What’s on

Monday 31st March
National Young Leaders Day

Wednesday 2nd April
P & C meeting
NAPLAN information

Thursday 3rd April
3—6 Assembly—parents invited

Thursday 10th April
Preschool & K—2 Assembly—parents invited

Friday 11th April
Easter Hat Parade
P & C Easter raffle
Last day of term 1

Have a happy and safe holiday!

TERM 2

Monday 28th April
School Development Day - teachers only at school

Tuesday 29th
First day of Term 2 for students

At Punchbowl Public School

😊 We are learners

😊 We are respectful

😊 We are safe

Thank you to all the parents who have been covering reading books for Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2.

We have recently purchased a large number of new books for class reading and home reading in Kinder, year 1 and year 2. Each book must be covered in Contact plastic before it can be used.

Thank you to the many great parents who have been helping us to get these books covered and into classroom for our students to use. The parents above get together every Wednesday in our SaCC with our CLO, Asenati, to cover books. If you would like to join them, come along to the SaCC on Wednesday, between 12:00 & 1:30.

If you would like to help by taking some books and Contact home, please see Mrs Brandon (Kinder) or Mrs Hedgpeth (years 1 & 2).
Every Monday the whole school, K—6, does a PBL lesson between 9:00 and 10:00. If students are in Community Language at this time, they do the lesson in their home language. Students have been brainstorming what each of our school values looks like, sounds like and feels like. Here are some of the students ideas for “We are Safe”.

**What it looks like**

- we keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- we follow the rules of the game
- we walk the stairs one step at a time
- we use a pass to visit the office
- we store our bags safely
- we follow internet safety guidelines
- we stay within the playing areas
- we play ball games in the designated areas
- we use only soccer balls on the field
- we keep off railings and verandahs
- we wear our hats at all times
- we leave sticks and stones on the ground
- we buy and eat our own food
- we line up at the canteen
- we travel safely on buses going to PSSA and excursions
- we wait to cross safely at the pedestrian crossing

**What it sounds like**

- we listen to the teachers
- we walk quietly through the corridors
- we ask politely to use the property of others
- we say “sorry” when we accidentally touch someone
- we say “excuse me” when passing others who may be in our way

**What it feels like**

- safe
- valued
- calm
- happy
- respected
- cared for

This great illustration of our PBL plane and school values was drawn by Mohamed Al Masri (year 4) in Mrs Habib’s Arabic class.
5A SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

This term 5A has been learning about many new topics. We voted that science and technology was our favourite subject.

We are learning about solids, liquids and gases and how these matters can change.

It has been hands on where Mrs Almir shows us how to change a solid into a liquid or vice versa, and we the students then explain and discuss what happens in pairs or groups. What’s really fun is when we do the experiments. We get to first-hand use the materials and observe the process of what happens. We have melted a solid chocolate block which turned into a liquid drink. We have also blown a balloon to see gas contained into different shapes. Our favourite was making slime using solids and liquids. We could turn a solid into a liquid.

Sometimes the experiments don’t work and we have to stop and think why it didn’t work and what can we do next time for it to work. It’s a lot of thinking and making in our science lessons. Then comes writing the explanations and that can be hard because it’s easier to discuss and make the experiment rather than write the explanation, but our teacher always helps us out.

Have a look at our photos!

LEARNING IN COMMUNITY LANGUAGES

At Punchbowl PS we teach three community languages: Arabic, Samoan and Vietnamese.

These classes support students to:

- maintain and develop their communication skills in their home language
- develop improved self-esteem through the recognition of their language and culture
- gain knowledge and understanding related to other areas of the curriculum

In Mohammed’s work he has used a mind map to show what he knows about about people’s needs and wants, including shelter, clothing, food and love.

By Mohammed El Safadi

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What's happening at Punchbowl?

P & C Giant Easter Raffle

Dear parents & carers

Our P & C fundraiser for term 1 is our giant Easter Raffle. We are asking for donations of eggs, chocolate and baskets. These will be made up into lovely prizes for the raffle. The more donations we get, the more prizes there will be!

Please send your donations to school with your child or drop them off at the school office.

Raffle tickets will go on sale this week.

The giant Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April.

Easter Hat Parade

Friday 11th April 12:00—1:25

All parents and carers are invited to attend the Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term.

Our Preschool, Kinder, year 1 and year 2 students will be making their hats at school.

P & C Meeting

All parents and carers are invited to attend our P & C meeting on Wednesday. This week there will be presentation about the NAPLAN testing program.

Date: Wednesday 2nd April
Time: 9:10—10:30
Place: 6F room, near the Kinder playground.

Thank you to all the parents who came to our annual general meeting in week 5. We look forward to seeing you all again this week.

Parent Feedback on Punchbowl PS Anti-Bullying Policy Due by End of Term 1

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent anti-bullying meeting and provided feedback on the school’s Anti-bullying Policy.

The draft policy is posted on the school website and copies are available from the Office.

All parents are invited to read the policy and provide feedback to Ms Manousaridis by Friday 11th April.

PARENT FEEDBACK ON PUNCHBOWL PS ANTI-BULLYING POLICY DUE BY END OF TERM 1

Welcome back to our Arabic parents group for 2014. This informal group meets fortnightly in Mrs Habib’s room on Thursdays at 2:00. The group is lead by our Arabic Community Language teachers, Mrs Gehan Habib and Mrs Nelly Roffaell.

At each meeting we share useful information and ideas which can help you as parents support your children’s learning at school. There is always plenty of time for talk and questions.

At our last meeting we had a very informative presentation about the school’s Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program.

This week we will be talking about our Arabic Community Language program.

The group is friendly and afternoon tea is provided. There is no charge, just come along.

Wet Weather

Our students have to move around the school everyday to go to the Library, Community Language lessons, assemblies, the Canteen and the toilets.

During last week’s wet weather, many students had no rain protection and got very wet moving to lessons.

On rainy days please send your child to school with an umbrella and/or raincoat.