

NEWSLETTER
TERM 3 WEEK 6 2025



Principal Message

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all our students, families, and staff for their continued support during what has been a dynamic term at PPS. Throughout this busy period, our students have participated with enthusiasm in a wide range of enriching activities, including the Spelling Bee, Book Week Parade, the Touch Football Gala Day, and our exciting astronomy excursion celebrating Science Week.

The Check-In assessments have commenced for students in Years 3 to 6. Students have already participated in the numeracy component, and next week they will complete the reading and writing assessments, with the writing assessment being for Year 6 students only.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our first CAPERS rehearsal and the upcoming Public Speaking Competition. I would like to extend my best wishes to our relay team competing at the North West Athletics Trials next week.

I am pleased to welcome our school counsellor, Laura Higgins, who will deliver a workshop next week to support students in understanding and managing their emotions, helping them develop important social and emotional skills.

It is fantastic that each student now has a Collaborative Success Plan in School Bytes, developed with student, parent, and teacher input to support individual goals. Parents can access their child's plan under the 'Resources' tab in School Bytes. Thank you to all parents for taking the time to connect and discuss your child's strengths and areas for development.

Respectfully,
Roxanne Harris
Principal Relieving

CLASSROOM NEWS



I am respectful
I am resilient
I am responsible

This week, our class had the opportunity to take part in an engaging music workshop with Mr Goodwin. Students explored rhythm through a range of interactive activities and were introduced to reading standard musical notation. This experience encouraged them to see how rhythm, notation, and performance all connect in music.

In English, we have been focusing on improving our writing. Students have been working on editing their own work, focusing on adding more detail and expanding their ideas.

We are also preparing for the upcoming Small Schools Public Speaking Competition in Boggabri. Each student has been drafting a speech on a topic of their choice. This process has been valuable in developing research skills, structuring ideas clearly, and learning how to engage an audience through expression and confidence.



Small Schools Science Day

Students from our Small Schools Network recently participated in an enriching excursion to the Tamworth Regional Astronomy & Science Centre. The day provided a unique opportunity to engage with science in hands-on and meaningful ways. A highlight of the visit was viewing the historic Hewitt Camera, which played an important role in tracking satellites during the early stages of space exploration. Students also enjoyed a planetarium projection, explored displays of mega-fauna fossils and mineral collections, and used microscopes to closely examine crystal formations. The excursion concluded with a walk through the Tamworth Botanic Gardens, allowing students to connect their scientific learning with the natural environment. We extend our thanks to the team at the Tamworth Regional Astronomy & Science Centre for providing such a valuable and engaging learning experience.



Kindergarten Transition

Last week we welcomed our future Kindergarten 2026 students for their very first transition session. It was a wonderful start to their journey into 'big school', filled with fun, learning, and plenty of smiles. The children enjoyed playing with toy cars, decorating their first-day crowns with stickers, and getting creative with feathers to make their very own Alexander from Pamela Allen's book *Alexander's Outing*. They also loved exploring the classroom and playground, beginning to feel at home in their new learning environment.

This week, the boys joined in a lively dance about a hungry lion before heading on a playground hunt to find 'food' for the hungry lion. Together, we counted the food collected and practised writing numbers 1–10, showing impressive number recognition skills! We also read stories and sang songs about jungle animals, adding extra fun with percussion instruments.

It has been such a joy getting to know our new students, and we can't wait to see them again at next week's session.



Book An Adventure

Our school community enjoyed a wonderful day celebrating Book Week with this year's theme, Book an Adventure. Students showcased their creativity through a variety of costumes. It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers who joined in the celebration.

The Sustainable Book Swap proved to be a highlight, with students enthusiastically exchanging pre-loved books for new adventures to enjoy at home. We extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Sophie Neiberding for her organisation of the event, and to our guest readers who generously shared their time with our students. We were also delighted to welcome the children from Premer Preschool, who joined us for the festivities and contributed to the joyful atmosphere of the day.



Book An Adventure



Amazing Progress

Congratulations to our Week 6 Award Recipients

Toby Sturrock and Ayva Laundess have shown persistence and dedication to their learning - Well done!



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COMMUNITY MESSAGES



*Our next P&C Meeting
is
Monday September 15.*

Term 3 Diary Dates:

Week 7

Monday Sept 1	Kindergarten Transition Check in Assessments
Tuesday Sept 2	Resiliency workshop
Wednesday Sept 3	Regional Athletics
Thursday Sept 4	Father's Day Breakfast and School Photos

Week 8

Wednesday Sept 10	CAPERS Dance Rehearsal
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Week 9

Monday Sept 15	P & C 3pm
Tuesday Sept 16	Small Schools Public Speaking Competition

Week 10

Thursday and Friday Sept 25-26	Blackville Wellbeing Sleepover
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Ideas to add more vegetables

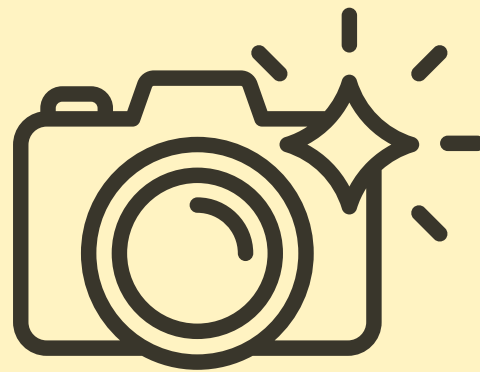
It can be tricky to think of new ways to add vegetables to the lunchbox. Here are some of our favourite tips:

- Pack raw vegetables with a dip or some cheese. Why not try tzatziki or tomato salsa?
- Cook extra vegetables the night before and store them in the fridge ready to be added to the lunchbox. Our favourites include homemade sweet potato wedges or corn cobs.
- Use chickpeas, beans or lentils in your child's lunchbox. Why not try these vegetarian koftas?



For more tips to increase vegetables visit: www.swapit.net.au/vegetables

Don't forget to return
Student's
Medical Form and
Dietary requirement
form
for Bush Camp



CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY WITH A SPECIAL JOINT SCHOOL AND FATHER PHOTO SESSION SET IN THE BEAUTIFUL CANOLA FIELDS

DATE : SEPTEMBER 4 2025

TIME: 9.30AM

WHERE :

**MEETING POINT AT PPS TO
TRAVEL TO BUNDELLA**

**UNIFORM: FULL GREEN POLO SHIRT AND
BLUE SKIRT / SKORTS / SHORTS**

In conjunction with our annual school photos, this year to celebrate Father's Day, we are inviting fathers, pops, uncles, and father figures to join us for a Bacon and Egg roll and a special Father-Child photo shoot at the beautiful Campbell's Farm.

All students will still have their regular school photos taken nestled in the stunning yellow canola fields, with the added opportunity to capture special moments with the important men in their lives.