

PETERSHAM PS NEWSLETTER



Term 3, Week 4 – Wednesday 13th August 2025

Upcoming Events

TERM 2, 2025

August

Wednesday 13 – Science
Week Stem Incursion
–KB & 1/2M Nursing Home
visit

Friday 15 – Balmain Zone
Athletics Carnival

Monday 18–Friday 22 –
Book Week

Tuesday 19 – 1/2D & 1/2N
Nursing Home visit
P&C Meeting

Thursday 21 – Book Week
Parade @ 2:30pm

Tuesday 26 – FOIM Banksia
Concert (Recorders)
–1/2D & 1/2N Nursing Home
visit

Thursday 27 – Amazing Me

Friday 29 – Wear it Purple
day

September

Monday 1 – KM & 1/2W
Nursing Home visit

Tuesday 2 – Primary Proms
(Jnr Choir) rehearsals &
Concert

Wednesday 3 – Performing
Arts Showcase @ Fort Street
High School.

We have the best community!

GRANDPARENTS' AND FRIENDS DAY WRAP

The rain couldn't dampen the mood at last week's grandparents' and friends day. It was an absolute pleasure to welcome everyone to our school for this year's Education Week celebration. This year's theme, "Light Your Fire", invited us to reflect on the sparks that ignite our curiosity, our creativity, and our passion for learning. At the heart of this flame is something truly special—intergenerational learning. On behalf of the entire school staff, thank you for making the day such a success and for all the baking in the lead up to the day! We hope that you enjoyed our morning tea, special assembly, cultural attire, art gallery, open classrooms, book fair and BBQ lunch. Ms Akkawi, thank you for organising an unforgettable event!



Due to your generosity,
we now have:

- 114 new books for the library
- \$2000 additional library funds
- \$3100 raised from the mural fund, sausage sizzle and bake sale.

You are amazing and we are so grateful!



A night at the Opera House

THE BEAUTY OF THE FESTIVAL OF CHORAL MUSIC



Our students recently had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Festival of Choral Music at the iconic Sydney Opera House, where their voices joined with hundreds of others in a truly inspiring performance. The experience was a celebration of talent, dedication, and the joy of making music together on one of the world's most famous stages. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms Sukkar and Ms Akkawi for their tireless support, preparation, and encouragement of our young singers. A special congratulations goes to Ms Clay, who made her conducting debut at the Opera House—a remarkable achievement and a proud moment for our school community.

STEM in action

CELEBRATING SCIENCE WEEK

This week we proudly celebrated Science Week, with every child in the school taking part in exciting and engaging Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) lessons. Classrooms buzzed with curiosity as students explored hands-on experiments, problem-solving challenges, and creative design projects that sparked their imagination and critical thinking. Thank you to Ms Wilson for organising the STEM activities and happy Science Week!



Flyers results

A CLOSE LOSS V OYSTER BAY PS

Well done to Mr Barrett, Mian and the Petersham Flyers for making it through to Round 5 of the PSSA Basketball Knockout series. In a very competitive match, the children played with strength and pride but lost to Oyster Bay PS. We are exceptionally proud of the students and the way they engaged with each other and the opposition.

Save the date

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

Help us foster an inclusive and supportive school environment by celebrating all the diverse and rainbow families in our little community. See the poster later in this newsletter for more information!



Mr Bee studying on Thursdays this term and welcome back Mrs Delaney

STAFFING UPDATE



If you have walked through the playground recently, you are not seeing double. Mrs Delaney, sister of Ms Jerez is back after taking some maternity leave. Mrs Delaney is a long standing permanent staff member with a depth of experience. For the remainder of this year, in addition to teaching 3/4T on Thursdays, Mrs Delaney will be a Learning and Support teacher, running small group literacy as well as leading the Secret Agent Society program. The Secret Agent Society program involves extensive staff training and uses espionage-themed resources to provide an evidence-based, structured social and emotional learning program for children aged 8-12 years old. Mrs Delaney will be in contact with parents of students who have been nominated for this program. In other staffing news,

Mr Bellamy will be on leave each Thursday for the remainder of this term. As you may be aware Mr Bellamy is completing his Master of Teacher Librarian and is in the thick of placements and assessments. We welcome Mr Corbett to the Library on Thursdays until the end of Term 3.

Uniform update -student voice in action

INDIGENOUS T-SHIRT AND HOODIE LAUNCHED!



Chi-Rai (above holding the hoodie and Elise (right with the new indigenous tee



One of the most powerful metrics of a successful school is student voice. In the recent NSW student survey, **97% of students** said they believe their teachers listen and act on their ideas, opinions and feedback. This is well above state norms. That tells us we're doing more than just teaching—we're building trust, confidence, and a sense of belonging. A recent example of student voice is the launch of the indigenous t-shirt and hoodie. Both student lead initiatives that have become a reality. The support from the school community has been incredible and you can now purchase these items from the [uniform shop](#).

We have received over 100 responses relating to updating the school t-shirt. Whilst over 90% of respondents confirmed they would like the school to commence production, we are committed to ensuring this is a partnership with families. Therefore we have decided to pause this project for two reasons. Firstly, we have a lot of gold polo shirts still in stock. Secondly, we want to ensure an authentic consultation period as we appreciate uniforms are emotive for some people. Consequently, we want to ensure we are able to give the polo upgrade the time it deserves. We will revisit this upgrade in late 2026.

It's not too late to join!

PPS COMMUNITY ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL TONIGHT

Our annual Performing Arts Showcase will be held on Wednesday 3 September at Fort Street High School. This is Week 7 of Term 3. The event is the highlight of our calendar each year and a celebration of music, drama, dance and more.

The PPS Community Ensemble returns in 2025! We invite all current parents/carers (and former students) to play alongside the Concert Band, Recorder Consort and Senior Strings in a specially arranged, combined group piece. Join us tonight at 6.30pm in the hall for Rehearsal #2

Please email sean.richardson@petershampandc.org.au for a copy of the score and to join!

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST



**HELP US FOSTER AN INCLUSIVE AND
SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
BY CELEBRATING ALL THE DIVERSE
AND RAINBOW FAMILIES IN OUR
LITTLE COMMUNITY**

**SRC selling
\$2 fundraising
wristbands**

**Special assembly
at 9:30am...
all welcome**

**Support by wearing
purple mufti, socks,
hair accessories,
and/or nail polish**





Our School Rules

Be safe

Respect yourself, others and the environment

Cooperate

Do your best

We follow the School Rules so everyone at school can LEARN, FEEL SAFE and is TREATED WITH RESPECT.

What will happen if I don't follow the rules in class?



1st On task **reminder** from the class teacher

This can sound like:
"(Name) you're talking. Listening, thank you."



2nd **Second reminder** from the class teacher to correct my behaviour

This can sound like:
"Facing this way and listening, (name)."



3rd Teacher directs me to **think about my behaviour**

Sit and reflect in an area of the classroom
Calm down with one of the Assistant Principals



4th Restorative reflection with the class teacher

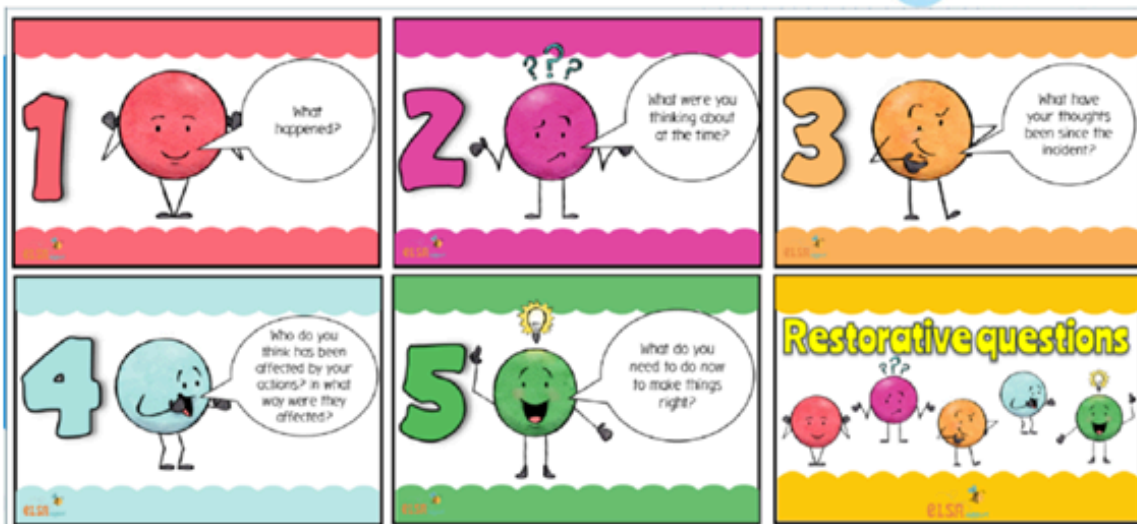
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Restorative Practice

Restorative Practice is a positive approach that works with students, rather than doing things to them or for them. Conflict is an inevitable part of life. How we work to resolve conflict impacts on a school's climate and culture and ultimately on students' social and academic outcomes.

Restorative practice within schools encourages behaviour that is supportive and respectful. It puts the onus on individuals to be truly accountable for their behaviour and to repair any harm caused to others as a result of their actions.

A restorative approach focuses on building, maintaining and restoring positive relationships, particularly when incidents that involve interpersonal conflict or wrongdoing occur.





Parent App

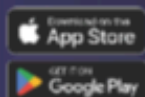
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Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



Help everyone at Petersham stay ALLERGY AWARE

WE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE THROUGH...

AWARENESS

Learn the signs of an allergic reaction
Know what your classmates and friends are allergic to

AVOIDANCE

Never share food
Always wash your hands before and after you eat

ACTION

If you're unsure, ask a trusted adult if a food is safe
Tell a trusted adult if you or someone with allergies feels sick



While we can't guarantee a nutfree environment at school or PACC, we ask:
PLEASE DON'T BRING ANY FOODS CONTAINING NUTS



We follow the best practice guidelines for allergen prevention and management in schools prepared jointly by the NSW Health, NSW Education and the Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI).
Further information visit: <https://www.allergieschools.org.au/>



WELCOME TO
PETERSHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL
our little community
2025 SCHOOL MAP



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



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

6-7 pm, Thursday, 4 September 2025

What happens in ethics classes?

Primary
ETHICS



Join us for a free online information session -
and see how kids explore big ideas together

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are weekly discussion-based lessons for students who don't attend Special Religious Education (Scripture).

In these classes, students explore topics such as fairness, honesty, kindness, and making good decisions - among many others. With over 80 different topics, there's always something new to think about and discuss. They learn to listen to others, think carefully about different ideas and reasons, and share their views in a respectful and supportive space.

We're holding a 1-hour online information session for anyone interested in finding out more:

6 - 7 pm, Thursday, 4 September 2025

Click here to register and receive your link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/empower-young-minds-primary-ethics-webinar-sept-2025>

In the session, you'll:

- See what an ethics class looks like in action
- Have your questions answered
- Hear from current volunteer ethics teachers
- Learn about our free, comprehensive training and support

Ethics classes (officially called *Special Education in Ethics*) can be held at schools when trained volunteers are available. At Petersham Public School there are currently 7 volunteer ethics teachers and 1 relief teacher helping to make this possible.

Whether you're simply curious, considering becoming a volunteer, or seeking a deeper understanding of what happens in ethics classes, this session is designed for you.

For more information, please get in touch with Feyza at feYZa.tuncay@primaryethics.com.au

Or visit: <https://primaryethics.com.au/>



Boxing for Kids

Start 'em young

5 - 13 years old

Learn self-defence from the ground up

Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 3:30 pm & 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am & 9:30 am

Membership

Unlimited Access | No lock-in contract

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29 SEPT -
3 OCT

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per day




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Canterbury Boys' High School








ENRICHMENT EXAMINATION

 **WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER**



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  Canterbury Boys High School

Sydney Technical High School



OPEN DAY

for Year 7, 2027

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
9am - 11:30am

- Explore our Academic Junior Acceleration Program
- Interactive Lesson Tasters for students
- Meet our Principal and Leadership Team
- Guided School Tours

REGISTER VIA OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Website: sydneytech-h.schools.nsw.gov.au
Google Form Link: <https://shorturl.at/7nIXk>

Contact Us
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Sydney Technical High School 

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1 to 6 September



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- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops


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