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Term 4 November and December 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the 2024 school year comes to a close, it becomes a time of reflection and considering the memories that have been created throughout the year. At Presentation Day, I spoke about our continued focus throughout 2024 on learning with priority on increasing every student's reading fluency, including encouraging students to read for 300 nights, our consistent approach to writing being embedded across every classroom, Morning Kick Off as part of our explicit teaching focus, the WISH problem-solving framework successfully being used by students in all classrooms and the new 'Numeracy Fact Fluency Challenge' to increase students numeracy fluency. Each year I outline only new activities and events that have been run in the year and 2024 saw 9 new opportunities for our students and families. When I spoke to our Year 6 students at their graduation, I outlined how technology is rapidly changing in the world they are entering, however, technology can never replace the individual unique qualities that each one of them processes. We are looking forward in 2025 to establishing our Multi-Categorial Support class and our students have been spoken to about inclusivity and how everyone is created in a special way. We read 'All My Stripes' by Danielle Royer and Shaina Rudolph to help students understand how different people feel and react to situations.

Thank you to our teachers, SLSOs, administration and grounds staff for your tireless commitment to our school for 2024. Every single one of our staff members gives their best each day for our students. Every student is known valued and cared for by our staff and it is what makes Pitt Town Public School so special. Thank you to Miss Reith and Mrs Hanna for your time spent teaching at Pitt Town and we wish you all the best at your new schools for 2025. Thank you to Miss Lyndsey and Miss Taylah for your time supporting our students in your role as SLSOs throughout the last two years. Thank you to Casey for all your effort in the canteen keeping our students fed.

To our Year 6 families moving on, we wish you all the best for you and your child's high school education and thank you for being part of our community. We look forward to welcoming students back on Thursday 6 February for the first day of school for 2025 including our new Kindergarten students.

P&C

Thank you to our 2024 P&C executive, who have done an outstanding job over the year, running many events to support our students including the recent P&C Disco and provide funds for our school. Thank you to the parents and citizens who have volunteered their time throughout the year to support the executive in delivering these events. We are looking forward to 2025, the **first meeting will be the AGM which will be held on Tuesday 25 February at 7pm in the Hub.**



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

Each term we celebrate students who have been at school for 100% of the term with a morning tea. We also give a Zooper Dooper to every child who was at school for 95% of the term or more. This means they have missed a maximum of 2 days in the term. This year was exciting as we celebrated Isabelle G who was at school 100% of the school year, and to acknowledge this Isabelle had the option of any food she wanted, which happened to be McDonalds delivered to her for lunchtime.



Upcoming Important Dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31 Staff Development Day
2	Feb 3 Staff Development Day	Feb 4 Staff Development Day	Feb 5 Staff Development Day	Feb 6 K-6 Students 1st Day of 2025!	Feb 7

Angus Lamont
Principal

November Merits

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

Class	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
KK	Jeremy G	Austin C	Rosie S
	Ben C	Jake M	Mikayla W
KR	Lily B	Nicholas M	Kade R
	Rylan A	Tyler W	Beau G
1/2H	Harmony S	Jordan X	William W
	Bohen B	Rush P	River S
1/2R	Cody M	Kohen B	Adeline M
	Olivia M	Roy T	Jack S
1/2S	Dallas S	Laura B	Samson G
	Amalia X	Lucy P	Willow K
3/4B	Logan B	Braxton X	Noah G
	Piper D	Gracie H	Jack G
3/4K	Noah O	Claudia F	Sam L
	Ashton L	Ariana S	Charlotte I
3/4JO	William C	Jaxson N	Harley T
	Macy B	Indi J	Amreen S
5/6H	Jarryn C	Ava-Rose M	
	Gemma M	Ruby B	
5/6S	James I	Crystal J	
	Anneliese X	Lili C	
5/6SH	Evie M	Isabella V	
	Lylah S	Will G	

Week 5 Strives				
Arlie L	Jasmin Y	Dakota K	Georgia G x2	Rush P
Gemma M x2	Ashton L	Arrow P	Aaliyah T	Peyton B
Harlow B	Paisley H	Amalia X	Willow K	Mia H
Boston P	Koda W	Logan B	Amelia B	River S
Brayden L x2	Parker C	Bohen B	Levi C	Kayden V x4
Raphael C	Blake B x2	Lili C	Jhett W x3	Kobi C
Isabella V	Hayley A	Evie M		

Week 6 Strives				
Jack R	Brodie P	Skyler H	Aurora H	Dallas S
Chloe W	Aidan O	William C	Valencia	Noah S
Zahra E	Aubrey K			

Week 7 Strives				
Jhett W	Henry C	Ethan F	Charlie L	Lexi A
Tyler W	Ciera M	Indie-Lee P	Nixon D	Beau G
Zoe A	Jordan X	Jade H	Braxton X	Olivia C
Harley T	Bella C	Jonathan W	Edward W	

Week 6 Bronze				
Archie M	Rush P			

Week 6 Silver				
Boston P	Mia H	Maddison V	Charles A	Eliza W
Evie F	Skye L	Thomas N	Lili C	Lucas W

Week 8 Bronze				
Raphael				

Week 8 Silver				
Jhett W	Jaxson N	Dallas S	Roy T	

100 Nights Reading November and December				
Gemma M	River S	Nell W		

200 Nights Reading November and December				
Ruby B	Logan B	Isabella G	Madelyn W	Nicholas M
Jeremy G	Lucas W	Harvey S	Evie M	Henry C
Cody M	Jonathan W	Edward W	Kohen B	Aaliyah T
Hunter B	Tom N	Noah S		

300 Nights Reading November and December				
Eliza W	Jacob S	Isabella V	Cooper S	Amalia B
Dakota W	James B	Charlie L	Mia B	Ashleigh W
Thomas E	Georgia W	Chloe W	Margaret E	William L
Lily B	Blake B	Rosie S	William E	Elaina H
Finn J	Lucy P	Ronan H	Valencia	Blair H
London H	Ivy W	Raphael	Rush P	Boston P
Austin C	Arrow P	Alex C		

Our students have continued handing in their 300 Nights of reading for the school year, right until the last school day of 2024. We start fresh again in 2025.



Sports

We have had some great achievements with students selected for representative teams outside of school. Congratulations to the following students:

Cooper S has been selected to play in the NSW North-West Futsal team for the 2025 National Titles to be held in January.



Dakota W has been selected in the Wanders Junior International Team that will play soccer in Japan in 2025.



Ivy M participated in the athletics New South Wales Treloar Shield in October in the Under 15 3000m Race Walking event with a time of 16:49 and has now qualified to represent NSW at the upcoming 2025 Australian Championships to be held in Perth in April 2025.



Basketball Gala Day

Pitt Town participated in the Basketball Gala day on Friday 1 November with exceptional performances from all players across Stages 2 and 3. With four games for each team, the competition was fierce and strong. With our Stage 3 teams taking the day out undefeated and some of our Stage 2 teams doing the same, the day was fun for all. Our students represented our school with the utmost respect and pride.

Thank you to Mrs Thompson, Mrs Wright, and Mr Lewis for your assistance in coaching sides on the day. Your help did not go unrecognised.

Thank you to all students who participated on the day with big smiles and amazing skills.



Library News

Wow! This year has flown by and here we are nearing the end of Term 4. Thank you to everyone for your support of the library. This may have been by purchasing from Book Club, donating books or by ensuring your child has their library bag on their library day. Congratulations to 1/2H and 3/4K who have borrowed the most books out of K-2 and 3-6 this year.

Borrowing has finished for the year so please return all library books as soon as possible. Reminder notes will continue to be sent home for books that are overdue.

Thank you to everyone who supported the stall on Grandparents Day. This generosity is much appreciated as it benefits all students at our school. A special thank you to the grandparents and/or parents of the following students for donating books to the library:

Evie and Cody M
Joshua and Lucas L
Lucas and Ariana S
Sofia C

Raphael and Valencia
Charlotte and Georgia C
Dakota W
Ella D

Mackenzie and Lani K
Parker C
Arizona S
Elaina H

LEGO club has been busy this term. We had a short challenge at the beginning of the term to build something related to grandparents. This was followed by students building something to occupy any elves that may visit in December.



Creativity is not limited to our LEGO Club students. I am always amazed by the imagination displayed by the students who come to the library during lunch. This includes using craft materials, construction toys, drawing and playing games.



Enjoy the holidays and hopefully you will get the opportunity to read a good book!

Mrs Martin
Librarian

Grandparents Day

We enjoyed welcoming our grandparents into our school for Grandparents Day on Monday 4 November. It was an opportunity to celebrate the amazing grandparents in our lives. It was a day filled with smiles, stories and memories that will last a lifetime as students showcased their dancing, singing and classrooms. It is always nice presenting grandparents with awards and the new category this year of 'the most amazing thing you have done' was won by a grandfather who has skateboarded in competitions with Tony Hawke, the students thought this was pretty cool.



Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day we gathered at the flag poles to lay our poppies and reflect on all those who have served and died in war. Our school captains laid a wreath during the Windsor District RSL sub-branch service at Windsor on behalf of the school. Lest we Forget.



Stage 3 Camp

Stage 3 had a fantastic time on their camp to Canberra. We started our camp by visiting the Australian War Memorial. Our students were able to learn a lot and demonstrated respect while visiting such a sacred facility. A visit to the National Capital Authority helped students to understand the design of Canberra and provided an opportunity for the students to then design their own cities in teams. A trip up to Mount Ainslie followed which was fantastic to view Canberra and make the links from their previous learning. Day 2 provided an opportunity to visit both Parliament House and Old Parliament House. Our school was able to sit in the public gallery for the sitting session and were acknowledged by the speaker of the house. We met our local member Ms Susan Templeman MP while visiting. The Australian Institute of Sport was a great afternoon activity to finish off day 2 of camp. Our final day was filled with excitement as we visited Questacon. We were able to get in early and had most of the galleries to ourselves, and this allowed every student and teacher from Pitt Town who wanted to use the free fall slide the opportunity to. Many students fell asleep on the way home, it was a great camp with many memories made for decades to come.



SRC New Sports Equipment

In Term 3, we raised money for new sports equipment through the SRC PJ Day Fundraiser. As a school, \$264 was raised and we were able to purchase 3 new competition sets of soccer balls, netballs and basketballs. This equipment will be taken when we represent Pitt Town PS at knockout competitions and gala days. Meaning that we have now added over 30 balls back into the sports store room, ready to use in weekly sport or at recess and lunch.

An excellent fundraising effort!



Russ the Bus

On Thursday 5 December Russ the Bus came to visit Pitt Town! Every student had the opportunity to choose a brand new quality book. The incredible illustrator and author, Serena Geddes, ran a drawing workshop with everyone and then signed all books for students to take home. Happy reading Pitt Town!



Year 4 Zoo Snooz Camp

On Thursday 5 December, Year 4 made the journey to Taronga Zoo for our annual Zoo Snooz Camp, the students first overnight school camp. It was exciting being able to walk through the zoo at night and see the nocturnal animals up, as well as getting into restricted areas where the public are not able to access. All our students had an excellent time and overall, most slept all through the night, although there were some students up with the animals just before sunrise.

On Friday 6 December, we attended the seals behind the scenes and attended a program in their learning centre where the students were able to get up close with a range of animals. We watched the seal show while eating morning tea, and the bird show while eating lunch before hopping back on the bus to head back home.



Stewart House Handball Competition

For the second year in a row we ran a handball competition to raise funds for Stewart House. This year we raised \$592. Thank you to all our students who participated in the competition and well done to our winners.



Year 6 Events

Our Year 6 Farewell was held on Tuesday 10 December. Our Year 6 students had a fantastic time throughout the evening and it great to welcome parents in to view the dance the students had been working on this term to perform as the finale for the evening.

Our Year 6 students enjoyed a fun day at the PCYC. Thank you to the P&C for supporting this day by going halves with the school to provide this opportunities for our students to celebrate their primary school journey.



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Create healthy habits - for life



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Dates: 12 February to 9 April
Time: 4pm to 6pm
Location: PCYC Hawkesbury (16 Stewart St, South Windsor NSW 2756)

To register:

- **Visit:** go4fun.com.au
- **Call:** 1800 780 900
- **SMS:** 0409 745 645 for a call back

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You'll spend quality time together:

- Play fun-based games and get active
- Build self confidence
- Make new friends
- Manage screen time
- Go on a supermarket tour
- Learn about healthy eating for kids & family
- Get active and have fun
- Whole of family approach

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welcome to

SIGSH

Maths Spectacular

We started the term off with a Maths Olympic Challenge. We got our brains all sweaty as we worked as teams to try and get the highest score of points.



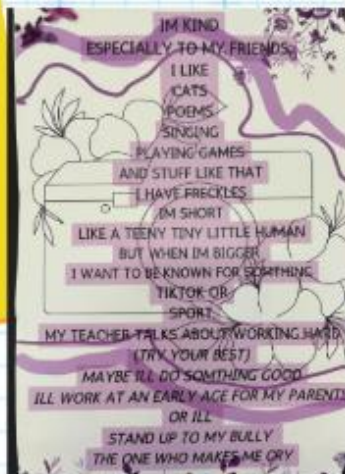
Mini Fete & State Library

Our excursion to the NSW State Library was amazing! We enjoyed looking at all the artifacts. Mini Fete was also a great success and SO MUCH FUN!



Poetry

This term we have been learning all about Free Verse Poetry. These are poems that do not rhyme! We've thoroughly enjoyed this unit.



BY JAX

Term 4



5/6S Highlights

STAGE 3 CAMP

5/6S had a great time at camp. They discovered the history of Canberra and what it was like to be a town planner.

GRANDPARENTS DAY



THIS TERM 5/6 S SPENT SOME TIME IN CLASS WRITING POEMS ABOUT THEIR GRANDPARENTS. AT THE GRANDPARENTS DAY ASSEMBLY THEY PRESENTED A WHOLE STAGE POEM BEFORE RETURNING TO CLASS AND SHARING THEIR INDIVIDUAL WORK WITH THEIR LOVED ONES.



A VISIT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE GOT US INVITED INTO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHILE IN SESSION.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT WAS A DEFINITE HIT.



AND THEN THERE WAS QUESTACON

HOW THE TERM FLIES - YEAR 6 FUN DAY





New Wolves Clinics 2025

Ages:

Under 4's - Under 12's

Time:

5.00pm - 6.00pm

Dates:

Tuesday 14th January
Tuesday 21st January

Location:

Windsor Leagues Stadium



Windsor Wolves would like to invite any child that is either New to the game of Rugby League, or New to joining our club to register their interest for these FREE Introductory Clinics we will be running in January 2025, our NEW WOLVES CLINIC

We will be running 2 sessions of fun, skills and drills to showcase what your child will be signing up for.

These sessions are more so aimed at kids that have never played the game of Rugby League and for parents to see if the game of Rugby League is for them before Registering for the 2025 season. In saying that, we will have some of Coaches there running the players through drills and if a player is interested joining the Wolves for 2025,

This is a good chance to see what our club and the game of Rugby League is all about.

To Register for these FREE Clinics, please pop details below in this link 📌

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/WindsorW.../NewWolvesClinic202>

PITT TOWN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Bona Vista Park
22 December 2024

AT 4.30PM - 9PM

PROUDLY
SUPPORTING



UNLIMITED
RIDES PASS
PRE-PAID
\$30

FOOD
TRUCKS

LOCAL
STALLS

UNLIMITED
RIDES PASS
ON THE DAY
\$35

RAFFLES &
PRIZES

