



**Term 1
Week 6
1 March 23**

Office Hours

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

MARCH

- Thursday 2** - Balmain Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 7** - School Photos
- Wednesday 8** - School Photos
- Wednesday 15—Monday 27** NAPLAN test window
- Tuesday 21** - Harmony Day - Wear Orange to school
- Monday 27** - Stage 3 Mental Health and Wellbeing workshop with Parents and Carers (Evening Start)
- Wednesday 29** - Parent-Teacher Interviews commence

APRIL

- Tuesday 4** - Cross Country
- Thursday 6** - Last day for Parent - Teacher interviews
- Thursday 6** - Easter Hat parade and raffle - parents and carers welcome.
- Thursday 6** - Last day of Term 1
- Wednesday 26** - First day of Term 2

MAY

- Wednesday 3**—Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 9**—P&C Meeting @ 7pm
- Wednesday 10—Field Events @ school
- Friday 12**—P&C Mothers Day Breakfast & Stall

Office Hours

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

Petersham Public School

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER



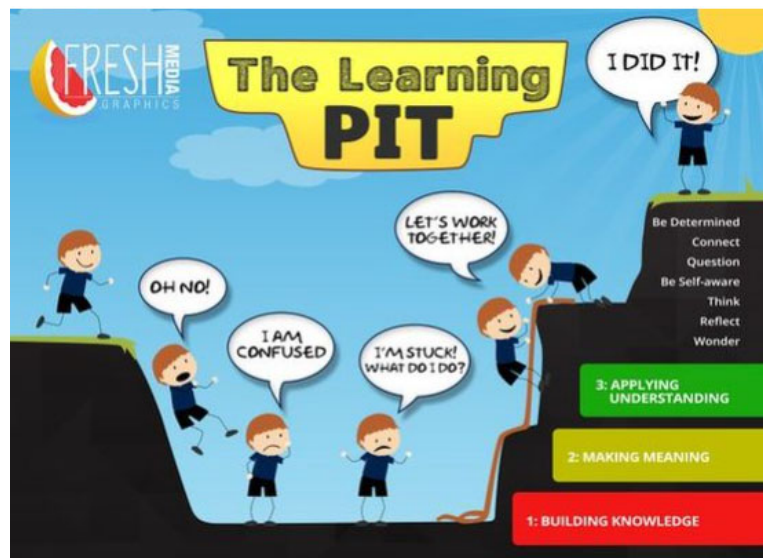
Address: 25 Hunter Street, Petersham 2049

E: petersham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

P: 9560 9665

What is the learning pit?

At our last assembly, I asked students to research “The Learning Pit.” Learning is not always easy, but through determination, collaboration, support and questioning we attain our personal best. At PPS, we strive to work shoulder-to-shoulder with students as they achieve their goals. In each lesson, we use the model “I can do this”, “We can do this”. “You can do this” also known as modelled, guided and independent learning. It’s a life long skill that sets children up to be reflective learners.



What are the school houses?

Much like Hogwarts, on enrolment, children are divided into one of four sporting houses: Banksia (Green), Kurrajong (Blue), Waratah (Red) and Wattle (Yellow). At sporting events, children wear their house colour and build teamwork skills. Points are earned for entering events, caring for our environment, loudest chants, winning events and demonstrating school values. At the end of the year, the points are tallied and the winning house receives a mufti day and pizza lunch with Ms Morgan. House captains and vice captains are elected by their peers. Congratulations to our newly elected 2023 house leaders:

- Banksia— Ned (C) Oliver B (C) Archie (VC) and Lia (VC)
- Kurrajong— Thomas (C), Helen (C), Lulu (VC) and Harriet (VC)
- Waratah— Fred (C) , Belen (C) , Gabe (VC) and Oliver R (C) ,
- Wattle— Cooper (C) , Jacob M (C) , Aden (VC) and Eddie (VC)



Welcome BBQ

It was brilliant seeing so many families attend our Welcome BBQ on Friday. We hope that you enjoyed the evening and had an opportunity to meet catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Thank you to our P&C for your tireless work and dedication. I would also like to thank our staff for generously assisting with setting up, open classrooms, cooking, and packing up.

Would you like to volunteer in classrooms?

From Term 2, invitations will be sent home to volunteer in classrooms. Teachers will select a learning area and welcome parents and carers into rooms. This may include assisting with art, maths, reading groups, or even sport! Stage Three students will commence their maths groups over the coming weeks. Students in Stage 2 will not be running maths groups this year, rather they will be taught by their classroom teacher. Volunteers must have completed a Working With Children Declaration [https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/teach-nsw/get-paid-to-study/Declaration for child-related workers.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/teach-nsw/get-paid-to-study/Declaration%20for%20child-related%20workers.pdf)

Smart watches and other mobile devices

Last week, an email was sent to all families in Stage 3 regarding the use of smart watches and other mobile devices during school hours. A copy of this email is included below as we now realise students younger than Year 5 also have phones and smart watches at school. Each classroom has now been supplied with a secure box to store devices upon entry to the classroom. Children then receive these devices at the end of each day. Please read the email below:



Dear parents and carers,

We are seeking your support to talk with your child/children about the appropriate use of smart watches and other mobile devices at school. We have recently become aware that children are messaging families from their smart watch or device during school time. Stage 3 teachers will be running a refresher session today, regarding the appropriate use of technology at school. All Stage 3 children have been given a copy of our mobile and electronic devices policy, which can be found (hopefully) in their school bag.

Like phones, smart watches must be handed in at the office each day or remain in bags if they are brought to school. We are classifying smart watches as those watches that can receive messages, make phone calls, take photos and/or play games. These items are disruptive in lessons and can get easily lost.

We understand that parents may need to contact their child during the school day. If this is the case, please contact the school office (9560 9665) and a message will be promptly taken to your child in their classroom.

We note that mobile devices can be useful methods for essential before or after school communication. Therefore, whilst Petersham PS discourages students from bringing devices to school, it is the responsibility of the student to abide by the appropriate use guidelines as outlined in the policy. [https://petersham.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/p/petersham-p/localcontent/](https://petersham.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/p/petersham-p/localcontent/Mobile%20and%20Electronic%20Devices%20Policy%20PPS%202022.pdf)

[Mobile and Electronic Devices Policy PPS 2022.pdf](https://petersham.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/p/petersham-p/localcontent/Mobile%20and%20Electronic%20Devices%20Policy%20PPS%202022.pdf)

Should you give permission for your child to bring a device to school, please ensure you sign and return page 4 of our policy and remind your child that the device must be handed to the office or remain in bags all day. Amendment: Devices can also be handed to the teachers and stored securely in the classroom. PPS does not accept responsibility for any damaged or lost items. Thank you for your support and please contact the school with any questions.

*Kind regards,
Beth Morgan
Principal*

Petersham PS Swimming Carnival 2023 results

Race	Event	Distance	First	Second	Third
1.	8yrs boys freestyle	50m	Roscoe	Archie	Jamie
2.	8yrs girls freestyle	50m	Anouk	Grace	Imogen
3.	9yrs boys freestyle	50m	Avyay	Quinn	James
4.	9yrs girls freestyle	50m	Eva	Josie	Lily
5.	10yrs boys freestyle	50m	Oliver R	Flynn	Zac
6.	10yrs girls freestyle	50m	Sadie	Emilia	Hannah
7.	11yrs boys freestyle	50m	Oliver S	Will	Eli/Gabe
8.	11yrs girls freestyle	50m	Skye	Florence	Abigail
9.	12yrs boys freestyle	50m	Arlo	Harry	Fred
10.	12yrs girls freestyle	50m	Isla	Lulu	Ariadna
11.	Junior boys breaststroke	50m	Oliver R	Solomon	Flynn
12.	Junior girls breaststroke	50m	Saskia	Josie	Lily
13.	11yrs boys breaststroke	50m	Oliver S	Ben	Gabe
14.	11yrs girls breaststroke	50m	Skye	Dimity	Florence
15.	12yrs boys breaststroke	50m	Arlo	Daniel	Jack
16.	12yrs girls breaststroke	50m	Isla	Kate	
17.	Junior boys 100m freestyle	2x50m	Oliver R	Flynn	Charlie
18.	Junior girls 100m freestyle	2x50m	Eva	Josie	Sadie
19.	Senior boys 100m freestyle	2x50m	Oliver S	Jack	Thomas
20.	Senior girls 100m freestyle	2x50m	Isla	Lulu	Skye
21.	Junior boys backstroke	50m	Oliver R	Flynn	Archie
22.	Junior girls backstroke	50m	Eva	Josie	Imogen
23.	11yrs boys backstroke	50m	Oliver S	Eli	Ben
24.	11yrs girls backstroke	50m	Skye	Maggie	Dimity
25.	12 yrs boys backstroke	50m	Arlo	Thomas	Jack
26.	12yrs girls backstroke	50m	Isla	Clem	Ariadna
27.	Junior boys butterfly	50m	Oliver	Jenson	
28.	Junior girls butterfly	50m	Josie		
29.	11yrs boys butterfly	50m	Oliver S	Will	Eli
30.	11yrs girls butterfly	50m	Skye		
31.	12yrs boys butterfly	50m	Jack	Howard	Thomas
32.	12yrs girls butterfly	50m	Isla		
33.	Junior boys relay	4x50m	Charlie, Owen, Flynn	Zac, Banjo, Ryan &	James, Oliver R, Quinn &
34.	Junior girls relay	4x50m	Sadie, Livvy, Thalia &	Polly, Bonnie, Lily &	Lily, Grace, Eva & Jemi-
35.	Senior boys relay	4x50m	Fred, Arlo, Oliver R & Oliver S	Harry, Jack, Thomas & Finn	Archie, Daniel, William & Jenson
36.	Senior girls relay	4x50m	Josie, Lulu, Sadie & Florence	Kate, Belen, Dimity & Skye	Polly, Bonnie, Ariadna & Maggie

Please note, competitors must meet pre-determined qualifying times to be eligible to progress to PSSA Zone Swimming. Thank you to Mr Barrett and Ms Matthews for organising such a wonderful carnival. Big shout out to our House Captains and Vice Captains for supporting each competitor. Photos will be available on our website tomorrow.



NSW Department of Education

2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Elise Hurst

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



**Key dates
for students
in K-10:**

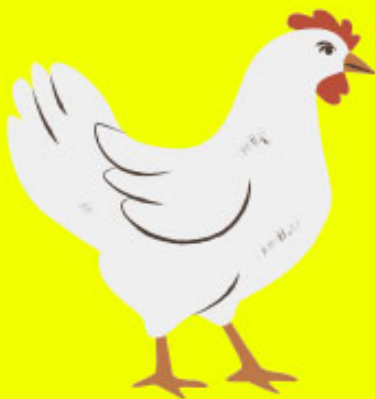
Challenge opens
Monday 27 February

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 18 August



SCRAPPY FRIDAY

Bring your kitchen scraps every Friday morning to the bin at the PACC gate





Petersham PS (Afterschool) Auskick Centre

Every Monday from 13th of March to 3rd of April, 3:40pm - 4:40pm

Come & try the new NAB AFL After School Auskick program at Petersham PS
The program runs for 4 weeks for boys & girls aged 5-12

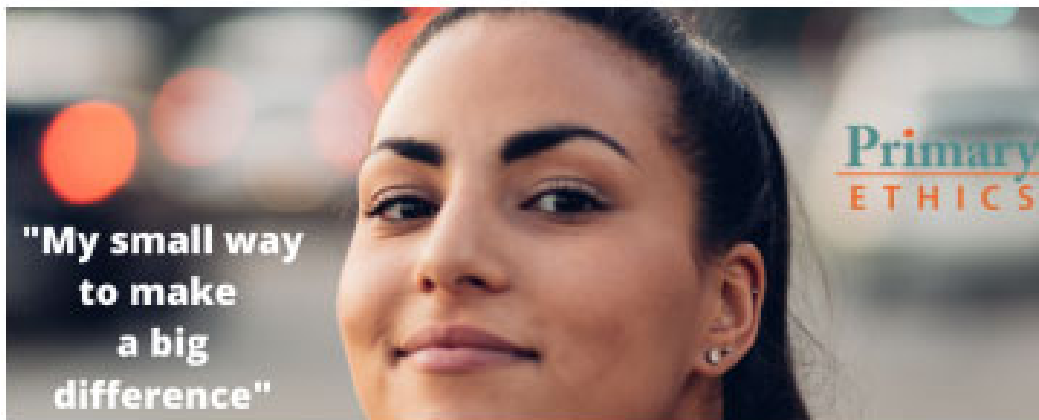
Each participant will receive their own NAB AFL Auskick pack including a football, pump, trading cards, draw string bag, fidget popper and access to FREE tickets to a Sydney Swans match all for \$50pp

Contact: george.steelepark@afl.com.au or 0402462064



play.afl/auskick





Come teach ethics at Petersham Public School

We deliver an ethics program at Petersham Public School with lessons delivered by Primary Ethics volunteers.

Ethics lessons are now offered to students in years 1 to 6. In ethics, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, to disagree without putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions.

We have children on waitlists for Kindy and years 1, 2, 3 & 4. We want to give all parents the option to choose ethics for their children. Currently some children who have enjoyed learning Ethics last year, will be put onto waitlists until we have more teachers available.

You can teach ethics if:

- You're interested in what children think and you have an interest in learning
- You're willing to learn how to use our lesson scripts to ask children ethical questions
- You can remain neutral and give the children space to think
- You're available each school week at Fridays from 10.45-11.15am – you'll need about an hour each week to prepare and give the scripted lesson
- You complete our free training and pass background checks.

You will join a great community of Primary Ethics volunteers – at Petersham Public School and across NSW. You'll have the rewarding opportunity of listening to the fantastic students at our school and helping them grow. You'll develop new skills yourself – facilitation skills, plus skills in communication and active listening.

Primary Ethics provides free, comprehensive training with online self-paced learning plus trainer-led workshops (by Zoom or face-to-face).

Curious?

Visit www.primaryethics.com.au

Or contact Katherine Russell

katherineward@me.com



Symphonia Jubilate in 2023!

Symphonia Jubilate runs orchestral and recorder ensembles for public school students in Years 3 - 12. Rehearsals are held three times a term on Saturday afternoons (4-6:15pm) at Homebush West Public School.

We welcome all interested students who are learning to play violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, trumpet, trombone, french horn, tuba/euphonium/baritone, percussion and recorder. There are no auditions.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primo Orchestra High school orchestral players	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secondo Orchestra Primary school orchestral players
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flauto Dolce Recorder Ensemble 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizzicato Primary school beginner strings

Enrolment online at:
www.symphoniajubilate.com

All Enquiries
Margaret Coote | Orchestra Manager
mob: 0438 100 554



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* All rehearsals and concerts will be in compliance with ongoing Department of Education COVID-19 health and safety advice, including use of appropriate physical distancing, enhanced cleaning and hygiene and any special conditions required for performing arts activities.



SSC Leichhardt Open Night 2023

Wednesday 8 March 2023

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Formal Presentation will commence at 5.30pm in the School Hall
Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt Campus: 210 Balmain Rd, Leichhardt (Entry via Derbyshire St)

Scan the QR code or visit
www.trybooking.com/CFTHF
to REGISTER your spot!



Illegal parking puts children's lives at risk

Council parking
officers are patrolling
school zones

INNER WEST

ILLEGAL PARKING PUTS CHILDREN'S LIVES AT RISK

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

<p>No Parking You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.</p> <p>No Stopping Do not stop for any reason. The first 10m from an intersection is a No Stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.</p> <p>Bus Zone Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.</p> <p>Mobile Phones Know the rules. Illegally using your phone is dangerous. Avoid the temptation.</p> <p>Speeding Offences 40km/h is the limit. Children are about, so slow down in school zones.</p>	<p>Pedestrian Crossings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing. It is unsafe to let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone. <p>Driveways & Footpaths Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.</p> <p>U turns Illegal U turns in a school zone are dangerous.</p> <p>Double Parking Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.</p>
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*Fines current as of July 2020. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information, go to www.rms.nsw.gov.au and search "school zone offences".

INNER WEST



Tuesdays
 21/02/25
 28/02/25
 07/03/25
 14/03/25
 21/03/25
 28/03/25
 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tuning in to Kids

FREE parenting workshop!

This six-week parenting workshop will show you how to create a strong emotional connection with your child, which will help them develop strength, confidence and resilience.

- Create a meaningful relationship with your child
- Help them manage emotions
- Handle challenging behaviours
- Encourage your child to become a lifelong learner
- Equip them with strategies to deal with conflicts

Childminding and morning tea will be provided

Venue

Metro Assist Office
 Level 2/97-99 Evaline St,
 Campbell NSW 2194

To register, contact

Kay Go
 (02) 9789 5744
kay.go@metroassist.org.au



This program is supported by the Canterbury-Bankstown Council



Thursdays
 02/03/25
 09/03/25
 16/03/25
 23/03/25
 30/03/25
 06/04/25
 10:00am - 12:00pm

Bringing Up Great Kids

FREE parenting workshop!

This six-week parenting program is suitable for parents with children of 0-12 years of age.

Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGK) utilises a combination of mindfulness and reflection to support parents/carers of children as they review and modify their patterns of communication with their children. This program will also assist them to:

- learn about children's brain development and how it influences their feelings and behaviour
- reflect on their own parenting style
- recognise the importance of self-care and seeking support when needed.

Venue

The Infants Home
 17 Henry St, Ashfield NSW
 2151

Click [HERE](#) to register, or contact:

Aria-Louis Franco
 (02) 9799 4844
ariafranco@theinfantshome.org.au

Morning tea will be provided



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Learn tips and tricks to grow your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



For more info, visit saverplus.org.au or call 1300 610 355.
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