



CHATTERBOX

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Term 1

Week 3

12/02/2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back!

On the first day of term, students had the opportunity to reconnect with friends before moving into new class groups. All students, even Kindergarten have settled into new routines with ease.

This year, due to overwhelming demand and students seeking leadership opportunities, all students that submitted an application for Flag Monitor were successful. Consequently, at minimum all flag monitors will be allocated a term of duties.

Congratulations is extended to the following students:

Flag Monitor Roster

Term 1

Lincoln Birch
Henry Sekhon
Julia Tran
Myra Nanda
Izaya Moustafa

Term 2

Taylah Moussa
Ella Stockdale
Isaac Savvides
Billy Petrakis
Lakshay Muddana

Term 3

Violet Wilson
Caitlin Dunstan
Jonathan Sakla
Zion Biggar

Term 4

Elodie Ferrier
Kalyani York
Amy Pestana
Zachary Ceiley
Adrian Lescesin





2025 Student Leaders



Brianna Black
Vice Captain



Jarvis Barton
School Captain



Amelia Tarlton
School Captain



William Gemmell
Vice Captain



Farah James



James Karavelas



Oliver Naidovski



Ella Olovic



Jack Smith



Remi Stephens

Jarvis Barton

I am athletic, kind and compassionate.
I like athletics, reading and footy.
I wish our school could hold a wear anything but a backpack day.

How do you approach a challenge?
Keep trying and do not give up.

What inspires you to learn?
I like challenging myself.

Words of wisdom:
Explore the world and do things for yourself!

Brianna Black

I am bright, sporty and friendly.
I like netball, cats and the beach.
I wish our school could run a Winter Olympics fun day.

How do you approach a challenge?
Positive thoughts and do not give up.

What inspires you to learn?
I think about my future and how things may pay off.

Words of wisdom:
Go live a life that you dream of.

Amelia Tarlton

I am artistic, thoughtful and brave.
I like netball, craft and being the CEO of Boots & Co.
I wish our school had a therapy dog.

How do you approach a challenge?
Confidently and strive for success.

What inspires you to learn?
Having fun and learning something new.

Words of wisdom:
Shoot for the stars and do not turn back!

William Gemmell

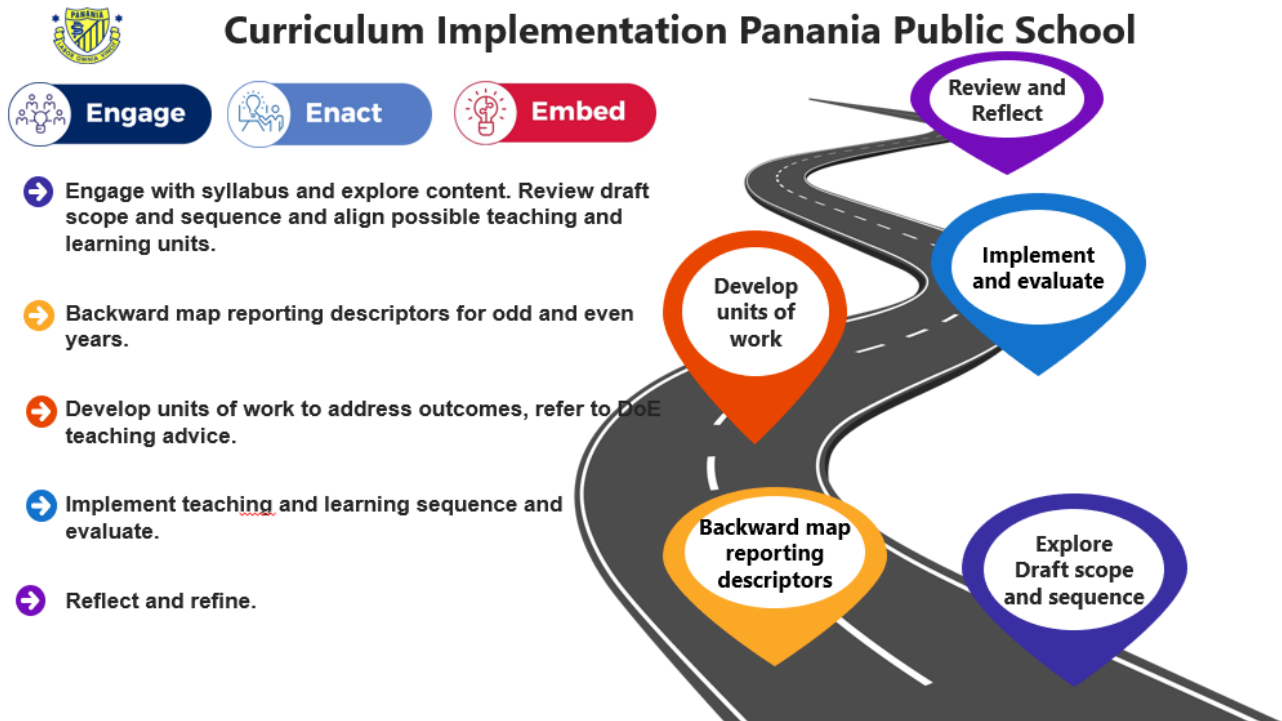
I am enthusiastic, confident and intelligent.
I like watching movies, dance and music.
I wish our school had a homework club.

How do you approach a challenge?
Be persistent and keep trying.

What inspires you to learn?
Good role models like my parents.

Words of wisdom: Be memorable and don't worry about what people think. You only live once.

Teachers had four staff development days at the beginning of Term 1. In 2025 Initial Lit for K-2 students will be introduced to improve the explicit teaching of phonics, Prime Mathematics textbooks alongside teacher hub and platform in Years 3-6 will be introduced to improve the delivery of the new Mathematics Syllabus. Recommended mentors texts addressing the English Textual concepts will continue to be utilised across K-6. Time was also allocated to planning the delivery of the new HSIE and PDPHE syllabus documents.



Garden

Students sincerely value and appreciate time in the school garden, in particular students with sensory and learning difficulties. We thank Mrs Waskiw and Mr and Mrs Wilson who have worked tirelessly to weed and maintain the garden ready for the beginning of term. Any interested volunteers that would like to support, please contact the school office.

School maintenance

Roof tiles on B Block and C Block will be replaced Term 1.

NAPLAN 12-24 March 2025

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

It is a nationwide measure through which parents/carers, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards.

The tests support monitoring and evaluating of the performance of schools and school systems in these fundamental capabilities. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education approaches are working, areas to be prioritised for improvement, and those schools requiring support in the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy.

The results can assist teachers by providing additional information to support their professional judgement about students' levels of literacy and numeracy attainment and progress.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Each teacher will have the best insight into their students' educational progress. Parents/carers can use NAPLAN reports, along with other school assessment reports, to discuss their child's strengths and areas for improvement with their teacher.

NAPLAN results do not measure overall school quality.

The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year. From 2008 to 2022, NAPLAN tests were held in May. From 2023, education ministers agreed NAPLAN tests will be held in March. The Item Trial is held in May and June each year (see [Test development](#)).

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the 4 areas (or 'domains') of:

- reading
- writing
- conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy.

For more information

- read [NAPLAN for parents and carers](#)
- read [NAPLAN for schools](#)
- browse our [NAPLAN FAQs](#)
- visit the [public demonstration site](#) to see example questions and consider if additional accessibility requirements are needed
- find past [NAPLAN paper tests and answers](#) on the ACARA website.



MEET ASH!

From the P&C committee

Meet our co Vice-President!

Name: Ash Davison

Which of your kids go to Panania PS?

Delilah (year 5) Finley (year 2)

What do you enjoy about being on the P&C committee? Why should we do it?

Hubby and I really enjoy being around for our kids, getting involved in the exciting events around school the kids also love being a part of it. They often feel like they're privy to exciting information early!

What is your favourite school or P&C run-event? The colour run and last year's cinema under the stars are by far my favourite.

Do you have a pet? We foster a puppy for Assistance Dogs Australia, Wilson, he is almost ready to go to the next stage of training! You might just see him around school!

Do your kids like to cook with you?

What is their favourite dish to make?

Our kids enjoy making and eating sticky honey soy meatballs! We like these on rolls like a meatball sub or with noodles and salad stuff.



Welcoming Words

Welcome back to 2025 at Panania Public School.

The P&C held our first meeting for 2025 on Monday 10th Feb and were pleased to welcome some new members. We have a full executive and look forward to another year of building community and raising funds for our school.

The P&C meets (virtual and in person) on the Monday of week 3 and 8 of each term, we'd love for you to join us at our next meeting on Monday 17th March, 2025.

For more information on future P&C Meetings and to see the minutes from our last meeting, click on the link <https://tinyurl.com/pananiapcmeetings>

Dates to Remember

Kindy and New Family Welcome BBQ Fri 7 March

P&C Meeting Mon 17 March

Term 1 Disco Fri 4 April

A Friendly Reminder that due to the School Swimming Carnival, the **Canteen will be CLOSED** on Friday 14th February 2025

From the Uniform Shop

Can't make one of the uniform shop opening days in person? Sick of washing and need some extra items?

Send an email with your request, the volunteers will see if we have items in stock. We will arrange for it to be sent home and email you an invoice.

pananiapublicuniformshop@gmail.com

Donations welcome!

We also accept donations of good quality school uniforms throughout the year. Drop them at the office at any time and they will make their way to us!

Can you help?

The Uniform Shop would love some extra volunteers! If you can help out, please email us or click to join the [Uniform Shop Volunteer WhatsApp group](#).

Term 1 Uniform Shop Open Days

Week 4 - Fri 21 Feb
 Week 7 - Fri 14 Mar
 Week 11 - Fri 11 April*
 * (last day of term)



Please remember that we sell second hand uniforms only and are operated by volunteers. For all new uniform items please visit MUE.

P&C Committee 2025

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| President | Lauren Dunstan |
| Co Vice-Presidents | Megan Gibson Ashleigh Davison |
| Secretary | Casina Kan |
| Treasurer | Jenni Ballard |
| Joint Fundraising Convenors | Kay-Lee Tarlton Robyn Birch |
| Uniform Shop Convenor | Glenda Munro |

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| Canteen Convenor | Kep Whitley |
| Canteen Secretary | Diane Scandurra |
| Canteen Treasurer | Natalie Naumovski |
| Canteen Parent Representatives | Margaret Sandra |





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Vigilance"*

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28 CHILDS STREET
PANANIA NSW 2213
ABN 34 983 482 420

ANZAC March and Service 2025

Our annual ANZAC Community March and Service, sponsored by Panania RSL sub-Branch, will be held on **Sunday, 13 April 2025**.

The March will commence at Panania Diggers', 28 Childs Street Panania, stepping off at 2.30pm proceeding to the Cenotaph at Edwards Reserve adjacent to Panania Station, returning to Panania Diggers, following the service, via similar route.

Light refreshments will be available following the march, at no cost.

ANZAC Dawn Service 2025

An invitation is also extended for our annual ANZAC Commemorative Dawn Service, sponsored by Panania RSL sub-Branch, to be held on **Friday, 25 April 2025**.

The Service will commence at the Cenotaph, Edwards Reserve Panania, adjacent to Panania Railway Station, at 4:30am.

Following the service a light breakfast will be provided at Panania Diggers' Club. (Gold coin donation to Legacy) R.S.V.P. please by 15 March 2025 at pananiaSB@rslnsw.org.au, or alternatively on 02 9744 1288.



NSW Police Force

With your help, a safer community.

Disobey 'No Parking' Sign

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ONLY



8 AM - 9:30 AM
2:30 PM - 4 PM
SCHOOL DAYS

- ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
- Stay within **3 metres** of your car
- Stay less than **2 minutes**

Fine =

\$227*

& Lose 2 Points

'KISS & DROP' ZONE

Section 168
Road Rules 2014

DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES



Fine =
\$410*
& Lose 2 Points

Child or Passenger Not Restrained
(Not wearing a seat belt or not in a child seat)

Sections 265, 266, 267
Road Rules 2014

Fine =
\$544*
& Lose 5 Points

Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law

DO NOT talk, text or view your phone while driving.

Section 300 Road Rules 2014

NO STOPPING



Fine =
\$410*
& Lose 3 Points

DO NOT STOP
for ANY reason

Section 167 Road Rules 2014

For more information see: **Road Rules 2014**

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html>

*Fines are current as of February 2022. Fine amounts change regularly.

For up-to-date fine amounts see: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/index.html>



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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 – 2025

Wednesday, 12 & Thursday, 13 February

- CPR Training – Stage 3

Friday, 14 February

- Swimming Carnival

Monday, 17 February

- Flag Monitor Induction Morning Assembly

Monday, 24 February

- Student Representative Council Induction Morning Assembly

Wednesday, 26 February

- Meet The Teacher – Kindergarten – Yr 2

Thursday, 27 February

- Meet The Teacher – Years 3 – 6

Tuesday, 4 March

- District Swimming Carnival

Friday, 7 March

- Welcome BBQ – Kindergarten

Tuesday, 18 March

- School Photos

Tuesday, 25 March

- National Young Leaders Conference

Thursday, 27 March

- Student-Teacher-Parent Interviews


Wednesday, 2 April

- Cross Country


Friday, 11 April

- Term 1 ends


P&C POLICY For financial aid



The P&C can financially support the students who have been selected to represent PPS at a National level in regards to competitions and events.



To request this financial aid, parents must contact the P&C via email and state the details of the student, where this event will be held and when it scheduled to commence.



Any student who makes it to National events and they need to travel less than 100km will be given \$150.

Whereas, students that need to travel more than 100km will receive \$250.

This is 100km from school and this is per child, per event.



If your child is representing Panania Public at a National level please email the P&C

pananiapublicschool.pandc@gmail.com

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

2025 Term 1 Open Dates

Week 4 – Friday, 21 February

Week 7 – Friday, 14 March

Week 11 – Friday, 11 April

mail orders to:

pananiapublicuniformshop@gmail.com

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

Want to volunteer?



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Season kick off 5 April

GKR KARATE

- 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.

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.

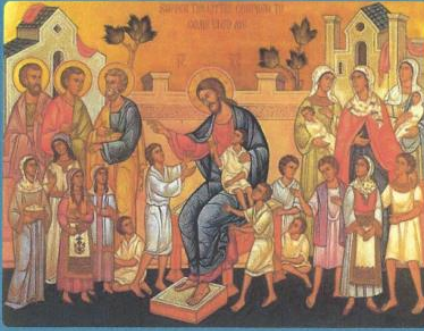
- Basic tenets and beliefs
- The lives of saints
- Personal spiritual development
- Bible Engagement
- Serving God and others
- Exercising faith
- Community and fellowship
- Liturgical participation

TO ENROL YOUR CHILD
CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION



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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

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Parish Priest: Fr Panagiotis Protopsaltis
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Parish Deacon: Fr Meliton Haridemos
Ph: 0499 816 918
Scripture Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Katzakis
Ph: 0400 387 428

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

- ### 1 WHY DO WE NEED YOU?

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

6 New volunteers needed for 2025:

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

Children discuss topic such as:

 - Imagining how others feel
 - How do we treat living things?
 - What is laziness?
 - How do we disagree in a respectful way?
 - Fairness
- ### 2 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
- ### 3 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 critically, rather than just follow the crowd."
- ### 4 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 co-ordinator Rebecca Wise at becannwise@gmail.com or learn more at primaryethics.com.au

Primary ETHICS

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.**



Scan the QR code to learn more

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



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Build skills through fun