

PAGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 9 – Monday 24 March 2025

CALENDAR

TERM 1	TERM 1				
MARCH	MARCH				
WEEK 9					
Mon 24	Library books to be returned				
Tues 25	Botany Bites lunch delivery				
Wed 26	Book Club orders due by 3pm				
	No Assembly				
Thurs	Botany Bites lunch delivery;				
27	Uniform Shop 8.45am-9.30am				
Fri 28	PSSA; Botany Bites lunch				
	delivery				
Fri 28	Parent/Teacher/student booking				
	online platform closes at 5.00pm				
	APRIL				
	WEEK 10				
Fri 4	Last day for Easter Donations				
WEEK 11	WEEK 11				
Mon 7	Whole school cross country,				
	wear sports uniform or house				
	colours, no spikes				
	7pm P&C meeting				
Tues 8	9.30am Easter Hat Parade; P&C				
	Raffle drawn				
Wed 9	Fun Day for the whole school				
Fri 11	PSSA winter sport trials				
	10.40am Anzac Day Service				
	Last day of Term 1				

Please book online



Ms Mayhew is on Leave this week and I will be relieving as Principal in her absence.

A huge thank you to the P&C for organising the gardening working bee at school this past weekend. Thank you to Frank for coming to help and lending his assistance and expertise.



It was wonderful to celebrate Harmony Day last Thursday. The students looked fantastic dressed in outfits that represented their cultural background, colours of their national flag, or the colour orange to show support for Harmony Day.

Congratulations to Spencer and Fred, who represented Sydney Coastal- Eastern Suburbs combined team at the Sydney East AFL trial. Well done!



Thank you to the P&C for organising the termly treat of an ice block for all the students. It was a particularly warm day and the refreshing treat was very welcome!

A reminder that teacher/parent/student interviews will be held in Week 10 and 11. Please book your interviews before the online platform closes on Friday at 5.00pm.

We still have many exciting events taking place before the end of the term, such as the Easter Hat Parade, Cross Country Carnival and Fun Day. Please make sure you check the newsletter for important information about these upcoming events.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone who has offered congratulations on my assistant principal service transfer to the South Coast. This year marks my 17th year at Pagewood PS. It will be incredibly hard to say goodbye at the end of the year to the students, staff and community at our wonderful school. But I am also looking forward to a new adventure and living closer to family.

Ms Mayhew will return from Leave next week.

Hayley Best Relieving Principal

MERIT AWARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Awards already received

Class/Specialist Teacher				
Kindy Koalas	Leonardo	Giulia	Freya	
1/2 Joeys	Lyla	Archie	Brooklyn	
1/2 Bilbies	Poyraz	Hayley	Zaeli	
2/3 Lorikeets	Mason	Brendon	Evellyn	Cayla
3/4 Acacia	Tanvea	Max	Aiden	Aurora
4/5 Waratah	Lilly	Iman	Zachie	Cruize
5/6 Grevillea	Nikita	Zara	Thomas	Baldwin
5/6 Banksia	Taji	Pippa	Zoey Z	Fionn
EALD	Amelia			
STEM	Layla 5/6G	Leonardo KK		
Library	Laya L	Freya		
Music	Lexi	Emelia		
LaST	Alexander V	-		

BOTANY BITES

Please note that Botany Bites will be changing their order cut off time from 9.00am to 8.30am. This will take effect from Term 2.

VACATION CARE

If you require vacation care for your child, please book direct with Star Club. If you are new to the school you will have to register with Star Club before you can make a booking. Please refer to their website www.starclubschools.com.au for more information.

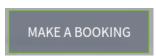
STUDENT LED THREE WAY CONFERENCES

In Week 10 and 11 there will be the opportunity for families to meet individually with their child's teacher to discuss their academic and social progress so far this year. They will be three-way interviews that will have the students play an important role in sharing their learning and future goals. Your child should attend the interview with you. Teachers have available times before and after school as well as during the school day. Your child's teacher has chosen the available times. Interviews are strictly 15 minutes. If you require more time with the teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 9316 9313.

To book an appointment:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Bookings are now open and will close at 5:00pm on Friday 28 March.



Enter the code **Snghm**



Enter your details



Select the teacher/s you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date. REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home. If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to <u>www.schoolinterviews.com.au</u> and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

The link to book at School Interviews has been sent to families via SENTRAL.

SPORT NEWS

PSSA results for Round 5 can be found below. Unfortunately, due to wet weather, the Senior League Tag games were not played.

ROUND 4	OPPONENT	SCORE	COLLABORATION RECIPIENT
Softball Junior	Matraville	NOT SCORED	Messina
Softball Senior		Lost 6 – 3	Steve
League Tag Junior A	Botany	Lost 5 – 3	Zali & Bella
League Tag Junior B	Banksmeadow	Lost 7 – 0	Maya

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The whole school Cross Country Carnival will be held at school on Monday 7 April. All students who are turning 8 years in 2025 and over may compete. Students younger than 8 years of age have the opportunity to participate in a Fun Run. For Zone Cross Country, the 8/9yrs is a combined age group, therefore these age groups will run together for our school event. The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:30am: Cross Country Carnival for students turning 8 years and over. The events will be run in the following order: 10 years, 8/9 years, 11 years, 12/13 years

11:40am: K-6 War Cries

12:00pm: Fun Run for students younger than 8 years of age.

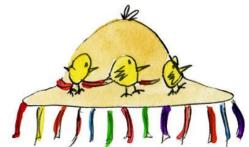
On the day, students can wear their sports uniform or their house colours with appropriate running footwear (no spikes or bare feet). Parents/carers are welcome to attend the event and are encouraged to sit under the trees near the driveway for a clear view of runners coming down the final straight. Please don't sit at the finish line.

Mrs Sinkovic Sport Coordinator

EASTER HAT PARADE

We will be holding our Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 8 April at 9:30am on the basketball courts. Parents, carers and visitors are invited to attend our Easter celebration. The P&C will be drawing their Easter Raffle during the parade. All students are encouraged to design and make an Easter hat to wear for the parade. Hats are to be made at home and brought to school on the morning of the parade. Parents and caregivers are asked to assist their children to make a hat. However, what is important is the joy of families working with their children not the size or the most spectacular but. We lead forward to assign all the wonderful greations on the deal Them.

hat. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful creations on the day! Thanks! Mrs Hawkes



Website: www.pagewood-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au

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NATURE LOVING STUDENTS

Miss Smith took this great photograph of students who used the grass clippings to build a "castle" for injured and rescued stink bugs!

HPGE (High Potential & Gifted Education) INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

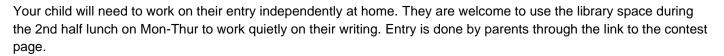
WHAT MATTERS WRITING COMPETITION

Below is some information about a writing competition available for Year 5-Year 12 students in Australia. This is a personal choice to enter independently.

MATTERS?

If there are any Year 5 or 6 students interested in entering parents can click the 'Whitlam'

Institute What Matters' link below for entry information, inspiration ideas, support resources etc for your child.





https://www.whitlam.org/what-matters

About the What Matters? Writing Competition

Inspired by Gough Whitlam's commitment to involving young people in shaping Australia's future, the *What Matters?* writing competition is currently open to school students in years 5 to 12 from Australia. Responding to the simple question 'what matters?', entrants are free to express their views on any matter they care about.

Part writing exercise, part civics and citizenship activity, *What Matters?* is the perfect opportunity to empower students to raise their voices on issues that are important to them and know that their perspectives are valuable, no matter their age, background or viewpoint. Entries can be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or prose of up to 600 words, and submitted online. (Whitlam Institute)

HAPPY WRITING!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Kids Giving Back

Amazing community service by **Cooper in Year 1**, one of our Pagewood PS students who volunteered his time during Term 4 2024 and during his recent Dec/Jan school holidays. He was among 1170 young changemakers who contributed to making over 6500 meals, breakfast boxes, snack packs, and care packs for vulnerable communities across Sydney. He also wrote thoughtful, encouraging messages to be shared with those in need. His kindness, leadership, and willingness to serve truly embody the values of generosity and community spirit. His efforts have made a real difference, and we are incredibly proud of him!

Please see information below about the upcoming 'Holiday Community Program' he engaged in and others your child might be encouraged to participate in.

April School Holiday Community Programs – Be Quick!

Bookings open mid-March 2025, and these programs sell out fast! Keep an eye on our website and encourage your students to secure their spots early.





♦ Youth Changemaker Program (Ages 14–18) – Service with Impact

For students completing their Duke of Ed, IB, or general school service hours, we provide meaningful, hands-on volunteering opportunities that leave a lasting impact.

<u>Start Young!</u>

We run a monthly Saturday program for students in Kindergarten to Year 2!

Contact kidsgivingback.org for details and information

Young Leaders Program Update

The Young Leaders Program has begun with all Year 5 students on Thursday in the school library. So far the students have:



- identified and discussed what it means to be a leader
- identified leaders in their lives and discussed why they are a good leader
- used leadership cards to generate discussions around the following leadership qualities

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A fun and informative activity for our Pagewood PS families would be to take two or three of these leadership quality words and have a family discussion about them at the dinner table this week. It will give you an insight into some of the work the Year 5 students are currently doing in our Young Leaders Program.

<u>MindQuest - St George Girls HS</u>: Reminder of the below opportunity still available that you may have missed On <u>Saturday and Sunday 5/6 April 2025</u> the <u>NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend</u>, <u>MindQuest</u>, will be held for primary students from <u>Year 1-6</u> at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 33 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, lego robotics, art and much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$250 (including GST).

MindQuest is now enrolling online at mindquest.net.au

Information booklets are available that list the various courses, course leaders, students who may wish to apply, answers regarding kindergarten interest, course selection and advanced placement, cost and part scholarships etc. These booklets will be placed at the Pagewood PS office entry area in a green tub labelled HPGE.

Entry is done by parent/carer directly through the MindQuest website or QR Code found in the information booklet.

Thank you. Mrs Kerves

ENROLMENTS 2026

Our school is now taking 2026 enrolments for Kindergarten. We have already received a number of applications for next year. As our school is now below student enrolment capacity, we are able to accept out of area enrolment applications for Kindergarten and other years. We do encourage families out of our catchment zone to visit their local school in the first instance before submitting an out of area application at PPS. Our 2026 Open Days will be held on Wednesday 28 May and Wednesday 13 August at 9:30am. If you would like to register your attendance, please go to the Enrolments tab on our website and click on the image to register. https://pagewood-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html

SCHOOL STUDENT TRAVEL 2025

2025 school travel applications are open. Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2025 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club is back! Book Club is run by a parent volunteer and brochures will be handed out to classes tomorrow. Orders must be lodged online direct through Scholastic by 3pm on Wednesday 26 March. Book Club is a wonderful way to encourage our children's love of books and reading while supporting the school.

NO PAPER/CASH ORDERS will be accepted by the school.

If you have used Book Club before, please go to scholastic.com.au/loop and use your old login details. If you are new to Book Club, please go to scholastic.com.au/loop

- Click on the "Register" tab
- Complete your details (Parent)
- Click on "Add New Child"
- Add your child's details
- under SELECT SCHOOL AND CLASS "State" = NSW
- Search by "Suburb = "Botany" or "School = Pagewood"
- Select "Year level" and "Child's class"
- Click "Submit"

NB: If you are going to search by suburb, it is important that you select "**Botany**" as our suburb to ensure Pagewood PS appears in the search results.

You can also view the catalogue online if you find it easier. Books will be delivered to your child's teacher when available. If you do not want the books to be delivered to your child's class please use the "gift" function on your order. Orders marked as "gift" orders will need to be collected from the school office when notified to do so. Online orders need to be finalised by 3pm on **Wednesday 26 March.**



Pagewood Public School

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Fun Day 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Wednesday 9 April, the Year 5 and 6 students will be holding a Fun Day fair for the school from 1:30 - 3:00pm.

The money raised will go towards the Stage 3 Canberra excursion. All K-6 students may wear mufti (casual clothes) on this day. Prices for each activity range from \$1 - \$5.

Parents, family and friends are all welcome to attend Fun Day.

Students have the chance to participate in the following stalls:





Bracelets and Slime Spin the Wheel Sponge Throw Hair Braiding and Spray Paint Ice Block Stall Claw Machine, Guess the Jelly Races Bean Soccer Shootouts Toy Shop Archery Candy Surprise and Lolly Store Choc Toss Mystery Box Squishmallow Cupcakes & Try Not To Laugh

Poppas





Mrs McLean, Miss Smith, Mrs Foster and Mrs Chrysostomou Year 5 and 6 teachers

Fake Tattoos

Facepaint and Nail Salon

BAYSIDE COUNCIL NEWS

RECYCLING DROP OFF EVENTS 2025 - APPLIES TO DOMESTIC PREMISES ONLY

IF YOU HAVE UNWANTED ITEMS IN A USABLE CONDITION; CONSIDER SELLING, GIVING AWAY OR DONATING THEM. IF ITEMS ARE NO LONGER USABLE, WE OFFER 22 EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR ALL BAYSIDE RESIDENTS TO DROP OFF ITEMS FOR RECYCLING.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT YOU LIVE WITHIN BAYSIDE COUNCIL. THERE IS A LIMIT OF 3 CUBIC METRES OR A BOX TRAILER EQUIVALENT PER RESIDENT FOR EACH EVENT. BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

WHERE ARE THE EVENT LOCATIONS?

- BEXLEY DEPOT, 10-14 RYE AVENUE, BEXLEY ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCLUDING JANUARY)
- BOTANY DEPOT, CORNER OF CLEVEDON STREET & PEMBERTON STREET ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCLUDING JANUARY)

WHERE CAN I FIND THE EVENTS DATES?
ALL RESIDENTS RECEIVE A CLEAN UP, WASTE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR IN THE MAIL AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR.

<u>Pagewood Public School P&C (Parents and Citizens)</u> <u>Association</u>

UPCOMING MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday**, **7**th **April 2025 at 7pm**.

Anyone involved with the school is welcome to attend the meeting. You do not have to be a member to attend (although non-members are not permitted to vote).

We will be running the meeting in hybrid format again. You can join us either:

- 1. In person in the school library (enter from the main Dalley St gate)
- 2. By Microsoft Teams: Click here

If you experience any difficulty with the link, please use the meeting ID and passcode below:

Meeting ID: 421 281 678 361

Passcode: yb3bN2EF

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

If there is anything you would like the meeting to discuss, please send agenda items to pagewoodpandc@gmail.com by 12pm Saturday 29th March 2025. Please also feel free to send through apologies or questions to up until the meeting day.

All parents, carers and interested Pagewood locals are welcome to get involved.



Pagewood P and C Easter Raffle - Donations needed

The Pagewood P and C will be running an Easter raffle, to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 8th April. We would love families to donate an Easter egg, Easter toy or craft item. Please drop donations to the school office at any time until Friday 4th April. Raffle ticket books will be sent home soon.

Thank you

Your P and C





Special Holiday Event





























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IMPORTANT

All children attending the excursion to Flip Out Carringbah, require a signed Waiver Form.

* Based on maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) before withholdings (if eligible) for FY24/25

Terms & Conditions apply:

Program subject to change pending the weather and any Government or supplier imposed restrictions.

USE PAGE STREET GATE FOR ACCESS

ON-SITE PH: 0466 517 320

NOTE CANCELLATION POLICY

Two weeks' written notice is required to cancel a booked session, otherwise full fees will be charged, even if the withdrawal is due to illness.

NOTE LATE BOOKING FEES

Within 24 hours of session = additional \$5 per child Bookings on the morning of, or walk-ins on the day WITHOUT a confirmed booking = additional \$20 per child

ALL WELCOME

Your child doesn't have to attend Pagewood PS to join our vacation care program. We welcome children from all schools.

To enrol, simply complete the online enrolment form on our <u>website</u>.





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AUTUMN VACATION CARE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FULL DAY PROGRAM!

A full-day program includes various activities, along with featured incursions and excursions, displayed daily.

How to book

- Go to our <u>website</u> and select the Vacation Care option
- · Fill out the Booking Request Form
- · Our team will reach out to you via email to confirm your booking
- If your child is new to Star Club, please enrol them first before we can proceed with any booking.

What to bring

- Morning tea and lunch and water bottle. Breakfast is available until 8 am, and there's afternoon tea. Please pack a nut-free lunch for your child.
- 2.A jumper, hat (bucket hat preferred), enclosed shoes, a water bottle, and a spare change of clothes. Closed shoes are required, but open shoes can be brought for certain activities.
- 3. For water activities, pack sun-safe swimmers (like a rashie) and a towel. 4. Don't forget a big smile!

What to do each day

- Drop off/pick up your child at the Page St gate; call the number on the sign if unattended.
- 2. Notify staff of absences via email or the Xplor Home app.
- 3. Keep unwell children at home per our health policy.
- 4 Dress your child in comfortable, play-friendly clothes
- 5 Label all belongings (clothes, bag, hat, water bottle, etc.).
- Inform us of any changes to your child's allergy or health needs.
- Pick up your child by 6:00 PM to avoid a \$20 late fee for every 15 minutes.
- 8. Email the office if authorised contacts have changed.

Health & Additional Needs

It is imperative that you advise Star Club if your child has:

- 1.Any allergies or health issues.
- Any additional needs (like ASD, ADHD, Global Development Delay, etc.), whether diagnosed or not.
- 3.Any changes to their allergy/health requirements.
- 4.Any medication needed during their time at Star Club, before they attend.

Please note that a child's booking may not be processed without sufficient information and documentation.

Weather Conditions

Excursions will proceed with light rain, but some activities may be canceled if weather worsens. Families will be notified by email and/or the Xplor Home App and alternative activities will be offered if needed.

Daily Activity

Activities may change or be cancelled at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. In such cases, we will try to provide a suitable alternative and inform parents.

Full Day Program

A full day program with various activities, including special incursions and excursions, is offered. Daily programs are displayed on the information board.

Behaviour

According to Star Club policy, the organisation retains the right to remove a child from the programme if they exhibit repeated unacceptable behaviour or actions that may jeopardise the safety of others.

Group Size & Ratio

Expected number of children is 60-120, with 6-12 staff members. Star Club's guideline is a 114 educator to child ratio, which can vary from 112 to 18 for excursions. For precise numbers, check the excursion information and roster on display.

Safety, supervision, transport & risk assessments

Star Club has strict safety and supervision policies, available for viewing onsite or upon request. Children are encouraged to work with educators to follow these safety guidelines. Risk assessments for all incursions and excursions, including transport, are also available onsite or upon request.

Money/belongings

Please refrain from bringing money, electronic devices, bikes, or scooters to vacation care, unless they are explicitly included in the program. Please note that Star Club and its staff cannot be held responsible for any personal belongings if children decide to bring them to the service.

Cost & Child Care Subsidy

Daily fees are as outlined, with enrolment fees being extra. Eligible families may receive discounts on all daily fees through the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) program. If not completed yet, please ensure you submit a Complying Written Agreement for your child/reni's Pagewood Public School Xplor profile and then confirm the enrolment in your MyGov/Centrelink account.

Payment method

Direct Debit is the **ONLY** payment method accepted. Before confirming a booking, ensure that your Direct Debit information is updated in your Xplor online account (home.myxplor.com), and that all accounts for services are current.

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