CHATTERBOX

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Education Week and Open Day

In 2025 Education Week coincided with our Open Day showcase. We collectively celebrated the strength, diversity and achievements of public education, where students supported to learn, grow and thrive. The theme "Ignite Your Potential" was reflected in performances and student lead activities and demonstrations ranging from dance, choir, public speaking, robotics, bee bots and softball. We thank our families and

for community attending and even dressing up for the Book Parade. It was a valued opportunity for families to view firsthand how Panania Public School is striving to ignite the potential in every student through creative programs, dedicated staff and an inclusive welcoming culture.









Book Week - Book Adventure



The Children's Book Council of Australia celebrates 80 years of inspiring young minds to journey through endless adventures captured in books. The featured artist is Jess McGeachin. As an award-winning Australian picture book illustrator, Jess' work encourages children to imagine, explore, and create their own adventures.





























Metropolitan South and West Directorate Public School

Principal Network Awards 2025 - Nominations

Excellence In Teaching and Learning

Bronwen Skinner: Exemplifies excellence in teaching and team leadership. Within her Stage 3 team she has guided her team in the implementation of new curriculum syllabus documents, including English, Mathematics, HSIE, and PDHPE. Her systematic and sequential approach has ensured that Key Learning Areas have been delivered cohesively, providing students with a comprehensive learning experience.

In her English programs, Bronwen places a strong emphasis on quality mentor texts and the exploration of English textual concepts. She creates highly differentiated tasks that cater to the varying needs of her students, promoting engagement and deeper understanding. By linking summative and formative assessments to clear learning intentions and success criteria, she equips students with a solid understanding of expectations, enabling them to take ownership of their learning.

As a result of her efforts, students exhibit high levels of engagement, collaboration, and a reflective attitude, demonstrating persistence in working towards their personal learning goals. Bronwen employs a wide range of strategies to support all learners, including forming strong partnerships with parents to foster a sense of belonging both in the classroom and throughout the school community.

Her unwavering commitment and dedication to her students shine through in every aspect of her teaching, making her an invaluable asset to the Stage 3 team and the wider educational environment. Bronwen Skinner's impact is profound, ensuring that all students can thrive and succeed.

Excellence In Leadership of a Public Education Priority

Kate Morris: Plays a pivotal role in enhancing student wellbeing at Panania Public School, creating a supportive and inclusive environment for all students. Her extensive outreach within the community and infectious enthusiasm have made a significant impact. By implementing a wide range of strategies, including leading the Student Representative Council, coaching competitive sports, facilitating dance groups, and organising whole school community events and fundraisers she demonstrates her deep commitment to ensuring every student feels known, valued, and cared for.

In her capacity as a teacher representative on the Parents and Citizens Committee, Kate actively engages and informs parents, reinforcing the vital partnership between home and school. This collaboration fosters a strong school community where everyone plays a role in supporting student wellbeing.

As a result of her efforts, Panania Public School has cultivated a positive school culture characterised by increased student voice in decision-making processes. This has led to heightened levels of belonging and connectedness among students, who feel acknowledged and empowered in their school environment.

Through her unwavering dedication and commitment, Kate Morris has truly made a difference in the lives of students and the wider school community, ensuring that their needs are met and their voices are heard. Her impact is felt throughout the school, contributing to a vibrant and nurturing atmosphere for all.

Excellence In Strategic Improvement of a Public Education Priority

Joanne McIntyre: Is instrumental in promoting inclusion and equitable outcomes for all students at Panania Public School via implementing targeted interventions and strategies that cater to diverse learners. Her approach involves embedding stage-appropriate content across various curriculum areas, ensuring that all students have access to learning tailored to their individual needs. By differentiating tasks and collaborating closely with families, Joanne makes essential adjustments that accommodate a wide range of learning styles and abilities.

Her unwavering commitment to fostering an inclusive environment has led to significant benefits for all learners, allowing them to thrive academically while also developing vital social skills. Students in her care not only excel in their studies but also demonstrate greater acceptance of their peers' differences, contributing to a more understanding and inclusive school culture.

Through her efforts, Joanne encourages students to reflect on their decision-making processes and promotes empathy among classmates. This nurturing approach helps cultivate a community where every student feels valued and included.

Joanne McIntyre's extensive work in supporting diverse learners has transformed the school environment into a welcoming and supportive space. Her dedication fosters a strong sense of belonging for all students, enabling them to succeed together. By championing inclusion and understanding, Joanne has made a lasting impact on both the students and the wider school community, ensuring that everyone can thrive.

SRC (Student Representative Council)

Congratulations to our SRC representatives for Semester Two 2025.

As members of the SRC, their willingness to step up and take on this responsibility reflects their leadership potential and their desire to make a positive impact within our school. By adhering to our school rules, they set an example for others, showing what it means to be a part of a supportive and collaborative environment.

SRC's active voice in the school community is vital. It ensures that the perspectives and ideas of students are heard and considered in decision-making processes. This is an opportunity for them to engage with their fellow students, listen to their concerns, and advocate for positive changes that benefit everyone.

Panania Public School is proud of you, and we look forward to seeing the positive changes you will bring to our school community.

Our wonderful students were proudly presented with their badges on Monday, 4 August. However, due to poor weather conditions on the day and some students being absent, a group photo will be taken at a later time.

Class	Member 1	Member 2
KC	Hunter Rowe	Siena Salah
KH	Taj Elderfield	Harper Bateman
15	Liam Gill	Marlee Antoniou
1T	Evan Tsoi	Wynter Grasso
2M	Nicholas Trpeski	Tanya Kheawkham
2P	Muhammad Kassem	Zara Najjarine
3/4D	Connor Maher	Zoey Hunter
3/4H	Toby Stergio	Sofia Cazamir
3/4R	Lachlan Nott	Kirby Benson
4/5M	Robert Campbell	Violet Wise
5/6C	Bentley Yam	Ivy Stewart
5/6E	Adam Ayoubi	Caitlin Hi
5/6S	Isaac McKenzie	Evie Whitney
5/6W	Cooper Gibson	Mia-Haven Kountouris

100 Days of Learning

Congratulations to our Kindergarten students who successfully completed 100 days of learning on Thursday, 31 July. Reaching this milestone in their educational journey was significant for our students. It was marked by a celebration showcasing student progress and enthusiasm for school. The fun filled day included activities focused on the number 100. Students were encouraged to engage with maths in a playful way. They counted, sorted, and shared, enhancing their understanding of numbers whilst having a great time with peers. Look forward to more learning ahead, only around 2500 days to go until the end of Year 12!













Mrs Siwak

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A Community Calendar is now available to parents/carers via our School Bytes app.

Log into your School Bytes dashboard and select the 'Calendar' tab. This will display the current term's activity. You may also progress into future terms.

Items will be added to the Community Calendar throughout the term as they arise. We hope this calendar will keep the community informed of upcoming events.

The Admin Team.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Glorious sunshine turned up for our school athletics carnival on Tuesday, 22 July. Students delighted in cheering on their peers and displayed a persistent and resilient mindset throughout the day. Students attempted each track and field event with enthusiasm and are congratulated on their overall effort. The House Captains led their houses with encouraging chants, with Mars House winning on the day!

Many thanks is extended to our P&C members, volunteers, East Hills Boys High School students and family members that took time out of their day to attend.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Panania PS at the District Athletics Carnival on **Monday, 18 August** at The Crest Sporting Complex:

Aaliyah A	Adam Ayoubi	Adrian Lescesin
Amelia Tarlton	Ariella Kamensky	Arthur Cross
Ava Smithwick	Aya Hammoud	Billy Petrakis
Brianna Black	Carter Bateman	Charlie Risti
Darcy Cross	Devesh Kunwar	Eden Smoother
Ella Olovcic	Emily Chiem	Harvey Watson
Henry Hajjar	Indiana Olovcic	Isaac Arnold
Isaac McKenzie	Jarvis Barton	Jordan Ristevski
Kalilah Arnold	Keira Hatton	Lachlan Nott
Lincoln Birch	Louis Chen	Madison Vajdevski
Malcolm Nott	Mauii Piggott	Max Donnelly
Mia-Haven Kountouris	Mustapha El Masr	Oliver Naidovski
Patrick Rannard	Riley Roberts	Robert Campbell
Ruben Griffith	Sienna Hopkins	Tanyalak Khweakham
Tehlia Harkin	Tyson Macuh	William Gemmell
Zara Najjarine	Zion Biggar	Zoe Biner
Zoey Hunter		

















































JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term at Panania Public School!

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun, and raise funds for life-saving research and programs.

Students will be skipping from Weeks 1 to 5 this term, during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause. This year we've got an audacious goal to

see our student Heart Heroes at Panania to log 40 hours of skipping throughout the program!

Register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started. www.jumprope.org.au/parents

We will hold our school Jump Off Day on **Thursday, 21 August**. This will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip, and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

HIGH FLYERS

Public Speaking

On Wednesday, 25 June our Public Speakers competed at Narwee Primary School in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

Congratulations to our fantastic public speakers: Sofia, Josiah, Izaya and Keira.

Your clear voices, expressive delivery, and excellent intonation made us all incredibly proud. Well done everyone!



Boys' Football

On Monday, June 30 Adam Ayoubi and Max Donnelly travelled to Lynwood Park to compete in the SSW Boys' Football Championships.

We are proud of the students from our zone, and the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the day. They displayed sportsmanship and continual improvement throughout the day!

Netball & Girls' Touch Football

We are pleased to inform you that Brianna Black has been successfully selected to compete in the PSSA Netball State Championships, representing Sydney South-West, and will play from Monday, 11 August – Wednesday, 13 August in Coffs Harbour.

Brianna will also go on to represent the region at the PSSA Girls' Touch Football State Championships, from Tuesday, 19 to Thursday, 21 August, 2025 in Dubbo

Good luck Brianna!

State Cross Country

On Wednesday, 23 July Jarvis Barton and Sienna Hopkins represented Panania PS at the State Cross Country Championships. Congratulations to both students on your wonderful achievement!













Orienteering is when you follow a map around a park to find checkpoints that are called Controls.

At the Sydney South West Orienteering championships, Amelia, Angelina, Caitlin and I first had a session where the volunteer coaches showed us a trial course and how to do orienteering and explained all the rules.

Then we had an individual race, all the age groups went mixed in together, but you were only competing against

your year group and gender.
Finally we had a relay event - where 3 people ran 1 after
the other to find 5 controls each and hand over to the others in their team. Because we had four PPS students there, I joined some kids from Mt Annan school for the

It was really good fun to try orienteering.

-Cooper Gibson

I found that orienteering is a very fun activity. I didn't know what to expect at the beginning, but coaches taught us how to read maps using the sun, and how to find stations using landmarks. I learned a lot, also had a great time working together with my friends, and meeting new people along the way.

-Angelina Clayson

Last week, Cooper Gibson, Angelina Clayson, Caitlin Dunstan, and I went orienteering. I placed 33rd, Caitlin placed 32nd, Cooper placed 10th, and Angelina placed 6th. Orienteering involves finding flags using a map and compass; we also had to use a scanner to record our progress. The day ended with an awards ceremony congratulating the many schools that attended. I really enjoyed this new experience and was glad I got to share it with friends. A big thanks to Angie's mum for taking us and helping out!

-Amelia Tarlton

Orienteering was so much fun! I got to participate in 2 events- the age race and the relay. Amelia and I crossed the line together in the age race! And, in the team event, I went first on the short run, followed by Amelia, and then Angelina - who bought it home for us. My favourite part of the whole day was definitely the age race. I got to work with Amelia and we both had a great time. Reading the maps was pretty easy for me and I really

loved being outside in the sun.

-Caitlin Dunstan

P&C REPORT

Panania Public School

Father's Day Stall

Father's Day is on Sunday 7th September.

The P&C Father's Day stall will be held on Thursday 4th September with extra gifts and grandparent specific gifts for sale before school on Friday 5th September. Week 7

Stay tuned for communications about buying gifts and how you can volunteer.





SAVE THE DATE

Walk around the World Fundraising Walk-athon

Thursday September 25th (week 10)

Stay tuned for more information

COLOURFUL

Thanks to everyone who purchased our colour merchandise for the Athletics carnival.

It was fabulous to see everyone out there supporting their friends and making the day so very bright!

Uniform Shop

Open: Friday 15th August (week 4)

Email order to : pananiapublicuniformshop@gmail.com

Donations of good quality uniforms are always welcomed and can be left at the school office.

Want to Volunteer - https://chat.whatsapp.com/H8lkM6BlkAJ7sF91P8LI05



Games and Sports Gear Incoming

\$1200 raised by School families through the P&C has been used to purchase new equipment for students.

A selection of board games will be available in the library and Sports equipment including soccer balls, soccer nets, hand balls, basketballs in different sizes, sandpit toys and storage will be available during break times.



Suggestions Box

If you have any feedback or suggestions for the P&C we invite you to submit to the digital Suggestions Box.

tinyurl.com/SuggestionBoxPPS

Suggestions should be P&C related, all school related items will be referred to the office. panania-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Items raised at the P&C meeting

Why does the school not have Vacation care on site?
Vacation Care is run by the YMCA, concerns and requests should go to them -0419 772 392.

Can we be alerted if our student is receiving an award at presentation day?

A question for the school, was trialled in the past and resulted in low parent and student attendance.

Why do we have so many communication methods (School bytes/ email and Audiri)?

The school office can supply you with details on why these different methods are used.

One statement was that emails only go to the registered email for each student, Audiri can be accessed by parents, grandparents etc who may be attending school events, or sports, so they can be kept up to date.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Athletics Carnival We were overwhelmed by an abundance of volunteer helpers which helped make the day a great success. We were able to sell most of our items and especially the sweets flew over the counter!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Miss Vicki celebrated her birthday in the Snack Shack last month.

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS

Did you know that you don't have to miss out on a birthday bucket when your birthday falls in the school holidays or on the weekend. To order a birthday bucket contact Miss Larah on 0409106573

HOT CHOCOLATE!

Come down to the canteen for a hot chocolate!

FLAVOURED MILK

We have changed the flavored milks, from now on you can get these poppers. Different volume but same flavor!! The price has been changed due to the volume change

WORK EXPERIENCE

We are excited to welcome back the work experience students from Picnic Point High School's support unit in Term 3. They have shown to be a great help in the canteen and they love coming to us.

A PERSONAL TOUCH

Starting last term we have added stickers on the lunch bags. Some of them are funny and others are personal.

DISNEY DISCS

Bring them over to the canteen, Kep has started a project that includes these discs.





















TERM 3 - 2025

Thursday, 7 August

Boys' Softball KO

Tuesday, 12 August

• Cantabile - Rehearsal in City

Monday, 18 August

• District Athletics Carnival

Wednesday, 20 August

Peer Support Training Day – Year 6

Monday, 1 - Wednesday, 3 September

Narrabeen Camp – Stage 3

Thursday, 4 September

• Father's Day Stall

Monday, 15 September

 Cantabile - Full day rehearsal and performance at Sydney Opera House

Thursday, 18 September

Ranger Jamie Incursion - Kindergarten





Term 3 Open Dates

Week 4 - Friday, 15 August

Week 10 - Friday 26 September

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







