

Thursday, 6th February 2025

Term 1, Week 2

Dates to remember:

Term 1, 2025

Friday 14 February Monday 17 February Monday 17 February Wednesday 19 February Wednesday 19 February Friday 28 February PSSA Gala Day

Early Stage 1 (Kindy) Information Evening 5pm

Stage 1 Information Evening 6pm Stage 2 Information Evening 5pm Stage 3 Information Evening 6pm P&C Welcome Event



Principal's News

Welcome back for the commencement of the 2025 school year. I trust that you and your children had an enjoyable and relaxing summer school holiday break. We are all looking forward to an exciting and productive school year ahead.

Teachers, senior executive and staff have been busily planning and preparing for the year ahead since the end of last year and over the past few weeks. Children K-6 have commenced school today with students in year 1-6 being allocated their 2025 classes and teachers. Our new kindergarten children were placed into interim class groups and will be allocated their 2025 classes and teachers shortly. Our students seem settled, refreshed, and excited to be back at school after the long summer school holiday break.

I am extremely excited about the year ahead and would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and families as well as our returning families. I look forward to seeing as many PPS families as possible at our PPS 2025 Welcome Event on Friday 28 February (5-8pm).

Tea and Tissues

This morning our new 2025 kindergarten children commenced their first day of primary school. This can be a challenging milestone for some parents and carers as their children start school. To support parents and carers of kindergarten children with this transition, P&C host an annual 'Tea and Tissues' morning tea. This event is organised for our kindergarten parents and carers and is designed to provide an opportunity for those parents to share their experience and meet other kindergarten families.

This year our Tea and Tissues morning tea was hosted by Mr and Mrs Peacock. The morning tea was lovely and well attended. Parents shared stories and there were no tears (that I saw) but rather laughter and comforting words. I'd like to thank our school's P&C and the Peacock family for hosting this valuable event.

'Meet the Teacher' Class Information sessions.

Our meet the teacher class information sessions will be held on Monday 17 and Wednesday 19 February 2025. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's 2025 class teacher and learn about their child's class programs, activities and routines.

Our teachers work extremely hard to develop rich, quality teaching and learning programs and activities as well as provide a safe and engaging learning environment for their students. We encourage all parents and carers to attend their child's meet the teacher class information session. Please note that these sessions are for parents and carers only and children should not attend.

Early Stage 1 (K) Monday 17 February 5 – 5.45pm

Stage 1 (Year 1&2) Monday 17 February 6 – 6.45pm

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Wednesday 19 February 5 -5.45pm

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Wednesday 19 February 6 – 6.45pm

Hot Weather

The start of the new school year in February always brings with it hot summer weather. Please ensure that children come to school with a full drink bottle, sunscreen, and their school hat. We provide constant reminders to students about sun safety, staying hydrated as well as limiting running games at break times on hot days. Please reinforce those messages at home.

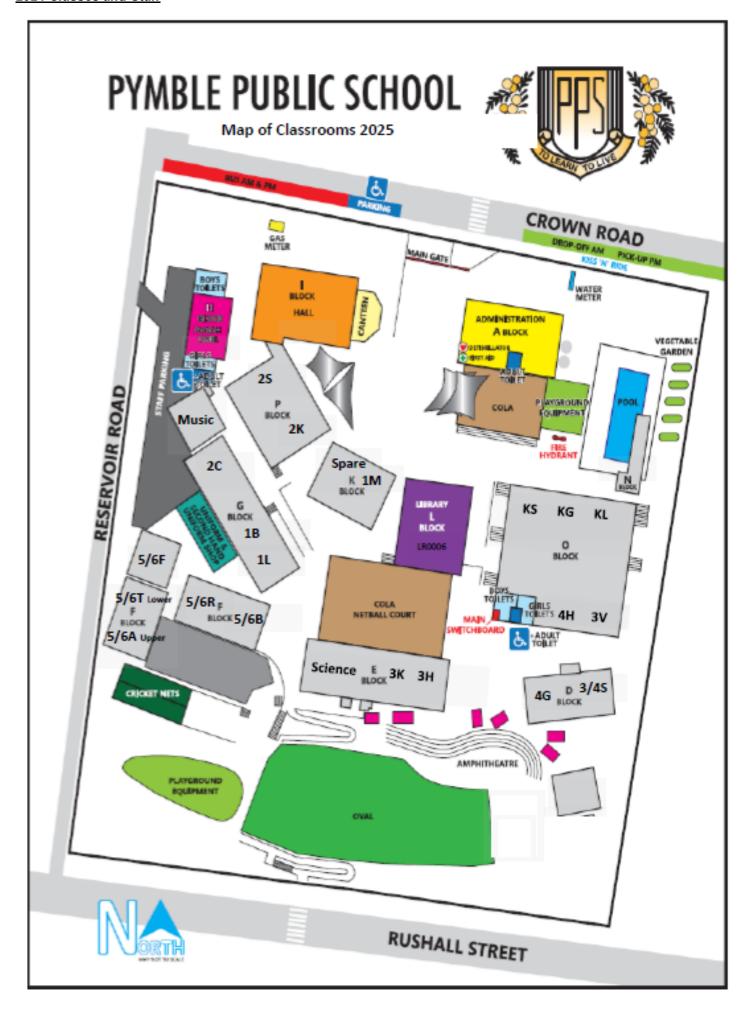
In the event of extremely hot weather the school will keep students indoors at recess and or lunchtime. At PPS we are fortunate that every classroom and learning space is airconditioned.

New Drinking Bubbler Unit

Over the school holiday break, a new drinking bubbler unit for students was installed in the primary playground area. This is an additional drinking bubbler unit which has 3 drinking fountains and 3 water bottle refill points. The new unit also dispenses filtered water.

This drinking bubbler unit was funded by our school's P&C, with the installation being managed by our local Assets Service Office. I'd like to thank P&C for contributing the funding for the new, additional drinking bubbler unit for students to enjoy.





School Canteen

The school canteen will commence trading from next **Monday 10 February** and continue to operate 5 days a week. The school canteen is open at recess and lunchtime for small cash sales.

Lunch orders can only be ordered via the Flexischools app. Please visit their website at: www.https://flexischools.com.au/

for details on how to download the Flexischools app.

Covid-smart measures for schools and advice for families

COVID-19 is still active in the community. While COVID-19 remains an unpredictable virus, NSW Health advise it will continue to present a health risk to the community.

Schools will continue to implement baseline COVID-smart measures to help reduce the risk of transmission for students and staff members.

You can view the 'Advice for families' at:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

Bruno Diodati Principal

Pymble Public School



Friday 20 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Selective High School and Opportunity Class Applications 2026

Selective High School and Opportunity Class applications are open until 21 February 2025.

Selective High School Year 7 entry in 2026: Apply when your child is at the end of Year 5 or the beginning of Year 6.

Opportunity Class Year 5 entry in 2026: Apply when your child is at the end of Year 3 or at the beginning of Year 4.

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are two of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students.

What are their benefits?

- Students learn alongside, and form friendships with, other high potential and gifted classmates.
- Special teaching methods allow students to learn at a quicker pace and in more detail.
- Research shows that students benefit both academically and socially when learning with classmates who have similar abilities.

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are not zoned so you can apply to ones outside your local enrolment area.

Complete the online application. Applications close on 21 February 2025.

Once your application has been submitted and processed, your child will need to sit a computer-based placement test. Learn more about it at <u>Application process</u>.

Apply online at shs-schools-and-opportunity-classes.

Yours Sincerely,

Lucinda Holbrook Bruno Diodati

Assistant Principal Principal



We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all PPS families for the 2025 school year and welcome all new families to the PPS school community. We are looking forward to assisting families and helping students settle into another wonderful year at school.

Absences from School

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please either call or email the school office (p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) detailing your child's full name, class and reason for their absence.

Application for Extended Leave (Travel) Forms

As part of the NSW Department of Education's attendance policy, parents and carers are required to apply for extended leave if their child is going to be absent from school for a period of 5 consecutive days or more. This does not apply for periods of leave due to illness. This applies to planned periods of leave which exceed 5 or more days. Parents and carers can apply for Extended Leave online via the School Bytes Parent Portal under the 'Forms' menu option.

Medical Forms & Student Medication

If your child has a medical condition that requires medication to be kept at school, please ensure that all appropriate medical forms and medication has been handed in to the office.

Please also note that students are not permitted to have any medication on them at any time. This includes paracetamol, antibiotics, asthma puffers etc. All medications are required to be safely stored in Sick Bay, located in the Administration Block. If students are required to take medication for short periods of time (eg: antibiotics) parents must complete a Request for Administering Prescribed & Non-Prescribed Medication form which is available on the School Bytes Parent Portal under the Resources menu.

Mrs Frankish, Mrs Weir, Mrs McCulloch, Mrs Cooper & Mrs O'Donohue

School Student Travel



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Applications are now open for 2025 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their School Opal card at their nominated postal address from mid-January 2025.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their <u>local bus operator</u> to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Opal terms of use.

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the <u>Student code of conduct</u>. The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Mail sent from the Stakeholder Liaison Team, Customers Systems and Operations.



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/school-travel Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback

Transport for NSW (Transport) and our bus operators provide a variety of dedicated school bus services to support student travel during the school term.

For the start of Term 1 2025, these services will operate in alignment with the NSW Department of Education (DET) calendar, including staff development days at the start and end of each school term.

For the 2025 school year, this will be from the Friday 31st January 2025.

To help you plan ahead, the Transport Trip Planner will be updated with the new schedule in early January 2025. You'll be able to use it to plan trips that include dedicated school services by visiting www.transportnsw.info Please remind all students they are required to tap on and off services.

Pymble Public School needs volunteer ethics teachers!



The ethics program relies on parents to volunteer!

You only need a spare hour a week to help our children develop strong critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills, as well as learning how to have respectful discussions.

No previous teaching experience needed. Full, free training, all lesson materials and ongoing support provided by Primary Ethics: primaryethics.com.au

You will get as much out of it as the children do!

To discuss what it's like being a volunteer in this valuable program, contact our coordinator Heidi on: ppsethics@outlook.com or visit primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/



P&C News

On behalf of the P&C, I'd like to welcome the Pymble Public School community to the 2025 school year! A special welcome to our new families—we're so glad to have you join us.

We hope this year is a great one for all and encourage everyone to get involved in the school community. It's the heart of our school, bringing many benefits to students and families alike. We have some fantastic projects and events planned, and we look forward to sharing them with you!

Kind regards, Amy Olson - P&C President

Connect with the P&C













Upcoming P&C Meetings

The next P&C meeting is on **Wednesday**, **26 February 2025** (Term 1, Week 4) at **7:30pm** via Zoom. If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact secretary.ppspc@gmail.com to register your interest.

Meetings are held each term in Week 4.

Term 2: Wednesday 21 May 2025 Term 3: Wednesday 13 August 2025

Term 4 and AGM: Wednesday 5 November 2025

Pymble Public School P&C Association Committee 2025				
Executive Committee				
President	Amy Olson			
Vice President, K-2 Parent Liaison	Lauren Dooley			
Vice President	Gayle King			
Secretary	Clarissa Sweet			
Treasurer	Glenn Gao			
General Executive	Robert Yue			
General Executive	Plum Stone			
General Executive	Dee Visione			
General Executive	Jill Paul			
General Executive	Fash Nejad			
General Executive, Events & Fundraising & Promotions Subcommittee	Neda Zand			
Subcommittees				
	Neda Zand			
	Libby Gauld			
Events & Fundraising Subcommittee	Nikki Zdun			
	Amelia Seeto			
	Camila Albuquerque			
Instrumental Subcommittee	Cath Powell (Coordinator)			
instrumental subcommittee	Lena McMahon (Treasurer)			
Parent Liaison Subcommittee	Lauren Dooley (K-2)			
	Tegan Chan (3-6)			
	Rowena Chan (EALD Liaison)			
2nd Hand Uniform Subcommittee	Chantelle Geldenhuys			
	Angela Choi			
Promotions Subcommittee	Neda Zand			
Grounds & Pool Subcommittee	Fash Nejad			

Events & Fundraising

2025 Welcome Event - Around the World

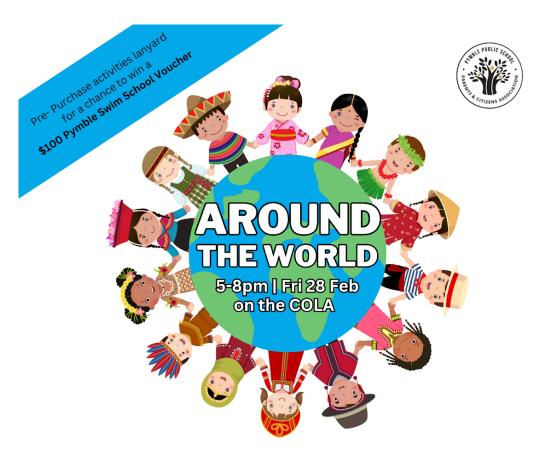
Join us on Friday, February 28, from 5–8 pm for our **Around the World Welcome Event**—a fantastic family celebration on the school campus! Enjoy delicious food, fun activities, and incredible entertainment, including Persian dancers and an African drum show—we can't wait to see the entire PPS community there!

Pre-purchase your Activities Lanyard now for just \$5 and go into the draw to win a \$100 Pymble Swim voucher! Lanyards offer fantastic value and include fun, hands-on experiences like sherbet making, Kick-a-Goal with a tasty Brazilian brigadeiro, decorating a Diya, capturing memories in the Photo Booth, and creating Aboriginal rock symbols. Get yours today and join in the fun!

https://events.humanitix.com/lanyard-pre-sales-2025-welcome-event

Want to Volunteer to Help on the Day? Events like this need lots of volunteers. Please consider signing up to help.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CAFAF2AABFCC70-53615346-pps2025



PPS 2025 WELCOME EVENT

Join us as we celebrate the start of a new school year by exploring the rich tapestry of cultures that make our community special!

Enjoy a World of Flavours!

South African BBQ | Chinese Dumplings | Japanese Sushi | USA Popcorn Italian Food | European lolly bags | Icelandic Snow Cones and Cold drinks

Live Entertainment

5:30pm PPS Jazz Band | 6:00pm Swim Challenge | 6:30pm Persian Dance | 7:30pm African Drum Show

Fun Activities for Everyone! BUY your lanyard for \$5

French Photobooth | Decorate a Diya | Brazilian Futbol | Rock Symbols | Sherbet Making

This event is brought to you by our generous sponsors:





Second Hand Uniform Shop

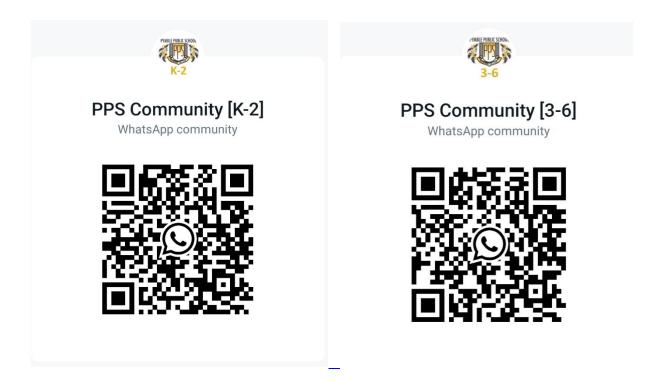
The 2nd Hand Uniform shop is a P&C initiative run by volunteers and we offer a walk-in service to purchase donated 2nd hand uniforms.

The shop is open for sales every Thursday from 8:30am to 9:00am during the school term.

Our stock is dependent on donations, so if you have uniforms you no longer need, please consider donating them by placing them in the white uniform recycling bin located outside the school office. We only accept PPS branded uniforms and for hygiene reasons we can't accept socks or tights. Please make sure all donations are in usable condition and washed before they are donated.

Please support this great initiative at our school and save tons of school uniforms from ending up in landfill. If you have any questions, you can reach out to us at 2ndhand.ppspc@gmail.com

Whatsapp Communities keeps you connected to everything that's happening at P.P.S it is organised and run by the P&C. Scan the QR code which applies to your child and from there you can join your year group. Class chats will be created shortly after the start of term and managed by Class Parents (these will also be accessible through the community)



Calling for Class Parents

Being a class parent is fun and social role and an important link between parents and the classroom teacher.

Class parents are responsible for communicating school events, excursions, important class information and anything that the teacher needs to get to parents quickly and easily.

We need 2 class parent volunteers for each class K-6.

We have moved away from paper! If you would like to sign up to be a class parent, please sign up via the 'poll' on the year level WhatsApp group or contact:

Lauren Dooley (K-2 Parent Liaison) - k2liaison.ppspc@gmail.com
Tegan Chan (3-6 Parent Liaison) - liaison.ppspc@gmail.com
Please indicate your interest by the end of next week (Friday 14 February).



HOW TO REGISTER WITH Sflexischools

- Download the Flexischools app and select "Register".
- 2 Type in your email and submit to create an account.
- Go to your inbox and click the link to verify your email (remember to check your junk).
- Follow the registration process, creating a password and adding your personal details.
- Add your student under "<u>Profile</u>" and start ordering online!



Download Flexischools app



School Travel Advice

For trip planning visit www.transportnsw.info or call 131 500. For current school and route services visit www.cdcbus.com.au

Conditions of Carriage: Students must have a valid Opal card and must tap on and off every trip. Further details about the SSTS are available at: www.transportnsw.info

Key: (L) Bus turns left; (R) Bus turns right

PYMBLE PS

Bell Times Effective 31/03/2024

Morning: 08:55 Afternoon: 14:55

MORNING BUSES			
Route	Time	Bus Route	
579	08:01	FROM PYMBLE STATION via 579 route. Drop on Bannockburn Rd (08:07)	
8066		FROM TURRAMURRA HS via Maxwell (R) Koombalah (R) Kissing Point (R) The Comenarra, Doncaster (L) Yarrara (R) Ward (08:27) (L) Livingstone (L) Everton (R) Avon (R) Arilla (L) Allawah (R) Linden (R) Beechworth (R) Highway (L) Bannockburn (R) Rushall (L) Crown to school (08:46)	

	AFTERNOON BUSES			
Route	Time	Bus Route		
9080	15:00	TO PYMBLE STATION AND WEST PYBMLE via Crown, Reservoir, (L) Bannockburn (R)		
		Selwyn (L) Bobbin Head (L) Highway (Pymble Station on Highway 15:06) then to Gordon		
		Station Bus Bay (15:15) then transfer to route 560		
9039	15:05	TO PYMBLE STATION via Crown, Reservoir (L) Bannockburn (R) Selwyn (L) Bobbin Head		
		(South Turramurra student transfer to 9015 at Sacred Heart School (15:10) (L) Highway		
		(R) Livingstone (R) Everton (R) Avon (R) Arilla (L) Allawah (R) Linden (R) Beechworth to		
		Highway to Pymble Station (15:25)		
9015	15:10	TO SOUTH TURRAMURRA from Sacred Heart School via Crown, Reservoir (L)		
		Bannockburn (R) Selwyn (L) Bobbon Head (R) Highway (L) Kissing Point (L) The Comenarra		
		(L) Ravenhill, Carina (L) Mimosa, Waratah (L) Boronia (L) Kissing Point (R) Canoon to		
		Barwon		
560	15:36	FROM GORDON STATION via St Johns (R) Pacific Hwy (L) Ryde (R) Yanko (L) Kooloona		
		(L) Yanko (L) Congham (R) Wallalong (R) Yanko (L) Yarrara (R) Ward (L) Livingstone (R)		
		Cultowa		

Throughout the year, the PPS Christian Prayer Group meet to pray for the PPS community. The group meet on the first Friday of each month at 9am at PPS at the shelter area on the top playground. If you would like to join us, please contact Briony Jones (brionyjones 1@hotmail.com)



Lost Property

The Lost Property box is located in the room under the Hall, near the Band Room. With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, parents are able to once again check the Lost Property box for their child's missing items. To minimise items going missing, please ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled. Items with NO NAME will be sent to the 2nd Hand Uniform shop and proceeds from these sales will be used to fund school improvements.



With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the Uniform Shop is pleased to be able to welcome parents and carers back into the store during their normal opening hours: Tuesday 1.30pm – 4pm and Thursday 8.15am – 10.30am.

The Uniform shop is also still offering contact free ordering:

- (1) Online ordering www.alintaapparel.com.au
- (2) Store phone order 0413 087 395
- (3) Contact Alinta Call Centre 4321 0433



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Get help with education costs

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. Participants who complete the program will receive up to \$500 for education costs.

It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. The program is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services, learn more at www.saverplus.org.au.

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you need to meet these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- √ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- √ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- √ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- √ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355





Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.



Want to get your child off their screens and get active?

- Go4Fun is for kids aged 7-13 and their families looking for support with healthy eating, physical activity and overall wellbeing.
- · 10 week FREE program, run during the school term.

Term 1, 2025 Programs

- Hornsby 4:00-6:00pm
- Ryde 4:00-6:00pm

REGISTER NOW!

Go4Fun.com.au | Call 1800 780 900 or SMS 0409745 645 for a call back















Our annual competitions are back in 2025! And we're gearing up for our biggest year yet. We're inviting students from around Australia to enterwith great prizes to be won, and the chance to attend our prizegiving ceremony at NSW Parliament House.

THE 2025 COMPETITION THEME IS...

HARMONY - WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY

Entries Close: April 12, 2025

Prizes:

Poster Comp: Year-group winners - \$150

Junior and Senior overall winners - \$250

Short Film Comp: Section winners - \$250 Songwriting Comp: Section winners - \$250

ALL ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION



More information:

See our <u>website</u> for information on competition rules, age categories and prizes

Contact:

office@movingforwardtogether.org.au (02) 9321 6308



Manly Warringah Basketball Assoc.

MWBA Pink Ball Term 1 2025

For Girls 7-12 Yrs who would like to learn basketball skills

Saturday 15/02-05/04 Time 1.15-2.15pm

Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre

www.trybooking.com/CXBZY

Manly Warringah Basketball Assoc.

Learn basketball skills in a fun learning environment with qualifies coaches.

Kids aged between 5-12yrs old.

Saturday 08/02 – 05/04

www.trybooking.com/CXBZS

Wahroonga Tigers Junior Rugby

Come Try Rugby February 7th, 14th & March 02ns 2025 U6 – U16 all players welcome, Free Sausage Sizzle & Zooper Dooper. Queries: MINI@WAHROONGARUGBY.COM.AU



