Henry Fulton Public School Newsletter

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2025 TERM 3 WEEK 8

From the Principals Desk...

What a great week for dancing it was last week. Our three dance groups wowed the audiences at 'The Joan'. They sparkled and entertained at both a matinee and an evening performance. Many thanks to our fabulous parents who as always support the school with our requests each and every time and make sure everyone is on time, looking wonderful, and ready for every performance.

Huge thanks to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Madanowski and Mrs Wilkat, our dance teachers extra-absolutely, extraordinaire!

Without giving their extra time, their dedication and willingness, we wouldn't have such great opportunities for our students to experience, enjoy performing on a stage and the creative arts. It's exhausting for the teachers, but they are always so thrilled and energised when they see their kids on stage under all those lights, with huge smiles and seeing their reactions to the adoring clapping and cheering.

Additionally, our own Charlie B and Joel K were the hosts on Thursday night and they were amazing, confident and strong. Thank you to them both for representing us so well. We are very proud of them both.

Many thanks to the extra helpers these last few weeks, Mrs Harper, Miss Galackas, Miss Peterson and Mrs Bicknell. Their help and support was so valuable.

We will see the dance groups perform at school at upcoming K-6 Assemblies in Term 4.

Upcoming events for the remainder of Term 3

We are at the moment seeking to register our choir and dance group for PULSE which will take place in March 2026. Parents look out for that on School Bytes. PULSE is a wonderful concert, full of fun, colour, variety and talent. We'll be there if we get enough interest and commitment from our students.

Other upcoming events until the end of Term 3 include:

September

10th Sep - Responsible Pet Presentation for K-2 students

10th Sep - Maths Olympiad for our high performing maths group

17th Sep - Stage Two go to Brewongle Environmental Education Centre

12th Sep - K-6 Assembly

24th-25th Sept - Stage Three CAMP at Wedderburn 25th Sep - Sydney West Athletics 26th Sep - K-6 Assembly 26th Sep - Last day of Term 3

Parents, Please Note: Term 4 commencement dates

- Monday the 13th October is a Staff Development Day. Only staff will be at school on this day and CAMP Australia will operate holiday program.
- <u>Tuesday the 14th October is the first day for students in Term 4.</u> 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 commence this week. I hope you have all registered. It is a worthwhile course and will be valuable to you. Do let us know if some time has freed itself for you and you are able to come along to either the morning or evening sessions.

I wish Miss Galackas all the best in advance for these upcoming courses. In all, she will be delivering 6 sessions. One in the morning and one in the evening for three Wednesdays running. That's quite a commitment and I thank her in advance for all her organisation.

Morning Sessions over three weeks

Workshop 1: 9-11am Wednesday 10th September Workshop 2: 9-11am Wednesday 17th September Workshop 3: 9-11am Wednesday 24th September

Evening Sessions over three weeks

Workshop 1: 5-7pm Wednesday 10th September Workshop 2: 5-7pm Wednesday 17th September Workshop 3: 5-7pm Wednesday 24th September

Kindergarten 2026

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

We have commenced making plans for orientation sessions in Term 4 and start dates for 2026. 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. 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. 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 <u>NSW Government schools form (PDF 768.4KB)</u>

Parents can also go online and use the Department's online enrolment system.

P&C News

Many thanks to our P&C for running an amazing Fathers' Day stall last Thursday. Our next P&C meeting will be this evening, Tuesday 12th September at 7.00pm in the staffroom. You are all invited to come along.

2025, Term 4: Further dates to put into your calendar

Schools Spectacular is coming up in November and I'm pleased to say we will be seeing a choir group. It is the pinnacle of public education performing arts and an unforgettable experience for us all who participate, that's teachers included. Rehearsals commence early in Term 4. I thank Miss Peterson for our participation.

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

13th Oct - Staff Development Day

14th Oct - First day for students in Term 4

14th Oct - P&C Meeting

22nd Oct - Schools Spec rehearsals begin

24th Oct - K-6 Assembly

27th-31st Oct - Swimming lessons @ Ripples, Penrith

November

4th Nov - K-2 go to Australian Pioneer Village

6th Nov - Kindergarten Transition program begins

7th Nov - K-6 Assembly

10th Nov - Interrelate for Stage Three begins

24th Nov - Schools Spec week

December

9th - P&C Annual General Meeting and General Meeting

10th Dec - Year 6 Farewell

12th Dec - Presentation Day Assembly

17th Dec - Class Party Day

19th Dec - Last day of 2025 for both students and staff

*Summer School holidays commence

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

Steptember Thanks

What a great day, 'Steptember, wear green and bring a fiver' was last Thursday. We raised over \$880.00. That's wonderful.... Our community is truly very generous, and I thank you all so much for supporting such a great cause. The school will be transferring those funds to the fundraising P&C registration. All proceeds go to the Cerebral Palsy Alliance for research.

Our playground and refurbishment work

Our playground project will commence in these upcoming Spring Holidays, and we are so very excited about this. The company hopes to be finished 4-6 weeks after that.

Also, I have been contacted regarding the resurfacing of the basketball court. Due to the grant, there's a deadline to completion so we will see this finished before August in 2026.

We can't wait to see how this middle part of the school play areas will all come together, finally.

And.... the toilets in Block B will be opening up his week, and we are so pleased with how they look. They are modern and well refurbished, the same as the previous refurb in Block C. This now brings this work to a completion.

Finally...... I welcome Miss Homan to 5/6F for a period of time whilst Mrs Fleming is taking some leave and returning early in Term 4. She is amazing and I look forward to seeing the great work that they will do together including going to CAMP and preparing for the busy Term 4 activities which will involve Year 6 in particular.

PEC News

A big thank you to all our students, parents, teachers, and school staff for helping make both the Father's Day Stall and Steptember/Step4Schools events such a success. The generosity, enthusiasm and support shown by our school community was wonderful to see and greatly appreciated. We hope all fathers and other important people in our children's lives had a wonderful time for Father's Day. We hope the money raised on our 'wear green and bring a fiver' last Thursday goes a long way to helping support the Cerebral Palsy Alliance with their wonderful work and research.

Congratulations also to our talented students who recently performed in the Nepean Blue Mountains Dance Festival. Your hard work, dedication and teamwork were clear to see on stage, and we are all so proud of your achievements. We also give a massive thanks to the teachers who prepared the kids for the dance festival. We appreciate all the time and effort you gave in getting the kids ready for their performances.

Finally, a warm invitation is extended to all parents and citizens to join us for our P&C meeting tonight at 7:00pm in the school staff room. Your input and support are always valued, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Mark Williams
P&C President

Learning and Support



The Anxiety Project Parent Workshops - The Anxiety Coach' Term 3

Our workshops will be held on **Wednesdays in Week 8, 9 and 10 of this term**. The course will be held at school and runs over three sessions; each session is two hours in duration.

During these three sessions you will learn:

- How the developing brain responds to stressors
- How to support your child to face everyday challenges
- Strategies to use at home to help reduce anxious behaviour in children including S.A.L.O.N conversations

Morning Session

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For the evening session we will provide care for children (those above 4 years old that have independent skills) while you are attending these sessions.

If you wish to attend the course, please enrol via School Bytes.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ms Galackas Learning and Support

Sustainability







Last week, our sustainability group harvested a fantastic winter crop, including cabbages, purple carrots, spring onions, and a variety of colourful beetroots! The students were thrilled to take home a selection of fresh produce and get creative in the kitchen over the weekend. We heard Ms Georges whipped up a delicious fried rice using a few spring onions—yum!

We'd love to see what you cooked—please share your photos with us! 📷

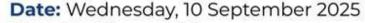
Now, we're busy preparing the gardens for our final crop of the year. Stay tuned for more green goodness!



Need help accessing services?

Get the support you need from community and government services all in one place. Whether it's help with documents, payments, fines, or everyday challenges, service providers will be available to assist you on the day.

For more information call us on (02) 9853 3333



Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: 1 Mimika Avenue, Whalan

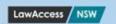
Don't miss out! Register your interest now!























































GambleAware



The 2nd round of **CAPA auditions for 2026 are now open** with the extra excitement of now offering audition opportunities for students who will be in **Year 7 in 2027** (students currently in Year 5 can now audition for a place in the Creative and Performing Arts Stream in 2027).

Successful Year 5 students will be invited to participate in workshops and events at Nepean CAPA High whilst they are in Year 6 giving them the opportunity to continue developing their skills and creating strong connections for a smooth transition into High School.

Students have the opportunity to audition for:

- Circus Arts
- Creative Arts
 - Dance
 - Drama
 - Music

Further information & applications are located in the link below https://nepean-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/capa/performing-arts-auditions.html

Reminders...

K-6 Assemblies in Term 3 and 4

Term 3

Week 8- Friday 12th Sep Week 10-Friday 26th September

Term 4

Week 2- Friday 24th Oct Week 4- Friday 7th Nov (NEW DATE) Week 6- Friday 21st Nov (NEW DATE) *Week 9- Friday 12th Dec, PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY

* A celebration event and not a regular assembly as such

Dates for your calendar

Sept 2025

9th P&C Mtg 10th Maths Olympiad 10th K-2 Responsible Pet Ownership Presentation 12th K-6 Assembly 24th-25th STAGE THREE CAMP 26th K-6 Assembly

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

