

Thursday, 6th March 2025

Term 1, Week 6

Dates to remember:

Term 1, 2025

Wednesday 9 April

Wednesday 12 – Monday 24 March Wednesday 19 March Thursday 20 March Friday 21 March Tuesday 25 March NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5 Swimming Carnival Ribbon & Trophy Pres Assembly 2.15pm Pulse Alive performance Harmony Day Zone Swimming Carnival PPS Cross Country Carnival



Principal's News

School Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday the school held its annual swimming carnival at the PLC Aquatic Centre. It was an exciting day with high participation rates across all swimming events. It was lovely to see children not only cheering for their fellow sports team house participants but also for competitors from other teams. The sports house captains and vice captains did a wonderful job of encouraging and maintaining enthusiasm amongst their teams throughout the day.

The carnival ran smoothly and was a successful day. I'd like to thank Mrs Armbrister for coordinating this event and the teachers who worked hard on the day to ensure the carnival ran smoothly. A special thank you to Ryan and Tom from the Pymble Swim School for their assistance in running the swim events and encouragement of our swimmers.







PPS 2025 Welcome Event

Last Friday afternoon / evening the P&C and the school hosted our 2025 welcome event, 'Around the World'. This was a truly spectacular event which was well attended by the PPS school community. It was great to see so many children and families attend. There was a variety of foods and a range of exciting activities as well as live entertainment throughout the night. Children in attendance had a wonderful time as did their parents and grandparents.

The scale of this event required a significant amount of planning and coordinating which began late last year. The P&C social committee secured sponsorship for the event and enlisted a total of 126 parent volunteers to organise and run the event. Together with the assistance of the school, this was a huge school community effort. I'd like to thank Amy Olson our P&C president, the P&C social committee, parent volunteers, Mrs Graham and Mr Burke for their tireless work in organising and running this year's welcome event. Not only did the event raise valuable funds for the school but it also provided a 'super' fun school activity for children and parents to enjoy and get to know each other.









































PSSA Gala and Schools Sports Day

The second of our term 1 Summer PSSA Gala and School Sports days was held last Friday. Our students represented PPS with pride and competed well across the various PSSA sports of Senior and Junior League Tag, plus Boys and Girls Cricket. At school our 3-6 students participated in our second school sports day. The variety of sporting activities were exciting and fun while developing the students' gross and fine motor skills. The children enjoyed the school sports day.

I'd like to thank the teachers who braved the hot weather and attended the PSSA Gala Day venues with the children for their care and commitment. I'd like to also thank the parents who helped with providing shade shelters and picking up school gazebos for the PSSA Gala Day venues. The additional shade was greatly needed and appreciated by the students and teachers.

Recess and Lunchtime Time Change Trial

From this Monday 10 March the school will <u>trial</u> a change to our recess and lunchtime break times. Please note that, **this change will in no way affect the total break / play time allocated each school day**. Nor will it change the amount of teaching time in each school day. This trial will be in place until the end of next term, Term 2. Towards the end of the trial students, teachers and parents will have an opportunity to provide feedback on this change.

From next Monday, the morning recess break time will be increased by 10 minutes from 20 minutes to 30 minutes and the lunch play time will be decreased by 10 minutes from 40 minutes to 30 minutes. This means that our recess and lunch play times will now be 30 minutes each. **Students will still have their 15 minutes of eating time prior to the lunchtime play time each school day.**

This change in recess and lunch break times will be trialled so that the school can continue to offer multiple supervised play areas each school day during lunchtime for students. By reducing lunchtime to only one session rather than the current 2 half lunchtime periods the school can have more supervised play areas open each school day. The half hour recess break time will also allow some interest, extra-curricular or sporting groups to run at recess rather than lunchtime being the only option to hold these activities. The increased open play spaces and flexibility for activities during break time is aimed to benefit all students.

Crown Road Carline / 'Kiss n Ride' Zone

The school is fortunate to have a safe student drop off and pick up area, our 'Kiss n Ride' zone out the front of the school on Crown Road. This zone is essentially a 'No Parking' area and as such is a restricted parking area during the hours of 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm each school day. There are road traffic rules which govern the school 'carline' and which are in place to keep children safe:

'Kiss n Ride' Zone Rules

Please note, there is a teacher supervising carline each afternoon during pick up time. Children are not left unattended should their parents be running late or are required to leave and rejoin carline.

We ask that all drivers follow the traffic and school rules for using our 'Kiss n Ride' area on Crown Road not only so that the carline runs smoothly **but importantly so that our children are kept safe**.

Bruno Diodati Principal

KISS AND RIDE ZONES

Understanding the rules

Kiss and Ride Zones are for your child's safety and for your convenience.

Designed for quick entry and exit, it minimises congestion

and risk when used properly.

RULES

- Kiss and Ride zones and 'No Parking' zones operate under the same conditions.
- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of two minutes.
- The driver MUST remain in or within three metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- Penalties apply for illegally parking in School Zones.
 Rangers are active in the area.



REMEMBER

- DRIVERS DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE To assist with traffic flow in the Kiss and Ride Zone, drivers are encouraged to remain in the car while the children get in and out. To facilitate this, children should travel with bags in the car and not in the boot.
- BE TIMELY If your child does not enter or exit the vehicle within 2 minutes you are required to travel around the block and re-enter the zone at the end of the queue. (Insert Street names relevant to your school)
- KERB SIDE ENTRY / EXIT Ensure your child enters / exits the vehicle on the kerb side. Ensure your child has their restraint securely fastened before moving off from the Kiss and Ride Zone.
- 4. STAY IN SEQUENCE Please queue in an orderly manner. Drop/pick-up your child as close as you can to the top of the zone, allowing vehicles following you to enter the designated area.
 Do not cut in the queue
- NO U TURNS Do not make u-turns in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put children at risk. Fines and demerit points apply.

Kiss and Ride Zones need cooperation to ensure the safety of all children.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY AROUND SCHOOL ZONES







NAPLAN 2025

Students in Years 3 and 5 will begin their NAPLAN exams next week.

Further information has been sent to parents and carers of these year groups.

The timetable of exams is below, however, there is always the possibility that changes could occur on any day if there are any technology issues.

Week 7			Wednesday 12 March 9am: Writing Yr 3 11.30am: Writing Yr 5	Thursday 13 March 9am Reading Yr 5	Friday 14 March 9am Reading Yr 3
Week 8	Monday 17 March 9am Conventions of Language Yr 3	Tuesday 18 March 11.30am Conventions of Language Yr 5	Wednesday 19 March 9 am Numeracy Yr 5	Thursday 20 March	Friday 21 March 9am Numeracy Yr 3
Week 9	Monday 24 March				

VISITORS on SCHOOL Grounds

If you are coming to the school during the school day outside of the normal pick up and drop off times, you are required to go to the office and sign in. This includes dropping off items to your child.

While on school site at any time, including swimming after school, parents and carers are only able to use the accessible toilets. For child protection reasons, parents and carers are not permitted in student toilets or change rooms at any time.

Swimming Lessons

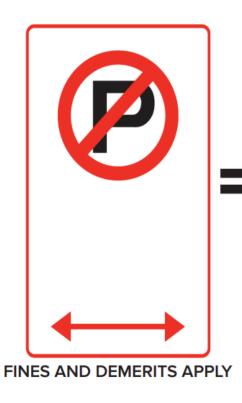
It is great to see our students participating in swimming lessons this term. The progress they make each year was very clear by the students' swimming at the swimming carnival last week. These lessons are conducted by the accredited swim instructors from Pymble Swim School. While class teachers accompany and supervise their students in the pool, they do not make decisions around grouping of students in school lessons. If you have questions regarding this, please direct them via email to ryan@pymbleswimschool.com.au For safety reasons, swim staff are unable to speak with parents while teaching at the pool.

Dance2Bfit

Students in Years K-4 are enjoying learning new dance moves at their Tuesday Dance2Bfit lessons. These dances will be performed at the end of the term at our Dance Extravaganza. This will be held on the netball court in the last week of term. Further details and simple costume requirements will be sent home prior to the day by Mrs Holbrook.



Jennifer Graham Deputy Principal



Drop-off / Pick-up Zone
2 minutes ONLY

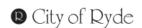
Stay within 3m of your vehicle













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.

Student Details on School Bytes

Did you know that you can now view the groups your child has been allocated to in School Bytes (such as class, house and scripture group), as well as your child's student email address? To view this data about your child, log into your parent portal, click on the 'Dashboard' menu and scroll to the very bottom of this page where all students in the family are listed. Click on the "Student Details' link for each child and all relevant information will be displayed.

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



It is great to see so many children remembering to bring their books and bags to the library when they arrive at school. Whether the library is open or closed, children are always able to return their books. The process of remembering and returning books and bringing their library bags in the morning is a great job for learning to be responsible and independent.

If children forget to bring their books or bags on their class library day, or if they want to borrow more frequently, the library is open each day, either in the morning or at lunch with borrowing available to them whenever it is open.

Over the next week the library will welcome a new group of Library Monitors. Each year a small group of year 5 and 6 children give up a lunchtime session each week to help in the library. It is one of those "unsung hero" jobs which helps make our library a better place for everyone.

As this year's routines and schedules settle in, there may be some parents, or grandparents, who are able to lend a hand in the library (with jobs to do either at school or at home). This help, no matter how infrequent, is invaluable in ensuring that our library is the best it can be for the children. Please contact me if you are able to help, or indeed if you have any questions about the library.

Miss Harris Teacher Librarian

Cross Country 2025

When: Wednesday 9 April (T1, W11)

Where: Bannockburn Oval Time: 9 am - 12.30pm

Who: All students who turn 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 this year.

Bring: Recess and 2 drink bottles Wear: Sports uniform and hat

Students turning 8, 9 or 10 this year will run 2km which is 1 lap of the oval and 2 laps of the outside track.

Students turning 11, 12 or 13 this year will run 3km which is 1 lap of the oval and 3 laps of the outside track.

The first 6 runners in each race will qualify for the Zone Cross Country Carnival held at St Ives Showground in Term 2.

Mrs Armbrister



On Thursday 13 March at 2:15pm there will be an EAL/D (English as Additional Language or Dialect) afternoon tea in the hall.

Our EAL/D program provides added assistance to students with another language background. This is a time where we will explain the benefits of attending EAL/D classes and how your child will be supported. We will also provide some ideas of how you can support your child's learning experience.

Parents of students currently receiving EAL/D support will shortly receive an invitation to attend this afternoon tea. Please respond to this invitation as soon as possible so that we know the number of parents who wish to attend.

Mrs Petula Brown

EAL/D Teacher

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is intended to celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia and promote a tolerant and culturally diverse society. The continuing message of Harmony Week is 'Everybody Belongs'.

This year, Harmony Day will be held on Friday in week 8 (21st March). On this day, students are invited to come to school dressed in a traditional outfit e.g. kimono, kosovorotka etc. or dressed in orange mufti-wear. Throughout the day, students will be involved in a range of classroom activities celebrating inclusion and our culturally diverse society.

HARMONY DAY

Everyone Belongs

Students are invited to wear orange or a traditional outfit on 21 March 2025.



Well done everyone who participated in the annual PPS Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day. Congratulations to those who placed in the finals. Ribbons will be presented on Wednesday 19 March at our afternoon assembly.

It was wonderful to see parents supporting their children and thank you to the staff for their efforts on the day. Without your support the carnival would not run as smoothly as it did.

Parents are welcome to attend the ribbon and trophy presentation from 2.15pm in the Assembly Hall.

Karen Armbrister

50m Freestyle Results					100m Open Freestyle				
	8yr Boys		10yr Girls		Boys		Girls		
1	James D	1	Ava P	1	Harrison C	1	Chloe Mc		
2	Harold T	2	Chelsea S	2	Jacob H	2	Amelie VH		
3	Owen L	3	Alice Y	3	Noah P	3	Antoinette H		
	8yr Girls		11yr Boys						
1	Jacquline Z	1	Campbell M		200m IM				
2	Stella W	2	Chris Z		Snr Boys				
3	Viola G	3	Lucas L	1	Harrison C				
	9yr Boys		11yr Girls	2	Campbell M				
1	Kenneth H	1	Marlow G						
2	David S	2	Arabella H		Snr Girls				
3	Angus B	3	Sherry Z	1	Chloe Mc				
	9yr Girls		12yr Boys	2	Amelie VH				
1	Chelsea L	1	Harrison C						
2	Claire J	2	Jacob H		Senio	r Boy	s Relay Team		
3	Rachel Z	3	Zach M		Harrison C		Zach M		
	10yr Boys		12yr Girls		Jacob H		Jasper		
1	Noah P	1	Chloe Mc		Senio	r Girl	s Relay Team		
2	Archer W	2	Amelie VH		Chloe Mc		Marlow G		
3	James Mc	3	Kate Mc		Amelie VH		Kate Mc		
50m Breaststroke				House Relays					
	Jnr Boys		11yr Girl		Jnr Boys		Snr Boys		
1	Noah P	1	Marlow G	1	Flinders	1	Wentworth		
2	Archer W	2	Jasmine G	2	Phillip	2	Phillip		
3	Kenneth H	3	Chloe H	3	Wentworth	3	Macquarie		
	Jnr Girls		12yr Boys	4	Macquarie	4	Flinders		
1	Emily B	1	Jacob H		Jnr Girls		Snr Girls		
2	Claire J	2	Harrison C	1	Flinders	1	Macquarie		
3	Alice Y	3	Kieran P	2	Wentworth	2	Flinders		
	11yr Boys		12yr Girls	3	Phillip	3	Wentworth		
1	Campbell M	1	Amelie VH	4	Macquarie	4	Phillip		
2	Benjamin L	2	Chloe Mc						
3	William Mc	3	Alara E						
	50m Backstroke				Age Champions				
	Jnr Boys		11yr Girl		12yr Boys		12yr Girls		
1	Noah P	1	Marlow G	С	Harrison C	С	Chloe Mc		
2	Archer W	2	Arabella H	RU	Jacob H	RU	Amelie VH		
3	James Mc	3	Jasmine G		11yr Boys		11yr Girls		
	Jnr Girls		12yr Boys	С	Campbell M	С	Marlow G		

1	Chelsea L	1	Harrison C	RU	William Mc	RU	Jasmine G
2	Alice Y	2	Jasper W		Jnr Boys		Jnr Girls
3	Chelsea S	3	Jacob H	С	Noah P	С	Alice Y & Ava P
	11yr Boys		12yr Girls	RU	Archer W	RU	Chelsea S & Emily B
1	Campbell M	1	Chloe Mc				
2	William Mc	2	Amelie VH				
3	Jeremy L	3	Isabelle B				
	50m Butterf	ly		House Points			
	Jnr Boys		11yr Girl	1	Macquarie	549	
1	Archer W	1	Marlow G	2	2 Phillip 514		
2	Noah P	2		3 Wentworth 497.5			
3	James Mc	3		4 Flinders 497			
	Jnr Girls		12yr Boys				
1	Ava P	1	Harrison C	Junior Boys Relay Team			
2	Alice Y	2			Noah P		James Mc
3		3			Archer W		Kenneth H
	11yr Boys		12yr Girls	Junior Girls Relay Team			
1	Campbell M	1	Chloe Mc		Ava P		Chelsea S
2		2	Amelie VH		Chelsea L		Claire J
3		3	Kate Mc				

The students highlighted in yellow are off to represent PPS at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 25 March, at the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre. They will be accompanied by Miss Henskens and Mr Rogan. We wish them the best of luck and we look forward to hearing about their exciting day.



Come and see Ku-ring-gai High School

Open invitation to attend a school tour

Tuesday afternoons this month

4:00pm to 5:30pm

Please RSVP through email:

kuringgai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



NAPLAN 2025 parent and carer information

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is sat by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2025 will take place from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school's learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning. Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests.

The <u>public demonstration site</u> (<u>https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site</u>) is available for you to see the format of the online tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the <u>NESA website</u> (https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan) and the <u>NAP website</u> (https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers).

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



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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.









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

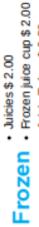


- Water \$ 2.50
- Sparling Mineral water \$3.00
- Plain Milk popper \$ 2.50
- Soy milk \$3.50
- Up&Go \$ 3.70



- 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)

LUESDAY

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 change according to season, weather/school events.





P&C News

Connect with the P&C













Upcoming P&C Meetings

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday, 21 May 2025 (Term 2, Week 4) at 7:30pm.

We would like to extend the invitation to everyone in the school community. You don't need to be a P&C member to attend. You may attend in-person or via Zoom.

Please contact secretary.ppspc@gmail.com to register your interest. Zoom details and a copy of the meeting agenda will be sent out via email closer to the date.

Meetings are usually held each term in Week 4:

Term 3: Wednesday 13 August 2025

Term 4 and AGM: Wednesday 5 November 2025

Your P&C Committee

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Events & Fundraising

2025 Welcome Event - Around the World.

Last **Friday, February 28,** we had our **Around the World Welcome Event**. What an unforgettable evening! Our **"Around the World"** event was a vibrant and joyful celebration, bringing together our school community to embrace different cultures through food, activities, and performances. The event was a true reflection of our diverse and inclusive school spirit.

Lanyard

Families were welcomed at the entrance by the Lanyard stall, Managed by **Dee Visione** and handed over their activities access card. Over 379 were distributed which was a fabulous result.





A Feast from Around the World

Families enjoyed delicious foods, exploring flavors from different corners of the globe.

South African BBQ

This stall was organised by **Yolandi Le ROUX.** Her vision to serve **Boerewors**, a flavourful sausage with traditional garnish, was enjoyed by everyone.





Dumplings

Freshly handmade dumplings, packed with authentic flavors, were a huge hit! Thanks to the incredible **Rowena Chen** for organising the stall and to the incredible generosity of our school families, more than 550 dumplings were donated, making the stall a true community effort and a crowd favorite







Italian Food

It was delightful to have this addition stall managed by **Alicia Ferrier**, serving freshly handmade meatballs with authentic Italian pasta sauce, fresh basil and parmesan cheese on penne pasta and garlic bread.





Sushi

The sushi stall, managed by **Annie Griffin**, served a fresh and delicious variety of **sushi rolls** that gave a taste of Japan's exquisite cuisine.





Icelandic Snow Cones and Drinks

The band program managed by **Catherine Powbell** brought a refreshing treat to beat the evening's warm weather and a selection of cold drinks.





Our **Year 6 students** (managed by **Emma McCulloch**) managed the **European lolly bags** as part of their 2025 fundraising efforts for their end-of-year gift to the school, and they raised \$1000. It was great to see a fabulous student lead initiative.







Popcorn

Nikkie Zdun managed this stall which sold freshly made classic snacks that were a hit with both kids and adults.



Engaging Activities for Everyone

French Photobooth

The crowd-favourite Photobooth was run and managed by the wonderful **Farid Zand**. An abundance of fun moments with Eiffel tower in the background were captured! A total of 517 prints were distributed. Remember your photos include a unique barcode which allows you to download your image.











Decorate a Diya

A vibrant and creative activity where children painted traditional Indian diyas and added a touch of sparkle with glitter—huge thanks to **Neha Malude** for leading this wonderful and engaging experience!







Brazilian Futbol

An absolute hit with both kids and parents, this lively soccer skills corner—managed by the wonderful **Camila Albuquerque**—was full of energy and fun! Participants tested their soccer skills, sported zinc on their faces for extra sun protection (and style!), and enjoyed a delicious brigadeiro, a traditional Brazilian treat.







Rock Symbol Crafting

Stall organizer **Libby Gauld** created a unique and artistic experience where children decorated rocks with traditional Aboriginal symbols, blending creativity with cultural appreciation.





Sherbet Making

The incredible Mrs. Jenny Garlick gave children a fun, hands-on experience, letting them mix and enjoy their own fizzy sherbet—a sweet and exciting treat!

Live Performances

Persian Dancers

Persian dancers lit up the stage, captivating the crowd with their mesmerizing performance. Coordinated by **Neda Zand**, the talented trio—Mahnili, Maryam, and Golnaz—brought traditional elegance to life, even inviting children to experience the graceful movements of Persian dance.

Nahnili, Maryam and Golnaz generously volunteered their time and we would like to thank them for their wonderful contribution.









African Drum Show by Soul Drummer

The event finale was a powerful and rhythmic African drum performance by Soul Drummer, filling the atmosphere with energy and excitement. The crowd couldn't help but clap and dance along to the beats! Children also had the chance to play the drums and learn some traditional dance moves, making it an unforgettable experience.







The Swim Challenge

Tom from swim school put in a stellar effort swimming **257 laps in 60** minutes! Congratulations to Arlo Chan for guessing correctly winning the Australian hamper.

Pre-Purchased Lanyard Raffle

Congratulations to **Noura Nazmi**, the lucky winner of our raffle! Everyone who pre-purchased a lanyard was automatically entered into the draw for a \$100 Pymble Swim voucher, and Noura's name was drawn as the winner. We hope you enjoy your prize.

Volunteers

A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers who helped make this event such a success! From setting up and running stalls to keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes, your time, effort, and enthusiasm made all the difference. Whether you were cooking, selling, guiding, or lending a hand wherever needed, your contribution helped create a fantastic day for our community. We truly couldn't have done it without you—thank you for your generosity and support!

In particular, we would like to thank our activity/stall owners: Alicia Ferrier, Neda Zand, Amelia Seeto, Annie Griffin, Camila Albuquerque, Cath Powell, Dee Visione, Emma McCulloch, Jenny Garlick, Farid Zand, Libby Gauld, Neha Malude, Nikki Zdun, Rowena Chen and Yolandi Le Roux.

And of course the 127 on the day volunteers who made it all possible!

Sponsorship

Thank you to our generous sponsors, Pymble Swim School and Fresh Outdoor, for helping bring this event to life!

Money Raised

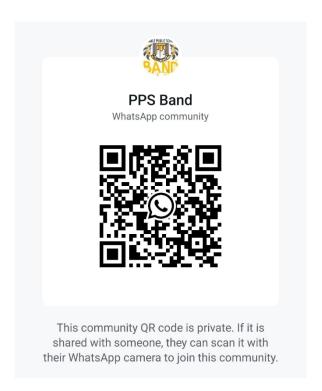
Not only was this a fantastic community event, but we also successfully raised over \$6,000 for the school. This amount includes funds for the band program, P&C-led initiatives, and the Year 6 gift.

PPS Instrumental Program:

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.



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 & Parent Liaison Representatives

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, and all the volunteer class parents/carers who keep us updated. 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



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

Promotion

Important Update: PPS Parents Facebook Page

We are no longer able to allow sales posts on the main page. All items for sale must be listed in the Buy & Sell section to ensure we comply with Facebook's policies and keep our page running.

🖈 Starting Monday, 10 March, sales posts on the main page will be removed.

To post an item for sale, simply use the Buy & Sell section—just click the button at the top of the page to access it.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation!



Grounds & Pool

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.



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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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Audition information and online application is located on the school's website:

Home - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts

Auditions - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts

To assist parents and carers completing the 'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School' form, please note the following:

- Newtown High School of the Performing Arts is a specialist performing arts high school providing the highest level of education to students with outstanding potential and/or achievement in Dance, Drama and Music.
- If residing outside our catchment area, Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has specific enrolment criteria which requires students to audition. Audition information and on-line applications may be found on our school's website.
- Student from within our local catchment area who have an interest and talent in one or two of the disciplines are encouraged, although not obliged, to audition for places in our performing arts stream via the online application process which is separate to an Expression of Interest provided to parents from their primary schools.
- The closing date for audition applications online is Thursday 1 May 2025.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

For audition enquiries email newtown-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or contact 9519 1544 ext 105.





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