



ST PETERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 4 | 31 October 2023

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 2023

- 1st - Kindergarten 2024 orientation 2
- 1st - Assembly @ 2.15pm - hosted by the Koalas
- 8th - Kindergarten 2024 orientation 3
- 8th - Student leadership election speeches
- 15th - Assembly @ 2.15pm hosted by the Goannas
- 22nd - House Captain elections for 2024
- 28th - Crazy hair, hat and sock day (SRC fundraiser)
- 28th - Last day of Scripture/Ethics
- 29th - Assembly @ 2.15pm hosted by the Possums

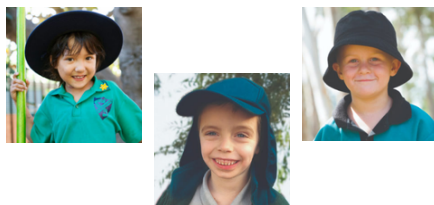
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Wear a hat

Sunsmart Snippet

Choose a sun smart hat.

A broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style hat is a simple, effective way to protect your face, head, neck and ears.



Wearing a sun smart hat everyday protects your face, head, neck and ears, and reduces the amount of UV radiation reaching your eyes by 50%.

Baseball caps and sun visors DO NOT protect the cheeks, ears and back of the neck and are not recommended.

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Canberra excursion

Our second day in Canberra was filled with fun activities. We had an early breakfast and jumped on our coach for a driving tour of the embassies. The students really enjoyed identifying which country each embassy represented based on the architecture.

Our first stop of the day was the Museum of Australian Democracy for the *People Power* and *Making Change* program. The students loved sitting in the old Senate.

Next we arrived at Parliament House where we were served morning tea and we sat by a lego model of the building. Unfortunately our Local Member (the Prime Minister) was unavailable to meet with us. We went for a fascinating tour of the Senate and House of Representatives. We were able to see a vote by division taking place in the Senate.

Many of our students met Senator Helen Polley from Tasmania as she kindly stopped to chat with them while we were sitting down. We finished off our time in Parliament House at the Parliamentary Education Office where we all role played how to pass a bill. The students really enjoyed this. We rolled down the steep hill before a short drive to a beautiful park where we had our lunch. On our drive back to Sydney we passed the time by watching movies and singing along to a playlist of songs suggested by the students. Miss Mahony, Miss McIntosh and Miss Pots loved spending time with all of the students and it was great to see how much the students enjoyed our trip.



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Canberra excursion



Kindergarten Orientation

On Wednesday 25 October we had our first Kindergarten Orientation. The new Kindy students had fun in the Echidna's classroom playing, reading and completing a story slide based on the book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*

Our Buddies had a lovely time helping the new students and the new parents in the playground. We look forward to welcoming our 2024 Kindergarten families back next Wednesday.

If you have a child who will start school in 2024 and have not enrolled them yet, our online enrolment form can be found [here](#).



Road Safety Reminder

It is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.
Talk with your child daily about road safety.
Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](#).



Student leaders - 2024

The student leadership process for 2024 is well underway at SPPS. Last week a panel of teachers had the pleasure of reading and discussing some amazing applications which our Year 5 students submitted for the positions of School Captain or Prefect. We were particularly impressed by the strong examples which many of the students included to support their claims of how they demonstrate our school expectations of behaviour.

We are thrilled to announce that the following candidates will be progressing to the next round of our election process: Adam Ly, Tully Perkins, Lilly Ablitt, Benji Dicker, Enrique Vieira, Hannah Shapley, Lara Kidd, Olivia Doley, Nina Ryan-Jones and Timothy Eaton. These students will present a speech in front of our current Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 students. These students and the SPPS teachers will have the opportunity to vote for their top choices for our 2024 School Captains and Prefects using the ballot pictured below.

				
Timothy Eaton	Nina Ryan-Jones	Olivia Doley	Lara Kidd	Hannah Shapley
				
Enrique Vieira	Benji Dicker	Lilly Ablitt	Tully Perkins	Adam Ly

Congratulations to all of our candidates. We wish you all the best for your next stage in the selection process!

Miss Mahony



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Selective High School - Year 7, 2025

Selective High School applications are now open for entry into Year 7, 2025. All parents of Year 5 students should have received the *Information for applicants* handbook and *Intention to apply* letter via email. Applications must be submitted by **20 November 2023**. The test will be held on 9 May 2024. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Toilet Upgrade

The toilets on the oval are being upgraded. The current block will be closed in the next few weeks. Demountable toilets will be placed on the oval for the students to use during lunch and recess. There will be an overlap in time between the old toilets closing and the new toilets opening for students to get used to the new block.

The office block is also being painted over the holidays.

Tell Them From Me

St Peters Public School gathers a range of data from our school community. One such opportunity is through the annual confidential survey 'Tell Them From Me'. Year 4-6 students, teachers and parents/carers are asked to complete this survey. The data that is gathered from this survey is invaluable. It informs our future practice in goal setting, planning, resource allocation, academic and wellbeing programs, and potential extracurricular opportunities. Below is the link for you to access the survey. This is a great opportunity for parents/carers to have their say in the future of St Peters Public School.

Survey link: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/spps2023> closes on **Friday 3 November**.





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Selective High School Intention to Apply form



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Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for high-potential and academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2025, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form are at the [Selective high schools and opportunity classes Year 7](#) website.

Applications opened on 9 October 2023 and close on 20 November 2023. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 9 May 2024**.

The tear-off slip below is NOT an application, it is advice to the school that you intend to apply or have applied. The school CANNOT apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Salter
Principal

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you **intend to apply**.

TO APPLY, GO TO THE ONLINE FORM AT: [Selective high schools and opportunity-classes - Year 7](#)

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2025

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply/ have applied for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2025 for my child through the Selective Education Unit website between 9 October 2023 and 20 November 2023. I am aware that returning this note to the school is **not** making an application and that the school cannot apply on my behalf.

Signature of parent/carers: _____

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Koori Kids Club

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KOORI KIDS CLUB

Who is it for? This group is for any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students at our school

Why? It is a time to meet up with other Aboriginal students in our school, get to know each other and create a sense of belonging.

What do we do? Sometimes we will: do an activity, have a guest, be researching and discussing, be planning a project or be preparing for an assembly.

TERM 3 MEETINGS: TUESDAY (every second week)

- ☐ **Week 3, 5, 7 & 9** 1st half lunch
- ☐ **Week 10 – THURSDAY 3pm** = Come for a Yarn

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Kindergarten 2024 Orientation


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Kindergarten 2024 Orientation Sessions

Students enrolled for Kindergarten 2024 are invited, with their parents, to a series of 3 orientation sessions. Whilst students are in the classrooms, a series of 3 information sessions will be held for parents.

ORIENTATION DATES

25 October 2023 9:15-10:30am
1 November 2023 9:15-10:30am
8 November 2023 9:15-10:30am (Includes tour and picnic)

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

To attend orientation, students must be enrolled to start Kindergarten in 2024 at St Peters PS. Online enrolment can be found on the [St Peters PS website](#). If you require assistance or further information, contact St Peters PS by phone:
9519-6307 or by email:
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P & C News

The P&C would like your feedback on extra-curricular activities. Please fill out this brief [survey](#).

CHRISTMAS TREES AND PUDDING

Our annual Christmas tree sale has now begun, and this year there are also Christmas puddings available. Get in quick as the trees will sell out! Click on either Christmas trees or puddings and scroll down to St Peters Public School, pick up is Dec 9th.

www.yourlocalschool.com.au

Warm regards
SPPS P&C



P & C News



ST PETERS PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

Check out our 2023

Tea towel

Order now, so you don't miss out



Limited edition St Peters Public School 2023 tea towels!!!

Gorgeous self-portraits drawn by all school students and screen printed on to natural colour tea towels. The tea towel is a lasting memento to remember classmates and their very special time at school. A meaningful gift for family and friends, they are easy to post and make a fabulous reminder of your child's primary school years. It's also a great gift to grandparents and special family friends coming up to Christmas.

Prices are \$18 for 1 or order 3 or more for \$15 each.

Final orders are due on 3/11/23 with delivery in early December.

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Learn to Swim

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