

## **CHATTERBOX**

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Term 1

Week 9

22/3/2023

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### **Positive Partnerships**

Positive Partnerships within the school, across schools and with all educational stakeholders including parents, carers and external providers fosters a nurturing culture of support. This ethos empowers our school community to improve student outcomes and provide a motivating learning environment, enhancing student engagement. All staff have engaged in professional learning regarding the Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools (IER) package and are utilising the care continuum to plan for the specific needs of students.

Varied programs and strategies are well underway to support wellbeing and positive partnerships for our students and their families. Three-way conferences held in Week 6 were well received. They provided an opportunity to address individual learning needs and co-develop next steps in learning.

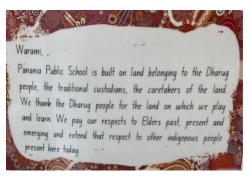
Student tracking data has informed tiered interventions across K-6 in literacy and numeracy and social skills groupings are explicitly teaching prosocial behaviours. Year 6 students attending East Hills Girls Technology High School and East Hills Boys High School in 2024 completed transition programs. Several students K-1 have started pre-assessment for the Parent Child Interaction Therapy clinic (PCIT). Several Stage 3 boys are taking part in the Top Blokes program and PSSA and sporting opportunities are growing. Further, extracurricular activities at break times including dance groups, mindfulness, skipping, choir, minecraft, lego, library, chess, card games, debating, Warami garden, and other interest based clubs and competitions initiated by students are keeping students involved, supporting student voice and choice.



In addition, Tell Your Tale First
Nations Day at Picnic Point Public
School provided ample time and
space for our First Nation families
to build connections across the
community whilst emerged in a
plethora of rich cultural experiences.







Recently, our First Nation students were also supported in personalising a Panania Public School acknowledgement of country.

#### **Harmony Day**

Students and staff acknowledged Harmony Day on Tuesday, 14 March by wearing orange. Harmony Day is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings Australians from all different backgronds together. It creates a sense of belonging, builds idenity and most importantly promotes inclusiveness and respect. Students are currently creating decorative puzzle pieces, which will be later assembled to signify that we all belong to Panania Public School.

#### Let's Talk

As principal I am always interested in the views and thoughts of our students. Each week, selected students have a round table discussion with me about current news items and school based issues. Recently we discussed the works of Roald Dahl and how the publisher Puffin books is wanting to rewrite the texts for a modern audience, removing anything that may be deemed as offensive. Some text referring to weight, mental health, gender and race have been altered.



This means that Augustus Gloop from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is no longer "enromously fat", just "enormous", *The Witches* are no longer desribed as "old hags" but "old crows", Oompa Loompas are no longer "small men" but "small people", Miss Trunchball in *Matilda* is no longer a "most formidable female" but rather a "formidable woman". Further "boys and girls" are now "people" and even the words "ugly" and "crazy" have been removed. Roald Dahl has sold around 300 million copies of books with multiple stage and screen productions retelling the popular storylines. In 2021, Dahl's estate sold the right to the books to Netflix, which plans to produce a new generation of films based on the stories.

#### **Students Say:**

- These stories are read for entertainment. Leave them alone.
- They offer readers choice. You are not made to read them.
- Let children experience the magic of Dahl stories.
- If I was the author I would be offended.
- Roald Dahl never gave permission for his works to be altered.
- These texts were written in a different time where expectations may have been different.
- This may turn people off from writing if they think their words may be twisted in the future.
- Stories have funny parts, messing with them makes them boring.
- Every part of the story adds detail.
- Don't change the texts.
- They are so imaginative, they get me thinking.
- The movies are wonderful!



I am in agreement with our Stage 2 students. Every detail has been crafted to create a richness, developing the plot, characters, setting and storyline. Our focus needs to be on educating our children in being active critical thinkers that can access higher-order thinking skills. This would emcompass seeing the word from multiple perspectives, question, deconstruct, analyse and evaluate what is read and written.

Update: Since the initial meeting, the students were pleased to know that the publisher is not proceeding with the rewrites!

#### **Tell Your Story Day**

On Wednesday, 1 March, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students travelled with Mrs Nott and some parents to Picnic Point Public School for 'Tell Your Story' Day. They gathered with students from schools across the Bankstown area. The day started with a Smoking Ceremony performed by Uncle Russell and then students participated in four different activities.

Our first activity was art with Michael Fardon who is an artist and Dharug man. The art was about our family and our totems such as black duck, goanna, lyre bird and dolphin. My favourite activity was the singing and dancing. **Brody - Year 4** 

Next we did some dancing and singing. Aunty Karen taught us about the Torres Strait Islands and Uncle Russell taught us about Aboriginal culture. First Uncle Russell put some ochre on us, the parents and teachers. He slapped it in everyone's hair! Then he taught us about some Aboriginal things like his totem and some language. After Aunty Karen taught us some moves and song called Taba Naba. We sang it faster and faster! My favourite activity was the art. **Georgia – Year 6** 

After recess we did an activity with Jasmine Seymour. She is an author, illustrator, and proud Dharug woman. We learnt Dharug words, sang a song in Dharug and read a Dharug book that Jasmine wrote. We made our own stories about our special place. My favourite activity was learning Dharug words. J – Year 3 Student

Our last activity was with the South Sydney Rabbitohs. We watched a video which had the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players telling us about their totems and country. They also explained how they used these to make the Indigenous Round jersey. They gave some prizes out for people who got the answers right from the video. After that we had to create our own jersey and I got a prize for making a good one. I even got a photo with Rhys Wesser! He was so funny and kind. My two favourite activities were making art and the Rabbitohs. **Khloe – Year 6** 





Thank you to Wayne Hunter, Paige Katahie and Nicole Mills for accompanying us on the excursion.

#### **Mrs Nott**







#### **District AFL**

On Thursday, 28 February the EHPSSA AFL team competed at the Area Championships. The team had a successful day, finishing as Runners-Up in a one-point thriller in the Final.

Well done to all the students who represented our district and our school.

Congratulations to Simon Campbell, Dane Klem, Timothy Swibel and Cooper Whitham who were selected in the SSW AFL Team. The boys will travel to Batemans Bay in May to compete at the State Championships.

Good Luck Boys!

#### **Stewart House**

Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes are being sent home this week. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year. By donating you will be eligible for the draw to win a \$4,000 family holiday to a destination of your choice.

Please return the envelopes to school by *Friday, 5 May* to enable the school to post the envelopes to Stewart House by Friday, 26 May to be included in the draw.

Thank you again for your support.

#### **Gold Awards**

#### Congratulations to the following students who received Gold Awards at assembly this term:

**3/4C:** Isaac Nassou, Remi Stephens, Julia Tran **3/4M:** Madison Vajdevski, Harvey Watson

**3/4S:** Adrian Lescesin

**5/6M:** Tanapat Kheawkham, Marie Tourni

**5/6N:** William Crynes

5/6S: Callan Mitchell, Jeremy Raven



#### **National Young Leaders Conference**

On Tuesday, 7 March our school leadership team was lucky enough to attend the National Young Leaders Day in Darling Harbour. We heard from Chris Green the captain of the Sydney Thunder and Caitlin Bassett-former Australian Diamonds captain. Both athletes spoke about their journey and experiences leading a sporting group from a young age.

Nazeem Hussain also spoke to us about how he overcame obstacles to get where he is today, and Dr Jordan Nguyen inspired us with his inventions and drive to help people with disabilities.

The Honourable David Hurley, our Governor General left us with much to think about after listening to him talk about his esteemed career.

The day was both inspiring and a lot of fun. We had a DJ and some hip hop dancers who kept all 5,000 attendees energised and focused throughout the day.

We entered a competition to have the dancers come to our school at no charge, to lead some dance classes from Kindergarten through to Year 6. Out of hundreds of schools who entered we were fortunate enough to win that prize!

We feel both privileged and honoured to have taken part in the day. We thank Mrs Morris for accompanying us and would highly recommend the day to other aspiring leaders.

#### The Leadership Team.









#### **District Swimming Carnival**

On Tuesday, 7 March, 30 students represented Panania Public School at the District Swimming Carnival at Revesby Pool. Throughout the carnival the students demonstrated a commitment to perform their best. They worked as a team encouraging, advising and supporting each other. All students displayed excellent sportsmanship and are to be commended for their efforts.

Congratulations to the following students who went on to represent East Hills PSSA at the Regional Swimming Carnival at The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, Bradbury on Tuesday, 14 March:

Arin Pandit, Freya Broughton, Khloe Hunter, Marli Fullagar, Indi Ballard, Oliver Naidovski, Charlotte Ni, Jarvis Barton, Jack Smith, Kye Fenwick and Cooper Gibson.











#### **Regional Swimming Carnival**

East Hills had a very successful day at the Regional Swimming Carnival finishing first in the overall competition standings. This is a credit to all the students who represented our zone.

The following students will now compete at the State Swimming Championships to be held at Sydney Olympic Pool on 5 and 6 April.

Marli Fullagar, Khloe Hunter, Kye Fenwick, Jack Smith, Oliver Naidovski and Jarvis Barton.

A huge congratulations to all swimmers on your achievements in 2023.

#### Miss Parkes, Mr Newman and Mrs Walker













#### **Top Blokes**

Every Thursday a select group of boys in Year 6 have been attending a new program introduced at Panania Public school called "Top Blokes".

In "Top Blokes", our boys learn critical skills to make healthy decisions and keep them and their mates happy, healthy & safe. Conversations focus on issues that young boys are facing, or will be facing in the upcoming years through to adulthood. Top Blokes holds a safe space for our students to have open and authentic discussions about everything from Mental Health to Anger Management.

The Top Blokes Mentors, Jason and Ryan have done a wonderful job engaging our boys throughout Term 1, and we look forward to seeing them continue this program throughout the year.

Please contact Miss Skinner if you would like more information on the program or visit <a href="https://www.topblokes.org.au/resources">https://www.topblokes.org.au/resources</a> for some free resources.

#### Miss Skinner

#### 'Top Blokes' Coordinator.

#### Student Feedback

#### What have you enjoyed about Top Blokes?

- They have fun activities
- Ryan and Jason telling stories that help me
- The people and encouragement
- Good discussions
- I like how we learn about different things
- I feel safe during Top Blokes
- It's cool to be with all my mates talking about stuff

#### Strategies you can use to help with your anger management?

- Music
- Reading
- Sport
- Deep breaths
- Go for a walk
- Talk to someone you trust

#### Final word?

- If you can't run, walk, if you can't walk, crawl, but no matter what, keep moving forward
- Life is fun, live it while you can
- Don't be afraid of your own choices and your outcome in life





#### **Game Time**

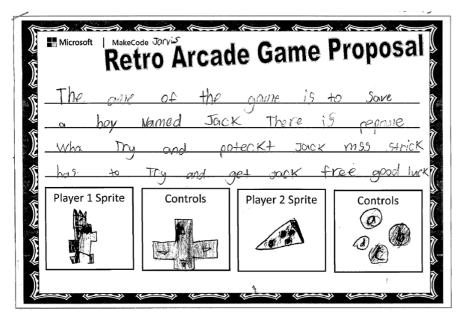
Students from Years 3-6 have been busily developing their coding and troubleshooting skills by creating, and then modifying a retro style arcade game. They have been using the Microsoft Makecode website to create simple games using block coding. If your child has created a game, or still modifying a game they can login at home using their NSW DET portal login and share their work with you. You might even like to work together to create your own code.











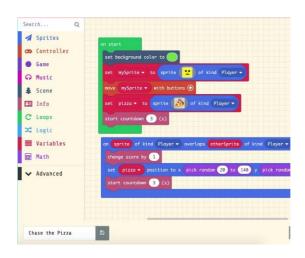














The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge has kicked off for 2023 and will run until Friday, 4 August. Students in NSW schools from Kindergarten through to Year 9 are eligible to take part. Students from Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 will be sharing 30 high quality texts from the NSWPRC list during Literacy sessions and in the library this year.

Students from Years 3-6 will need to read 20 books to complete the challenge, of which 15 need to be from the NSWPRC list and 5 are free choice. Each of these classes will have a box of books in the classroom to choose from however, students are also welcome to choose their own books and not limited to the ones in the class box. Students will have access to a paper log to record their books or may access the electronic log via their DET Student Portal.

If you have any other questions, please contact Mr Beattie or the NSW PRC website for details.

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

Mr S Beattie, Librarian.

#### Parking in and around the School

Whilst we understand that it is inconvenient with the closure of the Lambeth Street gates due to the building works around D Block, it is still essential that parents/carers park in a safe manner in either Lawler Street, Malvern Street or Picnic Point Road.

**Please do not drive into the car park or drop children in the car park driveways**. There have been some 'near misses' in the last couple of weeks with parents/carers trying to reverse out of the car park.

Thanking you for your cooperation with keeping all our children safe.

#### **EASTER DONATIONS**

A friendly reminder to bring in your Easter egg donations to raffle at our Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday, 5 April.

All donations can be placed in the donations box at the school office.



### Meet the P&C People

We wanted to share a bit about each member of our P&C! Keep an eye out each edition of Chatterbox as we get to know members of our <u>P&C PEOPLE</u>.



What year/s are you children in this year:

Caitlin in Year 4 at PPS, Emily and Harry at PPHS.

How long have you been involved in the P&C: President since 2021.

What do you think makes our school special: The most special thing about PPS is our teachers. I am in awe of their passion. They strive to make connections with their students every moment of the day. They are selfless- everything they do is in support of the student community. They are always doing their best and working towards a goal. I am in awe of them!

What advice would you give someone who is considering being part of the P&C: I hesitated for a long time before attending my first P&C meeting, thinking I'd have to speak or volunteer. This is not the case! Enjoy the discussion and find more about the school, upcoming activities and/or projects in the works. We're a very friendly bunch who love meeting new people and hearing ideas, so hesitate no longer!





What year/s are you children in this year:

(Vice President)

Kindy and Year 2.

How long have you been involved in the P&C: I joined at the AGM the year before my son started Kindy, as I heard extra hands were needed. I was Secretary for a year and then last year I was a combination of Secretary and Vice President.

What motivated you to be part of the P&C: I joined the P&C because I wanted to help out the school, as well as feel like part of the community my kids were a part of. Working 4 days, I find it challenging to volunteer on-site during school hours, so being part of the P&C has helped me do this.

What advice would you give someone who is considering being part of the P&C: You can be part of the P&C in so many different ways and different levels of commitment. At the very least, it's worth joining and receiving communications so you know what is going on, often in the background!



## A couple of changes to the calendar...

Due to the building works in and around D Block Hall, the disco, which was to be on 17 March and the Election BBQ, which was scheduled for 25March are now cancelled.



Monday, 3 April- Next P&C meeting

Tuesday, 4 April- Canteen Treat Day

Thursday, 11 May- Mother's Day Stall



Uniform shop Term 1 Opening Dates:

Friday, 31 March (Week 10)





Do you have gluten free options? Yes we do, there are gluten free items available every day. Gluten free bread and chicken tenders can be available upon request (Please notify the Snack Shack prior to the day of ordering). We also have a range of gluten free snacks available every day.

Do you have HALAL options? Yes, our meats are HALAL, and you can choose our meat products with confidence.

What if my child has allergies? Please ensure the School Office is aware if your child has any allergies or special dietary requirements. The office provides the Snack Shack with a printed list of children's allergies and medical alerts with a photo, so they can be identified by the Snack Shack staff and volunteers.

Allergies and special dietary requirements can also be loaded into Munch Monitor on your child's profile. A daily allergy list is printed from Munch Monitor every morning – this identifies which allergies are present in our orders every single day. We then know how to prepare your orders most safely. Eg, if Gluten is an identified allergy for the day - all Gluten Free food is prepared before other items are brought into the workspace. All Munch Monitor notified allergies appear on each child's lunch sticker that accompanies their order so everyone can be aware.

Why do you have paid staff? Running a canteen five days a week is a big undertaking, it is something that not many schools are fortunate enough to have and we do not take this lightly. To provide a reliable service we need a mixture of paid staff and volunteers in the Snack Shack. The Snack Shack is managed and operated by Panania Public Schools P&C Committee.

How do I volunteer? Mums, dads, grandparents, neighbours ... we welcome all volunteers to our canteen. Drop by the canteen and have a chat or drop us a line. pananiapscanteen@gmail.com.

Contact the canteen manager to be added to the volunteer roster and WhatsApp Snack Shack Volunteer group.

All volunteers will need to have a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC) which can be obtained at no cost for volunteers from Service NSW <a href="https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-working-with-children-check">https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-working-with-children-check</a>

Do you have healthy options? We understand the importance of providing healthy delicious options for your children, and that is why we prioritise making most of the food we serve fresh on site every day. We operate under the Healthy Schools Canteen guidelines (with more than 75% of our items being 5 star) and are formally accredited to do so. We are very passionate about home cooked and prepared meals for our school community of students and staff.

How can we order? We open every day from 8.30am until 9.10am for over the counter orders but we highly recommend you familiarise yourself with https://www.munchmonitor.com/

Munch Monitor orders can be made up to 4 weeks in advance, and orders close at 9.00am on the day of service. This is a system cut off and we cannot override it. This ensures we have plenty of time to cook and prepare your ordered meals and snacks. You can order for multiple children in a single transaction, you will see your order summary for all children at the bottom before confirming

payment. An email is sent automatically for each child at the time of ordering. Please confirm this has been received to know your order has been processed.

When ordering over the counter please provide these details on your lunch bag. Name.... Class.... Recess/Lunch Order. Please place the correct money in your bag (separate bags for recess and lunch please) and give it to the staff or place it in the black Drop Box on the side of the Snack Shack.

We also understand that it's a great treat to give your child some change every now and then to buy themselves something from the canteen. The children usually love the extra responsibility of having to keep the money safe and then paying for food themselves.

The Snack Shack closes service at 1:45pm each day for cleaning.

What is Munch Monitor? Munch Monitor is a website that allows you to order and pay for items from the canteen or online shop quickly and easily using your credit card up to 4 weeks in advance. https://www.munchmonitor.com/.

It's a user-friendly website that will literally take you a couple of minutes to set up your family and credit or debit card details. Then every time you want to order from the canteen or school shop, all you do is open the website, select the child you're ordering for, select your choices from the menu and confirm your payment. It really is that simple! There are no transaction or sign up fees. However, there is a small admin fee per term for a family account.

What if my child forgets to take their recess or lunch to school? If your child forgets their food or it is noticed that they have nothing to eat, the class teacher will either call the Snack Shack or send the child to the canteen to check on Munch Monitor if they have a lunch order. If no lunch order, office staff are notified to call the parents/carers. If the parents/carers are contactable, they're put through to the Canteen to organise a late lunch order. If the parents/carers don't respond to the school call, then a lunch is provided for the child (usually a sandwich or additional chicken tenders) and a note is sent home with the child requesting payment for the menu item.

If you realise that your child has forgotten their lunch or missed the online cut off, the canteen manager can be contacted any time after the 9.00am Munch Monitor cut off order time. Your child's recess or lunch can be ordered via text, email or over the phone – please make sure you have received a response to ensure your order has been received. The manager can access and use your Munch Monitor account to process your late order.

What if my child comes home sick and I've placed an order? Please notify the Snack Shack Manager that your child is sick and will be leaving school as soon as possible. Where possible we will refund the cost to your Munch Monitor account. Depending on the time of notification, this may not always be possible, we will always do our best so you are not out of pocket.

What if I have another question that isn't covered here? Our Snack Shack Manager is Larah Walsh. Please get in touch with Larah via email: pananiapscanteen@gmail.com, mobile 0409 106 573 or via the School Office where you can be transferred through to the Snack Shack.



# Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate.
   Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- · Always park and turn legally around the school.
- · Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- · Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the families section on safetytown.com.au



Too many lives lost on NSW roads.

Our goal is zero.

#### **DIARY DATES**

#### Wednesday, 15 - Monday, 27 March

NAPLAN Online

#### Saturday, 25 March

 State Election – Voting at Panania PS will be in the A Block Hall

#### Tuesday, 28 March

School Cross Country

#### Monday, 3 April

School Photos

#### Tuesday, 4 April

• Canteen Treat Day – Hot Cross Buns

#### Thursday, 6 April

• Last day for Term 1

#### Term 2

#### Monday, 24 April

• Staff Only return

#### Tuesday, 25 April

• ANZAC Day Public Holiday

#### Wednesday, 26 April

All Students return K-6

#### Thursday, 27 April

ANZAC Day Service at school 2.00pm

#### Monday, 1 May

P&C Meeting 7.00pm
 A Block Meeting Room

#### Monday, 8 – Wednesday, 10 May

• Stage 3 Camp to Bathurst Goldfields

#### Thursday, 11 May

Mother's day Stall

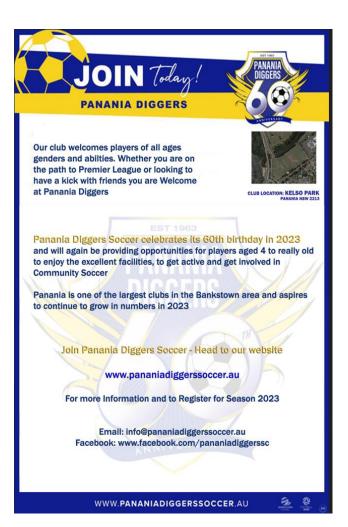
#### Sunday, 21 May

• Panania Mania Mega Fete











#### PANANIA VILLAGE MARKET

The Rotary Club of Padstow will be holding their Christmas Panania Village Market on Saturday, 8 April at the Panania Library Lawn, Anderson Ave, Panania from 9.00am to 1.30pm,

There will be around 25 stalls with a great selection of goods available including clothing for babies and children, candles, cushions, DVD's & records, essential oils, handmade crafts, hair accessories, plants, honey, jewellery, socks and haberdashery items, pet care and pet treats, scents and cosmetics, toys and more!

Please come along and visit our market that will be brimming with goodies to buy.

Proceeds from the stall hire support our projects both local and international.









#### LAUGH, DANCE AND SING-A-LONG WITH THIS FREE ACTION-PACKED MUSICAL THEATRE SHOW. SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

Families and children are invited to join Busy Izzy, Newly Truly, Talkative Tess, Bossy Bobby, Sensible Steven and Secret Agent Skye on their next adventure.

Bring your dancing feet and your singing voices for two FREE live performances of the Busy Izzy and Friends show, featuring

The show will be followed by a meet and greet with the characters

Suitable for children of all ages, and fun for grown-ups too!







DATE Friday April 14th, 2023.

TICKETS ARE FREE BUT SEATING MUST BE BOOKED TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE SHOW.

Prosper Busy





3:15PM - 4:15PM WEDNESDAYS To register use the QR Code

Registrations close Friday 21 April Rehearsals to begin Term 2 Week 2 Wednesday 3 May