits or slices closer to the time. If you are able to donate anything, please let us know. Otherwise, feel free to come over on the day and watch the children in our district compete in athletics. It’s a great day!

June/July Holidays

We begin our holidays on Friday 27th June for two weeks. School resumes on Monday 14th July.

Thanks to the Staff

I would like to say a special thank you to my staff, Ella James, Patricia Peagham, Deb List, Kieron Jarvis and Deeana Greenwood, for all their extra effort and enthusiasm they put into their jobs. Nothing is ever too much to ask and no job is every too big. It is their extra work and dedication that makes Pentland State School the best school in town. Thanks a Million!!

Looking forward to term 3…..
Yours in learning

Laura Peagham
Term 2 has been jam packed with fun for our students! We finished off the term making tableau dioramas in Art-Technology and what a ball we had! A tableau is a freeze frame and our students had to choose an emotion to capture in a tableau, on a stage, inside a diorama. What a mouth full! The kids had such a great time planning, creating and constructing their dioramas and they look absolutely fantastic!
For the majority of the term, our P-5 students have been practising their sight words every morning in fun and unique ways. We have incorporated their sight words into a basketball game, ten pin bowling and ZAP. Let me tell you they have improved out of sight! This week we will be holding the ultimate sight word basketball championships to see how far they’ve come! Our 6/7 girls have been included as well, however, they will be using multiplication and division during the game to score points!! I can’t wait!
Show and tell has proven a success this term and I want to thank the students and their carers for really putting in the effort! It makes all the difference when we all work together! The children have been having a great time sharing! I hope to continue with show and tell next term so keep up the great work!
On a final note I would just like to commend all students on a fantastic term, both academically and socially! All students have made improvements in the classroom and all students are playing together nicely in the playground. We have such a beautiful school and we are very lucky to have a great bunch of kids here in Pentland! I look forward to a bigger and better term 3. Bring it on! Enjoy the holidays!

Ella James
Classroom Teacher
Jemma’s abstract noun – Dream

It was a dark night; the moon was covered by grey clouds. I started to walk slowly towards the school gate. The gate screeched loudly as I pushed it open. There was a voice coming from behind me. I quickly turned around. It was the school principal. “Hello, my name is Mrs White-Shadow and what is your name?”

“Hello Mrs White-Shadow. My name is Jemma.”

“Nice to meet you, Jemma. Now let me show you around our school.”

“Okay.”

They walked into the school together.

“This school is 106 years old” said Mrs White-Shadow. “Wow” I said. While we were walking she told me that sometimes the children hear the ghosts talking to them and can feel them when they are in the room by the sudden coldness. I quickly stopped. I was starting to get very scared now. She told me there was nothing to be afraid of, but I still didn’t believe her.

Mrs White-Shadow showed me where the old brick office was; it looked like it hadn’t been used in years. She also showed me a few of the classrooms and the toilets. We stopped at classroom 5C. Mrs White-Shadow said she had to go to the toilet and go to the office. So she left me in the classroom 5C to play with the board games and toys.

I turned on the dirty white switch. Bam! The lights turned on in a flash!. I looked around the classroom. It was filled with toys, but one thing caught my little eye. It was a doll. It had blonde hair, shiny green eyes and a blue and white polka dot dress with dirty red shoes. I picked her up. The lights went out! It was as dark as a bat. I ran as fast as I could to the light. I tried to turn it on but it wouldn’t work. Its eyes were illuminated green. The blue door slammed shut. “It’s evil, the doll’s evil!” I screamed in fear, but no one could hear me. The doll said, “That’s right and I’m coming to kill you.”

I dropped the doll. I bolted to the back of the classroom. It trotted towards me. It was getting closer and closer. I fell to the ground. It had a pair of scissors in its hand. It climbed on to me. It had scissors ready to kill me. Bam!

I woke up screaming. I checked to see if there was any blood, but it was all a nightmare. I looked at the end of my bed and the doll was there.

Jemma

Year 6
“7 minutes,” called the teacher. I couldn’t wait until we reached Pentland. I thought to myself, “I wonder if I have a beautiful horse of my very own; but I know that will never happen.” I start packing up my gear on the bus because we have just reached Pentland creek.

“Yay!” we all screamed. Mum was at the school waiting for me. We all piled off the bus, running to our Mums/Dads and Grandmas with joy! I ran to Mum, squeezing her as hard as I could. I loved the warmth of her love.

Finally I let go. I grabbed my stuff and put it in the back of the car and we started to head for home. We have arrived. Same old, same old, I thought to myself grinning. Suddenly I see this beautiful horse in the back paddock! OMG! I said to myself. Could it be my very own horse? Is this finally happening? I ran inside and everyone was staring at me.

I screamed “Is that Duck?” They went silent. I looked at Dad. He started to talk, “Yes, but you will not be able to ride him at horse sports or on a normal ride.” I reply with anger. “Ok then can I go and catch him?” I ran outside thinking to myself, he could not be that bad, could he? Anyway I will have to prove them wrong, even if it kills me!

I grab my new halter that Mum had recently got me. I saved it for a new horse, like now. I walk closer to him; he was as big as an elephant (well to me). I led him out of the paddock. Mum handed me the brushes. I groomed him continuously. I was so happy to know that this is my horse.

Dad grabbed my bridle and asked, “Ready to go for a ride?” I squealed! I put my saddle on him. It felt so good. I; I, I felt well, free; like I could go anywhere I wanted. Until Dad put a lead rope on my bridle, DAMN!

After walking around the town, I said to Dad quietly, “Dad, I can do this. You don’t have to worry. I will not get hurt.”

“Oh” Dad replied. He took the lead off. I walked around for awhile. Dad said, “Into a trot now.” Oh, I almost fainted with joy! I said to Duck, “This is it boy, lets do it!” I kicked him into a trot. I felt free again. By the time the day ended I was cantering around. I was so happy!

The best day ever! I learnt here that, “Good things come to those who wait.”

Gracie

Year 7
06.06.14

Savannah is awesome. She believes in herself in Maths.
Gracie is awesome. She worked excellently in Science.

13.06.14

Jemma is awesome. She worked hard to complete all her assessments.
Chelsea is awesome. She is outstanding at reading.
Savannah is awesome. She was being a positive and polite student.

Calendar of Events

- 14th July – School Starts
- 25th July - Athletics Carnival – Pentland
- 29th July - Show Holiday

School Rules

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be an Active Learner.
Chappy Chat

Give Me Attitude

"In ev'ry job that must be done,
there is an element of fun,
you find the fun and snap!
The job's a game,
and every task you undertake,
becomes a piece of cake..."

Some of you may recognise the above quote from Mary Poppins. I love this movie. For me, it's all about attitude.

Look at some of the songs:
- Chim Chim Chereee is saying that the lowliest of jobs still has it’s perks
- Feed The Birds encourages me to stop and care amongst the business of daily life
- I Love to Laugh, while silly, still promotes a positive attitude, and of course,
- A Spoonful of Sugar, quoted above, saying that work can be fun with the right attitude.

Everyone who knows me, knows that I strive to have a positive attitude in all circumstances and encourage others to do likewise.

That's it for my Chappy Chat this fortnight. If you want more, then please, go and watch Mary Poppins again.
P&C Pieces

P&C catered for the NQ Sports day which was an enjoyable day for everyone, and added well earned funds to our kitty.

This term we had Bookfair. The theme was Oasis. We raised around $500.00. A colouring competition was held with a total prize of $60.00 for the winners from Prep to grade 3 and grades 4 to 7. Jemma won the senior competition and Chelsea the junior. Both winners received $30.00 to spend at the Bookfair. Well done girls.

The P&C paid for the children to sleepover at Ravenswood for their soccer carnival. Soccer was a success.

The term is nearing to an end and we look forward to term 3. Our first fundraiser next term will be the Athletics carnival in week 2. If anyone has any spare fruit, cakes or biscuits, they would be greatly appreciated.

Angela Colyer
President

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Angela Colyer on completing her Certificate III Teacher Aide Course.

Playgroup Postings

Our very popular playgroup is continuing to grow, with more children arriving regularly each week, to take advantage of the activities on offer, with the young children participating in a range of different activities each week. There is a pleasing array of craft being made for display in the school and some of the items will be displayed at the Charters Towers show as part of our school display. It is pleasing to see so many parents bringing their children and encouraging them to be involved in the program and the social interacting with other children.

Everyone is welcome from 9.00am each Wednesday. You don’t have to have children to bring along - just bring yourself and join in our social morning and share a cuppa with everyone.
Everyone Welcome!

Where:
Pentland State School

When:
Every Wednesday

Time:
9am — 10.30am Games and Activities
10.30am — 10.55am Outside Play with students
10.55am — 11.10am Morning Tea

Bring:
Hat, morning tea, drink bottle
Monday 23rd June, staff and students travelled to Ravenswood for a sleepover, followed on Tuesday by a fun filled day of soccer. Students had the opportunity to catch up with mates from Ravenswood, Greenvale and Homestead and form new friendships. They also showed off some of their soccer skills. Students were teamed up into mixed teams with students from all the schools. All students are to be commended for showing excellent team spirit. Everyone had a fantastic time and all were sad to leave.
NQ sports was a great day promoting sport, fun and exercise! We were so privileged to host NQ sports this year at Pentland State School. Children from Homestead, Prairie and Pentland all came together to learn and play golf, tennis, soccer, hockey and cricket. The boys that were coaching were fantastic with the children and their passion truly showed through. All children played together and had a great day, filled with new learning experiences and fun in the sun! We hope to host NQ sports again next year!
Science is a blast at Pentland State School! From making slime to elephant’s toothpaste – we can do it all! On Tuesday 3rd June, Pentland State School students had a visit from the CSIRO Labs on Legs. The hands on learning activities coincided with our Science program for the term on Chemical Sciences. The junior students were busy making, touching, examining and discussing four types of slime. The students made the slime from different materials and then participated in a range of activities. The senior students explored Cool Chemistry and participated in a range of mixing experiments that kept them (and Miss List!) busy for over two hours. Some of the experiments included, ‘Speedy Reactions’ where students conducted a fair test to see the effect of temperature on the dissolving rate of aspirin. Another experiment was ‘Blowing Balloons’, where students created a chemical reaction, observed the temperature change, gas production, colour change and watch the gas blow up a balloon. They also made ‘Magic Sand’, which is a hydrophobic sand that repels water! These were only a few of the many experiments. It was fantastic to see the students engaged in learning activities and testing out their newly taught knowledge.
Red wine & beef pot pies

Ingredients

- 2kg beef osso buco
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 750ml btl red wine
- 2 x 28g Continental Beef Stock Pots
- 12g mixed herbs
- 60g butter
- 300g cap mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 1 leek, finely chopped
- 50g (1/3 cup) plain flour
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 225g (1 1/2 cups) self-raising flour, sifted
- 100g natural yoghurt
- 125ml (1/2 cup) cold water
- 2 teaspoons horseradish cream

Method

1. Preheat oven to 220°C. Combine the beef, sugar, paprika and pepper in an ovenproof dish. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until browned.
2. Reduce oven to 150°C. Whisk wine and stock in a jug and pour over beef. Add herbs. Cover and bake, stirring halfway, for 2 hours or until tender.
3. Transfer the beef to a bowl. Strain the cooking liquid through a fine sieve into a jug. Remove the fat and bones and discard. Coarsely chop the meat.
4. Heat the butter in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook mushroom and leek for 3-4 minutes or until the vegetables soften slightly. Stir in plain flour for 1-2 minutes or until combined. Remove from heat. Gradually add the cooking liquid. Place over medium-low heat. Bring to boil, stirring. Simmer for 3-4 minutes or until mixture thickens. Stir in beef and Worcestershire sauce and simmer for 3-4 minutes.
5. Increase oven to 200°C. Divide the beef mixture among six 375ml (1 1/2-cup) capacity ovenproof dishes.

Chocolate fudge pudding

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups self-raising flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 2 teaspoons butter, softened
- pure icing sugar and double cream or ice-cream, to serve

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Lightly grease an 8-cup capacity ovenproof bowl or pudding bowl.
2. Sift flour and 2 tablespoons cocoa into prepared bowl. Stir in 1/2 cup sugar. Add milk. Stir until well combined.
3. Combine remaining 1/2 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon cocoa in a small bowl. Sprinkle over surface of pudding. Gently pour boiling water over the back of a large metal spoon to cover surface of pudding. Dot with butter. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.
4. Dust with icing sugar and serve with double cream or ice-cream.
What would you call a top-notch detective?
A super snooper

What would you call fishing gear used to catch chickens?
Cackle tackle

What would you call a murder detective?
A stabber nabber

What would you call a computer nerd from Athens?
A Greek Geek

Knock, knock
Who's There?
Anita
Anita who?
Anita to borrow a pencil.

Knock, knock
Who's There?
Figs
Figs who?
Figs the doorbell, it's broken!

A man walks into a doctor's office. He has a cucumber up his nose, a carrot in his left ear and a banana in his right ear. "What's the matter with me?" he asks the doctor. The doctor replies, "You're not eating properly."

Math joke
Teacher: How much is half of 8?
Pupil: Up and down or across?
Teacher: What do you mean?
Pupil: Well, up and down makes a 3 or across the middle leaves a 0!

Quotes
"Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions."
Only the wisest and the stupidest of men never change.
- Confucius
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- Fri 4th - 10am Proserpine Entertainment Centre ($16) 4945 2312
- Fri 4th - 3.30pm Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre ($18-22)
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- Sat 5th - 10.30am Gladstone Entertainment Centre ($16-19) 4972 2822
- Sat 5th - 4pm Rockhampton - Pilbeam Theatre ($18-22) 4927 4111

- Mon 7th - 10.30am Bundaberg - Moncrieff Entertainment Centre ($18-22)
moncrieff-bundaberg.com.au 4130 4100

- Mon 7th - 4pm Maryborough - Brolga Theatre ($18-22) 4122 8060

- Tues 8th - 10.30am Gympie Civic Centre ($18) 5408 2556
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- Tues 8th - 3.30pm Nambour Civic Centre ($19) 5475 7777

- Wed 9th - 10.30am Broncos Leagues Club ($15) 3658 9900
- Wed 9th - 4pm Woomera Manly Leagues Club ($16) 3906 7800

- Thurs 10th - 10.30am Gold Coast - The Arts Centre ($16-22) 5588 4000
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- Fri 11th - 3.30pm Somerset Civic Centre ($15) 5424 2713

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- Kingaroy Sat 12th 9-10am

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