

## Coming events

### TERM 1

**Week 2** Tue 1 Feb  
Students return

**Week 4** Tue 15 Feb  
**Swimming Carnival**  
(competitors only)

**Week 7** Wed 9 March  
School Photos

**Week 9** Mon 21 March  
Harmony Day

**Week 9** Wed 23 March  
Parent/Teacher  
Exchange of  
Information

**Week 11** Fri 8 April  
Easter Hat Parade and  
Exhibition & Last day

## PRINCIPAL NEWS



I think this image says it all. The weather has certainly been a challenge for us all and we really thank you for your patience when dropping off and picking up your children.

The children have been couped up in their classrooms, but the teachers are doing a wonderful job at making the most of any time in the day when it stops raining, to let them get outside and stretch their legs.

We also take a moment to wish our Queensland colleagues well during these times of school closures due to the weather and to any community members who may be faced with additional pressures due to the weather.

## Some creative ways 1B does sport on wet weather days



## COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

It brings such joy to be able to welcome parents back on site!! You may have seen in communications sent out recently that as of this week parents are welcome to come onsite, drop off and pick up their children. Please feel welcome to take this opportunity to have a chat with other parents and reunite with everyone.

We are busily planning some activities for you to share with us and hopefully life will begin to return to 'normal'.

Here is a reminder of the changes

### From Monday 28 February 2022

- Cohorting no longer required: Students will no longer be required to be kept in year groups or other cohorts. This means schools can remove staggered start and finish times as well as reintroduce cross-year group activities and events such as assemblies. Schools should continue to apply the layered COVID-smart measures for minimising risk when planning activities and events.
- Visitors allowed on school sites Schools can invite visitors – including parents, carers and families – onto school sites regardless of their vaccination status to allow greater community engagement. Schools should continue to apply the layered COVID-smart measures for minimising risk when inviting visitors to come on site.
- Rapid antigen testing moving to 'symptomatic testing' only. Schools have provided a final allocation of 8 tests to support this for the remainder of term (20 for students and staff in SSPs and support classes). After this bundle, symptomatic students and staff should resume PCR testing or use their own home RAT kits, which are now readily available and accessible in the community.

### From Monday 7 March 2022

- Masks will no longer be mandatory in primary schools for staff and will no longer be provided. This staggered change recognises the lower vaccination rates in primary school-aged students. Anyone still wishing to wear a masks is very welcome to do so.

## SAFETY REMINDERS

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During bad weather times, especially, it is really important to be mindful of everyone wishing to use this space and make sure you are in and out as quickly and safely as possible.

It is greatly appreciated if everyone supports each other in this space.

Here is a link with important information about keeping safe around schools. Please feel free to discuss with your children.

[Keeping Our Kids Safe Around Schools \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/keeping-our-kids-safe-around-schools)



**Park Safe**  
SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, Chelsea (3P), Joshua (4L) and Michael (5/6S) and Miss Wright attended the Georges River District Swimming Carnival at Bexley Aquatic Centre. The rain did not dampen the swimmers' enthusiasm and they each gave a fantastic effort in their races. Chelsea competed in the 9 Years Girls 50m Freestyle, Joshua competed in the 10 Years Boys 50m Freestyle and Michael competed in the All Age 100m Freestyle, 11 Years Boys 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly. A great day was had by all at the carnival. Well done Penshurst West swimmers!

## What's hot at PWPS



4/5A and their artwork  
vibes!!!!



2/3R getting their 2's in  
order on 22.02.2022

Which one of  
our students  
can tell me  
what is special  
about this  
number?

## FACEBOOK UPDATE

As you may have read in the first newsletter for this year, we are trying to streamline communication with our community and one of these ways will be reducing the number of individual Facebook pages and just having one where we can share with you all of the wonderful things happening at PWPS.

As of week 9 (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March) we no longer will be posting to the PWPS Year Facebook pages and only share things through Penshurst West Public School – NSW DOE [\(20+\) Penshurst West Public School - NSW DEC | Facebook](#) Please make sure you follow us!!

On this page we will share and celebrate all things great at PWPS.

We will also communicate to you all important news and events with you in our fortnightly newsletter and you can continue to contact teachers via our school email, phone calls and of course now face to face meetings.

### **Penshurst West Public School - NSW DEC**

799 followers • 2 following



## P&C News and reminders

### **Meet & Greet**

On 8 March 2022 from 6:30pm – 7:00pm, the P&C will be holding an informal Meet & Greet. This will be in person at the school in L Block (new building). Or you can join via zoom using the link below.

Come and find out about the P&C, ask questions and meet other Members of the P&C!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89766786724?pwd=d09xYm01MElpeUNyUk9OZXZ3LzdTZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 6678 6724

Passcode: 424463

### **P&C Meeting**

After our Meet and Greet, our regular P&C Meeting on 8 March 2022 will commence at 7:00pm and everyone is welcome to join us, both in person or online.

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- **Hillview Farms** is a small business that provides high quality, seasonal fruit and veges sustainably farmed in NSW. They sell their farm fresh fruit and vegetables through market stalls in Leichhardt but also for home delivery in our area! Hillview Farms produce is sourced directly from farmers to ensure the freshest and most nutrient dense food for our customers in the city. The best bit is that 5% of every Hillview Farms online sale goes back to a community group of our customer's choice, and PWPS is now one of the choices you can make! Check out their webpage [www.hillviewfarms.com.au](http://www.hillviewfarms.com.au)



**Next P&C meeting** - Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7pm

## Contact Us

If you would like to get in touch with the P&C you can email - [penshurstwestpandc@gmail.com](mailto:penshurstwestpandc@gmail.com)

The P&C also has a school monitored Facebook page to keep up to date with events and canteen/uniform shop updates, if you are not already a member of the page, click on the link and request to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PenshurstWestPS.PC>

**Canteen** - please email [pwpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:pwpscanteen@gmail.com) if you are able to volunteer

- Lunch orders are via **Flexischools** only.
- The canteen is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Keep an eye on the P&C Facebook page for updates on canteen specials!
- **NEW ITEM: Flame-grilled chicken and coleslaw wrap - Mondays only**
- Look out for **Hot Cross Buns** being back on the menu soon!
- **Reminder** - If you have entered a lunch order and know your child will be away, you can cancel the order before 9:30am and get a refund.

**Uniform shop** - please email [pwpsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:pwpsuniform@gmail.com) for any queries

- Preferred method of ordering is via **Flexischools**.
- Flexischools orders should be entered by 4:30pm on Thursday for processing.
- With current restrictions, we are asking parents to **please email the uniform shop** first for help with:
  - **Second Hand items** - uniform shop coordinator can check items/sizes available
  - **Exchanges** - uniform shop coordinator will get back to you on availability and next steps for drop off of item(s). Please provide your original order details.
  - **Returns** - uniform shop coordinator will get back to you on next steps for drop off of item(s). Please provide your original order details so refund can be processed.
- If coming to the uniform shop on Friday, please follow all COVID guidelines for the school.
- If you come in person to the uniform shop on Fridays, the preferred payment method is by card (1.9% surcharge). We do not have the cash-handling in place that we used to and cannot guarantee change.

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## NEWS FROM OOSH

**Outside School Hours Care**  
PENSURST WEST

Care from **\$5.20** per day after CCS

Join in on the fun!

**SERVICE HOURS** (Monday to Friday)

- Before School Care 7 am - 9 am
- After School Care 3 pm - 6 pm

**HOW TO ENROL**

1. Use the QR Code or go to [www.afterschoolcare.org.au](http://www.afterschoolcare.org.au)
2. Select your school location
3. Complete the *online registration*

**3BRIDGES**  
EARLY YEARS TO AGEING WELL

3Bridges OSHC | 1300 327 434 | [www.afterschoolcare.org.au](http://www.afterschoolcare.org.au)

**Gymea Technology High School**  
INSPIRE. LEARN. SUCCEED.

Come along to

- Information Session
- Twilight Tours

Tuesday 1st, 15th, and 29th March

Year 7 2023  
High Potential Program

Register your tour or session via our website  
<https://web1.gymea-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>