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.

Polly’s Craft

Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} May, Polly’s Craft dropped in again; giving our students an experience they won’t forget in a hurry, a Paint and Sand Art Workshop. This year along with the Paint and Sand Art there were Glitter Tattoos, which were a huge hit with students, teachers and an enthusiastic parent, (not mentioning any names, Mishelle) alike.

The students had a fantastic time being tattooed and creating their own sand and paint art. Keep an eye out at the Charters Towers Show for the Pentland State School Exhibit where you will be able to see some of the student’s wonderful artwork.
I can’t believe we are already half way through term 2! We have been extremely busy in the classroom.

**Sight Words and Counting**
Over the past couple of weeks we have been explicitly practicing our sight words and counting patterns in the mornings. We have been participating in a range of activities, including sight word bingo, name tags, zap, sight word basketball and counting. All of these activities are a fun way to practice and learn our sight words and counting patterns. I am pleased to say that every student has improved since the beginning of the term. Keep up the great work!
**Reading Strategies**
Reading involves developing a set of problem solving skills to work out difficult words. It is important students can articulate which strategies they are using and when to use them. We have introduced funky names for each decoding reading strategy to help students remember and explain them. The strategies include: Stretchy Snake, Lips the Fish, Chunky Monkey, Tryin’ Lion, Skippy Frog, Eagle Eye and Flippy Dolphin. Examples of these strategies are at the end of this newsletter.

**NQ Sports Day**
This Friday 30th May, students from Pentland, Prairie, Homestead and Distance Education will participate in NQ Sports Day. Students will be grouped according to age and rotate through a range of sports and activities. We are asking for donations of fruit, biscuits, slices and cakes to help the P&C cater for morning tea. If you are able to donate any food, please deliver it to the school before Friday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Attendance**
It is very important that students attend school every day. Every Day Counts! Our current attendance rate or term 2 is 90.1%. This is excellent! It is wonderful to see student’s only taking days off for essential reasons, such as, sickness or personal family issues. I would like to particularly congratulate Kenyon Thompson, who has not missed a single day this year! Fantastic work Kenyon, keep it up!!

Yours in learning
Laura Peagham
This term we have been lucky enough to include lots of technology into our learning. All students are currently making multi-modal presentations in English on their favourite book or creating an animation. Many of the students are using PowerPoint presentation and voice recording applications to highlight their favourite book. The older children have learnt how to use an application called Flipagram to complete their assessment. We are all having a great time putting these together and look forward to showcasing them to all parents and caregivers towards the end of term.

This term has also proven to be very hands on and engaging for all students. The Prep – 2 students have just started making wind ornaments in Science and we are hoping to create a wind orchestra by the end of term!! We will sound fantastic!

All students will be making dioramas in The Arts and Technology and the older students will even be making marionette puppets! Hands on learning is so valuable to our students here at Pentland State School and I believe contributes to the improvements we see every week in our student’s enthusiasm and learning at school.

Students this term have been focusing on the importance of a healthy heart in Health. We have been exercising every day, monitoring our sleeping patterns with our ‘sleep diary’ and eating delicious and nutritious food at active after school care. Next week we will start our assessment. The Prep – 4 students will be creating a booklet filled with valuable information about how to look after your heart and the 4 – 7 students will be creating a healthy heart talk show where they address health issues! I love when learning incorporates life skills and is of importance to our students! What a great term it has been so far!!

Ella James
Classroom Teacher

Did you know exercise helps strengthen and build muscles?
Mud

Mud is very nice to feel
All squishy-squash between the toes!
I'd rather wade in wiggly mud
Than smell a yellow rose. Nobody else but the rose bush knows
How nice mud feels Between the toes.

Chelsea.
Grade 2
Learning Fractions in Maths

Fraction 22/5/14

One half
\[ \frac{1}{2} \]

One quarter
\[ \frac{1}{4} \]

One eighth
\[ \frac{1}{8} \]

Althea.
Prep
**Smelly Science Experiments**

Play dough

The play dough before our experiment was flat and smelly. I added food essence to my play dough and it got sticky and the smell changed to vanilla!

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Angela
Grade 1
Renovations in the Computer Room
The recent purchase of computer tables has revamped our tired looking computer room. Students and staff alike love the brighter, airier and more spacious surrounds. They are a pleasure to work and learn in. Each student has their own laptop and regularly use them to enhance their learning!

P&C Pieces
On Friday 16th May, the P&C held a movie night at the school. The movie was ‘Frozen’ which was fitting as the weather is getting colder. Movie night was very successful with a good crowd turning up for dinner and the movie.

Next Friday 30th May is NQ Sports Day at Pentland SS. The students have been brushing up on their athletic skills to get ready for the day. The students will participate in a range of sports on a rotational basis.

P&C will be catering for all the school students, parents and supporters. If you are able to volunteer some time on the day to help out in the canteen, please come and see me. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th June at 9am. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend. See you there!

Angela Colyer
President
Our very popular playgroup is continuing each week, with the young children participating in a range of different activities. There is a pleasing array of craft being made for display in the school. It is pleasing to see so many young ones participating.

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.

This is a sample of some of the masterpieces we have created over this term.
A big thanks to Mishelle Hurren and Angela Colyer for tidying up our music room ready for Bookfair!

A HUGE thanks to Deb List for all her extra hours over the last couple of months setting up our new Levelled Literacy Intervention Kit. This kit contains over 1 000 books that needed to be covered and organised along with lessons for students to participate in. We look forward to seeing the students fly ahead in reading!
Extra Curricular Activities

ANZAC Day
What a success! We are so proud of all our students who attended the town ANZAC Day parade. All students marched with pride and were very respectful for the entire ceremony. The song sounded beautiful and this is a testament to the hard work all students put in learning the song and practising every day. Well done to everyone who represented our school.
Lest we forget
Ella James

Pot Painting Workshop
In week 10 last term, the students participated in a RREAP funded, pot planting workshop with Mrs Epong. Each student chose a large ceramic pot to design and paint. We had a range of designs, including flowers, animals, suns and patterns. The students were in small groups and painted on and off for three days. They were so keen, many spent their lunch times and afternoons painting with Mrs Epong! The final product is amazing!! We now have ten beautifully, coloured painted pots display around our school. We have already had many offers to purchase the pots, however, they are to remain at school and brighten up the place for many years to come.
I would like to say a huge thank you to Sondra Epong, your talent and patience is amazing and we hope you can come back next year again!
Next time you are visiting our school, keep an eye out for our wonderful pots!
The students have replanted our vegetable garden with winter crops. They are very excited and can’t wait to eat some of their favourite vegetables. If we have an excess of vegetables, we hope to sell them locally!
Ahoy there me hearties. Under 8’s day at Homestead last Friday was a swashbuckling good time. We pirates loved walking the plank, swimming through dangerous waters, digging for buried treasure and knocking the stuffing out of Terrible Toucan. We didn’t even mind sharing the day and our spoils with a posy of Princesses.

The princesses spent their day; being made up and be-jewelled, kissing frogs, walking the red carpet, digging for treasure and breaking a heart for a sweet reward.
16.05.14
Selwyn is awesome. He always has a positive attitude in science.
Troy is awesome. He tries very hard in his writing.

02.05.14
Troy is awesome. He always tries his best.
Althea is awesome. She reached her goal of counting to 100.

04.04.14
Selwyn is awesome. He always shares with his friends.
Kenyon is awesome. He always shows his great manners.
Sebastian is awesome. He always gives a helping hand.
Mishelle is awesome. She always helps cover books, and is fabulous at it.

Calendar of Events

- 30th May – NQ Sports
- 3rd June – Lab on Legs
- 10th June – Bookfair
- 23rd/24th June Soccer Carnival - Ravenswood

SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be an Active Learner.
Give It A Go

At one of my schools last year, we had a rugby league (NRL) representative do some basic drills with the students. At the end of the lesson he took the time to speak to students about bullying as part of the NRL's 'Tackle Bullying' campaign. I think it's excellent that the NRL is taking this initiative, but that's not what I'm gonna talk about here.

For their older class (Yr 5-7) he also talked to them about taking the opportunity to try new things when given a chance. I thought this was an excellent message and wanted to also share it.

He was telling the students that most people will only have 2 or 3 things that they will be really good at and enjoy and that most people don't know what those few things are for them.

So when an opportunity to try something (like a sporting come-and-try day) is presented they should give it a try. The worst that can happen is that they find that they don't enjoy it and don't want to do it again. However, they might just find that it is something that suits them and really enjoy it.

He then told the story of a young man that he knew about 10 years ago who got a Broncos scholarship. About the same time as the scholarship he was also asked to try out for a school musical. He didn't want to try it as he was more interested in football than anything else. His girlfriend convinced him to have a go. When the music teacher heard him sing, she saw potential and arranged for him to have music lessons and develop his singing talent. The young man played football for a few years, but it was the music that he showed real talent in. This young man is now in a band, has released a few CDs and estimates that his income was over $1 million last year.

While very few of us will have million dollar careers, most of us have the potential to gain a great deal of enjoyment from spending time at one of the things that we are really good at, as long as we can find those things that we are good at. We'll find these things by being willing to have a go at all sorts of different things.

We should encourage our students not to be afraid to try new experiences. Some of the best experiences in life will come from stepping outside our comfort zone and having a go at something new.

Chappy Jarvis
Basil, lemon and garlic roasted chicken

- ¼ cup chopped basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- ¼ cup (60ml) olive oil
- 2 x 250g chicken breast fillets, skin on and wingtip attached, trimmed
- 2 zucchini (courgettes), sliced
- 250g cherry tomatoes
- ¼ cup basil leaves, extra
- lemon wedges, to serve

Preheat oven to 220°C (425°F). Place the basil, lemon zest, garlic and oil in a bowl and stir to combine. Place the chicken and zucchini on a baking tray and spoon over the basil mixture. Roast for 10 minutes. Add the tomatoes and roast for a further 5 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through. Top with extra basil leaves and serve with lemon wedges. Serves 2.

Pavlova ice-cream jars

- 250g frozen raspberries
- ¼ cup (55g) caster (superfine) sugar
- 1 litre vanilla ice-cream
- 10 store-bought meringues, crushed
- ⅓ cup (80ml) passionfruit pulp

Place the raspberries and sugar in a medium saucepan over medium heat and cook, stirring, until the sugar is dissolved. Increase the heat to high, bring to the boil and cook for 2–3 minutes or until thickened slightly. Allow to cool completely before passing through a sieve. Place the ice-cream in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat for 30 seconds or until just softened. Fold through the crushed meringue and spoon into 6 x 1 cup-capacity (250ml) jars, layering with the raspberry purée and passionfruit pulp. Freeze for 2–3 hours or until set. Makes 6.
Jokes & Quotes

Why do millipedes only play the second half of a football match? It takes the first half to tie all their laces!

While waiting at the veterinarian's office, I overheard two women chatting about their dogs.

"What's your dog's name?" asked the first woman.

"Well, we used to call her Pork Chop," answered the second lady. "But after the vet bills we've had for her, we now call her Filet Mignon."

Q: What do you get from a pampered cow?
A: Spoiled milk.

Q. What do you get when you cross a cow and a duck?
A. Milk and quackers!

Q. What do you call a surgeon with eight arms?
A. A doctopus!

Question:

Why do dragons sleep during the day?

Answer:

So they can fight knights!

Question:

What do you call a dinosaur wearing a blindfold?

Answer:

Do-you-think-he-saw-us!
Pentland State School Reading Strategies

**Eagle Eye**
Look at the picture.
Think “What is in the picture that starts with the beginning letter?”

**Lips the Fish**
Get your mouth ready!
Say the beginning sound.

**Skippy Frog**
Skip the tricky word.
Read to the end.
Go back & try it again.

**Flippy Dolphin**
Flip the vowel sound.
Try the long & short sounds.

**Chunky Monkey**
Break the word into chunks you already know.
mat
flat
splat
ter

**Tryin’ Lion**
Try to re-read the sentence.
Think “What makes sense?”

**Stretchy Snake**
Slowly stretch each letter sound to make the word.
ship = sh il p