



CHATTERBOX

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Term 4

Week 6

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Students have returned to school with enthusiasm, showing great pleasure in reconnecting with peers and re-establishing familiar routines.

Currently still operating under Department of Education Level 3 restrictions, we are detailing plans so that end of year celebrations and traditions will proceed in a COVID safe manner. Kindergarten Orientation will be supplemented with Zoom sessions on 16, 23 and 30 November at 9.00am as well as school visits on 1 and 7 December; Year 6 Formal will proceed at Revesby Workers Club on 7 December; Presentation Day 9 December will be accompanied with a link so that parents/carers can view remotely; modified Mini Fete 13 December and Year 6 Farewell Arch 16 December with parents/carers appropriately distanced and viewing the event from Picnic Point Road and Lawler Street fence lines.

Unfortunately, parents are not yet able to enter school grounds.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



Regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

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

Please support your child in maintaining regular attendance and arriving at school on time.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Students are reminded to return their Library books to school as soon as possible as there are over 450 books still outstanding. Please continue to look for Library books at home, as we will soon be commencing our end of year stocktake.

Thank you to our Book Club supporters who have purchased items through Book Club. Our Library shelves will be stocked with more new titles next year, thanks to rewards received by Panania Public School. All orders have been distributed this week.

[Library Administration.](#)

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

COVID 19 Symptoms

If you or your child have any COVID- 19 symptoms get tested as soon as possible and self-isolate until you receive a negative result. Common symptoms include fever, headache, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, runny nose or fatigue.

Self-isolation rules are different depending on your circumstances. While it is likely that older children can isolate by themselves younger children may need their parent or carer to co-isolate with them.

Close Contact to a positive COVID 19 case

If your child is fully vaccinated and has returned their negative day 6 test, they will generally be able to return to on-site learning after leaving isolation after day 7. Your child will still be required to test on day 12 and should continue to monitor for symptoms during this time and only return to school if well.

If your child is unvaccinated, they can return to school after they have received their negative day 12 test result and finished their full isolation period. For further information see: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/advice-for-contacts.aspx>

Casual Contact to a positive COVID 19 case

Your child should isolate until they receive a negative COVID-19 test, once confirmed by a negative test they can return to school. All casual contacts need to follow the NSW Health advice, complete another day 6 Covid-19 test and only return to school if well.

If your child is positive for COVID-19

Your child can return to school once they have completed their isolation, have been medically cleared and have been provided with a medical clearance notice by a medical practitioner or a registered nurse. Your child should only return to on-site learning if well and not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

November is Diabetes awareness month. It is a time when communities band together to bring attention to diabetes. The theme for World Diabetes 2021-2023 is quality access to diabetes care. People with diabetes require access to ongoing care and support to manage their condition and avoid complications.

Show your support by wearing mufti with the colour blue on Friday, 12 November and remember your gold coin donation.



IT'S NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

Take this quick quiz with your family to see if you know where the following materials can be taken for recycling.

We've been discussing this and other important facts this week in Science classes.

Remember....

Soft plastics include: plastic bags, cling wrap, bubble wrap, chip packets, garbage bags, salad mix packets, pasta packaging and many other plastics that wrap up food.

Let's keep it out of landfill and help care for our environment.

Stay curious.

Science Teachers.

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| Soft plastics | Drop-off bins in major supermarkets for soft plastics (e.g. bread and cereal). | 🔍 Red Cycle Plastic |
| Old or broken electronics | Drop-off at selected stores and at pop-up Council events. | 🌐 cb.city/ewaste |
| Mobile phones | Drop-off at most phone retailers and at e-waste events. | 🔍 Mobile Muster |
| Batteries | Drop-off at selected shops and at pop-up Council events. | 🔍 Recycling Near You Batteries |
| Printer cartridges | Drop-off at selected shops, pop-up Council events and workplace boxes. | 🔍 Cartridges 4 Planet Ark |
| Household chemicals | Drop-off at Community Recycling Centres and/or a biannual Council service. | 🔍 Chemical CleanOut 🌐 cb.city/chemical |
| Clothing, shoes and textiles | Drop-off at charity stores or clothing bins, or book a home collection service. | 🔍 Charity Bin |
| Unwanted or expired medicine | Drop-off at most chemists. | 🔍 Return Med |
| Needles and sharps | Drop-off at selected chemists. | 🌐 cb.city/sharps |
| Drink bottles, cans and cartons | Drop-off at reverse vending machines or depots, or arrange a collection service. | 🔍 Return and Earn |

The Year 6 Garden

'The 2020 and 2021 Year 6 classes have made our school a wonderful, beautiful garden with a pebble path, which enables students to be able to walk through and take a closer look at the plants and flowers which Year 6 has planted for our school. The 2020 Year 6 students planted the base and started planting this wonderful garden right near our pencils, which reflect the school values. Be curious, be reflective, be collaborative and be creative.'

The 2021 Year 6 students certainly became creative by sprucing up the already wonderful garden. After four months of lockdown, they added some new additional plants including rabbit's ear, strawberry plants, rosemary and lavender. They also came up with the very creative idea of getting some small gumboots and filling them with strawberries.

We would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to the Year 6 students of 2020 and 2021 for making our school this amazing garden which will be a wonderful addition for our school to have now and maybe future Year 6 classes can continue to add something more to this amazing garden.'

By Emily King and Skye Newman.





School banking update.

Whilst we haven't been running the CommBank School Banking program due to safe COVID practices of cash handling, after 90 years of School Student Banking, the program will be ending in all Government and non-Government Schools across Australia at the end of 2021. This decision was made by ASIC and State Governments throughout Australia.

The School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then they have helped more than 15 million Australians open their first bank account.

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information, please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

[Banking Coordinator.](#)



Virginus Reserve (along Centaur St) FUN - EDUCATIONAL - ACTIVE

Starting in Term 4, Soccer X will be running a 5 week Soccer program at Virginus Reserve every Monday from 4-5pm beginning November 15th. The program is available to students from Kindy- Yr 6. Children will be split into groups according to age. All sessions will be run by qualified coaches who hold blue cards. The sessions will be fully inclusive & fun based, catering for all abilities. For more information and online registrations please visit WWW.SOCCER-X.COM.



Panania Public School P&C Association invites

*** You ***

to our upcoming

P&C AGM

Monday 6th December

6:45pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 694 4166 1423

Passcode: 481149

Please consider volunteering for a role! With your help we can continue to host all these amazing events: canteen treat days, Mother's and Father's Day stall, discos, Colour Run, Cinema Under the Stars, Panania Mania.

Join our energetic team!

Together we can create memorable events for students and teachers while raising money for our school.

Previous P&C contributions include:

sunshades, artificial grass, playground markings, canteen renovations, iPads, water bubblers and more!

All positions will be declared vacant, and nominations received for the following:

P&C President
P&C Vice President x2
P&C Secretary
P&C Treasurer

Subcommittees:
Fundraising Convenor
Canteen Secretary
Canteen Treasurer
Canteen Convenor
Canteen Parent Representative x2
Uniform Pool Manager

Want to know more?

Contact the P&C:

pananiapublicschool.pandc@gmail.com



After several years of service, we say goodbye to many of our P&C committee members and subcommittee delegates as they step down this year, making way for new volunteers.

Many hands make light work - with the support of volunteers we can continue to provide our school community with a Healthy Food Strategy within our P&C run canteen as well as host events aimed at raising money to invest in the school and enhance our children's experience.

Please consider volunteering – you won't regret it!

P&C President
2-6 hours per month
Oversees P&C and ensures adherence to constitution. Chairs meetings.
Main liaison with school Principal.

P&C Vice President
2-3 hours per month
Attend P&C meetings.
Supports President and chairs meetings in their absence.

Secretary
2-3 hours per month
Performs administrative tasks:
advertises agenda, correspondence.
Attend P&C meetings - records minutes

Treasurer
2-3 hours per month
Oversees P&C financial accounts.
Attend P&C meetings
Submit monthly financial report.

Fundraising Convenor
2-3 hours per month
Attend P&C meetings.
Chair subcommittee meetings.
Co-ordinate volunteers to host events.

Canteen Secretary
1-2 hours per month
Attend subcommittee meetings.
Advertise canteen treat days.
Receive correspondence.

Canteen Treasurer
2-3 hours per month
Attend P&C meetings.
Manage accounts and invoice payments.
Submit monthly financial report.

Canteen Convenor
1-2 hours per month
Attend subcommittee meetings.
Input towards Healthy Schools Canteen.
Main liaison with Canteen Manager.

Canteen Parent Representative
1-2 hours per month
Attend subcommittee meetings.
Input towards Healthy Schools Canteen.

Uniform Pool Manager
2-4 hours per month
Advertise Uniform Pool stock.
Monitor uniform shop orders via email.
Manage volunteer roster as needed.

Want to know more? Contact the P&C: pananiapublicschool.pandc@gmail.com

SCHOOL RULES

The rule we are focusing on for
Term 4, Weeks 6, 7 & 8 is:
Be Safe



You can support us at home by having discussions with your child/children about “Being Safe” and what this rule means in different settings.

A poster for an Election Day BBQ at Panania Public School. The background is a wood-grain texture. At the top left is the Panania School logo with the motto 'LABOR OMNIA VINCIT'. The main text reads 'ELECTION DAY' in large, bold letters. Below that, it lists 'Sausages & Burgers', 'Coffee Van', 'Drinks', 'Sweet Treats', 'Ice-Blocks', and 'Raffle'. A large 'BBQ' is written in a stylized font with a flame above it. At the bottom, it says 'Panania Public School, Lambeth St, Panania, Saturday 4th Dec'.



Is your child ready for primary school?

- ✓ Ages 2-6 years
- ✓ Learning programs delivered by experienced early childhood educators
- ✓ Comprehensive school readiness & transition to school program
- ✓ Established links with local school
- ✓ A reputation that extends over 40 years
- ✓ Government child care subsidy (CCS) approved

Our program assists children in developing confidence, independence, social skills and learning abilities they will need to make the adjustment to school life. Our educators work with each child and family to ensure we deliver a tailored program that meets the child's individual learning and developmental needs.

Call 9771 3461 to book a tour or visit us online at
www.pananiapreschool.com.au.



88 Tower Street, Panania
Open 8am-4pm, Monday to Friday

Limited
places
for 2021

DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 7 December

- Year 6 Farewell Dinner – Revesby Workers Club

Thursday, 9 December

- Presentation Day at School- Individual Stage Sessions

Tuesday, 14 December

- Class Parties
- Reports sent home

Thursday, 16 December

- Year 6 Farewell Arch
- Last day of school for students

Friday, 17 December

- Last day of school for staff

ADVANCED NOTICE 2022

Friday, 28 January

- Staff Development Day 1

Monday, 31 January

- Staff Development Day 2

Tuesday, 1 February

- School resumes for Years 1 – 6
- Best Start Appointments commence for Kindergarten 2022

Wednesday, 2 February

- Best Start Appointments continue for Kindergarten 2022

Thursday, 3 February

- Best Start Appointments final day for Kindergarten 2022

Friday, 4 February

- All Kindergarten 2022 students commence school

Tuesday, 22 February

- School Swimming Carnival

Monday, 21 March

- School Photos

SCHOOL FOCUS/VALUE

Be Creative/Co-operation



Please support us at home by having discussions with your child/children about what ‘Being Creative and Co-operation’ means at home, at school and in the community.

Road safety



Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the **families** section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)



Too many lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.