



KINGSWOOD SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Newsletter

DATE: Friday 21st February 2025
TERM 1 WEEK 4

Our school celebrates learning every day and our mission statement is,

"A school dedicated to providing inclusive quality learning environments, and a school culture that promotes high expectation and success for all."

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to welcome you to our latest edition of the school newsletter. This is my opportunity to keep you informed each fortnight about events, programs and achievements in our school and what's happening in the NSW Department of Education.

The school welcomed Mrs Cooper the Penrith Education Director last Wednesday morning to our school, and she was very impressed at how settled our students were coming into school and starting their learning straight away in classrooms. This is a testament to the consistent routines and programs we currently have in place. Thank you to our families who support this daily. We have caring staff who are ready to support students who may be a little anxious coming into school, however they are settling very quickly and enjoying their school friendships before they head into class.

We understand how essential it is for families to stay connected with the school, and we value the role that communication plays in fostering a supportive and productive environment for our students. To streamline communication and ensure that messages are handled efficiently, we have put some guidelines in place for contacting the school in this newsletter. We hope that this helpful for our families.

We encourage you to use these communication channels to help us respond to your needs in the most timely and efficient manner. Your partnership in following these guidelines will help us maintain clear and effective communication for the benefit of all our students.

Notes have started to go home about our Stage 3 Overnight Excursion to Berry Sport and Recreation Camp this year. We have put this information out to families early so that families can budget and make payments if needed to ensure their child has this wonderful experience. Thank you to Kingswood South P&C who have donated \$1000 to this excursion to help keep costs down. The school has also put money towards the excursion to decrease the cost so that it can be affordable for our families. We are aware that many families are struggling with the high cost of living, and we hope that if needed you reach out to the school.

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BELL TIMES

8:53AM - SCHOOL STARTS
11:00AM - LUNCH
1:25PM - RECESS
2:45PM - SCHOOL ENDS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1

Week 5

Monday - Thursday
Kindergarten
Best Start Assessment

Wednesday
-School Assembly

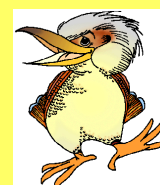
Thursday
-K-2 Soccer

Friday
-PSSA Zone Trials Day

Week 6

Wednesday
-Zone Swimming Carnival
-P&C Meeting

Thursday
-K-2 Soccer



We continue to update our Term Planner each fortnight so please make sure you check what's happening in the school. We appreciate your continued support and partnership as we work together to create the best possible learning environment for our students.

Regards
Ms Martin

Swimming Carnival

Our Annual **Competitors Only Swimming Carnival** was held today Friday 21st February 2025. Thank you to Ms Quinlan and Mrs Tye for coordinating the event; giving our students the chance to qualify for the Zone Swimming Carnival to be held in a few weeks. Information has gone to families.

Student Attendance Matters

Thank you to the families who are already contacting the school when their child/children are absent. We have many families currently going overseas for holidays. Please make sure you fill in an Application for Extended Leave. All absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the class roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year. The NSW Education Department would ask families where possible to take overseas holidays in the school holidays so that your child is not missing school days.



Term 1 NAPLAN

Every year our Year 3 and Year 5 students sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Testing. This year the testing has been moved to Term One and will take place from the 12th of March to the 24th March 2025.

NAPLAN assesses the Literacy and Numeracy skills your child is already learning at school. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the format of the tests before the NAPLAN test window. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, please contact the school on 4736 2408. More information will be going home in the next few weeks.

Breakfast Club

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning we hold a Breakfast Club which is free for every child. Our dedicated staff volunteer to support our students. If any parents have availability to come and help with breakfast club from 8.25am to 8.50am on any of these days, please contact the school office and let us know. We gratefully accept volunteers for this program.

Preschool Program 2025

We still have some places for our 2025 Preschool Program for children that are turning 4 years old before July 31st 2025. We invite you to consider the Preschool Program for your child for their early learning journey.

Our Preschool offers a safe, nurturing environment where children engage in play-based learning experiences that foster creativity, curiosity, and social skills. We believe in the importance of a strong foundation during these formative years, and our dedicated educators are committed to supporting your child's individual growth and development.

If you need further information about our Preschool, please contact us or visit our school website. We look forward to welcoming families to our preschool.



School Uniform

It is essential that all students wear the correct uniform each day as part of our commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and community at school. We have noticed that some students are wearing the **blue Best and Less skirt**, which is not part of the approved school uniform. This item does not meet our uniform standards, and we kindly ask that students refrain from wearing it to school. We understand that some families may face financial challenges, and we want to remind you that student assistance funding is available for families experiencing hardship. If this applies to your family, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for further assistance. We are here to support you and ensure that all students have access to the correct uniform.



We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to ensure that all students wear their school uniform every day. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a positive and inclusive environment.

Stewart House Donations

As NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice, Stewart House is a not-for-profit organisation based at Curl Curl on Sydney's Northern Beaches. Stewart House was formed 90 years ago by the NSW Departments of Education and Health in collaboration with the NSW Teachers Federation. Since 2009, the organisation has been governed by an independent Board of Directors who administer the Stewart House program across the entire site including health, education and residential facilities.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing. This experience provides children with a much-needed break from their current circumstances. Our children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have positive aspirations for their future.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend for 10 days and the NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for the school.

For the last 3 years we have sent 5 to 6 students to Stewart House to be a part of this program. As part of the fundraising program for Stewart House we give out Stewart House envelopes for donations. Donations of \$2 or more go into the draw to win a \$4,000 holiday travel voucher. The fundraising envelopes will go home this week to families and can be returned to the school office over the next two weeks.

The image shows a fundraising envelope for the Stewart House Charity Drive 2025. It features the Stewart House logo, a quote from a child, and details about the charity drive and a prize draw.

Stewart House Charity Drive 2025
94 years caring for children
NSW Public Education's Charity of choice

“ I have had a great time as I have had some things at home
I needed to take off my chest, it is a truly lovely place. ”
(Errol, June 2024)

Your contribution supports the 1,600 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT.

Win a \$4,000 holiday travel voucher

- Place a \$2 coin in this envelope, or scan to pay online
- Complete entry details on the back
- Return envelope to your school to go in the draw

Schools are to collect and post completed entries to PO Box 21, Freshwater NSW 2096 to be received no later than Thursday, 22nd May 2025. The draw will take place at noon at Stewart House on Friday, 23rd May 2025.

SCAN TO PAY ONLINE

Term 1 Events Calendar

(Please be aware that some events may be changed or added. It will be updated every newsletter.)

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Feb/Mar	24 th Best Start	25 th Best Start	26 th Best Start Whole School Assembly	27 th Best Start K-2 Soccer	28 th PSSA Zone Trials Day
6 Feb/Mar	3 rd	4 th	5 th P&C AGM Meeting	6 th K-2 Soccer	7 th
7 Mar	10 th	11 th	12 th NAPLAN Whole School Assembly	13 th NAPLAN K-2 Soccer	14 th NAPLAN
8 Mar	17 th NAPLAN	18 th NAPLAN	19 th NAPLAN	20 th NAPLAN K-2 Soccer	21 st NAPLAN
9 Mar	24 th NAPLAN	25 th Student Leaders Day Kimberwalli Cultural Immersion	26 th Whole School Assembly	27 th K-2 Soccer	28 th

Term One Parent Programs



Circle of Security Parenting

Eight week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children.

-  Wednesdays 19th February - 9th April
-  Blaxland Uniting Church Hall
72 Old Bathurst Rd Blaxland
-  10:00am - 11:30am
-  FREE for residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns

[Register Now](#)

Anxiety Coach for Parents

4 week parenting program that helps reduce anxiety and build resilience in your children.

-  Tuesdays 4th March - 25th March
-  Nepean Christian School
(Puggles Preschool) 856
Mulgoa Rd Mulgoa
-  6:00pm - 7:30pm
-  FREE for residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns

[Register Now](#)

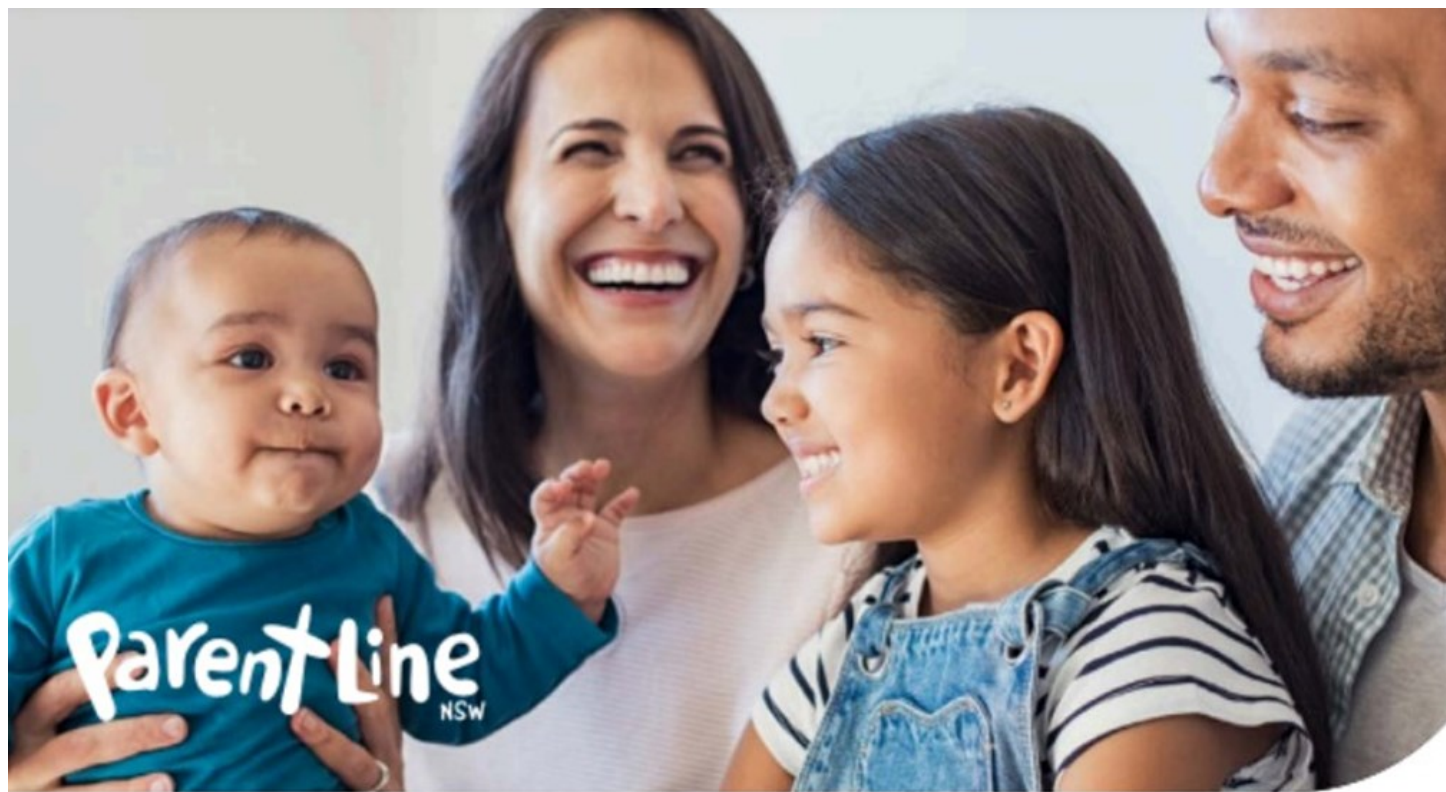


A Space for Us - Term 1 2025

Are you a parent or carer living with a child who requires additional support and care?

-  Penrith 25th Feb, 25th March
Blaxland 13th Feb, 13th March,
10th April
-  Penrith 10:00am - 12:00pm
Blaxland 12:00pm - 2:00pm
-  Penrith & Blaxland
-  FREE

[Register Now](#)



Parent Line NSW

Parent Line counsellors are available to help with any of your parenting issues.

Parent Line is a telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents of children aged 0 to 18 years who live in New South Wales. We can also provide support and information for professionals working with families.

Our counsellors can help with problems relating to young babies and children:

- Settling and feeding newborns and babies
- Toddler taming
- Managing child care and school transitions
- Support during family separation
- Managing stress and anxiety

Through to issues relating to teenagers:

- Teen mental health
- School and study issues
- Managing technology use
- Alcohol and drug use
- Strategies to build positive relationships

Help when you need it.

Monday - Friday, 9am - 9pm

Saturday - Sunday, 4pm - 9pm



Parent Line NSW
1300 1300 52
Parentline.org.au



Communicating with our school

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All contact with our school is to be consistent with the School Community Charter respecting that our staff are primarily engaged with the teaching and caring of our students.

By phone



Urgent matters

Urgent matters require an action or response from staff on the same day, like:

- your student's attendance
- changes to arrangements that need to be communicated to your student
- your student's health and wellbeing.

Non-urgent matters

Including:

- requesting a meeting with our school staff
- requesting information about an upcoming school event
- providing brief information to the school
- raising a concern.

What you can expect

If necessary, you will need to leave a message with our office staff who will identify the best person to respond to your call, if needed. The response will happen by the end of the next school day.

Our school phone number is:

4736 - 2408

You are welcome to phone our school during school

hours 8.30am - 3.15pm

By email



Our school email address is:

kingswoods-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

You can email us about non-urgent matters that do not require a same day response, like:

- requesting a meeting with our school staff
- requesting information about an upcoming school event
- providing information to the school such as specialist reports
- raising a concern.

For matters that require an action or response from staff on the same day, please phone the school.

What you can expect

Emails will be:

- read within 3 school days of receipt
- acknowledged, if required
- assessed to decide what action is needed, including if a response is required
- monitored between Monday to Friday 9.00am - 2.30pm, during school terms only
- responded to by relevant staff only.

In person



How to contact our school

Parents are welcome to meet with our school staff.

- We prefer you phone or email a request, briefly explaining the issues you wish to discuss,
- or if the staff member is available at the end of the school day, have a very brief meeting. Please understand they may have other duties to attend to.

You are welcome to bring a support person or advocate, with prior notice, to be present at any meeting.

What you can expect

Our staff will:

- respond to your request within 3 school days
- discuss with you a mutually agreeable time to meet and agree on what will be discussed
- decide who is best to meet with you.



In Sentral Parent Portal



How to contact your child's teacher

You are welcome to contact your child's teacher through Sentral Parent Portal App.

Please contact the office to access the app.

Process in Sentral to access messages

Once opening the app, on the home page is a messages icon. You will be able to select your child's class teacher and send them a message.

You will see a red dot when a message is waiting.

* General day to day queries



Messages

What to expect

Teachers are on class throughout the day, therefore messages will be read within 3 days and responded too.

* Responses will occur between 8.30am - 4.30pm

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WELCOME BACK

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

FEBRUARY

21st Swimming Carnival

26th Whole School Assembly

MARCH

5th P&C AGM Meeting

12th Whole School Assembly

12th—24th - Naplan for Year 3
and Year 5 Students

APRIL

10th Easter Hat Parade

11th Last Day Term 1

SCHOOL CANTEEN

NOW OPEN
WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY &
FRIDAY ONLY

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
TUESDAY &
THURSDAY
2:00PM—2:30PM

*Alternately you can make
An order through the office.*

P&C COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESIDENT: NATALIE KINGDOM
VICE PRESIDENT: LISA DEKOSTER
VICE PRESIDENT: GEMMA HOFF-
MANNBECK
TRESURER: WHITNEY WILLCOCKS
SECRETARY: RENEE COOPER

A NOTE FROM THE

P&C PRESIDENT

Welcome back to school, I hope you all enjoyed your break.

We have been busy selling lots of stock in the Uniform Shop during the first few weeks back at school.

A huge thankyou to our parents and carers for your patience during our busy times.

We appreciate all your support during this time and loved having a chat and getting to know some of you more.

Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 5th March 2025 with the Annual General Meeting starting at 6.30pm followed by our monthly meeting at 7pm, both being held in the school library. This is a chance to come and meet and have a chat to Parents/ Carers/Staff and find out what is happening at the school. Every suggestion/concern is heard and feedback provided and children are welcome to attend too.

At the AGM (Annual General Meeting), the positions of President, Vice President x 2, Treasurer and Secretary will be made available. Please come along and have your say and vote for who you would like to see be a part of our school's P&C for the new year. I hope to see you there!

UNIFORM UPDATE

The Uniform Shop will continue to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm—2.30pm this year.

Thankyou so much to all those that have donated uniform items that you no longer need, we really appreciate it.

All second hand items are free and available to collect from the Uniform Shop.

All students now need to be wearing the Blue Polo Shirts.

The Gold Polo Shirts have now been phased out for 2 years and need to be completely removed. If you require assistance with this, please contact the office ladies or Miss Martin. Thankyou, your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

NEXT MEETING (AGM): WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2025 AT 6:30PM



Kingswood South Public School

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Be Safe

Be a Learner

Be Respectful

UNIFORM ORDER REQUEST FORM

as at June 2024

Description	Size	Price	Size Required	Qty Required	Total	Office Use Only
Blue Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	4 – 2XL	30.00				
Blue Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	4 – 2XL	30.00				
Sports Shirt	4 – 2XL	30.00				
Sports Shorts	4 - L	15.00				
Microfibre Skort w Bike Shorts	4 - XL	30.00				
Culottes and Skirts	Limited	10.00				
Dress	4 – 12	50.00				
School Shorts	4 – 2XL	20.00				
Cargo Pants	4 - 16	27.00				
Cuffed Tracksuit Pants	4 - 16	25.00				
Jumper	4 – 2XL	25.00				
Bomber Jacket	4 – 2XL	35.00				
Microfibre Jacket	4 - XL	45.00				
Preschool Shirt	4 – 8	28.00				
School Hat	S M L	12.00				
School Bag		38.00				
TOTAL						

The Uniform Shop is open 2.00pm – 2.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Orders will be ready for pickup once payment is received.

Orders can be left at the office **with payment** and uniforms will be sent home with your child.

Account Name: Kingswood South Public School P & C Special Purpose
BSB: 062589 **Account No:** 00913951 **Ref No:** (child's name and class)

Please tick method of payment: Cash [☐] POS [☐] Bank Transfer [☐]

Child's Name and Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____ **Contact Number:** _____

Date Paid: _____ **Signed:** _____ **Receipt #:** _____

School Admin ONLY

Item removed by: _____ Date: _____