

Henry Fulton Public School Newsletter

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2026 TERM 1 WEEK 10

From the Principal's Desk....

This week, we wind up Term 1 and look forward to our Easter celebrations and the holidays ahead.

It's been a great term full of lots of learning, fun, celebrations, acknowledgment of important events and days, performances and sporting events. It's been a super term!

Many thanks to the wonderful staff, who work hard to make sure everything runs smoothly, there is lots for our students to participate in and keep us on top as a great school. We are a very sought after school and we've been getting lots of interest from parents wishing to bring their children. This is great. Let's keep our school the best place to learn and teach. Thank you staff, you are amazing!

Parking In and Around the School

The school staff car park is strictly unavailable and can only be accessed by parents with prior approval from the Principal. To ensure safety and security, I must ask parents to adhere to this request. Please do not enter and park on the school grounds without prior approval. It is simply too dangerous. We have cars, deliveries and so on all throughout the day at different times. This means trucks and cars of all sizes and visibility is not the best. We cannot have children walking through the area any time, but especially at the busiest times.

Exceptions include when there is prior approval to use the car park and the disabled parking. The only other exception is for parents who use CAMP Australia. They can use the car park for drop off and pick up, BEFORE 8.00am and AFTER 3.30pm.

Thank you, parents, for your cooperation and understanding.

Well done, Amaya and Liam

Our two Student Voice initiative representatives did an amazing job in week 8, when they attended their first meeting. Discussing important topics where they wish to make a difference, they'll be joining SRC meetings and taking back some ideas to the next meeting in Term 2. They did a great job! We are very privileged to have them represent us in the Cambridge Park Network of Schools.



A Visit from the Director Educational Leadership, Cambridge Park Network

It was a delight to have Mrs Ribiero visit some classrooms after the Student Voice meeting. She enjoyed the wonderful songs Kindergarten had ready for us to hear. An Aboriginal song and one in French, no less!



Then 1 Forte showed off their musical skills by showing Mrs Ribiero some tempos such as 'allegro', 'adagio' and 'moderato' ...how clever. She really enjoyed it.

Classes were demonstrating implementation of the new Creative Arts curriculum. Teachers are doing an amazing job in their planning and delivery of lessons, and the students are learning lots and really enjoying it too.



School Cross Country Carnival

We have started planning for our next school sporting carnival. It will be the school cross country carnival which will be held on Friday 24th April. We will commence with a brief ANZAC Day Assembly and then move to the carnival with these times as a guide:

- 9.15am ANZAC Say Assembly in the hall.
- 9.30am Students return to class to collect hats and drink bottles.
- 9.40am Carnival commences in top playground. Parents will be able to enter through the Vincent Road gates and spectate in the that area.



This is a K-6 event. Running races will involve all age groups, starting with 5 year olds through to 12 year olds.

As it's a pre carnival to the Penrith Zone Carnival, where we send along serious competitors, we need to ensure the 8 year olds and up complete the designated distances. This makes it a long morning so, once the 5, 6 and 7 year olds finish their races, they will return to class with a teacher for a rest.

It's always such a fun morning, cheering on your classmates and completing the course especially after some practice and training.

Families are most welcome so, bring along a chair and come through the top Vincent Road gate. Set up and enjoy the morning with us.

Our back-up day is 1st May, just in case. The Penrith zone Cross Country Carnival is on Wednesday 20th May 2026.

ANZAC Day Assembly

As mentioned, the school will have an ANZAC Day Assembly at 9.15am on Friday 24th April. Students may bring a floral tribute to lay in the hall during the assembly which will be run by School Captains. Parents are welcome.



Term 2

There will be two Staff Development Days at the beginning of Term 2. On Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st, all staff will be involved in mandatory training, CPR, and inclusion, neurodiversity and disability education and training. CAMP Australia will be open for holiday program, and the office will only have staff when available, in-between their own training and professional learning sessions.

Important dates for Term 2

- **Students return for Term 2 on WEDNESDAY 22nd April 2026. The school canteen will re-open on this day.**
- **ANZAC Day Public Holiday is Monday 27th April 2026. School will be closed.**
- **Kings Birthday Public Holiday is on Monday 8th June 2026. School will be closed.**

Basketball Re-surfacing Project

SRC have chosen a bright blue for the surface colour, and we are all looking forward to the next step.

Preparations will commence this week. Safety fencing will be first, then the work will commence on the basketball court itself. By the start of Term 2, we will see lots of progress. The project is likely to take at least a month before it's ready for use. Full completion that will include line markings will be later in the year so the surface can fully cure and set, over the winter months before it is painted. It needs to be fully ready before the long-lasting paint can be applied. This means we will have a really high-quality finish, which will look great and last a long time.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS – THURSDAY 2nd April

We are looking forward to a fabulous day of celebration this Thursday.

I hope everyone, has been very busy getting creative with their Easter hats. Kids have been busy colouring in for the competition.

I know there's been a lot of raffle tickets sold and lots of Easter chocolate eggs and bunnies donated.



Thank you very much to each and every person who has sold and /or bought tickets and donated Easter prizes.



We hope to see lots of families and friends at the parade and for the raffle draw...good luck in the raffle draw, everyone!

The program for the day is as follows:

Morning Tea/Recess will commence at 11.00am

At 11.00am everyone is welcome to come along and join the kids for some recess. Please come through the small Vincent Road gate, which will be open as well as the main gate to have morning tea/recess with your children. Bring along some food, too. Spread a blanket or picnic rug and relax with your kids.

The SRC will be selling Hot Cross Buns, so bring along some coins to buy a yummy Hot Cross Bun. GF buns will also be available.

Some seating will be set-up for the parade but bring a fold up chair and picnic rug, for recess which you can move over to the parade area after recess.

This is a weather permitting outdoor event, but we will use the hall as a back-up. Fingers crossed for good weather.

The parade will commence at 11.40am

Get working on a hat or something special. All children will be participating and can get organised by decorating, making, or wearing an Easter hat, cap, bonnet or headband, bunny ears, an Easter basket, diorama, poster, or wear Easter dress-up or costume.

There will be some prizes.

NB: Students can wear Easter dress-up clothes for the day but must wear closed in shoes and sun safe clothes. Bunny ears will need to be replaced with hats for recess and lunch. Student's Easter creations will be kept safely in the classroom, with time provided to students to collect them before the parade starts.

Siblings are welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity for toddlers or younger siblings to join in the parade with their brother or sister. So, they can prepare a hat or something special, too.

If it is raining or the grounds are too wet on the day, we will postpone the picnic and hold the parade and raffle in the hall, if possible.

A special request about chocolate and Easter eggs: Please refrain from putting chocolate eggs and so on, on top of hats and/or in baskets. Also, due to students with sensitivities, allergies and anaphylaxis, students will not be able to share and give these out before, during or after the parade or in class or at playtimes. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

After the parade.....

Easter Colouring Competition

Students must complete the colouring-in at home. Entries are in now and will be judged by an “expert panel of teachers” and winners will be announced after the parade. All students are invited and encouraged to participate. It will be exciting!

P&C Easter Raffle

Families have started donating Easter Eggs which will be used to create the raffle prizes. Keep them coming so we can have lots of prizes. Send them with the children to the office.

P&C have sent home Easter raffle tickets for you to sell. Please let the school office know if you need more. The more you sell, the more fundraising dollars come in and the more chance you have to win a prize. It'll be another successful event I'm sure, much anticipated, and always lots of fun to see the excited faces of all the children.

Bring in those donations and sell as many raffle tickets as you can.

Thank you P&C

The P&C who are working hard to prepare for the HUGE P&C Easter Raffle. They will be collecting your donations and creating some great prizes for the raffle. If you are able to provide assistance either with the donations, creation of prizes or help on the day, please reach out to the P&C fb page or via their email address pandchenryfultonps@gmail.com

Parents, carers and visitors

Access to the school, will be via the **main gate and the Vincent Road small pedestrian gate**. If you wish to take your child home after the event, you will need to sign your child out. Sign-out sheets will be placed just outside the office. It should be a fun day for the whole family. See you there.

Grays Lane, Cranebrook - Conversion of Raised Children's Crossing to Full-time Raised Pedestrian Crossing

Penrith City Council proposes to convert the Raised Children's Crossing to a full-time Raised Pedestrian (Wombat) Crossing at Henry Fulton Public School on Grays Lane, Cranebrook. Works are due to occur in these upcoming school holidays and will include road works and signage a raised pedestrian crossing and additional traffic calming devices like concrete speed cushions. It is expected that the implementation of the device will improve pedestrian amenity and road safety outcomes, especially during school zone times. The upgrade of the part-time raised children's crossing to a full-time

raised wombat pedestrian crossing will provide clear priority of pedestrians to motorists and allow for safer crossing for pedestrians. The proposed upgrade will formalise the crossing location and remove ambiguity of the part-time operational hours of the existing children's crossing. The proposal will also ensure consistency with the existing raised

pedestrian crossings at the southern end of Grays Lane to the south. And importantly, the proposed facility will provide additional traffic calming measures for our school.

You will no longer see orange children's crossing flags. You will need to stop when pedestrians are approaching and on the crossing. There is **no stopping or parking near the crossing.**

Vehicles must not stop or park within 20 meters of the crossing on the approach side and 10 meters on the departure side. This may affect our Kiss and Drop Zone. Please be mindful when using the area for pick-ups once complete.

Finally..... wishing everyone a fantastic Autumn holiday as it commences this Friday. Safe travels for those having some time away and I hope the holiday is relaxing and enjoyable for everyone. We'll see the students back on the 22nd April.

G Palamara
Principal



Autumn School Holidays Dates

The Autumn school holidays are just around the corner.

Please note these important dates:

- Thursday 2nd April - Last day of Term 1
- Easter Long Weekend - Friday 3rd April to Monday 6th April
- 7th – 17th April - Two weeks Autumn School Holidays
- Monday 20th April SDD Staff Only
- Tuesday 21st April SDD Staff Only
- Wednesday 22nd April First day of Term 2 for students

Dates for your calendar

Apr

2nd Apr EASTER CELEBRATIONS
 2nd Apr Last day of Term 1
 3rd Apr Good Friday
 20th-21st Apr Staff Development Days
 22nd Apr First day back for students
 24th Apr ANZAC Day Assembly 9.15am
 24th Apr School Cross Country 9.30am
 25th Apr ANZAC Day
 27th ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

May

1st May School Cross Country BACK-UP Day
 7th May P&C Mother's Day Stall
 10th May MOTHERS DAY
 12th May P&C Mtg
 15th May K-6 Assembly
 15th May WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
 20th May Penrith Zone Cross Country

June

5th Jun World Environment Day
 9th Jun P&C Mtg
 10th Jun SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
 10th Jun Student Voice Term 2 mtg
 15th Jun Limelight Festival Rehearsal
 19th Jun K-6 Assembly

July

3rd Jul Last day of Term 2
 5th -12th Jul NAIDOC Week

Assemblies in 2026

K-6 Assemblies in 2026 are reduced to two each term. Classes will prepare a presentation, there will be awards, planned special awards and other presentations.

*Other special events have been included in the calendar, and these will be in a different format. NB: Birthdays now will be given on a Monday assembly.

K-6 Assemblies for 2026		
<i>NB: These proposed assemblies for 2026, dates and items may change and will be confirmed in the weeks prior</i>		
<i>*Denotes a different format to the usual K-6 Assembly</i>		
Term 1	27 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class - 6 Waltz • Leader badges
	27 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Swimming Carnival Awards • Class - 5/6 Classical
	*2 nd Apr	*EASTER Celebrations
Term 2	*24 th April	*ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY
	15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Cross Country Awards • Class - 3/4 Piccolo
	19 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Choir • Class - 2 Acoustic
Term 3	*3 rd -7 th Aug	*EDUCATION WEEK
	14 th Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Athletics Carnival Awards • Classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 Forte -1 Virtuoso
	18 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance Participation Awards • Choir Participation Awards • Class - 4/5 Groovy
Term 4	30 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -K Melody -K Musical • Dance Group • Zone Awards
	*11 th Nov	*REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY
	20 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance Group • Awards • Swimming & Water Safety Program Participation Awards
	*11 th Dec	*PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS ASSEMBLY
	*17 th Dec	*Year 6 – Graduation Assembly

Waste Free Wednesdays

Families are encouraged to pack waste-free lunch boxes each Wednesday to help reduce school waste. We promote mindful waste reduction every day. The group is also exploring new ideas to further promote sustainable living within our school community this year. We look forward to sharing more exciting updates as the year progresses!

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

Don't forget to pack a waste free lunch every Wednesday!
You could even do it everyday!



P&C News

As we head toward the end of a busy and exciting term, I'd like to again remind everyone about our upcoming Easter raffle. A big thank you to those who have already contributed - your support is truly appreciated! We are still gratefully accepting donations of Easter eggs or other prizes, and raffle tickets are just \$1 each, with extra

books available from the school office. The Easter Hat Parade is always such a fun event for the kids, and the raffle is a wonderful way to support our school.

A huge congratulations to our amazing Pulse Alive performers who represented the school so proudly. Your energy, talent, and confidence were fantastic to see - well done to each and every one of you!

Wishing all our families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable school holiday break. We hope you get some well-deserved rest and quality time together.

Looking ahead to Term 2, our Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 7 May, with tickets going on sale in Week 1. It's always a special event, so keep an eye out for more details. Please also note there will be no P&C meeting in April due to the holidays, with our next meeting scheduled for 7:00pm, Tuesday 12 May in the school staff room. We look forward to seeing you all then!

Mark Williams

P&C President

Cranebrook High School, High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) class for Year 7, 2027

Cranebrook High School is now accepting applications for their High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) class for Year 7, 2027.

Placement in the class is by application, and every student enrolled for Year 7 at Cranebrook High School may apply for a position in the class. In the HPGE Class students will be offered a differentiated curriculum to cater for their academic needs through programs that incorporate enrichment options that best meet the needs of high potential and gifted students.

To apply for the HPGE Class, scan the QR code below to complete the online application forms.

Applications for the 2027 Year 7 HPGE Class close Thursday, 2nd April, 2026: Last day of Term 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Mansell (Head Teacher - Teaching & Learning) on 02 4729 0777, should you have any questions or require further information about the Year 7 HPGE Class.



Safety Around Our School

The school regularly informs the community about how best to stay safe around the school. Most importantly parents will find the “Kiss and Drop” flier in this newsletter. We encourage the following of road rules at all times, and we expect nothing less than vigilance and appropriate care taken when dropping children at school and picking them up in the afternoons.

Unfortunately, at times we see dangerous driving around our school. We see illegal parking and stopping in unsafe places and we also see parents putting their children in extremely unsafe situations. Please assist by parking safely, walking an extra bit further to collect your children, using the “kiss and drop” zones as they are intended and observing road rules and road signs.

We ask that parents NEVER walk through the school/staff car park to access the school. This is not a safe area for pedestrians and is STRICTLY LIMITED to those with Principal approval ONLY.

HENRY FULTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

We are a **PARK & WALK** school

With

2 KISS & DROP Zones

- Kerbside pick-up/drop-off **ONLY**
- 2 min time limit
- Stay with your car
- **NO WAITING IN ZONE**

NO PARKING

Fines apply if in...

- No Standing Zones
- Kiss & Drop Zones
- **and if DOUBLE PARKED**

!!! Please don't...

- **RUSH!** Be patient and move on when necessary
- Collect children while double parked

For more info contact the **front office**

*Definitely not to scale

2026 dates for your Calendar

Term 1

- Staff Development Days (4): Tuesday 27 January to Friday 30 January
- **Students return on Monday 2nd February to Thursday 2nd April**
- **Last day of Term 1 is Thursday 2nd April**

*Autumn school holidays – Tuesday 7th April to Friday 17th April

Term 2

- Staff Development Days (2): Monday 20th April and Tuesday 21st April
- **Students return on Wednesday 22nd April to 3rd July**
- **Public Holiday - Monday 27th April for ANZAC DAY**
- **Public Holiday - Monday 8th June for King's Birthday**
- **Last day of Term 2 is Friday 3rd July**

*Winter school holidays – Monday 6th July to Friday 17th July

Term 3

- Staff Development Day (1): Monday 20th July
- **Students return on Tuesday 21st July to Friday 25th September**
- **Last day of Term 3 is Friday 25th September**

*Spring school holidays – Monday 28th September to Friday 9th October

Term 4

- Staff Development Day (1): Monday 12th October
- **Students return on Tuesday 13th October to Thursday 17th December**
- **Last day of 2026 is Thursday 17th December**

*Summer school holidays – Friday 18th December to Wednesday 27th January 2027

*Return date for students in 2027 - TBC



We have a facebook page.... please share and tell your friends.... It's a great way to keep informed.



Reminder to parents and carers:

Apply now for 2026 School Opal cards

Getting to school by bus in 2026

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a 2026 School Opal cards. As this is a busy time of year, we highly recommend applying before the end of this year. It's also a good idea to check the bus timetable to help make your child's journey to school as easy as possible.

School Opal cards

- All students catching the bus in 2026 will need a School Opal card.
- Under the [School Student Transport Scheme \(SSTS\)](#), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the SSTS and how to apply for a School Opal Card, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> (best accessed from a desktop computer) click 'Apply now'.

Bus timetables

Busways operates your school's bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable:

1. Go to busways.com.au/nsw
2. Click 'School Services' in the navigation bar, then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter the school's name in 'Enter a school name' field
4. Select the school's name to open the timetable.

If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same page to find the school. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child.

School Uniforms



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Midford is proud to supply uniforms for Henry Fulton Public School and is excited to open our newly designed uniform shop location – Midford Penrith.

The last day of trade at the current Midford Kingswood Uniform Shop will be **Thursday 19th March, 2026**. The uniform shop will be closed from the 20th to the 29th of March, while we relocate the store.

Midford Penrith will reopen on Monday the 30th of March. The new store address is **Suite 11, 86 Henry Street, Penrith**.

Any online orders placed after 12pm **Wednesday 18th March** will be available to collect from **Midford Penrith on Monday 30th March**.

The Henry Fulton Public School online store will continue to operate as usual, with three different collection points. You can collect your items from Midford Penrith, have your parcel delivered to home or work for a cost of \$15.00, or collect from the School Office.

School Pickup Orders will now be delivered to the school once a week, and be available for collection on **Thursday mornings**. To ensure delivery in the same week, please place School Pickup orders online by 2pm on Tuesdays.

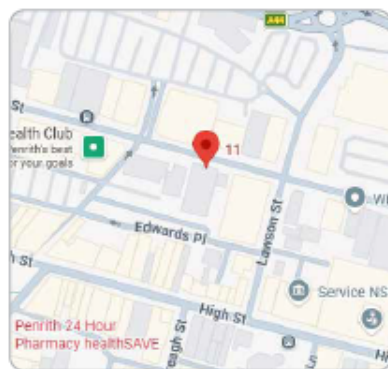
Returns and exchanges require the items to be brought back to the store.

We look forward to meeting you and assisting with your uniform needs.

Throughout the school term our opening hours are:

Monday - Friday:	8:30am - 4:30pm
1 st Saturday of every month:	9:00am - 12:00pm

Phone:	(02) 4721 7422
Email:	penrith@midford.com.au
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- View the school calendar and news

