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## Principal's Report

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Hello all and welcome to our final newsletter for Term 1.

### Literate Learners

Our vision at Pittsworth State School is Literate Learners. A Literate Learner can read, write and communicate effectively and also think critically. This our core business.

### Milne Bay Military Challenge

I must sincerely thank and congratulate every student, staff member and family member who participated in the Milne Bay Military Challenge over the weekend. Our PSS teams completed in a 7km hike over rough terrain and by all accounts it was worth every bit of effort. I must extend a huge congratulations to the members of two of our teams who finished 1st and 2nd respectively in the 7km Primary School Hike Challenge! Well done to all of you.

### National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Last Friday, we as a school supported this very important day. The whole school made a special pledge on parade to end bullying and violence at PSS. We also watched a clip called "Your Superpower" which highlighted just how important the role of a bystander is. Remember that bullying is not ok and we need people to stand up against it, in order to stamp it out. Thank you to those who wore blue on the day.

### Music Consultation Meeting this Wednesday Night

This Wednesday night at 6pm, PSS and Pittsworth State High School (PSHS) will be holding a combined community consultation meeting around the review of our Strings Programs for 2019 onwards. The purpose of this meeting, will be for myself and PSHS principal Mr James O'Neil to share what data we need to collect, the process itself and what is expected in the review process. If your child/children are currently in our strings program or you wish for your child to be in our strings program in 2019, I urge you to attend.

### Prep Upgrades

Both of our prep classrooms have received or are going to receive a few upgrades over the coming weeks. These upgrades include some brand new carpet and the inclusion of two "Phonak speaker systems." With these systems, the teacher wears a microphone on a lanyard around their neck and it connects to a tower style speaker at the back of the room. These systems assist in voice clarity and

projection and they have been proven to improve student concentration. We have been using one for a few weeks now and all reports have been very positive.

Have a safe and happy Easter break. I look forward to seeing you all back next term.

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This year, Pittsworth State School's key priorities are:

1. Reading
2. Numeracy
3. Quality Teaching practices
4. Student Attendance
5. Building and maintaining productive partnerships with parents and the wider community

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## P & C Patch

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Hello Parents and Carers,

The 2018 Executive Committee has been finalised! As previously mentioned in the last P&C Patch, Jess Briggs became President and Jaime Fing became Vice President. We can now confirm Lisa Cavanagh has accepted the position of Treasurer (Thank you Lisa) and Catt Ruhle as Secretary. We are looking forward to an exciting year of achieving goals that will benefit our children.

### **Uniform Shop News**

Are you ready for Cross-Country? Sports shirts only \$20.00! Place your order now for Jumpers, Jerseys & Track pants, in readiness for winter. Uniform shop hours are 9am till 4pm every Thursday.

(Last day for Term 1 is 29/03/18) Come in and see Paula who will help you with all your uniform needs.

#### **Tuckshop News**

Thank you again to all our wonderful volunteers who help with ensuring our hungry little people have healthy and delicious food every Monday &/or Friday. **We need more helpers though.** Recently a flyer was sent home requesting URGENT help with our tuckshop on Friday. We are in desperate need of volunteers, and if we do not secure more helpers now then our tuckshop is at risk of continuing. Hoping we can count on you. Please refer flyer for more info.

#### **Upcoming tuckshop dates:**

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Normal Tuckshop

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March: Normal Tuckshop

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March: Meal Deal (Forms being sent home soon). LAST tuckshop day for Term one

First Day Term 2 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Normal Tuckshop

#### **School Banking**

If your child is interested in saving their hard earned pocket money and receiving rewards for it, please see Sue Hass or Lorraine Kann and their helpers at the blue tables outside the tuckshop on Friday morning before school. As joint school banking coordinators we desperately need to recruit a minimum of 2 more dynamic people to join our team. It's easy and we welcome newbies.

#### **Upcoming Fundraising Events**

- Friday, 23rd March: Interschool Sports Day:
- Helpers needed to run the Canteen – 09:45am – 2:45pm
- Friday, 6th April: Meat Tray Raffle at Club Pittsworth:
- Why not treat yourself a night off from cooking, and take your family to Club Pittsworth for a meal whilst trying your luck on a meat tray raffle.
- Friday, 6th April–Sunday, 8th April: – Camp Draft:
- Helpers needed to help set up, run the bar both nights & pack up Sunday.

Please contact Jaime Fing (0437 210 572) / Paula Saunders if you can help, or need more information

#### **Meeting Date**

Next general meeting will be held Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 7pm in the Ergon Function Room. All Welcome!

(Reminder - if you would like to become a P&C Member, you will need to attend a meeting to have your membership approved).

#### **P&C Bank Account Details**

Pittsworth State School P&C Association

BSB: 064427

Account: 00900460

As this is the last P&C Patch for Term 1, please have a very happy and safe Easter break.

Catt Ruhle

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## School Calendar

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	Wed 21	
	Fri 23	Emily Murry Workshop, Gore Highway Interschool Sports Day
	Mon 26	Inner Downs vs Bunya Rugby League, Star Performer's Day Permission Slips due
	Wed 28	Meal Deal Day, Cross Country, Parent Teacher Interviews - to book visit: <a href="https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=70076">https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=70076</a>
	Thur 29	Star Performer's Day, Last day of Term, Tuckshop Closed
Apr	Tues 17	Term 2 starts
	Thur 19	P&C Meeting
	Fri 20	Payment & Form due for ICAS
	Tues 24	Anzac Day Parade
	Wed 25	Public Holiday
	Fri 27	School Photos

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## General Reminders & Notes

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## Parent Teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews are being held on Wednesday the 28th March (week 10). This year, we are utilising School Online Booking System (SOBS) for organising the interview times. To access the website to make your interview times please go to:

<https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=70076>

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## Change of Details

*Have you recently changed your Phone Number, Address or Email Address? Please contact the school to update your records.*

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## ICAS

### 2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

The school is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

The following subjects will be offered:

Subject	School Years	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee, incl GST
Science	2-6	29 May 2018	\$9-90
English	2-6	31 July 2018	\$9-90
Mathematics	2-6	14 August 2018	\$9-90

Entry form is attached to this newsletter.

Closing date for entry/payment is 20 April 2018

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## Vision & Hearing

### Problems can be hard to see

#### VISION

A child who can see 20/20 can still have a vision problem. Parents and educators often assume, incorrectly, that if a child passes a school screening, then there is no vision problem. However, many school vision screenings only test for distance visual acuity, lazy eye (amblyopia) or 'turned' eye (strabismus). The vision skills needed for successful reading and learning are much more complex.

Even if a child passes a vision screening, they should receive a comprehensive optometric examination if:

- They show any of the signs or symptoms of a vision problem
- They are not achieving up to their potential
- They are minimally able to achieve, but have to use excessive time and effort to do so.

Vision changes can occur without your child or you noticing them. Therefore, your child should receive an eye examination at least once **every two years** - more frequently if specific problems or risk factors exist, or if recommended by your optometrist. The earlier a vision problem is detected and treated, the more likely treatment will be successful. When needed, the doctor can prescribe treatment including eyeglasses, contact lenses or vision therapy to help correct any vision problems.

***1 in 5 Australian school children have never had their eyes tested and could suffer from undetected vision problems.***

### **HEARING**

Hearing loss doesn't necessarily mean you can't hear at all, or that sounds just aren't loud enough. You might notice that your child doesn't respond from a distance or that words don't seem to be clear. Delays in speech and language development, as well as educational progress, can also be signs of a hearing loss.

The impact of hearing loss on a developing child is quite different from the effects of hearing loss that occurs in adulthood. Children use their hearing to learn about the world around them and develop communication skills.

If you're concerned about your child's hearing ability the first port of call is your GP, to check for an ear infection or other medical condition. If that's been ruled out, a hearing test may be in order. There's no need to panic, but it's always preferable to have your child's hearing assessed promptly so they can receive any support they need early on.

Guidance Officer and Speech Language Pathologist referrals require these tests to be current (within 2 years) before any further assessment can be carried out. Please remember, the school would like a copy of any reports from these outside assessments.

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### **PSS School Bank Account Details**

For your convenience please see the school's bank account details below:

BSB: 064 427

ACC: 000 90031

Please list your student's name as the REFERENCE.

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### **Payment of Invoices**

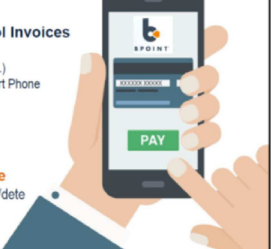
School staff can no longer accept credit card payments over the phone. However we can still accept cash or cheque via the envelopes to the office. Credit card payment in person to the office is also still accepted. BPoint is the preferred method of payment for payment of your students invoices. All invoices are emailed to parents and BPoint details are printed on each invoice.

We accept the following methods of payment:

- **BPoint (Preferred method)**
- Cash (Please ensure correct money is placed into envelopes)
- Cheque
- Credit Card/EFTPOS (in person only)



**PARENTS**



**1. Online System | Pay School Invoices**

- Pay School Invoices (SRS; Text Book Fees; Camps; etc.)
- Access via **ANY** Computer or Smart Phone

**2. Payments Accepted:**  
MasterCard | VISA

**3. Secure Payment Method**

**Easy to Use Interface**  
www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete

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### Important Information

Parents/Caregivers, for planning purposes, no permission slips/notes, etc will be accepted by the office after the due date. This is a new initiative that we have introduced to alleviate problems that arise when permission slips/notes, etc are handed into the office after the due date.

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*OFFICE OPENING HOURS*  
*8.30AM - 3.30PM*  
*Visitors Signing in Excepted*

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### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

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#### PBL Focus

The PBL Expectation for the week is: **Be Safe-When Lining Up**

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### Arts Notes

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**Choir:** All boys and girls in year one to year six are invited to join the school choir. Rehearsals for choir are held on Wednesdays in the music room, starting at 8.00am. Choir rehearsals for 2018 have already begun, but new members are still welcome to join.

Choir members in year three to six are invited to participate in the **Emily Murry Choir Workshop** to be held at the Pittsworth Function Centre on Friday, 23 March.

**CGEN:** Students who have nominated to participate in this year's Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage will be required to attend rehearsals with the Pittsworth Cluster participants every Thursday morning (7.30am – 8.30am). Songbooks have been distributed and rehearsals have begun. **Please note: students participating in CGEN must continue to be members of the school choir.**

**School Musical:** Auditions have begun for this year's school musical. Students will be notified of their roles before term one concludes. Rehearsals will be held before school and in lunch breaks during term two and term three. Interested parents are invited to join the School Musical Production Committee. (Please contact Beth Wheeldon if you are keen to join the committee.)



**Mrs Beth Wheeldon**

**Arts Teacher**

**Choir Conductor**

**School Musical Director**

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## Sports News

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### Menu for Gore Highway Interschool Sports Day

Yrs 5 & 6 only

Friday 23 March, Club Pittsworth

SAUSAGE ON BREAD \$2.50

POTATO CHIPS \$1.50

CHOCOLATE BARS \$2.00

SOFT DRINKS/WATER \$2.00

ASSORTED LOLLIES \$0.50-\$1.00

Thank you for supporting PSS P&C.

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## Chappy Chatters

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### Student Awards

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AWARD	STUDENT
Student of the Week	Quinn C, Lisa C, Jewel C, Calais D, Jimrhea E, Naomi H, Neil H, Cormac H, Ella H, Lillian K, Chloe K, Riley L, Kyanna L, Faith M, Sienna P, Liam T, Joshua W, Ella W
Literacy	Savannah T, Conna B, Hannah B, Lincoln C, Georgia C, William C, Madi G, Ettieanne H, Kane K, Tanika M, Victoria N, Zoe J, Harlan O, Kobi S, Freya S, Rafe S, Cadence S, Hayley S, Cooper S, Amelia S
Numeracy	Bennett A, Aaron B, Kye Carter, Rylee D, Emme D, Ava F, Joseph H, Kingston K, Ethan K, Ava S, Aleist S, Era T, Scarlet W, Tahlia Z
Science	Emilee G, Ruby K, Skyhe K
History	Dylan B, Georgia C, Sean C, Ella W
Weekly Behaviour Focus	Izaya B, Kalana C, Emme D, Jazmin J, Kapri S, Banjo T, Sophie W, Braith W



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## Read With Me Club

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CLUB	STUDENT
25	Sami O, Jamie c, Cooper S, Connor L, Has, Lindsay S, Ava S, Cerys B, Hunter H, Kobe O, Cody S, Heidi T, Skyla H, Piper S, Marty L, Jensen E, Naomi H, Lincoln C, Rafe S, Elexis T, Matthew V, Summer N, Amelia S, Liam T, Eva S, Tahlia Z, Riley L, Kane K, Banjo T
50	Jazmin J, Harlow R, Cadence S, Braith W, Hayden S, Kobi S, Rafe S, Leyanna H, Summer N, Kobe O, Calais D, Emme D, William C, Isabelle T, Harlan O, Ty E, Josie H
75	Kapri S, Freya S, Hayden S, Isabelle T, Hayley S
125	Kalana C
150	Olivia T

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### Pittsworth School Holiday Clinic

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#### Pittsworth RL Grounds

**Wednesday April 4, 2018**

**Clinic Commences at 9:00am and Finishes at 11:30am**

The Pittsworth Holiday Clinic is a day program for kids aged 5-16 of any gender that focuses on fun, fitness and participation.

The 2.5 hour Come-and-Try clinic will have children participating in some fun Rugby league activities.

The clinic will conclude with children playing games other with similar ability.

**Register for the clinic at:** [playnrl/programs](#) (search Pittsworth)

**Contact Name:** Lennie Currie

**Phone Number:** 0436 662 047

**Email:** [lcurrie@nrl.com.au](mailto:lcurrie@nrl.com.au)

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