



# PAGWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 3 – Monday 12 May 2025

## CALENDAR

### TERM 2

#### MAY

#### WEEK 3

Tues 13	Botany Bites lunch delivery
Wed 14	No Assembly
Thur 15	Botany Bites lunch delivery; PSSA Permissions due today
Fri 16	Botany Bites lunch delivery; PSSA
	Zone Cross Country Carnival
	Garden Harvest 3.15-3.30pm

#### JUNE

#### WEEK 6

Mon 2	Athletics Carnival 8+ years walk to Hensley Athletics Field
	K-2 Infants Athletics Carnival at school
	War Cries after carnivals
	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thur 5	Photo Day; Full winter uniform

### OPEN DAYS

#### MAY

Wed 28	Kindergarten 2026 Open Day 9.30am-11.00am
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#### AUGUST

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**PAGWOOD  
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**OPEN DAYS  
KINDERGARTEN 2026**



**ALL WELCOME**

Experienced and Caring Teachers | Comprehensive  
Curriculum | Engaging Extracurricular Activities |  
Safe and Supportive Learning Environment

**WEDNESDAY 28 MAY AND 13 AUGUST 2025**  
**9:30AM-11:00AM**

## Happy Mother's Day!

We hope our mothers and carers had a lovely Mother's Day and enjoyed the creative art piece from their child/ren. Thank you to the PPS P&C for providing the frames for these artworks and to the teachers and students for producing the artwork. The below artworks are by students in 4/5 Waratah, how fabulous!



Thank you to our school community for supporting Stewart House, the charity of choice for NSW Department of Education staff. Our school raised \$88.50.

Well done to our students who attended the Eastern Suburbs PSSA netball trials today at Heffron in the rain. We look forward to hearing the results of the selection process. Thank you to Mrs Sinkovic for being a joint convenor of this selection trial, it is a big job! She will coach the selected team.

Our school garden looks amazing! This Friday everyone is invited to pick some produce straight after school. The P&C will supply some paper bags for you to put your selections of greens, chillies and other vegetables into. Come along with your family if you can!



Last week I observed the Holloway Street Kiss and Ride zone and surrounding parking areas at pick up and drop off times each day. I am aware of the challenges for our families with people parking illegally in these zones and I did speak to some vehicle owners. We have been in touch with Bayside Council who will do patrols. Please be mindful of the Kiss and Ride zone and do not leave your vehicle unattended!

A reminder that teacher supervision before school begins from 8:45am. There are some older students arriving before then, please check in with your child about their arrival time at school. Star Club is available for students who need to arrive at school before 8:45am.

Nicole Mayhew  
Principal

## MERIT AWARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Awards already received

Class/Specialist Teacher				
Kindy Koalas	Nia	Reign	Hamish	
1/2 Joeys	Jibraeel	Jayden	Luca	
1/2 Bilbies	Kamo	Antonella	Alexia	
2/3 Lorikeets	Lilah	Jayden	Aarya	Vincent
3/4 Acacia	Maya	Eleanor L	Harley	Shiri
4/5 Waratah	Ivanka	Felix	Kai	Lauren
5/6 Grevillea	Sasha	Zara S	Christina C	Leyre
5/6 Banksia	Deanna	Fin	Steve	Brooklyn
STEM	Anhelina	Lauren		
Library	Audrey	Neal		
Music	Alasdair	Penny		
LaST	Sofia M			

## SCHOOL GARDEN HARVEST - THIS FRIDAY!

The school garden is thriving after lots of rain and sunshine and the time has come for us to do a harvest. You're invited to join us to pick some produce this Friday May 15 straight after school. Baby spinach, kale, nasturtium, radish, celery, endive (a lettuce) and beetroot are some of the delicious plantings ready to be picked. We'll supply some paper bags.

## BOTANY BITES LUNCH ORDERS

If your child is leaving school for Winter PSSA please do not place lunch orders as the bus leaves at 12.30pm before lunch orders arrive.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual, class and specific group photographs are scheduled for Thursday 5 June. Payment envelopes will be sent home with your child tomorrow, including information about how to pay online, before the school photo day.

Sibling photos – Sibling photo envelopes can be obtained from the office. These envelopes are only required for parents wishing to pay by cash. Please note that parents wishing to order sibling photos do not require an envelope if they are ordering online. The ordering code on the parents' regular envelope can be used for ordering sibling photos as well as standard packs.

Families should arrange payment online direct to The School Photographer before photo day. Please return your photo envelope to your child's teacher on photo day. It is vital to the smooth operation of our photo day that every student returns their own envelope, even if payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope. Please DO NOT pay via CENTRAL Finance. Thank you.

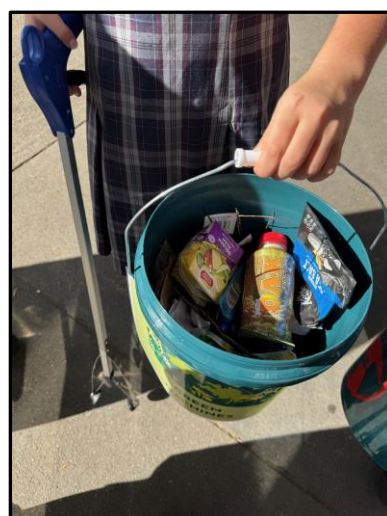




## SRC PROJECT: GREEN MACHINES

Our school is looking brighter than ever thanks to the efforts of our Green Machines! This fantastic initiative, led by the Student Representative Council (SRC), involves students volunteering to clean the school using cleaning claws and buckets to collect the rubbish after eating time. Students are on a roster for the term, ensuring our school stays neat and tidy every day. We are so grateful for these dedicated students who are making a real difference in maintaining a clean, welcoming environment for everyone. A big thank you to all our Green Machines – you're doing an amazing job!

Mrs Brymer – SRC Coordinator



## SPORT NEWS

### Winter PSSA

Congratulations to all of the students who were selected to represent Pagewood Public School in our PSSA Winter teams. Unfortunately, our first round was cancelled due to bad weather. Please note, due to the ESPSSA Cross Country Carnival, there will be no training or PSSA games this Friday 16th May.

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### Cross Country

Ribbons for the school Cross Country Carnival were presented at last week's assembly. Results were announced:

**Diram** = 103 points    **Guwing** = 93 points    **Bana** = 83 points    **Nura** = 82 points

Congratulations to Diramu on earning the most house points for Cross Country! Good luck to the 32 students who will represent Pagewood Public at the Zone Cross Country Carnival this Friday. We know you will all represent Pagewood Public with pride. Please arrive at school ready to board the buses promptly at 9:00am.

#### Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 2nd June. Students aged 8 years and older will walk to Hensley Athletics Track to compete in their events. Students aged 7 years and younger will remain at school to participate in the Infants Athletics Carnival. All students will gather together back at school for war cries at the conclusion of the carnival. Students who wish to compete in the 1500m event are required to complete a separate permission and be at the track by 8:30am. Parents must remain at the track until 9:15am. This event is for experienced runners only. Further details will be sent next week.

Mrs Sinkovic

#### **HPGE (High Potential Gifted Education) INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES - TERM 2**

We have so many exciting HPGE opportunities for the students at Pagewood PS in Term 2!! All students from K-6 will be engaging in at least one or more of the opportunities below.

**Maths Olympiad Stage 3**

**AND**

**Maths Explorer Stage 2**



Identified students in Stage 3 have been taking part in Maths Olympiad and Stage 2 students in Maths Explorer sessions in the school library once a week. The students engage with mathematical problem solving questions in pairs or small groups, working on the whiteboard tables. They are very excited to be using the whiteboard markers on the library whiteboard tables!!

Working together and then taking turns sharing and explaining how they solved the problem, and the different mathematical strategies they used, is an excellent learning tool. They recognise that a question can often be solved in a variety of different ways using multiple mathematical strategies. The students and I were excited to see one of our mathematical problems solved in 6 different ways with a wide variety of strategies.

The challenge of working on mathematical problems, that have multiple steps to calculate to get to the answer, is a welcome challenge to this group of students. Their enthusiasm is contagious and the smiles and shrieks of glee when they solve something is a joy to watch.

In these lessons there is a focus on:

#### **- LOVING MATHS!!**

#### **- An answer is not wrong, it is an opportunity to find and try a different mathematical strategy that works!**

- identifying key and relevant information in the question to use
- identifying and referring back to the actual question to be answered
- eliminating irrelevant information as one of their mathematical strategies, when able to do so
- writing (showing) their mathematical strategies and calculations
- using a combination of labelling, drawing, graphing, algorithms etc
- showing the steps and mathematical processes used in a clear, well set out system on paper (this helps avoid missing steps, mixing up numbers/calculations, doing all the hard work correctly but writing the answer incorrectly etc)
- clearly writing the answer where the actual question is asked on the page or in the area

allocated to write the answer

### Young Leaders Program Update - All Yr 5



Year 5 are continuing their weekly Young Leaders Program lessons. Over the last few weeks they have been learning about and practicing 'Presentation Skills', 'Responsibility' and 'Organisation'.

#### Activity - Leadership Mindset - Speak Out

Students moved around the library making pairs and practicing asking their partner questions. They needed to listen carefully to the answers and build on discussion by asking further questions of each other. The aim was to learn more about each other, find common interests and likes, differences etc.

Whilst doing this the students needed to:

- maintain eye contact
- stand strong (stand tall, no hunched shoulders or slouching, feet still and slightly apart, hands still)
- speak clearly
- actively listening

#### Activity - Leadership Mindset - Be Accountable

Students learnt about taking responsibility and played 'The Blame Game', ultimately leading to fantastic discussions about blame and excuses sometimes used to avoid taking accountability. We also discussed the notion of realistic responsibility and that there are times when circumstances are right out of children's control.

These were the takeaway lessons for the students:

- be accountable for yourself
- be accountable as a group member
- be accountable for belongings

### UNSW Seawall Project Presentation/Workshop Incursion - All Stage 3

#### **Monday 12 May**

Dr Mariana Mayer Pinto visited Pagewood PS today to run a presentation/workshop about the UNSW Seawall Project. She is the co-founder and co-leader of this project. Below is a link to learn about this project and how it is tackling environmental issues in Sydney Harbour.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLgvvMZTu8>

Students in Stage 3 have been learning about various marine environments and the negative impact of pollution, plastics and climate on them. This study is based on the books **Oceans of Plastic Understanding and Solving a Pollution Problem** and **Diary of a Marine Biologist** which we have been reading during their library lessons. This is a wonderful opportunity for all Year 5 and 6 students to consolidate their learning in library lessons as part of our HPGE opportunities and programs.

### UNSW ROBOGALS Engineering Workshop - All Stage 3

#### **Monday 19 May and Thursday 22 May**

On Monday 19 and Thursday 22 May the UNSW ROBOGALS will be visiting Pagewood PS to run a Dragster Engineering Workshop incursion with our Stage 3 students.

**Robogals** is a student-run organisation that aims to inspire, engage and empower young women into engineering, science and technology related fields of study and work.

Students will be engineering and re-engineering their own Dragster and racing them. All Year 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to engage in this wonderful engineering incursion as part of Pagewood PS HPGE opportunities.

### Entomologist Science Enrichment Program – Year 3 and 4

#### **Monday 19 May**



On Monday 19 May a group of identified students from Stage 2 will be attending the **Entomologist Science Enrichment Program** at the Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre NSW Dept of Education at East Ryde.

This HPGE workshop has students delve into the fascinating world of invertebrates. Students will engage in field studies, collecting and observing invertebrate species in their natural habitats to gain practical experience in entomology. They will learn about the ecological roles and behaviours of invertebrates as they meet a range of species up close.

Students will collaborate with invertebrate enthusiasts and an entomologist to explore invertebrate anatomy, taxonomy, and conservation. They will record their observations in a nature journal. Towards the end of the day, they will construct a model invertebrate, which will be mounted and framed. This program will foster critical thinking and scientific inquiry, deepening their understanding of entomology and fostering a lifelong passion for the natural world.

### **The Dance Curriculum Workshop - (All K-6)**

#### **Thursday 26 June**

On Thursday 26 June **The Dance Curriculum** will be coming to Pagewood PS to run a Hip Hop Dance Workshop with **all students K-6**. When a group of students and I attended The National Young Leaders Conference in Term 1 at the ICC, we were entered into a draw to win one of ten free 1 day Dance Workshops for schools attending on the day.



***We are very fortunate to have won this prize of a free Dance Curriculum Workshop, so there will be no cost for the students!! Thank you to The Dance Curriculum!!!!***

Below is a link to learn about The Dance Curriculum and you can also click on the gallery link to watch videos of other schools having The Dance Curriculum team in their schools.

<https://www.dancecurriculum.com.au/>

The Dance Curriculum teachers will take each class of students from ES1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 for 30-40 minutes at a time, working through a variety of challenging dance routines, improvisation activities and performance skills. The classroom teachers and any support staff working with the classes will also be attending. After all students have completed their dance workshop there will be a final session where the whole school comes together for performance of all they have learnt.

This is a wonderful Creative Arts HPGE opportunity for **all students K-6**.

Thank you  
Mrs Kerves



### **ENROLMENTS**

Our enrolment process for Kindergarten 2026 is well underway. Please complete your child's enrolment application online. This year we will hold two Open Days 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>

**Have you thought  
about becoming a  
foster carer?**

Do you have room in  
your heart and your  
home for a child?



### **Become a Foster Carer in Pagewood**

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is urgently seeking potential foster carers in the Pagewood area. We need people who can provide care for children, young people, or siblings, aged 0-18 years-old, for a few days, to a few months and beyond.

Foster carers support families by caring for children who are unable to remain at home. Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. Carers can be single, partnered and be with or without children of their own. Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Foster carers receive initial and ongoing training and support from a dedicated foster care caseworker. There are financial support packages available to foster carers to support a child's education, medical needs, food costs and other daily living costs.

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team:  
[CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au)





REGISTER: 9349 8200

**TUESDAYS**  
10:30am-12:30pm  
Tuesdays 20 May - 24 June  
Location to be confirmed - Randwick Area

Join JNC's 6 week Single Parent Support Group with weekly guest speakers and the opportunity to connect with other single parents/carers.

**SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP 2025**

Respect  
Empowering  
Nurturing

SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!

JNC  
CONNECTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES  
FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL  
RESEARCH

Give your child's communication skills an extra boost with this parenting workshop!

For parents and carers of children aged 0-3

SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!

**Early Communication Workshop**

Where: JNC Maroubra  
Shop 2,669-673 Anzac Parade Maroubra, 2035.  
Date: Wednesday May 14  
Time: 10:30am-12pm

Join a speech pathologist from Sydney Children's Hospital to learn about typical development of speech, language, play & social communication for children learning one or more languages.

This workshop will promote communication skills through play & conversational based strategies and support you with what to do if you have concerns about your child's communication.

ENQUIRE & BOOK 9349 8200 families@jnc.org.au

**DADS TUNING INTO KIDS**  
FOR DADS AND MALE CARERS OF CHILDREN  
3-12 YEARS OLD

**ABOUT THIS PROGRAM**  
Dads Tuning Into Kids is a 7 week parenting program that focuses on the emotional connection between parents/carers and their children. This is an evidence-based program and has proven success in improving parent-child relationships and children's emotional development and behaviour.

SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!

**WHEN & WHERE**  
6pm-7:30pm | JNC Maroubra  
Thursdays 15 May - 26 June  
Shop 2, 669-673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra, 2035

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**COME Try Baseball**

Free Event 21st June and 26th July,  
1:45pm - 4pm

Register your player to get a free sausage sizzle  
use our QR code or our web address

EASTERN SUBURBS BASEBALL CLUBS  
EASTERN SUBURBS BASEBALL CLUBS summer season runs from September - February

- Age 10-16: Player pitched baseball
- Age 8-10: Machine-pitched baseball, Zooka
- Age 6-8: T-Ball

Any questions please email: es.juniorbaseball@hotmail.com