



Term 1  
Week 8  
15 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.

# Petersham Public School

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

### MARCH

**Wednesday 15—Monday 27**

NAPLAN test window

**Tuesday 21** - Harmony Day -

Wear Orange to school

**Monday 27** - Stage 3 Mental

Health and Wellbeing work-

shop with Parents and Car-

ers (Evening Start)

**Wednesday 29** - Parent-

Teacher Interviews com-

mence

### APRIL

**Tuesday 4** - Cross Country

**Thursday 6** - Last day for

Parent - Teacher interviews

**Thursday 6** - Easter Hat pa-

rade and raffle - parents and

carers welcome.

**Thursday 6** - Last day of

Term 1

**Wednesday 26** - First day of

Term 2

### MAY

**Wednesday 3**—Athletics Car-

nival

**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

## Second Step: Social Emotional Learning

Each fortnight, students across K-6 focus on a different concept to build their social-emotional skills. This fortnight, the focus is on assertiveness.

Knowing how to ask for help is an important skill for learning. The ability to communicate assertively not only contributes to academic success, it is also important for solving problems and standing up for oneself or others. Assertiveness can help children relate well to peers. It is important for students to learn the differences between assertive, aggressive, and passive ways of communicating. The poster to the right can be found in every classroom, and acts as a reminder of how to speak assertively. If you would like to follow up with assertiveness discussions at home, here is a link to some homework activities.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rdJPM7ozfPD\\_qz6COnfZxolCMPvR4BEc?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rdJPM7ozfPD_qz6COnfZxolCMPvR4BEc?usp=share_link)



- Face the person you're talking to
- Keep your head up and shoulders back
  - Use a calm, firm voice
  - Use respectful words

## Working Bee this Sunday

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT

# WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 19 MARCH  
9am to 12pm

Adults & kids welcome  
Jobs for all - no experience required  
Free BBQ lunch provided  
Will be postponed if severe weather  
Please enter/exit via West St gate only

We would love your help this Sunday between 9am-12pm for our Working Bee. We have plenty of jobs available—no experience needed!

A task list will be available on the day. These tasks include weeding, high pressure cleaning, mulching, making sandwiches, deck staining and assisting with building a small retaining wall to support the garden outside 5/6Z.

Thank you to Bunnings Ashfield for donating new gardening gloves and tools. Our sincere thanks also to Aaron (Axels' Dad), who is a landscaper and helped Mr Tony and I with measuring gardens and ordering supplies.

To assist with catering, please check your email and respond to the Working Bee survey.

See you on Sunday!

## P&C AGM

Please join us on Tuesday for our P&C AGM> Please email PACC directly if you would like to take up the offer of free kids babysitting and dinner.



**You are invited**  
**DRINKS + AGM**

**TUESDAY 21 MARCH**

**6:30pm** - drinks on the library lawn  
**7pm** - meeting in the library and online

All parents/carers very welcome and encouraged to attend

Free babysitting and kids dinner provided by PACC - bookings essential  
by emailing [pacc@paccpetersham.com.au](mailto:pacc@paccpetersham.com.au) before Friday 17 March



## OFFICE REMINDERS

### 1. **School Bytes Parent Portal & Back to School Vouchers**

Just a reminder to log into your parent portal before redeeming any Back to School Vouchers to see if you have any relevant outstanding fees. Once we validate the vouchers we have to allocate them immediately and cannot use them for all the fees you may have on your account (please see the Activity Details that were emailed out). We cannot allocate them as a credit for any Term 2 fees. More fees for future activities will be added once we finalise details.

### 2. **School pick up**

A gentle reminder to please let your child know in advance if there is a change to their usual pick up place/person. Please email the office if you have any last minute changes.



NSW Department of Education

## 2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Elise Hurst

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

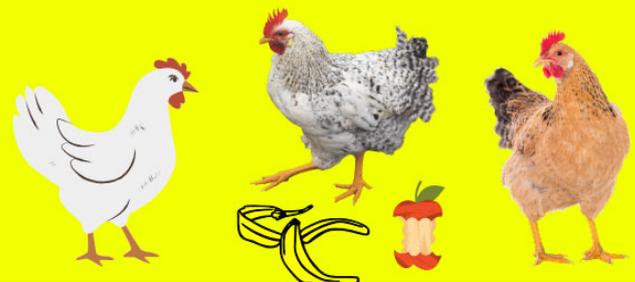
### Key dates for students in K-10:

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](mailto:george.steelepark@afl.com.au) or 0402462064



[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



## Primary ETHICS



### 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](http://www.primaryethics.com.au)  
Or contact Katherine Russell  
[katherinereward@me.com](mailto:katherinereward@me.com)

**Starts  
Monday 27th  
March  
4pm**

*Kids*  
**SESSIONS AT PINOT & PICASSO  
MARRICKVILLE**

ENROL NOW

SYDNEY SCHOOL

# HANDBALL COMP

SUN 19TH MAR | 2:30-4PM | \$25

AGES: YEAR 1 - YEAR 12  
50+ SCHOOLS, 100+ TROPHIES, PRIZES, AWARDS

CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS SPORTS CENTRE  
CORNER ANZAC PARADE AND LANG ROAD MOORE PARK 2021 NSW

www.hanballaustralia.com.au

# EASTER HOLIDAY CODING CAMPS



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(BEGINNERS)



3-IN-1 CODING  
(INTERMEDIATE)



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**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**



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## You can learn French at Petersham PS

Our classes are designed to be creative and playful, whilst encouraging your child to make serious progress in their ability to understand, read and speak French.

**3 May to 5 July**  
1 hr per week for 9 weeks  
**Wednesday afternoons**

Kindy-Year 1: 3:30-4:25pm  
Year 2-Year 6 : 4:30-5:25pm

**Save \$100 with Creative Kids**



**Expressions of interest before Friday 31 March**  
Early bird and sibling discounts available  
**As little as \$26/hr with Early Bird discount**



**[school-activities@afsydney.com.au](mailto:school-activities@afsydney.com.au)**  
**(02) 9292 5700**

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**[www.afsydney.com.au](http://www.afsydney.com.au)**



## Introduce your child to the exciting world of coding with **CODE4FUN**

Our STEM-focused programs are perfect for Y1 to Y5 students, helping them develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while learning to code. Join us today and give your child a head start in the digital age!



**SAVE \$100  
ON YOUR CHILD'S  
ENROLMENT**

# CODING FOR KIDS

**Term 2, 2023**

**Y1 - Y5 Students**

## CREATIVE CODING

### Petersham PS

In-person

### Every Thursday

4 May - 29 June | 9 weeks

## SCRATCH

**8:00 am - 9:00 am**

**Y1 - Y5 students**

**Laptops are provided**

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**\$243 per student per term**

**ENROL NOW AT**  
[code4fun.com.au/pps](https://www.code4fun.com.au/pps)

If you have any questions email us at  
[info@code4fun.com.au](mailto:info@code4fun.com.au)  
or call **0452 525 453**

Learn more about CODE4FUN:  
[www.code4fun.com.au](https://www.code4fun.com.au)



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

Enrolment online at:  
[www.symphoniajubilate.com](http://www.symphoniajubilate.com)

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



Education

\* 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.

Register Here!



SCAN ME



## JOIN THE FUN!

Girls Only FREE AFL Program Leichhardt

Location: Leichhardt Oval Number 3

Every Sunday starting  
26th February - 2nd April  
10-11am

Join in 6 weeks of FUN! Participants will  
engage in AFL skills, activities and games.  
No experience required!

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

George Steele-Park: 0402462064 or [george.steelepark@afl.com.au](mailto:george.steelepark@afl.com.au)  
Bella Smith: [bella.smith@afl.com.au](mailto:bella.smith@afl.com.au)



LEICHHARDT  
**CYGNETS**



## Play Aussie Rules on Sundays!

Girls and boys aged 5-14 welcome

### ABOUT US

Leichhardt Cygnets are the Inner West's junior Australian Rules football club. We're inclusive and each player is given a chance on the field.

Come along and join us for Auskick or to play in one of our teams. We play on Sunday's, making us a perfect fit with other winter team sports.

### JOIN US

[cygnets.com.au](http://cygnets.com.au)  
0432 677 703

### FOLLOW US



# FOOTY.FAMILY.FUN!

# Give life. Give blood in Ashfield.

Ashfield Town Hall, 260 Liverpool Rd  
28 March to 1 April



Tuesday	12.30 – 7 pm
Wednesday	7 am – 2 pm
Thursday	12.30 – 7 pm
Friday	7 am – 2 pm
Saturday	7 am – 2 pm

 give blood



## school HOLIDAY program

Are you aged 5-15 years?  
Do you have a passion for animals?  
Want to make some new furry friends?

Then join the RSPCA NSW Education Team  
for the upcoming School Holiday Program!

[rspcansw.org.au](http://rspcansw.org.au) 



## BEGINNERS PIANO LESSONS

In Dulwich Hill

with Lola  
(Yr 9 Grade 5 AMEB)  
\$50/hr First lesson free  
Grand Piano  
Call or message: 0473178537



## beginner flute lessons



in dulwich hill  
with holly

(year 9 - grade 3/4 AMEB)  
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call or message: 07161256

