



Pender's Grove Primary School Newsletter

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Diary Dates 2026 - Term 2

April

- 24/4 Curriculum Day (TheirCare open)
27/4 Grade 5/6 weekly kinder visits begin (note to be sent)
28/4 RACV Road safety incursion (F-6)

May

- 2/5 Garden Club (tbc)
4/5 School Council 6pm (Webex)
5,6/8/5 Mothers' Day & Special persons stall
(lunchtimes)
5/5 Assembly 1/2K presenting
14/5 Cross Country
15/5 Education Support Staff appreciation day
18/5 Education Week start
19/5 Assembly Foundation E presenting
25/5 Sorry Day

June

- 6/6 Garden Club (tbc)
8/6 King's Birthday Public Holiday
18/6 Winter Solstice Event
20/6 Garden Club (tbc)
22/6 School Photos, School Council 6pm (on site)
26/6 NAIDOC Celebration (prior to NAIDOC Week
5 - 12 July)
26/6 End Term 2- students finish at 2.30pm

**please check Compass calendar for updates during the term*

We have a Curriculum Day this Friday and no students are required at school on the day. Our TheirCare program is open on the day and now accepting bookings if you require it. Apologies that we didn't advertise this as well as we could have last term— we were not aware that Compass dates were only appearing on our website and not the app, in addition to us not having a newsletter at end of term due to the strike action.

Parents & Carers of students that will be starting Foundation in 2027 please be aware that we are now accepting enrolment paperwork. A copy of the enrolment application form is available on our website or paper copies are available from our office. Please also ask any friends or neighbours to get in touch if they would like to do a tour of the school or enrol for 2027.

Thanks to all of the parents and carers that are on the roster for our breakfast club. Due to such great support we are able to run the program every day. Please let us know if you have time in the morning to assist— there is always room for more helpers!

We are very much looking forward to having our staff toilet works being completed at the end of this week. It has been great last and this year to have much needed improvements occur at the school. We are expecting that other works will occur this year with improvements to hall heating as well as window replacements in the hall and library. Thanks as always to the parents and carers that have continued to be busy maintaining and improving our garden and grounds. The school is looking great!

Lastly today, a reminder to please return your child's photo release form to the office as soon as possible if you are intending on completing this for 2026. We will be taking some promotional photos on Wednesday this week and would like to include as many students with permissions as possible. Spare copies are available at the office.

*Have a lovely week,
Douglas & Tessa*

Leadership Team Report

Welcome back to what is planned to be a very busy Term 2! Please see above for some event dates for the term. Updates to these dates will be provided in the next newsletter and as always, please check the Compass calendar for additions as the term progresses. Please note also that we sent out a Compass notification yesterday with instructions for how to get our dates pushed to your phone/device calendar as the Compass app does not support this.

Science / Stem - A message from Saskia

Thanks for a wonderful first term of Science. I've really enjoyed seeing old faces and getting to know new students! To help with the F-4's exploration of biological sciences (plants and animals) this term, if anyone has any old shoe boxes (or similar cardboard boxes) at home, we would gladly take them off your hands. I only work on Mondays but feel free to pop them in the Science Room any day that suits you. In the interest of sustainability, we would also love donations of any old craft materials you no longer want - ribbons, feathers, fabric scraps, anything students could use to create. Thank you!

Pender's Community Food Pantry

Now Open

The pantry provides long life food items, personal care items and cleaning products. Open daily for both drop off and pick-ups and is located in the corridor outside the sick bay.

Canned foods - fruit (apples, peached mixed fruit), beans (lentils, chick-peas, baked beans, salad beans) tomatoes, vegetables (corn, peas)
Jars/ packets of ready to eat sauces/meals - pasta sauce, Mac'n'Cheese
Dried foods - pasta, rice, legumes, breakfast cereals (low sugar) oats, dry biscuits
Long Life - milk, stock, sauces
Personal Care - soap, deodorant, pads/tampons, shampoo
Cleaning products - laundry powder, dishwashing liquid

All donations are welcomed and appreciated!

Fundraiser Beanie \$25.00 each or \$20.00 for 2 or more available from the office.



For all other uniform items click the link below

<https://www.psw.com.au/schools/penders-grove-primary-school.html>



MOTHER'S DAY STALL



DONATIONS

We are asking for any donations for our

Mother's Day Stall in May

Donations could include:

Toiletry items such as deodorant, body wash, hand cream

Home decor

Other items that our mums/grandma's would like.....

Candles

Puzzle books

Books to read

Bath Salts

Frames

Reusable Shopping bags

Mugs

Gardening tools/plants

Edible items such as chocolates, biscuits

Please leave a message at the office if you will be donating edible items such as biscuits etc. These will need to be brought to school the day before the stall, wrapped and clearly labeled with ingredients please.

We are also in need of any small/medium size gift bags, cellophane and small baskets to make small hampers.