



Term 4
Week 8
29 November
2023

At Petersham, we work to provide a happy, safe and caring environment where children have the opportunity to become responsible and independent learners and achieve to the best of their ability.

Upcoming Events

TERM 4

December

1st—Whole school movie excursion
4th—15th—School swimming scheme for Years 2-6
5th—K-2 Nursing Home visit
5th—Stage 2 Amazing Me
6th—K-2 Christmas Concert & Recognition Day
8th—Parent Helper Afternoon Tea 1pm
8th—Presentation Day 1.30pm
12th—K-6 Talent Show
12th—P&C Meeting in the Library at 7pm—all welcome
13th—Year 6 Graduation
13th—Stage 3 Harbour Cruise
15th—P&C Pizza Lunch

LAST DAY OF 2023

Friday 15 December

FIRST DAY OF 2024

YEAR 1-6 students start

Thursday 1 February

KINDERGARTEN students start Monday 5 February

Office Hours

The School Office hours are
8:45am—3:30pm

Petersham Public School

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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An audience with "Albo"

Yesterday, our Stage Three students met The Hon Anthony Albanese—Prime Minister of Australia. The students sat in parliament and had an opportunity to observe proceedings and ask the Prime Minister questions about his role. Our camp teachers report that the students spoke articulately and confidently.

Presentation Day—8th December 1.30pm under the COLA

Next week we will be holding our Presentation Day assembly, which is an opportunity to celebrate the academic, sporting and musical achievements of our students. Our choirs and ensembles will be playing and guests will be welcomed onto the school grounds with a musical performance by student band *SOFA Nothing*. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend. Emails were sent to parents and carers last week notifying them if their child is receiving an award. 2024 student leaders will also be announced at the end of the assembly. Ms Morgan will be contacting parents later this week if their child has been selected to be a prefect, vice captain or captain.

Working Bee

Our Term 4 working bee will be on Sunday 3 December. We will be starting and finishing a little earlier to beat the heat, running from 8:30am to 11am. We will have a variety of jobs to help get the school ready for our end of year celebrations. All welcome, including kids... no experience required!

As a thank you for coming, we will have free bacon & egg (or spinach & egg) rolls at 11am.

The school and P&C will pay for all materials, but we would love some help planning, preparing and then leading the work. To assist with planning, please click on the link to RSVP:

<https://forms.gle/1kXzMEedFxE7B96>



Tim Bellamy awarded PSSA life membership

Big congratulations to Tim Bellamy who was awarded Balmain PSSA Life Membership last week, due to his ongoing commitment to school, inter-school and state sport. This achievement is well deserved and we are all very proud of Mr Bee!

OFFICE REMINDERS

Upcoming events

December 2023

- 1—Whole school movie excursion
- 4—15—School swimming scheme for Years 2-6
- 5—K-2 Nursing Home visit
- 5—Stage 2 Amazing Me
- 13—Stage 3 Harbour Cruise

January 2024

- 7—School Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6 & students turning 8 in 2024.

The details of these events, and consent notes will be sent out via email and will appear on your statement of account in School Bytes as they are finalised.

Assembly—We hold our assemblies every even week of the term from 9.15am—9.45am under the COLA. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Due to end of year events there will no more whole school assemblies this year.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) Lessons

This year all students will be involved in the mandatory subject Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). This subject prepares and supports students to lead, and contribute to, healthy, safe and meaningful lives which promote respect, responsibility, enjoyment, inclusion and social justice for self and others.

Our school's PDHPE program covers a wide range of education matter, including relationships, drug use, human sexuality, child protection, fundamental movement skill development, safety and physical activity. Some of the content of the program deals with sensitive issues. The school recognises this by teaching about these issues within the context of a developmentally appropriate program and by providing information to you about the program.

The school program will be implemented in a manner that supports the role of parents and caregivers and reflects the ethos of the school community.

For more information on PDHPE go to <https://syllabus.nesa.nsw.edu.au/pdhpe/>. The school program aims to encourage students to make informed decisions about their lifestyle taking into account the values of the family, culture and religion to which they belong.

'Amazing Me' Evening Workshop for Stage 2

Please remember to book in for the Amazing Me workshop for the Stage 2 students regarding 'Bodies and Puberty' on Tuesday 5 December. Please refer to previous School Bytes emails for further information.

Booking and Payment Details: \$33.00 per family via Trybooking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMRMN>

PLEASE DO NOT PAY THE SCHOOL

Performing Arts Showcase

What a night! Our sincere thanks to everyone that supported our Performing Arts Showcase at Fort St High School on Wednesday. It was an outstanding event - made possible by the goodwill, teamwork, dedication and kindness of our students, conductors, teachers, staff, parents and carers.

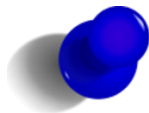
The talent on display was exceptional - across all our dance, choir, recorder, band and strings groups. The music by Year 5 students SO-FA Nothing at the start of the evening was phenomenal, and the final performance by our community ensemble (encompassing current students, former students, conductors, parents, grandparents and even a few teachers) was spectacular. We also loved seeing all the performance inspired artworks created by students submitted for the event.

We can't wait to see what is in store next year! Look out for our Music Day next week (for students in Kindergarten to Year 4) where you can learn about how to become involved in our performing arts programs in 2024.

We are so proud of our little community.

Sean Richardson - P&C President and Acting IMP Coordinator
Susan Sukkar - Assistant Principal Creative and Performing Arts
Beth Morgan - Principal





Reminder – Petersham Pool

Swimming program

Monday 4th – Friday 15th December 2023

All lessons are 45 minutes and students will need to be prepared with all necessary items.

Students will walk with teachers and support staff to and from the pool.

Group One:

-Year 6 + some Year 5

***Students **MUST** be at school by 9am for roll call.**

***9:15am departure from school**

***Lesson from 9:30am to 10:15am**

Group Two:

Year 5 + some Year 4

***10am departure from school**

***Lesson from 10:15 to 11am**

Group Three:

Year 4 and 3

***10:45am departure from school**

***Lesson from 11am to 11:45am**

Group Four:

Year 3 and 2

***11:45am departure from school**

***Lesson from 12pm to 12:45pm**

Remember to:

- * Wear swimmers under your uniform.
- * Bring your school hat, sunscreen, towel, goggles and underwear.
- * Pack a swimming bag for wet clothes, towel, goggles and underwear.
- * Take a jumper for cool weather.
- * Label ALL items with your name.

In line with Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia's recommendations, we are an Allergy Aware School. This means that we practice the three A's—**awareness, avoidance and action**. While we can't guarantee a nutfree environment, at school or PACC, we ask families, *please don't bring any foods containing nuts*.

Help everyone at Petersham stay **ALLERGY AWARE**

WE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE THROUGH...

AWARENESS

Learn the signs of an allergic reaction
Know what your classmates and friends are allergic to

AVOIDANCE

Never share food
Always wash your hands before and after you eat

ACTION

If you're unsure, ask a trusted adult if a food is safe
Tell a trusted adult if you or someone with allergies feels sick



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This year has had its challenges for all of us....and for some, 2023 has been tougher than usual.

Christmas time for most, is a time of great celebration and joy. For some, it can be a time of sadness and going without.

As the countdown to Christmas gets closer, we are asking you, our wonderfully generous Petersham community to add an extra item to your groceries.

You can contribute on a weekly basis by adding an extra item to your groceries list or...you can choose to make a single donation. EVERY item counts!

Collections points will be at the Hunter Street entrance gate or the PACC gate. Look for the big black bins provided.

Non-perishable and personal hygiene products only please



LET'S GET SHOPPING!

Desirable items include non-perishables staples, canned food, personal toiletries including nappies and treats. Your generosity will help the Petersham Salvation Army deliver a brighter and happier holiday season to those in need.

Thank you for your support.

Co-ordinator
Daniela Nobilia

Principal
Ms Morgan



Summer
spots
filling fast!

Learn to Swim

With summer just around the corner, there's no better time to equip your child with essential swimming and water safety skills.

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School Holiday Art Workshops!



More details can be found at:

www.sydneyvisualartsacademy.com



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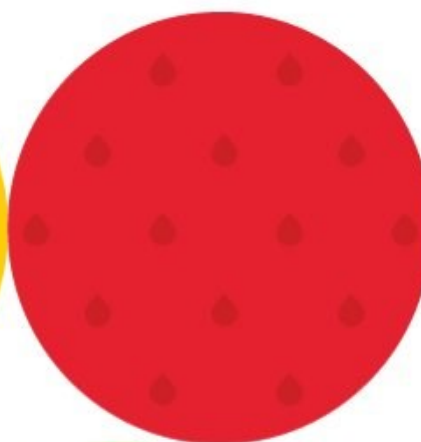


Holiday Program!

Location:

Wilkins Public School

Thursday December 21



**COME JOIN US FOR OUR EXCITING PROGRAM PACKED WITH
OUR GIANT INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE, GYMNASTICS,
AND LOADS OF DIFFERENT SPORTS AND GAMES!**

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