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Term 1 March 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

March has been a very eventful month with a lot of activities happening for our students. There are 9 days left of Term 1 before the holiday break and we plan to make sure that every day counts with engaging lessons and experiences for our students. Our ANZAC Commemorative Service is to be held on Friday 12 April at 9:00am at the school, all parents and carers are invited to come along to this service. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 30 April for the commencement of Term 2.

Upcoming Important Dates

Term 1

10	Apr 1 Easter Monday	Apr 2 Go Blue for Autism Awareness Day Year 6 to Year 7 EOI or PNR online forms due	Apr 3 RSL Schools ANZAC Service Leaders Attending	Apr 4	Apr 5
11	Apr 8 Hawkesbury Zone PSSA Cricket Gala Day S2 and S3	Apr 9 Peer Support Training - Stage 3	Apr 10	Apr 11 Last Day for Term 1 Pitt Town PS ANZAC Service	Apr 12

Term 2

Apr 29 Staff Development Day	Apr 30 Students Return for Term 2 P&C Meeting 7pm	May 1 Stage 2 Excursion - Elizabeth Farm	May 2 School Cross Country 3-6 Maths Parent Workshop	May 3
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Attendance

We want all students at school every single day as we know that attending school is so important. Each term we will continue to celebrate students with 100% attendance for the term as well as students who have 95% attendance or better for the term. There will also be a celebration at the end of the year for any student who has been at school every day for the year. If you experience problems with getting your child to attend school, please contact the school to let us know and we can put support in place to assist with getting them to attend.

It is also important that students are at school on time and ready to learn as we start our 'Morning kick Off' sessions as soon as the bell goes.

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

P&C

The P&C meets once a month on a Tuesday. Traditionally it has been an evening meeting at 7:00pm, however, this year we are trialling some morning meetings. 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 to be held on Tuesday 30 April at 7:00pm in the Hub.**

P&C Twilight Markets

On Friday 8 March, the P&C held their very successful Twilight Markets where \$9,150 was raised and the community was brought together for a fantastic evening. Well done to the P&C, led by Mrs Oliva Wallace for their organisation of the event. Thank you to the following local business' donating towards our raffle: Ray White Windsor; Abulk Turf; Plus Fitness 24/7 McGraths Hill; The Home Bureau; My Spa; Windsor Cycles; UTF Black Belt; Miracle Bricklaying; Vision within Creations; Ultra Tune Windsor; Sweet Az Spreadz; RB Hair & Beauty; Casey-May Makeup Artist; Pitt Town Quality Butcher; Pitt Town Bottle Shop; Pitt Town Fresh; Soul Hair McGraths Hill; Oakville Harvest; Sugar & Slice by TS; All Things Scrunchies; BC Collective; Bunnings McGraths Hill and Pitt Town & Districts Sip n' Stitch.



Angus Lamont Principal

Brand New Uniforms

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

Our school has now been made available online for Brynorms.

The website address is : bryn timers.com.au

The password for online ordering is: bryn timers

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.

Bynorms 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.

EFTPOS facilities

The office is now able to take any payments by EFTPOS.

March Merits

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

Class	Week 6 Merits	Week 7 Merits	Week 8 Merits	Week 9 Merits
KK	Jeremy G	Jake M	Mia G	Rosie S
	Charlie C	Margaret E	Ben C	Nell W
KR	Koby P	Kenzie H	Nicholas M	Jack R
	Arrow P	Kade R	Arlie L	Braxton M
1/2H	Isabelle G	River S	Georgia G	Makayla Z
	Brayden L	Alex C	William W	Mia H
1/2R	Charlie L	Hayden M	Baylee G	Madelyn W
	Sophia B	Annabel H	Mason H	Thomas G
1/2S	Peyton B	Laura B	Beau C	Skye L
	Aaliyah T	Archie M	Kash E	Harlow B
3/4B	Zoe A	Aubrey K	Jackson M	Braxton X
	London H	Piper D	Georgia C	Brannoc M
3/4K	Ciera M	Lain M	Mia B	Claudia F
	Lucas L	Jack W	Ashton N	Ashton L
3/4JO	Addison A	Levi C	William C	Lucas W
	Georgia W	Brodi G	Indi J	Macy B
5/6H	Maci L	Joel M	Ivy W	Ruby B
	Ashleigh W	Ella W	Indie-Lee P	Ava-Rose M
5/6S	Nahla Y	Lili C	Jasmin Y	Jacob S
	Blake B	Adam W	James I	Ava S
5/6SH	Lexi A	Bella C	Layla M	Kobi C
	Mason B	Indiana F	Koby C	Flynn B

Week 6 Strives				
Bryson G	Skye L	Dallas S	Brodie P	Jacob S
Week 7 Strives				
Kaito M	James B	Makayla Z	Ava K x2	Jasmin Y
Lucas L	Lain M	Piper S	Alex C	Parker C
Zahra E	Ivy W	Amelia B	Jed M	Maddison V
Ariana S	Jonathan W	Edward W	William C	Aliyah B
Week 8 Strives				
Jackson K	Henry C	Ava S	Ivy W	Gemma M
Indie-Lee P	Ella W	Jasmin C	Jack M	Harry C
Brannoc M	Charlie L	Annabel H	Ashton N	Jax
Lucas C	Harmony S	Eliza W	Elliana F	Georgia W

Mason H				
Week 9 Strives				
Stella B	Willow K	Jackson M	Koda W	Arizona S
Flynn K	Rory S x2	Tyler H	Levi C	Lucas S
Mason B	Will G	Dallas A	Jack W	Dakota K
Asleigh W	Ziad A			

100/200/365 Nights of Reading

Congratulations to these students who have completed their 2023 reading levels.

2023 200 Nights of Reading				
Alex C				
2023 465 Nights of Reading				
Dakota W				

Sydney West PSSA Basketball

Well done to Mali L, Tate P and Jake C who represented Hawkesbury PSSA at the Sydney West Boys and Girls Basketball Championships held at Penrith Valley Sports Centre on Tuesday 26 March. All students played extremely well! The girls finished 3rd in their pool and 5th overall (out of 8 zones). The boys also finished 3rd in their pool, and then 5th overall (out of 9 zones).



Hawkesbury PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

The carnival was a fantastic day with 19 students from Pitt Town competing in the carnival and giving their best. Congratulations to the junior girls relay team, consisting of Iris N, Macy B, Charlotte C, Ashleigh W that came third and to Brody G for third in the 50m freestyle. These students attended the Sydney West Carnival last week.



Halogen Young Leaders Day

On Monday 4 March, our School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects represented Pitt Town Public School at the National Young Leaders Day Conference at the International Convention Centre in Sydney. The leaders listened to speakers Anastasia Woolmer, Eva Amores, Matt Cosgrove, Stephen O'Keefe and Bryson Klein. They heard about each of their stories and how they can be better leaders.



Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday March 1, students participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Students enjoyed tidying up the school and learning about the importance of keeping our school community clean.



Year 6 Longneck Lagoon Excursion

On Wednesday 13 March, Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful experience at Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre. The students engaged in a variety of team-building exercises and challenges to further develop their teamwork and communication skills.



Olympic Visit

On Monday 11 March, Years 3-6 students enjoyed the 'Olympics Unleashed' visit with Athlete, Sarah Hawe and were challenged and inspired to set goals, overcome challenges, and find their passions! Sarah competed in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games finishing 5th in Women's Eight rowing and is a Two-time world champion in the Women's Four - 2017 and 2019. She is aspiring to compete at the next Olympic Games in Paris later this year.



Harmony Day

This year the theme for Harmony Day was *Everyone Belongs*. Students shared stories over the yarning circle and completed a range of activities for this special day.



Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat parade was a fantastic morning with many of our community joining us for the occasion. Thank you to the P&C for organising Easter's eggs for our students as well as the raffle.



Wellbeing Week

Week 7 of every term we have a focus on wellbeing for staff and students. A variety of additional activities are organised throughout the week for the students to participate in. The games afternoon is always a hit and a great opportunity for the students to build their friendships.



Pulse Alive

Our Pulse Alive team did a spectacular performance at the Pulse Alive concert held on Friday 15 March.





ART CLUB

For the past few weeks art club have been working on this years entry to the Hawkesbury show.

We have been busy designing and painting our Llamas. They will be on display at the show from the 19-22 April 2024 so make sure to keep an eye out for them.



Hair with Heart

Mali L recently got her long hair cut for Variety's 'Hair with Heart' and donated her hair to be made into wigs for children who are in need. So far, she has raised \$1,159 for Variety's 'Hair with Heart', including \$250 of donations on the night she cut it off at the half time of the Hawkesbury Jets Youth League Game, where Mali has played for 4 years in representative teams and is the under 12 captain this year. Mali has donated her hair in the past to this cause.



Welcome to KK

The start of kindergarten has seen the students adjust to the school and classroom routine. We have participated in fun activities each week. Our room is full of our artwork and creations. We sound out our letters, count our numbers, and are learning how to be a good friend.

KR CLASSROOM NEWS

HERE IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT IN TERM 1



MATHEMATICS

In Term 1, we have been learning about combinations of five, length, volume, capacity and mass! Lots of our maths work is done using hands-on, exciting activities. One of the students' favourite activities this term was a capacity lesson where we used water and different measuring mechanisms to fill buckets in a team relay!



MORNING KICK OFF

As a part of our morning routine, the students start off each day with phonemic awareness, phonics and writing practice.



PDHPE

During sport, students have been learning fundamental movement skills such as throwing, catching, balancing, jumping and kicking!



CAPA

In visual arts, students love experimenting with a range of mediums such as paint, watercolour, oil pastels and collaging. They have already showcased their artistic abilities through a range of different artworks this term.



Culture Dose for Kids



Culture Dose for Kids

is a free arts engagement program for young people (aged 9 to 12) with mild anxiety – and their parent or carer.

Anxiety itself is a normal emotion. However, some young people worry more than others. In this project, mild anxiety refers to children who worry a little more than their peers but are not diagnosed with an anxiety disorder.

Parents/carers play a vital supporting role and they are invited to participate in the program at the same time, in a different part of the gallery space.

This program is modeled on the successful pilot at the Art Gallery of NSW.

12 May–30 June 2024 (8 Weeks)
Sundays 10.30am–12.30pm
Hawkesbury Regional Gallery
FREE – Apply Here



**If you would like to participate,
scan the QR code or visit
<https://tinyurl.com/3yuf6bpp>
to complete the application form**



Art
Gallery
NSW



**Black Dog
Institute**

This project is a collaboration between
Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Black Dog
Institute and the Art Gallery of NSW.



The Culture Dose for Kids program seeks to understand the impact of arts engagement on the wellbeing in 9-12 year olds who experience mild anxiety.

A free program for their parents and caregivers will run at the same time.

The program will provide a friendly, safe, structured space for young people and their carers to engage with and respond creatively to curated artworks in a small group setting. It is led by an experienced team.

Who can participate?

Young people will be eligible to participate if they:

- Are between the ages of 9 to 12
- Are in primary school
- Are able to travel to Hawkesbury Regional Gallery
- You (the parent or caregiver) believe your child experiences mild anxiety
- Up to 15 young people plus a parent/carer

What's involved?

- Completion of a questionnaire
- Travel to Hawkesbury Regional Gallery each week for a 2-hour workshop – starting Sunday 12 May and finishing on Sunday 30 June
- Take part in a short interview about your experience of the program.

If you would like to participate, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/3yuf6bpp> or scan the QR code to apply and complete the online application form.

For more information contact David Ryan: creative@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



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