



ST PETERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1

WEEK 10

29 March 2023

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2023

30th - 3pm Come for a Yarn

30th - P&C meeting
6.30pm (zoom)

APRIL 2023

5th - 2.15pm ANZAC day
Assembly hosted by Echidnas

6th - Last day of Term 1

25th - ANZAC day public holiday

26th - First day of Term 2 for students

28th - Cross Country carnival

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Happy holidays!

Happy Holidays

Thursday 6 April is the last day of Term 1 for staff and students. It has been wonderful to see the students flourish during the term. We hope all of the students and their families have a refreshing break. Students return to school on **Wednesday 26 April**. From all the staff at SPSS, happy holidays!

NAPLAN 2023

NAPLAN assessments have finished for 2023. Students in Years 3 and 5 completed four assessments over the two week period. When results are sent to schools, a student NAPLAN report will be sent home to Year 3 and Year 5 students' families. Thank you to Ms Mahony for her work in coordinating the NAPLAN assessments this year.

Year 6 to 7 transition reminder

Parents of Year 6 students will need to complete an [expression of interest for Year 6 to 7 transition](#). The expression of interest lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. After you submit this expression of interest and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a government high school.

Please note the last day for submission is 31 March 2023. If your child will not require a placement in a government high school next year, please scroll down to the bottom of the expression of interest page and click the "advise placement not required" button to enter details.

School fees reminder

Term 1 school fees are due on Friday 31 March. A payment link has been sent to parents' email addresses. If you need financial assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Ross (office manager).

Nutrition Snippet

CHOCOLATE AND COCONUT BLISS BALLS



Ingredients (makes 12)

Time to make: 10 mins

1 cup instant oats
12 pitted dates, chopped
1 cup desiccated coconut
2 tbsp cocoa
¼ cup raisins
2-5 tbsp warm water

Method

- 1) Place all ingredients except the water and 2 tablespoons of the desiccated coconut into a food processor.
- 2) Slowly add water starting with 2 tablespoons and process until smooth. Add more water if required.
- 3) Roll into balls and then roll each ball in the remaining coconut.
- 3) Place on a lined tray in the fridge for 1 hour to set.
- 4) Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 2 weeks or freeze for up to 2 months.

For this recipe and more visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box



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Harmony Day

Harmony Day was awash with orange and students wearing clothes that represent their culture. Students participated in 8 rotational activities, promoting inclusion, respect and community belonging. Thank you to Ms DeGraft-Johnson and Ms Pefkos for organising such a memorable day for our students. Please enjoy some photos from Harmony Day.





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Harmony Day



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 writing something for assembly.

TERM 1 MEETINGS: THURSDAY (every second week)

- **Week 9** 1st half lunch
- **Week 11** 1st half lunch

TERM 2 MEETINGS: THURSDAY (every second week)

- **Week 2** 1st half lunch
- **Week 4** 1st half lunch
- **Week 6** 1st half lunch
- **Week 8** 1st half lunch

TERM 2 - Week 10
Monday 26 June, 2:15pm
NAIDOC Week assembly hosted
by the Koori Kids Club





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Koori Kids Club



Come for a Yarn

Come for a yarn

Come for a Yarn is a get together for the **families of our Koori Kids Club**. It is a chance to get to know each other and to build a community at our school.

- **When: 3:00pm under the COLA on the oval**
- **TERM 1** - Week 10 - Thursday 30 March
- **TERM 2** - Week 10 - Thursday 29 June



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PSSA shirt

In consultation with the P&C and the staff at St Peters PS we would like to introduce a prototype of a PSSA representative shirt for community consultation. This shirt would be the PSSA uniform for students representing St Peters PS on a PSSA team. If you would like to provide feedback on the shirt, please contact the school via email or phone. Your feedback will be passed on to the P&C uniform subcommittee.



Share our Space

During the school holidays, our grounds will be open on the weekends and public holidays. **Access will be via St Peters St gate only. All other gates will be locked.**



If your child is sick please keep them at home

To ensure your child has time to get well and to limit the spread of germs, please keep your child at home if they are sick. At school we reinforce good hand hygiene and hand washing for 20 seconds using soap. A poster is attached which may be useful to reinforce this message at home.

www.health.nsw.gov.au

Practise simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

1 Wet hands	2 Apply soap	3 Lather & scrub
		
4 Rinse hands	5 Turn off tap	6 Dry hands
		

Spend 20 seconds washing your hands.

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NSW Arts Unit - School instrumental and vocal items

In 2023 performance opportunities are available for outstanding individual school instrumental and vocal items at the Festival of Instrumental Music, Arts Alive Choral Festival, Festival of Choral Music, Cantabile Music Festival and Primary Proms. These opportunities are open to all public school students (Kindergarten to Year 12) and can include music ensembles of all sizes, large or small – including soloists and choirs.

Application is by video audition and can be submitted by filling out the [School instrumental and vocal item application form](#). Applications to be considered for a performance at the Festival of Instrumental Music must be submitted by Monday 24 April 2023. Applications for a performance at all other festivals close on Friday 16 June 2023.

St Peters PS Band

Every Wednesday morning before school the band meets and rehearses in the library. Mr Greg Shapley coordinates the band and so far they have 8 regular members with hopefully a couple more joining in the next few weeks. They are getting ready to perform at a whole school assembly next term in Week 5 (May 24). So if you want to hear what the band have been practising make sure you come along to that assembly.





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Thank you to our wonderful P&C

Thank you Belinda, Alli and all of the parent volunteers for their monumental efforts in our NSW State Election fundraising BBQ, cake, coffee and raffle stall on Saturday. Despite somewhat dubious weather, sales were strong and a lot of money was raised to support the school (stay tuned for final figure from the P&C). Electoral commission numbers indicate about 1000 people voted at St Peters PS on Saturday!

Daylight saving ends soon

Daylight savings ends on Sunday 2 April. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep!

Kindy 2024 Info evening and enrolment

It's hard to believe that we are already thinking about Kindergarten 2024! We are pleased to invite parents of children looking to enrol in Kindergarten 2024 to an information evening on 10 May 2023 at 6:30pm in the school hall (enter directly from St Peters St). Online enrolment for Kindergarten 2024 is now open, and can be accessed [here](#).





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Opportunity Class (OC) Year 5, 2024



Intention to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes are for primary school students who have high academic potential or who are intellectually gifted.

They provide an environment where students can learn and make friends with classmates of similar ability. This can benefit a student's academic progress and also their wellbeing.

Opportunity classes are offered in Years 5 and 6, with parents/carers applying in Year 4.

Students who are successfully placed will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Opportunity classes are just one of the ways that we cater for our [high potential and gifted students](#).

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for placement are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Thursday 27 July 2023**.

How to apply

Parents/carers must apply online between **Thursday 30 March** and **Monday 15 May 2023** at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>.

You must use your own email address and not one belonging to your child. Late applications are not usually accepted.

If you do not have internet access you can apply at a public library or at your child's school. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 30 March 2023.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

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

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Salter

Principal

THIS IS **NOT** AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS.

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

TO APPLY GO TO THE ONLINE FORM AT: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by Thursday 6 April

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

Intention to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2024

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2024 for my child through the department's website between 30 March and 15 May 2023. I am aware that this is not an application and that the school cannot apply on my behalf.

Signature of parent/carer: _____

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Premier's Reading Challenge



NSW Department of Education

2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Elise Hurst

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au



Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens
Monday 27 February

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 18 August



5 tips to keep your family safe online

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Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce [good online habits](#) such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about [hard to have conversations](#) will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can [download](#) a template to guide the conversation.

3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. [Taming the technology](#) can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on [devices and accounts](#) or in [social media, games and apps](#).

4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's [App checklist for parents](#) to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use [The eSafety guide](#) to check and set up safety features with your child.

5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).

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P & C news

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated or purchased at our Election BBQ and cake stall. While the exact tally is being finalised we did over \$5600 in sales which had resulted in over \$4000 profit! Great work everyone!

NEXT UP- we have locked in our big fundraiser for Term 2. Put June 17th in your diary for the SPPS TRIVIA NIGHT! This is an 18+ event so book the babysitter early, it was a tonne of fun last year. There will be food, wine, beer and Hilton will be returning as our incredible Quiz Master.

Also for Term 2 we will be having a BBQ for the Cross Country on Friday of week 1. We would love volunteers to help on the day, we do short shifts so everyone can watch when their child/ren race and still help out where needed. We will send out a volunteer form shortly.

Our next P&C meeting is this Thursday via zoom and we'd love to see you there, details have been sent via email.

Belinda Doley
P&C President



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THE MAKERS + SHAKERS MARKET

1 + 2 April 2023

White Bay Cruise Terminal

Rozelle NSW

10am-4pm • \$5 entry

Get Tickets



Free
Parking!
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120 stalls of Australian
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and slow fashion

Get tickets via QR code or website

👉 themakersandshakers.com.au





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