

TERM 1

**WEEK 10** 

3 April 2024

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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **APRIL 2024**

- 3 Parent/Teacher interviews underway
- 4 Year 7 2025 EOI's close
- 4 Opportunity Class Year 5, 2025 online applications
- 9 ANZAC Day assembly 2.15pm hosted by **Possums**
- 9 P&C meeting
- 11 Come for a Yarn 3pm
- 12 Last day of Term 1
- 30 Students return to school for Term 2

#### **MAY 2024**

- 7 Cross Country Carnival
- 8 Assembly 2.15pm hosted by Wombats
- 9 Selective High School Year 7 2025 placement test

#### **PB FOR L FOCUS**

PSSA behaviour

# **Nut**rition Snippet

#### <u>SNACK SOLUTIONS</u>

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# **Happy Holidays**

Friday 12 April is the last day of Term 1. See all our students back at school on Tuesday 30 April 2024.

### **Staffing News**

I am currently on leave as I will be travelling to Slovenia as part of a study tour for NSW school principals to learn about the Slovenian education system. Australian and Slovenian principals will meet to discuss similarities and differences within our systems. I look forward to the reciprocal learning that will take place. I will visit a range of schools in Ljubljana, Gorenjska, Primorska and Štajerska. In Slovenia, primary schools enrol students all the way to Year 9. Mrs Thompson will be relieving as Principal until Friday 12 April. I wish everyone a relaxing school term break. School resumes for students on Tuesday 30 April.

### Parent/Teacher interviews

Parent/teacher interviews are now underway. Please be on time for your interview. If you are unable to attend, please notify the office during school hours. Thanks.

# Reminder - 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.

### Parents in the playground

Dear Families,

If you witness an altercation between students, would you please see the teacher on duty. Do not approach students to try to sort out playground issues.

If you believe there are ongoing issues between students then contact your child's teacher or the office to discuss the issues.

Your support with this is appreciated.





# **Harmony Day**

On Thursday 21 March, the school celebrated Harmony Day. Cultural dress and orange clothing made our playground look bright and beautiful. Thank you to Mr Twemlow and our class teachers for organising the displays throughout the playground. They were all fantastic!











# **Zoo Excursion**

Last week K-2 students went to Taronga Zoo with their class. A great day was had by all the students, with classes participating in a specialised lesson in the Backyard to Bush program. Some students were able to pat a Blue Tongue Lizard and a ring tailed possum. Most students wanted to see the Capybaras and the Meerkats. Some classes were lucky enough to see the bilbies being fed and the elephants being given some sugar cane.





# **Dancing at the Easter Show**

Congratulations to Evie, who performed Flamenco at the Royal Easter Show.



### **Opportunity Class Year 5, 2025 applications**

Opportunity Class (OC) applications open 4th April 2024. An email will sent to all Year 4 parents with further information and a link to fill in the online application. Please fill out the EOI form and return it to school in addition to submitting the online application if your child is interested in attending an OC class commencing Year 5, 2025. Applications close on Monday 20th May 2024.



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#### OC Year 5 entry in 2025: Applications are open 4 April-20 May 2024

#### What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. The classes help students learn by:

- · grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning with peers who have similar abilities and interests.

Opportunity classes are not zoned.

#### How to apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2025, you need to apply between **Thursday 4 April 2024** and **Monday 20 May 2024**. You will need to access the online application at: <a href="mailto:education.nsw.gov.au/oc">education.nsw.gov.au/oc</a>

You must not use your child's email address.

You must submit only **ONE application** for each student.

Late applications are usually not accepted.

Important - the school cannot apply on your behalf.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **4 April 2024**.

If you are going to apply for Year 5 opportunity class entry, please fill in the slip below and return it to school as well as completing the online application form.

Yours sincerely
Dianne Thompson
Intention to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2025.
Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below by Friday 12 April, 2024.
Student's name: Class:
I intend to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2025 for my child through the NSW Department of
Education website between 4 April and 20 May 2024. I am aware that this intention to apply notification is not an
application and that the school cannot apply on my behalf.
Signature of parent/carer:



# **Library News**

# SPPS LIBRARY NEWS



### **LUNCHTIME IN THE LIBRARY**

Students from the Blue Tongue Lizards and Grasshoppers were invited to the library at lunchtime to make Swifty bracelets. We listened to music and some people even sang as they created and designed their bracelets.









### LOST OR DESTROYED LIBRARY BOOKS

Our library is for everyone to enjoy.

Sometimes books are misplaced or destroyed. Please let Mrs
Thompson know so the book can be searched for on the shelves and if it can't be found then the book can be removed from the system.

Thank you to families who offer to pay for books. We are investigating how this can happen without cash.

To borrow a book students must have a library bag and no outstanding books. It is ok to reborrow a book for an extra week.

### **LIBRARY MONITORS**

We have had many Year 5 and Year 6 applications to become a library monitor. Students will find out by the end of the term. Badges will be handed out next term.



# **Bully Zero Parent Presentation**

# SAVE THE DATE

Bully Zero is
presenting
Safetynet for
Parents to our adult
school community
on
Tuesday May 28th
at 6.00pm
in the school hall.

### IT TAKES A VILLAGE

SAFETYNET FOR PARENTS (CYBER SAFETY)

(90mins)

- · What is cyberbullying?
- Statistics
- Current social media trends and online dangers
- Account management, privacy and reporting
- What parents can do to help reduce online risks
- · Where to go for help

Funded by the P&C



### **Kindergarten 2025 Information night**

Our information night for parents who are going to enrol their child at St Peters PS in 2025, is being held in the school hall, off St Peters Street, on May 14th 2024 at 6.30.

This is an adults only night and goes for approximately 90 minutes.

# St Peters Public School Kindergarten 2025 Information Evening

Tuesday 14th May 2024
at 6.30pm
in the school hall.
Enter from St Peters Street.



### **School Assembly Schedule**





### **Come for a Yarn**





### **Koori Kids Club**

**SEMESTER 1 - 2024** 

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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, 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 News**





#### Friday Meat Trays in May at the General Gordon!

Our great friends at the General Gordon Hotel will be supporting the St Peters P&C again this year with proceeds from their Meat Raffles **every Friday in May.** 

We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets so please get in touch if you can help.

And we encourage all families to show your support for the school by getting down to the General Gordon on Friday nights in May!

Check facebook for further deets or if you want to get involved ▶



#### Mother's Day Event

Put **Tuesday 7 May** in your diary for the Mother's Day Event. More details to be shared soon!

Contact us to get involved



#### Garden Working bee

Our school grounds are in desperate need of Love, and they love nothing more than being tended to by a crew of awesome volunteers from our school community, Please join us this Saturday 6th April 2-5pm for a Working Bee.

For more details contact Matt Day



#### P&C facebook

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 6:30pm. (ZOOM)

If you would like to join the P&C find us on FB.

Search 'St Peters Public School P&C'



Don't forget your \$1.50 for Icy Poles. A reminder that P&C volunteers are unable to sell an Icy Pole unless a child has money. We hate to see children upset if they have forgotten their money, however, we must follow the guideline that having money is how volunteers are able to confirm parental consent to have an Icy Pole

#### Things to look forward to:













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**Transport for NSW** 

# Easter long weekend and autumn school holidays newsletter

March 2024

The Easter long weekend and autumn school holidays are always a popular time for visiting family and friends, with more traffic than usual on NSW roads. With the addition of the Anzac Day public holiday on 25 April, heavier traffic is expected on the last weekend of the school holidays. Let us help you plan your trip to ensure you experience fewer traffic delays on your journey.



# Planning to travel outside Sydney?

To avoid delays, visit the **Journey Planner** to understand predicted traffic pinch points across NSW.



### Get real-time updates with Live Traffic NSW

Download the Live Traffic NSW app or scan the QR code for real-time information about roads and changed traffic conditions. You can save your trip and receive notifications if any traffic incidents occur on route to your holiday destination.



## Heading to Sydney Airport?

Easter is one of the busiest periods for Sydney Airport. Allow extra travel time and plan ahead.

To avoid delays, consider catching the train instead. Download the **Opal app** to keep informed of any public transport changes and alerts. If you are driving to the airport, check **Live Traffic NSW** before you leave home.



### Visiting the Royal Easter Show?

Consider using public transport instead of driving. Allow extra travel time and plan ahead.

Extra trains and major event buses will run daily. Simply present your show ticket for free travel within Greater Sydney. Plan your trip at **transportnsw.info**. If you need to drive, it's essential you **pre-book parking online**.



# Keep safe these holidays

Use these **road trip tools** to help you identify your rest stops, calculate tolls, vehicle load restrictions, and information on available vehicle ferries.



#### Allow extra travel time

Upgrade works continue across the NSW roads and public transport networks. **Plan ahead**, stay alert, and follow signs and speed limits.

Transport for NSW





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**NSW Department of Education** 





### Selective education computer-based test pilot

Is your child in Year 3 or Year 5? Express your interest now to participate in our computer-based test pilot

The department is moving from paper to computer-based tests in 2025 for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2026.

To help with the change we are testing the use of computers in a test 'pilot'. We are seeking **expressions of interest** from parents and carers for their child to participate.

#### When is the pilot?

Saturday 22 June 2024

- Pilot opportunity class test: 7:30 am –11:00 am
- Pilot selective high school test: 12:30 pm 5:00 pm

#### Where are the test locations?

- International Convention Centre, Sydney
- University of Newcastle, Callaghan
- · Mount Panorama, Bathurst

Participating students get to experience sitting the computer-based test under test conditions

Important: Participation in the pilot will not result in placement in a selective high school or opportunity class.

Year 3 students will sit a **pilot** Opportunity Class Placement Test. Year 5 students will sit a **pilot** Selective High School Placement Test.

Places are limited so express your interest by 12 April 2024 using the link below. There are no fees or charges for the pilot.

Express your interest now

Visit: edu.nsw.link/sepilot



For more information regarding the pilot visit: <a href="mailto:edu.nsw.link/cbtpilot">edu.nsw.link/cbtpilot</a>

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#### SYDNEY SOUTHEAST SYMPHONIC WINDS 2024



2024 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds ensemble (formerly known as the Sydney Region Band). Our goal is to provide advanced music education and performance opportunities for children in years 5-8 who are currently enrolled in public schools in and around the Sydney area. Students are auditioned from all across the greater Sydney area to form a 100+ piece concert band.

The band has regularly performed at leading performance venues including the Sydney Opera House, Angel Place, Sydney Town Hall, Parliament House, Verbrugghen Hall and the Sydney Entertainment Centre, also representing the Department of Education at official events throughout Sydney.

We hold a yearly camp where the students work with experienced conductors and tutors, with regular rehearsals held at Caringbah North Public School. We also provide music teachers with professional development opportunities both as a part of the camp as well as through rehearsals and auditions.

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

Students in year 5, 6, 7 or 8 who are enrolled in a Public School located in the greater Sydney area. Year 9 students who were a member of the 2023 ensemble are also welcomed to apply.

#### **AUDITIONS**

Auditions will be held on May 4-5 at Caringbah North PS. For more information regarding auditions please see the Audition Requirements information available on the following page. Alternatively, all information can be viewed on our website – www.gspsensembles.com or on the Arts Unit website.

#### <u>CAMP</u>

The 2024 camp will be held Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at The Tops Conference Centre.

#### **FEES**

Fees for 2024 total \$600. These fees pay for camp accommodation/meals/activities, music, expert tuition, administration, auditions, supervision, and band polo shirt (if required).

#### **REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE DATES**

Please see the calendar on the following page or on our website for the proposed 2024 schedule.

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Teachers, conductors, and tutors are to provide information and dates to suitable students. Applications are to be made online at <a href="www.gspsensembles.com">www.gspsensembles.com</a> or via the Arts Unit website. Please ensure that all information is read carefully prior to applying. Times and dates for auditions will be sent by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April with auditions held the following weekend. An attempt will be made to honour special requests for audition allocations.

### CLOSING DATE: Friday 26th April, 2024

Questions regarding applications or information regarding the 2024 SSSW ensemble should be directed to <a href="mailto:adam.t.robinson@det.nsw.edu.au">adam.t.robinson@det.nsw.edu.au</a>

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# AUDITION INFORMATION & PROPOSED CALENDAR 2024



Auditions for 2024 will be held Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at Caringbah North Public School. Students will be allocated a time and day following the close of applications on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. If no information has been received by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April regarding audition allocation, please contact us. If there are any special requests regarding audition allocation, we will do our best to accommodate.

#### On the day of the audition, students will be required to:

- Perform one short unaccompanied piece (or an excerpt from a longer piece) between 1-2 minutes long, with a focus on the players' musicality and technique. Special attention should be paid to phrasing, articulation, and dynamic contrast.
- Play one major, minor, or chromatic scale. The scale should demonstrate as much of the students' playing range as possible and be played "all tongued" or "all slurred".
- Play a short passage of sight reading. The piece will be different for all instruments and will reflect the level of music to be played in this year's ensemble.

All students will need to bring is their instrument, music, and a smile ©

#### \*\* SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR PERCUSSIONISTS \*\*

The percussion audition process is slightly different in that it will be an open audition, with all applicants attending at the same time. They will need to demonstrate 4 styles (Rock, Swing, Latin & March) as well as auxiliary and mallet ability if studied. Creativity is greatly encouraged within the various beat patterns. These auditions will be held on the afternoon/evening of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Day / Date	Details	Venue
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Auditions Times TBA	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	First Rehearsal 2.30pm – 5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Camp 9am Monday – 7pm Wednesday	The Tops Conference Centre
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 28th July	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Dress Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Cantabile Festival Times TBA	Sydney Opera House
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm	Caringbah North Public School
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Showcase Concert Times TBA	Sydney Conservatorium of Music – Verbrugghen Hall

<sup>\*\*</sup> This is a proposed schedule only and is subject to change. \*\*

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### **Program benefits**



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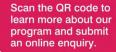
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# April School Holiday Program

Ages: 5 - 12 years old

What to bring: Water bottle, recess and

lunch, enclosed shoes.

**BOOK NOW!** 



Join us this April for our exciting range of school holiday activities! DATES AVAILABLE! Extended hours available 3pm - 5pm. Active kids vouchers are accepted!

Creative kids vouchers accepted for creative workshop & origami design only.

Mon 15 April	Basketball Skills Development
Tue 16 April	Basketball Skills Development
Wed 17 April	Basketball Skills Development
Thu 18 April	Laser Tag   Futsal   Volletball
Fri 19 April	Inflatable Obstacle course Creative Arts Workshop
Mon 22 April	Mini Olympics
Tue 23 April	Jersey Day   Futsal   Basketball Origami Design
Wed 24 April	Laser Tag   Futsal   Basketball Creative Arts Workshop
Thu 25 April	ANZAC DAY - CLOSED
Fri 26 April	Inflatable Obstacle Course   Dodgeball   Multi-Sports

Visit our website for more details by scanning the QR code above, or alternatively, give us a call on 9559 7722!

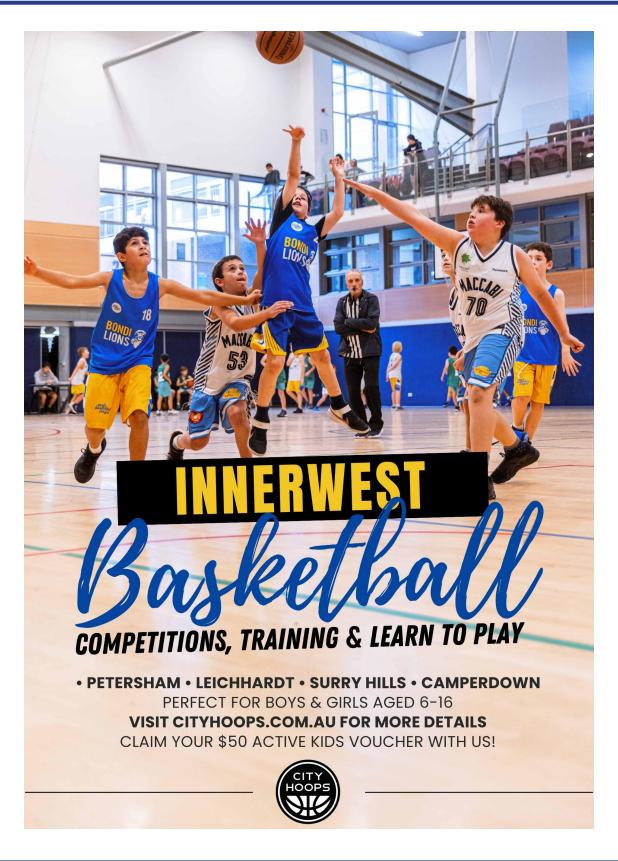








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# BEGINNER COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

For more information or enrolment visit www.justanotherbaker.com

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024 SATURDAY 4 MAY 2024

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