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Wednesday, 28 April 2021

Term 2, Week 2

Dates to remember

Tuesday 4 May	Zone Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 6 May	Year 1 Gibberagong Excursion
Tuesday 11 May	Year 2 School House Museum Excursion
Tuesday 11 May	NAPLAN – Language Conventions
Wednesday 12 May	NAPLAN – Reading
Thursday 13 May	NAPLAN – Numeracy
Thursday 13 May	Kindergarten Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion
Friday 14 May	Stewart House donations due back
Thursday 20 May	School Tour



Principal's News

Welcome back to the start of another exciting school term. I hope that you had a happy Easter with your children and family and an enjoyable school holiday break.

We have had a busy start to Term 2 with our school cross country as well as our Year 5 Camp both in the first week back. Our teachers have worked diligently at the end of last term and over the school holidays to collaboratively plan and prepare engaging teaching and learning programs, activities and events for this term. School activities and events for this term and year will go ahead (at this stage) as planned. It is exciting to be able to plan for these opportunities for our students here at PPS given the continuing COVID pandemic.

The Department's 'Advice for families' in relation to COVID-19 has been updated. Parents, carers and relatives may enter the school to drop off and pick up students in accordance with local school COVID-safe arrangements. All visitors to the school must attend the school's office and comply with the school's sign-in arrangements. The advice for families guidelines can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#School4>

Easter Hat Parade

On the last day of Term 1 the school held its annual K-2 Easter Hat Parade. All students K-2 paraded their Easter hats in their class groups in front of their peers and visitors. It was very exciting to be able to hold this event with parents, carers and grandparents present. The children enjoyed parading their hats and dancing in front of our visitors. It was a very successful afternoon.



Year 5 Camp

Last week our Year 5 students attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp. The children were treated to 3 days of outdoor activities, including team building activities and an overnight social experience. The weather was perfect and all activities scheduled were held. This camp provides students with the opportunity to challenge themselves across a range of outdoor activities as well as spend time developing and strengthening relationships with their friends and peers. The students all had a fantastic camp and came back happy. I'd like to thank the Year 5 teachers and Mrs Herbert for coordinating this opportunity. I'd like to also acknowledge and thank the teachers who attended for taking excellent care of the children and for giving up time with their own family and friends to be on camp.



Cross Country

Last week on the first day of term we held our school cross country at Bannockburn Oval. We were blessed with exceptional weather and it was a successful carnival. We had high levels of participation across all age groups. Cross country presents a high level of physical challenge, however, participating children showed great determination and resilience in their running races. I was very impressed to see how many children persevered despite the long distance and physical challenge. Equally impressive was to see our children supporting and encouraging not only competitors from their own sporting house but from other teams as well. I'd like to thank Mrs Armbrister for organising this event and the teachers in attendance for managing the carnival so well.

Winter Uniform

Winter school uniform is to be worn during Terms 2 and 3 of the school year. However, the first 2 weeks of Term 2 is classified as a transition period. Depending on the weather, during the first 2 weeks, parents and carers are to use their discretion in terms of their children and the uniform they wear.

Bruno Diodati
Principal



Deputy Principal's News

Application for Year 5 Entry to an Opportunity Class in 2022

Reminder for parents of Year 4 students that if you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2022, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **Friday 7 May 2021**. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**.

State Swimming Success

Congratulations to Roxanne A, Hannah M, Leah M and Avika K who placed 3rd in the 4x50m freestyle junior relay event at the NSW State Swimming Carnival late last term. This is a fantastic achievement at such a high level of competition.



Light Up Learning



Sport in Schools Australia (SISA) commenced this week for students in Years K-2. The students participated enthusiastically in gymnastics and a range of fundamental movement skills activities.





What a wonderful day and an exciting start to Term 2! The weather was perfect, parents attended and for the first time, Year 2 participated in this challenging event. Thank you to everyone who supported the children as they strived to do their best.

Below are the 48 students who qualified for the Zone Carnival on Tuesday, 4th May at St Ives Showground. We wish them all the very best as they represent our school.

8/9 BOYS

- 1 Lucas
- 2 William C
- 3 Darren
- 4 Neelan
- 5 Harrison
- 6 Fletcher

8/9 GIRLS

- 1 Bridget
- 2 Madison
- 3 Beatrice
- 4 Emilie
- 5 Chloe Mc
- 6 Manvi

10 Year BOYS

- 1 Max
- 2 Frederick
- 3 Lucas
- 4 Nicholas
- 5 Bodhi
- 6 Justyn

10 Year GIRLS

- 1 Megan
- 2 Ashley
- 3 Gemma
- 4 Hannah M
- 5 Georgia B
- 6 Sophie

11 Year BOYS

- 1 Hamish
- 2 Max
- 3 Rory
- 4 Marc
- 5 Nicholas W
- 6 Fergus

11 Year GIRLS

- 1 Eleanor
- 2 Alicia
- 3 Siyara
- 4 Adelaide
- 5 Laranya
- 6 Josephine

12 Year BOYS

- 1 Luke
- 2 Leo
- 3 William O
- 4 Cody
- 5 Christian T
- 6 Jonathon

12 Year GIRLS

- 1 Hannah T
- 2 Ilana
- 3 Rebecca
- 4 Giuliana
- 5 Ava
- 6 Sienna

The students who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their race will receive a trophy. This will be presented at our school assembly on Wednesday, 19th May.

Karen Armbrister
Cross Country Coordinator





Library News

As we start Term 2 I would like to remind all children that any books that were borrowed during, or prior to, term one are overdue and should be returned as soon as possible. Any books which have been lost or damaged to the extent that they are unable to be used will need to be replaced.

From this term, Kindergarten children will be able to borrow up to two (2) books at a time and borrowing is available every day, either before school (not Tuesdays), lunch (not Friday) or both times. As long as the children have their library bags (K-4), and space in their borrowing limits they are able to borrow each day. Returns should be done on arrival at school (or at 9am), particularly on the day of the library lesson.

Thank you

Miss Harris
Teacher Librarian



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Pymble Public School is held on Years 3-6: Wednesdays from 12:30pm to 1:15pm, starting on 21 April 2021.

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.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



PPS Band Program

PPS Instrumental Program

Welcome back to term 2!

Performance Ensemble Tour to Dubbo

Our top band will be going on tour to Dubbo, 5-7th June, to take part in the Dubbo Eisteddfod as well as additional performance opportunities and a trip to Dubbo Zoo. The tour is a great opportunity for our city kids to experience life outside of Sydney and enjoy some performance opportunities.

Please fill out the form below to register your child today, Wednesday 28th April. We need to confirm numbers asap!

<https://forms.gle/iqjhNiYJsCd3YVsx9>

Invoices

If you have not paid your band or violin group lesson invoice it is now overdue. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please get in touch with Mrs Herbert.

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

**Many thanks,
PPS Instrumental Program Committee**



P&C Events

P&C Events Update - Welcome to Term 2!

Just prior to school holidays some of the restrictions for parents on school grounds have changed, allowing us the very first volunteer event of 2021! Chloe and her team of volunteers certainly put a smile on the kids' faces; it was wonderful to see a few parents on site for the Easter Bunny visit, and we're looking forward to having more like it as the year progresses.

The next event requires the assistance of 6 Dads. Our Mothers Day stall is BACK this year on Wednesday May 5 from 10am - 12.30pm, and we're so excited. Mothers Day is less than three weeks away, and we need some volunteers! If you are able to help out for just a couple of hours on Wednesday May 5 (10-12.30pm) please sign up at https://doodle.com/poll/ghz4x5cii58sav9w?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link .

And Dads - don't forget to put \$10 in your children's school bag for the market day on Wednesday May 5! Each gift is \$10, for families with multiple siblings it will be 3 or more gifts for \$25 (one gift per child).

**Kate Walther
0402 075 006**

CALLING PPS DADS!

Volunteers Required!



We need fathers to...

- VOLUNTEER FOR MOTHER'S DAY STALL DUTIES FROM 10AM TO 12.30PM, AND
- ORGANISE \$10 CASH FOR YOUR CHILD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 5 (WEEK 3)

[CLICK HERE to volunteer](#)



P&C Committee Update

Welcome back to term 2 everyone. We hope that all PPS families had an enjoyable term break and have returned to school and its routines feeling refreshed and ready for a new term.

With many of the COVID restrictions having been lifted, the P&C had a much better start to the new school year than last year. We have benefited from and enjoyed many new faces on the Committee and in attendance at meetings. It has been terrific to see this increase in engagement and enjoy a return to face-to-face meetings. Despite being able to meet in person, following the 'COVID experience' we trialled our first simultaneous in-person and zoom meeting at our last rendezvous. Whilst there is room for improvement, it was very successful and allowed 10 parents to attend our meeting who otherwise would not have been able to do so. Our intention is to continue to hold meetings in this manner.

At our last meeting on 10 March in addition to the updates from our various Subcommittees we had a great discussion about school sport, especially the inter-school competition known as 'PSSA'. This agenda item followed various requests to the P&C regarding the desire of many parents to be more engaged with their children's school sport participation. Following the discussion, it was concluded that it would be highly beneficial for a parent representative to take on a new role of "**Sport & Swimming Liaison**". The P&C Committee is now looking for a volunteer to take on this new role. It is envisaged that this representative would act as a conduit of information between the school and parents for all matters sport and swimming. As a new role, it would take shape over time. Ideally this parent volunteer would have children who actively participate in sport both in and out of the school and regularly checks Facebook (where many such questions are asked). Additionally, given that most of the sporting liaison matters concerns PSSA (inter-school sport) it would be beneficial to have children in grades 3 to 6. If you feel that this is an area you could help in – please get in touch with Penny Lannen at president.ppspc@gmail.com or 0421 533 022.

In addition to this role, the P&C also created a new page on our website for **community sport**. This new page lists all the community-run sports clubs in our area with their contact details. Many thanks to Claire Walesby for creating the page <https://ppspandc.org/community-sport-clubs>. If you have any suggestions for additions/edits to this page, please contact Claire at promotions.ppspc@gmail.com

Since our last meeting we have applied for and been successful in obtaining the Bendigo Bank's community "**Double the impact Campaign**" grant. This initiative supports projects within the community whereby Bendigo Bank generously matches each dollar raised by an organisation with a dollar's donation from the bank. In consultation with the school, it was concluded that the best project to meet the application's criteria would be the installation of lighting along the Crown Road top gate entrance. This will dramatically improve the safety of PPS families and other community members who use school facilities after dark, such as external extra-curricular activities (karate, dance, drama), late band rehearsals in the winter months, P&C meetings and out of school hours activities in the hall for parents and staff training. Many thanks to Committee member Sally Davie for driving the application process and to Kate Walther for her assistance with the written application. More information about this campaign and our related fundraising efforts will follow soon.

Just before the term break, the P&C was able to hold its first "event" in over a year, being the visit of the **Easter Bunny** to the school. Many thanks to Chloe Steele and to those parents who helped Chloe arrange the visit of the Bunny and helped him deliver Easter surprises to every child in the school – what a great way to finish the term.

The Events Subcommittee has been very busy in the background arranging the next P&C event, being the much-loved **Mother's Day stall** (see note above). Kate Walther and Dee Visione have worked very hard to secure some lovely gifts for mums and would love the help of some dads this year to sell them at the stall next Wednesday 5th May (link above). Thanks in advance to those parents who have volunteered to help wrap and sort the gifts next Monday evening, 3rd May.

Our next meeting will be held in week 4, on **Wednesday 12th May at 7pm in the school hall**. All parents are welcome to attend, but we do ask that you RSVP in advance so we can assess numbers – social distancing requirements are still in place. Please let Helen Moss know if you'd like to attend either in person or via zoom at secretary.ppspc@gmail.com. Minutes of our last meeting can be found here: <https://ppspandc.org/pc-minutes>

P&C Committee

[Info.ppspc@gmail.com](mailto:info.ppspc@gmail.com)

The school has a subscription to the *World Book Encyclopedia* online. This subscription allows children to access a variety of packages. These include a set of ebooks, the *Early World of Learning* and also the encyclopaedia which comes with 3 different access levels - Kids, Student and Advanced.

The children are able to access the resources at school and at home, on a variety of platforms. As it is a paid subscription the log in details can not be published in the newsletter. For these details please see either Miss Harris in the library or your class teacher. Please log in and explore the site as the quality and variety of the resources in the package is excellent.

If you have any questions, or misplace the log in details, please ask Miss Harris in the library, or your child's teacher.

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reliable
information

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To all year 6 parents

We're delighted to invite you to our first y6 gathering on Thursday 13th May from 7pm, at the Pymble Hotel.

**Please RSVP to your class parent.
We look forward to catching up with you all!**

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SRE & SEE News

Volunteer Ethics Teachers Needed!

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



PPS Christian Prayer Group

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).



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 regularly 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 – www.alintaapparel.com.au
- (2) Store phone order – 9144 3459
- (3) Contact Alinta Call Centre – 4321 0433



2nd Hand Uniform Shop

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The 2nd hand uniform shop will be opening again in Term 2 for drop in customers as well as appointments.

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

Worn Up Scheme

Incredibly an average school generates over 100-200 kgs of school uniform waste per year. In NSW alone this equates to 627 tonnes of school uniform waste that end up in landfill.

In conjunction with Ku-Ring-Gai council Worn Up collect uniforms that are too worn or marked to be sold 2nd hand and reform them into new products including school desks! PPS are now participating in this amazing scheme. You can now place all of your unwanted uniforms and 2nd hand donations regardless of condition (including socks!) into the Worn Up labeled wheelie bin outside the school office. The 2nd hand uniform shop will then sort through the uniforms separating them into items we can sell and items to be recycled. Please note this is for school uniform items only not everyday clothes.

We are also excited that we are currently organising a visit from Founder of Worn Up, Annie Thompson, to come and present to the children about this fantastic project.





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St Ives Rugby Club

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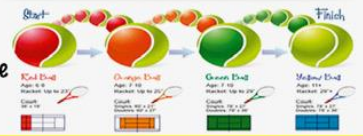


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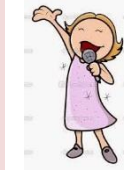


To reserve your spot - Call us or visit W:ppte.com.au M: 0468 455 924

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

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SUN FEB 21, NORMAN GRIFFITHS OVAL, 8.30AM-7PM

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We are excited to reveal that TUFC will be playing in a new football kit for this upcoming season. Our updated look, coupled with the continued support from our sponsors, Chadwick Real Estate and Hornsby Mercedes Benz, means we're looking good for 2021.

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