

P&C Meeting

Wednesday, 19th February 2025

Term 1, Week 4

Dates to remember:

Term 1, 2025

Wednesday 26 February Thursday 27 February Friday 28 February Friday 28 February

School Swimming Carnival 2 - 6 **PSSA Gala Day** P&C Welcome Event Wednesday 12 - Monday 24 March Naplan Tuesday 25 March **Zone Swimming Carnival**



Principal's News

PSSA Gala Day and 3-6 School Sports Day

Last Friday the Kur-ring-gai PSSA in conjunction with member schools ran our first Gala Day for 2025. The Gala Day included our four summer PSSA sports including boys and girls cricket and League Tag football, across four local venues Hassall Park, NTRA, St Ives showground and Bannockburn oval.

Despite some inclement weather during the day, our participating students all competed well and with pride. Unfortunately, due to the wet weather our cricket games were eventually abandoned. Our other sports teams finished their games and did well. Overall results are listed in this newsletter.

I'd like to congratulate our PSSA participants for their commitment and excellent behaviour during the Gala Day. I'd like to thank the coaches, Ms Sharp, Mr Tilling, Mrs Hiley and Ms Fryer for preparing the children for their respective sports and for braving the wet, at times, to provide this opportunity for the students.

While some children were at the PSSA Gala Day, the students at school participated in a 3-6 sports day which included many enjoyable, challenging and engaging activities, such as gymnastics, swimming, badminton, soccer, newcombe ball & athletics skills

The children participated enthusiastically across a range of activities and developed their gross and fine motor skills. The school enlisted the support of 'Moving Bodies' to run some of the sporting activities, while the teachers coordinated other activities.

I'd like to thank our year 3-6 teachers for planning and coordinating the 3-6 school sports day.

Next week, Friday 28 February the P&C in conjunction with the school are hosting our annual school welcome event. The theme this year is 'Around the World' and there will be a variety of food, entertainment and activities for children and adults to enjoy. This welcome event is a great opportunity for children to make and consolidate new friendships and for parents and carers to meet other parents.

The P&C social committee and parent volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure that children and adults alike will have a fantastic night. We would love to see as many PPS families as possible attend this event. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Kids Giving Back

During Term 4 of 2024 and the recent summer school holidays two of our Year 5 students, Nikita W and Riyan G were among 1170 young changemakers who contributed to making over 6500 meals, breakfast boxes, snack packs, and care packs for vulnerable communities across Sydney as part of a program coordinated by the 'Kids Giving Back' foundation. They also wrote thoughtful, encouraging messages to be shared with those in need.

Their kindness, leadership, and willingness to serve truly embody the values of generosity and community spirit. Their efforts have made a real difference and they should be commended. Their commitment reflects the values our school and community instils, and we are incredibly proud of them.

Road Safety

We have already witnessed extremely concerning and illegal driving behaviour along Crown Road and Rushall Street at the start of this school year. I urge all drivers to follow all road and traffic rules around our school.

I am concerned about the safety of our students at drop-off and pick-up times due to the dangerous behaviour of drivers. No stopping, double centre lines, bus stop and car line restricted hours, pedestrian crossings, 40km/hr speed limits and other road rules in school zones are specifically in place to protect our students and other pedestrians. Breaking these road and traffic rules places our children at higher risk of serious injury. Breaking road rules is also illegal.

This week I contacted Hornsby Police and Ku-ring-gai Council to ask for additional police and ranger patrols during our school drop off and pick-up times to assist with road safety.

As we navigate through the school year, it's crucial to keep road safety at the forefront of our minds. With the return of traffic around our school, we want to remind all students and parents about the importance of being safe on and around the roads.

Here are some essential road safety tips for everyone:

- **Use Pedestrian Crossings**: Always cross the street at designated pedestrian crossings. Look both ways before stepping off the curb and wait for traffic to clear.
- **Stay Alert:** Put away distractions such as mobile phones and headphones while walking or biking. Staying alert can help you notice any potential dangers.
- Follow Traffic Signals: Always obey traffic lights and signals. Make sure to only cross when the pedestrian signal indicates it's safe.
- Wear Helmets: If you ride a bike or scooter, always wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of an accident.

We encourage parents to discuss these safety tips with their children and lead by example. By working together, we can create a safer environment for all our students.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to road safety.

OC and Selective High School Application Due

A reminder that (for interested families) applications for 2026 placement at a selective high school (Year 7 entry) or opportunity class (Year 5 entry) are closing soon, on 21 February 2025.

Parents can visit the <u>Selective high school and opportunity class website</u> to apply and for more information.

Bruno Diodati Principal















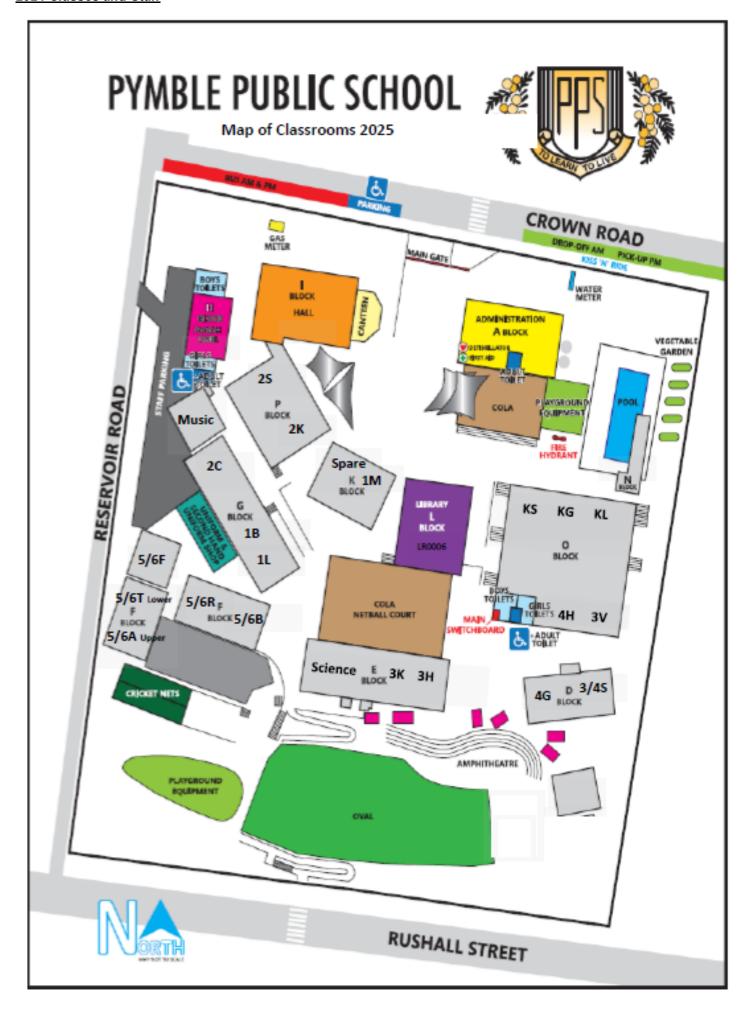


2025 Classes and Staff

In 2025, we welcome several new teachers as well as returning teachers who will add plenty of value to the rich fabric of learning available at PPS. We warmly welcome, Miss Taylor (KS), Mrs Baulderstone (1M) and Miss Smith(1L).

A full list of 2025 staff and classes follows.

Bruno Diodati	Principal		
Jennifer Graham	Relieving Deputy Principal		
Rachael Jenkins	Relieving Assistant Principal – Curriculum &		
	Instructional Leader		
Diane Frankish	Office		
Joanne Weir	Office		
Kate Cooper	Office		
Katie McCulloch	Office		
Nicole O'Donohue	Office		
Katharine Gillis	KG		
Caity Longfield (Rel. Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal)	KL		
Kate Steel / Lindsay Taylor	KS		
Kylie Booth	1B		
Sally Lorimer / Kerrie Smith	1L		
Haley Mylius / Elyse Baulderstone	1M		
Jane Carew (Stage 1 Assistant Principal) / Sarah Flick	2C		
Paige Kingston	2K		
Jane Shields	2S		
Phillipa Hiley	3H		
Katrina Hann / Rebecca Venter	3K		
Renee Vera	3V		
Lauren Sharp	3/4S		
Georgia Henskens	4G		
Lucinda Holbrook (Stage 2 Assistant Principal)	4H		
Karen Armbrister	5/6A		
Blake Rogan	5/6B		
Jacinta Fryer	5/6F		
Caitlin Rissman	5/6R		
Oliver Tilling	5/6T		
Kathryn Harris	Teacher Librarian		
Caroline Nellist	Library Office		
Jessica Battaerd / Sarah Flick	Learning & Support Teachers		
Pauline Jensen / Rob Santos / Fiona Hellyer / Emma Llewelyn	School Learning Support Officers		
Emmy Druce / Phoebe Coyle (Mon & Wed)	Counsellors		
lan Burke	General Assistant		
Anne Lee-Joe / Cara Oates	Science		
Robyn Herbert (Stage 3 Assistant Principal)	Music		
Petula Brown / Nav Judge	English as an Additional Language or Dialect		
Cara Oates / Sarah Flick / Lauren Knight	Executive Release		



Deputy Principal's News

Safety at School To keep all students safe:

- Parents, older siblings, grandparents and carers are not to approach other children on the playground. If you have a concern regarding behaviour of other children, please speak with your child's teacher, or contact the school office.
- Please refrain from taking photographs or videos of students on the playground.
- · Adults are not permitted in student bathrooms.

Thank you for your understanding.

NAPLAN 2025

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Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website

(https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan) and the NAP website

(https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Light up learning

1M students have created some excellent self-portraits that are now on display in their classroom. Some students came to my office to show me their artworks.









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 <u>open until 21</u> 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 shoc.education.nsw.gov.au - for further information, visit Selective high schools and opportunity classes.

Yours Sincerely, Lucinda Holbrook Assistant Principal

Bruno Diodati

Principal



Communicable Diseases Factsheet

Chickenpox and Shingles

Chickenpox is a common viral infection that can reappear later in life as Shingles. Chickenpox vaccination is recommended for all infants at 18 months of age. Shingles vaccination is recommended for all adults at 70 years of age.

Last updated: 15 November 2022

What is Chickenpox?

Chickenpox is a viral illness caused by Herpes zoster virus (also known as Varicella-Zoster virus)

In children it usually causes a relatively mild illness but it may reappear later in life as Shingles.

Chickenpox in adults and immunosuppressed people can be severe. Infection in pregnancy can cause foetal malformations, skin scarring, and other problems in the baby.

Before routine childhood vaccination began in November 2005, chickenpox was a very common illness. The incidence of chickenpox appears to have decreased as more people receive the vaccine.

What are the symptoms?

Chickenpox (varicella) begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash.

The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs. The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.

Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.

Most people recover without complications, but sometimes the infection can lead to serious complications, such as pneumonia and inflammation of the brain. Rarely, the infection can be fatal.

Persons who are previously vaccinated can still get chickenpox. If chickenpox occurs in a vaccinated person it is usually mild and less contagious than in an unvaccinated person.

How is it spread?

Early in the illness, the virus is spread by coughing. Later in the illness, the virus is spread by direct contact with the fluid in the blisters.

The infection is highly contagious to people who have never had chickenpox or who have not been vaccinated.

People are infectious from one or two days before the rash appears (that is, during the runny nose phase) and up to five days after (when the blisters have formed crusts or scabs)

Chickenpox infection triggers an immune response and people rarely get chickenpox twice.

Who is at risk?

Anyone who has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated in the past can get chickenpox.

People with a past history of chickenpox are likely to be immune to the virus. Even adults with no history of chickenpox have a chance of being immune (because of past infection that was mild). Doctors sometimes perform a blood test to see if these people need a vaccination.

How is it prevented?

Varicella infection can be prevented by vaccination.

All children (<14 years) in Australia are recommended to receive two doses of varicella vaccine, with the first dose given at 18 months of age. This first dose of varicella vaccine is funded under the National Immunisation Program and is given as part of a combination vaccine called MMRV, which contains the second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine.

Varicella vaccines can be used from 12 months of age, and this may be appropriate in the setting of travel or a varicella outbreak; however the MMRV vaccine should not be used as the first dose for measles, mumps, and rubella. For information on vaccine recommendations, dosage, and administration see the **Australian Immunisation Handbook (online Edition)**

Varicella vaccination is also recommended for all non-immune adolescents (>14 years) and adults. This involves two doses, at least 1 month apart. It is especially recommended for people at high risk, for example, health care workers, people living with or working with small children, women planning a pregnancy, and household contact of persons who are immunosuppressed.

People with chickenpox should avoid others (and not attend childcare or school) until at least five days after onset of the rash and all the blisters have dried.

People with chickenpox should cover the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, dispose of soiled tissues, wash their hands well and not share eating utensils, food or drinking cups.

Pregnant women should avoid anyone with chickenpox or shingles and should see their doctor if they have been around someone with these illnesses.

Children with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or who are receiving chemotherapy should avoid anyone with chickenpox or shingles as the infection can be especially severe.

How is it diagnosed?

Most cases can be diagnosed based on the symptoms and by appearance of the rash. Sometimes the diagnosis is confirmed by testing samples taken from the rash or from blood samples.

What is Shingles?

Shingles (also called Zoster) is caused by the reactivation in the body of the same virus that causes chickenpox, usually in adulthood and many years after the initial chickenpox illness.

The illness is characterised by a painful chickenpox-like rash on a small area of skin, usually on one side of the body.

Pain and tingling associated with the rash may persist for weeks or months after the rash has cleared. This is called post-herpetic neuralgia.

The virus can be spread by direct contact with the skin rash of infected people. This causes chickenpox in people who are not immune.

Shingles develops more commonly in people who are immunosuppressed.

How is Shingles prevented?

A single dose of zoster vaccine is recommended and funded for adults at 70 years of age. Adults 71-79 years of age are eligible for free vaccine under a catch up program until 31 October 2021.

People aged 60–69 years are also recommended to have a single dose of zoster vaccine but this is not funded. The exact duration of vaccine efficacy is not known but protection does wane over time. The need for revaccination is not yet determined.

Adults aged 50-59 years are not routinely recommended to receive zoster vaccine, but they can receive it if they want to protect themselves against Shingles.

How are Shingles and Chickenpox treated?

Shingles can be treated with special antiviral drugs such as acyclovir. Your general practitioner can advise on ways to minimise the discomfort associated with the symptoms of infection.

Chickenpox infection usually resolves without treatment.

What is the public health response?

Chickenpox is not a notifiable condition in NSW but the incidence is monitored through the number of patients attending emergency departments and the number of patients who are hospitalised with chickenpox or shingles.

Varicella vaccine protects against chickenpox, even if given up to five days after exposure.

Short-term immunisation with varicella-zoster immunoglobulin (VZIG) - which is made from antibodies in donated blood - can prevent illness in people at high risk of complications. This needs to be given within 96 hours of exposure to the virus to be effective.

People at high risk of complications following exposure include: pregnant women who have not had chickenpox and who have not been immunised; newborn babies, and; some people with

immunosuppression due to illness or treatments.

Further information

For further information please call your local public health unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au



Administration News

Absences from School

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please either call or email the school office (<u>pymble-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>) 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



Library News

Welcome back to another busy start to the year at PPS. Over the last two weeks the children have been settling into classrooms and learning new routines and timetables.

Classes coming to the library have 30-minute lessons, and so children should, where possible on their library day, return their books to the library immediately they arrive at school before sitting in the playground or going to the classroom. On some days the class teacher may be able to remind students to bring returns and library bags up to the library when they arrive in the classroom at 9am, but this depends on other things happening – swimming, sport assembly etc. The class teacher may not see the children first thing and therefore not be able to remind them. With lessons so short, if children arrive at the lesson with books to return there is not sufficient time to return them, and so those children will not be able to borrow in the lesson that day.

The library hours have changed for this year. The library is still open as often, and still open every day. When the library is open children are able to return and borrow books and read etc. The library is open to all children every morning from 8:30 and second half of lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This means that children are able to borrow every day if they choose.

All children in K-4 need a library bag with them in the library to be able to borrow books, while children in years 5 and 6 can borrow without a library bag. The children need to be able to open and close their own library bags and a shopping bag is <u>not</u> acceptable. The bag should also be clearly named, and for younger children have something which makes it readily identifiable (coloured ribbons, stickers etc.). The regular reading of a range of books is one of the best ways for children to develop as learners. I am available to assist your children (and you) in choosing books when they visit the library.

NSW Education Standards Authority



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Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Pymble Public School is held on Wednesdays from 12:55pm to 1:45pm, starting on 12 February 2025.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad https://www.chesssquad.com/ which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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.



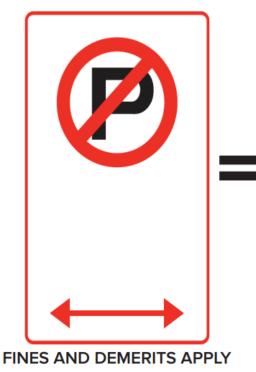
Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/school-travel Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback

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.



Drop-off / Pick-up Zone
2 minutes ONLY

Stay within 3m of your vehicle
* NO WAITING *











NO STOPPING AT ANY TIME

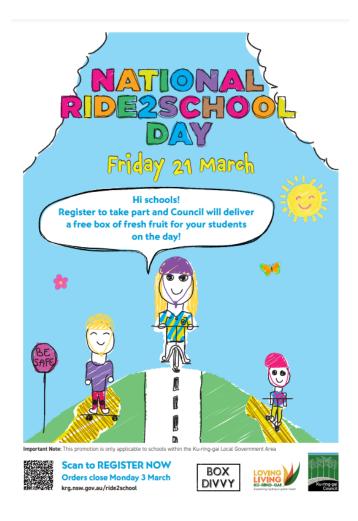
















CANTEEN MENU

Special Diets

YBK Snacks

Seasonal fresh fruit \$ 1.50

Fruit Skewer \$ 2.00

Apple slinky \$ 1.50

GLUTEN FREE

- Muffins \$ 3.00
- Banana bread \$ 6.00
- Veggie chips \$ 3.00
- Pasta Bolognaise \$ 7.00

Fresh fruit salad Sm \$3.00 Lrg \$5.00

Fruit salad and Greek yoghurt \$ 5.50

Carrot Stick (4x) \$ 0.50

- Homemade fried rice with gluten free soy sauce \$ 5.50 (250g)
- Health pack with gluten free crackers and gluten free Hummus \$ 4.00
 - Gluten free burgers \$ 8.00

Cucumber, celeny and carrot cups with

Hummus \$ 3,00

Variety of homemade muffins \$ 3.00

Health pack (carrot, celery, cucumber,

ham, cheese and crackers) \$ 4.00

- Gluten free pie \$ 7.50
- Gluten free sausage roll \$ 6.50

DAIRY FREE

- Yoghurt \$ 3.50
- Soy milk \$ 3.50

Greek Yoghurt cups with berries \$ 2.00

Greek Yoghurt cups \$1.50

Garlic Bread \$ 1.00

Pizza bread \$ 2.00

Pauls Vanilla Custard \$ 2.00

Pretzels \$ 1.50

OCCASIONAL

Muffins \$ 3.00

dairy free breads and spreads

- Homemade Pasta Bolognese \$ 6.50(250g)
 - Pizza wraps from \$ 5.50

Oven baked hash browns \$ 1.50

Vegie chips (Gluten free) \$ 3.00

Popcorn Plain \$ 2.50

- Homemade Butter chicken with rice \$ 7.30
- Halal Pies \$ 6.00
- Halal Sausage rolls \$5.50
- Halal Beef burger (beef Patty, tomato and lettuce)
- Falafel wrap (Falafel, hummus, lettuce, tomato and cucumber) \$8.00

Frozen pineapple ring \$ 0.80

Frozen orange \$ 0.30

Everyday

Frozen watermelon \$ 1.50

Quelch Stick \$1.00

- Chicken burger (chicken, lettuce and mayo) \$7.00
 - Chicken kebab stick \$ 4.00
- Chicken kebab in a wrap \$ 5.50
- Chicken kebab in a wrap with lettuce and mayo

YBK Breakfast

- Café Style Raisin toast \$ 2.00
- Honey, jam or vegemite toast \$ 1.50
- Pikelets with jam or honey \$ 1.00
- Approved school size banana bread 80g \$4.00
- Cheese Jaffle \$ 1.50
- Fresh fruit salad small \$3.00 Lrg \$5.00
- Fruit salad and Greek yoghurt \$ 5.50
- Variety of homemade muffins \$ 3.00

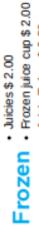


- Water \$ 2.50
- Sparling Mineral water \$3.00
- Plain Milk popper \$ 2.50
- Soy milk \$3.50
- Up&Go \$ 3.70



- OAK Flavoured milk 300ml \$3.70
- OCCASIONAL
- Juice poppers 99% fruit juice 250ml \$ 3.00











Cold Food

SANDWICHES

white, wholemeal, multigrain, gluten free bread available

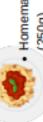
- Vegemite or honey \$ 2.50
- Vegemite and light tasty cheese \$ 4.50
- Light Tasty Cheese \$ 4.00
- Chicken, lettuce and mayo \$ 5.50
- Chicken and salad \$ 6.00
- Egg and Lettuce \$ 5.00
- Salad \$ 5.00
- Tuna and mayo \$ 5.00
- Tuna and salad \$ 6.00
- Light Tasty Cheese and tomato \$ 4.50
- Ham \$ 4.50
- Ham and tasty cheese \$ 5.50
- Ham and salad \$ 6.00
- Cheese and salad \$6.00
- Ham, tasty Cheese and Tomato \$ 6.00 (extra fillings \$ 0.50, toasted \$ 1.00,

Turkish bread \$1.00, GF \$1.00)

WRAPS

- Char grilled chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, cucumber and mayo \$8.00
- Ham, cheese and Pineapple to asted
- Ham and cheese to asted \$ 7.00
- Tuna, lettuce, tomato and mayo \$ 8.00
- Falafel with mixed salad, carrots, cucumbers, hummus and Tzatziki \$ 8.00
- Homemade Chicken schnitzel, avocado, lettuce and mayo \$ 8.50

Hot Food



- Homemade Pasta Bolognese \$ 6.50
 - (250g)
- Homemade Pasta with napoletano sauce \$ 5.50 (250g)
- Fried rice with vegetables \$5.50
- Homemade lasagna \$ 6.50
- Worton Soup \$ 5.00
- Chicken noodle soup \$ 4.00
- Chicken kebab stick \$ 4.00
- Chicken Kebab in a wrap \$ 5.50
- Chicken Kebab on wrap with lettuce and mayo \$ 6.50

OCCASIONAL

- Ricotta and Spinach Rolls \$5.00
- Timbertown Junior pies \$ 4.00 Sauce satchels 50cents

Fresh Salads

- Garden Salad and dressing \$ 6.70
- Grilled chicken and salad \$ 8.00
 - Tuna and salad \$8.00
 - Greek salad \$7.20
 all small salads \$5.70
- OCCASIONAL

Caesar salad (lettuce, bacon, parmesan and croutons) \$7.50 (chicken \$1.00 extra)

YBK Weekly Meals

MONDAY - Burgalicious \$ 7.00

- Chicken Burger with fresh chargrilled chicken breast, lettuce, mayo
- Beef burger with beef patty, lettuce, tomato and sauce
- Vegetarian Burger potato patty, lettuce, tomato and mayo (Vegan option also available)

IUESDAY

Homemade Butter chicken with rice \$7.30

MEDNESDAY

Pizza wrap

- Margherita \$5.50
- Bbq Chicken and Cheese \$ 6.50
- Meatlover \$ 7.50

THURSDAY

- Sushi Roll Tuna/Teriyaki Chicken/Vegetarian \$ 4.80
 - Sushi Baby Box Tuna or cucumber \$ 4.80
- Edamame beans \$3.50

FRIDAY OCCASIONAL

- Timbertown beef pie \$ 6.00
- Timbertown sausage roll \$ 5.50
- Timbertown Beef potato pie \$ 6.50 SAUCE SATCHELS 50cents

 Daily specials may drange according to season, weather/school events.







P&C News

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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 and receive a copy of the agenda.

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

Questions or suggestions for the P&C? Get in touch at president.ppspc@gmail.com

Your P&C Committee

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			

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	Rowena Chan (EALD Liaison)				
2nd Hand Uniform Subcommittee	Chantelle Geldenhuys				
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Promotions Subcommittee	Neda Zand				
Grounds & Pool Subcommittee	Fash Nejad				

Events & Fundraising

Tea & Tissues

The P&C Committee welcomed our new Kindy families in Week 2 at our welcome morning tea event, "Tea & Tissues". Thank you to Brett & Tori Peacock for their hospitality and (once again) generously opening up your home for a P.P.S event. We appreciate all the Volunteers who made this special with their delicious contributions and to those who helped run the event on the day. We are grateful for Mr Diodati's support and for joining us in providing the school's perspective.

It was a great opportunity for new families to meet other parents and carers starting school, share in this significant milestone and start building connections within our school community.













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 a Persian dance performance and an African drum show—we can't wait to see the entire PPS community there!

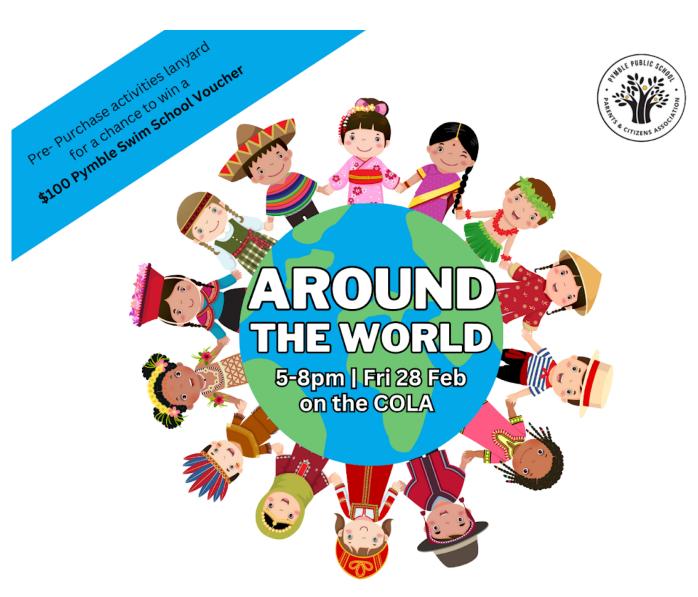
You can view all the event info here - https://ppspandc.org/2025-welcome-event

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

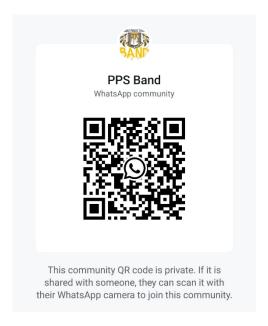
This event is brought to you by our generous sponsors:



PYMBLE SWIM SCHOOL Welcome back to all of our musicians for another exciting year of music at PPS.

All rehearsals, small group tutorials and private lessons have resumed this week.

If you have a child in the instrumental program, please join the community via this QR code and select the ensemble that applies to you to stay informed about communications and exciting performances throughout the year.



Please sign up to assist at the upcoming P&C 'Around the World' Welcome event. Band parents will hold a Sno Cone and Drinks stand, and we look forward to raising funds for the program.

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We are looking forward to a great year of music education.

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.

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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

Whatsapp Communities keeps you connected to everything that's happening at P.P.S it is organised and run by the P&C. Thank you to Lauren Dooley and Tegan Chan, our **Parent Liaison Subcommittee** who have been very busy in the background coordinating class parents for the year ahead. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have volunteered. We appreciate your enthusiasm in helping with these essential roles.

Scan the QR code which applies to your child and from there you can join your year group. Class chats have been created and will be managed by Class Parents (these will also be accessible through the community).



PPS Community [3-6]

WhatsApp community





WhatsApp community



Our P&C Parent Liaison Representatives are here to answer your questions, please feel free to get in touch via Whatsapp or e-mail:

Lauren Dooley (K-2 Liaison & Vice President): k2liaison.ppspc@gmail.com

Tegan Chan (3-6 Liason): liaison.ppspc@gmail.com Rowena Chan (EALD Liason): Eald.ppspc@gmail.com

Grounds & Pool

Water Bubblers Refresh Project

We're excited to share that a new bubbler with filtered water has been installed at Pymble Public School! This upgrade ensures students have access to cleaner, fresher drinking water. The P&C is actively working on a project to replace the remaining bubblers to the same high standard. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue improving our school's facilities!

Calling All Green Thumbs!

We're looking for volunteers to help maintain our school's vegetable patches during the holidays! If you and your family or friends can spare a few hours, we'd love your help with weeding and occasional mulching to keep our gardens thriving.

Interested? Contact Fash at 0415 683 285. Your support makes a big difference! 📽 😂



Join Our April 2025 Working Bee!

We're looking for volunteers to help with weeding, pressure cleaning, hedging, painting, and general cleanup during the school holidays. If you can spare around two hours, your support will make a huge difference in keeping our school looking its best. (confirmed dates are soon to be published!!)

Interested in lending a hand? Get in touch—we'd love to have you on board! 😂



Grounds & Pool Feedback Forum - https://forms.office.com/r/GkDRBrE7Yw

Please use this link to submit your suggestions / feedback to the Grounds & Pool committee.

Fash



HOW TO REGISTER WITH Sflexischools

- Download the Flexischools app and select "Register".
- 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!







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	oute 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) Th					
		(L) Ravenhill, Carina (L) Mimosa, Waratah (L) Boronia (L) Kissing Point (R) Canoon to			
		Barwon			
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		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

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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 enter with great prizes to be won, and the chance to attend our prizegiving ceremony at NSW Parliament House.

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Entries Close: April 12, 2025

Prizes:

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Junior and Senior overall winners - \$250

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

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See our website for information on competition rules, age categories and prizes

Contact:

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54-72 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, NSW 2076 Web:

Tuesday 4 March 2025

Registration by 10:00 am on Friday 28 February 2025 is essential!

Register at: https://events.humanitix.com/copyof-normanhurst-boys-hs-open-day-i-tuesday-4march-2025

> normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au

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

Killara West Pymble Rugby Union Football Club

Come Try Rugby Days, Lofberg Oval West Pymble Friday 21 February 5.30pm Minis 4-9 year olds Juniors 10-16 yr olds, Sauage sizzle for kids drinks for grown ups!

Turramurra United Football Club

Registrations open now, seasons starts early April Bannockburn oval training Thursday nights https://turramurraunited.com.au/play/registration/

Gordon Football Club

All girls & boys aged 4 and up are welcome. Season runs from April to end of August Come & Try Day Saturday 22 February @ Charles Bean www.gordonfc.com.au

Ku-Ring-Gai Cubs Rugby League

Wanted Girls League Tag 12s,14s,16s & 18s
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