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Term 4 October 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final term for 2024. This term is an important one, filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and finishing strong. Our Year 5 students will commence seeking leadership for 2025 and our Year 6 students will enter a time of reflection as they think back to their memories of the last seven years. Our Kindergarten students are almost at the end of their first year of big school, and their growth throughout this year has been significant. At Pitt Town Public School, we are not focussed on the top score, but rather that students have made growth in all areas across the school year. I look forward to all our students finishing 2025 by giving their best each day.

P&C

The P&C meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month. Parents and carers are encouraged to come along to have the opportunity to hear what has been happening at the school as well as contribute ideas to upcoming events and initiatives. **The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting, and it is to be held on Tuesday 19 November at 7pm in the Hub.**

Students Not Returning 2025

As the year draws to an end, I am aware some families will be moving out of the area onto new and exciting adventures and their children therefore will no longer be attending Pitt Town Public School. In order for the school to plan our classes for 2025, if you are not returning, can you please email the office-pitttownp.school@det.nsw.edu.au as soon as possible to let us know.

Road Safety Update

There has been correspondence received from the Hawkesbury Council informing the school that the proposal for a raised pedestrian crossing on Buckingham Street will be considered in March 2025, for the 2025/2026 financial year. Our State Member Parliament the Honourable Robyn Preston has taken my concerns to the Minister for Roads, the Honourable John Graham and I will inform the community when I receive a response. We

have applied for a School Crossing Supervisor via the Transport for NSW program and are currently awaiting the result of this request. I encourage parents to consider using our back gate entrance on Fernadell Drive for morning drop offs. A lot of parents are currently choosing to walk their children across the road. I also ask that when parents are driving around the school, that extra care is taken.

Selective High School 2026 (Current Year 5 students) and Opportunity Class Placement 2026 (Current Year 3 students)

Parents of current Year 5 students are able to apply for a selective high school placement for their child who will be in Year 7 in 2026. Parents of current Year 3 students are able to apply for an opportunity class placement for their child who will be in Year 5 in 2026. Those wishing to do so, must apply within the dates below.

The key dates are:

- * Thursday 7 November 2024: Online applications OPEN
- * Friday 21 February 2024: Online applications CLOSE
- * Friday 2 May to Sunday 4 May 2025: Selective high school and opportunity class placement tests conducted over a 3-day period
- * Thursday 31 July 2025: Selective high school placement outcome expected to be released
- * Friday 29 August 2025: Opportunity class placement outcome expected to be released

Please see the following link for more information.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools>

Attendance Celebrations

In the first week of Term 4 we celebrated attendance from Term 3. 51 students who were at school for every day of Term 3 had a special morning tea. These students also got an ice block along with 110 other students who were at school for 95% or more of the term, meaning a maximum of two days were missed.

We also have 4 students who have been at school every day of 2024, who will receive a special award and an outing towards the end of the year, if they keep their attendance at 100%.

Every day counts and we want students at school to give them the best opportunity to make the most growth each year.



Upcoming Important Dates

4	Nov 4 Grandparents Day	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8 P&C Disco
5	Nov 11 Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov 12 Kindy Orientation Day 2	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15
6	Nov 18 K-2 Responsible Pet Program 10am	Nov 19 P&C AGM Meeting 7pm	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
7	Nov 25 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	Nov 26 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	Nov 27 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	Nov 28	Nov 29 Salvos Christmas Tree items due

Angus Lamont Principal

Salvos Giving Tree Christmas 2024

The Salvation Army organises Christmas hampers every year to give to families in need at this time of year. While this season is all about joy and togetherness, many families are facing tough times due to rising costs and financial stress. The Salvos have seen a significant increase in the demand for food assistance in our area with so many families reaching out for help over the year. The Salvation Army Norwest Region, is committed to supporting our local communities, providing food, financial aid, and assistance for domestic violence victims. We have set up a Christmas Giving Tree in the office at Pitt Town PS as a collection point for items for the hampers. If you want to participate, you can donate basic pantry staples and/or new toys or books. Basic pantry staples include long life milk, breakfast cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, tea, coffee, tinned fish, tinned ham, tinned fruit, sweet and savoury biscuits. Some ideas are in the image provided. Items can be donated from now until **Friday 29 November**.



Brand New Uniforms

Brand new uniforms are available from Lowes at Rouse Hill and Brynorms at Richmond.

For Brynorms online ordering-

The website address is : bryn norms.com.au

The password for online ordering is: bryn norms

Payments for online orders are processed at the time of ordering. There is a 1.75% card surcharge payment applied to online orders.

Orders can either be collected from the Richmond store at customers convenience (at no charge), or delivered to a home address at a flat rate of \$16.00 per order.

Bryn norms will contact the customer once the order is packed and ready for collection, or has been dispatched for delivery.

Second hand Uniforms

Families wishing to purchase second hand uniforms are able to contact the school via email at pittownp.school@det.nsw.edu.au with requirements.

Jackets/ Jumpers - \$10.00

Everything else - \$5.00

The office will be in contact regarding availability.

October Merits

Congratulations to the following students who have received merit certificates in October.

Class	Week 10	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
KK	Mia G	Latrell-Michael K	Wolfe M	Mia G
	Issac F	Charlie C	Jack M	Mackenzie C
KR	Parker A	Koby P	Jack S	Arrow P
	Braxton M	Jack R	Arlie L	Layla E
1/2H	Torren L	Tom N	Piper S	Chloe W
	Georgia G	Isabella G	James B	Parker C
1/2R	Sophia B	Sienna H	Hayden M	Carter T
	Charlie L	Harry B	Alayah O	Willow N
1/2S	Archie M	Harlow B	Evie F	Skye L
	Lucas C	Bryson G	Nixon D	Ella B
3/4B	Jade H	Aubrey K	Zoe A	Thomas E
	Sofia C	Skylar H	Jackson M	Ivy W
3/4K	Elliana F	Valencia	Justin	Rose H
	Tyler H	Ashton N	Kade M	Rheanon B
3/4JO	Ella D	Piper S	Laykin K	Indie V
	Lucas W	Kayden V	Layla M	Blair H
5/6H	William S	Mitchell K	Lindie-Lee P	Charlotte C
	Ava-Rose M	Koby W	Ashleigh W	Ivy W
5/6S	Joshua L	Arizona S	Flynn K	Nahla Y
	Harry C	Klay P	Ivy M	Blake B
5/6SH	Bella C	Flynn B	Indyannah V	Mason B
	Tate P	Kobi C	Michael Z	Mali L

Week 10 Strives

Ashton W	Sienna O	Nell W	Mikayla W	Austin C
Brody G	Addison A			

Week 1 Strives

Ashton N	Elliana F	Jaxson N	Jasmine B	Indyana C
William E	Evie F x2	Laykin K	Jake M	

Week 2 Strives

Lylah S	Beau C	Bryson G	Ronan H	Skye L
Lucy P	Jax D	Michael Z	Oaklyn S	Olivia M
Maddison V	Carter T	Lucas W	Blair H	Tom N
Clayton E	Jack M			

Week 3 Strives

Klay P	Jackson M	Airia M	Annabel H	Hayden M
Mason H	Sophia B	Bailey G	Samson G	James B

Ivy M x2	Georgia C	Kenzie H	Lani K	Kade M
Baylee G	Thomas G	Piper S	Charlie C	Jeremy G
Thomas E	London H			

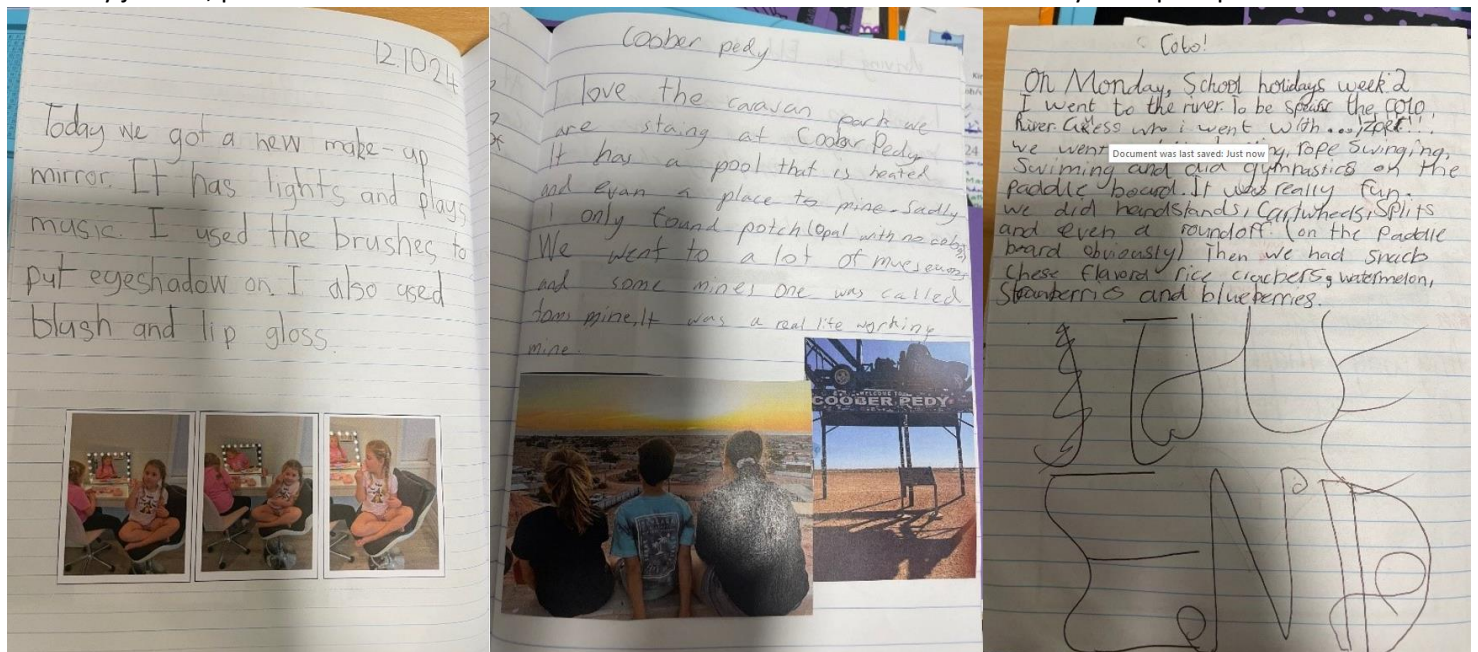
Week 4 Bronze				
Archie M				

100 Nights Reading October				
Mikayla W	Torren L	Arlie L		

200 Nights Reading October				
London H	Kayden V	Kyana H	Olivia M	Paisley H
Skye L	Beau G	Sofia C	Baylee G	Alex C
Connor W	Brodie P	Jackson M	Kenzie H	Aria M
Jake M	Wolfe M	Indie-Lee P		

Term 3/4 Holiday Journals

Congratulations to the 77 students who returned their holiday journals! It was wonderful to celebrate them with a Zooper Dooper at recess and give them the opportunity to share their writing with others. We loved reading about their holiday adventures to famous landmarks, overseas, the movies and playing the sports or doing the activities they love. Each holiday journal has a certificate and will be returned at the end of the term ready for the Summer holidays. If your child would like a holiday journal, please let the office know so we can make them one for the next holidays. Keep it up Pitt Town!



SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA FOOTBALL (SOCCER) 12 YEARS AND UNDER CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Lexi A for playing in the NSW soccer team in the national championship held in Perth at the start of Term 4. Lexi played well, scoring goals in the competition and her team finished fourth overall. Thank you to the P&C for their donation to Lexi, that is made to all Pitt Town students representing at a national level.



PSSA Sydney West Athletics Championship

On the last day of Term 3, a number of Pitt Town students represented our school as part of the Hawkesbury Zone at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival. The rain came and went throughout the day, what was consistent though was a high level of athletic skill on display. Well done to all students who competed and a mention to the best results we received on the day with Anneliese X finishing second place in all her MC events and to Ashleigh W finishing sixth pace in both the 800m and 1500m and to Bella C for sixth in the 800m and seventh in the 1500m.



Hawkesbury District Public Speaking Competition

Blair and Evie gave outstanding prepared and impromptu speeches at the Hawkesbury District Public Speaking Semi Final that was held on Friday 25 October. Evie was a winner at the semi final and went through and spoke well at the grand final held Thursday 31 October, where she delivered an excellent impromptu speech where she took the angle of the topic to be 'it is never too late to say sorry'. Well done to both girls for their achievements.



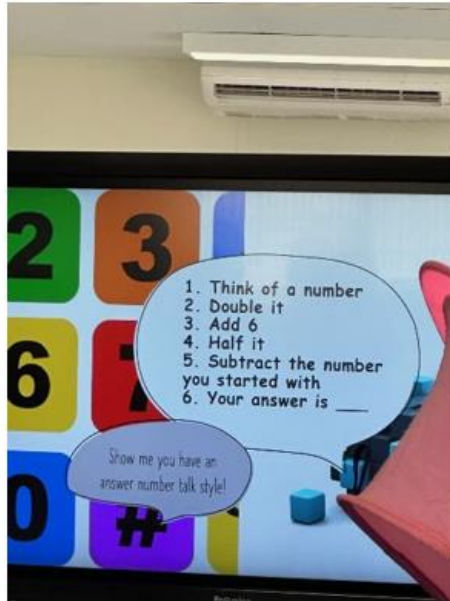
Oztag Australian Championships

Zoe has had a successful year in Oztag competitions. She played for the Hills Bulls Representative for Oztag State Cup NSW Championships U9's in February. Zoe recently played for West Sydney Tigers Cubs U9 at the Oztag Australian Championships held in Coffs Harbour in October, where her team made it to the quarter finals. Zoe has been named in the Oztag Hills Bulls Representative Squad for State Cup in February 2025. Well done Zoe!



Maths Spectacular

The first day of Term 4 began with lots of sweaty brains at our annual Maths Spectacular! This year, we followed the Paris theme and had a Maths Olympics Day! We started the day with our own Opening Ceremony. Each class adopted a country and paraded into the hall with their chosen flag. Each class was competing to be the winners through a series of Maths Olympic Activities, such as Straw Javelin and Cotton Bud Archery. Students added up their points scored to create a country total. The day ended with our Closing Ceremony, with each country (Class) sharing their number learning from the day. Congratulations to Vietnam (3/4K) on scoring the most points in the Maths Olympics, earning themselves a Zooper Dooper. We also discussed the importance of numeracy and how it can be seen in everything we do every day and in every job. So please keep up all that numeracy learning at home – playing card games, playing board games, cooking, shopping and so much more. We love getting sweaty brains!



World Teachers Day

For World Teachers Day, our students came together to take their hats off to their teachers, and each SRC member shared what their class values about their teacher. Thank you to the P&C for providing a lunch for our teachers to enjoy.



Soccer Gala Day

On Friday 25 October we had six teams from Stages 2 and 3 compete in the Hawkesbury Zone PSSA Soccer Gala Day. Our students had a great day competing and played with excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Kustreba, Mr Woodward, Mrs Chapman and Mr Porter for coaching a team or refereeing on the day.



2025 Kindergarten Transition Day

On Tuesday 29 October we had our first transition day for Kindergarten 2025! Welcome to all our new families. The children had a fun time doing craft, puzzles, drawing and number games. All parents received a bag with all the goodies they need and attended an informative session about next year. We look forward to all children and parents being back to our next session on Tuesday 12 November at 9:15am and then our final one on Tuesday 3 December at 9:15am.



KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION

TO CALMSLEY HILL CITY FARM

WHAT WE LEARNT

Kindergarten had a blast visiting the Farm in Week 1! Our Farmer tour guides taught the students all about living things on the farm, plant care and lifecycles and what materials and products a farm can produce.



OUR FAVOURITE BITS!

The students loved trying cow milking and petting the baby animals. They were amazed when watching the dog show and the stockwhip demonstration, where our own Mrs Kennedy, Layla (KR) and Austin (KK) had a go of cracking the whip! However, I think everyone's favourite was the tractor ride, which was like a rollercoaster!



KINDY ROCKS!

We would also like to mention how respectful, safe and responsible our Kindy students were on the day. We had many comments from the tour guides about how well behaved our students were. Kindy teachers were very proud of everyone on their very first big school excursion! Well done Kindy!



Welcome to 5/6H



Mathematics

Recently we have been focusing our learning on angles. In this activity, we worked in small groups to assemble, measure and match all the pieces of each angle puzzle.



Science Week

We had lots of fun exploring chemistry as we made crystals using pipe cleaners, string, hot water and borax during science week.

Throughout the experiment we were able to see first-hand how molecules react to different temperatures. Once we had assembled everything, we left them to form over the weekend.



Preschool visits

Our Year 5's have really enjoyed visiting some of our local preschools, reading to them and playing some games. They have done such a great job at organising their activities and running their small groups.

