

# Henry Fulton Public School Newsletter

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2025 TERM 3 WEEK 10

## *From the Principals Desk....*

We've had a really busy term, with some great student achievements, wonderful performances both on the stage and the field and successful programs and parent workshops, excursions and in-school events. I'd like to thank the staff for all their efforts, dedication and enthusiasm, care and support. They are all, each and every one, an amazing asset to this school.

I wish everyone a great Spring break and will see all the students back on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October for their first day of Term 4.

Staff will be back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, for a Staff Development Day, to plan and be ready for the last term of the year.

### **Term 4 commencement dates**

- **Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> October is a Staff Development Day.** Only staff will be at school on this day and CAMP Australia will operate holiday program.
- **Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> October is the first day for students in Term 4.** We look forward to seeing everyone on the Tuesday for the start of Term 4. **CAMP Australia** continues as per usual, and the **canteen** will also re-open for Term 4.

### **The Anxiety Project**

**The Anxiety Project** parent workshops conclude this week. I hope all who have participated enjoyed the course.

I'd like to thank Miss Galackas for delivering the full 6 sessions. One in the morning and one in the evening for the three Wednesdays running. She is quite the presenter, and we are so grateful for her commitment and all of her organisation.

Many thanks too, to the staff who helped set-up, pack-up, prepare the catering, workshop packs and for providing the child-minding and supporting Miss Galackas, most in their own time. I am very grateful to them all.

### **Bushfire Planning - IT'S BUSHFIRE SEASON**

It's bushfire season and we need to keep informed of all bushfire activity and possible impact on our school over the summer period.

Henry Fulton Public School is in Greater Sydney Region Fire Weather District. The school is identified as **Category 2** and is in a bushfire prone area with **high** bushfire risk. We will be directed by the department to proactively temporarily cease school operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been issued for the following day, or on advice from emergency services or the State Emergency Operations Centre.

As a community we will need to watch for and understand all fire danger ratings and act if necessary.

### The Australian Warning System Alert Levels

There are four alert levels related to bushfires which will determine our actions in the event of a bushfire or emergency. These are updated regularly during a bushfire event.

- **Emergency Warning** - the highest level of Bushfire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.
- **Watch and Act** - there is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your school community.
- **Advice** - a fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.
- **Incident registered** – A white triangle indicates an incident (bushfire or other) has been registered and is currently under investigation. There is no action to be taken at this time.

It is recommended that we all have the **Hazards Near Me app** on our phones and be ready to receive messages from the school if there is a bushfire emergency close by.

Stay alert, be ready and keep informed.

### Security Over These School Holidays

CAMP Australia will be on-site Monday to Fridays from 7.30am to 6.00pm usually, but please keep an eye out over these school holidays and if you see any damage, disturbances, vandalism or nuisance behaviours particular out of these hours and on weekends, other than the planned workmen we will have on-site, make a report to:

- **SCHOOL SECURITY on 1300 880 021**
- **Police Assistance Line on 131444 or “000”**
- **Penrith Police 4721 9444**
- You can also send us a private fb message, so we are aware of any problems and issues if they arise but our Facebook and emails will not be monitored regularly over the holidays.

### New Henry Fulton Public School Website

Commencing at the end of this week, we will roll into a new website. You will notice different colours, tabs and images in a new style of presentation. It is a refreshed, clearer and more accessible site now. The information, links, pictures and documents can be easily seen and explored on mobile devices and information should be easier to find. There are direct links to our school Facebook page and School Bytes. Check it out, once it goes live. Let us know what you think and particularly if something is missing and we'll get right onto it.

Thanks to Mrs Harper who has been a 'whizz' at the task of setting up our pages, loading the links, documents and linking the School Bytes calendar. Well done, Mrs Harper!

## Kindergarten 2026

If you have a child who is turning 5 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026, they are eligible to commence Kindergarten in 2026.

We will have a series of orientation sessions in Term 4 which will be sent this week to all that we know are enrolling with us. So, we can add you to the list and let you know of all the plans, dates and events, please don't delay in getting your application to enrol completed. If you know of anyone still to do so, please urge them to come forward. Get those applications in and contact the office if you have any questions.

If you know someone who may be in our newly added intake area, please let them know they can enrol with us. This area is shared with Samuel Terry Public School. Parents can currently choose to come to Henry Fulton Public School. These are the newly assigned areas:

- *Reassignment of a residential area bordered by the Andromeda Playing Fields, Procyon Place and Sextans Place to the north*
- *The Northern Road to the east, Linden Crescent and Andromeda Drive to the west and Andromeda Drive to the south from Samuel Terry Public School to Henry Fulton Public School*
- *A residential dwelling on Kenilworth Crescent, is reassigned from Samuel Terry PS to Henry Fulton PS - aligning it with all other families on this street.*

## Applying to enrol in a NSW Government school- Enrolment application forms

The Application to enrol form can be downloaded here [NSW Government schools form \(PDF 768.4KB\)](#)

Parents can also go online and use the Department's [online enrolment system](#).

## Stage Three CAMP

Stage Three are off tomorrow to Wedderburn for an overnight stay and fun in the outdoor learning environment. They will do some amazing and challenging activities which require independence, teamwork and orienteering. Some great skills there. They will be accompanied by Mr Govender, Mrs Wilkat, Mr Hearn and Miss Homan and Mrs Duffy on the Wednesday. I hope they have a great time.

## Sydney West Athletics

On Thursday, the Sydney West Athletics takes place at Homebush and several of our students will be attending. I wish them all the very best of luck on the day. I know they will be amazing representatives of our Penrith Zone.

## P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be in the first week back after holidays, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in the staffroom. You are all invited to come along.

## Overnight Excursions

We usually plan an overnight excursion for Stage Three every year and one for Stage Two every second year.

The cost of overnight excursions can be very high, and we always try and keep this in mind when making our bookings which usually have to be made, a full year ahead. We find that some

are prohibitive, meaning they are just too costly, and we haven't been able to get enough participation to cover costs for some of these in the past.

We need to be mindful in a smaller school that it requires a lot of staff so there is adequate supervision, need to have a strong educational purpose and be value for money. All things considered we are going to offer a Canberra overnight excursion for Stage Three in 2026 and if we get commitment from enough families for this, we will go ahead. The price will be in the range of between \$450-\$500 for two nights and three-days. We will be asking for expressions of interest first. If there is enough interest, then a substantial non-refundable deposit quite soon. This will indicate if families will be able and willing to meet this cost.

For Stage Two in 2026, we are making inquiries for appropriate and available venues. We will let you know how our planning goes.

### **Public Speaking**

This term everyone in Stage Two and Three prepared a speech and presented this to their class and some were chosen to present it to the stage.

Huge congratulations to everyone for their efforts and preparation. They have all been wonderful speeches and quite an achievement for those who find this challenging. They showed resilience and courage in this activity.

Stage Two and Stage Three finalists have delivered their speech, and the winners are as follows. These students will present their speech at cluster finals which will occur in Term 4. We are yet to be given dates and venues but will let you know as soon as we are notified.

Congratulations to Bodhi C, Ganeev M, Elise H and Mia P in Stage Two and to Makayla K, Eden S, Trilby H and Ava W in Stage Three.

### **2025, Term 4 dates for your calendar**

Our end of year events which includes Year 6 Farewell, Class Party Day, Presentation Day Assembly, Swim School, Kindergarten Orientation, an excursion and other assemblies will keep us very busy.

#### ***October***

13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Staff Development Day  
14<sup>th</sup> Oct – First day for students in Term 4  
14<sup>th</sup> Oct – P&C Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Schools Spec rehearsals begin  
24<sup>th</sup> Oct – K-6 Assembly  
27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Swimming lessons @ Ripples, Penrith

#### ***November***

4<sup>th</sup> Nov – K-2 go to Australian Pioneer Village  
5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Cranebrook high School Year 7, 2026 Adviser visit  
6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Kindergarten Orientation program begins  
7<sup>th</sup> Nov – K-6 Assembly  
10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Interrelate for Stage Three begins  
24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Schools Spec week

#### ***December***

- 10<sup>th</sup> – P&C Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 Farewell
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Presentation Day Assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Class Party Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of 2025 for both students and staff

## 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

**G Palamara**  
Principal

## *2025 Minister's Christmas Card Competition*

We encourage students to get creative over the holidays and consider entry to the 2025 Minister's Christmas Card Competition. Entries should be brought back to school on the first day back after the holidays, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October to allow entry by 17<sup>th</sup> October. The artwork should reflect the theme 'Together at Christmas'. The competition is open to all students from K-6 and artworks can be created using any medium on paper no bigger than A4 size (either portrait or landscape orientation). Please see the flyer attached for additional information.

NSW Department of Education

**2025 Minister's Christmas Card Competition**

Submit student artwork by 17 October

The Minister for Education and Early Learning, the Hon. Prue Car, invites Kindergarten to Year 6 students from across NSW public schools to design the cover artwork for her 2025 Christmas card.

Students are encouraged to use their imagination to depict the theme 'Together at Christmas'. The winning artist will have their artwork featured on the Minister's 2025 Christmas card, receive a book pack and 20 copies of the card for their own personal use. The runner up will have their artwork featured in the digital card for the Secretary of NSW Department of Education.

**How to enter:**  
Submit artwork to [mcc@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mcc@det.nsw.edu.au) by 5:00pm AEDT 17 October 2025. Winning artists will be notified by 1 November 2025 and will need to complete a Permission to Publish form.

**Competition guidelines:**

- Kindergarten to Year 6 students who attend a NSW public school are eligible to participate.
- One entry per student will be accepted.
- Schools submit artwork entries on behalf of their students by email to [mcc@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mcc@det.nsw.edu.au). Please name saved artwork files in the format of schoolname-class-firstname-lastname.png, i.e. Christmas-PS-Class-Santa-Claus.png.
- Each artwork entry must include the student's full name, class and school.
- Artworks may be created using any medium but are to be no larger than 21cm x 30cm (A4). The artworks may be in portrait or landscape format.



Artwork by Ishanvi at Riverbank Public School

**Mrs Cooper**  
**HPGE Co-ordinator**

## *P&C News*

Firstly, the P & C would like to thank the students and families for their generosity in donating to a worthy cause with Steptember. It was wonderful seeing so many students get into the spirit and wearing green.

We want to update you that progress on our new playground will be commencing during the upcoming school holidays. We are so excited and can't wait for it to be ready for our students to enjoy. We will keep you posted as we have updates.

Next, we want to congratulate the students from Henry Fulton who have made it to the Sydney West Regional Athletics, we wish you all the very best of luck and are proud of you!

We also want to say Bon Voyage to our Stage 3 students who are going on camp, and hope you have an amazing time! Enjoy the school holidays, be safe, and we look forward to seeing you all ready to go for a big Term 4. Our next meeting will be at 7pm, on Tuesday the 14th of October, we would love to have you join us. Stu Paull P & C Vice President  
Regards,

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

## *Learning and Support*



### **The Anxiety Coach- Parent workshops**

The Anxiety Coach is a child development course designed and developed by psychologist, author and teacher Michael Hawton that equips parents with a practical and easy set of tools, and a solid understanding of the theory behind these to enable parents to build resilience in their child.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who attended the first two sessions of The Anxiety Coach. Our first session focused on the theory of the program and how the developing brain responds to stressors. Our second session focused on change and introduced the 'five-star model'. In our last session we will focus on how to support your child to face everyday challenges and introduce strategies to use at home. Each session has been filled with learning, discussion and sharing ideas.

We look forward to seeing all parents and caregivers attend our final session this week.



## Peer Play

During the past two terms, our Kindergarten and Year 1 students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Peer Play program, thoughtfully led by our Year 5 leaders. This initiative is designed to foster friendship, teamwork, and social skills during lunch breaks. Throughout the weeks, students engaged in enjoyable activities, supported one another, and built lasting relationships with their positive role models.

To celebrate the successful conclusion of Peer Play last week, all participating students were treated to a refreshing Zooper Dooper, while our Year 5 leaders took home the positive affirmations they created during their training. This marked the end of a fantastic program filled with laughter, connection, and growth.

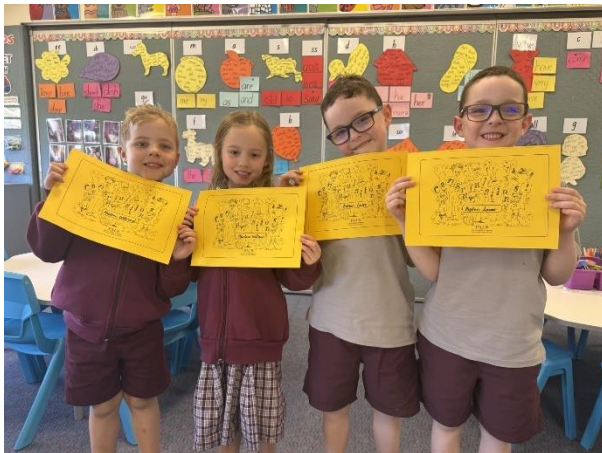
We extend our heartfelt thanks to all Peer Play leaders and participants for their enthusiasm and kindness. We look forward to continuing and expanding this wonderful program next year.

## PALS -Playing and Learning to Socialise -Social Skills Program

Our Kindergarten students have now completed the PALS Social Skills Program lead by our classroom teachers. This ten-week program teaches children about greeting others, listening, sharing, taking turns, dealing with feelings of fear, sadness and anger and solving problems. While many children appear to learn these skills with little difficulty, there are a number of children who require extra support to develop these essential skills. The PALS program has been found effective in helping children develop socially skilled behaviour.

In each lesson the students focused on a particular skill and the program gradually progressed to more complex skills required for successful social interaction. The students enjoyed singing songs, role playing and using puppets to learn these social skill concepts.

Congratulations to all of our Kindergarten students!



## Sustainability

Over the past few weeks, our school's Sustainability Group has been hard at work, adding fresh soil to the garden beds and planting a vibrant new crop of vegetables. The students are excited to nurture their green thumbs by growing a variety of seasonal veggies, including several types of tomato plants - such as the unique lollipop tomato - along with pumpkins, beans, and, for the first time, their very own flower garden.

We extend a big thank you to Bunnings North Penrith for their generous donation of soil, mulch, and tomato trellises, which will help our crop grow. Their support has provided the students with the quality materials needed to cultivate a thriving garden space.

The Sustainability Group looks forward to watching their plants grow and sharing the harvest with the school community towards the end of the year.



## Reminders...

### *K-6 Assemblies in Term 3 and 4*

#### *Term 3*

Week 10-Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

#### *Term 4*

Week 2- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct

Week 4- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov (NEW DATE)

Week 6- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov (NEW DATE)

\*Week 9- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY

**\* A celebration event and not a regular assembly as such**

### *Term Dates in 2025*

#### **Term 3**

Monday 21 July - SDD

Tuesday 22 July - Students return for Term 3

Friday 26 September - Last day Term 3

Spring school holidays - Monday 29 September to Friday 10 October

#### **Term 4**

Monday 13 October - SDD

Tuesday 14 October - Students return for Term 4

Friday 19 December - Last day for students in Term 4

Summer school holidays - Monday 22 December to Monday 26 January 2026

## *Intake Area Adjustment*

At times it is necessary for the department to adjust a school's local enrolment area. Intake area changes happen to better balance enrolments, utilise assets and capacity across schools, ensuring students continue to have access to high-quality public education.

For Henry Fulton Public School, our intake area has increased slightly as there has been movement of the boundary between Henry Fulton Public School and Samuel Terry Public School.

Parents, you may be wondering how this affects you if you live in the new intake area. I hope the following information is helpful, however please contact the school if you have any other questions.

This is the **mapping information** we have been given followed by some common questions and answers.

- *Reassignment of a residential area bordered by the Andromeda Playing Fields, Procyon Place and Sextans Place to the north*
- *The Northern Road to the east, Linden Crescent and Andromeda Drive to the west and Andromeda Drive to the south from Samuel Terry Public School to Henry Fulton Public School*
- *A residential dwelling on Kenilworth Crescent, is reassigned from Samuel Terry PS to Henry Fulton PS - aligning it with all other families on this street.*

### **Q. I live in the area that is changing. What does this mean for me?**

**A.** The revised intake area will be uploaded to School Finder and take effect immediately. A transition period will be in place for all affected families for a period of 12 months from the date of implementation. During this transition period families in the identified areas of change will be considered local to both schools with the option to enrol at either. At the conclusion of the transition period the option to enrol at the two schools will no longer apply and families will only be guaranteed enrolment at their new local school. The 12-month transition period is expected to end at the end on Term 2, 2026.

### **Q. I have a child already attending one of the above schools, can they stay there even if I am now in a new intake area?**

**A.** Yes, they can. There is no change for students already attending a school. They can complete their education at the school they originally enrolled into.

### **Q. Will siblings have to attend different schools when the intake area changes?**

**A.** If you have a child already attending a public school, you can apply to enrol siblings at the same school under the standard Department of Education enrolment policies. Please contact your school for more information if you have specific questions or concerns.

### **Q. I have already lodged my child's enrolment application form for kindergarten 2026. What do these changes mean for my child?**

**A.** Applications that have been processed and accepted will not be affected, including kindergarten 2026 enrolments. For families residing in the area of change the option to apply to the alternate school is also available to you.

### **Q. My circumstances are challenging, and I think this school is best for my child. We live outside the school's intake area. What should I do?**

**A.** We understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and that there are instances where exceptional and compelling circumstances will need to be considered. If this is the case, you should talk to the principal of your local school. Non-local enrolment applications for children living outside of the proposed intake areas will be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the Department's enrolment policy.

## School Awards

- Keep all your awards safe at home.
- When you have 5 **Good News Awards**, hand them to the teacher to get your **Special Award**.
- Collect 3 **Special Awards** and you can get a **Henry Fulton Award**.
- After three **Henry Fulton Awards** you can choose your **Principal Award**-medallion or trophy.
- **Henry Fulton Awards** and **Principal Awards** are handed out at K-6 Assemblies.
- **Positive Behaviour Awards (PBL)** awards are also very important. It means you are Aiming High, a Safe, Responsible and Respectful learner.



## School Uniforms



Please note the updated trading hours for Midford (Previously Back to Basics)

**Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm**

**Saturdays 9:00am to 12:00pm (Term 1 and 4 only)**

**First Saturday of each month 9:00am to 12:00 (Term 2 and 3 only)**



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



# Parent App

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- Get real time push notifications from your school
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- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

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