What’s on

Tuesday 24th February
Swimming Carnival years 3 – 6

Wednesday 25th February
P & C Meeting

Thursday 5th March
3—6 Assembly — parents welcome

Thursday 12th March
Selective High School Test
K—2 Assembly — parents welcome

Tuesday 17th March
School photos

Thursday 19th March
3—6 Assembly — parents welcome

Thursday 26th March
Selective High School Test
K—2 Assembly — parents welcome

Wednesday 1st April
P & C meeting

Thursday 2nd April
3—6 Assembly — parents welcome
Last day of term 1

Monday 23rd—Tuesday 31st March
Dental Clinic Van at Punchbowl PS

At Punchbowl Public School
😊 We are learners
😊 We are respectful
😊 We are safe

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Punchbowl Public School
A Vibrant and Caring Learning Community

Term 1 Week 5
23rd February 2015

Happy Lunar New Year
Best wishes for
a happy and prosperous
Year of the Sheep
to all our families who
celebrate the Lunar New Year!

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We’ve had a fantastic start to the year especially with the installation of our PBL plane. We aim high at Punchbowl Public School and we’re ready to reach for the sky in 2015.

We are focussing on student learning in a safe and respectful environment. Please join us in being good role models for our students by being respectful and safe learners. When we value learning, children value learning.

2015 SCHOOL PLAN

We are working on finalising our 2015-2017 School Plan which has three strategic directions. We will hold further consultation meetings with our community before the end of the term to discuss our strategies to improve student learning.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1

*Lead whole school practices which have the greatest impact on developing literate and numerate students who will succeed in a changing world.*

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2

*Develop a culture in which all decision making is based on the cycle of inquiry and action and informed by the rigorous analysis of data and evidence.*

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3

*Lead whole school practices which enable all students to be engaged, independent and self-regulating learners.*

FATHERS WANTED!!!

Fathers make such a positive difference to their children’s learning. We are keen to start hearing about ways fathers can get involved in our school and their learning. Post your suggestions @Manousaridou or email me at rose.manousaridis@det.nsw.edu.au. All ideas and suggestions are welcome!!!

PSSA

The school will not be entering teams in the summer PSSA competition this year.
OVERSEAS TRAVEL DURING SCHOOL TERMS

From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School - Procedures. Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes.

As the principal I am required to consult with parents about the intention of the travel and, in the case of family holidays encourage parents to take holidays with their child during school vacations.

I should not accept a reason for travel during school term if it is not in the best interests of the student. Educational, social and participation reasons, should be specified on the application.

Where as the principal I consider that the travel is appropriate during school term, I will issue the parent with an Application for Extended Leave – Travel for completion and inform the parent that if the application is accepted, the absences will be recorded as “L” – Leave. Parents are required to attach travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket to the application.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ARRIVING ON TIME

Arriving at school and class on time:

• Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
• Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
• Gives students time to greet their friends before class
• Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded on the roll as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

Punchbowl Musos start their week on a high note!!

Mr Peter has started guitar lessons for interested students before school and the interest has been fantastic. This is just one activity which teachers offer in their own time. Keep an eye out for future photos of teachers and students pursing their passions and interests in their own time.

Rose Manousaridis

Principal

Our vision is to create an inclusive learning environment with high expectations which enables students to become independent, successful lifelong learners.
## 2015 CLASSES AND STAFF

### KINDERGARTEN
- **Supervisor:** Mrs Brandon
- **KB** Mrs Burmuzovski
- **KC** Mrs Brandon
- **KD** Mrs Drysdale
- **KT** Ms Hing

### STAGE 1
- **Supervisors:** Mrs Selby & Mrs Morrissey
- **K/1SD** Mrs Selby (Tues-Thurs) & Mrs De Villiers (Mon & Fri)
- **1A** Ms Abdelkarim
- **1F** Mrs Furnance
- **1S** Mrs Shopovski
- **1W** Mrs Weisback
- **2A** Ms Azziz
- **2M** Mrs Morrissey
- **2V** Ms Vassallo

### STAGE 2
- **Supervisor:** tba
- **3G** Ms Gallagher
- **3B** Ms Bunnell
- **3S** Ms Shields
- **3/4R** Ms Rooney
- **4L** Mr Leary
- **4N** Mr Noshie
- **4V** Mrs Venkani

### STAGE 3
- **Supervisor:** Mrs De Souza
- **5O** Miss O'Donoghue
- **5K** Ms Kapetas
- **5/6D** Mrs De Souza
- **6F** Mrs Xavier (Wed—Fri) & Mrs Rana (Mon & Tue)
- **6S** Mr Shearer

### PRESCHOOL
- Mrs Harley
- Ms Georgiou
- Mrs Goulis
- Mrs O’Leary
- Mrs Lowe

### COUNSELLORS
- Ms James (Thurs & Fri)
- Ms Krattli (Wed)
- Ms Glavas (Mon)
- Ms Rowe (Thur)

### COMMUNITY LANGUAGES
- Mrs Habib
- Mrs Roffaell
- Mrs Brown
- Mr Van

### LIBRARY
- Mrs Chapman
- Mrs Tsotras (Wed)

### LEARNING & SUPPORT
- Mrs Kontakos
- Mrs Arthur
- Mrs Gavan
- Mrs Diamataris
- Mrs Parkinson

### EARLY INTERVENTION
- Mrs Abou-Haidar
- Mrs Pitarch
- Mrs Whiston
- Mrs Cain
- Mrs Loukas

### SUPPORT CLASS
- Mrs Melbourne
- Mrs Douer

### RFF
- Mrs Puntillio (Mon—Wed)

### COMMUNITY LIASION
- Mrs Fakhouri
- Mrs Mareko

### EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS (MATHS)
- Mrs Brisigotti
- Mrs Harris
- Mr Mikhaiel

### ESL
- Mrs Khoury
- Ms Trad
- Miss Busco
- Mrs Ho

### RELIEF TEACHING
- Mrs Wax
- Mr Peter

### GENERAL ASSISTANT
- Mr Weeks
THE DENTAL VAN IS COMING!

The Australian Mobile Dental Care Van will be at Punchbowl PS from 23rd to 31st March. It will be providing free assessments and basic dental treatment to students covered under Medicare.

Permission notes for this service have been sent home. Thank you to the many parents who have already completed and returned the forms.

Permission notes are available from the school office.

2015 SPORTS LEADERS

Congratulations to our 2015 Sports House leaders.

Thorpe: Gina Mazjoub  Walid Arja
O’Neill: Ruqaya Arja  Khalid Arja
Bradman: Gloria Siaosi  Puati Charlie
Freeman: Jasmine Sabour  Janei Mann

KINDERGARTEN NEWS!

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families.

90 children have started in our Kindergarten classes this year.

The children have settled in very quickly and are enjoying learning new things and making new friends.

The Kindergarten teachers have completed the Best Start Assessment with each Kinder student. These assessments help teachers to find out each Kinder student’s literacy and numeracy knowledge and to then develop quality teaching and learning programs to support each student’s learning. Kindergarten parents will receive individual feedback from the assessments before the end of term 1.

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

The Commonwealth School Banking program has arrived at Punchbowl PS!

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings.

Every Wednesday morning our volunteer bankers, Mrs Khalil, Mrs Hamade & Mrs Mann, are outside the School Office from 8:40. Please see them if you would like more information about the program.
Dear Mums & Dads and Carers

You are invited to come along to the first Parents & Citizens (P & C) meeting for 2015.

Date: Wednesday 25th February (this week)
Time: 9:15—10:15
Place: Punchbowl PS Assembly Hall

Everyone is welcome. Join us for morning tea!

监督管理

You’re invited!

Keep up to date with what is happening at our school
Find out how you can support our students
Meet other parents

Looking forward to meeting you!
Zeinab Khalil
President

EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS
@ PUNCHBOWL PUBLIC SCHOOL

In 2015 Punchbowl PS will be participating in the Early Action for Success (EAfS) strategy in Mathematics.

The EAfS strategy combines high quality leadership, a focus on individual students and early intervention to ensure K-2 students at risk of not achieving expected outcomes in literacy or numeracy are identified and receive additional support.

As part of the EAfS strategy Mrs Cris Brisigotti has been appointed to Punchbowl PS as an Instructional Leader. Mrs Harris and Mr Mikhael will also be part of the EaFS team.

Last week, Dr Peter Gould, leader of Numeracy programs in the DEC visited Punchbowl PS to brief the school on the EAfS program.

Our involvement in this program represents an exciting opportunity to improve teaching and learning for our students.

THE PUNCHBOWL PLANE IS COMING!
New staff for 2015
Welcome to our new teachers:
- Ms Hing
- Ms Shopovski
- Ms Azzi
- Ms Shields
- Mrs Venkani
- Mrs Kontakos
- Lauren Bunnell

Staff News
- Congratulations to Mrs Christos who has given birth to a lovely baby girl.
- Congratulations to Ms Cross who has recently been married and is now Mrs Drysdale.
- Welcome back Mrs Brisigotti who has returned to Punchbowl PS as an Instructional Leader.
- Mrs Hedgpeth has accepted an offer to be an Instructional Leader at another school. Miss Bunnell has been appointed to take 3H, which will now be called 3B.

2015 School Executive Team
Ms R Manousaridis  Principal
Ms W Sanderson   Deputy Principal (K-2)
Mrs S Sheppard    Deputy Principal (3-6)
Mrs C Brandon    Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 (Relieving)
Mrs J Selby    Assistant Principal Stage 1 (Tues—Thurs)
Mrs K Morrissey Assistant Principal Stage 1 (Mon& Fri) (Relieving)
Mrs J Hedgpeth Assistant Principal Stage 2
Mrs L DeSouza Assistant Principal Stage 3
Mrs K Melbourne Assistant Principal Support (Relieving)

Office Staff
Mrs D Doolan
Mrs D Juraschek
Mrs S Davis
Mrs K Stevenson

2015 INFORMATION

Bullying
Our school rejects all forms of bullying and harassment. The School Anti Bullying Plan outlines clearly the roles and responsibilities students, parents and the school, all have in managing this unwanted behaviour. The Anti-Bullying Plan is posted on the school website. If you would like a hard copy please contact the office.

Health Conditions
Please advise our office staff if your child has a health condition which you have not previously told the school about. Also let us know if there has been a change in your child’s medical condition or treatment.
This is particularly critical for students with:
- asthma
- epilepsy
- allergies
- anaphylaxis

ON SALE AT THE OFFICE
School hats $8.00
School library bags $6.00
All students MUST have a school hat.

SCHOOL SHOES
A big thank you to all the parents have sent their children back to school wearing black school shoes.
They look fabulous!
Student Award Assemblies

In 2015, the school will be holding student award and performance assemblies once per fortnight on Thursdays 2.00 – 2.50pm, beginning week 6 term 1. Primary students will have their assembly in weeks 6, 8 and 10. Pre-school and Infants students will have their assembly in weeks 7 & 9. Parents will be advised if their child is receiving an award or performing. We look forward to seeing lots of parents at these assemblies!

Pupil Free Days 2015

Pupil free days are scheduled for:
- Monday 1st April
- Monday 13th July
- Thursday 17th December
- Friday 18th December

On these days staff will be undertaking important professional development activities to improve teaching and learning for students.

Sick Children

Please do not send your child to school if he/she is sick. Sick children cannot learn effectively and may infect other students.

The school’s policy is that parents and carers will be contacted if their child is sick or injured and they will be required to take their children home.

Contact Details

Please ensure that you advise our office staff if your contact details including address, telephone numbers and emergency contacts have changed.

Only adults who are registered with the school are permitted to collect students during school hours.

Mobile phones and electronic devices at school

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones, i-pods, i-pads, tablet devices or cameras in class or in the playground.

All mobile phones and other devices must be handed in to the Office BEFORE 8:55 each day. They will be stored securely during the day and can be collected after 3:00.

Under no circumstances can students use their phones or cameras to take photos of other students or teachers at school.

Please note that students bring their phones and other electronic devices to school at their own risk.

PLEASE BE ON TIME!

- No student should be at school before 8:30am. There are no teachers on duty before this time to supervise students.
- The school day starts promptly at 9:00am. All students need to be at school BEFORE 9:00, so that they are ready to line up when the music plays.
- Any student who arrives after 9:00 is LATE and this will be recorded on the class roll as a partial absence.
- School finishes at 3:00pm. Parents must be at school by 3:00 to collect their children on time.