



**Term 1
Week 11
9 April
2025**

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

TERM 1, 2025

April

Monday 31st– 9th April—Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 10th—Easter Hat Parade @ 2:30pm. Parents and carers welcome

Friday 11th—Pyjama and movie day

Friday 11th—Last day of Term 1

TERM 2, 2025

Wednesday April 30— ANZAC Day Assembly 2.40pm. Parents and carers welcome

May

Friday 2nd—Scripture/Ethics commences

Monday 5th—Boys Soccer Knockout at Alex Park

Wednesday 7th May—U Day

Monday 12th May—Stage 1 excursion to IMAX/Wildlife Zoo

Thursday 15th May—16th Music@Petersham Camp

Friday 16th May—Day students at Music Camp

Wednesday 21st May—Zone Cross Country

Monday 26th May -National Sorry Day

Monday 26th May—Olympian visiting Stage 2 and Stage 3

Tuesday 27th May—Stage 3 Sydney Writer's Festival

Tuesday 27th May—3rd June—National Reconciliation Week

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 2, 2025
WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL**

Office Hours

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

As we near the end of Term 1, I would like to thank every parent and carer plus the P&C for your dedication to the school and commitment to ensure our children continue to thrive in a high quality learning environment. Later this week, a message will be sent to WhatsApp class groups, inviting volunteers into the classrooms in Term 2. We highly value you as partners in learning and are committed to every child reaching their potential. A very warm welcome to our P&C executive committee for 2025:

President - Rob White

Vice Presidents - Kat Colgan and Sean Richardson

Secretary - Mahala McLindin

Treasurer - Mel Jack

General committee members:

Lana Glerum-Martin

Bridget Sharp

Dr Alice Gibson

Justin Wurth

Cameron Smith

Sub-committee key contacts:

Uniform shop: Dr Heather McKenzie

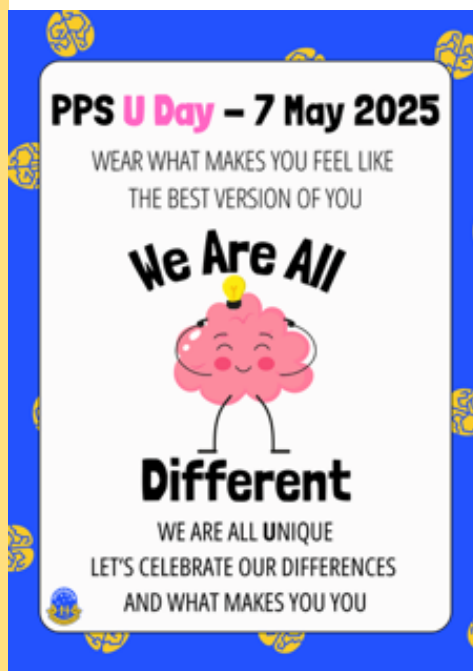
Canteen - Bridget Sharp

PACC - Delphine Rabet-Bray

Instrumental Music Programme - Sean Richardson

Fundraising - Kat Colgan

U Day —7th May. We warmly welcome you to our assembly at 9.30am



We are all **Unique** Let's celebrate our differences and what makes you U. Inclusion is about creating a sense of belonging for everyone. It means recognising and valuing the diversity of individuals and groups, and ensuring that everyone has equal access to opportunities and resources. At PPS we are committed to ensuring that everyone feels valued and respected as an individual.

The inaugural PPS **U Day** is a celebration of what makes you, you. U Day will be held in Term 2 on 7th May. An initiative of the *Excellence in Wellbeing and Inclusion* body, children are invited to wear clothes of choice that allow them to express who they are. The day will be filled with age-appropriate activities learning about a range of abilities/disabilities and how we all support each other. There will be a special assembly including guest speakers such as the incredible Madeleine Jaine Lobsey from Wondiverse. We hope to see you there, dressed to express who you are!

On the field



Owen's AFL success

We kick off our congratulations this newsletter with a big nod to Owen for his incredible achievement being selected for the Sydney East AFL team! As the youngest player, Owen will represent the region at the State Championship held in Blacktown during Term 2, showcasing his skills, teamwork, and determination on the field. The team will be led by none other than our passionate school librarian, Mr Bellamy, who brings both leadership and a love of sport to the role. We wish Owen and the Sydney East team the very best in the competition!

Unstoppable Thalia

Our skills on the field continue, with Thalia being selected for the Sydney East - Primary Rugby 7s team. Thalia is a passionate rugby player who already has 7 years experience under her belt, having played rugby union 7s and XVs. Thalia has also represented Sydney Uni u10s, State 7s, Barbarians u10s and u11s Petersham XVs. Thalia stated that the trials were a lot of fun and that she knew some players but also made some new friends.



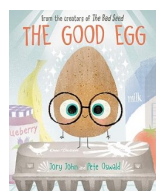
Paul Kelly Cup Kicks off for 2025

The Paul Kelly cup involves 270 schools across NSW vying for the title of AFL state champions. This year, we entered four teams—Senior Girls, Senior Boys and two non competitive mixed juniors team. Under the coaching of Mr Barrett, Mr Marshall and Ms Jerez, the teams played several matches at St Luke's Concord, with the girls team advancing to the semi-finals. The students should feel very proud of their achievements and by all accounts, the students and staff slept very well that evening.



In the classroom

Bootsy, Declan and Travis, along with their classmates in 4/5CP have been exploring light levels, decibels and hertz. They have been busy exploring the perfect light levels for a classroom based on data collected from four different classrooms. So Far, Bootsy, Declan and Travis agreed that they learn best in natural light, where it is not too bright. In terms of noise, they have discovered different opinions depending on the student. Some children like the room very quiet, others like background noise, such as music, while some students like to hear talking around the room as they work. The research continues.



Book review by Emilia and Mila—1/2N

The Good Egg by Jory John and Pete Oswald
A story about not having to be perfect.

This is a children's story about a very good egg who was always helping everyone and doing everything. There was lots of other eggs too. Their names were Meg, Peg, Greg, Clegg, Shel, Shelly, Sheldon, Shelby, Egbert and Frank. And other Frank. One day the other eggs ignored their bedtime and broke their stuff on purpose! The good egg was trying to take charge of everything but he noticed some cracks in his shell. It was from all the pressure he was putting on himself. He was cracking up... literally! Something had to change. He'd had enough. The good egg decided to take some walks, read books, breathe in and out and even started painting. And guess what? You'll have to read the book to find out what happens next! Our favourite characters were Shelly because we like her name and the good egg because he cared for himself. We liked reading about the good egg because sometimes we do some of the things that he does like go for walks and take breathes. This book is perfect for Year One and Two and even Kindy. We would give this book a score 100/10.



Our School Rules

- Be safe
- Respect yourself, others and the environment
- Cooperate
- Do your best

We follow the School Rules so everyone at school can LEARN, FEEL SAFE and is TREATED WITH RESPECT.

What will happen if I don't follow the rules in class?



1st On task reminder from the class teacher

This can sound like:
“(Name) you're talking. Listening, thank you.”



2nd Second reminder from the class teacher to correct my behaviour

This can sound like:
“Facing this way and listening, (name).”



3rd Teacher directs me to think about my behaviour

Sit and reflect in an area of the classroom
Calm down with one of the Assistant Principals



4th Restorative reflection with the class teacher

(Written or Verbal)

Restorative Practice

Restorative Practice is a positive approach that works with students, rather than doing things to them or for them. Conflict is an inevitable part of life. How we work to resolve conflict impacts on a school's climate and culture and ultimately on students' social and academic outcomes.

Restorative practice within schools encourages behaviour that is supportive and respectful. It puts the onus on individuals to be truly accountable for their behaviour and to repair any harm caused to others as a result of their actions.

A restorative approach focuses on building, maintaining and restoring positive relationships, particularly when incidents that involve interpersonal conflict or wrongdoing occur.



<p>1</p> <p>What happened?</p>	<p>2</p> <p>What were you thinking about at the time?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>What have your thoughts been since the incident?</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Who do you think has been affected by your actions? In what way were they affected?</p>	<p>5</p> <p>What do you need to do now to make things right?</p>	<p>Restorative questions</p>

Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



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 NUTS



Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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Extra-curricular Activities Term 2 2025

The following extra-curricular activities will be available to students next term. These are optional activities that occur outside of normal school hours (before/after school) and incur costs to parents/carers. These are provided by external organisations (please contact each provider directly for further information).

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

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

Coding club: Tuesday afternoons (Code Camp, <https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/venue/7939>)

Petersham Drama Ensembles: Monday afternoons K-Y2, Wednesday afternoons Y3-6, Contact: Christina Sceats - christina.sceats@gmail.com.

Drama with Kids Up Front: Thursday afternoons (Kids Up Front, www.kidsupfront.com.au)

Visual Arts: Friday afternoons (Sydney Visual Arts Academy, <https://www.sydneyvisualartsacademy.com/contact-us>)

Taekwondo: Friday afternoons (Stripes Taekwondo, <https://www.stripestaekwondo.com.au/>)

We give kids Confidence through Drama

Enrol now for THURSDAYS at Petersham Public School Term 2 2025

FREE

Kids Up Front

Enrol for Term 2: 3:30pm - 5:30pm
 787 3103 4:30pm - 6:30pm
 Term 2 fee: 6.50 + 5.00 fee

www.kidsupfront.com.au

Petersham Drama Ensembles Enroling now for 2025

Exclusive to PPS

Junior Ensembles: Monday to Friday 3:30 - 4:30
 Senior Ensembles: Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30

Junior Ensembles: 20-40 kids (2 weeks)
 Senior Ensembles: 10-15 kids (2 weeks)

Our ensembles are a fun, creative and rewarding way for all of our developing skills in drama!

Get in touch at christina.sceats@gmail.com

Do you love to draw?

Visual Arts Academy

Enrol for Term 2: 3:30pm - 5:30pm
 787 3103 4:30pm - 6:30pm
 Term 2 fee: 6.50 + 5.00 fee

<https://www.sydneyvisualartsacademy.com/contact-us>

Coming to Petersham Public in Term 2!

Looking for an after-school activity that's a fun, engaging way to meet friends, confidence, and focus? Stripes Taekwondo is here!

Why Stripes?

- Learned technique for speed and control at all levels
- Builds in discipline, hard work, and perseverance
- Helps you build strong bonds, a self-confidence, and gives you the skills to respect, challenge, confidence and leadership skills

Register Today!

Register your interest for Term 2 at www.stripes.com.au

Petersham School Special!

Register your child to start in Term 2 and pay only \$200 for the Term 2 fee (includes a 3-week trial fee)

Early bird discount! Be one of the first 5 students to register and save 50% off your Term 2 fee (pay only \$200) for an added benefit. If your child misses a class, we offer a one-off discount of our Endeavour membership.

www.stripes.com.au

CODECAMP

MINECRAFT ENGINEERS AFTER-SCHOOL

Engineering + Problem-solving + Programming Design + Make new friends + Trusted provider

Enrol for Term 2 at my.codecamp.com.au

Get in touch at belle@codecamp.com.au

Why Chess?

- Develops Logical Thinking
- Improves Problem Solving
- Builds Academic Success

Petersham Public School Chess Classes, 2025

Year	Days	Time	Fee
Year 2	Tuesdays	3:30pm - 4:30pm	\$65.00
Year 3	Tuesdays	4:30pm - 5:30pm	\$65.00
Year 4	Tuesdays	5:30pm - 6:30pm	\$65.00

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CLC 学中文 Learning Mandarin

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NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

AUDITIONS NOW OPEN



Year 7 and Year 11 2026 INFORMATION AND ONLINE APPLICATION VIA NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS WEBSITE Dance, Drama and Music Audition Procedures

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2025 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entry into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2026 performing arts stream may apply for an audition in one or two of the three disciplines of Dance, Drama or Music.

Audition information and online application is located on the school's website:

[Home - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts](#)

[Auditions - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts](#)

To assist parents and carers completing the **'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School'** form, please note the following:

- Newtown High School of the Performing Arts is a specialist performing arts high school providing the highest level of education to students with outstanding potential and/or achievement in Dance, Drama and Music.
- **If residing outside our catchment area**, Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has specific enrolment criteria which requires students to audition. Audition information and on-line applications may be found on our school's website.
- Student from **within our local catchment area** who have an interest and talent in one or two of the disciplines are encouraged, although not obliged, to audition for places in our performing arts stream via the online application process which is separate to an Expression of Interest provided to parents from their primary schools.
- The closing date for audition applications online is **Thursday 1 May 2025**.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

For audition enquiries email newtown-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or contact 9519 1544 ext 105.

NHSPA

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY



EVENT DETAILS

Join us on the annual walk safely to school day! Let's promote fitness, safety, and community spirit together while encouraging children to walk safely to school.

Friday May 16

SAFETY FIRST

HEALTHY HAPPY KIDS

JOIN THE FUN!

BE AWARE

STAY ALERT



Encouraging children to walk, ride or scoot to school has many benefits:

- Health & wellbeing
- Better for the environment
- Road safety skills
- Improved focus
- Less traffic & safer streets

Contact us: SLHD-HCI@health.nsw.gov.au

Parliament of New South Wales

FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

Tuesday 15 April
9.30am - 3pm



Free activities for children up to 12 years at the Parliament of NSW

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament, learn about democracy in NSW, step inside history with guided tours and get creative in workshops and role plays.

- Make craft animals and objects
- Visit our heritage rooms
- Learn how to vote and make a law
- Participate in a committee role play
- Enjoy live music and more...



FREE ENTRY
Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

Enquiries P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



The public café will be open.

FREE

Come along to our **free** **Kids** **GARDENING CLASSES** at Flower Power

11am APRIL
MONDAY THURSDAY
14 - 17
TUESDAY THURSDAY
22 - 24
ONE CLASS PER DAY!
EXCLUDES PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & WEEKENDS



Kids of all ages must be accompanied by an adult. No bookings required, however large groups are encouraged to call your local store. For more information go to flowerpower.com.au

