

Henry Fulton Public School Newsletter

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2025 TERM 4 WEEK 4

From the Principal's Desk....

Congratulations to our swimmers last week who had a great time, and did an amazing job learning and strengthening their swim and safety skills. Thanks to Mrs Vinton and Miss Antonelli for accompanying and supervising the students. From all accounts it was a great week.



Public Speaking Competition

The Stage 2 and 3 Penrith Valley Public Speaking Competition Cluster Finals continue this week on the 5th November. Good luck to Bodhi, Elise, Makayla, Trilby, Mia, Ava and Ganeev. Good luck from all of us.

K-6 Assembly Friday 7th November

This week's K-6 Assembly on Friday 7th November commencing at 1.45pm, will feature the Junior Girls Dance Group and an item by 1/2M. We will also be giving certificates for the Maths Olympiad participants.

We will be congratulating the students who have worked hard to achieve a Henry Fulton Award, a Principal's Medallion or Trophy, celebrating birthdays, give class awards, library awards, and positive behaviour awards. See you there.

Kindergarten 2026

Our program to transition our prospective Kinders for 2026, commences this week.

We will have a series of orientation sessions which will be beneficial to our new Kinders and their families. 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.

New Intake Area

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*
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Applying to enrol in an 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](#).

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be on 11th November commencing at 7.00pm in the staffroom. This is a General Meeting and if you wish to vote at the Annual General Meeting in December you will need to become financial at this meeting prior to the AGM. Please come along as it is a wonderful opportunity to hear what is happening at school and be part of decision-making and fundraising plans.

The P&C Annual General Meeting-9th December 2025

The December meeting will include both the Annual General Meeting and the December General Meeting. With the annual meeting coming up it's important to know that all positions will become vacant and then nominations and voting will take place. Each position is extremely important to a well-functioning P&C. I can congratulate our current P&C for their great support and work. They've been amazing this year.

- **President** - Mark Williams
- **Secretary** - Melanie Slater
- **Vice President** - Stuart Paull and Carl Bylsma
- **Treasurer** - Jess Hawkins
- **Non-office bearers** - Alison Clarke and Lauren Nicholls

A description of positions is as follows if you are interested in taking one on for 2026. The positions on the P&C are:

President usually runs the meetings and coordinates and manages P&C events, communicates regularly with the Principal and the school, other P&C members and the P&C executive. The President ensures the successful functioning of the P&C.

Secretary usually coordinates mail, messages and communication, meeting agendas and meeting minutes and other administrative tasks associated with the P&C.

Vice President usually supports the President in all aspects of their role and assists the President in successful functioning of the P&C. The Vice President will act on behalf of the President in their absence.

Treasurer has financial accountability, manages the finances, providing information regarding balances, deposits and payments.

Non-office bearers' positions are filled so discussions can be conducted and decisions made outside of meetings and if a quorum is required at meetings in the absence of executive members.

2025, Term 4 dates for your calendar

Our end of year events which includes Year 6 Farewell, Excursion for K-2, Class Party Day, Presentation Day Assembly, Kinder Orientation, an excursion and other assemblies will keep us very busy.

November

4th Nov - K-2 go to Australian Pioneer Village
 5th - Cranebrook HS Year Adviser visit to our Year 6 teachers
 6th Nov - Kindergarten Orientation program begins
 6th - Peer Support Program session
 7th Nov - K-6 Assembly
 10th Nov - Interrelate for Stage Three begins
 11th Nov - Remembrance Day acknowledgment
 13th - Peer Support Program session
 13th Nov - Kindergarten Orientation Session #2
 19th - Year 5 Captain Speeches
 20th - Peer Support Program session
 24th Nov - Schools Spec week

December

4th - 10th Dec - Kindergarten Orientation Parent Session/Session #3
 4th Dec - P&C Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
 9th - P&C Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
 10th Dec - Year 6 Farewell
 12th Dec - Presentation Day Assembly
 15th Dec - Semester Two Report home to parents
 15th Dec - Talent Quest
 17th Dec - Class Party Day
 17th Dec - P&C Raffle Draw - Time TBC
 19th Dec - Year 6 Graduation Assembly and Arch
 19th Dec - Last day of 2025 for both students and staff
 *Summer School holidays commence
 *Dates for 2026 holidays and Staff Development Days later in the newsletter

School Captains 2026

We will hear speeches of our interested Year 5 students who wish to be considered for a School Captain position in 2026 on Wednesday 19th November in the hall. I thank them in advance for “throwing their hat in the ring”. There are so many outstanding candidates. It will be a difficult decision for the school student body to make afterwards as voting will occur on the day and then I will announce the Schools Captains for 2026 at the Presentation Assembly on Friday 12th December.

Everyone is welcome to come along and hear the speeches which will commence in the morning session.

Presentation Assembly - Friday 12th December, commencing at 9.15am

Our annual **Presentation Day Assembly** will take place on Friday 12th December commencing at 9.15am. This assembly will be a formal event. It will be a privilege to announce 2025 class awards, special school and sporting awards and announce School Dux 2025. I will also announce the School Captains for 2026.

The expectation is that ALL students will be in full school uniform for this assembly.

Even though it's a Friday, NO SPORT UNIFORMS, PLEASE. May I please request that all students are in FULL SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM which includes black shoes.

Please save the date and we hope to see you there.

Finding out prior

Whilst we do not give advance warning to parents of children who are receiving awards at our usual K-6 assemblies throughout Terms 1, 2, 3 and 4, we will send out a notification to parents by email if their child will be receiving an award on Presentation Day, as these are our most special awards of the year. This list will include **all** Year 5 students who presented a leader speech.

If you receive a notification, we hope that parents keep this knowledge safe so there can be an air of anticipation and surprise at the Presentation Assembly. This has been the same procedure that has been in place for many, many years and we will continue in this way.

Last day of 2025 for students and staff

The last day of school year for all students and staff will be Friday the 19th December for 2025.

In 2026, there are 4 Staff Development Days on Tuesday 27 January to Friday 30 January, to start the year.

All students in Kindergarten to Year 6 return on Monday 2nd February. It is most likely that students will go into old classes at the beginning of the day, we will welcome and settle the new Kindergarten students into their classes and then some time before recess, we will form all our other new classes. This works best for us.

See you out and about.

G Palamara
Principal

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

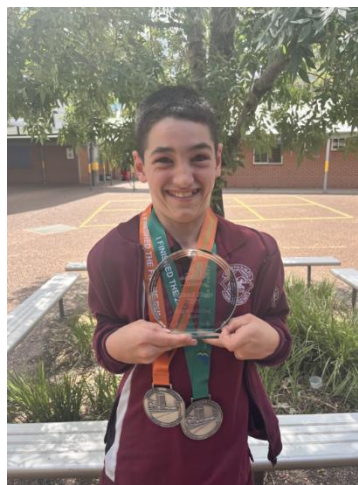
- Staff Development Day (1): Monday 12th October
- **Students return on Tuesday 13th October to Thursday 17th December**
- **Last day of 2026 is Thursday 17th December**

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

*Return date for students in 2027 - TBC

Sporting News

Matthew B took part in his third 'Billbergia, Bennelong, Bridge Run' (BBB Run) at Sydney Olympic Park last weekend. It's an all-inclusive event that features specific races for frame running and wheelchair athletes. Matthew competed in the 500m frame running event and placed 2nd. He then went on to complete the 2km fun run. What a wonderful way to wrap up a week full of sporting achievements. State Athletics and the BBB Run....that really was an amazing week. Well done, Matthew!



P&C News

Exciting Playground Update

We're thrilled to announce that construction on our new playground has officially begun! The transformation is underway, and in just a few short weeks, our students will be enjoying a fresh, fun, and safe play space. Stay tuned for the grand opening date!

Christmas Raffle – Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! The P&C Christmas Raffle will be held on Wednesday, 17 December 2025. There'll be fantastic prizes up for grabs, so don't miss out. More details on how to purchase tickets and prize previews will be shared soon. Please contact Carl Bylsma on 0405 291 882 or email pandchenryfultonps@gmail.com to make prize donations for the raffle.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day

A huge thank you to the incredible teachers and staff at Henry Fulton for the dedication, care, and passion they bring to our children's education every day. Your work does not go unnoticed, and we are so grateful for everything you do!

Next P&C Meeting – Join Us

We'd love to see more parents get involved. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 11 November at 7pm in the staffroom. It's a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and support our school community.

Regards,

Mark Williams
P&C President

Reminders...

K-6 Assemblies in Term 3 and 4

Term 4

Week 4 - Friday 7th Nov

Week 6 - Friday 21st Nov

*Week 9 - Friday 12th Dec, PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY

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

Term Dates in 2025

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*
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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.



Henry Fulton Awards

When we work hard, we Can earn a Good News Award



Good News Awards will be handed out by teachers.
They will need to be kept in a safe place at home until 5x Good News Awards have been earned.

When we earn **5x Good News Awards** we receive a **Special Award**



Students will need to return their 5x Good News Awards to their teacher to receive their Special Award.
5x Good News Awards = Special Award

When we earn **3x Special Awards** we receive a **Henry Fulton Award**



Students will need to return their 3x Special Awards to their teacher to receive their Principal's Award.
3x Special Awards = Principal's Award

When we earn **3x Henry Fulton Awards** we receive a **Principal's Awards**


or


Students will need to return their 3x Principal's Awards to their teacher to receive their Medallion or Trophy.
3x Henry Fulton Awards = Principal's Award


x5 =

x3 =

x3 =

or


We can also earn Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Awards

These awards celebrate students who are for Aiming High and being Responsible, Respectful and Safe.



Aiming High



Responsible



Respectful



Safe

