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Term 4

Week 9

11/12/2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wishing all our students, their families and friends a safe and happy festive break. All students start the new school year on **Thursday**, **6 February 2025**. From Jan 31- Feb 5 inclusive, all staff are engaged in professional learning to plan and organise for the year ahead.

In reflection, 2024 has provided opportunities for students to shine at all levels. Tiered intervention strategies matching students to the most appropriate level of support have enabled them to attain personal goals. Broader provision of opportunities for gifted and talented students have included pathways to higher levels of sport participation, debating, public speaking, robotics, coding as well as science and maths enrichment programs.

In science enrichment students explored real-world problems matching the most appropriate materials to minimise environmental impacts. Critical and creative thinking skills were scaffolded via hypothesising, experimentation, researching, and data analysis. In maths enrichment, students explored multiple solutions to authentic open-ended problems. Students involved had a heightened enthusiasm for problem solving and have shared their efforts with peers increasing whole school interest. The successful Robotics program across Years 1-6 empowered students to use technology and code in meaningful ways. Levels of collaboration soared whilst constructive peer feedback enabled students to redesign models to accomplish tasks. Future directions will focus on broadening digital responsibility to understand new and emerging technologies including AI tools as well as developing partnerships with universities and research institutions.

In the last 18 months, the school has gone to great expense in ensuring information technology infrastructure has been updated enabling all outdoor learning spaces to access Wi-Fi, all indoor spaces outfitted with cutting edge promethean boards and multiple devices across classes for purposeful integrated learning as well as scheduled assessments such as NAPLAN and check in assessments. Purposeful use of technology is the operative word. School initiatives and programs are not merely teaching students how to use technology in ethical and responsible ways but how to be creators of technology.

Parents, carers and external health providers we extend our gratitude for working in partnership with our teaching and support staff to care and educate each and every one of our 375 students. That's right, 375 students. The African proverb that it takes a village to raise a child rings true. It takes many individuals to ensure that each child is provided with the security and support needed to develop, flourish and thrive.

2025 Flag Monitors

Congratulations to our Panania Public School flag monitors for 2025! Their selection for this prestigious role is a testament to their exemplary behaviour, strong sense of citizenship, and commitment to being positive role models for their peers. As flag monitors, they embody the core rules of our school: being safe, respectful, and an active learner.

The high number of applications reflects the strong desire within our school community to take on responsibilities that contribute to a positive school environment. This year, to accommodate the exceptional talent, we have decided to implement a team-based approach, allowing each group of students to share this honour and responsibility over the course of a term.

Whether it's raising the flag with pride, helping to uphold school rules, or supporting classmates in demonstrating respect and safety, their actions will inspire and influence others. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact they will have at Panania Public School!

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Lincoln Birch	Taylah Moussa	Violet Wilson	Elodie Ferrier
Henry Sekhon	Ella Stockdale	Caitlin Dunstan	Kalyani York
Julia Tran	Isaac Savvides	Jonathan Sakla	Amy Pestana
Myra Nanda	Billy Petrakis	Zion Biggar	Zachary Ceiley
Izaya Moustafa	Lakshay Muddana		Adrian Lescesin

Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes

Applications are now open for entry in 2026 into a selective high school or opportunity class. If your child is currently in Year 3 or Year 5 you are eligible to apply today.



https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/

https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/application-process

Mrs Siwak, <u>Principal</u>

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Gold Award for displaying excellent school citizenship in Term 4:

Aaliyah Abdulwahed	Asiyah Abdulwahed	Spencer Birch
Oliver Busby	Augustus Cassettari	Emily Chiem
Nadia Cousins	Caitlin Dunstan	Dina Essale
Leika Gow	Xavier Grant	Alexandra Hatton
Keira Hatton	Dexter Hogan	Nate Howell
Farah James	Myra Nanda	Nate Oliver
Billy Petrakis	Elise Psaila	Aaliyah Rababi
Ivy Stewart	Gemma Stubbs	Amelia Tarlton
Pranabi Thapa	Sophia Tourni	Jasmine Tran
Madison Vajdevski	Sophie Vella	Harrison Wise



THANK YOU TO OUR MINI FETE RAFFLE DONORS

On Monday, 16 December we will hold our Year 6 Mini Fete and Mega Raffle. We would like to thank the following businesses who have kindly donated prizes:

Peddle Patch Blue Rose Financial Bodylicious Entertainment Park

Coffee Point Glamour Hair and Beauty B-Well Thai Souvlaki Warehouse

Panania Metro Mart M + M Bakery Himalayan Curry House Mum's Kababs

Padmakan Pikkio Restaurant

The Ledger Lounge Sperling

GU Filmhouse Beverly Hills Brooker Real Estate

Heartfelt thanks to all the Year 6 parents who contributed their time, effort and support in helping this Mini Fete be a succuss.

CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY

The School Representative Council (SRC) hosted their final mufti day for 2024. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 dressed in green and red, wore Christmas accessories, and/or donned Christmas outfits to celebrate the festive season. Some classes even embraced the Christmas spirit by planning Christmasthemed lessons for the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the members of the SRC from both Semester 1 and Semester 2, as well as our executive team of leaders. They ran meetings, played a key role in fundraising events, and provided invaluable support to their fellow SRC members. I would also like to extend my gratitude to our P&C members, who supported every initiative we undertook and involved the SRC in their own decision-making processes and fundraising activities.

A special thanks goes to our teachers, who not only got dressed up but also planned and delivered lessons to help students learn more about disabilities, all while supporting our initiatives with great enthusiasm.

What a fantastic year we've had, thanks to the support of our students, teachers, parents and community members.

Wishing everyone a wonderful break!

Mrs Morris,
SRC Coordinator













SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Congratulations to these wonderful students on participating in Schools Spectacular. The dedication and commitment these girls have shown has been outstanding, and after months of rehearsals they were able to enjoy themselves on the BIG stage at Qudos Bank Arena. Thank you to all the parents who helped with travel arrangements, and getting their daughters to Homebush every week for rehearsal. A wonderful achievement!



Well done girls!

Ms Skinner, Schools Spectacular Coordinator













YEAR 5 STEM DAY

Panania Public School's Year 5 STEM Day was held on Wednesday, 4 December 2024. The day was a resounding success, providing an exciting and educational experience for students across Kindergarten to Year 6. Students in Year 5 worked collaboratively over a 7-week period to research, design and test a variety of hands-on STEM activities for their peers to explore and experiment with.

The success of the STEM Day was evident in the enthusiasm of all participants. Every student thoroughly enjoyed themselves, whether they were building bridges, watching a simulation of a volcanic eruption, testing catapults or experimenting with ziplines. The event highlighted the power of student-led learning and the joy of exploring science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in an interactive and hands-on way.













YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Congratulations to Year 6 on reaching a significant milestone in their educational journey! Completing primary school is a remarkable achievement and a testament to your hard work, dedication, and resilience. As you prepare to embark on the next exciting chapter of your lives, take a moment to reflect on the friendships you've forged, the knowledge you've gained, and the countless memories you've created over the years.

The formal at Revesby Workers' Club was a fabulous event. The joy and excitement in the air were palpable, and it was heartwarming to see you all dressed to the nines, celebrating together with your peers. Cherish these moments, as they will stay with you forever.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated staff and supportive parents who have guided you throughout your primary schooling. Your teachers have worked tirelessly to nurture your talents, instil a love for learning, and prepare you for the challenges ahead. Parents, your unwavering encouragement and involvement have been invaluable, creating a strong foundation for your children's success. Thank you for being partners in this journey.

As you transition to high school, remember that this is just the beginning. Embrace new challenges, continue to strive for excellence, and never stop believing in yourselves. You have all the potential in the world to achieve great things, and we are excited to see what the future holds for each of you.

Mrs Morris, Ms Simpson, Ms Skinner and Mrs Walker, Year 6 Teachers































UNIVERSAL ROBOTICS CHALLENGE 2024

This year Panania Public School entered 8 teams in the Universal Robotics Challenge which was held at the Australian College of Physical Education at Sydney Olympic Park on Thursday, 5 December. Twenty One students from Years 4-6 accompanied by Mrs Walker and Miss Ecob, departed Panania Train Station at 7:45am to travel to the competition.

The students used Arduino-based Artek Studuinio Robotic Kits. This year the challenge was to build and code a robot that could collect parcels from a predetermined position and then move them to a delivery zone. During the competition the students were unable to control their robot, it had to be coded and complete the task without the students intervening once the robot had started.

Even though the students were only moving small groups of blocks which were stacked, this sort of challenge gave students the insight to the complex tasks that are completed around the world every day from container ships being loaded and unloaded, fulfilment centres packaging deliveries, and even mail sorting.

As always, our teams worked incredibly hard to build their robot and code it to perform the task and took part in 2 rounds to achieve their highest score.

Along with improving their design, building and coding skills. Watching students collaborate, problem solve, improve or strengthen previous builds and then go through a process of elimination to work out why something wasn't performing as hoped. This might have been debugging each line of code to ensure that the correct commands were being given or checking the different components of the robot to ensure it was functioning as expected.

A huge thank you to all the parents who dropped off their children and picked them up very late from the train station.

Mr Beattie,
Robotics Coordinator



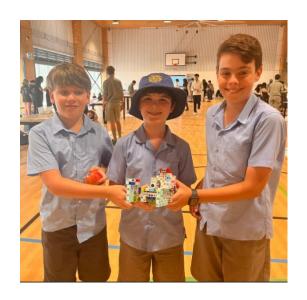








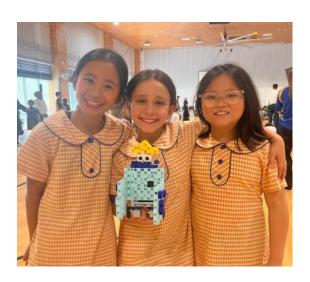












HIGH FLYERS

Junior Cricket

Congratulations to the 2024 Junior Cricket team who were Joint-Premiers with Milperra Public School. After a hot and competitive game both teams scored 80 runs, resulting in a tie. Well done boys!





Senior Girls' Touch Football

Our Senior Girls' had an outstanding season who faced some tough competition. From Week One, they dominated the field, including the Finals match against Milperra PS. The girls played with heart, integrity, and determination, and they should be incredibly proud of their efforts. Congratulations to our premieres for 2024!



Junior Girl's Touch Football - Runners Up!!!!

Our Junior Girls' showed tremendous growth this season in touch football. We only conceded one game, which unfortunately was against Padstow Heights, the team they met in the Final. The game was a nail-biter, but in the end, Padstow Heights scored a try with just a minute left in the game. Our girls fought hard, and should be commended for their efforts!



Charlie Risti

From 28 November to 2 December, Charlie Risti competed at the School Sports Australia Athletics Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park.

Charlie competed in the girls 10 years high jump placing an outstanding 5^{th} in the competition overall. She also competed in the combined 4×100 m relay (a relay event comprising 2 multi-class and 2 ablebodied athletes). Charlie's team won the relay race and received a gold medal.

Congratulations Charlie on your outstanding sporting achievements in 2024.





Boys' Softball Knock Out Final

Congratulations to the Boys' Softball Knock Out team who competed at the NSWPSSA Softball Knockout Finals at Milton Park last Thursday, 9 December.

Our first Semi-Final game was played against Orange PS securing a place in the final after a 11-5 win. The Final was played against Mona Vale PS but unfortunately we went down 11-6.

The boys were presented with the SILVER medal, for which they should be VERY proud of, 2nd in NSW!!



Thank you to all the parents for their wonderful support throughout the year.

Boys, you should be so proud of yourselves after the hard work you put into training and the games over the past year. Congratulations, one VERY proud coach!

Mrs Rowland,
PSSA Softball Coordinator

‡SEASONS GREETINGS!

From the P&C committee

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made our canteen, uniform shop, and fundraising events a success.

We wish you all a very relaxing holiday period and we're looking forward to seeing you in 2025! Our Leaving

Families

We were sad to bid farewell to a number of dedicated volunteers and

members at the AGM. They have been an integral part of our community over the years. Their cheerful presence will be missed. We wish them all the best as their journeys continue elsewhere.



P&C Update for 2025

We recently held the P&C AGM and all positions were held open for re-election. Given so many of our long-term volunteers have children leaving the school we have several positions that remain open.

We tried to show you how we contribute to the school by compiling a list of all the events coordinated in 2024 and where funds were donated back to the school and students. These P&C run events rely heavily on volunteers and a steering committee.

If you want the P&C to continue to provide these events/support in 2025 and beyond, please consider coming to a P&C meeting (held in person and virtually in Week 3 and 8 of each term) or stepping up to a role in the P&C.

Vacant Positions

President
Vice President
Fundraising and Event Coordinator
Canteen Convenor
Canteen Secretary
Canteen Parent Representative

You can contact the P&C via <u>pananiapublicschool.pandc@gmail.com</u> or on 0412 501 679 The first P&C meeting of 2025 will be held on Monday 10 February at 7PM.

Positions still Vacant

President

- 1-2 h per week
- Chair P&C Meetings
- Liase with PPS Executive Team
- Signatory on P&C Bank Account
- Volunteer recognition
- Finalise agenda for P&C Meetings

Subcommittees

- Attend subcommittee meetings
- Signatory on Canteen Bank Account
- Canteen management

Vice President

- 1 h per week
- Attend P&C Meetings
- Post on Facebook Page
- Signatory on P&C Bank Account
- Shared event management
- P&C Chatterbox contributions (3 per term)

Fundraising Convenor

- 1-2 h per week
- Attend P&C Meetings
- Event management (dependent)
- Report on events and fundraising
- · Lead volunteers at the events
- Post to P&C Facebook Page

Canteen Convenor

- 1-2 h per term
- · Chair subcommittee meetings
- Input towards Healthy School,
 Canteen accreditation and menu

Canteen Secretary

- 1-2 h per term
- Attend subcommittee meetings
- Records Minutes
- Advertise Canteen Treat Days and Menu Changes
- Receive Correspondence

Canteen Parent Representative

- 1-2 h per term
- Attend subcommittee meetings
- Input towards Healthy Schools,
 Canteen accredidation and menu

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Some examples of how the P&C supports the school and its students

What did the PPS P&C do in 2024?

- Welcome BBQ
- School Discos and Family BBQs x 2
- Cinema Under The Stars
- · Mother's Day Stall
- · Father's Day Stall
- Krispy Kreme Doughnut fundraiser
- · Canteen Facilities at Athletics Carnivals
- Election day BBQ
- Colour Run
- Managing the school canteen
- Treat Days x 4
- The Second-Hand Uniform shop
- School Hat Sales (Munch Monitor)



What did the P&C do with the

Funds that were raised?

- New literacy resources to the value of \$8500 from the Colour Run
- \$2000 to subsidise swimming carnival entry
- · Contributed to the buses for Presentation Day
- Funding support for students to compete at National level events
- Contributed \$5500 towards the Mural on D block
- · Easter Bunny Visits
- · Teacher appreciation lunch
- Purchased P&C equipment for making our meetings online to increase accessibility
- · Purchased new BBQs for community events
- Sports Store Refit \$2000



Help with the



Assisting Bus hire for Presentation Day

Contribute to the cost of pool hire for the swimming carnival



A brand new halal-only BBQ

Active Kids



The sports Store is now ready for Fitness Club next year



Monday, 16 December

Year 6 Mini Fete

Wednesday, 18 December

• Last Day of Term 4 for students

Thursday, 19 & Friday, 20 December

Staff Development Day – Staff Only

TERM 1 - 2025

Friday, 31 January – Wednesday, 5 February

• Staff Development Day – Staff Only

Thursday, 6 February

• All students return, Kindergarten - Yr 6

Wednesday, 12 & Thursday, 13 February

CPR Training – Stage 3

Friday, 14 February

Swimming Carnival

Tuesday, 18 March

NSW Department of Education

School Photos

Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as 1 day per fortnight, they will miss 4 weeks of school per year, which adds up to over 1 year missed over their school life.



child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

- Carring

Strengthening friendships

Build skills through fun

Make sure your





2024 Term 4 Open Dates

Week 10 – to be confirmed

Email orders to:

pananiapublicuniformshop@gmail.com

Donations accepted of good quality uniforms. Simply drop them into the office.

Want to volunteer?

https://chat.whatsapp.com/H8JkM6BJkAJ7sE91P8LIO5

WHAT WE TEACH

Inviting students from all ethnic backgrounds to learn about the message of Christ in an Orthodox Christian way. We believe our children discover their true identity and purpose by knowing God.

- · Basic tenets and beliefs
- · The lives of saints
- · Personal spiritual development
- · Bible Engagement
- · Serving God and others
- · Exercising faith
- · Community and fellowship
- · Liturgical participation

TO ENROL YOUR CHILD CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



BANKSTOWN AREA

CO-ORDINATED BY ST EUPHIMIA PARISH BANKSTOWN OF THE **GREEK ORTHODOX** ARCHDIOCESE OF **AUSTRALIA**



OUR VOLUNTEER TEACHERS

- · Receive regular training
- · Provide all teaching materials
- · Registered with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia
- · Have a valid Working with Children Check
- · Sharing the message of Christ through an Infant, Primary, and High School Curriculum

Parish of St. Euphemia Bankstown 12 East Terrace, Bankstown NSW 2200 Website: steuphemia.org Phone: (02) 9709 6908 Parish Priest: Fr Panagiotis Protopsaltis Ph. 0402 219 214 Parish Deacon: Fr Meliton Haridemos Ph: 0499 816 918 Scripture Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Katzakis Ph: 0400 387 428



Keep Ethics Classes at Panania Public! We need Volunteers NOW!

WHY DO WE **NEED YOU?**

Two of our Teachers are leaving: Adna Olovcic & Melissa Carney are finishing up at the end of this year.

6 New volunteers needed for

- Kindy: 1xYears 1 & 2: 1xYears 3 & 4: 2x
- Years 5 & 6: 1x Ethics Coordinator: 1x
- (Remote Role)



Children discuss topic such as:

- · Imagining how others
- · How do we treat living things?
- What is laziness?
- How do we disagree in a respectful way?
- Fairness



WHATS INVOLVED?

Commitment: 30 minutes a week on Wednesdays (just before school pick up) between 1:30-3:00pm

Training: 2-day workshop + short online modules

Lesson materials provided (you just need to read from the script!)

Skills Needed: Interest in your children's critical thinking skills!

All ethics lessons are supervised by a P.P.S teacher

LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

Join us for a coffee catch up at 'The Shop' at Picnic Point on Wednesday 4/12 at 1:30pm. You can meet the current teachers and ask us questions.

If you can't make it, you can always reach out to our coordinator Rebecca Wise at becannwise@gmail.com or learn more at primaryethics.com.au



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Volunteer Ethics teachers help kids:

- Think logically
- Disagree respectfully
- · Support arguments with evidence (rather than act blindly out of habit or peer pressure)
- Learn that its ok to change our mind, when circumstances change, or new information arises

Our Current Teachers



Melissa, Adna, Rebecca, Tom

In ethics classes, children learn to think lically, rather than just follow the crowd





ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS HOLIDAY CAMP

Summer Holiday Camp

January 2025

Book for 1 day or both days

ELIGIBILITY	VENUE	DATES	FEES	BOOK ONLINE AT
Yr 1 - 7	East Hills Boys High School	13/01/2025	\$110	www.trybooking.com/CXMHC
Yr 1 - 7	East Hills Boys High School	14/01/2025	\$110	www.trybooking.com/CXMHC

Location: East Hills Boys High School - Lucas Rd, Panania NSW 2213

Time: 9 am - 4pm

Creative Kids Voucher \$50 Early Bird 10% discount till 31st December



For more information please call 0404602984 swsyd@young-engineers.com.au REGISTER NOW

JOIN TODAY AND GET TO PLAY!









NSW Athletics is offering Athletes ages 10-14 the opportunity to take part in our School Holiday Camps from 13 - 22 January 2025 at the NSW Centre of Excellence in Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.

The camp exposes young athletes to a high-performance environment and enables the athlete a chance to gain insight into what it is to train as an elite athlete.

Run by our NSW Centre of Excellence, this camp will focus on:

- Higher level of skill development
- Introduction to strength development specific to their disciplines in our NSW Centre of Excellence performance facility
- Develop fundamental atheltic skills in a positive and inclusive learning environment

The camp takes place every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am - 3pm at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre

We welcome athletes from ALL Sports looking to get involved and learn more about training in a high performance program.

We have a discount for a limited time only enter "EARLYBIRDSHC25" at checkout.



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Website: https://pcycnsw.org.au/bankstown

Summer School Holiday Activities

AGES: 6-12 years old

WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, lunch, enclosed shoe

Creative & Active Kids Vouchers Accepted Every day*

BOOK NOW



Thu 19 th Dec	Soccer, Four Corners, Puzzle Challenges and Soft Hockey	Fri 24 th Jan	Basketball, Arts & Crafts, Laser Tag and Dodgeball
Fri 20 th Dec	Basketball, Bullrush, Arts & Crafts and Laser Tag	Mon 27 th Jan	CLOSED – Australia Day
Mon 6th Jan	Bullrush, Four Corners, Soccer and Soft Hockey	Tue 28 th Jan	Protect The Nest, Four Corners, Dodgeball and Basketball
Tue 7 th Jan	Four Corners, Basketball, Survival Tag and Soft Hockey	Wed 29 th Jan	Mini Olympics, Soft hockey and Arts & Crafts
Wed 8 th Jan	Basketball, Protect The Nest, Survival Tag and Soft Hocket	Thu 30 th Jan	Serpent, Laser Tag, Survival Tag and Basketball
Thu 9 th Jan	Paper Planes, Soccer, Serpent and Dodgeball	Fri 31st Jan	Chalk Art, Soccer, Dodgeball and Soft Hockey
Fri 10 th Jan	Jersey Day – Oz tag, Basketball, Soccer and Dodgeball		
Mon 13 th Jan	Soft Hockey, Soccer, Four Corners and Arts & Crafts		
Tue 14 th Jan	Basketball, Dodgeball, Laser Tag and Oz Tag		
Wed 15 th Jan	Healthy Heart Day – Bullrush, Boxercise, Survival Tag and Soccer		
Thu 16 th Jan	Dodgeball, Arts & Crafts, Four Corners and Basketball		
Thu 16 th Jan Fri 17 th Jan	Dodgeball, Arts & Crafts, Four Corners and Basketball Soccer, Soft Hockey, Survival Tag and Serpent		
Fri 17th Jan	Soccer, Soft Hockey, Survival Tag and Serpent		
Fri 17 th Jan Mon 20 th Jan	Soccer, Soft Hockey, Survival Tag and Serpent Bullrush, Soft Hockey, Basketball and Dodgeball		
Fri 17 th Jan Mon 20 th Jan Tue 21 st Jan	Soccer, Soft Hockey, Survival Tag and Serpent Bullrush, Soft Hockey, Basketball and Dodgeball Chalk Art, Soccer, Oz Tag and Survival Tag		

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CONTACT US: Email: bankstown@pcycnsw.org.au Phone: (02) 9796 3222 Website: https://pcycnsw.org.au/bankstown









Karate is an excellent way to improve strength and fitness with many students reporting significant weight loss.



Karate kicking engages all muscle groups in the upper and lower abdominal areas & strengthens the lower back.



Enhanced flexibility from karate training can greatly increase posture & vitality.



Children who train in karate are much less likely to be bullied as they develop greater self-confidence & respect.



Children's school work & class behaviour can be greatly improved through karate's disciplined training environment.

