

TERM 1

WEEK 4

21 February 2024

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2024

21st - Meet the Teacher evening (K-2 5.30pm, 3-6 6.05pm)

21st - School Photo Day (WEAR WHITE SHIRT TODAY)

22nd - Pulse Alive Dance group rehearsal @ Olympic Park

29th - Zone Swimming Carnival - Botany Pool

MARCH 2024

1st - Clean up Australia Day 6th - P&C AGM 6.30pm 13th - NAPLAN window begins (Years 3 and 5)

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When playing outside wear a school hat



5 TIPS TO TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF PACKING LUNCH BOXES





- 1) Base it on the 5 food groups
- 2) Add colour with fruit and vegetables
- 3) Let your child to help choose some foods
- 4) Save time by packing leftovers
- 5) Save money by stocking up on specials

Read out blog to find out more.

healthylunchbox.com.au



Meet the Teacher evening - tonight!

As previously advised, you are invited to Meet the Teacher night at St Peters PS in your child's classroom tonight. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about the routines of your child's class. If you need to talk to your child's teacher about a specific need of your child, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher by contacting the school office.

5.30pm - K-2 classes

6.05pm - 3-6 classes

School Photos

To order school photos, please go to https://www.mbphotos.net.au/order-school-photos to select your order type. Any questions can be directed to the school photographer directly: Martin Brady Photography, phone: 0416 009 533.

Electronic Devices at school

At the start of each year, a number of our senior students begin to bring a phone or smart watch to school as they start to walk to and from school independently. Immediately on arrival to school, all students must hand in their electronic devices (whether they have a SIM card in them or not). Devices must not be used on school grounds. All electronic devices needed for learning are provided by the school. If your child needs a medical exemption (for example, they need a device to track blood sugar levels for diabetes) an exemption can be sought.

School Uniforms

There has been a significant increase in students not wearing full school uniform. This includes the correct school navy bucket hat (caps and beanies are not school hats and do not provide adequate sun protection), white socks and black shoes. All students and their families have a variety of uniform combinations to choose from to ensure a comfortable uniform for activity and for every body shape. Students can choose to wear a navy skort, navy shorts, navy long pants or navy fleece track pants. Uniforms can be purchased at the uniform shop (new) or second hand (P&C). Financial assistance can be provided if families are unable to purchase uniform items by contacting the office manager (Mrs Ross) or the Principal (Mrs Salter).





Swimming Carnival

On Friday 9 February students from Years 2 - 6 attended the annual swimming carnival at Annette Kellerman Pool. Students competed in freestyle, butterfly, breaststroke and backstroke events. I was incredibly proud of the high rate of participation in the pool and the students cheering on their classmates during each race. Thank you to Ms Pots for your outstanding organisation of the event and all staff and parents who supported the smooth running of the carnival on the day. Ribbons will be handed out at the first assembly of the year, in Week 7. Students who qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival at Botany Pool have now received their online permission note, and will be competing on 29 February. Good luck! I know you will support each other.









School Band

St Peters PS is looking to commence band on Monday mornings in the coming weeks. If you are interested in your child joining the St Peters PS band please reply to the SchoolBytes form that was sent to families today. If enough Year 3-6 students are interested in attending, we will contact families with start date information. Our school band is a great early experience for students interested in music.



NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5 students

This term, your child will undertake <u>NAPLAN assessment</u>. NAPLAN provides schools with valuable information about your child's learning progress in literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN is only one way we assess student learning in years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN will take place from Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March in 2024. Students will not have an assessment every day, this is a window for exams to take place in.

Your child's teacher is getting students ready for NAPLAN and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Students will become familiar with the types of questions in the tests and the online testing platform that we use. In addition to school preparation, I want to share with you some information on how you can further support your child for NAPLAN.

Preparation for NAPLAN

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN and do not need excessive preparation or the use of services by coaching providers. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program. If you or your child/children would like to know more about the NAPLAN online platform you can go to the <u>public demonstration site</u> and do some practice tests and <u>past NAPLAN papers</u> are also available online.

Participation in NAPLAN

Adjustments are available for students who have diverse functional abilities and needs. On a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments for individual students can be made so they can complete NAPLAN. Speak to your child's teacher to discuss the adjustments available. For more information read the Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN (PDF 96 KB)

Assessment tips

You can support your child by reminding them to simply do their best. You can also encourage:

- a healthy diet
- · drinking lots of water
- getting enough sleep
- exercise and relaxation time

These along with arriving at school on time ready to sit the test will help prepare our students do their best on the day.



Positive Behaviour for Learning - expectation matrix

Setting	Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be a Great Learner
Play areas	Wear a hat or sit in shade Move carefully across hard surfaces Use equipment responsibly Stay within bounds	Care for our environment Include others Play fairly Use kind words	Own my own behaviour Be in the right place at the right time Agree on rules before playing
Bathrooms	Wash your hands with scap Go and return in pairs Use toilets for their purpose	Give others privacy Use one towel to dry your hands and place in the bin Use a quiet voice	Use toilets at break times Return to class straight away
Movement through school	Walk in one line eyes ahead Hang all bags and belongings on hooks	Move quietly Keep the corridors clean and tidy Keep left when possible	Follow teacher instructions Line up outside rooms in one straighline
Assemblies	Walk calmly to and from stage Keep your hands and feet to yourself Sit in class lines	Follow student leader and teacher instructions Look and listen to the speaker Sit quietly	Congratulate success
Office	Enter and exit calmly	Use your manners Wait quietly and patiently	Listen to and follow instructions
Out of school business	Follow instructions Stay with your group and teacher Be aware of your surroundings	Be considerate of people around you Represent our school well	Try your best Support others Know the rules before you go



Premier's Reading Challenge - Opens Monday 26 February

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like more information about how your child can participate in the PRC.



NSW Department of Education

2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au





Artwork by Sami Bayly









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Supporting student attendance

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If your child is:

- Sick
- · Has a medical appointment
- · Has to travel for family business
- · Involved in Sorry Business



Let us know

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every day matters



Schools Spectacular featured artist auditions



Would you like to be a featured artist at the Schools Spectacular? Applications for the 2024 Schools Spectacular All 4 One are now open!

For further information go to the Schools Spectacular <u>audition information page</u>.



State Music Festival application form open



Are you an outstanding musician? Would you like an opportunity to perform at The Arts Unit's state music festivals?

<u>Applications are open</u> for performance opportunities for outstanding instrumental and vocal items at the Festival of Instrumental Music, Festival of Choral Music and Primary Proms.

NSW Public Schools Dance Ensembles

Are you in Year 4 or above? The NSW Public Schools dance ensembles provide expert dance tuition to students from across NSW public schools. Students learning dance across NSW are guided by tutors drawn from Arts Unit experts and industry professionals. Members are provided with opportunities to perform in events such as State Dance Festival and Schools Spectacular. Click on this link for further information. Apply now!

Weekly-based dance ensembles rehearse weekly in Sydney after school hours during school term. Workshop-based dance ensembles rehearse in Sydney at four intensive workshops. New in 2024 Boys workshop-based dance ensembles rehearse in Sydney at four intensive workshops.





School Assembly Schedule





P&C News

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE FRIDAY!!!

Donations: Please drop off any pre-loved school uniforms to the school office anytime prior to the sale. All sizes are appreciated!

When: Friday 23 February 2:30pm

Where: School courtyard

Everything will be \$5 each. Cash or tap will be available. Change will be limited.



Volunteers: If you are available for 1 hour from 2:15pm to 3:15pm and can help with set up, sale and pack down please let the P&C know. If you can come for 30 mins only, that works great too!

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off your donations so far! Your support is appreciated.

FUNDRAISER this SUNDAY @ Willie The Boatman

Willie The Boatman Turns 10 Sunday Feb 25th MIDDAY -7pm

Mega Raffle for the P&C- we need volunteers to help sell the raffle tickets!

Come and support one of the P&C's major sponsors and meet other parents and kids from the school if you are new

PLUS There will be:

- 10 Cases of Beer up for grabs for 10 lucky winners
- 10% off Beers all day
- Some of the best Live Music
- A Free Jumping Castle for the kids

Grab your friends and family, and come and celebrate the decade it's been.

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NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

AUDITIONS NOW OPEN

Year 7 and Year 11 2025 INFORMATION AND ONLINE APPLICATION VIA NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS WEBSITE Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2024 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entry into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2025 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 (nsw.gov.au)

Auditions - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts (nsw.gov.au)

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.
- Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has specific enrolment criteria which requires students to audition, **if residing outside our catchment area**, via online application.
- All students, including those from within our local catchment area 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 from provided to parents from their primary schools.
- The closing date for audition applications online is **Wednesday 1 May 2024**.

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.

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Everyone deserves to feel safe at school



Please treat our staff and students with **kindness and respect**



Aggressive behaviour will **not be tolerated**



Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff



education.nsw.gov.au





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We welcome families from all cultures and backgrounds, lands and communities.

Regular contact and assistance for families with children aged. 0-17 years in:

- · Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marriclorille local government areas
- · Glebe, Forest Lodge, Ultimo
- · City of Sydney
- . Inner West local government areas









We offer client-focused casework in the Anglicare office, the community and the home to support families in the following ways:

- developing parenting skills and ideas
- home management and budgeting
- · support for families who have experienced domestic violence, mental health or drug and alcohol issues
- · dealing with children's behavioural issues such as separation anxiety, tantrums, internet usage, school avoidance and bedtime routines
- · support for parents with children who have additional needs
- goal setting
- · stress management for families
- family relationship issues
- advocating for parenting matters
- · coping mechanisms to help the family deal with change
- referrals and access to other services.

Group Work Programs

Parenting groups and courses are offered every school term. These courses provide information and sharing around parenting issues such as:

- understanding the stages of child development
- · encouraging self-esteem
- managing challenging behaviours
- · children's emotional needs

Parenting Programs

- Bringing Up Great Kids
- Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Adolescents
- Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting after
- Bringing Up Great Kids in the First 1000 Days
- · Circle of Security Tunina In To Kids
- · Tunina In To Teens
- My Strengths Programs

All groups run during the school term. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Some courses may be available to attend online.

Note: We can also offer parenting courses one-on-one. Please enquire to find out more information.

One-Off Family Work

Family workers are available by appointment to meet with parents who may need:

- · referrals to other specialised services
- · community information and resources
- · advocacy for relationship issues
- · support with parenting
- help with budgeting







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ST PETERS PUBLIC SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB





CONTACT: Phone: Neil Armstrong 0413 085 925 Email: leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com

TENNIS HOT SHOTS

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots programmes provide kids with a fun way to play tennis, using modified nets, racquets and balls. With reduced court sizes younger players have the chance to serve, rally and score from the first time they step onto a court. Kids are actively engaged having **FUN**. Kids build **SOCIAL** skills such as working co-operatively and building friendships. Kids learn to **PLAY** and develop tennis **SKILLS**.

DATE: Thursday Morning's

TIME: YEARS 4-6 (8-8.30am)
YEARS K-3 (8.30-9.00am)

MEETING PLACE: School Basketball Court

COST: YEARS 4 – 6 \$19 per lesson YEARS K – 3 \$19 per lesson

For your information

- These programmes are specifically aimed at boys and girls of primary school age.
- Children cannot be accepted without a completed enrolment form.
- For the most enjoyment it is preferable that each child has their own tennis racquet.
- Our coaches will turn up irrespective of the weather conditions.

ONLINE Enrolment Slip / ABN: 90792084644

https://www.classhub.com.au/provider/leichhardt-tennis/2024/1?venueld=19

RE ENROLMENT

All children are automatically re-enrolled each term. If you wish for your child to take a break, please respond to re-enrolment email sent out each school holidays.

Release of Liability - The undersigned "Registrant" or parent/legal guardian of the Registrant, recognizes that tennis is a vigorous sport and that the Registrant may suffer temporary or permanent serious physical injury including, but not limited to sprains, fractures, brain or spinal damage, paralysis or even death while playing tennis or attending a game, tournament, practice or scrimmage. With full knowledge of the above-referenced risks, and in consideration for Leichhardt Tennis Academy, and pursuant to the recreational assumption of the risk, the Registrant and I (if parent or legal guardian) hereby accept and assume full responsibility for any and all harm caused by negligence and release, discharge, and/or otherwise indemnify Leichhardt Tennis Academy including all staff, directors, and owners.

Parent/Guardian's signature:	Date:	//	'
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ST PETERS PUBLIC SCHOOL SOCCER CLUB

CONTACT: OZ or Neil: 0434 845 918 Email: goldenkicksa@gmail.com



SOCCER CLUB

The programs being used for this club are developed by a fully qualified C-License Football NSW and Football Australia coach and with the intention of developing both SOCCER SKILLS, GENERAL DAY-TO-DAY SKILLS, and SOCIAL SKILLS, as well as providing a FUN and SAFE experience by using modified soccer balls, goal size, and pitch size to cater to varied ages allowing them the chance to SCORE and SAVE some goals.

DATE: WEDNESDAY

TIME 8-8.30am (Y3-6) & 8.30-9am (K-2)
MEETING PLACE: Multi Purpose Court
COST: 8-8.30am (\$19 per lesson)
8.30-9am (\$19 per lesson)

(Pro-rata rates for late enrolment) HOW TO ENROL: OZ or Neil goldenkicksa@gmail.com

For your information

- These programmes are specifically aimed at boys and girls of primary school age.
- Children cannot be accepted without a completed enrolment form.
- Our coaches will turn up irrespective of the weather conditions.
- Studded boots are not permitted. Please wear runners or indoor futsal boots

Enrolment Slip / ABN: 90792084644

Child/ren's name/s	Age/s	Parent/Guardian's Name	Mobile Number					
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Email address								
Medical conditions/injuries								
		PAYMENT						
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Parent/Guardian's signature				Date://				





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1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Petersham, NSW



Scan the QR code or click here to register

Free workshop



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday 19 March, 2024 9:15am to 3:00pm



Petersham RSL Club 301 Trafalgar Street Petersham NSW 2049

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit: www.positivepartnerships.com.au





0424 254 861

This initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through the Helping Children with Autism package. The views expressed within this program do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Australian Government Department of Education.





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School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative powered by **nbn**

Are you eligible for free nbn broadband at home until December 2025?



You might be eligible if you:

- have a school-aged child
- have no active non broadband connection or have not disconnected in the last 14 days. Having the internet on a mobile phone is ok
- live in a premises that is serviced by the nbn network

To check your eligibility, or to get help using your voucher:

- Contact the National Referral Centre 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)
- www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- Callback, webchat, translating and interpreting services are available.



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Owl Kids

A group for children whose parents have separated

Owl Kids is a group program designed to support children aged 7- 12 years who are experiencing/have experienced family separation.

Change for anyone can be difficult. For many children their parents' separation can mean a shift in how they view and make sense of their world, their safety and their relationships, which can be very difficult for them to understand. The Owl Kids program offers children and young people an opportunity to interact with other children in similar situations and develop their emotional literacy through creative therapies.

About the Group

The Owl Kids program is a practical child-centred art and play therapy group. The Owl Kids group allows children to express themselves in many ways, including art, drama and metaphors, helping them to weather the storm and make sense of the changes in their world.

Children will have the opportunity to:

- Explore the concept of family, identity and differences of families across society and cultures.
- Process their feelings and experiences, and build a language around their family circumstances.
- Process their own separation story, while being reassured that family separation is never a child's fault.
- Explore grief and loss issues experienced in response to family separation, and identify safe coping strategies for their own self-care.
- Process their experiences of living in two houses.
- Identify the differences between children's and adult responsibilities, and acknowledge the rights of being a child.
- · Celebrate the learnings they have achieved.













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How are parents involved?

A parent's information session runs alongside the children's group on the first session and a presentation of the children's work on the last session. The parent sessions will be run for the parent bringing the child/ren at the time of the children's group. An alternate session will be offered for the other parent at a different time in the same week. These sessions support parents in understanding what the group is about, what the children might be bringing home, and how they can support them.

Who is Owl Kids for?

Owl Kids program is suitable for:

- · Children 7-12 years old
- · Children who are adjusting to some of the difficulties of separation
- · Children who have already been told about their parents' separation
- · Children impacted by parental conflict

Additional Support

Parents wanting additional support can receive sessions with our Post Separation Case Managers. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents to:

- Ask questions about the program material.
- Discuss how to apply strategies to support their children adjust to family changes during or after the group.
- Receive support to manage issues of parental communication and/or conflict.

How to get involved

If you would like your child to be considered for the Owl Kids program or to obtain further information, please get in touch with the Bankstown Family Relationship Centre on (02) 9707 8555 or email us at reception.frc@catholiccare.org















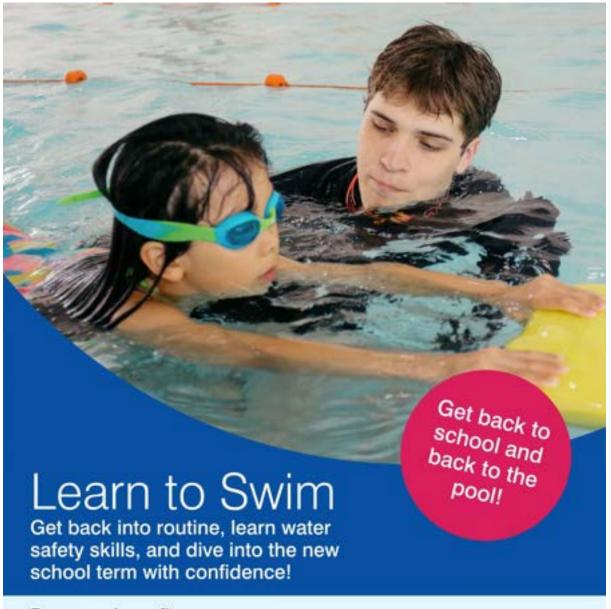
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Program benefits



Nationally accredited instructors



Program carriculum developed with Swimming Australia



FREE access to practice outside of lesson times



State-of-the-art aquatic facilities



Heated pools all-year-round



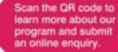
FREE swimming skills assessment to help you get started







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