



# ST PETERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1

WEEK 6

6 March 2024

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MARCH 2024

- 6th - School photo make up day
- 6th - P&C AGM 6.30pm
- 6th - Online Year 7, 2025 online EOI link emailed to parents
- 11th - Sydney East Swimming Carnival
- 12th - Assembly @ 2.15pm hosted by Echidnas. (House captain badges & swimming carnival ribbons)
- 13th - NAPLAN window begins (Years 3 and 5)
- 15th - Pulse Alive rehearsal and performance (no NAPLAN today)
- 21st - Harmony Day

### PB FOR L FOCUS

Try your best

## Year 7, 2025 Expression of Interest forms

Year 7, 2025 online expression of interest forms are open today and will remain open until April 4. Look out for an email with the link from St Peter's PS today if you are a parent/carer of a current Year 6 student. If you need any assistance with your child's high school form, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

## Meet the Teacher evening and Parent Teacher interviews

Meet the teacher evening was held on 21 February. Thank you for coming on the night, venturing out in a week with extreme weather. Students were very excited to know that their parents were coming to look at their classroom and meet their new teacher/s. Parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 10, Tuesday 2 - Friday 5 April. Booking information will be available and emailed to parents mid March.

## School Band

School band will commence on Monday 18 March at 8am and will be held in the Music Room for students in Year 3-6. In order to join the band, a "blow test" (where students are given the opportunity to look at a range of band instruments) will be held in the music room at 8am on Monday 11 March. If you already play an instrument, please bring your instrument along (if appropriate, no need to bring a drum kit!) There may be limited places for students in Year 2 to join the band, if you are interested in your Year 2 child participating in band in 2024, please contact the school office. If your child is in years 3-6 and you have not filled out the online form to indicate interest, please contact the school office to be added to the list.

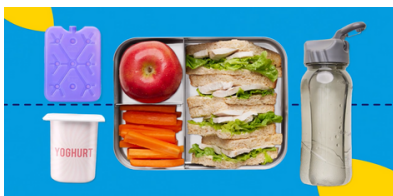
## Zone Swimming Carnival

On a day with weather very fitting to be at the pool, Mr Twemlow and Ms Carlin accompanied the Zone swimming team to Botany Pool. Congratulations to all students who participated on the day.



### Nutrition Snippet

#### HOW TO PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX



A good lunch gives children energy and nutrients to learn, play and grow.

But what does a healthy lunch box look like? Find out in our [short video](#).

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### Pulse Alive rehearsal and performance

The St Peters PS dance group participated in a whole day dance rehearsal at Sydney Olympic Park on February 22 as part of a combined dance group that will be performing on 15 March at Pulse Alive. Pulse Alive is a large-scale event, providing high-quality opportunities in the performing arts for students from NSW public schools in Greater Sydney and beyond. Thank you to Ms LeCalvez for your commitment in preparing the dance group and to Mrs Thompson for accompanying the students to the rehearsal. Thank you also to the parents and students for getting to St Peters station for a 6:15am start. It was a big day!

Olivia (Year 6) has been selected as a featured artist after a rigorous audition process at Pulse Alive and will be singing at the event on 14 and 15 March. If you would like to attend the event, tickets can be purchased from [ticketmaster.com.au](https://www.ticketmaster.com.au).



### Student Safety

This is a reminder that school car parks are for staff use only. Parent vehicles must not enter school car parks to park, drop off, pick up or turn around. This is extremely important to ensure the safety of our students.

If you need to drive to school to drop off and pick up your children, there is a public car park on the corner of St Peters St and Campbell St, a kiss and drop area on St Peters St next to the school and parking on surrounding streets. Please ensure you follow the instructions on all parking signs, ensuring you do not park in the no stopping area (turning circle) at the end of St Peters St.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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### Reminder - 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.

### Reminder - 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).

NSW Department of Education



## Every Day Matters



**When it comes to attending school, every day matters**

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

-  Learning
-  Strengthening friendships
-  Build skills through fun



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### NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5 students

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This term, your child will undertake [NAPLAN assessment](#). 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 [public demonstration site](#) and do some practice tests and [past NAPLAN papers](#) 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.



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### School Assembly Schedule

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**SPPS Assembly Schedule**

**Term 1 & 2, 2024**

Over Term 1 and 2, each class will host an assembly. It is at these assemblies that the bronze, silver and gold awards are given out, and also any other significant awards, badges or ribbons.

**Term 1 - TUESDAYS 2:15PM**

- **Week 7 - March 12:** Echidnas (House Captain badges & swimming carnival ribbons)
- **Week 9 - March 26:** Grasshoppers (SRC badges)
- **Week 11 - April 9:** Possums (SPPS ANZAC Day assembly)

**Term 2 - WEDNESDAYS 2:15pm**

- **Week 2 - May 8:** Wombats (cross-country ribbons)
- **Week 4 - May 22:** Blue Tongue Lizards (Reconciliation Week next week)
- **Week 6 - June 5:** Bats
- **Week 8 - June 19:** Koalas (National Refugee Week)
- **MONDAY - 2:15pm - Week 10 - July 1:** Koori Kids Club (launch of SPPS NAIDOC Week)



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## OPEN NIGHT

Information Evening for prospective  
students & families

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 2024**

4:00 – 6.00 PM

Multi-Purpose Hall  
Seaview Street

**P&C INFORMATION STAND**

Refreshments will be available



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Get back to school and back to the pool!



## Learn to Swim

Get back into routine, learn water safety skills, and dive into the new school term with confidence!

### Program benefits

- ✓ Nationally accredited instructors
- ✓ Program curriculum 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

 **Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre**  
Ultimo

 1300 198 412  
 [itac.org.au](http://itac.org.au)

Scan the QR code to learn more about our program and submit an online enquiry.





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### Free workshop

## 1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Petersham, NSW



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register

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](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au)

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