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# Term 3

# September 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that Term 3 is coming to an end already, however, it has flown by, partly because of all the different engaging events that have occurred for the students' learning over the term. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break, with the chance to reset for the final term of 2024 that commences with our Maths Spectacular day on Monday 14 October. **Please make sure you have a read at the end of the newsletter of all the exciting activities the students have engaged within STEAM lessons recently as well as items that are required for Term 4 that you may be able to supply.**

### Online Guardians

The Online Guardians Sessions that were run for students and parents were very successful. Nathan connected with the students using their language and made it clear to them that it was not about taking away their devices, but rather helping them to make sensible decisions to keep them safe online, as well as using technology moderately to help to maintain a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Students and parents were both shown how simply playing a game of Roblox online can quickly escalate to an unsafe person knowing where you are living due to tricks used to get the young person onto another platform, through the use of gifts in the games. Nathan then provided the education around the best methods to protect yourself or children online to minimise the risks and potential of danger. Prior to the sessions, our students had completed surveys that covered how our students use devices and behave online. Although none of our students meet the age requirements to use Snapchat, 40% of our Stage 3 students are using this app. The state average for students using Snapchat in Stage 3 is only 20%. I encourage parents to consider this fact and although we have a significantly higher than state average for Snapchat use, there are still 60% of our students who are not using it. Often our children will beg us to have something they want with the comment of 'everyone else has it'. This is not always the case, as a parent it is our job to make decisions that our children may not always like, but it is to protect them and give them boundaries.

You would be aware that currently the Australian Federal Government is strongly considering raising the age of children in Australia being able to access social media to 16 years of age and have recently run a nationwide survey seeking community feedback.

All members of our community now have access to the Parent Support Network provided by Online Guardians, and I encourage all parents to explore this site with its useful resources. <https://onlineguardians.com.au/parent-support-network/>

### Road safety

Thank you parents, for taking additional care around our children’s crossing on Buckingham Street. It has been good to know that a lot of parents are currently choosing to use our back gate entrance on Fernadell Drive until a raised pedestrian crossing is installed as per the current active transport plan that was adopted by council in July. The project is currently waiting for funding to be allocated before it can commence. You may wish to join me as a member of the community in requesting an update from the newly elected local council as to a more specific timeframe for the delivery of the project.

### 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 to be held on Tuesday 15 October at 7pm in the Hub.**



### Upcoming Important Dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Oct 14 Maths Spectacular K-6	Oct 15 P&C Meeting 7pm	Oct 16	Oct 17 Kindy Excursion - Calmsley Farm 08:40am	Oct 18 Stage 2 & Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day
2	Oct 21	Oct 22 School Photos 2024	Oct 23 NSW PSSA Athletics	Oct 24 NSW PSSA Athletics	Oct 25
3	Oct 28	Oct 29 Windsor HS Transition Day Kindy Orientation Day 1	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1 Hawkesbury Zone PSSA S2 and S3 Basketball
4	Nov 4 Grandparents Day	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8 P&C Disco

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](http://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](mailto:pittownp.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with requirements.

Everything \$5.00

The office will be in contact regarding availability.

## EFTPOS facilities

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

## September Merits

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

Class	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
KK	Nel W	Charlie C	Margaret E
	Mackenzie C	Jake M	Harvey S
KR	William L	Tyler W	Kade R
	Nicholas M	Oaklyn S	Beau G
1/2H	Clayton E	Mia H	Ashton W
	Isabella G	Brayden L	Eliza W
1/2R	Annabel H	Roy T	Aria M
	Henry C	Mason H	Thomas G
1/2S	Noah S	Paisley H	Stella B
	Wyatt G	Samson G	Hunter B
3/4B	Georgia C	Mackenzie K	Koda W
	Khye P	London H	Boston P
3/4K	Noah O	Abbie S	Ciera M
	Ashton L	Ashton N	Chayce C
3/4JO	Indyana C	Heth S	Brody G
	Jackson K	Edward W	Kyanna H
5/6H	Bailey G	Ella W	Luca H
	Joel M	Ayub S	Jake C
5/6S	Adam W	Arizona S	Ivy M
	Nahla Y	Cooper T	Henry J
5/6SH	Evie M	Braxton B	Georgia C
	Will G	Hayley A	Jonathan W

<b>Week 7 Strives</b>				
William C x2	Rylan A	Ava S	Rush P	Piper S
Jasmine C	Layla E	Jed M	Madelyn W	Kash E
Amalia X				

<b>Week 8 Strives</b>				
Ethan F	Ivy M	Mali L	Flynn B	Dallas S
Harmony S	Ella B	Piper S	Ella D	Ivy W
Dallas A x2	Mackenzie K	Noah G	Jack S	Hayden M
Ally H	Sam L	Mia H		

<b>Week 9 Strives</b>				
Ivy R	Mason B	Lili C	Oscar L	William W
Kaito M	James B	Kyanna H	Stella B	Aaliyah T
Indianna F x2	Isabella V x2	Braxton B	Cody M	Charlie L
Margaret E	Ciera M	Lain M x2		

<b>Week 10 Bronze</b>				
Kash E				

<b>Week 10 Silver</b>				
Olivia C	Jack G	Torren L	Jasmine C	Annabel H
Zahra E	Henry C	Samson G	Alex C	

<b>100 Nights Reading September</b>				
Jack M	Jed M	Kaito M	Stella B	Lain M
Jasmine C	Ziad A	Ally H	Ivy R	

<b>200 Nights Reading September</b>				
Mason H	Arrow P	Rush P	Lucy P	Finn J
Austin C	Mackenzie C	Boston P	Alex C	Elaina H
Jack R	James I	Charlotte I		

### Storytime for Kindy 2025

We enjoy having our 2025 Kindergarten students coming in for Storytime sessions to help them prepare for Big School next year.



### Hawkesbury Cup Rugby League

We recently competed in the Rugby League Hawkesbury Cup. Our under 10's and under 12 students showed outstanding enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day. It was a highly competitive and successful day. We thank the P&C for supplying our fantastic new sets of Rugby League jerseys, we looked very professional and our students were very excited to be wearing them for the first time.



### Best Lunchtime Ever!

TheirCare our OOSH provider, ran the Best Lunchtime Ever for our K-2 students on Tuesday 17 September. The students were able to play games and participate in activities that are run usually at OOSH, and all students received a showbag, including a free session to be used at TheirCare.



### SRC Pyjama Day

On Friday 20 September, our students had a sleep in, as there was no need to get dressed. They all rolled out of bed and came to school in their pyjamas in support of the SRC who were raising funds to get some more sport equipment for the school to use at break times.



## Shadow Judging

Mrs Martin has worked with a group of Stage 2 and 3 students during the last two terms as part of a shadow judging team. The students needed to first select a book they agreed to critique, before producing a creative response. The book chosen was called 'Timeless' and the students' responses were outstanding, including some very cool stop motion animations.



## Stage 3 Mini Fete

Our Stage 3 students worked hard over Term 3 to prepare their stalls for the annual mini fete. All the K-4 students enjoyed a morning of yummy food, hairspray, face painting, disco, games, sports/activities and most of all sponge throwing at their favourite teachers. It is a great experience for the students to choose where to spend their tokens and the morning has such a nice community feel to it. Well done Stage 3 for organising and running a fun event for everyone to enjoy.



# Stage 1 Sydney Zoo Excursion

Stage 1 students had a fantastic day at Sydney Zoo on Thursday 12 September. Students learnt how to improve environments for things to thrive through a range of hands-on activities and gained a deeper understanding of the features of living things and their environments.

Thankyou Mrs Schipp, Mrs Hopkins, Miss Reith, Mrs Brierley, Mr Luke, Miss Tab and Miss Emma.



# Welcome to **3/4JO**

## **BOOK WEEK**

In Week 5 we celebrated Book Week with a range of activities! In particular, we loved being able to show off our creative costumes at the Book Parade.



## **SCIENCE WEEK**

In Week 4 we participated in Science Week which saw us conduct an experiment to investigate the difference between different materials and how they conduct heat. We had hypothesised that a metal spoon would be the quickest as metal is a well-known heat conductor, however, we were corrected when it was in fact the plastic spoon. As a class we discussed that this was possible as the plastic spoon was thinner meaning it was able to heat through to the butter quicker.



## **HEALTHY HAROLD**

We got to visit our good old friend Healthy Harold again! We had fun learning about the importance of balancing friendships and emotions.



## **NRL WORKSHOPS**

We had a blast at our two NRL workshop sessions where we had the opportunity to play different games, learning and developing new skills with a footy! We had some talent shine through in 3/4JO!



>>> NEWSLETTER

# full STEAM ahead

What's been happening in  
STEAM this term?

During Term 3, students from  
Stages 2 and 3 explored the unit  
"The Student Film Maker"

Term 3, 2024



This term we were introduced to  
video making and editing skills  
using the film making kit from  
Stem T4L.

Each kit contained professional  
equipment such as tripods,  
iOgraphers, Gimbal recorders,  
microphones and peripheral  
devices to help us achieve our  
learning intentions to become  
filmmakers!

Stage 3 were set the challenge  
to create a mini movie  
showcasing their upcoming  
Mini Fete stall.



Stage 2 were tasked with  
designing and recording a short  
film aimed at introducing new  
students to Pitt Town Public  
School. Each group chose their  
focus of a welcome video, sport  
related or creative activities.







Our movies took 6 weeks of planning using storyboards, lots of talking, working as a team and time to reflect and edit using iMovie.

We learnt so many new skills about camera techniques such as panning, zooming in and out, slow-mo and time-lapse and how to use the editing software to publish our work.



Respectful



Responsible



Safe

While we were filming, we needed to demonstrate being **respectful**, **responsible** and **safe** digital citizens. A big part of this involved asking **consent** when filming. We learnt to respect a person's choice not to be in our film and became flexible and creative videographers because of it!



# Stage 1 and Kindergarten - Let's Code!!







# What's happening for next term?

Next term, K-6 will be investigating materials that are used for purposes.

We will be looking into what things are made of, how they are used for specific purposes, what happens when we pull them apart and what happens after they are no longer used.

Each lesson will involve inquiry questions, research and design with lots of hands-on STEM focused activities and presenting using digital technologies.

## For this we need your help!!

If you are able to donate cardboard, egg cartons, old desktop computers or mobile phones, clean recyclable materials that could be used for building (paper towel rolls are great, no toilet rolls please), hot glue guns, big rolls of sticky tape or masking tape, old screw drivers or safe cutting equipment we would greatly appreciate it!!

Donations can be left at the STEAM room or the front office please.



# THE AUSTRALIANA PIONEER VILLAGE



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(Behind the Heritage Hotel/Motel)  
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[www.theapv.org.au](http://www.theapv.org.au)

## School Holiday Fun

Mums, Dads and Kids - dress up as your best Fairies & Pirates for a super day of fun at The Village with train and hay rides, animals, games, demonstrations, shops, crafts, Historic Buildings and much more – we don't take bookings

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Eat in at The Damper Camp or The Oxboro Inn  
28 acres with **BBQs** to use for **FREE**

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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
★ On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct "Sydney Weekender"  
will be filming at The Village



**10am to 4pm – Free Parking *inside* The Village**  
Children under 3 are **FREE** - Children/Seniors/Carers \$5  
Adults \$10 - Family Pass \$25 (2 Children & 2 Adults)

Cash or Card - Rides are Extra – **NO** pets are Allowed



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