

# Henry Fulton Public School Newsletter

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2026 TERM 1 WEEK 8

## *From the Principal's Desk....*

### **Newsletter 2026 - Term 1 Week 8**

I want to start by congratulating Years 3 and 5 for doing so well with their NAPLAN assessments so far in this last week. They have another week or so to go. Our teachers, Mrs Cooper, Mr Carley and Mrs Wilkat have been supporting and administering the tests and report all children are coping really well. Keep up the great work.

I'm looking forward to the PULSE Alive performance on Friday night. I can't wait to see our dancers and the choir performing. I thank Mrs Cooper and Miss Peterson, for their leadership and dedication in providing opportunities for our children. I know everyone will have so much fun being part of something so amazing.

### **Basketball Re-surfacing Project**

Planning and preparations are well underway. We had a meeting last week with the successful tender to begin arranging the timeline. This is great news. I will keep you updated on the commencement once confirmed. An impression of what we are aiming for is below. We will have a new surface, new basketball rings/backboards and lines for handball and various sports.



## Harmony Week/Day

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Harmony Week is also about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, from the Traditional Owners of the land to our most recent arrivals.

We will celebrate a Harmony Day this Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March and we invite everyone to wear orange to show support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

*Did you know....*

- *Australia is one of the world's most successful multicultural countries and our cultural diversity is at the heart of who we are.*
- *Over half of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas.*



That's why it's so important that we celebrate our country's diversity through Harmony Week. And celebrating that no matter where you come from, we're united by the Australian values of freedom, respect, fairness, democracy and equal opportunity.

See you in orange on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **EASTER CELEBRATIONS – THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

We are looking forward to a fabulous day of celebration with all we have planned. Everyone, get creative and start creating, buy up lots of raffle tickets, donate lots of Easter goodies for prizes and we'll all look forward to a fun-filled day.

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 or two. 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 for the best dressed / most creative.

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***

A colouring competition will be sent home this week. Students must complete the colouring-in at home and entries **MUST BE submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> March to classroom teachers**. Once sent in, entries will be judged by an "expert panel of teachers" and winners will be announced at 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 and 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.

### ***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.



### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN continues until **Monday 23 March 2026** for students in Years 3 and 5. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing. It is about assessing learning progress. The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day, make sure everyone gets a good night's sleep and has a healthy breakfast. Also, please make sure your child is at school on time.

### ***Catch-up tests***

Where possible, we will arrange catch-up tests for individual students who were absent on the day of a scheduled NAPLAN test.

### **Sport News**

Over the past few weeks, we have had a number of students try out for a variety of representative teams. Congratulations to Nelson D, Euan Mac and Alexander C who have made it into Soccer and Jack B who has progressed to further try-outs for Basketball. Well done, to all of them.

### **K-6 Assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

The K-6 Assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March will feature the Annual Swimming Carnival awards and ribbons for those who placed after final calculations at our swimming carnival.

We will also have a presentation by Class - 5/6 Classical which we are all looking forward to.

The assembly will also feature:

- Class awards
- Henry Fulton Awards
- Principal Medallions and Trophies
- SRC Report
- Sport reports by Sport Captains
- Library Class award
- Positive Behaviour Awards

*And as mentioned:*

- Annual Swimming Carnival awards
- A presentation by Class 5/6 Classical

### **K-6 Assemblies in 2026**

We have scheduled our K-6 Assemblies for 2026 and later in the newsletter I have placed the dates and what items will feature so you can be prepared and save the dates. Hopefully this will be helpful to you. Please note that changes may need to be made at times. We will endeavour to let you know of any changes with as much notice as we can.

*Finally.....* many thanks to 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 in these weeks prior. 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](mailto:pandchenryfultonps@gmail.com)



**G Palamara**  
**Principal**

## *Dates for your calendar*

### **Mar**

16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Mar HARMONY WEEK  
 18<sup>th</sup> Mar Student Voice  
 18<sup>th</sup> Mar Sydney West Swimming  
 19<sup>th</sup> Mar HARMONY DAY Celebrations  
 27<sup>th</sup> Mar K-6 Assembly

### **Apr**

2<sup>nd</sup> Apr EASTER CELEBRATIONS  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr Last day of Term 1  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr Good Friday  
 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Apr Staff Development Days  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr First day back for students  
 24<sup>th</sup> Apr ANZAC Day Assembly @ 9.10am  
 24<sup>th</sup> Apr School Cross Country @ 9.30am  
 25<sup>th</sup> Apr ANZAC Day  
 27<sup>th</sup> ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

### **May**

7<sup>th</sup> May P&C Mother's Day Stall  
 10<sup>th</sup> May MOTHERS DAY  
 12<sup>th</sup> May P&C Mtg  
 15<sup>th</sup> May K-6 Assembly

### **June**

9<sup>th</sup> Jun P&C Mtg  
 10<sup>th</sup> Jun SCHOOL PHOTO DAY  
 19<sup>th</sup> Jun K-6 Assembly

### **July**

3<sup>rd</sup> Jul Last day of Term 2

## *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.

<b>K-6 Assemblies for 2026</b>		
<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>		
<b>Term 1</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class - 6 Waltz</li> <li>Leader badges</li> </ul>
	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Swimming Carnival Awards</li> <li>Class - 5/6 Classical</li> </ul>
	*2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	<b>*EASTER Celebrations</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	*24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>*ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY</b>
	15 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Cross Country Awards</li> <li>Class - 3/4 Piccolo</li> </ul>
	19 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Choir</li> <li>Class - 2 Acoustic</li> </ul>
<b>Term 3</b>	*3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>*EDUCATION WEEK</b>
	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Athletics Carnival Awards</li> <li>Classes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-1 Forte</li> <li>-1 Virtuoso</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dance Participation Awards</li> <li>Choir Participation Awards</li> <li>Class - 4/5 Groovy</li> </ul>
<b>Term 4</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-K Melody</li> <li>-K Musical</li> </ul> </li> <li>Dance Group</li> <li>Zone Awards</li> </ul>
	*11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>*REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY</b>
	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dance Group</li> <li>Awards</li> <li>Swimming &amp; Water Safety Program Participation Awards</li> </ul>
	*11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>*PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS ASSEMBLY</b>
	*17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>*Year 6 – Graduation Assembly</b>

## 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*

It's hard to believe how quickly the weeks are flying by — we are already at Week 8! It has been a very busy and productive few weeks for the P&C and the school community.

We are excited to share that, following a tender process, a company has now been selected to resurface the new basketball court. This is a fantastic development for the school and something many students have been looking forward to. The P&C will continue to work alongside the school and keep the community updated as the project progresses.

A big thank you to the many members of our school community who have already donated chocolates and gifts for the upcoming Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on 2 April during the Easter Hat Parade. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. With chocolate eggs now appearing on special on supermarket shelves, it's the perfect time to consider donating a few extra items if you are able. Every contribution helps make the raffle a great success for the students.

There are also plenty of raffle ticket books available from the school office if anyone would like to collect additional tickets to sell among family and friends.

We are also pleased to share that the P&C has developed an online feedback form for parents and community members. This form can be used to enquire about P&C membership, ask questions, or provide feedback and suggestions. If you would like to connect with us, please scan the QR code below to access the form.

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed through donations, volunteering, and ticket sales. When we work together as a community, we can do even more to support the school and help provide great opportunities for our children.

Wishing everyone all the very best for the fortnight ahead.

**Mark Williams**  
**P&C President**



## *What's Coming Up ....*

### **NAPLAN-Parent and carer information YEARS 3 and 5 ONLY**

NAPLAN will next take place from **Wednesday 11 March to Monday 23 March 2026**. Students in Years 3 and 5 who are enrolled at a school are expected to participate in 4 NAPLAN tests:

- writing
- reading
- conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy.

All schools in NSW complete NAPLAN online. However, Year 3 students do the writing test on paper. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the format of the tests before the NAPLAN test window.

### **Supporting your child**

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing. It is about assessing learning progress. The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day. Excessive preparation or the use of coaching providers is not recommended. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

### **Students' digital skills**

The digital skills needed to complete NAPLAN are skills students use in everyday classroom activities.

Students do not need to be able to touch type. The online test is **not** about keyboard skills.

### **Public demonstration site**

The [public demonstration site](#) is available for students, teachers and parents to get familiar with the types of questions, tools and functions used in the NAPLAN tests. It includes demonstration tests for each NAPLAN year level, test domain (writing, reading, conventions of language, and numeracy), and alternative tests for students with disability.

### **Disability adjustments**

Adjustments are available for [students with disability](#). The adjustments should reflect the normal support a student receives in classroom assessments.

Contact your child's school to discuss possible adjustments. If adjustments are available for your child, you will need to sign a parent or carer consent form.

### **Withdrawals and exemptions**

You can withdraw your child from NAPLAN tests.

Your child may be exempt from NAPLAN tests if they have:

- significant disabilities that severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests
- a language background other than English and have recently arrived in Australia (less than a year before the tests).

Contact your child's school for further information about withdrawals and exemptions and to sign a parent or carer consent form.

### Tailored testing

NAPLAN reading, numeracy and conventions of language tests use a tailored test design. Tailored testing adapts to student's responses. It provides a more precise assessment of individual student performance.

Students at each year level start with a similar set of questions. Depending on the number of questions a student answers correctly, their next set of questions may be more, or less, difficult.

Students should not be concerned if the questions are more difficult than expected.

A student's NAPLAN result is based on both the number and difficulty of questions they answer correctly. A student who completes a more difficult set of questions is more likely to achieve a higher score and a higher proficiency level.

For more information on tailored testing [visit the NAP website](#).

### Catch-up tests

Where possible, schools may arrange catch-up tests for individual students who were absent on the day of a scheduled NAPLAN test.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**
- **Last day of Term 1 is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

\*Autumn school holidays – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

### Term 2

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

\*Winter school holidays – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

### Term 3

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

\*Spring school holidays – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

### Term 4

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

\*Summer school holidays – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. The uniform shop will be closed from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, while we relocate the store.

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

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

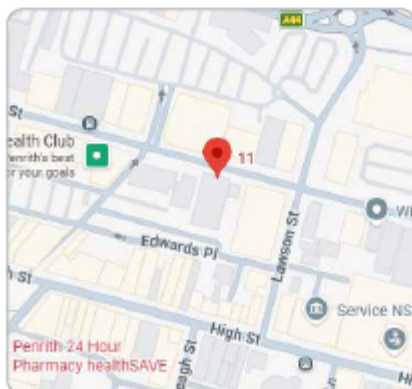
Returns and exchanges require the items to be brought back to the store.

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<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Phone: (02) 4721 7422  
Email: penrith@midford.com.au  
Address: Suite 11, 86 Henry Street, Penrith



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[How to create a parent portal on School Bytes](#)



The graphic features a dark blue background with a central smartphone displaying the app's dashboard. The dashboard includes sections for 'Welcome John', 'Finance', 'Payment History', 'Activities', 'Forms', 'Documents', and 'Attendance'. Below these are student profiles for 'Demetria Auer' and 'Oscar Salvinger'. Surrounding the phone are various icons representing app features: a calendar, a credit card, a document with a checkmark, a bell for notifications, a group of people, and a speech bubble. At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

**School Bytes**

# Parent App

**Available now!**

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.

**Key Features**

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

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