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Wednesday, 3 March 2021

Term 1, Week 6

Dates to remember

Friday 5 March

Friday 5 March

Clean Up Australia day

Monday 8 March

EALD Morning Tea for parents

Monday 8 – Friday 12 March Harmony Week
Sunday 21 March School working bee



Principal's News

Swimming Carnival

On Monday we held our annual school swimming carnival at the PLC Aquatic Centre. The carnival ran well, with high student participation levels across all age groups and events. It was lovely to see our children not only encourage and cheer for their sporting house team mates but also competitors from other teams. The students showed great sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the day. The children had an exciting day out and a great swimming carnival. I'd like to thank Mrs Herbert, Mrs Armbrister and Mrs Holbrook for coordinating the carnival. I'd also like to thank all teachers who attended for their efforts throughout the day in ensuring that the children were well looked after and the carnival ran smoothly.









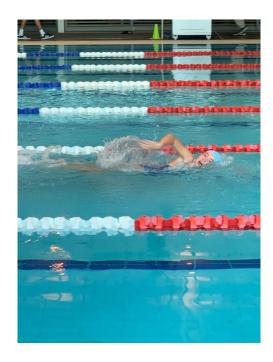














Kindergarten Buddies

Each year the school organises Year 6 buddies for our new kindergarten children. Our Year 6 buddies assist and play with kindergarten students in the playground during our lunchtime break. They help our new kindergarten children learn about our playground rules and help them to feel more confident at school. This year our Year 6 kindergarten buddies have also been helping out during school drop off in the mornings. They have been assisting taking kindergarten children (who may be less confident in being dropped off at the school gate) from the school gates into the school grounds and to their classrooms in the mornings. The Year 6 buddies have been showing great care and commitment towards their kindergarten school mates during this transition time at the start of the year; they have been doing an amazing job! I'd like to thank our Kindergarten and Stage 3 Teams for coordinating this valuable support for our kindergarten students. A big thank you also to our Year 6 kindergarten buddies.





Student Representative Council

Each year the school enlists teachers and students to run our Student Representative Council (SRC). Every class from Years 1 to 6 elect two SRC representatives (each semester) to be part of the school's SRC. Our SRC representatives are the voice of our school student body. The SRC provides suggestions on school activities and resources as well as coordinate fundraising at school. In the past the SRC has raised funds for charities but also for playground equipment. The SRC plays a valuable role in our school and I'd like to congratulate all of our SRC representatives for being chosen to represent their class.







Christmas Giving Tree

At the end of last year St Swithun's Anglican Church together with the school organised the annual school Christmas Giving Tree. The PPS school community as always was very generous, donating many lovely gifts. Last year these Christmas gifts were taken out west by St Swithun's to the Make a Difference Out West (MADOW) foundation for distribution to families in rural areas in need. One of the schools whose students received some of the donated PPS gifts was Yoogali Public School in far south western NSW. This week we received letters from students at Yoogali PS thanking our school community for the Christmas presents; it obviously made a difference to these children's 2020 Christmas. The letters are very touching and have been displayed in the school's front office foyer.



P&C School Working Bee

The P&C is organising a school working bee to be held on Sunday 21 March from 9-11am. This will be the first school community event on site in over a year (due to COVID restrictions). It is exciting to be preparing for an event at school which will include parents onsite. The working bee will assist with tidying up gardens and play areas as well as specific jobs like the maintenance of the synthetic grass in the K-2 interactive play space and oiling of covered picnic tables. Please see the attached flyer and RSVP if you are able to attend.

P&C Meeting - Wednesday 10 March

There will be a P&C meeting held next Wednesday 10 March at 7pm in the school hall. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

P&C Day - Wednesday 3 March 2020

Today we celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful and valuable contribution of our Parent's and Citizen's Association to our school community. At PPS we are fortunate to have an active and supportive P&C. Our school's P&C has a strong history of supporting the school and its community. The P&C not only raises valuable funds for additional school resources and facilities such as the new K-2 interactive play space and COLA, it also provides support to families within our school community. The P&C also organises non-fundraising community events for the benefit of our students and parents. The P&C's ongoing strong support of our school is greatly appreciated by our students, teachers, staff and parents. Please join me in thanking our P&C for their dedication and strong commitment to our school, its students and families.

Bruno Diodati Principal



Deputy Principal's News

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be conducted during Weeks 8 and 9 of this term (Monday 15 March – Friday 26 March inclusive). Teachers have selected times when they are available including one of two evening sessions, Wednesday 17/3 or Tuesday 23/3 from 3-7pm.

Parents will be able to make bookings online from 9am Wednesday 3 March until 3.15pm Friday 12 March. In order to book a time with your child's teacher, please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and **enter the code wab5g**Should you have any difficulties please contact the school office on 9144 4136 for assistance.

EALD Morning Tea

The school will be hosting an EALD morning tea next Monday 8 March at 9am in the school hall. Invitations have been sent to parents of students receiving support through our EALD program. Parents who attend will learn more about the EALD program and its benefits. Please return the RSVP to the school office as soon as possible to assist with catering and ensure that COVID 19 guidelines are met.



Light Up Learning

Congratulations to the following students who have proudly shared their work with me over the last fortnight.





Nicole Doig

Deputy Principal



Administration

Sign Safe Car-ID's

The Sign Safe Kids Car-ID system is used by all of our PPS carline familes to ensure our afternoon pick-up queue moves safely and efficiently. For any <u>new</u> families to the school, a Car-ID can be provided free of charge. For <u>current</u> families who need a replacement Car-ID a cost of \$16.50 (incl GST) will be added to your school account. If you would like to place an order please complete and return the attached form to the school office by Friday 12 March. Orders will be placed with Sign Safe Kids once per term.

School Administration





Pymble Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

To ensure our afternoon pick-up queue continues to move safely and efficiently, our school community use a Sign Safe Kids Car-ID system for all carline families.

The plastic unit will attach to your passenger visor and last your family from Kindy to Year 6. It is designed to display your name clearly for the safety and convenience of our duty staff.

For our **new** families to the school, if you would like to acquire the Car-ID, simply complete the attached form and our school will provide this to you complimentary.

For *current* families who need a replacement Car-ID for the new school year, please complete and return this form to the School Office and the cost of \$16.50 incl of GST, (per CarID) will be added to your school account.

All forms should be returned to the Office by Friday 12 March.

If you already own a CarlD, there is no need to return this form.

Yours Sincerely, Nicole Doig Deputy Principal

Please complete in BLOCK LETT	ERS			
New Families Family name to appear on the Ca	r-ID:			
Quantity required: [1] [2]	(please circle)	Kindergarten	(please circle for 2021)	
Current Families Eldest child's name and class: (your Car-ID will be addressed to and sent home via this child's class)				
I give permission for the total of the above to be added to my school account [] (please tick)				
Parents Signature:		Date:		



As our children walk onto the grounds of PPS today, they will unknowingly enjoy the many P&C funded facilities & services that have been provided over the years by past parent volunteers.

The uniform they are wearing purchased from the newly built Alinta and/or 2nd-hand uniform shops (*P&C funded & managed*), swimming lessons in the on-site pool (*P&C funded*), a play under the COLA in the comfort of shade and soft surfacing (*P&C funded*), rehearsing with the band for an up-and-coming performance (*P&C administered*), looking for a lost hat in the recently sorted lost property (*P&C facilitated*) and looking forward to a play in the park with classmates after school (*P&C facilitated*).

Each year the P&C works tirelessly to engage with parents and the community and give back to our children and enrich their school experience.

TODAY, on **National P&C Day**, we say thank you for the past & present efforts of everyone involved in the P&C at Pymble Public School.

Our school would not be the same without you.



Last Wednesday the P&C's 2021 Executive Committee held its planning meeting for the year ahead and formalised its goals and plans. Thank you to each of the Executive members for their ideas, enthusiasm and commitment.

In addition to approving the FY21 budget, the Executive Committee also outlined an events and fundraising plan for the year. The overview of our Events schedule can be seen below – all of which is, of course, subject to COVID restrictions. Details about these specific events will emerge over time, but feel free to pencil these into your diary now, subject to confirmation closer to the time.

To keep us on track and motivated, the Executive also identified two objectives for 2021:

Community: To reconnect as a community post-COVID-2020 and to connect in some way with every PPS family at an event, with a service or simply with a smile.

Fundraising: To fully fund the resurfacing of the netball court and COLA surrounds and improve adjacent drainage works. That these funds would be provided as both a direct contribution and with the proceeds from our CBP grant awarded in late 2020.

Now that we have a plan in place, the entire P&C Committee will start to make it happen using its Subcommittee structure and strong membership. You don't have to be a member of the Committee to get involved and take part. If one of the events or fundraisers below sounds like something you'd like to lend a hand to, please reach out to Kate at events.ppspc@gmail.com or Dee at fundraising.ppspc@gmail.com .

You can hear more about these plans and the ongoing work the P&C does at our next meeting on **Wednesday 10th March** at **7pm** in the school hall. For those who would like to attend, but cannot do so in person, we will be trialling a zoom meeting simultaneously – please register your interest with Helen at secretary.ppspc@gmail.com

Events Plan

Term	Intended Date	Event	Notes	
1	Sunday March 21st	Working Bee	Sign up https://ppspandc.org/events	
1	Thursday 1st April	Easter Bunny visit	Sshhh don't tell the kids!	
2	Wednesday 5th May	Mother's Day Stall	Volunteer opportunity & diary note dads!	
3	Friday 18th June	Trivia Night	Book the babysitter: grown-ups only!	
3	Friday 3 rd September	Father's Day Breakfast	Fingers crossed restrictions have eased	
4	All to be confirmed	InterrelateKids' DiscoYear End Parent Drinks	All subject to COVID restrictions being eased, but planning taking place now	
4	Sunday 5 th December	Christmas Concert & Festivities	Scale of event depends on COVID restrictions	

Some of the events detailed above have a fundraising component and other events are held purely for the community engagement that they provide. In order to supplement our fundraising efforts this year, the Committee also decided to investigate a number of dedicated **fundraising** options. Many of these ideas have been brought to the Committee by other parents in the school – thank you to those parents for raising these as ideas. Whilst all of these fundraising drives are subject to final confirmation, the sort of things we are looking at are:

- Return & Earn
- Book written by the children
- Socks for Father's Day
- Gingerbread house kits for Christmas
- Sunscreen packs
- Farm fresh mangos
- And some other new and exciting ideas to try

WORKING BEE

PYMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL SUNDAY 21 MARCH 9am to 11am

LEND A HAND FOR A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME OR FOR THE **WHOLE TWO HOURS**

ALL KINDS OF JOBS BEES: EASY AND FUN AND DIRTY



HELP MAKE THE SCHOOL A BRIGHTER PLACE FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN



FOR BUSY CLEAN OR







MORNING TEA WILL BE PROVIDED AFTERWARDS





BRING ALONG GARDEN TOOLS AND GLOVES, WHEELBARROWS **GERNIS & ANY OTHER USEFUL THINGS**



QUESTIONS? CONTACT **CAMERON MASON:** GROUNDS.PPSPC@ **GMAIL.COM** OR 0410 487 389

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR AVAILABILITY AT ppspandc.org/events



PPS Instrumental Program

We will be sending invoices for the Bands and Group Violin Lesson soon. Before we send the invoices can you please provide your Creative Kids Voucher details to us by filling out this online form by **Monday 8th March**. We will not accept Creative Kids Vouchers after this date.

https://forms.gle/j92ANwu8mtoUbhcx5

You need to include the following:

Voucher number with no spaces

- Date of birth of the child you are claiming the voucher for
- The child's full name as it is detailed on the voucher

If you have sent the details already, please fill out the form in the above link.

We do not accept Active Kids Vouchers for the music program.

Please ensure all the details are correct for the child you are claiming the voucher for.

Please email pymbleband@gmail.com if you have any queries.

Many thanks,

PPS Instrumental Program Committee



SRE & SEE News

Volunteer Ethics Teachers Needed!

Lead children in discussions of ethical issues. Topics include keeping and telling secrets, trying to work out what's true and imagining how others feel.

Comprehensive training, access to lesson materials and classroom support are all provided. Previous teaching experience is not required.

Questions about volunteering at PPS? Contact Margaret Fox, Year 2 mum, at margaretfox@yahoo.com or 0448 834 833.

Learn more and register your interest here: primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/



PPS School Stream app

Have you downloaded the School Stream app? You can download the app for free onto as many devices as you wish. All parents are strongly encouraged to download our new PPS School Stream app. Should you have any questions regarding the app or trouble downloading the app please visit the school website for easy to follow instructions.



Lost Property

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents are not permitted to access the Lost Property room. The room will be checked regulary by staff and items with names will be returned to the owner. 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

The Uniform Shop will resume normal operating hours this term. Opening hours are:

Tuesdays 1.30pm – 4pm
 Thursdays 8.15am – 10.30am.

Contact free ordering can be done via:

- (1) Online ordering <u>www.alintaapparel.com.au</u>
- (2) Store phone order 9144 3459
- (3) Contact Alinta Call Centre 4321 0433



2nd Hand Uniform Shop

NOW OPEN!

The 2nd Hand Uniform shop is back and now taking uniform donations. Please send any donations to the school office.

In Term 1 the shop will be open again on the following day:

• Friday 26 March 2021 - 8.30am - 10am

To align with COVID safety measures customers are strictly limited to their 10 minute appointment. Upon arrival please go directly to the shop where you will need to sign in before purchasing your items. NO CASH, we can only accept card payment.

Book your appointment at:

https://secondhanduniform.setmore.com/

Thanks and regards,

Lisa 0424 562 820



Throughout this year, the PPS Christian Prayer Group have been continuing to meet to pray for the PPS community. The group meet each Wednesday morning of term at 9am, either locally or online. If you would like to join us, please contact Jackie Tham (jackietham@yahoo.com.au).





Ku-ring-gai High School is a community that values individual worth and contribution. Our school ensures excellent student centred, coeducational and comprehensive education with a positive focus on developing students through future focused learning.

Visit us on our open days: Friday 26th February and Wednesday 3rd March Bookings Essential

For bookings and further information visit: kuringgai-h.schools.nsw.gov.au







Anything is possible.



PROVIDING INNOVATIVE & SPECIALIST LEARNING SPACES

Set amongst 10.8 hectares of beautiful bushland adjoining the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, our students derive significant benefit from these natural, tranquil surroundings as they provide a relaxed atmosphere in which to learn and socialise. Our expansive grounds feature two full-sized soccer fields, a full-sized hockey field, tennis courts, and basketball courts. In 2020, we unveiled the refurbishment of 15 learning spaces across the school, including music and drama amphitheaters, the construction of a new multipurpose hall and an additional two performing arts learning spaces. This exciting project has delivered innovative learning environments for the next generation of young minds.

OFFERING AN EXPANSIVE CURRICULUM

As a small secondary school we have the advantage of offering smaller classes and individual learning programs; whilst maintaining our ability to offer a wide range of HSC courses from VET Entertainment Industry to Physics. Further, our nnovative Talent Enrichment Program allows our students, in Years 7 to 10, to develop their talents, skills and interests. The Talent Enrichment classes run for two hours, once a week. Students are encouraged to choose classes that will build on their existing capabilities and strengths.

CONNECTING TO THE WORLD AROUND US

Ku-ring-gai High School offers a wide range of opportunities both in and outside the classroom that promotes a sense of connection to the world around us. Students are able to connect their learning with their lives outside of school through authentic learning experiences such as Creative and Performing Arts opportunities such as Schools Spectacular, Leadership opportunities, and Community opportunities such as the NSW Rural Fire Service Secondary Schools Cadetship Program and the PCYC Fit to Learn Program.



CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING

Each year group at Ku-ring-gai High School follows a wellbeing program that aims to meet the personal and social needs of students and to enhance students overall wellbeing. We have a strong wellbeing structure to support our students; in addition to all school staff, we specifically have Year Advisers & Assistant Year Advisers, Head Teacher Year Groups, School Counsellors, Deputy Principal and Principal who are all invested and committed to ensuring all of our students have a sense of belonging at our school.

FOSTERING A CREATIVE CULTURE

Students have the exciting opportunity to be involved in the long-standing culture of Creative and Performing Arts at Ku-ring-gai High School through our innovative Talent Enrichment Program, a wide range of arts-focused subjects in our curriculum and the use of our new facilities. Additionally, students enrolling in Year 7 can apply to be a part of the Northern Academy of the Arts Program; a scholarship program whereby students who demonstrate an exceptional talent in the Creative and Performing Arts are able to extend their expertise in their chosen field.

THEIR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS

With our small class sizes and strong wellbeing support network, our alumni community maintains a connection to staff and the school long after graduation. We value our students achievements and celebrate their success; for example Amelia Guan from the class of 2018 is currently a student at the New England Conservatory in Boston USA, Reece Propser from the class of 2017 is working as a performer at Disneyland Paris, and Geraldine Hakewill from the class of 2004 is an actress known for the lead role of Chelsea Babbage in the 2016 Australian drama series Wanted.



Ku-ring-gai High School

Turramurra North Campus





Academic Success in a Creative Environment

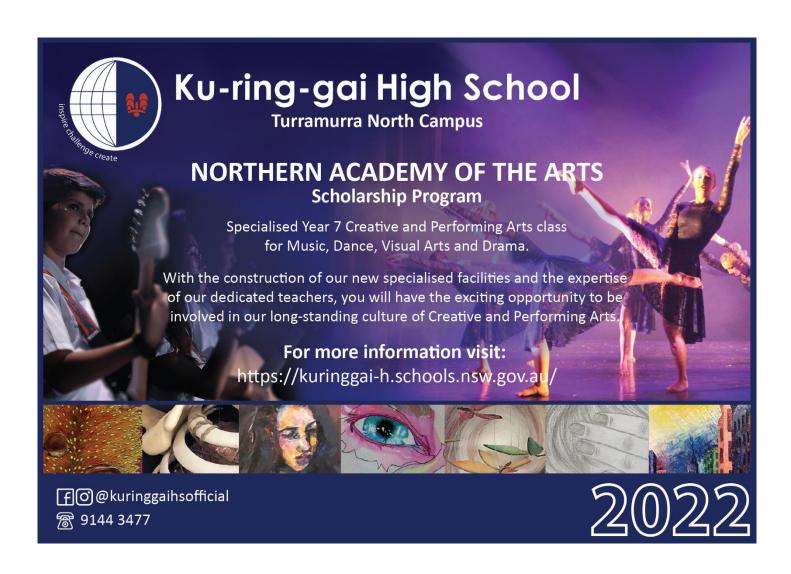
Outstanding educational resources supporting the Northern Academy of the Arts for talented dance, drama, music, art and design students.





Ku-ring-gai High School Bobbin Head Road North Turramurra





Ist Pymble Scout Group

Bannockburn Oval, Pymble
Cubs (ages 8-10) <u>akela@1stpymblescouts.org.au</u>
Scouts (ages 11-14) <u>scouts@1stpymblescouts.org.au</u>

Pymble Playgroup

Where fun, family & community connect!

For more details email: pymbleplaygroup@gmail.com or visit website www.pymbleplaygroup@gmail.com or visit website www.pymbleplaygroup.com.au

FRENCH CLASS at Pymble Public School – Enrol now for Term 1!

Meet friends and have fun. Tuesdays 3.10 – 4.10pm Book online at www.thelanguagecompany.com.au

St Ives AFL Club

Come play AFL with St Ives in 2021 Registrations are now OPEN

Enquiries to recruitment@stivesafl.com or www.stivesafl.com

St Ives Rugby Club

Come and play rugby at St Ives Junior Rugby Club! For boys and girls from 3 -18 years! No matter your child's level of ability or experience, they will boost their skills and confidence, get active, make friends and even more importantly, have fun!

Learn more at http://stivesrugby.com.au/ or find us on Facebook

Australian Air League - NSW Group

Welcoming boys and girls from the age of 8 from any background or culture.

Develop life skills like leadership, discipline, self-confidence and teamwork while taking part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air!

For more information: www.airleague.com.au; Email info@airleague.com.au or call 1800 502 175

Kids Up Front Performing Arts School Holiday Camp

Sing – Act – Dance – Perform in a Show!

Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 April

Pymble Public School Hall

For 5 to 13 year olds. Hours are 9.00am to 3.00pm daily with extended hours included.

www.kidsupfront.com.au

Dr. Kathryn Hill

Piano Lessons

A.Mus.A; B.A. (Merit); M.A. (Hons); Ph.D. (Syd.Uni)

Phone: 9482 2948

kathrynhill4833@bigpond.com

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- All kids ages 6-12
- All levels can play!
- No experience required
- Trial lesson FREE!
- Synthetic Grass
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- ♥ Non Studed Footwear
- **№ Boutique Tennis Court**
- ♥ Weekend Match play available



To reserve your spot - Call us or visit W:pptc.com.au M: 0468 455 924

MCCARTHY STUDIOS

2021

Classes in the Hall at Pymble School

Friday

3.15 to 4.45pm Kindy/Year 1 - Dance / Drama / Singing

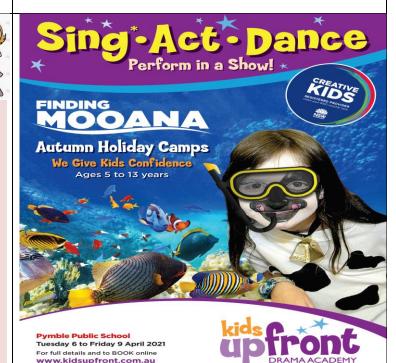
3.30 to 7pm Junior -Musical Theatre / Drama / Singing / Dance

Wednesday

3.15 to 5pm Years 2/3- Dance / Drama / Singing

4.30 to 6pm Junior - Singing/ Dance

For times and further info, please email info@mccarthystudios.com.au









LOCATION

9-15 Link Rd, St. Ives NSW 2075

DATES

- Week 1 6 to 9 April 2021
- Week 2 12 to 16 April 2021

HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Friday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

FEES (BEFORE SUBSIDY)

Standard Fee: \$88.00 Child Care Subsidy Fee Estimator

EARLY BIRD

Early Bird Daily Fee* \$76.00
*Offer expires on March 22nd, 2021. T&C's APPLY

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Go to <u>koolkidzz.com.au</u> and click the Register button at the top of the page

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