

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

It most certainly has been a challenging two weeks and I want to thank our entire school community for supporting each other.

While our school has some damage due to the recent weather, we are in a much better place some of our Northern River schools, some of which have been destroyed, which is why we are asking, for this who can, to donate \$5 for these communities.

We are collecting money on Friday 18th March.

We are pooling our money with Carlton PS, Sans Souci PS, Athelstane PS, Bald Face PS, Peakhurst PS, and Oatley West PS to send to the network of schools. I know they will be extremely appreciative of all help they can get....so THANK YOU!!!!

Selective High School Test- for placement in 2023

The Selective High School (SHS) Test is now scheduled for Thursday 31st March and will be conducted onsite at Penshurst West Public School. All students who are participating in this examination must be at school on time ready to begin at 9:25am. The test is open to registered students in Year 6.

Parent/teacher Exchange of Information

A reminder we are having our session on Wednesday 23rd March. You will have received notes (hard copy and via email) with details of how to book online. If you need assistance, please contact the school as soon as possible.



HARMONY DAY

Friday 21st March is Harmony Day! This day is a very important day to celebrate cultural diversity and is timed to coincide with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

On this day students will decorate paper hands which will be displayed around the school. This represents the unity that our school has and how we all work together to create a place of safety and collaboration.

On this day also, we will be selling ice blocks to raise money for a plaque to be placed with our new flagpoles. The poles were donated by Byron Geddes (a previous school captain) in honour of our late staff member, Linda Robertson.

The next time you are in the school, please feel welcome to visit this beautiful space.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our 2022 Sports House Captains and Vice Captains



(AS PICTURED)

FRASER

Candy Abdeslayed - Vice captain
Emily Scullino - Captain
Liam Chivers - Captain
Michael Rustamadji (absent) – Vice captain

FRASER

BRADMAN

Beau Cooke - Vice captain
Clarisse Dung - Vice captain
Zoe Rak - Captain
Liam Johnson - Captain

BRADMAN

CUTHBERT

Jayda Jomaa (absent) - Vice captain
Matthew Evans - Vice captain
Jasmine Mehyo - Captain
Cooper Gillard - Captain

CUTHBERT

Mrs Phillips

What's hot at PWPS

This week in 5/6S we have been studying Fox by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks. The students participated in discussion groups using prompt cards to deepen their understanding of the characters. Following this, the students wrote character profiles and created artworks based on the main characters.



In mathematics, the students have been solving addition and subtraction questions using a variety of mental and written strategies.



From Mrs Smith

COVID UPDATES

As you will have seen from recent communication, we, like many schools, are experiencing an increase in positive Covid cases in our school community.

Please be assured that while many classes are impacted, there are only a few students in each class, and in some classes, only one student.

We continue to put in place additional mechanisms dealing with cleaning. Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. Enhanced cleaning is delivered as part of the daily cleaning of schools.

Any student or staff member who wants to wear masks are welcome to do and staff working in our Support classes are required to wear masks when working with the students.



We sincerely thank you all for your support in keeping our whole community safe.

P&C News and reminders

General

The P&C has committed to helping the school with technology upgrades this year. More information to come soon!

Volunteers Grant update - 3x Square Stand systems (with ipad) have been purchased to be used by the P&C volunteers. One system in the uniform shop, one in the canteen and the 3rd to be utilised for events. This will allow our volunteers a more permanent and reliable system for accessing canteen/uniform shop ordering and for taking card payments.

Fundraising

We have a couple of ongoing fundraisers where Penshurst West will receive a percentage of sales. So please support these businesses and the P&C!

- **Mi Ball** - Personalised soccer balls, volleyballs, rugby balls, basketballs as well as drink bottles, sports bags and more!

<https://npaevents.com.au/collections/penshurst-west-public-school-fundraiser>



- **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 donate 5% of every online sale back to a community group of the customer's choice, and PWPS is now one of the choices you can make! Check out their webpage www.hillviewfarms.com.au



Easter

It's Easter Raffle time again! A separate note will be coming home soon with all the details - here is a quick overview:

- Raffle tickets will be available for purchase **from 18th March until 7th April** via <https://rafflelink.com.au/pwpseaster2022> (or scan QR code)
- Raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th April
- Donations for the raffle prizes can be left at the office. Please bring in donations by Monday 4th April
- Easter Fun Pack - the Hot Cross Buns/Drink special can be ordered via Flexischools for Friday 8th April (order cut off date Monday 4th April)
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - if you are able to help with either of the following, please email the P&C, we will need a few people involved for each:
 - Sorting and wrapping raffle prizes (may be an afternoon at the school between 4-7th April, date TDB depending on volunteer availability)
 - Packing Easter fun packs in the canteen on Friday 8th April

Next P&C meeting - Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7pm (no April meeting due to school holidays)

Canteen - please email 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**
- Hot Cross Buns are also back on the menu!
- 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 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.

Keeping everybody safe



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Serving Our Community

PARKING SAFELY AROUND SCHOOLS

ROAD RULES REMINDERS



HOLDING HANDS IN TRAFFIC

- ▶ Children need assistance in the traffic environment until at least the age of 10. They are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep themselves safe.
- ▶ All children need to be actively supervised in and around moving vehicles including on footpaths, shared paths, driveways and car parks; at traffic lights, zebra and other road crossings; and on quiet streets and busy roads.
- ▶ Your children are always watching and want to be just like adults. Make sure you always set a good example around traffic and talk to your children about why you are stopping at the kerb and what you are watching and listening for. Explain where and when it is safe to cross and why.
- ▶ Hold hands with your children around traffic. If your hands are full, make sure your child holds onto your bag, pram or even your arm or sleeve.

Fines and demerit points for school parking infringements are determined by the State Government and subject to change.

The nominated fines and demerit points listed in this brochure are current as at July 2020 (updated Feb 2021).

Unaware of any changes to date

DOUBLE PARKING

Do not double park at any time. Double parking is illegal and dangerous especially around schools. It reduces visibility and blocks the road for other motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$349 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

- ▶ Performing U turns or 3 point turns in school zones is extremely dangerous.
- ▶ Performing U turns across unbroken centre lines is illegal and is particularly dangerous around schools.

FINE EXCEEDS \$349 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

PARKING/STOPPING NEAR INTERSECTIONS

It is illegal to park or stop less than 10m from an intersection without lights as this blocks visibility for turning drivers and creates a hazard for all motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$464 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS & CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

- ▶ Slow down as you approach pedestrian crossings and children's crossings.
- ▶ Do not proceed if the road beyond the crossing is blocked.
- ▶ Do not stop or park in the No Stopping zones on either side of the crossing as this blocks visibility.
- ▶ At a children's crossing you must stop at or before the stop line if there is a pedestrian about to cross or already on the crossing.
- ▶ Do not proceed through a children's crossing until all pedestrians have completely cleared the crossing.

FINE EXCEEDS \$581 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS

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NO STOPPING ZONES

No Stopping signs mean you must not stop here at any time. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

An unbroken yellow kerb line is a no stopping line. You must not stop for any reason.

FINE EXCEEDS \$349 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

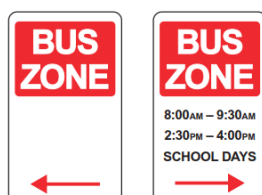


BUS ZONE SIGNS

A Bus Zone is a No Stopping zone for vehicles other than buses. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

You must not park your vehicle less than 20 metres before or 10 metres after a bus stop.

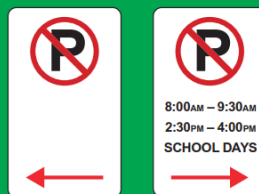
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NO PARKING ZONES

You can only stop in a No Parking zone while picking up or setting down passengers or goods. You have a maximum of 2 minutes from the time you stop and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times. **THIS IS NOT A WAITING ZONE.**

FINE EXCEEDS \$194 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



DRIVEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- ▶ When exiting or entering a driveway a vehicle must give way to pedestrians on the footpath.
- ▶ Driveways are not playgrounds. Be aware that children can go unnoticed in front and behind your vehicle. Do not solely rely on reverse sensors or cameras in your vehicle.
- ▶ Always supervise and hold a child's hand near/crossing driveways.
- ▶ It is illegal to park in or across any driveway or to block a footpath at any time.

FINE EXCEEDS \$349 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



TIME RESTRICTED PARKING

Parking signs with specified time limits allow drivers to park their vehicle for a maximum period of time, eg 5 minutes, 1 hour etc. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

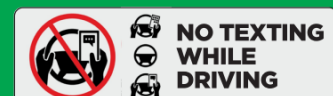
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USING MOBILE PHONES

- ▶ It is illegal to make or receive a call on your mobile phone while you are driving unless your phone is secured in a fixed mounting or does not require you to touch or manipulate the phone in any way.
- ▶ It is illegal to use the other features of a mobile phone such as texting, emailing etc unless your car is legally parked and the ignition is switched off.
- ▶ Using mobile phones is a major distraction for drivers and incurs higher fines and demerit points in school zones.

FINE EXCEEDS \$464 + 5 DEMERIT POINTS



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