

CHATTERBOX

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TERM 4 WEEK 3 29 OCTOBER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

FITNESS CLUB

A plethora of school events have started Term 4 with a bang! Fitness Club operates before school on a Wednesday morning. Students develop fundamental movement skills, and improve fitness levels via participating in a range of games and activities including the Beep test, pickle ball and an assortment of relays. The program supports students to embrace healthy eating habits, grow in confidence, build team spirit and forge friendships. It also supports students to develop responsibility and independence in washing and drying their own dishes!

Gratitude is extended to Lauren and her team of parent volunteers that meticulously plan the activities and prepare the scrumptious yet nutritious breakfast each session.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten 2026 students and their families have been attending weekly orientation sessions. Students have had varied opportunities to engage in school life and learn about school routines and expectations. The new cohort of students are engaged in shared reading, literacy tasks, creative activities and music. They have shown an appetite for learning, displayed curiosity and a willingness to make new friends.

INTER-GENERATIONAL PROGRAM

Panania local library was the setting for our first Intergenerational meet and greet. Selected Panania Public School students joyfully engaged in conversation in an aim to get to know their Inspiration Mentors (volunteers). Echoes of laughter could be heard as stories were exchanged, and common interests were highlighted. Harley in Year 5 was excited about finding someone that liked chess just as much as he does!



SUPPORT UNIT IO/AU IN 2026

Under the current plan for NSW Public Education, Inclusive Education policy and the Disability Inclusion Action Plan, there is a commitment that every student will learn, grow and belong in an equitable and outstanding education system. All students will operate in a safe and inclusive environment. Inclusive education means all students, including students with disability, are welcomed by their school and supported to reach their full potential. At Panania Public School we aim to create a culture that celebrates diversity and builds on the strengths of each student. As an inclusive school, we nurture a professional learning that empower teachers to create optimum learning outcomes for students with disability, through the use of best practice approaches and current, evidence-based strategies.

In 2026 an IO/AU (Moderate Intellectual Disability/Autism) special school unit will be established at Panania Public School. The unit will be situated in D Block, will feature a breakout space, purpose-built bathroom and external supported play space complete with soft fall. The Unit will meet growing need in the community to cater for students with special needs.

WALKATHON

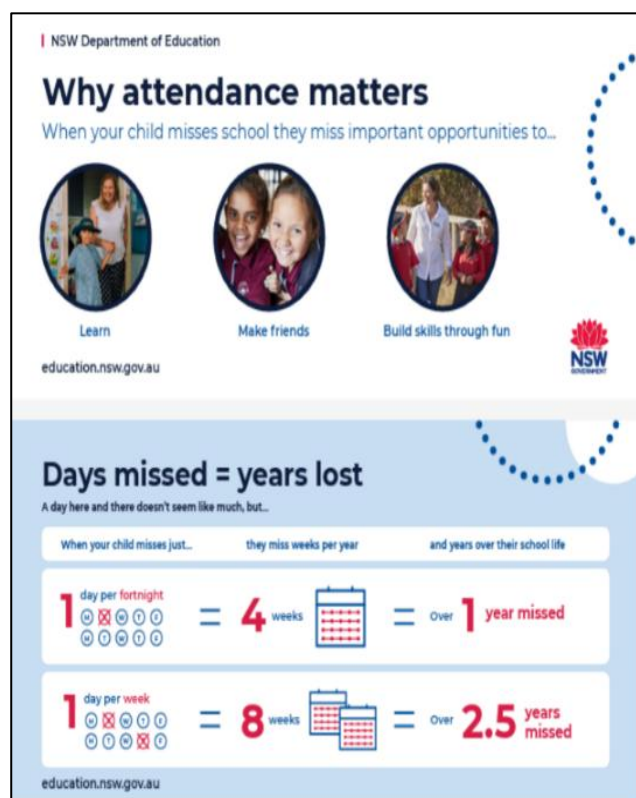
Flight 1809 bound for Panania Public School is boarding now! Have your passports ready, and bags ready for inspection.

The highly successful Walkathon saw the P&C combine a love of walking with an array of multicultural learning experiences from around the world. Students travelled wide and far and among other things, learnt traditional Greek dancing, how chocolate is made, the history of cheese rolling and even how to use chop sticks with flare. Thank you to the P&C flight attendants, pilots and travel guides! All funds raised will support the purchasing of new outdoor seats for students, as well as gym mats.

ATTENDANCE

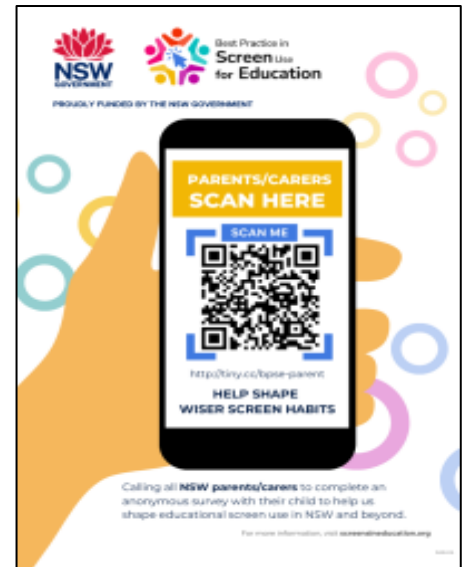
Regular attendance has countless benefits for your child's learning and development. Parents and Carers play an important role in ensuring students get to school and stay in school every day. When considering a family vacation, plan within the allocated school breaks to avoid missing time off school.

**Mrs Siwak,
Principal**



HELP SHAPE WISER SCREEN HABITS – STUDENT & PARENT/CARER SURVEY

Our school has been invited to participate in a study on best practice screen use. Parents/Carers, please click on the link below to give permission for your child to complete a 10-15 min anonymous questionnaire and/or, if you wish, complete the parent survey: [Take the Student & Parent/Carer survey](http://tiny.cc/4pse-parent). You can opt to receive a summary of the statewide results. Your insights will directly inform new parent resources and policy. Thank you for your support.



SCHOOL SIGNS

You may have noticed two new signs on our school fence, one on Picnic Point Road, the other on Lambeth Street.

We would like to thank our past Year 6 cohorts from 2022-2024 for the funding of these signs.

Traditionally, Year 6 students hold a mini fete at the end of the school year to raise funds for their Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Graduation night. Any remaining funds left over are usually used to purchase a gift for the school. These surplus funds from 2022-2024 Year 6 fundraising were set aside for the new school signage.

We thank them for their contribution to our school.



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.



PREPARING FOR 2026

It's that time of year again when we start to prepare for the new school year. If you know your child won't be returning to Panania PS in 2026, could you please let the school know via email as soon as possible.

This will help us when forming classes for the new year.

FAREWELL JULIE FAY

Julie Fay, our dedicated Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) will be leaving Panania Public School to begin a new chapter. She has shown unwavering commitment in supporting some of our most needy and vulnerable students. We thank her for her kindness, patience and positive attitude. Her work ethic stems from a genuine desire to support every student to thrive. Her contribution has been invaluable, and the impact of her work will be felt for many years to come. We have been truly fortunate to have someone like her on our team, her support embodies the very best of what education can offer. She is deeply appreciated and will be sadly missed by both students and teachers. With sincere thanks and warmest wishes we wish her and family well.



HIGH FLYERS

Congratulations to all our superstars who represented Panania Public School, and was part of the Sydney South-West Athletics team, at the recent NSWPSSA Athletics Championships. This was held on Wednesday, 22 and Thursday, 23 October. Impressively, Charlie Risti was successful in making the NSWPSSA Athletics Team! She will compete in Canberra from 27 November to 30 November. Best of luck Charlie!

Congratulations to Robert Campbell and Denham James who were successful in being selected for the East Hills District PSSA Boys' Cricket Team. They will compete at the SSW Boys' Cricket Championships on Wednesday, 5 November 2025 at Raby Sports Complex. Good Luck boys!

Brainna Black travelled to Ballarat from Monday, 27 to Friday, 31 October and is participating in the NSWPSSA National Netball Championships. Best of luck Brianna!

DESIGN OUR NEW JERSEY COMPETITION!

The School Representative Council (SRC) recently ran a **“Design Our Jersey” competition**, open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Students were invited to design a soccer jersey that will be worn by our representative soccer teams during Season 2 PSSA. The winning design will be proudly worn by our players for years to come—often lasting five to ten seasons—making this a truly prestigious honour.

The SRC was blown away by the creativity and talent on display! We received an incredible range of designs, each showcasing the imagination and school spirit of our students. With so many fantastic entries, choosing a winner was no easy task.

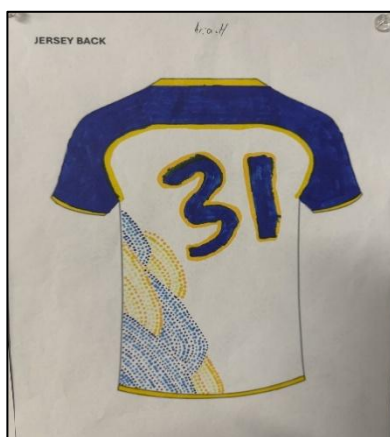
After much deliberation, we’re thrilled to announce our two favourites—**Aria Hepehi** and **Ella Olovicic**—whose stunning designs were both inspired by our Indigenous history. These designs will now be developed in collaboration with an Indigenous artist, and we hope to have the new jerseys ready for our PSSA teams as early as next year.

If you get the chance, **pop into the library** to view the amazing student artwork on display.

Mrs Morris and the SRC



Ella's design



Aria's design

WACKY WEDNESDAY!

Our School Representative Council (SRC) organised a *Wacky Wednesday* Mufti Day to raise awareness, and much-needed funds for those living with epilepsy. This initiative was especially meaningful as we have students within our school community who live with this condition. The day encouraged everyone to learn more about epilepsy while fostering empathy, understanding, and support for others.

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful school community, we raised \$295 for this important cause!

A big thank you to everyone for your enthusiasm, kindness, and ongoing support!

Mrs Morris and the SRC







A BIG SHOUT OUT TO SAY THANK YOU!

On behalf of everyone working at the canteen, **A BIG THANK YOU** to all the students who have come to help us at the canteen! We are proud and thankful to all of you to offer this, we really appreciate it!



DAILY SPECIALS:



Monday:	Pizza
Tuesday:	Grazing Box
Wednesday:	Cheeseburger
Thursday:	Sushi
Friday:	Sausage on a Roll

The Grazing Box is a new item this Term. The box contains: 2 breadsticks, dip, crackers, cucumber, tomatoes, orange slice, cheese and a muffin. There is also an additional ham option. A Grazing Box without ham is \$5.00, with ham is \$5.80.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

As you might have noticed, some items have gone up in price. We do not enjoy doing this, but it was unavoidable. All items are still as low as possible to have most kids enjoy a lunch/snack or drink.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Wednesday, 5 November is Grandparents' Day! The canteen will be open and will run as normal, and provide lunch orders.

We will have some extra snacks at the canteen, like frozen jellies and iced donuts.





VOLUNTEER INTERVIEW

Recently we interviewed one of our wonderful grandmothers who volunteers at the canteen, these are her responses:

1. Are you a parent or another family member of one of our students?

I am grandmother of two students at PPS, Blair & Cruz Gallagher. This is my third time volunteering at the canteen. My first time was in 1979 with my own three sons, then again in 2005 when my eldest son's 4 children attended PPS, and now with the two mentioned. One more to come in 2027!

2) Where do you volunteer, and how many hours a week do you help?

I currently volunteer at the canteen every Thursday for about 3hrs.

3) When you come in to help, what is it that you do?

General duties to assist the smooth running of the canteen.

4) Why do you volunteer?

I live very close to the school and help with whatever I can. My grandchildren love to see me, and I have the time.

5) What would you say to other Parents & Caretakers from the children of this school to encourage them to help as well?

Most parents work in this day and age, and those who don't may have other younger children, this makes the volunteer pool much smaller. We, grandparents, have more time on our hands and most volunteer work is something we know about already. So, no contest there. When people retire there is often a hole to fill, and alongside child minding to help your children out, it's just a nice thing to do.

6) What do you like the most about volunteering at the canteen?

It gives me a purpose. I set aside Thursdays for Canteen. Lovely people to volunteer with, keeping us feeling, dare I say, "Important" and valued. And if PPS don't widen their Volunteer Pool, there will be no canteen.



P&C FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Don't miss your chance to get beautiful, professional family photos taken right here on school grounds in a relaxed, natural setting.

When: Sunday, 2 November

Cost: \$120 (others range from \$300-\$600, a session)

It's a simple, affordable way to capture memories that are perfect for:

❤️ Christmas / end of year gifts or digital keepsakes

👨👩👧 Families leaving PPS this year

🎓 Year 6 friends heading to different schools

👴 Grandparents with the grandkids

📷 Even recreating an old childhood photo for something special (the gift for the parent who has everything, perhaps)

A generous portion of every booking goes straight back to supporting our school.

To book a session time, please click on the link: <https://book.usesession.com/s/Hdz3zba0s>



Panania Public School
P&C Fundraiser



Family Portraits

LAST MINUTE AVAILABILITY!
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Where: Panania Public School
When: Sunday 2 November

There are a number of spots you can choose from (8AM - 2:40PM)

Scan QR code to find a booking time that works for you.



Read More: Join us for a special photo session to support Panania Public School!

There are some remaining spots still open that we would like to extend to the wider community!

Each session only takes 10 minutes of your time. The packages are customizable, starting from a reasonable price at \$120 per session (see below).



Mums, when was the last time you had a photo with your kids where you were not yelling at them?!

Treat yourself and book your family or extended family. This is a perfect opportunity to take some photos with the Grandparents!



DIGITAL

You will receive 5 images via a download link (extra images available)

\$120*



PRINT

You will receive 5 images printed for you (size 5x7)

\$120



BOTH

You will receive 5 images printed and a link to the same images to download

\$150*

Extra images for download available for \$5 each



Hurry!
Limited time offer!

About Captured Memories:

Kathy runs a professional photography studio in the local area (see the images as examples of her work!). She has kindly agreed to work in collaboration with Panania Public School P&C to help raise money for our school.

P&C REPORT

Panania Public School

2nd Hand Uniforms

Donations of uniforms always welcome

As students outgrow uniforms and Year 6 families finish up at the school - clean, good condition uniforms can be left at the school office.

Uniform shop open

Week 4 - Friday, 7 November

Week 7 - Friday, 28 November

Email requests to :
pananiapublicuniformshop@gmail.com

Walk Around the World

Thanks to everyone who supported this event - students, staff and volunteers had a blast! Plus, we raised \$8,957.

Congratulations to all those who won canteen vouchers and prizes donated by Alliance Real Estate. Also, well done to 1S who scored the class pizza party!

Funds raised have already been promised to the school to replace playground seating, purchase new novels for stages 2 and 3 and buying some Dance / Gym mats.

Thanks to Ledger Lounge for your Sponsorship



P&C Meetings

FINAL P&C MEETING OF THE YEAR

TUESDAY, 2 December at 7pm- Online and Onsite (with end of year nibbles)

PPS P&C AGM Monday, 2 February 2026 (First day back at school) - All welcome

1st regular P&C Meeting of 2026 - Monday, 9 February 2026

P&C REPORT

Panania Public School

Seeking Book Keeper

The Panania Public School P&C are seeking someone with Book Keeping / Auditing experience to volunteer to audit our 2025 financial records.

The Executive have worked hard to get our financial practises updated and we need this process undertaken before our AGM in February. Our experienced team will have templates and support available. If you know someone who can assist please contact us via email at:

pananiapublicschool.pandc@gmail.com

DISCO

**TICKET
\$8**

INCLUDES
ENTRY, DRINK,
AND SNACK

14TH NOV

SESSION TIMES:

**K-2
: 5:15 - 6:00 PM**

**YEARS 3-4
6:15 - 7:15 PM**

**YEARS 5-6
7:30 - 8:30 PM**

2026 P&C Stationery Packs

Stay tuned for
information on how
to support the
school and the P&C
by ordering a 2026
stationery pack





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 pananiamania2026@gmail.com or sms 0403 103 300

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4 – 2025

Monday, 3 November

- Backflips Against Bullying – All Students

Tuesday, 4 November

- Kindergarten Orientation – Day 3

Wednesday, 5 November

- Grandparents' Day

Monday, 10 November

- Year 6 Interrelate – Moving Into The Teen Years – Day 1

Monday, 17 November

- Year 6 Interrelate – Moving Into The Teen Years – Day 2

Tuesday, 11 November

- Bankstown Dance Festival

Friday, 14 November

- P&C Disco

Monday, 24 November

- Year 6 Interrelate – Moving Into The Teen Years – Day 3

Wednesday, 26 November

- Thank You Afternoon Tea

Monday, December 1

- Presentation Day – Revesby Workers' Club from 12.00pm – 2.00pm

Tuesday, 2 December

- Year 6 High School Orientation Day

Monday, 15 December

- Year 6 Mini Fete

Tuesday, 16 December

- Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Friday, 19 December

- Last Day for Students and Staff

TERM 1 – 2026

Tuesday, 27 January – Friday, 30 January

- SDD – Staff Only

Monday, 2 February

- All Students Commence

Friday, 13 February

- Swimming Carnival

Monday, 23 February

- School Photos



TERM 4 OPEN DATES

Friday, 7 November – Week 4

Friday, 28 November – Week 7

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>

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

Is this role for you?

School Crossing Supervisor



About you:

Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, school staff and local motorists.



Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.



Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.



Permanent Part-Time Panania Public School – 102403

In this role, you'll:

- Work shifts between 8:30 am – 9:30 am and 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
- 20 hours each fortnight.
- Monday to Friday during school terms.

Salary:

\$26.43 per hour plus superannuation and holiday pay for Term 1, 2 and 3.

Apply today

Applications close 11:59pm on Sunday 2nd November 2025.

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 102403** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Amy Davies
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OTHER LOCATIONS:

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**Permanent Part-Time
Padstow North Public School – 102395**

In this role, you'll:

- Work shifts between 8:15 am – 9:15 am and 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
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**Permanent Part-Time
Milperra Public School – 102396**

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The Rivergum
Community Garden

you are welcome



Curious about community gardening?

Rivergum Community Garden is a welcoming,
colourful and growing space for all in our local community.

Come along as we garden together
- the first Saturday afternoon of the month 3-5pm
- Friday mornings 9:30am-12pm

219 The River Rd, Revesby

rivergumgarden@revesbyuniting.org
0450 674543





Revesby Uniting Church