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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

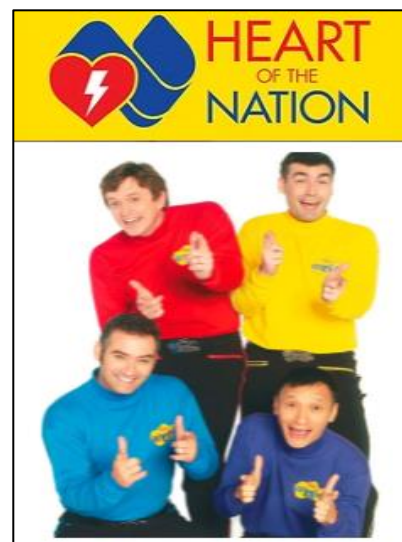
Community

Amazing community spirit was demonstrated by volunteers that held the Election Day barbecue. Gratitude is extended to students and their families as well as community members that were involved. In particular: Cooper Gibson, Ava Smithwick, Lincoln Birch, Mackenzie Birch, Spencer Birch and Chloe.

Defibrillators (AED)

Greg Page, the original Yellow Wiggle, survived a cardiac arrest thanks to a defibrillator (AED) during a Wiggles concert in 2020. This experience led him to advocate for AEDs to be more readily available in public spaces, including schools and libraries. He now leads the 'Heart of the Nation' initiative, working to make AEDs more accessible and to educate people on how to use them.

In the last week he has contacted the school and is kindly donating a defibrillator that will be readily available for community use on the outside of the school. Panania Public already has a defibrillator on site in A block, but this is not readily accessible before and after school when the school is locked.



More information and when and how to use a defib can be found here: <https://www.australiawidefirstaid.com.au/resources/why-and-when-to-use-a-defibrillator>.

Panania Public School Planning 2025

The 2024 Panania Public School Annual School Report and the 2025 School Excellence Plan is now available on the school website.

Small Group Tuition

As part of our commitment to supporting every student's learning, the Learning Support Team (LST) regularly reviews a range of assessment data. This includes both formative and summative assessments, as well as Department Check-in and NAPLAN results.

From time to time, your child may be invited to participate in a small support group focused on either Literacy or Numeracy. These groups are part of our normal school program and are designed to target specific learning needs and help address any identified gaps.

Support groups typically run for a ten-week cycle and are flexible and fluid in nature, meaning students may move in and out of these groups depending on their needs at a given time.

Public Education Awards

Lauren Barton has been nominated for the Public Education Public Awards. She has supported the implementation of the School Excellence Plan by fostering positive partnerships and enhancing student wellbeing. Implementing the "Morning Fitness Club" in Term 4 each year, has been instrumental in boosting school engagement and attendance whilst also providing students with a unique opportunity to connect with peers across different cohorts.

Lauren Barton has profoundly enriched the culture of Panania Public School through her commendable initiative of organising and coordinating the Wednesday Morning Fitness Club. Over the past eight years, she has effectively enlisted the support of other parents and community members to operate various fitness stations, creating an engaging and dynamic environment for students. Following these energetic sessions, participants are treated to a nutritious breakfast featuring a diverse menu that includes fruits, cereals, toast, pancakes, and muffins.

This initiative serves not only to promote physical health but also to foster a strong sense of community spirit among students and families. The joy and camaraderie generated through the Fitness Club create memories and meaningful connections among participants. Moreover, Lauren's unwavering commitment has instilled a culture of support and friendship within the school community. Her efforts extend beyond physical fitness, contributing to the overall wellbeing and social development of students. By facilitating this program, Lauren has created an inclusive and welcoming environment that encourages active participation and nurtures positive relationships, thereby enhancing the collective school experience for all involved.

Principal for the Day Competition

Congratulations is extended to Principal for the Day, Madison Vajdevski and Assistant Principals for the Day, Aria Hepehi, Eileen Li, Henry Sekhon and Izaya Moustafa.

They all took time out to develop a plan of action, ensuring student bathrooms are always well maintained and kept clean. An array of possible solutions from school security and surveillance to colour coded passes and monitors were considered.

The following is the agreed in the Student Action Plan:

1. Communicate school rules and expectations to all students, use facilities appropriately and respectfully.
2. During school hours students use class log book.
3. During break times student leaders monitor.
4. In the long term, beautify.



Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Recess	Jarvis Briana	Farah James	Jack Remi	Charlie Devesh	Keira Emmanuel Aya
Lunch	Amelia Will Brody	Oliver Ella Henry	Ariella Max Ava	Olivia Nate Bella	Mia Zahra Declan

Each leader can take a buddy and completes a 15-minute duty.



My ideas for the bathroom!



Hi, my name is Aria Hepehi and I'm in 5/6W and I'm in year five. My teacher is Mrs. Walker, and she is lovely. Anywho, let me tell you about some ideas for the bathroom that I think you should stay for!

1. This one is for the bathroom. So I was thinking having two people being bathroom monitors, that would be one boy and one girl so it's not weird. They stand out the front of the bathrooms at recess and lunch with a board and they ask for each person's name and class. The person using the bathroom writes their signature at the end when they come out of the bathroom, saying they have been in there and have used it carefully. But first we need to fix it up and use bleach on the walls for the graffiti so we can use the bathrooms again when we are inside for class. We should get a clip board for the bathroom monitors for recess and for lunch and a clip board for each class, so you put the time you go and your name. At the end of the day the bathroom monitors pick all the three to six clip boards up and put them in the office. To pick who the monitors are, go to each classroom and ask students from years five and six if they would like to be one of the monitors.

2. Why I should be principal of the day? Hi, my name is Aria, and you should know my name if you read the first bit of my text, I think I should be the principal of the day because I can talk about myself all day. From hobbies to my favourite things, to lots of stuff, but I'll make it easier for you. I have a 12-year-old brother that just finished primary school last year and now I'm alone. But that hasn't stopped me from writing this letter, let me start with my favourite sports. In first place is dancing, I love dancing and I've been dancing since I was two, I believe (had to ask my mum about that one). I can make up a dance for no reason but still love it I don't know why. Lets stop talking about dancing and move on to the next subject aka second favourite sport. In second place is basketball. I made it into the PSSA team last year for basketball. And guess what, I'm trying out again! Ok enough of sport. There are some other things I like. My favourite colour is turquoise, and my favourite flavour of ice-cream is mint chocolate chip. Last but not least, my last subject is what I like about this school. I like how there lots of options for sport, not just the main ones like soccer and basketball but also dance and choir and more. I like that we get to go to camp and last year we did a gymnastics program, helping with children's physical fitness and lots more. I hope you took your time to read this because I definitely took my time at 10pm to write this. Bye!

From your year five student,

Aria Hepehi



My solution is we can use ~~spies or postcards~~ We could get ~~volunteers~~ to ~~watch the bathroom~~

People who volunteer should be in stage 3. In this case they will have the power to stop people and bring them to you or a assistant principal.

I hope ~~like my idea~~
Just remember this idea has no price

Eileen Li YR 5
5/6W



Dear Mrs Siwak

I have two ideas the first idea is we have toilet passes & the second idea is toilet guard's, Li the prefect's

from Henry 5/6C

Dear Mrs Siwak,

I Strongly believe that I have found a solution for the ongoing toilet situation.

My idea would be to introduce a colour coded pass system. For example each class would be allocated a colour and also the teachers would be given a toilet log to record student names and the time that students go to the toilet.

The boys and girls toilets will have dropboxes installed (similar to the permission note box in the office). As students enter the bathroom they place their colour coded pass into the dropbox.

Year 6 Students will be nominated to empty dropboxes at recess and lunch.

So what this means is that any situation that may occur can be traced back by class colour and the student toilet log.

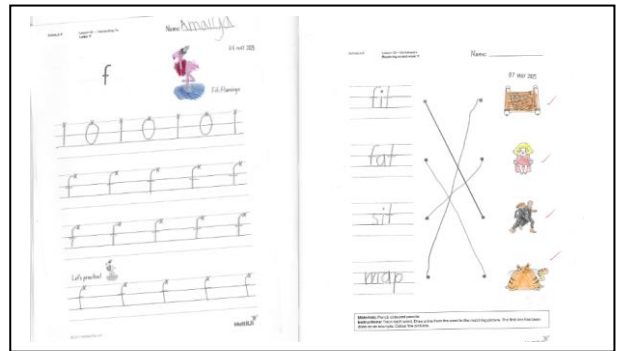
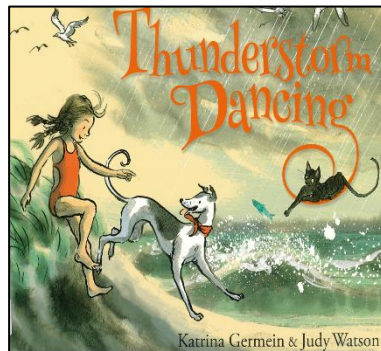
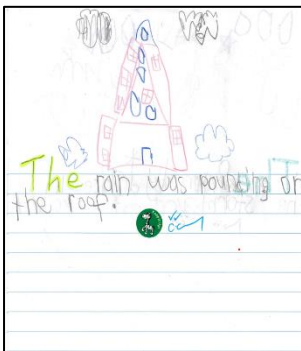
Thank you for taking my idea into consideration. Izayah 5/6C

On Wednesday 7 May, the Relieving Principal and Assistant Principals conducted class visits and supported the students to identify what they were learning about and how they knew when they had been successful.

This encouraged students to self-assess and reflect on their learning. The following are examples of their observations:

Mr Sekhon and Kindergarten

Kindergarten children were doing some segmenting of words such as “pit”. This will help them to learn to read. They were also writing sentences about “Thunderstorm Dancing”. This was based on a book about a crazy family dancing in the rain.



Miss Hephehi and Stage 1

Stage 1 children were learning about nouns and adjectives. This will help them to write descriptive texts that can entertain or inform. They were also reading “Max” and discussing which superpowers they would like if they were superheros. Natalia wanted to be able to blow fire, Zahlia wanted to be invisible and Ethan wanted to have telekinesis. This is where you can move objects using your mind.

Mr Moustafa and Stage 2

Today I had the pleasure of walking through our Stage 2 classes. They were reading a text about the bushranger Ned Kelly to gain an understanding of who he was. They used evidence from the text to develop an argument around whether he was a good or bad person. Lachlan 3/4R suggested he was a good person because he saved a child from drowning whilst Jennifer 3/4R insisted, he was bad because he stole sheep and cattle. All the discussion supported the students to develop their own perspective and begin to see the perspectives of others.

Miss Vajdevski and Stage 3

Stage 3 had a mix of fun, creative and engaging activities. In 5/6C they were doing area of composite shapes. Zion showed his working on the board whilst the other students explained that finding area was importing in tiling, carpeting, roofing, construction and the laying of turf on sporting fields. In 5/6W and 5/6S they had their thinking caps on doing various activities in reading groups. In 5/6E they were talking about subjective, objective and emotive language on the topic of the moon landing. There was debate about whether it was true or not. Lastly, in 4/5M the students were experimenting alongside Mr Beattie. Students created cars, animals and even Olaf the snowman. They had fun working in pairs and their next step is to get their models to move.

Mrs Siwak

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1

day per fortnight



= 4

weeks



= Over 1

year missed

1

day per week



= 8

weeks



= Over 2.5

years missed

STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE

Thank you to our generous community members who contributed towards year's Stewart House Charity Drive. Your donation will assist Stewart House in providing essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

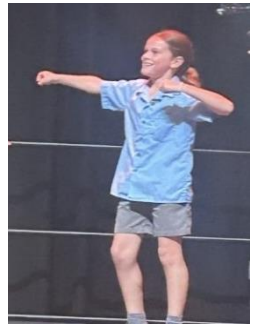
NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Tuesday, 25 March, Mrs Morris and the Leadership Team travelled by train to the Young National Leaders' Conference. The leaders had the chance to meet a variety of celebrities, including Olympian Emma McKeon, lifeguard Anthony "Harries" Carol from Bondi Beach, Catherine Laga'aia, the actress who played Moana in the live-action adaptation, and Thomas Duncan-Watt, an award-winning screenwriter and author. Some of us even got pictures with them!

We found Emma McKeon's presentation both inspiring and motivational, Anthony Carol's session informative and helpful, Thomas Duncan-Watt's talk humorous and entertaining, and Catherine Laga'aia's insights honest and thought-provoking.

To keep everyone energized, they taught us dances and organized dance games for us to enjoy. We played several games, all of which were a hit. In one game called "Dancing Eight," each person on stage performed a move for eight seconds, and everyone else had to copy it. William was the lucky participant chosen from our school, and we all cheered loudly for him!

Mrs Morris



CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday, 2 April we held our annual Cross Country sports carnival. Thank you to all the parents, carers and visitors for coming along to support the students and enjoy morning tea with them afterwards.

Congratulations to the students who were successful in making it through to the District Cross Country, which is due to be held on Tuesday, 20 May. Well done!



EASTER HAT PARADE AND RAFFLE

Parents, Carers and students went above and beyond in creating their beautiful hats for this year's Easter Hat Parade, which was held on Tuesday, 8 April! It was fabulous to see so many parents attending the event and sharing in the festivities of the day.

Thank you to Mrs Morris, the Student Representative Council (SRC) and the leadership team for organising such a wonderful morning, and to our wonderful school community who so generously donated prizes and bought raffle tickets.

Thanks to your ongoing support, we were lucky enough to raise \$1,216 which will go towards new play equipment for the school.

Congratulations to all the winners of those fabulous Easter Baskets!



ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2025

Panania Public School's ANZAC Day Service was held on Thursday, 1 May.

It was wonderful to have so many members of our school community and local community attend this year's commemoration. At our ceremony we were honoured to have a serving member of the Australian Defence Force, Sergeant Marlon Lalic, address our community.



Other special guests in attendance included:

- Mrs Kylie Wilkinson – State Member for East Hills;
- Mr Weston, President, Panania East Hills RSL;
- Ms Susie Mobayed – Director Educational Leadership, Bankstown Network;
- Mrs Sharon Byron – Principal, Picnic Point High School;
- Ms Lucy Andre – Principal, East Hills Girls High School; and
- Mr Paul Abboud – Principal, East Hills Boys High School.

Our student leaders spoke exceptionally well whilst conducting our commemorative service in a respectful and emotive manner. The students described and reflected on the immense sacrifices that were made by brave men and women during the many different conflicts and peacekeeping operations that Australia has been involved in.

Our flag bearers performed their role of raising and lowering the flag during the Last Post and Reveille with precision and respect. Thank you to our choir who beautifully performed the song "Always Remember" by Ian Jefferson.

Congratulations to our Captains, Prefects and Flag Bearers:

Acknowledgement of Country: Brody Parker

Captains: Amelia Tarlton and Jarvis Barton

Vice Captains: Brianna Black and William Gemmell

Prefects: Ella Olovic, Jack Smith, Remi Stephens, James Karavelas, Oliver Naidovski and Farah James.

Flag Bearers: Julia Tran, Henry Sekhon, Myra Nanda, Lincoln Birch and Izaya Moustafa.

Special Mentions: Thank you to Mrs Waskiw, Connor Maher of 3/4D and Jayden Ward of 5/6E for preparing our beautiful wreaths for the ceremony.

Lest we forget.

Mrs Walker, Miss Parkes, Miss Simpson and Miss Ecob





P&C NEWS

Our community has been working tirelessly to bring the “Fun” in fundraising, ending Term 1 with a bang. There were Easter Raffles, which will go towards supporting our Kid’s Wishlist for things they’d like to see at the school. The Term 1 Disco was also at the end of last term, and it was very well attended! We thank all the volunteers who stepped up last minute to help.

We had a busy start to Term 2, with an election barbecue and a Mother’s Day Stall, followed by the Grandmother’s Stall. What a fantastic display of community spirit we witnessed at our recent Election Barbecue! It was heartwarming to see so many familiar faces from our community come together, (including ex students, some as far back as the 70’s!), sharing laughter, good food, and a sense of togetherness. A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, flipping snags, serving drinks, and keeping the good vibes flowing. Your dedication is the backbone of our community, and we can’t thank you enough!

We also want to shine a spotlight on our wonderful fundraising coordinator, Robyn, who went above and beyond for our Mother’s Day stall, and our Canteen Convenor, Kep. Kep’s amazing morning tea spread was a highlight, delighting everyone with delicious treats, some of which were from the Snack Shack (it was nice to have a taste of the delicious snacks our kids are served).

The stall was a roaring success, thanks to the many grandparents, mothers, and fathers who pitched in with gift wrapping and helped make the day so memorable. The volunteers had a bow tying competition in the recess break and lots of laughter. A special shout-out to everyone who supported the Grandmothers’ Stall the following day—your generosity and enthusiasm truly made a difference.

The community’s tireless efforts and presence makes these events truly special, and we’re so grateful for your support.



HIGH FLYERS

Congratulations to some of our students who have been successful in being selected in various championship teams for the East Hills District PSSA:

- Jarvis Barton participated in the AFL Championships on Tuesday, 1 April. He was successful in being selected for the SSW SA Boys' AFL Team. Well done Jarvis!
- Micah Kountouris competed with the SSW Basketball team on Wednesday, 2 April at Bankstown Basketball Stadium.
- Caitlin Dunstan and Olivia Biner participated in the Girls' Softball Championships on Thursday, 3 April.
- Jarvis Barton, Max Donnelly, Jack Smith, Brody Parker, Nate Howell, Caspian Cassettari, and Cruz Gallagher also played on Thursday, 3 April. Jack Smith was chosen to represent SSW for the State Team. Well done Jack!
- Luca Agius, Cody Ballard, Robert Campbell, Max Donnelly and Harvey Watson played in the SSW SA Rugby League 11s Championship. They competed on Tuesday, 8 April at Smith Park.
- Jarvis Barton, Ceejay Macuh, Brody Parker and Maui Piggott competed in the SSW SA Rugby League 12s Championships, which was held on Monday, 5 May at Smith Park.
- Brianna Black and Remi Stephens were successful in Netball. They will compete at the SSW SA Netball Championships on Thursday, 29 May at Minto Indoor Sports Centre.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2 – 2025

Tuesday, 6 May – Tuesday, 1 July

- Dance2bFit – All Students

Tuesday, 20 May

- District Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday, 21 May

- 'Wear It Purple' Mufti Day – All Students

Wednesday, 28 May

- 'Week 5 Staying Alive' Mufti Day – All Students

Monday, 9 June

- King's Birthday Public Holiday

Thursday, 3 July

- Symbio Excursion – Kindergarten

Friday, 4 July

- Last day of Term 2



Term 2 Open Dates

Week 4 - Friday, 23 May

Week 7 - Friday, 13 June

Week 10 - Friday, 4 July

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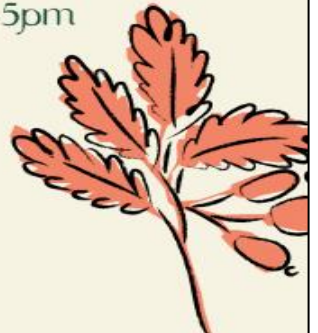
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