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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 Sch

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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LAST DAY OF TERM 4 Wednesday 18 December

FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2025 FOR ALL STUDENTS Thursday 6 February

Dear parents and carers,

For our final newsletter of the year, I wanted to share the speech that I delivered at our Presentation Day assembly last week. To be a part of this little community is a blessing. To lead this school is a privilege. I wish you the very best over the holiday season and thank you all for your continued support of Petersham PS.

Presentation Day speech 2024

Good afternoon teachers, parents, carers, students and our special guests

- Director Educational Leadership, Mr Chris Buenen, Member for Newtown Ms Jenny Leong, and Finley's Mum, Kate Wright Curnow. Your presence here today and your ongoing support of our school community is truly appreciated, and we are grateful for your dedication to our students and their success.

As we come to the close of another school year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared together in our school community throughout 2024. First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our students. You are the heart of everything we do here. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and perseverance have been nothing short of inspiring. Whether it was in the classroom, on the sports field, or in the many extracurricular activities you've been part of, you've all demonstrated incredible effort and determination. It's your hard work and passion that shape the vibrant, dynamic environment we are so proud of at this school.

To our parents, caregivers, and families, thank you for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your involvement and commitment to your children's education have been vital to their success. From volunteering at events to helping run the uniform shop and everything in between, your partnership with the school has made a real difference.

A special thank you to our teachers and staff members. You have shown extraordinary dedication, compassion, and professionalism in your roles.

Office Hours

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

This school thrives because of your passion for teaching and your commitment to the well-being and development of our students. I would also like to give a shout out to Matt, Delphine and the incredible PACC team for their professionalism, care and the authentic partnership which ensures we are meeting the needs of our students.

We are a relatively small school but we dream big and work tirelessly to achieve our goals. This is in no small part due to the work of our teachers and dedicated P&C.

Sometimes thank you doesn't seem like enough and that is certainly the case when I think of the work of Rob, Kat, Sean, Amanda, Nicole, Alice, Lana, Jo, Cath, Christina, Meagan, Mahala, Greg, Rebecca, Amanda, Brigette, Heather and every parent in our community. To Connaugh Sheehan, thank you for working so closely with the school to establish the Excellence in Inclusion and Wellbeing Body. So far, this body has installed a parent library, hired an additional School Learning Support Officer, arranged Amy Haddadi workshops and next year the calendar is filling quickly to further enhance our neuroaffirming practices and to nurture allyship. We will also be co authoring an easy to read document to assist with working through diagnosis to support available at our school. I have received several emails from parents expressing interest in joining this parent body. We would love to have you on board and I will reach out early 2025.

Due to the dedication and work of the P&C, we have achieved the following: \$30000 to enhance the wellbeing of ours students through parent/carer workshops, an additional SLSO, a low cost uniform shop, canteen, funding lunchtime clubs such as yoga, cooking, Italian and art clubs, running our instrumental music program, planning the truly sensational Performing Arts Showcase, funding staff training in QuickSmart maths intervention and purchasing Initialit resources and readers. In the pipeline, we have our new First Nations sport shirt being introduced in 2025 as well as shade sails being installed over the netball courts. Could we please all take this opportunity to thank the P&C.

I know that I work and lead one of the best schools in Australia and I wish each and every one of you the very best over the holiday season.

Student Leadership Team 2025

Could we please take a moment to acknowledge our 2024 Student Leadership Team for their tireless work over the year, ensuring student voices are heard. Not only are you all approachable, hard working and passionate about student rights, you also have led this school with pride. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you.

In a moment, I will call out the names of the student leadership team for 2025. Parents and carers, if you hear your child's name, I invite you to join me out the front to pin on your child's badge. Immediately after this assembly, all new school leaders and their families are asked to join me in the hall for the leadership investiture. Please remember that we believe in equity. Therefore students select their school leaders based on their qualities, not their gender.

Your prefects for 2025 are: Chi-Rai Lozina Bonnie Bantoft Emilia Conn Jemima Maraivalu

Your vice captains are: Elise Byrne Moses Blake

Your school captains are: Esteban Miranda-Lema Livvy Stockwell

2024 Award recipients

Excellence and Achievement	
Excellence in English	Oliver Richards
Excellence in Mathematics	Ben Yin
Application and Effort in All Learn- ing Areas	Sadie Bellamy
Academic Initiative	Magnolia Cotsios
Academic Excellence Award	Solomon Nusinovitsch
Library Award	Abigail Hodge
History/Geography Award	Amelia Russell
Visual Arts Award	Charlie Button
Performing Arts Award	Ari Davies
Science Award	Leif Malloy-George
Excellence in Technology	Charlie Collings
The Finley Wright-Curnow Citizen-	Harrison Burke
ship Award	Archie Burns
Excellence in Sports	Francesca Haji
Premier's Sporting Award	Zahra Payten
	Excellence in Mathematics Application and Effort in All Learning Areas Academic Initiative Academic Excellence Award Library Award History/Geography Award Visual Arts Award Performing Arts Award Science Award Excellence in Technology The Finley Wright-Curnow Citizenship Award

2024 Instrumental Music Program (IMP) Awards			
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Certificate and medal	Junior Recorders	Claire Morin	
Certificate and medal	Recorder Consort	Hannah Beglane	
Certificate and medal	Stringlets	Violet Whiteman	
Certificate and medal	Junior Strings	Margot Charters	
Certificate and medal	Senior Strings	Eli Richardson	
Certificate and medal	Training Band	Matteo Muston	
Certificate and medal	Concert Band	Florence Jennings	
Certificate and medal	Stage Band	Skye Sinclair	
Certificate and medal	Junior Choir	Lachlan Hodge	
Certificate and medal	Senior Choir	Jenson Haughey	
Certificate and medal	Excellence in Music	Arthur Shannon	

SPORTS AWARDS - Swimming 2024			
1	Junior Boys runner up	Stefan Richards	
2	Junior Boys Champion	Huxley Whiteman	
3	11 Year Boys runner up	Zachary Schwager	
4	11 Year Boys Champion	Oliver Richards	
5	Senior Boys runner up	William Maginnis	
6	Senior Boys Champion	Oliver Stoddart	
7	Junior Girls runner up	Lily Broderick	
8	Junior Girls Champion	Eva Yin	
9	11 Year Girls runner up	Sasika Hudson	
10	11 Year Girls Champion	Sadie Bellamy	
11	Senior Girls runner up	Skye Sinclair	
12	Senior Girls Champion	Rose Whiteman	

SPORTS AWARDS - Cross Country 2024			
1	Junior Boys runner up	Owen Wright	
2	Junior Boys Champion	Dominic Murty	
3	11 Year Boys runner up	Daniel Hastings	
4	11 Year Boys Champion	Oliver Richards	
5	Senior Boys runner up	Henry Cole	
6	Senior Boys Champion	Arthur Shannon	
7	Junior Girls runner up	May Shannon	
8	Junior Girls Champion	Valkyrie Cameron	
9	11 Year Girls runner up	Saskia Hudson	
10	11 Year Girls Champion	Elise Byrne	
11	Senior Girls runner up	Zahra Payten	
12	Senior Girls Champion	Francesca Haji	

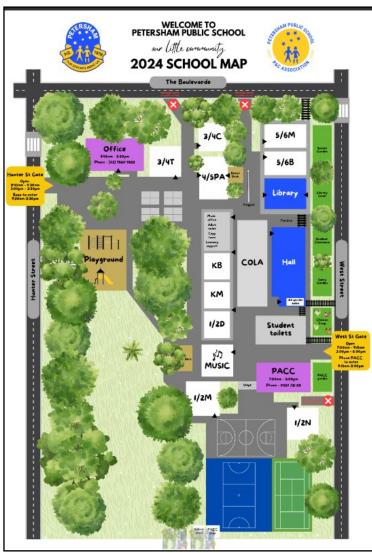
SPORTS AWARDS - Athletics 2024		
1	Junior Boys runner up	Maximillien Rabet-Bray
2	Junior Boys Champion	Huxley Whiteman
3	11 Year Boys runner up	John Emery - George
4	11 Year Boys Champion	Oliver Richards
5	Senior Boys runner up	Arthur Shannon
6	Senior Boys Champion	William Maginnis
7	Junior Girls runner up	Eva Yin
8	Junior Girls Champion	Thalia Kilkenny
9	11 Year Girls runner up	Elise Byrne
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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 While we can't guarantee a nutfree environment at school or PACC, we ask: PLEASE DON'T **BRING ANY FOODS** CONTAINING

Info / Testing Day

Free* English Classes @ TAFE NSW Randwick 10am - 4pm 10/12/2024 or 21/01/2025



- Beginner to Advanced level for adults
- Day and Evening classes
- F2F and Online classes
- Classes for a variety of visa holders
- everyday workplace, and further study
- TAFE services, facilities & resources

Contact us

- 7920 4210 sesol.randwick@tafensw.edu.au
- Building A, Level 3, A3.33, Cnr of Darley Road &, King St

Cost *This training is subsidized by the NSW Government for permanent residents, Australian citizens and certain temporary visa holders - eligibility criteria applies



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Community Users for 2025

The following extra-curricular activities will be available at Petersham PS in 2025. These optional activities, although held at our school, are offered by external providers. If you have any queries, please contact the provider directly.

Art: Friday afternoons (Sydney Visual Arts Academy, www.sydneyvisualartsacademy.com)

Chess: Tuesday mornings (Sydney Academy of Chess, enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au)

Chinese: Thursday afternoons (CLC, www.australianfujianassociation.org)

Coding: Tuesday afternoons (Code Camp, www.codecamp.com.au)

Drama: Petersham Drama Ensembles - Jnrs Monday afternoons (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWmexKq7Ix2EnOcDApj-t8vkEl-a-bw_BfcZfamIUJnuJeRQ/viewform

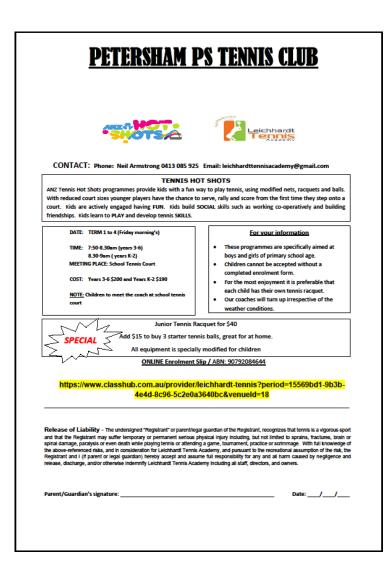
Drama: Thursday afternoons (Kids Up Front, <u>www.kidsupfront.com.au</u>)

French: Wednesday afternoons (Alliance Française de Sydney, www.afsydney.com.au)

Italian: Monday afternoons (Co.As.It, learning@coasit.org.au)

Tennis: Friday mornings (Leichhardt Tennis Academy, leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com)

Please refer to the attached flyers for further details.































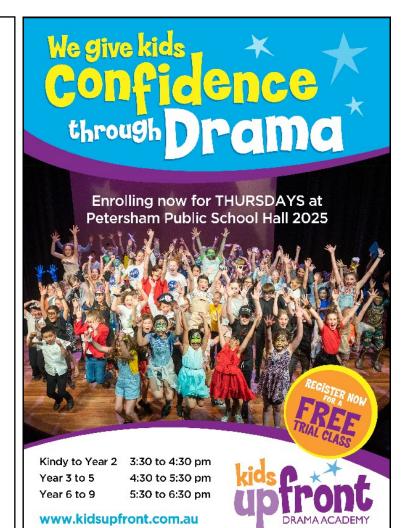


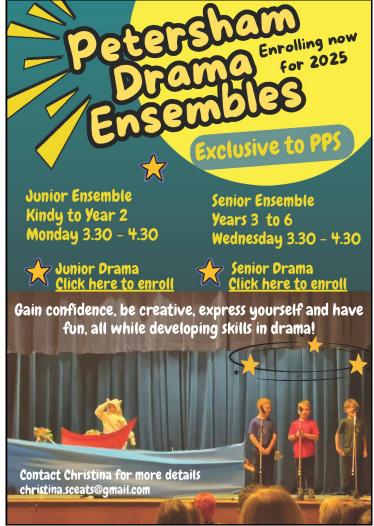


Come along to our fun, creative art classes and develop foundational drawing skills. Friday 3:30-5:00 Petersham Public School For more information: www.sydneyvisualartsacademy.com 0488 099 987









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- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional developme
 Expands visualisation and spatial
- awareness Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
 Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Petersham Public School Chess Classes, 2025 Tuesdays 8:00AM - 9:00AM in the Library

Term 1	Cost: \$153	11th Feb - 8th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$153	6th May - 1st Jul
Term 3	Cost: \$170	22nd Jul - 23rd Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$170	14th Oct - 16th Dec

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code G2ABBZEVGU and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery) experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enro Exploration in Chess Beauty Cost: \$33 Workbook 2 - Cost: \$25 Chess Set & Roll-up Board -Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus -DGT Starter Box (Fold-up Chess Set + DGT Bonus) - Cost: \$85 k 2. Offer expires 31st March, 2025.



Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd Suite 2, Level 2, 1-17 Elsie Street Burwood, NSW PO Box 1325, Burwood, NSW 1805 P: 9745 1170 F: 9745 1176 E: Info@sydneyacademyofch

Why learn Italian?

The benefits of learning a second language go beyond the skills gained in speaking and writing a new language. Our year-long course provides your child with an extensive range of learning benefits including:

- an increased ability to communicate with people from other cultures
- a deeper understanding of global diversity
- a sense of personal achievement, satisfaction and confidence
- transferable skills useful in many sectors and professions including hospitality, tourism, customer service and commerce

The Co.As.It. OSH program will immerse your child in Italian language and culture. Students will:

- Enjoy free supplementary educational aids
- Participate in competitions
- Have the chance to win a Minister's Award for excellence

About the curriculum and the teachers

Inis program is supported by the Islaina Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation through the Italian Consulate General in Sydney and the Embassy of Italy in Camberra, as well as the NSW Department of Education – Community Languages Program. Co. As it teachers are friendly, dedicated, experienced and approved to teach by the Department of Education – Community Languages Program. Our teachers follow the OSH teaching program developed by Co. Asl. It. in conjunction with the K-10 Italian Syllabus of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

How to enrol





By email learning@coasit.org.a



In person Casa d'Italia 67 Norton Street Leichhardt NSW 2040

Scan here to visit our website







Online learning



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST LEARN FRENCH AT PETERSHAM PS



Our classes are creative and fun, while helping your child make real progress in understanding, reading, and speaking French.

Term 1:12 February to 9 April

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 1HR/WEEK FOR 9 WEEKS AGES

- KINDY-YEAR 1: 3:25PM-4:25PM
- YEAR 2-6: 4:30PM-5:30PM



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School Student Travel



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Applications are now open for 2025 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their School Opal card at their nominated postal address from mid-January 2025.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to apply or update their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. Note: some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Opal terms of use.

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the Student code of conduct. The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

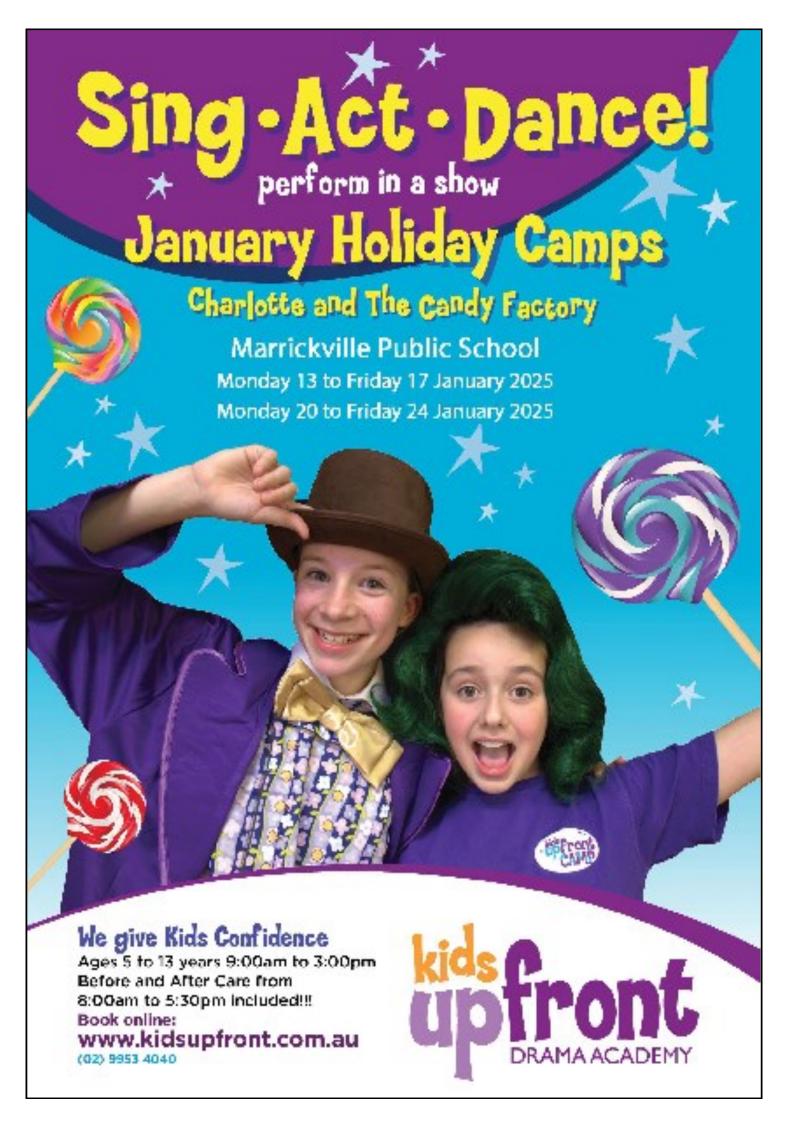


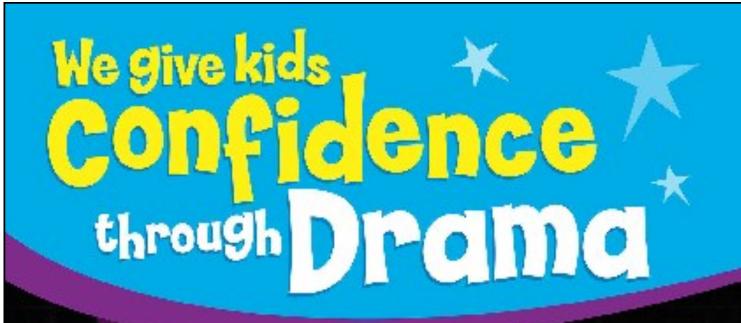


- Prizes and giveaways
- Family activities
- Connect with community health partners

Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre

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Enrolling now for THURSDAYS at Petersham Public School Hall 2025



Kindy to Year 2 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Years 3 to 5 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Years 7 to 9 5:30 to 6:30 pm

www.kidsupfront.com.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS



January 6 – 31 (Mon to Fri) 9 am - 4 pm HIPE Athletic, 84 Parramatta Road, Camperdown Ages 6 - 12

Petersham Public School Special Only \$95 per day

Expect thrilling activities that will keep your kids moving, learning, and making new friends! Here's a sneak peek at the fun:

- Obstacle & Agility Courses 🏃
- Race, jump, crawl
- Fitness Fun Challenges
- Animal Races 🛎
- Balloon Pop Fitness 📍

- and much more...







THE SALVATION ARMY SYDNEY INNER WEST CHRISTMAS TOY HAMPERS 2024

If you or someone you know is experiencing hardship this Christmas and is in need of a toy hamper and you live in the Inner West LGA, please scan the QR code or follow the link below to register.

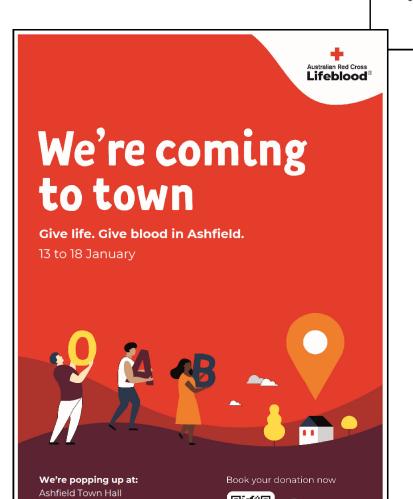
Register?

https://salvationarmy.typeform.com/to/oSDtOFWN

Need Help?

sydneyinnerwest@salvationarmy.org.au





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