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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
Olovic**



**Jack
Smith**



**Remi
Stephens**

Farah James	James Karavelas	Oliver Naidovski
I am intelligent, caring and conscientious. I like to read and listen to music. I wish our school could have more dress up days. I approach a challenge by trying different strategies. My words of wisdom are: life is tough, you be tougher.	I am sporty, funny and caring. I like to run, footy and video games. I wish our school could have free play as a reward. I approach a challenge with persistence. My words of wisdom are: never give up.	I am athletic, responsible and humorous. I like swimming, video games and soccer. I wish our school could have soccer goals on 'A' playground. I approach a challenge by trying repeatedly. My words of wisdom are: be reflective and collaborative.
Ella Olovic	Jack Smith	Remi Stephens
I am athletic, kind and humble. I like sprints and hurdles. I wish our school could have more sports days. I approach a challenge by looking for different problem-solving strategies. My words of wisdom are: pick yourself up in tough times.	I am sporty, kind and creative. I like baseball and talking to friends. I wish our school could have new sports equipment. I approach a challenge by breaking it into smaller tasks. My words of wisdom are: chase your dreams.	I am clever, compassionate and athletic. I like netball and family time. I wish our school could have after school clubs. I approach a challenge by taking a creative approach and taking small breaks. My words of wisdom are: be confident and brave.

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			



Do you need a free parent program?



Child care is available



SCAN ME

Tuning Into Kids

Join these free, friendly sessions to learn to:

- Better manage your emotions;
- Understand your child's actions and feelings;
- Learn new skills and have a healthy family connection.

When: Fridays, 10am-12 pm
14, 21, 28 March and 4, 11 April
(5 sessions)

Where: Bankstown Children and Families Hub
24 Jacobs St Bankstown

Who: For parents of 3-12 years that live, work or study in the Bankstown and surrounding areas.

Register:
https://2025Tuning_into_kids.eventbrite.com.au

Cost: Free

Morning tea available - food and drink



For eligibility, interpreter requirements and questions contact Wafa on 0478 831 797.



STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE



Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!

Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025



SCAN TO PAY ONLINE

Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



Stewart House Charity Drive envelopes will be sent home with students by the end of this week. Thank you for your support.



DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

With your help, a safer community.

Disobey 'No Parking' Sign



Drop Off & Pick-Up ONLY

8am-9:30am
2:30-4pm
SCHOOL DAYS

ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
Stay within 3 metres of your car
Stay less than 2 minutes

Section 168 Road Rules 2014

Disobey 'No Stopping' Sign



DO NOT STOP for ANY reason

Section 167 Road Rules 2014

Child or Passenger Not Restrained



Section 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law



Section 300 Road Rules 2014



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ONLY stop to drop off or pick up

Stay within 3 metres of your car

Stay less than 2 minutes

Section 168 Road Rules 2014



'KISS & DROP' ZONE

Drop Off & Pick-Up ONLY

8am-9:30am
2:30-4pm
SCHOOL DAYS

Section 168 Road Rules 2014

Child or Passenger Not Restrained

Section 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law

Section 300 Road Rules 2014

NO STOPPING

DO NOT STOP for ANY reason

Section 167 Road Rules 2014

For more information see: **Road Rules 2014** <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html>

*Fines are current as of February 2022. Fine amounts change regularly. For up-to-date fine amounts see: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/road-rules/index.html>

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

P&C POLICY For financial aid

The P&C can financially support the students who have been selected to represent PPS at a National level in regards to competitions and events.

To request this financial aid, parents must contact the P&C via email and state the details of the student, where this event will be held and when it scheduled to commence.

Any student who makes it to National events and they need to travel less than 100km will be given \$150.

Whereas, students that need to travel more than 100km will receive \$250.

This is 100km from school and this is per child, per event.

If your child is representing Panania Public at a National level please email the P&C

pananiapublicschool.pandc@gmail.com

REGISTRATIONS OPEN
PADSTOW UTD FC
BECOME A TIGER IN 2025



[PADSTOWUNITED.COM.AU](https://www.padstowunited.com.au)

Join a team with a supportive environment and a focus on fun!

\$50 Early Bird Discount
ends 1 March

Season kick off 5 April



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

2025 Term 1 Open Dates

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>

DANCE CLASSES

STARTING IN 2025!



REGISTER NOW

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Now



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Ages 2 and up!

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Every Day Matters



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**.



Scan the QR code to learn more

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

-  Learning
-  Strengthening friendships
-  Build skills through fun



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 pananiaSB@rslnsw.org.au, or alternatively on 02 9744 1288.



GKR KARATE

KARATE FOR EVERYONE



FREE UNIFORM

+ DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIP

CONFIDENCE FOCUS DISCIPLINE

PH:0403 127 710



GKR KARATE



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



ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

SPECIAL 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

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HELP!

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

1 WHY DO WE NEED YOU?

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

6 New volunteers needed for 2025:

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

2 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

3 MAKE A 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

Children discuss topic such as:

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

4 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

Our Current Teachers

Melissa, Adna, Rebecca, Tom

"In ethics classes, children learn to think critically, rather than just follow the crowd."

Primary ETHICS