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Term 1 February 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to our returning families. The students all had a very settled start to the school year and enjoyed forming their new classes on the first day of school. This included our kindergarten students starting on the same day as everyone this year, with Best Start assessments being currently completed after students had settled into the routine of the school day. Our teaching and learning programs commenced straight away and our 'Morning Kick Off' sessions with explicit teaching ensuring a settled start to each day. All students K-6 are now using the new curriculum, more parent information sessions will run throughout the year to communicate with families about the curriculum. It was great to connect with our families earlier this month at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening.

P&C

The P&C held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25 February. Thank you to the members who have taken on executive roles for 2025:

- President- Nicole Leeds
- Vice President- Rebecca Slack
- Vice President- Sheree Lawrence
- Secretary- Kirsti MacRae
- Treasurer- Michelle Wildman

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 18 March at 7pm in the Hub. Volunteers are also wanted for the Cricket Gala Day on Friday 28 March to run the canteen, all profits from the day go back to Pitt Town PS P&C.**

School Zones

We all need to work together to keep all our children safe as they enter and leave our school. Please make sure you only park in designated areas when dropping your children off at school either at the front or back gate. For

the morning drop off the back gate is supervised by a staff member, is never congested with plenty of space to pull up and safely drop off your children and is a good option to consider using. The no parking zones are there to keep the crossings visible to motorist and pedestrians. All children need to get out of the car door on the kerbside for their safety. **I ask that you model correct behaviour with your children by using the marked crossings to cross the road.** When you are driving on the roads around our school, please always maintain a high degree of alertness and obey the speed limits. The Windsor Highway Patrol and council rangers complete regular inspections of our site during morning and afternoons to assist in maintaining the standards required.



NO PARKING

No waiting. You have two minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within three metres of your vehicle.

If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away, park elsewhere and return when there is space.

Penalties from \$215
Demerit points: 2



BUS ZONE

You must not stop or park in a Bus Zone for any reason unless you are driving a public bus.

You can only park in a Bus Zone if it is timed and you are parking there outside of those times.

Penalties from \$387
Demerit points: 2



Current as at 1 October 2023
and subject to change
For more information visit:
Offences on NSW Roads

SCHOOL ZONES & PARKING RULES

PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around School Zones.



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NO STOPPING

You must not stop in a No Stopping Zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space).

Penalties from \$387
Demerit points: 2



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

You must not stop on or within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing, unless signage is in place allowing you to park there. Do not let your children in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping Zone.

Penalties from \$514
Demerit points: 2

SPEEDING

SCHOOL ZONE

8- 9³⁰ AM
2³⁰- 4 PM
SCHOOL DAYS



END SCHOOL ZONE



The speed limit in a School Zone is 40km/h. School Zones are in force on all days which are not a weekend, a public holiday or a publicly notified school holiday for government schools. School Zone days include development days / student free days.

Penalties from \$225
Demerit points: 2

DOUBLE PARKING

You must not stop on the road alongside a car that is parked at any time.

Penalties from \$387
Demerit points: 2

FOOTPATH, DRIVEWAY OR NATURE STRIP

You must not stop across a driveway, footpath or nature strip for any reason.

Penalties from \$387
Demerit points: 2

U TURNS

U turns are illegal on or near pedestrian crossings and across double white lines.

Penalties from \$387
Demerit points: 3

Upcoming Important Dates

6	Mar 3	Induction Assembly	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Hawkesbury Zone Swimming Carnival	Mar 7
7	Mar 10		Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13		Mar 14
			NAPLAN Longneck Lagoon Year 6 Leadership Excursion	NAPLAN	NAPLAN		
8	Mar 17	NAPLAN Harmony Day Windsor High Didgeridoo Performance Harmony Day	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	
			NAPLAN PEC Meeting	NAPLAN Pulse Performance Day	NAPLAN		
9	Mar 24	NAPLAN	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	
			National Young Leaders Day			Hawkesbury Cricket Gala Day	
10	Mar 31		Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4	
			World Autism Day				
11	Apr 7	School Cross Country	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10	Apr 11	
				HPAF Combined Choir Rehearsal	Easter Hat Parade		

Staff and Classes

Principal- Mr Angus Lamont

Assistant Principal Kindergarten- Mrs Sharon Hopkins

Assistant Principal Stage 1- Ms Lisa Apap

Assistant Principal Stages 2 and 3- Mr Greg Keary

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction- Mrs Katy Brierley

K_1PS Mrs Katie Philp and Mrs Laurette Sider

KH- Mrs Sharon Hopkins

KM- Miss Hayley Mansfield

KN- Ms Madelyn Raggio

1/2A- Ms Lisa Apap

1/2B- Miss Ashley Bowden

1/2S- Mrs McGee Schipp

3/4JE- Mrs Rebecca Johnston and Ms Emily O'Keefe

3/4H- Ms Jaci Hughes

3/4W- Ms Zoe Wonson

5/6G- Mr Greg Keary

5/6K- Mrs Sara Kennedy

5/6S- Mrs Jaimi-Lee Schubert

Library- Mrs Sandra Martin

Learning and Support Teacher- Mrs Katy Brierley overseeing, Mrs Katie Cormack and Mrs Laurette Sider teaching

STEAM RFF- Mrs Katie Cormack

School Counsellor- Mrs Camila Regozo

Assistant Principal Learning and Support Windsor Network- Mrs Linda Ure

School Learning Support Officer- Miss Maddi Dimech

School Learning Support Officer- Mr Luke Phillips

School Learning Support Officer- Mrs Jazmin Campbell

School Learning Support Officer- Mrs Tabitha Moore

School Administration Manager+ Business Manager- Mrs Belinda Potter

School Administration Officer- Mrs Janelle Cassidy

School Administration Officer- Mrs Kelly James

Grounds Assistant- Mr John Hayes

Grounds Assistant- Mrs Emma Stirton

Supporting Students

In 2025 students at Pitt Town Public School will be supported in the following ways. Classroom teachers differentiate the teaching and learning activities to meet the needs of individual needs based on assessments and observations. Teachers will be supported in this process by Mrs Katy Brierley the Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APCI), through modelling, team teaching and professional learning.

Mrs Laurette Sider and Mrs Katie Cormack are our Learning Support Teachers and will be working with students who have identified learning needs as well as communicating with parents and staff. Some students will be withdrawn for specific programs and work in classrooms with other students to support their learning.

Mrs Tabitha Moore also runs intervention groups for some students. All the School Learning Support Officers support students in the classrooms.

Parents will always be informed either via phone or a letter if their child is receiving any additional support.

Please pass on any reports from specialists such as a paediatrician to the school so that recommendations can be considered by the Learning and Support Team.

2025 School Leadership Team

School Captains

Charlotte C

Luca H

School Vice-Captains

Darcy E

Ruby B

Prefects

Jarryn C

Ashleigh W

Pitt House Captains

Joshua L

Lili C

Pitt House Vice-Captains

Lylah S

Thompson House Captains

James I

Harry C

Thompson House Vice-Captains

Olivia C

Bailey G

Greenway House Captains

Lucas S

Indy V

Greenway House Vice-Captains

Henry J

Jasmin Y

Macquarie House Captains

Koby W

Mali L

Macquarie House Vice-Captains

Braxton B

Oscar L

PBL Team Leaders

Ben M

William S

Environmental Team

Indiana F

Macy L

Library Monitors

Aliyah B

Isabella V

Ziad A

Jhett W

Crystal J

Ayub S

SRC Representatives Semester 1

1/2A Archie M and Layla E

1/2B Cody M and Amalia X

1/2S Ronan H and Olivia M

3/4JE Logan B and Aubrey K

3/4H Levi C and London H

3/4W Lucas L and Charlotte I

5/6G Jackson M and Lain M

5/6K Charlie A and Iris N

5/6S Jack W and Sophia B

Attendance

Parents and carers must ensure their children attend school every day, unless for a justified reason, which may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances. For example, attending a funeral.

An explanation for absences must be given to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as

unjustified on the student's record. Throughout the year absent explanation notes will be sent home to families to explain unjustified absences. If your child is absent for 3 days or more a medical certificate is required.

Families going away for 5 days or more are required to complete an Extended Travel form to notify the school.

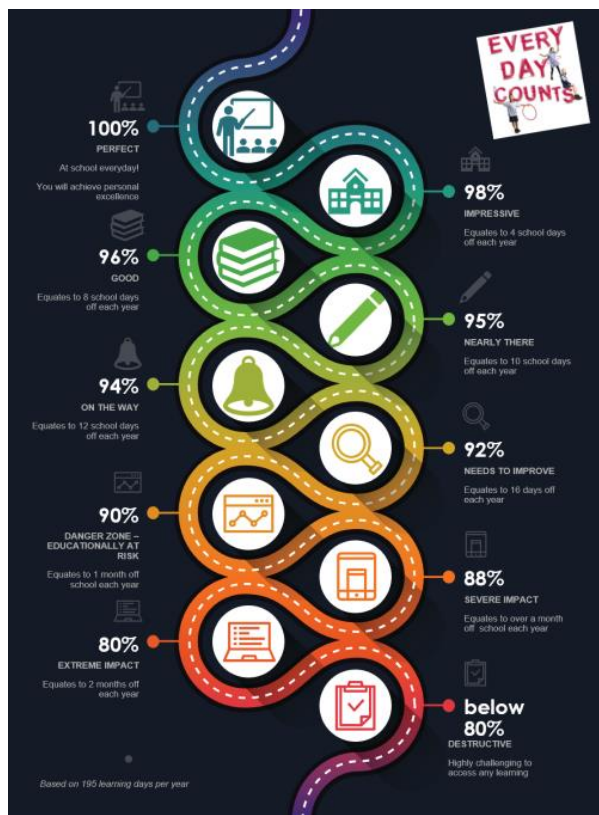
The importance of arriving on time

School supervision starts from 8:15am. Parents and carers are asked not to drop their child at school before this time as there are no staff available to supervise. We understand that many parents may have commitments at work which require them to start early. OOSH is available onsite at Theircare. Also, some families in our school who have working parents take turns to take each other's children to school. Whatever arrangements are made please understand that parents remain responsible for their child prior to 8:15am.

Classes start at 8.45am at Pitt Town Public School. Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded at the office as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. This can be done by phone or email to the school.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

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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

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Birthday Celebrations

For families wishing to have their child's birthday celebrated at school, there are the following two options. The canteen provides the opportunity to purchase a class set of ice blocks to celebrate a birthday. You can also choose to send in store bought cupcakes with ingredients listed. We prefer no lollies be sent to school.

Have a great month and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Angus Lamont
Principal

February Merits

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

Class	Week 5
K_1PS	
KH	Anderson H
KM	Maeve M
KN	Leo X
1/2A	Chloe W Ava B
1/2B	Harvey S Ivy R
1/2S	Willow K Jack S
3/4H	Ariana S Thomas N
3/4JE	Indiana G Torren L
3/4W	Spencer C Willow N
5/6G	Jackson M Lain M
5/6K	Charlie A Mackenzie K
5/6S	Jack G Crystal J

February Strives				
Kash E	Jed M	Lucas C	William L	Mikayla W
Makayla Z	Chloe W	Layla E	Mackenzie C	Harvey S
Nell W	Cody M	Thomas G	Ivy R	James B x2
Mia G	Kaito M	Rosie S	Ariana S	River S
Jasmine C	Lucas L	Georgia W	Amelia B	Eliza W
Ava K x2	Amreen S x2	Aubrey K	Alexandra C	Flynn K
Braxton B	Ashleigh W	Rose H	Jack W	Ally H

Week 6 Bronze Awards				
Zoe A				

Sports

A number of students have trailed for Hawkesbury PSSA teams to compete in Sydney West Competitions, some students have made it through to a second round of trials to be held in early March. Congratulations to Mali L who has made the basketball team. We have also started selecting and training our teams for the PSSA Knockout Competitions.

Pulse

Our Pulse students have enjoyed their first rehearsal day and are looking forward to performing on Thursday 20 March.



Friendship Day

Friendship Day was held on Thursday 20 February. Students enjoyed wearing mufti clothes and engaging in a range of activities to help build positive relationships. As part of the day, students at Pitt Town Public School raised \$283 for The Red Cross.



Clean Up Australia Day

After lunch on Friday 28 February, our students participated in Clean Up Australia Day. We filled many bags of rubbish and now our school looks beautiful! We want to keep it looking great and are trying to get the message through to the students of looking after our country by always cleaning up after ourselves.



Hawkesbury Leadership Camp

Our school leaders enjoyed developing their leadership skills at the Hawkesbury Leadership Camp, that was held at Brewongle Education Centre on Monday 24 February and Tuesday 25 February. The leaders were involved in a range of activities including kayaking, navigation skills, leadership making video, bushwalking and dip-netting.



Swimming Carnival

Our 3-6 swimming carnival was held on Friday 21 February. The hard work of many students was evident through an impressive standard of swimming. It was also great to see so many students demonstrating great sportsmanship and effort. We were able to witness personal goals being met; whether it was to place in a race or finish a race. It was a great day for swimming in regards to the weather and it was fantastic having all students entering the pool either in competitive races or the enjoyable novelty events and this lead to the carnival running very smoothly. The Windsor High students who attended the carnival were an excellent help and aided in the success of the carnival. Congratulations to all the students who tried their best, and to those that qualified to represent our school at the Hawkesbury Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival on Friday 7 March.



IGA Donation

Thank you to IGA Pitt Town for their generous donation of \$722.82 from their community chest to go towards our students. Our SRC representatives will take ideas from each class for what the money will be spent on.





TERM 1 CO-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE



MONDAY

RECESS

SRC MEETINGS WITH MRS
WONSON
(AS NEEDED)

LUNCH

PULSE WITH MRS
WONSON AND MRS
SCHIPP IN 1/2S
BASKETBALL KO
TRAINING WITH MR LUKE
AND MRS JOHNSTON

TUESDAY

RECESS

STAGE 3 DANCE WITH
MRS SCHUBERT, MRS
MARTIN AND MRS PHILIPS
IN 5/6S

LUNCH

GRUB CLUB WITH MRS
JOHNSTON
LEGO CLUB WITH MRS
MARTIN IN THE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY

RECESS

CHOIR WITH MRS
CORMACK IN THE HUB
LEGO CLUB WITH MRS
MARTIN IN THE LIBRARY
(FROM WEEK 6)

LUNCH

RUGBY LEAGUE KO
TRAINING WITH MR
KEARY ON OVAL
ART CLUB 3-6 WITH MISS
HUGHES IN 3/4H
LEGO CLUB WITH MRS
MARTIN IN THE LIBRARY

THURSDAY

RECESS

CATHY FREEMAN CLUB
WITH MRS WONSON AND
MRS MARTIN IN THE
LIBRARY (EVEN WEEKS)

LUNCH

LEGO CLUB WITH MRS
MARTIN IN THE LIBRARY
STAGE 2 DANCE GROUP
WITH MISS O'KEEFFE IN
JUNIOR COLA
KINDY DANCE GROUP
WITH HOPKINS AND MISS
MANSFIELD IN KM

FRIDAY

RECESS

TOUCH FOOTY KO WITH
MR LAMONT

LUNCH

SOCCER KO TRAINING
WITH MRS WONSON AND
MISS TABITHA ON
CRICKET PITCH OVAL
ART CLUB K-2 WITH MISS
RAGGIO IN KN

Second Hand Uniforms

Families wishing to purchase second hand uniforms are able to contact the school office via email or phone with requirements.

All items - \$5.00 each (except waterproof jackets when available - \$10.00)



The office is able to take payments by Eftpos for your convenience.

REFUND POLICY

If a student misses a paid activity such as an excursion due to being sick etc, a refund may be possible depending on the scenario.

For Example:- The school may have already had to pre-book and pay for buses/excursions in advance. In these examples a refund is unfortunately not possible.

If the school is charged after the event on a cost per student, then a refund is possible.

A refund will be allocated to fees in advance.



School Bytes

In the fast paced world we live in we understand the need for our parents/carers to have the flexibility to make payments outside of school hours.

As a result, this is why Pitt Town Public School uses the services of *School Bytes* who offers a simplified digital system for school payments and parent/carer communication especially for permission and notifications of excursions/events.

What you can expect:

- The student's **Statement of Account** and **payment reminders** will be sent directly to parents/carers via email.
- Emails will be sent to you from noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education. The email will contain a live link that will remain active for 6 months.
- To give permission to an event is just a selection mark either yes or no to attend.
- The student's **Statement of Account** email will include the **make a payment** button that will take you to the school's online payment portal.
- The **make a payment** button will allow you to pay securely, quickly and easily via credit or debit card (Visa and Mastercard only).
- You can download an app
- You DO need to ensure your email address and contact details are up to date.
- Ensure emails sent to you from noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education are not marked as spam/junk in your email system.

If you have any questions about schoolbytes or do not have regular access to email, please contact the school office.



Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play



Key Features

- Give consent and sign forms.
- Save your card for secure payments for fees & excursions.
- View notes, events, statements and payment history.





Windsor High School

SCHOOL TOUR

**Tuesday 18th
March 2025
4:30pm**

Our Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Hawken, and the senior executive team will meet visitors at the administration office at 4:30pm, followed by a tour of the school.

Parents and students of the Hawkesbury community are invited to come and learn about the great facilities and wide-ranging opportunities including our High Potential and Gifted programs that are currently available at Windsor High School. This will be particularly relevant to parents of primary-school-age children who are making the decision as to which high school they will enrol in the future.

**Bookings are essential.
Please contact the school
on 45877122 to reserve
your spot.**

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