

# **CHATTERBOX**

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Term 1

Week 6

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#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

# **Panania Public School Flag Monitor Induction**

Congratulations to our flag monitors!

On Monday, 17 February, our new Flag Monitors for 2025 were presented with their badges. Flag monitors play a crucial part in upholding the traditions and values of our school community. Students have been chosen based on their ability to demonstrate leadership, responsibility and school pride whilst adhering to our school rules of:

Be Safe Be Respectful Be an Active Learner

Flag monitors are entrusted with the important task of raising and lowering the flag, which symbolizes the collective identity and spirit of our school. This fosters a sense of belonging and encourages students to take pride in our school.

Being a flag monitor also develops essential life skills such as organisation, teamwork, and accountability. It provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to our school and to act as role models for their peers.



# Panania Public School Prefects for 2025



Farah James



James Karavelas



Oliver Naidovski



Ella Olovcic



Jack Smith



Remi Stephens

| Farah James   | James Karavelas                                     | Oliver Naidovski  |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| I am intelligent, caring and conscientious.                                 | I am sporty, funny and caring.                      | I am athletic, responsible and humorous.                      |  |
| I like to read and listen to music.   | I like to run, footy and video games.               | I like swimming, video games and soccer.                      |  |
| I wish our school could have more dress up days.                            | I wish our school could have free play as a reward. | I wish our school could have soccer goals on 'A' playground.  |  |
| I approach a challenge by trying different strategies.                      | I approach a challenge with persistence.            | I approach a challenge by trying repeatedly.                  |  |
| My words of wisdom are: life is tough, you be tougher.                      | My words of wisdom are: never give up.              | My words of wisdom are: be reflective and collaborative.      |  |
|   |   |   |  |
| Ella Olovcic  | Jack Smith  | Remi Stephens   |  |
| I am athletic, kind and humble.   | I am sporty, kind and creative.                     | I am clever, compassionate and                                |  |
|   |   | athletic.   |  |
| I like sprints and hurdles.   | I like baseball and talking to friends.             | athletic. I like netball and family time.                     |  |
| I like sprints and hurdles.  I wish our school could have more sports days. | <u> </u>  |   |  |
| I wish our school could have  | friends.  I wish our school could have              | I like netball and family time.  I wish our school could have |  |

# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

It was an honour to welcome our newly elected SRC representatives for Semester 1. Our SRC students will be committed to representing the voice of the student body, fostering school spirit, and initiating positive ideas within our school community. We are sure these students will do an exceptional job! We look forward to watching them take on their new role!



| 1S   | Mackenzie B | Lucas S    |  |
|------|-------------|------------|--|
| 1T   | Blair G     | Flynn T    |  |
| 2M   | Alexis A    | Remy G     |  |
| 2P   | Gemma S     | Lachlan H  |  |
| 3/4D | Malcolm N   | Asiyah A   |  |
| 3/4H | Carter T    | Bianca N   |  |
| 3/4R | Jennifer H  | Luka R     |  |
| 4/5M | Sienna H    | Cruz G     |  |
| 5/6C | Gabby P     | Solomon E  |  |
| 5/6E | Aria O      | Caspian    |  |
| 5/6S | Indiana O   | Mustapha E |  |
| 5/6W | Aria H      | Nate H     |  |

Mrs Morris, SCR Co-Ordinator

#### **HIGH FLYERS**

Congratulations to **Tilli (2M) and Rickel (KC) Moody,** who participated in the Summer Reading Club 2024-25. Canterbury Bankstown Library hosted it's fun filled Summer Reading Program designed to encourage children to discover some of the many wonderful books available at their local library, and to enjoy reading throughout the summer holidays. Well done on completing this program!

#### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL FROM MRS SIWAK**

Despite the rain, Panania Public School's annual swimming carnival was a resounding success, showcasing the resilience and spirit of our students. The event provided a variety of opportunities for students to engage in competitive swimming, cheer for their classmates, and just enjoy splashing around in the playground.

We extend our thanks to our students for their respectful behaviour throughout the event, which contributed to a positive atmosphere. The teamwork and sportsmanship displayed by our students were truly commendable. A special acknowledgement goes to the organising team, led by Mrs Walker and Miss Howell, whose hard work and dedication made the carnival possible. Their meticulous planning ensured that even with the rain, the day went ahead as planned. We would also like to express our gratitude to the parents and family members who attended, supporting our students and adding to the vibrant spirit of the day. **The overall house winner was Venus**.













#### SWIMMING CARNIVALS FROM MISS HOWELL AND MRS WALKER

On Friday, 14 February our annual swimming carnival was held at Birrong Leisure & Aquatic Centre. It was a wonderful day with students, teachers, parents, grandparents coming together as a whole school community.

At the carnival, students demonstrated outstanding behaviour and participation, as well as displaying excellent sportsmanship by supporting and encouraging each other. House cheers could be heard across the swimming centre as all students eagerly joined in to cheer their teams home.



Congratulations to all participants and good luck to those who have been selected for the District Swimming Team!







#### **DISTRICT SWIMMING**

On Tuesday, 5 March, 33 students represented Panania Public School at the District Swimming Carnival at Max Parker Leisure & Aquatic Centre, Revesby. Throughout the carnival the students demonstrated a commitment to perform their best. They worked as a team, encouraging and supporting each other with pride and integrity. All students displayed excellent sportsmanship and are to be commended for their efforts.



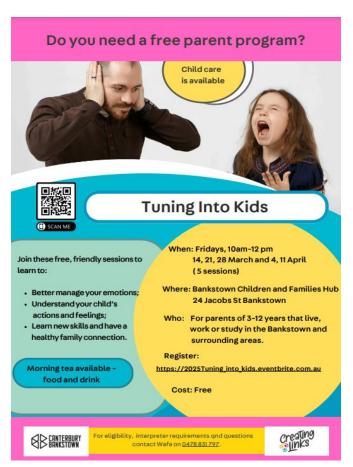
Congratulations to the following students who will represent East Hills District PSSA at the Regional Swimming Carnival at The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, Bradbury on Tuesday, 11 March.

| Jarvis B | Zion B      | Henry D   | Asher F  |
|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Cooper G | Charlotte N | Lachlan N | Oliver N |
| Rachel N | Illena P    | Eden S    | Jack S   |
| Amelia T |             |           |          |



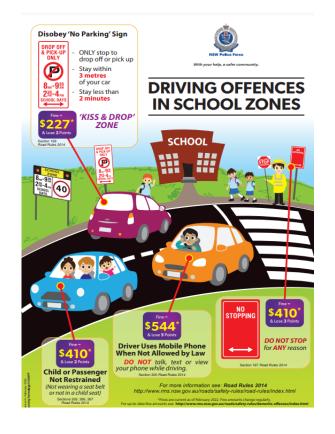














**TERM 1 - 2025** 

# Friday, 7 March

- Welcome Kindergarten Pizza Evening
- PSSA Season 1 commences

# Wednesday, 12 March - Monday, 24 March

NAPLAN 2025

## Tuesday, 18 March

School Photos

#### Tuesday, 25 March

National Young Leaders Conference

#### Thursday, 27 March

Student-Teacher-Parent Interviews

# Wednesday, 2 April

Cross Country

# Friday, 4 April

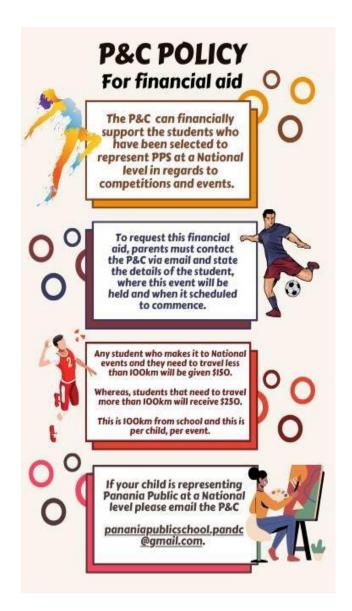
P&C Disco

## Tuesday, 8 April

• Easter Hat Parade

#### Friday, 11 April

Last Day for Term 1







Week 7 – Friday, 14 March

Week 11 - Friday, 11 April

mail orders to:

pananiapublicuniformshop@gmail.com

Donations accepted of good quality uniforms. Simply drop them into the office.

Want to volunteer?

https://chat.whatsapp.com/H8JkM6BJkAJ7sE91P8LIO5











When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as 1 day per fortnight, they will miss 4 weeks of school per year, which adds up to over 1 year missed over their school life.



Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Strengthening





#### THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE

#### **OF AUSTRALIA**

Panania RSL Sub-Branch

#### **ANZAC March and Service 2025**

Our annual ANZAC Community March and Service, sponsored by Panania RSL sub-Branch, will be held on **Sunday**, **13 April 2025**.

The March will commence at Panania Diggers', 28 Childs Street Panania, stepping off at 2.30pm proceeding to the Cenotaph at Edwards Reserve adjacent to Panania Station, returning to Panania Diggers, following the service, via similar route.

Light refreshments will be available following the march, at no cost.

#### **ANZAC Dawn Service 2025**

An invitation is also extended for our annual ANZAC Commemorative Dawn Service, sponsored by Panania RSL sub-Branch, to be held on **Friday**, **25 April 2025**.

The Service will commence at the Cenotaph, Edwards Reserve Panania, adjacent to Panania Railway Station, at 4:30am.

Following the service a light breakfast will be provided at Panania Diggers' Club. (Gold coin donation to Legacy) R.S.V.P. please by 15 March 2025 at <a href="mailto:pananiaSB@rslnsw.org.au">pananiaSB@rslnsw.org.au</a>, or alternatively on 02 9744 1288.







Karate is an excellent way to improve strength and fitness with many students reporting significant weight loss.



Karate kicking engages all muscle groups in the upper and lower abdominal areas & strengthens the lower back.



Enhanced flexibility from karate training can greatly increase posture & vitality.



Children who train in karate are much less likely to be bullied as they develop greater self-confidence & respect.



Children's school work & class behaviour can be greatly improved through karate's disciplined training environment.

# WHAT WE TEACH

Inviting students from all ethnic backgrounds to learn about the message of Christ in an Orthodox Christian way. We believe our children discover their true identity and purpose by knowing God.

- · Basic tenets and beliefs
- · The lives of saints
- · Personal spiritual development
- · Bible Engagement
- Serving God and others
- · Exercising faith
- · Community and fellowship
- · Liturgical participation

TO ENROL YOUR CHILD **CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION** 



CIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



# BANKSTOWN AREA

CO-ORDINATED BY ST EUPHIMIA PARISH **BANKSTOWN OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX** ARCHDIOCESE OF **AUSTRALIA** 



# **OUR VOLUNTEER TEACHERS**

- · Receive regular training
- · Provide all teaching materials
- · Registered with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia
- · Have a valid Working with Children Check
- · Sharing the message of Christ through an Infant, Primary, and High School Curriculum

Parish of St. Euphemia Bankstown 12 East Terrace, Bankstown NSW 2200 Website: steuphemia.org Phone: (02) 9709 6908 Parish Priest: Fr Panagiotis Protopsaltis Ph: 0402 219 214 Parish Deacon: Fr Meliton Haridemos Ph: 0499 816 918 Scripture Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Katzakis Ph: 0400 387 428



Keep Ethics Classes at Panania Public! We need Volunteers NOW!

#### WHY DO WE **NEED YOU?**

Two of our Teachers are leaving: Adna Olovcic & Melissa Carney are finishing up at the end of this year.

6 New volunteers needed for 2025:

- Kindy: 1xYears 1 & 2: 1xYears 3 & 4: 2x
- Years 5 & 6: 1x Ethics Coordinator: 1x (Remote Role)



#### Children discuss topic such as:

- · Imagining how others
- How do we treat living things?
- · What is laziness?
- · How do we disagree in a respectful way?
- Fairness



#### WHATS INVOLVED?

Commitment: 30 minutes a week on Wednesdays (just before school pick up) between 1:30-3:00pm

Training: 2-day workshop + short online modules

Lesson materials provided (you just need to read from the script!)

Skills Needed: Interest in your children's critical thinking skills!

All ethics lessons are supervised by a P.P.S teacher



#### LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

Join us for a coffee catch up at 'The Shop' at Picnic Point on Wednesday 4/12 at 1:30pm. You can meet the current teachers and ask us questions.

If you can't make it, you can always reach out to our co-ordinator Rebecca Wise at becannwise@gmail.com or learn more at primaryethics.com.au



#### MAKEA DIFFERENCE!

# Volunteer Ethics teachers help kids:

- Think logically
- Disagree respectfully
- Support arguments with evidence (rather than act blindly out of habit or peer pressure)
- Learn that its ok to change our mind, when circumstances change, or new information arises

#### **Our Current** Teachers



Melissa, Adna, Rebecca, Tom

