



ST PETERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 8 | 20 March 2024

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2024

- 21 - Harmony Day
- 26 - Assembly 2.15pm hosted by Grasshoppers
- 28 - K-2 excursion - Taronga Zoo
- 29 - Good Friday Public Holiday (no school)

APRIL 2024

- 1 - Easter Monday Public Holiday (no school)
- 2 - Parent/Teacher interviews commence this week
- 4 - Opportunity Class Year 5, 2025 online applications open
- 9 - ANZAC Day assembly 2.15pm hosted by Possums

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Be kind to eachother

Harmony Day

Tomorrow is Harmony Day. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and the encouragement of mutual respect. **Students are encouraged to wear orange clothes or clothing that represents their culture.** Please see poster later in the newsletter.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students have been working hard completing their NAPLAN assessments during weeks 7 and 8. Today, students completed their final NAPLAN assessment. If your child was absent during an assessment, there are a few days left in the assessment window for catch up assessments. It is anticipated results will be sent to families mid-late Term 2.

Parent/Teacher interviews

Parent/teacher interviews will be held in Week 10, commencing Tuesday 2 April. An email will be sent to families soon with instructions on how to book a parent/teacher interview. This year, bookings will be made using the Schoolbytes system.

Easter Long Weekend

This year, the Easter long weekend is during the school term. School will be closed for the public holidays on 29 March and 1 April. Students will return to school on Tuesday 2 April.



Nutrition Snippet

APPLE AND CINNAMON SLICE

Serves: 16 Prep time: 15 mins Cooking time: 25 mins



Ingredients

- ½ cup apple purée
- ½ cup caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup reduced-fat natural Greek yoghurt
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- 200g tinned apple slices

Method

- Step 1: Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease and line a 20cm x 20cm square baking tin.
- Step 2: Add the apple purée and sugar to a large bowl and whisk until combined.
- Step 3: Whisk in the eggs, one at a time until combined.
- Step 4: Add the yoghurt and cinnamon and whisk to combine. Add the flour and gently fold through until combined.
- Step 5: Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin. Arrange the apple slices on top. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until a skewer inserted in the center comes out clean.
- Step 6: Stand in tin for 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool. Slice and serve.

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



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Change to lunch order service - Botany Bites

Due to decreases in order quantities at a few of the schools serviced by Botany Bites, Botany Bites will no longer be providing a lunch order service to St Peters PS on Mondays commencing April 1. Botany Bites will continue to deliver lunch orders 4 days a week, Tuesday - Friday.

Sydney East Swimming Carnival

On 11 March, Jasper (Year 4) represented the Sydney East region in the 10 years boys 50m freestyle event at Sydney Olympic Pool. Jasper placed 2nd in his heat, with a time of 41:59 seconds. Congratulations Jasper.



Reminder - Year 7, 2025 Expression of Interest forms

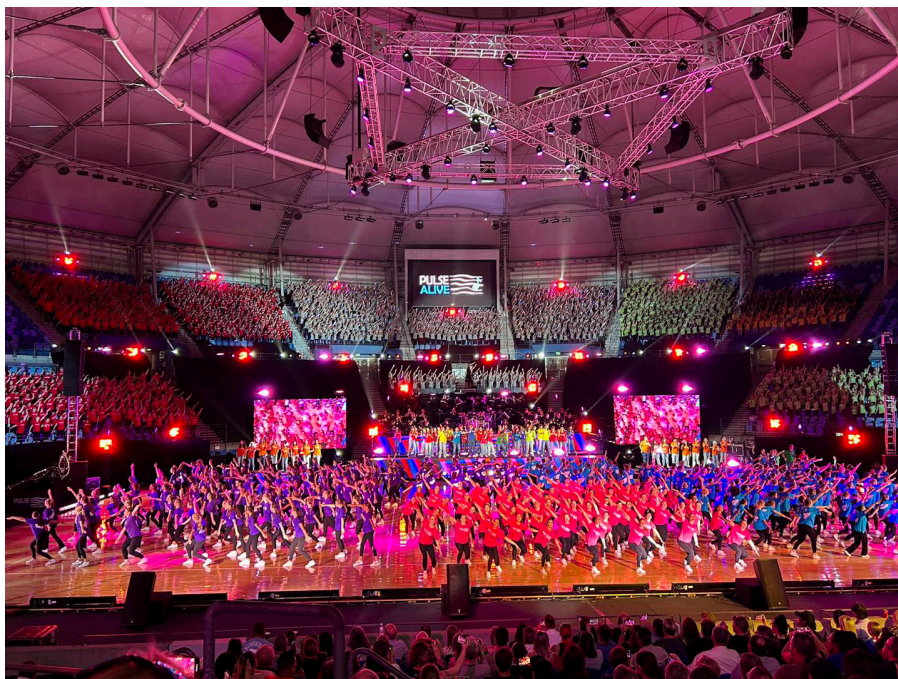
Year 7, 2025 online expression of interest forms are open today and will remain open until April 4. Look out for an email with the link from St Peters PS today if you are a parent/carers of a current Year 6 student. If you need any assistance with your child's high school form, please don't hesitate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

School Band

School band has commenced for the year. It is not too late to join, if you would like your child (Years 2-6) to join the band, please contact the office.

Pulse Alive

On Friday 15 March, 15 dance group students, and featured artist - Olivia (vocalist) from Year 6 performed at the interschool performing arts event, Pulse Alive, combining with students from public schools across NSW. It was a wonderful night, our dance group was spectacular. Olivia was one of the featured artists, and performed in a number of songs, including Revolting Children and What about Us? I was very proud of all of our students who worked so hard at home and school to prepare for this event. Thank you to Ms LeCalvez for giving up her lunch times to prepare our dance students, and to Mrs Thompson for supporting the students on the day. St Peters PS students have talent!





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Harmony Day

Harmony Week will be held during Week 8. The date for Harmony Day is Thursday 21st March. This Thursday, all SPPS students (and staff) are invited to wear **orange** (or similar colours if they don't have orange) or traditional cultural clothing to celebrate Harmony Day. Each class will be creating some Harmony Week inspired artworks to display in the courtyard areas of the playground. Feel free to come past the courtyards before or after school hours to check out the Harmony Day artworks. I hope you all have a wonderful Harmony Day.

From Mr Twemlow and the 2024 SRC reps 🙌



Please note: this is not a fundraising event, just a great opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural diversity at SPPS.

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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Come for a Yarn

Come for a yarn

2024 - Term 1 & 2

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.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

When: 3:00pm under the COLA on the oval

TERM 1 - Week 11 - Thursday 11 April

TERM 2 - Week 5 (Reconciliation Week) - Thursday 30 May

Mentoring sessions

This year our Aboriginal students will be involved in some mentoring sessions from *DeadlyEd* leaders. They will have one session a Term. Students will be engaged in sessions around culture, art, dance, storytelling from an Aboriginal mentor. This semester the sessions will be:

- **Wednesday 10 April - 2:00 - 3:00pm**
- **Monday 27 May (Reconciliation Week) - 2:00 - 3:00pm**

Koori Kids Club

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SEMESTER 1 - 2024

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, create a sense of belonging and learn about culture.

What do we do? Sometimes we will: do an activity, have a guest, have a discussion point, learn an Indigenous game, share a story, have a mentoring session from DeadlyEd.

TERM 1 MEETINGS: THURSDAY

Week 6 & 8 - 1st half lunch

Week 11 - Wednesday 10 April 2:00 - 3:00pm = DeadlyEd mentoring session

Week 11 - Thursday 11 April 3pm = Come for a Yarn

TERM 2 MEETINGS: THURSDAY

Week 3, 7, 9 - 1st half lunch

Week 5 (Reconciliation Week):

- **Monday 27 May 2:00 - 3:00pm** = DeadlyEd mentoring session
- **Thursday 30 May 3pm** = Come for a Yarn

Week 10 (NAIDOC Week):

- **Monday 1 July 2:30pm** = NAIDOC Week assembly launch
- **Tuesday 2 July** = DeadlyEd whole school incursion





P&C Scoop

Welcome new kindy parents!
GET INVOLVED!



The votes are in!

The P&C AGM was held on 6th March and first agenda item was to elect the Executive Committee for 2024.

President: Belinda Doley

Vice Presidents:

Alli Crawford, Nas Kumar

Treasurer: Matthew Day

Secretary: Caitlin O'Dea, Kelly Dea

Executive Committee members:

Nat Garcia, Shannon Biederman,
Kate Hafey, Stephen Kenny,
Tim Allan

Congratulations to all the elected office bearers



We want you!

It's not too late to join the P&C for 2024. We have several sub-committees and working groups that help support key priorities for the year and all volunteers are MOST welcome. **The sub-committees for 2024 include:** Grants – Fundraising – Uniform – Band – Mothers/Father's Day – Social Media/Communications – Ethics – Sport – Grounds

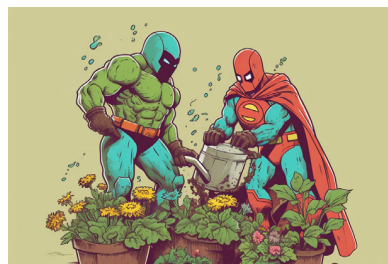
For more info email stpeterspandc@gmail.com ►



Artistic ventures

The St Peters Art Show will also be returning later this year – stay tuned for details!
We are hoping to form a sub-committee for Arts.

Contact us to get involved ►



LETS SAVE Garden club!

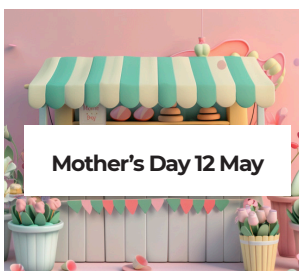
If anyone has a green thumb, we would love to see the Garden Club continue but we need a volunteer to make that happen. If you can spare one lunchtime a week please get in touch!

Contact us to get involved ►



P&C facebook For more updates, volunteer call outs, etc, search 'St Peters Public School P&C'

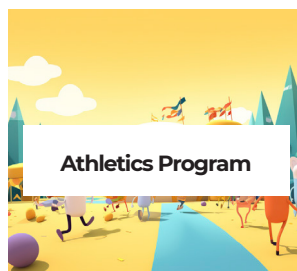
Things to look forward to:



Mother's Day 12 May



Book Week



Athletics Program



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Learn to Swim

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

Get back to
school and
back to the
pool!

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



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program and submit
an online enquiry.



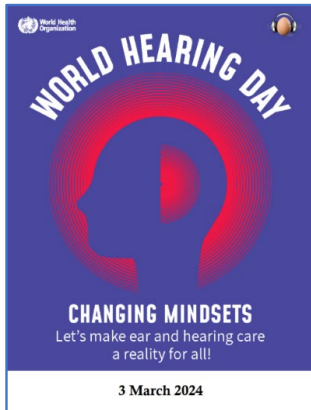
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Celebrating Hearing Awareness Week 2024

Did you know that 1 in 6 Australians are living with hearing loss?



World Hearing Day is held on the 3rd of March in Australia each year. This event aims to raise awareness about how to prevent deafness and hearing loss by promoting hearing protection and improved ear health across the world.

World Hearing Day 2024 will focus on overcoming the challenges posed by misperceptions through awareness-raising and information-sharing.

World Hearing Day is the largest global awareness campaign for auditory care, calling for action on the issues of deafness and hearing loss!

World Hearing Day aims to...

Promote!

Encourage an understanding of ear hearing problems in communities and among health care providers.



and

Educate!

Provide accurate and evidence-based information to advise and change public perceptions of ear and hearing problems.



Help!

Helping individuals understand prior misperceptions and biased mindsets to work towards equitable access in both auditory care and social inclusion.

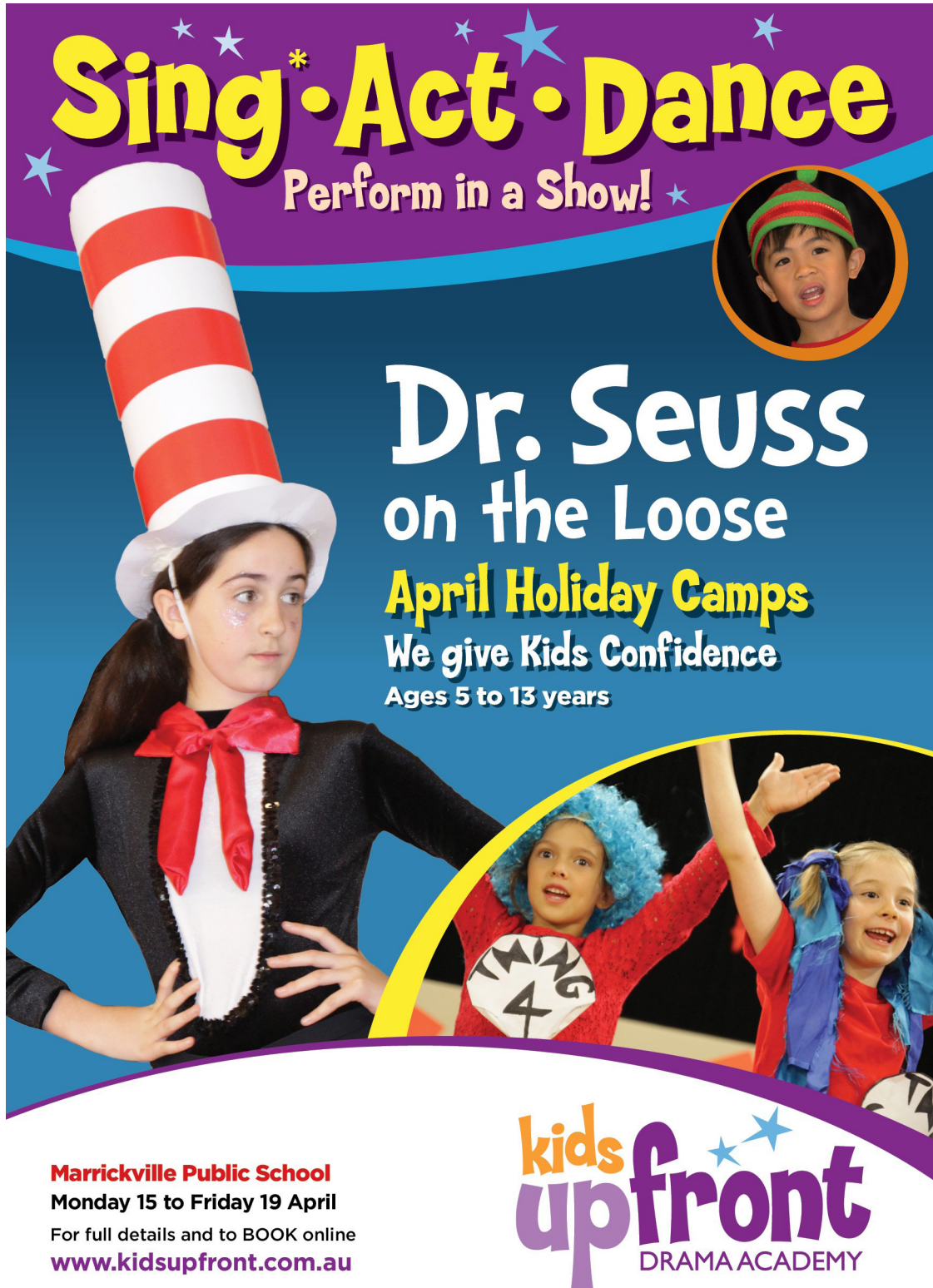
World Hearing Day is the ideal opportunity to spread the word and raise awareness of issues relating to deafness and hearing loss in minds, media, and on the global health agenda.

Hearing Australia will be visiting over 1000 locations across Australia in March offering free 15 minute hearing checks for adults. click the link for more:

<https://www.hearing.com.au/hearingthenation/>

If you have concerns about the hearing of yourself or a loved one, please contact your GP or Hearing Australia on [134 432](tel:134432).

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Sing • Act • Dance
Perform in a Show! ★

**Dr. Seuss
on the Loose**
April Holiday Camps
We give Kids Confidence
Ages 5 to 13 years

Marrickville Public School
Monday 15 to Friday 19 April
For full details and to BOOK online
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School holiday camps on sale now!



**Roblox
Legends**

**Minecraft
Engineers**

PLUS YouTube Creators • Coding • DJ • Animation • Design • Robotics
• AI Camp • Drones • Little Coders: Trolls Edition • Curious Minds

Book now at codecamp.com.au/flyer

SAVE \$25 Use coupon code
SCHOOL25 at checkout



INTRODUCTION TO AFL – 10 to 17 year old girls and boys

Want to learn more about AFL and playing with the Newtown Swans?

Join Jesse Aish, from Aish Academy, and coaches from the Newtown Swans at our free skills session.

You'll learn kicking technique, hand ball skills, be guided on match play, and meet some other members of our Club.

Monday 25 March - 6.00pm to 7.30pm

To book:
Scan QR code to register or via link..

Or book here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CQEFD>

Session held at Alan Davidson Oval, Sydney Park

Newtown Swans teams:
• Auskick: Under 5 to Under 8 (boys and girls)
• Junior: Under 9 to Under 17
• Youth Girls: Under 9 to Under 17



www.newtownswans.com.au
0403 028 859





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Connecting you to information and services

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The Disability Gateway is a free, Australia-wide service to help people with disability, their families, and carers, find trusted information and services. It exists as a central point of entry for referrals and as a direct way to connect to supports in your area like education, transport, health and wellbeing, and more.

Let us help you today

1800 643 787 Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm AEST
disabilitygateway.gov.au



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FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

at the Parliament of NSW

Friday 19 April
9.30am – 3.30pm

Celebrate democracy at Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children from four to twelve years, and their families.

- Give a speech in the Parliamentary chambers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Learn how to vote
- Visit our heritage rooms
- Participate in a committee role play

and more...



FREE ENTRY
Activities 9.30am to 3.30pm

LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**



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