



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

For **TERM 3 WEEK 6**

Starting **25 AUG 2020**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### August

25th - Cyber Safety talk in classroom, Goannas and Dingoes (Police Youth Liaison Officer)

27th - Athletics carnival (no spectators due to social distancing, 2 classes at a time, staying in Stage cohorts)

28th - Wear it Purple Day

#### September

11th - Pyjama Day

25th - Last day Term 3

#### October

12th - First day Term 4

15th - Day camp Stage 3 (TBC)



## Correction - Wear it Purple Day - Friday 28 August

Reminder: St Peters Public School will be celebrating 'Wear it Purple Day' this Friday. 'Wear it Purple Day' is about celebrating all the diverse and rainbow families and children that make up our community, and embraces the message that: 'All young people have a right to be proud of who they are'. Students are invited to wear purple to school if they wish, to celebrate 'Wear it Purple Day'. The SRC will be handing out stickers on the day to the people who dress in purple. Come and celebrate Wear it Purple Day with us on Friday, 28 August.

## Athletics Carnival

Reminder: St Peters PS will be holding a modified Athletics Carnival at school on Thursday 27 August. Students will not be attending as a whole school, but in their class/stage group in line with current COVID-19 guidelines. All races will be untimed this year. Ribbons will be awarded for each heat. Students will participate in track and field events. This is a student and staff only event due to social distancing requirements. Permission notes are due by Wednesday 25 August.

## It's SASS Recognition Week

This week is School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week, a time to acknowledge and thank them for all that they do, often behind the scenes. Our SAS staff play an important role in the SPPS school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community. SAS staff work in school offices, in classrooms and libraries and maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings. Thank you too all the SAS staff at St Peters Public School.

## Public Speaking Competition Update

This term students have been involved in a series of lessons as part of the English program to help develop their speaking skills and confidence. Students have had opportunities to write their speeches in class and practise them in school. By the end of this week all students K-6 will have their speeches sent home with them. You may like to practise with your child and encourage your child to write their speech onto palm cards (if they haven't already done so). Individual classes will hold their own competitions over the next couple of weeks. Copies of speeches will be kept at school in case some are left at home. The competition is about building speaking confidence and students just having a go. Winner and Highly Commended awards from each class will be presented during the 15 minute Merit Assembly on Friday in Week 9 (students only). Good luck to all students over the next few weeks.



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### PB FOR L FOCUS

Listen to and follow instructions



# School attendance

REMINDER: In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home. NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

# Premier's Reading Challenge ends on Friday

REMINDER: The Challenge is quickly drawing to a close, with a little over a month left before all student entries are to be finalised. Closing dates for the 2020 Challenge are as follows:

Friday August 28: Final date for entry of Student Reading Records by students. The following rule adjustments have been applied for 2020:

- \* Students on all Challenge levels are able to read 10 choice books. ([Instructions to add bonus books](#))
- \* Students on all Challenge levels will be able to include books on their reading records that they read collaboratively as a class, in person or online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carers.
- \* Students who complete the Challenge in 2020 will be able to count this towards cumulative awards.
- \* Students who do not participate in the Challenge in 2020 will not be disadvantaged in the receipt of cumulative awards.

# Home Reading awards K-2

## SPPS Home Reading Awards

Home Reading is one of the most important homework activities. Research shows that regular home reading with your child will help in all learning areas of school, such as comprehension, vocabulary development, spelling and writing. To encourage home reading with K-2 students, each student has been keeping a reading log and





receiving stickers at different milestones. When students have read 100 times at home they receive a special reading certificate. This certificate is equivalent to a bronze award and can be traded as one. Congratulations to all students who have already received a home reading award.



### Healthy Lunch Box website


A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



Here's what you'll find on the [website](#):


- [Interactive lunch box builder](#) that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy [recipes](#) and snack ideas.
- Informative [blogs](#) about healthy eating for the family.
- [Sign up](#) to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

[healthy lunchbox.com.au](http://healthy lunchbox.com.au)



### Sunsmart Snippet

Create good habits



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

- Slip on sun-protective clothing
- Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen
- Slap on a sun smart hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on wrap-around sunglasses

Creating good sun protection habits from childhood helps reduce exposure to UV and the risk of skin cancer and eye damage.

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