# CHATTERBOX

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TERM 3 WEEK 9 17 SEPTEMBER



#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### **Cantabile Music Festival - Opera House**



On Monday, 15 September our school choir, consisting of students in Years 5 and 6, delivered an outstanding performance at the prestigious Cantabile Music Festival held at the iconic Sydney Opera House. Led by the dedicated Mrs Walker and Miss Simpson, our young singers showcased an incredible display of vocal talent that left the audience captivated and proud.

The Cantabile Music Festival is renowned for bringing together some of the finest school choirs from across the region, providing a wonderful platform for students

to demonstrate their musical skills and passion. This year, our choir embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm and professionalism, performing a carefully selected repertoire that highlighted their versatility and harmony.

Under the expert guidance of Mrs Walker and Miss Simpson, the choir rehearsed diligently for weeks leading up to the event. Their commitment to excellence was evident in the polished and emotive quality of the performance. The students' clear enunciation, pitch-perfect notes, and dynamic expression truly brought each song to life, creating an unforgettable experience for everyone present.

Performing at the Sydney Opera House, a world-renowned venue, was both an exciting and humbling experience for the choir members. The majestic surroundings added to the significance of the occasion, inspiring the students to give their very best!





#### **Selective High School**

Congratulations to Year 6 students, Lincoln Birch and Lakshay Muddana, for their outstanding achievement in securing positions at selective high schools for 2026. Their success is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and exceptional abilities, as they outperformed a competitive cohort of peers across the state.

Both Lincoln and Lakshay will be attending Hurlstone Agricultural High School. This opportunity will provide them with a rich learning environment to further develop their skills and pursue their interests.



Lincoln is an avid reader, he hopes to combine his love of science and engineering to possibly pursue a career in aerospace, whilst Lakshay hopes to study science and chemistry and become an astronaut. With the strong foundation they have built, there is no doubt they will continue to thrive and achieve their goals.

We celebrate Lincoln and Lakshay's remarkable accomplishments and look forward to watching their continued growth and success at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. Their achievements serve as an inspiration to their peers and a proud moment for their families, teachers, and the entire school community.

#### **SASS Week**

To our incredible SASS Team (Administration, General Assistant and Student Learning Support Officers),

Your unwavering dedication is the foundation of our school community. Behind every well-organised event and every student who feels supported, is your quiet commitment and tireless effort. You are the unsung heroes who turn challenges into opportunities, ensuring that the school environment is welcoming, efficient, and nurturing.



Your work may often go unnoticed in the hustle and bustle, but its impact resonates deeply. From managing the countless details that keep our school ticking to providing essential support that empowers students to thrive, you are the steady foundation upon which success is built. Your kindness, patience, and professionalism create a space where students and staff alike feel valued and supported.

Thank you for being the glue that holds us together, for your flexibility in facing daily challenges, and for your genuine care that inspires us all.

Mrs Siwak, Principal

## NSW STATEWIDE STUDY ON SCREEN USE IN EDUCATION

Subject: Help Shape Wiser Screen Habits – Parent/Carer & Student Survey

Our school has been invited to participate in a study on best practice screen use. Parents/Carers can complete a 10-15 min anonymous questionnaire and/or, if they wish, give permission for their child to do a student survey: <u>Take the Parent/carer and student survey</u>. You can opt to receive a summary of the statewide results. Your insights will directly inform new classroom resources and policy.

Thank you for your support.



#### **TERM 3 GOLD AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received their Gold Awards at morning assembly, on Monday, 15 September.

Thank you for displaying excellent citizenship qualities at school:

Tanya Kheawkham	2M	Anabelle Trpeski	3/4D	Asher Flight	3/4H
Charlotte Rannard	3/4H	Cooper Stevens	3/4H	Jennifer Hoang	3/4R
Hassan Medlej	3/4R	Amos Hawkins	3/4R	Sienna Caddoo	5/6C
Bentley Yam	5/6C	Remi Stephens	5/6E	Izaya Moustafa	5/6S
Brody Parker	5/6S	Aisha Murad	5/6W		

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO PAST PANANIA PS STUDENTS!**

On Monday, 8 September at Picnic Point High School, the new investiture of School Captains, Vice Captains, and Prefects for 2026 were announced.

We are so proud to share that out of the 12 students elected for the Leadership team, six are former Panania Public School students! This is a remarkable achievement, and a true testament to their continued commitment, character, and success as they move through their high school journey.

#### Congratulations to:

Jack Campbell – School Captain Ellen Walsh – School Captain Brooke Peterson – Vice Captain Darcy Dredge - Prefect Eszter Kovacs - Prefect Juliette Wedgwood- Prefect

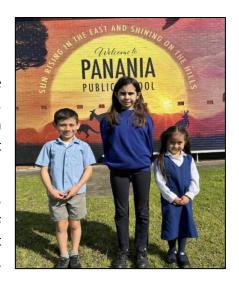




## BANKSTOWN PRINCIPAL'S NETWORK PROJECT – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

This term our school was part of a special project with the Bankstown Principal's Network, which has 20 schools altogether. Each school had Indigenous students say a line from the Bankstown Network Acknowledgement to Country, and a film crew came out to record us.

We filmed our part in front of the new mural on the wall of C Block. My line was: "Through these lessons, we are guided in our actions and decision." I had to practise it a few times to make sure I got it perfect. Carter and Harper stood beside me while I spoke my line, which made me feel supported.



The film crew also took videos of different parts of our school, like the Yarning Circle, the Warami Garden, the Anzac Garden where we fly our flags, and our school buildings.

It was an exciting experience to be part of this project.

Jnarlha – Year 5

#### NARRATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Calling all young storytellers!

Unleash your imagination and join our Panania Public School Narrative Writing Competition! Whether it's a thrilling adventure, a magical journey, or a heartwarming tale, we want to hear your story. This is your chance to shine by sharing your creativity and storytelling skills!

This competition is open to all students—get ready to write, inspire, and maybe even win a \$20 Scholastic Book Club voucher! There will be 4 vouchers on offer.

Entries close at the end of Week 1 of Term 4, which will be Friday, 17 October. There will be a special entry box located outside the office next term, for you to submit your entry.

So, grab your pen or pencil and let your story begin! Please see Mr Beattie if you have any questions.

#### **SCHOOL BADGES**

A reminder that a limited number of school badges are available for purchase for the cost of \$10 each.

If you would like to purchase a badge as a memento for your child, please contact the school office.



#### YEAR 4 STEM DAY AT PICNIC POINT HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday, 28 August, all Year 4 students, accompanied by Mrs Morris, Mr Beattie, and Miss Potts, walked to Picnic Point High School to participate in a STEM Day. They joined fellow Year 4 students from Revesby South Public School, Tower Street Public School, and Milperra Public School for a day full of hands-on learning.

Students engaged in three practical STEM activities, focusing on teamwork and problem-solving. These activities included:

- Building a Bridge: Students used up to 20 pieces of A4 paper and sticky tape to construct a bridge that spanned 30cm and supported the weight of a ream of paper.
- Creating a Mechanical Arm: Using cardboard, students designed and built a mechanical arm capable of picking objects up.
- Designing a Paper Roller Coaster: Students designed and created their own paper roller coasters.

These activities highlighted the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths in everyday life. Additionally, students had the opportunity to collaborate with Year 9 and Year 11 students from Picnic Point High School, gaining insight into high school life while tackling various design challenges together.

The STEM Day was a valuable experience that inspired creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork among our Year 4 students.

#### Mr Beattie, **STEM Coordinator**



















#### **STAGE 3 NARRABEEN CAMP**

From Monday, 1 September to Wednesday, 3 September our Stage 3 students attended Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp.

Some of the students have given a recount of their time at camp:

#### **Aaliyah**

"Stage 3 camp was EPIC! But what was my favourite activity? Starting off bushwalking as number 1, as much as I HATED being so high up, it was honestly kind of fun doing some outdoor activities.

Next would have been the "mini-Olympics night" doing fun activities rotating around, most fun of all was WE got to pick the music to play!!

And FINALLY! Archery tag, holding bow and arrows enjoying our time, the arrows striking us hurt a little, ouch!"

#### Mila

"5/6 camp was the best! I really enjoyed all the activities that we participated in! Some people learnt some new strengths, such as bike riding! Some people had a few falls along the way, but they got straight back up! My FAVOURITE activity was the hike. We got out and about and did some cool tactics to get up! There were these large rocks that we got to climb up!

My next favourite activity was the mini-Olympics! We got into groups of 10 and tried to get as many points as possible! My group won 456 points! It was super fun with all my friends!

Lastly, my third favourite activity was archery tag! We put cool masks on and got to shoot each other! We had a blast!

Can not wait for next year!"

#### Izaya

"Our camp adventure had to be the greatest amount of fun I've ever had! Here's why. Well, it all started when we arrived and saw the wonderful view of Narrabeen Lagoon. Then all our worries were satisfied after we were allowed to enter our cabins and hang out for a while. But the rest didn't last long because waiting for us was some of the most fun activities ever! Including archery, bushwalking, making damper, scootering, biking and orienteering. To round off my summary I'd like to thank ALL the teachers for giving up their own time to take us to camp."

#### Keira

"My favourite part of camp was archery tag and bike riding. Archery tag was fun because we learnt how to shoot an arrow. It was exciting dodging arrows and learning a new skill. Bike riding was one of my favourites because we were allowed to do obstacles on the bikes and ride over ramps. We also went on a longer bike ride to the water and back. Overall, the whole three days of camp were really fun and everyone had a great time."

#### **Indiana**

Stage 3 camp was the best! All the activities at camp were so fun and exciting to do. My favourite was archery tag and bike riding. When bike riding, we were able to ride over ramps and hills and it was fun. Archery tag we got to hide behind walls and shoot people from behind the opposite walls.

#### Caitlin

"Monday, Week 7 Term 3, Stage 3 went to camp at Narrabeen. It was so fun! My favourite things were: damper, bushwalking, hanging with friends and mini-Olympics. Hanging out in the cabins with my friends and making damper was so much fun. I definitely would love to go again next year! I was never bored, and the best part was doing it with my friends."

#### Luna

"Where to start? Camp was so fun. There were so many fun activities. Damper (cooking bread over a fire), Bushwalking, African night, Mini-Olympics, Scootering, Biking, Orienteering and Archery tag.

At camp you get to sleep in bunk beds with your friends, do fun activities with your friends. At camp my friends were in my cabin and the cabin next door so all we had to do was walk next door to see each other."

#### Lucy

"I loved camp at Narrabeen because I got to eat delicious food. My favourite was the Bolognese. I also loved the scootering. Scootering was my favourite. We did skills, and after the skills we rode the scooters along the footpath. Although the path was a little bumpy, it was still my favourite!"

#### **Emily**

"One of my favourite activities was bushwalking and cooking damper. These were my favourite because when we went bushwalking we got to climb up rocks, and it was really fun! There were also parts that had big hills, it was really tiring but super fun. When we got to the top it was such a nice view, we saw the lake and could see all of camp! On the way down we had to find sticks of all different sizes so that we could build our fire for damper."



















#### **CANTABILE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2025**

On 15 September 2025, selected Year 5 and 6 students participated in the 2025 Cantabile Music Festival at The Sydney Opera House. The Festival is a celebration of the musical talent from all NSW Department of Education Primary and Secondary schools, showcasing the voices of over 650 New South Wales primary school children, as well showing the musical prowess of many primary and secondary students who performed in the orchestra, stage bands, or as soloists. The Festival highlighted not only musical excellence, but also the joy of collaboration.

Research indicates that participation in musical activities has a positive impact on academic achievement and student wellbeing.

Events such as this also enables students to improve their confidence, develop their performance abilities, utilise and improve collaborative skills and develop an appreciation for the art of music.

Congratulations to the following students on the hours of rehearsal undertaken over the past 6 months, culminating in a marvellous performance:

Erica Dell	Paige Fardell	Aria Hepehi	Caitlin Hi
Farah James	Myra Nanda	Rachel Nguyen	Sophie Reid
Mia Silva	Ivy Stewart	Julia Tran	Violet Wilson
Kalyani York			

Cantabile Festival Co-ordinators, **Mrs Walker and Miss Simpson** 

#### PSSA SOCCER TEAMS SHINE IN OUTSTANDING SEASON!

What an incredible season it has been for our PSSA Soccer teams! All four teams played brilliantly, showing teamwork, determination, and skill.

The **Senior Girls'** team finished as **runners-up**, putting on an exceptional performance throughout the competition. Their dedication and teamwork were on full display, and they gave it their all, coming close to clinching the top spot. We are so proud of their hard work and sportsmanship.

The Junior Boys' team were true champions, taking out the Joint-**Premiers** title with Revesby South PS! Their energy and passion on the field were unstoppable, and they showed real grit to bring home the win.

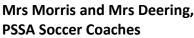
A huge congratulations to all of our players, coaches, and supporters for making this such a successful season. Your efforts have made us all incredibly proud! Here's to even more exciting matches next year!

Go, teams! 🐥









#### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

🞉 Well Done, Jump Rope Champions! 🎉

A huge well done to all the students who took part in our Jump Off Day to celebrate the end of the Jump Rope for Heart campaign!

The energy and enthusiasm on the day were incredible – it was fantastic to see so many smiling faces, skipping ropes turning, and feet jumping in time! Whether you were trying new tricks, cheering on your classmates, or simply enjoying the fun, every single one of you contributed to an amazing day!

Not only did you all skip with great effort and enthusiasm, but you also helped support a very important cause. Your participation shows the power of teamwork, perseverance, and caring for others.

Well done again – we're proud of each, and every one of you! 🦾 🤎 💃

## Mrs Deering, Jump Rope For Heart Coordinator





















This month, we interviewed a few volunteers from the canteen. They assist on a regular basis and love to share their motivation. These are the questions they were asked:

- 1) Are you a parent or another family member of one of our students?
- 2) Where do you volunteer, and how many hours a week do you help?
- 3) When you come in to help, what is it that you do?
- 4) Why do you volunteer?
- 5) What would you say to other parents & carers from the children of this school to encourage them to help as well?
- 6) What do you like the most about volunteering at the canteen?

#### Margaret:

- 1) Parent.
- 2) Canteen 1 day a week & uniform shop a few times per term, scripture teacher volunteer 1 session per week.
- 3) Lunch orders in canteen, clothes orders in uniform shop, teach scripture.
- 4) I love serving & helping where there is a need, I want to set the example for my kids to learn & follow.
- 5) Just help within your capacity, even an hour or two per week is a great help & the kids love seeing their family members around during school time.
- 6) The conversations I get to have with the students & the relationships I get to build with the other staff & volunteers in the school community.

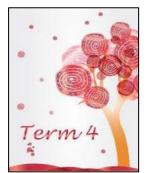


#### Vikki:

- 1) Parent.
- 2) Canteen at least once a fortnight when I was studying, up to 3 days when I was out of work.
- 3) I sticker a lot of lunch bags, make sandwiches, rolls, wraps, recess and lunch service and sweeping.
- 4) It's in my blood. My parents were in the RFS and SES when I was younger. The whole family volunteered as marshall's for Motorsport, which I still do. And I volunteer with 3 Bridges for the Early Years Support Service.
- 5) It doesn't take a lot, every little bit helps, many hands make light work and all that jazz. The kids get a kick out of parents in the canteen when they are younger, and you can embarrass the heck out of them when they are older, LOL!
- 6) Larah, Jo and Vicki are the best people and appreciate every minute you are able to help!



If you are interested and would like to help for an hour please contact the Canteen Manager, Larah on 0409 106 573.



With Term 4 approaching, we are excited to announce there will be 3 new additional items added as weekly specials!

- New BBQ Chicken Pizzas (original toppings still available),
- Cheeseburgers,
- Grazing Plate, with everyone's favourite items all on the one plate.

The days on which these items will be available are yet to be determined, however, Sushi will remain on Monday and Thursday and Sausage on a Roll will remain on Friday.





A FUN CELEBRATION OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY!

Students will travel to / from destination stations, discovering countries through hands-on activities right here on our school grounds.

Throw thongs at an esky in Australia, play South Korea's famous "Red Light, Green Light," try a chopstick challenge in China, groove to the Zorba in Greece, or learn how cocoa beans in Fiji become chocolate.

With plenty more countries to explore, this event promises laughter with friends, learning, and a global adventure right here at school.

Volunteers are warmly invited to help bring the world to life for our kids!

#### A Huge Thank You to The Ledger Lounge!

We are incredibly grateful to The Ledger Lounge for their generous donation towards our Walk Around the World fundraiser. Your support has helped our school get closer to reaching our fundraising goal this year and brought us one step closer to providing new resources that will benefit all of our students.

Your kindness and community spirit truly make a difference, and we're so thankful to have your support.

If you're in need of book keeping services, we highly recommend reaching out to The Ledger Lounge, a business that not only excels professionally but also gives back generously.

Thank you again for being part of our journey! Website: www.theledgerlounge.com.au

Email: info@theledgerlounge.com.au

Tel: 0493 996 108



### Save the Date Panania Mania is back for 2026!

We are thrilled to announce that Panania Mania is happening on

17 May 2026

In 2023 Panania Mania raised \$38,000 which was donated to the school and contributed to the installation of the Electronic Gates, which we use every day. In 2026 we hope to raise a similar amount, but we need your help!



#### Here are some ways you can help:

#### **Donations of Unwanted Gifts**

Keep us in mind! With Christmas coming up and spring cleaning, we would love to start collecting unwanted gifts or unopened items to use for raffle prizes, giveaways or auction items. Drop-off dates will be announced soon.

#### Sponsorship Opportunities

If you own a business and want to play a part, we would love to partner with you! Sponsors will receive a number of benefits including having their logo on event materials, social media shoutouts and more!

#### Volunteers Needed

As the idiom goes, many hands make light work. No job is too small when it comes to making this event happen. This is not just from our parents and caregivers either! If you are a member of the community, a grandparent, a student or even an alumni, we would love to hear from you!

#### Word of Mouth

Let everyone know! We are planning to have an amazing day of fun and games, so come be part of the fun!

email <u>pananiamania2026@gmail.com</u> or sms 0403 103 300



#### **TERM 3 - 2025**

#### Thursday, 18 September

• Ranger Jamie Incursion –Kindergarten

#### Monday, 22 September

Sports Competition at EHBHS

#### Thursday, 25 September

P&C Event – 'Walk Around the World'

#### Friday, 26 September

Last Day of Term 3

#### **TERM 4 – 2025**

#### Monday, 13 October

• Term 4 Commences – SDD Staff only

#### Tuesday, 13 October

Term 4 Commences – All students return

#### Tuesday, 21 October

• Kindergarten Orientation - Day 1

#### Wednesday, 22 October

Wacky Wednesday Mufti Day

#### Tuesday, 28 October

Kindergarten Orientation - Day 2

#### Monday, 3 November

 Backflips Against Bullying – All Students

#### Tuesday, 4 November

Kindergarten Orientation – Day 3

#### Tuesday, 11 November

Bankstown Dance Festival

#### Friday, 14 November

P&C Disco

#### Monday, December 1

 Presentation Day – Revesby Workers' Club

#### Monday, 15 December

Year 6 Mini Fete

#### Tuesday, 16 December

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

#### Friday, 19 December

• Last Day for Students and Staff



#### **Term 3 Open Dates**

Week 10 – Friday, 26 September

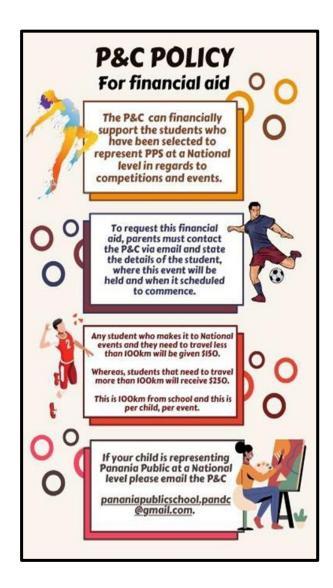
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Donations accepted of good quality uniforms. Simply drop them into the office.

Want to volunteer?

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Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.



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Work shifts that fall between 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required.

#### Salary

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