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### Thursday, 14 August 2025

Term 3, Week 4

#### **Dates to remember:**

Term 3, 2025

Friday 15 August

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Monday 18 - Friday 22 August

Monday 18 August

Thursday 21 August

Tuesday 26 August

Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 August

Yrs K-2 Assembly SRC Induction

PSSA Gala Day No.4

Year 6 Snow Trip

2K & 2S Geography excursion to Gibberagong

Kindergarten Wildflower Garden Excursion

Zone Athletics Carnival

Extra Curricular photos



**Principal's News** 

#### Public Education Week - 'Ignite your potential'

Last week, we celebrated 'Public Education Week', with this year's theme being 'Ignite Your Potential'. This special week provided an opportunity for our entire school community to come together and acknowledge our strong commitment to delivering an engaging and high-quality educational environment for all students. It was also a moment to recognise the remarkable achievements of our talented students as well as the unwavering dedication of our exceptional teachers and staff, who work tirelessly to provide enriching teaching and learning programs alongside a variety of extra-curricular activities.

As part of our Public Education Week celebrations, we hosted our annual 'Open Day' last Thursday. During this event, every student from K-6 showcased their talents in front of proud parents, carers, and grandparents on the netball court. Each grade performed a song they had learned during their weekly half-hour choral music lessons, expertly taught by Mrs Herbert. The beautiful harmonies and enthusiasm of our students left the audience in awe. Additionally, our junior and senior dance groups dazzled everyone with routines they recently showcased at the North Sydney Dance Festival. Their performances were nothing short of spectacular!

Following the student performances, our classrooms opened their doors to parents, carers, and visitors, allowing them to explore the children's work, achievements, and the vibrant classroom environment. This was a truly special time for both students and their families. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents, carers, and grandparents who took the time to attend our Open Day.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to our hardworking and dedicated teachers for welcoming parents and visitors into their teaching spaces. Special thanks to Mrs Holbrook, Miss Sharp, Miss Longfield, and Mrs Herbert for their coordination of the student performances, and to our general assistant Mr. Burke for his efforts in setting up and packing away on the day.

Our Public Education Week Open Day was a wonderful showcase of the creative talents of both our students and teachers, highlighting the strength and vibrancy of our public schools.

#### 100 Days of Kindergarten

Recently, our kindergarten students celebrated a significant milestone—their 100 days of kindergarten! This event marks an important moment in their journey as they settle into primary schooling.

As part of the celebration, the children traditionally dress up in outfits that represent an older version of themselves, and this year was no exception. Our kindergarteners looked fantastic in their creative costumes and were filled with excitement as they joined together to celebrate at school. Thank you to our parents and carers for helping their children with their outfits.

Throughout the day, the students engaged in a variety of activities, including some classic olden-day schoolyard games, which added a fun twist to the festivities.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Kindergarten teachers for organising this wonderful event. Your efforts in creating such a memorable experience for our students are truly appreciated.









#### Festival of Choral Music - Sydney Opera House

The 2025 Festival of Choral Music is an annual showcase of NSW public school students in a combined choir. This magnificent series of five concerts (Argyle, Australis, Barangaroo, Bennelong and Endeavour) involves hundreds of schools and students from across NSW. This concert series is one of the core state level arts programs managed by The Arts Unit of the NSW Department of Education.

The choirs sing repertoire which is specifically arranged and composed for them. The series also provides a unique opportunity for schools to access targeted high-quality repertoire and professional learning opportunities. Alongside the massed choir, the concerts will also feature performances from several school and state level ensembles and soloists.

Last Friday, our students had the honour of performing at the Endeavour concert as part of the combined school choir. They sang beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of taking the stage in the iconic Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House—what an unforgettable moment!

A special thank you goes to Mrs Herbert for her dedication in preparing the students for their performance, as well as to Mrs Vera for accompanying the children and to Mrs Herbert for her support during rehearsals and on the night of the concert. Your hard work and commitment truly made this event a success!



#### K-2 Road Safety Police Talk

Last Friday, our K-2 students had the opportunity to engage with two of our local Police Youth Liaison officers during a special assembly focused on road safety. This important talk delivered valuable messages about staying safe on the roads, and the students were highly attentive, asking lots of clarifying questions to the officers.

A highlight of the visit was the police car, which was parked right outside the school hall. As the children exited the hall, their excitement was palpable as they gathered to view the police car up close. I'd like to thank Hornsby Police for their support of our students and school.

A big thank you also, to Mrs Mylius for organising this exciting and engaging experience for our K-2 students. Your efforts in bringing such valuable information to our young learners is greatly appreciated!





Bruno Diodati Principal



#### **Deputy Principal's News**

#### Smart Watch Use in Schools

The use of smart watches in schools is subject to the same policies that govern mobile phones. As per the NSW Department of Education's policy on mobile phones, students are not allowed to use smart watches at school, including during recess and lunch, particularly if the devices can access the internet or communicate with others. Watches that take photos or videos are also not permitted.

If these devices are needed by your child to communicate before or after school with parents or carers, then like mobile phones, these devices need to be kept in students' bags during the school day and turned off.

#### **Debating News**

Round 3 of the Premier's Debating Challenge that took place on Wednesday of Week 4 The PPS Kookaburras faced the undefeated PPS Wombats. The hotly debated topic for this round was "Swimming lessons should be compulsory in all Primary Schools".

In a high quality, close, competitive (and friendly) debate the affirmative team, the PPS Wombats, were victorious. Both teams can be congratulated for their excellent arguments and rebuttals and all the debaters were praised highly by the independent adjudicator.

PPS Wombats: Austin H, Crystal W, Seth D, Amelie V, Hannah B

PPS Kookaburras: Sathyan T, Ayla H, Maya C, Ashley C, Stephanie C







#### **Light Up Learning**

Kindergarten have been learning about prepositions.

Some students from KG shared some art works they had created.

Jasper: My fairy is front of the toadstool house



Billie: My fairy is next to the toadstool house



Austin: My fairy is on top of the toadstool house



#### Allergies and Anaphylaxis

We have several students at PPS who have allergies or anaphylaxis. We carefully manage the safety and wellbeing of these students at school in line with the Department's 'Anaphylaxis and Allergy Procedures for Schools'. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to support the school by not sending food to school that has been identified as peanuts, tree nuts or any nut products (including peanut butter) with their children to school.

We also ask that if a student in your child's class has a known anaphylaxis allergy to another food that parents and cares support the school by not sending that food to school. The support of the whole school community in this matter is greatly appreciated.

#### Kindergarten 2026

As we look ahead to the 2026 school year, we want to remind you that enrolments for Kindergarten are now open. If you have a child who will be starting school in 2026, please enrol them now as only children who are fully enrolled will be able to attend our Kindergarten Orientation sessions next term.

#### **Pymble Public School**

# Kindergarten

2026



#### **School Tour Dates**

Term 2: Tuesday, 20 May 2025 Term 2: Thursday, 19 June 2025 Term 3: Tuesday, 12 August 2025 Term 3: Thursday, 18 September 2025 9:30am

#### Parent Information Evening

(no children)

Monday, 15 September 2025 5pm - 6pm

#### **Kindergarten Orientation**

(for fully enrolled children)

Session 1: Tuesday, 4 November 2025 Session 2: Thursday, 13 November 2025 Session 3: Thursday, 20 November 2025 9.30am - 10.30am

Pymble Public School, Crown Road, Pymble Phone: 9144 4136

## Kindergarten 2026

#### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Students should attend all sessions

These sessions are for all students who are <u>fully enrolled</u> to attend PPS in 2026. The sessions provide students with an opportunity to visit classrooms and take part in structured activities.

During the orientation session on Tuesday 4 November, there will be an information session for parents in the hall. During this session, parents will be provided with important information regarding their child's first year at school.

A school readiness video is available for viewing via our school website, under the Enrolment/Kindergarten 2026 tab.

We look forward to meeting you and your child at Kindergarten Orientation.



Jennifer Graham Deputy Principal

#### Absences from School (whole day or part day) - SMS's

As part of the school's attendance procedures, parents will now receive an **SMS** if they child is absent from school for the whole or part of the day, and no previous explanation has been provided. Every effort will be made to send SMS's as early as possible each day, once class rolls have been marked and all attendance emails for the day have been addressed.

If you receive an absence SMS for your child, please log in to your <u>School Bytes Parent Portal</u> and provide an explanation as soon as possible. Please note that any whole or part day absence that remains unexplained after 7 days, will automatically be recorded as unjustified.

If you are emailing the school office for any reason about your child, please remember to include your **child's full name and class**. Your support with this simple request is greatly appreciated.

#### Working With Children Check - Digital Declarations

The Department of Education has recently introduced improvements to the process of screening volunteers and contractors in schools. These improvements include applicants completing a Digital Declaration online rather than the old paper form. Although not yet mandatory, the online declaration is the Department's preferred screening method, and one that PPS will be adopting.

If you volunteer at the school for: excursions, reading groups, band, P&C events etc you will need to complete the Digital Declaration. This process is not onerous and can be completed within a few minutes, in person, at the front office. The declaration will be sent to your nominated email address and requires you to complete a short online form. Once completed, you then need to produce one form of Government issued ID to be sighted by the Office staff.

The process of rolling out Digital Declarations to contractors, community users and other child related workers is well underway, and a small group of parent volunteers have also recently completed their declarations. As more activities and events are held at the school, requiring parent volunteers, we will require those involved to complete their Digital Declarations as well. Your support and understanding of this new child protection policy would be appreciated and if you have any questions or concerns about this new procedure, please contact the school office on 9144 4136 or via email: pymble-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

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

#### **Myalla - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

On Thursday 24 July, Pymble Public School held their Primary Athletics Track and Field Carnival. It was a fantastic day out for students in Years 2 to 6 and we were lucky to have such wonderful weather. The students had a great time running in the 100m, 200m, 800m & 1500m events. This is the third year that we have also run our field events on the same day. Students who qualified for field events, via their term 2 SISA lessons, competed in shot put, long jump, high jump and discus events.

Thank you to all the staff who made the day such a success. A special thanks goes to the Stage 2 teachers, John from KLAC and SISA staff for the running and organisation of the carnival. Thank you also to Mr Burke for helping set and pack up the event.

The results of the carnival are published below.

The children in **bold** will represent Pymble Public School at the **Ku-Ring-Gai Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival**. The Zone Athletics carnival will be held on **Tuesday 26 August 2025**, at the Sydney Olympic Park Warm Up Track.

We wish them all the best in their events.

Ribbons	Pre	sentation			
PRIMAR	<b>Y</b> + 3	8 year olds (Year 2)			
Boys			Girls		
100m					
8yrs 100m	1	Liam G, 3H	8yrs 100m	1	Annie S, 3K
	2	James D, 2S		2	Charlotte C, 2C
	3	Zion K, 2C		3	Isabella W, 2S
9yrs 100m	1	Kenneth H, 3K	9yrs 100m	1	Emmy L, 3/4S
	2	Evan H, 3K		2	Sophia Y, 3K
	3	David S, 3V		3	Heidi T, 3V
10yrs 100m	1	Michael O, 4H	10yrs 100m	1	Sofia C, 4H
	2	Jacob S, 4H		2	Georgia R, 3/4S
	3	James M, 4G		3	Emily B, 3/4S
11yrs 100m	1	Harrison H, 5/6B	11yrs 100m	1	Jasmine G, 5/6R

	2	Noah V, 5/6F		2	Marlow G, 5/6F
	3	Campbell M, 5/6A		3	Chloe L, 5/6B
12yrs 100m	1	Zach M, 5/6R	12yrs 100m	1	Chloe M, 5/6B
	2	Jasper W, 5/6R		2	Kate M, 5/6A
	3	Elliott Z, 5/6F		3	Loah Y, 5/6A
200m					
Jnr 200m	1	Michael O, 4H	Jnr 200m	1	Emily B, 3/4S
	2	Kenneth H, 3K		2	Heidi T, 3V
	3	Jacob S, 4H		3	Annie H, 3/4S
11yrs 200m	1	Dave W, 5/6B	11yrs 200m	1	Marlow G, 5/6F
	2	Campbell M, 5/6A		2	Jasmine G, 5/6R
	3	Arthur B, 5/6T		3	Chloe L, 5/6B
12yrs 200m	1	Zach M, 5/6R	12yrs 200m	1	Chloe M, 5/6B
	2	Jacob H, 5/6B		2	Kate M, 5/6A
	3	Jasper W, 5/6R		3	Stephanie C, 5/6F
800m					
Jnr 800m	1	Kenneth H, 3K	Jnr 800m	1	Emily B, 3/4S
	2	Michael O, 4H		2	Heidi T, 3V
	3	Jacob S, 4H		3	Chelsea L, 3H
11yrs 800m	1	Harry K, 5/6F	11yrs 800m	1	Marlow G, 5/6F
	2	Tomotai S, 5/6F		2	Jasmine G, 5/6R
	3	Noah V, 5/6F		3	Sherry Z, 5/6A
12yrs 800m	1	Lochie H, 5/6R	12yrs 800m	1	Chloe M, 5/6B
	2	Miles B, 5/6F		2	Kate M, 5/6A
	3	Zach M, 5/6R		3	Stephanie C, 5/6F
1500m					

Jnr 1500m	1	Kenneth H, 3K	Jnr 1500m	1	Emily B, 3/4S
	2	James M, 4G		2	Emiko B, 3K
	3	Michael O, 4H		3	Ava P, 4H
11yr 1500m	1	Harry K, 5/6F	11yrs 1500m	1	Marlow G, 5/6F
	2	Noah V, 5/6F		2	Jasmine G, 5/6R
	3	Austin H, 5/6A		3	Sherry Z, 5/6A
12yr 1500m	1	Lochie H, 5/6R	12yrs 1500m	1	Chloe M, 5/6B
	2	Zach M, 5/6R		2	Kate M, 5/6A
	3	Ben Le Roux, 5/6R		3	Stephanie C, 5/6F
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Relay teams -	BOYS	S	Relay teams - GIF	RLS	
Kelay teams -	BOYS	1) Michael O, 4H	Relay teams - GIF	RLS	1) Sofia C, 4H
Relay teams -	BOYS		Relay teams - GIF	RLS	1) Sofia C, 4H 2) Georgia R, 3/4S
Relay teams -	BOY!	1) Michael O, 4H	Relay teams - GIF	RLS	
Jnr Boys	BOY	1) Michael O, 4H 2) Jacob S, 4H	Relay teams - GIF	RLS	2) Georgia R, 3/4S
	BOYS	1) Michael O, 4H 2) Jacob S, 4H 3) Kenneth H, 3K		RLS	2) Georgia R, 3/4S 3) Emmy L, 3/4S
Jnr Boys	BOYS	1) Michael O, 4H 2) Jacob S, 4H 3) Kenneth H, 3K 4) James M, 4G	Jnr Girls	RLS	<ul><li>2) Georgia R, 3/4S</li><li>3) Emmy L, 3/4S</li><li>4) Emily B, 3/4S</li></ul>
Jnr Boys	BOYS	1) Michael O, 4H 2) Jacob S, 4H 3) Kenneth H, 3K 4) James M, 4G R) Evan H, 3K	Jnr Girls	RLS	2) Georgia R, 3/4S 3) Emmy L, 3/4S 4) Emily B, 3/4S R) Sophia Y, 3K
Jnr Boys	BOYS	1) Michael O, 4H 2) Jacob S, 4H 3) Kenneth H, 3K 4) James M, 4G R) Evan H, 3K 1) Zach M, 5/6R	Jnr Girls	RLS	2) Georgia R, 3/4S 3) Emmy L, 3/4S 4) Emily B, 3/4S R) Sophia Y, 3K 1) Chloe M, 5/6B
Jnr Boys	BOYS	1) Michael O, 4H 2) Jacob S, 4H 3) Kenneth H, 3K 4) James M, 4G R) Evan H, 3K 1) Zach M, 5/6R 2) Harrison H, 5/6B	Jnr Girls	RLS	2) Georgia R, 3/4S 3) Emmy L, 3/4S 4) Emily B, 3/4S R) Sophia Y, 3K 1) Chloe M, 5/6B 2) Jasmine G, 5/6R

#### **Presentation:**

1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons, age champion trophies and the house trophy will be presented at the primary assembly on Thursday 14 August (week 4) at 9am. The assembly will be held in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Along with the runners above, in bold, the following students (who are in bold) have qualified to represent Pymble Public School in field events at the Ku-Ring-Gai Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival.

Highjump - BOYS					
Junior	11 Years	12 Years			
<ol> <li>Archie W, 4H - 1.10m</li> <li>Adrian Z, 5/6T - 1.06m</li> </ol>	1. Campbell M, 5/6A - 1.10m	1. Jasper W, 5/6R - 1.18m			
	Highjump - GIRLS				
Junior	11 Years	12 Years			
1. Georgia R, 3/4S - 1.05m	1.Chloe L, 5/6B - 1.10m	1. Chloe M, 5/6B - 1.22m			
2. Anna W, 3/4S - 1m	2. Jasmine G, 5/6R - 1.05m	<ol> <li>Kate M, 5/6A - 1.20m</li> <li>Alara E, 5/6B - 1.05m</li> </ol>			

Discus - BOYS					
Junior	11 Years	12 Years			
1. Kenneth H, 3K - 26.6m	1. Noah V, 5/6F - 17.47m	1. Elliot Z, 5/6F - 19.13m			
2. Adrian Z, 5/6T - 21.35m	2. Jed K, 5/6R - 16.59m	2. Ashton C, 5/6F - 15.75m			
3. Henry L, 5/6A - 17.23m	<b>3.</b> Jeremy L, 15.95m	3. Ethan W, 5/6A - 15.49m			
	Discus - GIRLS				
Junior	11 Years	12 Years			
1. Georgia R, 3/4S - 15.79m	1. Jasmine G, 5/6R - 18.86m	1. Alara E, 5/6B - 14.59m			
2. Claire J, 3/4S - 10.81m	2. Chloe L, 5/6B - 16.45m	2. Kate M, 5/6A - 11.93m			
3. Annie H, 3/4S - 10.42m	3. Sherry Z, 5/6A - 13.59m	<b>3.</b> Chloe M, 5/6B - 11.79m			

Shot Put - BOYS				
Junior	11 Years	12 Years		
<ol> <li>Adrian Z, 5/6T - 8.5m</li> <li>Kenneth H, 3K - 6.6m</li> </ol>	1. Roy H, 5/6F - 6.81m 2. Vadym P, 5/6T - 6.71m	1. Elliot Z, 5/6F - 7.56m 2. Ethan W, 5/6A - 5.63m		

3. Michael O, 4H - 6.39m	3. Benjamin L, 5/6T - 6.06m	3. Ben LR, 5/6R - 5.41m	
	Shot Put - GIRLS		
Junior	11 Years	12 Years	
1. Georgia R, 3/4S - 5.79m 2. Anna W, 3/4S - 5.02m	1. Chloe L, 5/6B - 6.17m 2. Jasmine G, 5/6R - 5.31m	1. Chloe M, 5/6B - 5.51m 2. Alara E, 5/6B - 4.85m	
3. Annie H, 3/4S - 4.47m	3. Emily V, 5/6F - 4.56m	3. Kate M, 5/6A - 4.77m	

Long Jump - BOYS							
Junior	11 Years	12 Years					
1. Jacob S, 4H - 3.84m	1. Bradley S, 5/6T - 3.45m	1. Ethan W, 5/6A - 3.7m					
2. Kenneth H, 3K - 3.74m	2. Justin K, 5/6B - 3.44m	2. Jacob H, 5/6B & Jasper W 5/6B					
3. Archie W, 4H - 3.62m	3. Tomotai S, 5/6F - 3.42m	3. Zach M, 5/6R - 3.37m					
		3. Elliot Z, 5/6F - 3.37m					
	Long Jump - GIRLS						
Junior	11 Years	12 Years					
1. Sofia C, 4H - 3.25m	1. Jasmine G, 5/6R - 3.49m	1. Chloe M, 5/6B - 3.54m					
2. Eva L, 5/6F - 3.05m	2. Felicity C, 5/6R - 3.41m	2. Kate M, 5/6A - 3.2m					
3. Annabelle L, 3/4S - 2.94	3. Jasmine M, 5/6T - 2.78m	3. Lucinda E, 5/6T - 3.18m					

#### Age Champions:

Junior Champions:

**GIRL:** Georgia R, 3/4S

BOY: Kenneth H, 3K

Runners up:

**GIRL:** Emily B, 3/4S

BOY: Michael O, 4H

#### 11 years Champions:

**GIRL:** Jasmine G, 5/6R

**BOY:** Noah V, 5/6F

Runners up:

**GIRLS:** Marlow G, 5/6F

BOY: Campbell M, 5/6A & Harry K, 5/6F

#### 12 years Champions:

GIRL: Chloe M, 5/6B

BOY: Zach M, 5/6R

Runners up:

GIRL: Kate M, 5/6A

BOY: Elliot Z, 5/6F & Jasper Walesby 5/6R

#### **House Shield:**

1st Flinders 508 points

2nd Macquarie 507 points

3rd Phillip **502** points

4th Wentworth 375 points

Lucinda Holbrook

**Assistant Principal** 







One of the strategies taught in the Berry St program is how to identify when our emotions are escalated and how to de-escalate. We talk about this strategy in class and we practise de-escalating. Below is a simple de-escalation method that we encourage you to talk about with your child. Hint: It is great for grown-ups too!







#### Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser Friday 12 September, Week 8, 12-1pm

It's that time of year again for our annual Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser. Each year, the Heart Foundation Jump Rope program attracts over 300,000 school students, in over 1,500 schools around the country - and this term, Pymble Public School will be doing their part in the fight against heart disease and stroke. This is our larger fundraising year at PPS, to help raise vital funds for this important organisation. We launched our fundraising campaign on the first day of term with a visit from the Heart Foundation. Information on how to fundraise was also sent home that week.

Students can register via this link - <u>www.jumprope.org.au/parents</u>

On **Friday 12 September**, all children K-6 will enjoy skipping for close to 45 minutes. They are asked to wear mufti clothes, in the theme of red and hearts, ensuring they have enclosed sports shoes, suitable for skipping, (no singlets or midriff tops please).

The Pymble Power Pumpers (the PPS skipping demonstration team) will perform for all students K-6 before the whole school "Jump Off" begins. Parents are welcome to watch our Pymble Power Pumpers perform at 12 noon on the netball court. We will finish the event with each student cooling down with a refreshing ice-block.

Below is a link that demonstrates many skipping skills and tricks that you can learn prior to our "Jump Off" day.

BEGINNERhttps://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh8a3llPdCciUT8KlxS22W03oZrKtwZ5q

INTERMEDIATEhttps://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh8a3IIPdCcheT4w3O-WLN - QI7855qbD

ADVANCEDhttps://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh8a3llPdCchqe1dLxqNlzpuG87\_p6c7\_

#### So far, already 55 students have registered online raising an impressive \$3837.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a fun day learning new skills and tricks.

Lucinda Holbrook Assistant Principal

#### In-Store Payment Options

Dear Families,

Due to a shift in how shoppers spend and the way banks are transacting, Alinta has made the decision to become a cashless company.

This decision has come due to a number of factors:

- · Consumers no longer carrying cash
- · Local branches are closing
- · Local branches are becoming cashless and making depositing cash difficult

Cash will no longer be accepted in store as of 1 June 2025.

We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Thank you,

Alinta Management.

#### **PAYMENT METHODS**



**EFTPOS** (EFTPOS cards, Mastercard or Visa using card, smartphone or smartwatch)



CREDIT CARD & DEBIT CARD (Mastercard or Visa)



**ONLINE** via online shop



LAYBY (with 20% deposit and 3-month term)







An hour of your time a week is all it takes to help develop a future generation with strong ethical decision-making skills.

Volunteers come from all walks of life. You don't need to be a trained teacher! We offer free full training, lesson scripts and ongoing teacher support.



If you want to help students access this valuable program, contact us or visit: primaryethics.com.au/volunteer





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#### CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Pymble Public School is held on Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 1:45pm, starting on 23 July 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 <a href="mailto:office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com">office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com</a> for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



#### **P&C News**

#### Note from the President

Amy Olson, P&C President

A huge thank you to **Chantell Geldenhuys** for running the Second Hand Uniform Shop over the past year. This is a significant contribution to our school community — the shop not only reduces clothing waste but also provides families with the opportunity to access quality uniforms at a reduced price. Thank you, Chantell, for your wonderful contribution and dedication.

It is also my pleasure to announce that **Jennifer Whiteway** will be stepping into the role of Second Hand Uniform Shop Manager. A big thank you to Jen for taking this on — she will continue to work alongside our great team of volunteers who make the shop possible.

I'd also like to acknowledge **Neda Zand** for all her work coordinating the class artworks. This project is coming together so well, and it's wonderful to see the excitement among the kids and teachers as their creations take shape. Neda will share more details in her section of the Myalla, but I wanted to express my appreciation here.

I'm pleased to share that the P&C has been successful in securing \$30,000 through the *Community Building Partnership* 2025 Grant Program. This funding will go towards upgrading the Years 3–6 playground.

The **Pymble Fun Run** team has also had great success in securing funding this year, receiving a **\$1,000 Volunteer Grant** to support the event.

I warmly encourage everyone to get involved in our P&C events — whether that's by registering for the Pymble Fun Run or buying a ticket to this weekend's Trivia Night. Every person who participates and contributes helps strengthen our school community. Your involvement really does make a difference.

#### **Connect with the P&C**













#### **Upcoming P&C Meetings**

You don't need to be a P&C member to attend. You may attend in-person or via Zoom.

Please contact <a href="mailto:secretary.ppspc@gmail.com">secretary.ppspc@gmail.com</a> 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:

The next meeting is Term 4 and AGM: Wednesday 5 November 2025 7.30pm

#### **Important Announcement**

#### **Seeking a new Grounds Committee Lead**

With Fash stepping down, we're now recruiting a new Grounds Committee Lead to join the P&C. This is a great role for someone who enjoys being hands-on and helping care for our school environment. Responsibilities include coordinating working bees and liaising with the school on grounds improvement projects. If you're interested or would like to know more, please get in touch — we'd love to hear from you!



#### Treasurer needed for 2026:



The P&C needs a new **Treasurer** to join the P&C Executive Committee in 2026!

Glenn Gao has been the amazing PPS P&C Treasurer for the past 4 years. This position can only be held for a maximum of four consecutive years and as such, the P&C is seeking someone as awesome as Glenn to help oversee the financial side of P&C. Please note that the P&C employs a paid book-keeper to manage the day-to-day finances meaning that the role of the Treasurer is more about oversight and strategy.

Please consider assisting your child's wonderful school and its community by nominating yourself for this position. Glenn will happily assist in the handover and to answer any questions.

Please contact Amy to know more at: <a href="mailto:president.ppspc@gmail.com">president.ppspc@gmail.com</a>

#### 引 PPS Bands – What a Year So Far! 如

What a fantastic year it's been for our PPS Bands! From the buzz of our Band Workshop Day to standout performances at school events, our young musicians have been putting in the effort – and it's really paying off.

A huge **thank you to our parents and carers** for getting the kids to rehearsals on time, especially during these chilly winter mornings – we know those early starts aren't always easy! And a massive **well done to all our band students** for your dedication to practice – your progress is showing, and we couldn't be prouder.

A special mention to our **Performance Ensemble**, who performed at the **School Open Day** last week. They sounded incredible, and the audience absolutely loved it – a brilliant showcase of the talent we have here at PPS.

Now, we're heading into an action-packed few weeks with some incredible performance opportunities...

#### **√** Handley Fete (Pymble Turramurra Pre-School) – Sunday 17th August

Our fabulous **Jazz Band** will bring their big sound and infectious energy to the fete! Two sizzling 30-minute sets from 10am – the perfect showcase of the PPS Instrumental Program to future PPS kids.

#### Strings at the Opera House – Monday 25th August

Our **Strings Ensemble** will take centre stage at the Sydney Opera House for the **Festival of Instrumental Music – Acacia Concert**. An unforgettable experience as they come together with students from across NSW – we're so proud of them!

#### ASBOF – Sunday 31st August

This is the big one! Our **Junior Band, Concert Band, Performance Ensemble and Jazz Band** head to UNSW's Clancy Auditorium for the **Australian School Band & Orchestra Festival**. With tougher adjudication this year, they've been working harder than ever – we can't wait to hear them shine!

#### Warringah Mall Performance – Friday 19th September

Our **Performance Ensemble, Jazz Band, and School Vocal Ensemble** will bring music to the community in this lively lunchtime performance at 1:00 PM. Come along, do a little shopping, and enjoy some fantastic music!

Band parents/carers – please keep an eye on your emails and Band WhatsApp chats for full event details, meeting times, and reminders so you don't miss anything important.

Reminder if you have questions or need to tell us about rehearsal absences to email me directly at PymbleBand@gmail.com

Let's keep the momentum going – whether you're in the audience or cheering from afar, your support means the world. Go PPS Bands! 

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#### **P&C Fundraising Art Project**



What an incredible start to our Class Masterpiece Project!

This week, we completed the collaborative masterpieces for **Year 1 and Year 2.** We were blown away by the exceptional artistry and teamwork on display, with each student contributing to a stunning masterpiece.

A project of this scale would not be possible without the school leadership's incredible support. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful teachers, who have so warmly welcomed this initiative into their classrooms. And thank you to our kind and patient office staff for their support in coordinating volunteers and logistics.

I also want to express a special thank you to the incredible support of our amazing **parent volunteers** who have generously given their time and energy to help guide the students and bring this vision to life. We were all overjoyed by the enthusiasm and creativity pouring from our students.

In Week 5, we will be working with Kindy, Year 3, and Year 4 to create their masterpieces. Year 5 and Year 6 are busy completing their artistic photography by the end of week 6.

The momentum is building, and we are already planning for our entire school art show, where we will exhibit all of these incredible artworks.

#### **Upcoming P&C Events**

#### **Parents' Party and Trivia**

#### Last chance to secure your Ticket.

This year's Parent Trivia Night has an exciting, new dimension! We're adding a sentimental twist: the Winning Trivia Table will now earn **House Points** for their child's house!

This exceptional reward, generously and kindly approved by the school, the Trivia winning teams will receive a proportionate number of house points. This is your chance to show off your trivia skills, enjoy a fun night out with other parents, and help boost your child's house total.

https://events.humanitix.com/pps-parents-night



**Exciting News – Father's Day Market Coming to Our School!** 

We're excited to announce that P&C is bringing a special Father's Day Market to our school! This wonderful event will offer a fantastic shopping experience for Dad, grandfathers and father figures. Children can enjoy the traditional cash purchases on the day or take advantage of our convenient online pre-purchase option.



#### **Celebrate Father's Day with P&C Hosting Breakfast.**

Join us for a warm and joyful **Father's Day Breakfast** on **Friday, 5 September 2025,** from **7:15 to 8:30 am**. It's a special morning for children and their fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and father figures to enjoy some fun moments with their classmates and make memories together. There'll be **fun games to play** for all ages.



# The Pymble Fun Run is just 6 weeks away! Sunday 21 September — REGISTER NOW!

We're so excited for the very first *Pymble Fun Run* — a community event that's all about bringing people together for a great day of fun, fitness and connection. Plus, all proceeds will go to **Pymble Public School**!

#### What You Can Do:

- 1. Register your family to run or walk in the 2km or 5km event
- 2. Sign up to volunteer! We need plenty of helping hands to make the day a success
- 3. **Spread the word!** This is a true *community* event we want everyone to be part of it!

#### What's Included with Your Race Entry:

- Professional timing with a race bib and instant online results showing your walk/run time
- Finisher medals for all participants
- Prizes & awards!
  - o Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place (male & female)
  - A special award for the fastest PPS parent/carer
  - o Fun prizes for the **best dressed** in the 2km event
- Trophies for the kids with 20 age group categories to add some friendly competition
- Access to our full PFR Prep Program, including:
  - o 7-week Sunday morning Fun Club
  - Custom training plans (walkers & runners)
  - o Two special Pilates classes
  - online pilates strength workout
  - Physio-designed injury prevention tips







#### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

#### **Weekly Opening Hours**

The 2nd-hand uniform shop remains open for sales every Thursday from 8:30am to 9:00am during the school term.

#### **Pymble Freebies**

We're excited to announce **Pymble Freebies**, a WhatsApp group created by the P&C to support sustainability and community connection.

Click here to join - https://chat.whatsapp.com/CbbqYkeO2FEHWDfYtct2NL





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- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
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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.

# **NEW BUS TIMETABLE FROM 21 JULY 2025**



#### 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 21/07/2025

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	08:12	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			
9039	15:05	TO PYMBLE STATION AND WEST PYMBLE via Crown Rd, (R) Reservoir Rd, (L) Bannockburn Rd, (L) Bannockburn Rd, (R) Selwyn St, (L) Bobbin Head Rd (South Turramurra student transfer to 9015 at Sacred Heart School (15:10), (L) Pacific Hwy, (Pymble Station 15:12), (R) Livingstone Ave, (R) Everton St, (R) Avon Rd, (R) Arilla Rd, (L) Allawah Rd, (R) Linden Ave, (R) Beechworth Rd, (R) Pacific Hwy, (L) Grandview St, (Pymble Station 15:25), Grandview St, (R) Station St, (L) Pacific Hwy, (L) St Johns Ave, Gordon Interchange (15:34) then transfer to route 560			
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			

# School Student Travel



#### School student travel information for parents and students

#### **School Travel Passes**

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 <a href="mailto:transportnsw.info/school-students">transportnsw.info/school-students</a>

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback

## PPS Christian Prayer Group

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.



#### **Uniform Shop**

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 <u>www.alintaapparel.com.au</u>
- (2) Store phone order 0413 087 395
- (3) Contact Alinta Call Centre 4321 0433



#### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 tones of school uniforms from ending up in landfill.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to us at <a href="mailto:2ndhand.ppspc@gmail.com">2ndhand.ppspc@gmail.com</a>

#### Manly Warringah Basketball Assoc.

Learn Basketball Skills in a fun learning environment with qualifies coaches.

Saturday 26 July – 20 September 2025

www.trybooking.com/DCMMD

Aussie hoops is a fun inclusive, structured introductory basketball program for 5-10 yrs old Sunday 03 August – 21 September 2025

www.aussiehoops.basketball/program-locator/

#### **Ignite Football**

For Kids aged 7-12 at Barker College – Bowman Field Fun football sessions in a team-based environment.

Ignitefootballprogram@gmail.com

#### St Ives Junior Cricket Club

Come and play cricket this summer 2025/2026

Mixed cricket blast (soft cricket ball) U6-U10. Mixed junior program U9-U17

www.stivesjuniorcricket.com

#### **Ryde Water Polo**

Want to play Water Polo? Come to our Summer Trials at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre Junior EOI please go to <a href="https://www.rydewaterpolo.com.au/events/307484">www.rydewaterpolo.com.au/events/307484</a>



#### **OPEN DAY**

for Year 7, 2027

#### **TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

9am - 11:30am

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





# **Ku-Ring-Gai Little Athletics**





#### FAMILY, FUN FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP

Ages 5 to 16 years.
Bannockburn Oval, Pymble
Web: klac.org.au
Phone: 0414 541 867
Season Starts September.
Registration opens August.
Winter Cross Country from
April to end July 2025

Little Athletics is the foundation of most sports as it develops an individuals speed, strength and stamina. Little athletics allows children of all abilities to participate in a range of activities including running, jumping and throwing, meet new friends from different schools and have fun doing so! Little Athletics is a community activity run by volunteers, which attracts families throughout Ku Ring Gai



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