



CHATTERBOX

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Term 1

Week 9

26/03/2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

2025 School Excellence Plan

Comprehensive evaluative practices have shaped the formulation of the Panania Public School Excellence Plan (SEP) 2025. Areas of focus are as follows:

Strategic Direction 1: Quality evidence informed programs and data practices

Deepen teacher understanding of the research and pedagogy underpinning syllabus documentation. Teach, assess and report using the English K-10 syllabus, Mathematics K-10 syllabus, HSIE K-6 syllabus, and PDHPE K-6 syllabus, and to evaluate in regular cycles to refine new practices and improve student outcomes.



Strategic Direction 2: Wellbeing and positive partnerships

Whole school approach to student engagement with cohesive integration and implementation of inclusive wellbeing strategies regarding:

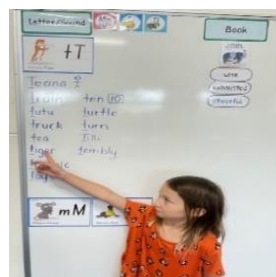


Strategic Direction 3: Collaborative Learning Culture

Strengthen Panania Public School's learning community and enhance the development of teachers as leaders that are adaptive in solving complex learning problems.

Explicit Teaching English K-2

Evidence informed program, Initial Lit has been introduced across our K-2 classes to support and enhance explicit teaching. It includes a systematic synthetic phonic component, as well as a rich literature component. The phonic component will teach children the alphabetic code for reading and spelling. The literature component will develop children's vocabulary, comprehension, oral language skills and reading fluency. Students are reportedly enjoying the shared texts, new vocabulary introduced and creative tasks.



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Welcome to Panania Public School



The recent Welcome event organised by the Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association for Kindergarten children and their families, was a resounding success, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere to celebrate the beginning of the school year. Attendees were treated to a delicious pizza meal and a selection of cakes and biscuits. Undoubtedly the highlight of the afternoon was the entertainment provided by the Bubble Man. The children were mesmerised, they chased bubbles



of all descriptions, while the parents had a valued opportunity to connect with other adults within the community. It was a perfect opportunity to create lasting memories by reinforcing the supportive environment that the school strives to provide.

Attendance Matters

Consistently going to school has countless benefits – from learning, to creating social connections and improving wellbeing through access to support and quality education.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, I'd like to remind our school community that we are here to work with you to support your child to thrive. We know that families experience a variety of challenging circumstances, and we are committed to working with you to address any barriers to regular attendance.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school, like when they are unwell. Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible, and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or to me directly. There are also helpful resources for Parents and Carers on the [NSW Department of Education website](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au).

Thank you for being a part of our school community and for partnering with us to ensure students access the endless benefits of regular school attendance.

Mrs Siwak

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Build friendships
- Develop life skills

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

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STUDENT RETURN - TERM 2

All students return for Term 2 on **Wednesday, 30 April 2025**, and are to wear their Winter school uniform.

GOLD AWARD ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who received their Gold Award at morning assembly on Monday, 24 March, for displaying excellent school citizenship in Term 1:

Ali Hammoud 3/4R	Lachlan Nott 3/4R
Archer Steinhart 3/4R	Voilet Crynes 4/5M
Sienna Hopkins 4/5M	Jordan Ristevski 4/5M
Olivia Biner 5/6C	Lakshay Muddana 5/6C
James Brennan 5/6E	Izaya Moustafa 5/6S
Julia Tran 5/6W	

HARMONY DAY

On Monday, 24 March Panania Public School acknowledged Harmony Day by wearing orange, symbolizing inclusiveness. The motto 'Everyone Belongs' serves as a powerful reminder of the values we hold dear in our community. It invites us to reflect on the importance of inclusiveness and respect for all individuals, regardless of their background. By wearing orange, we visually express our commitment to celebrating our differences and similarities fostering a sense of belonging, cultural diversity, and respect among all Australians.

The School Representative Council (SRC) led by Mrs Morris, in collaboration with the P&C, undertook a new approach to wearing orange, and to help raise funds for the school.

A variety of orange items were purchased by the P&C including hats, skirts, pom poms, wrist bands, sweat bands and sunglasses. During Harmony Week the SRC representatives sold these products before school, and during recess and lunch breaks. Monday, 24 March saw the students enjoy a Mufti Day, showing off all their orange purchases and to celebrate the school, working and playing in Harmony.



From the P&C committee

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser



from Baker's Delight Revesby!

\$9.50 per 6 pack with \$2 from each sale going towards to school. Each purchase also comes with a voucher for a free traditional block loaf of bread!

Order Deadline:

Tue 1 April

Hot X Bun will go home
with your kid (bring a bag)
Mon 7 April

Order on Munch Monitor!

Meet our joint FUNdraising convenor!

Name: Kay-Lee Tarlton

Which of your kids go to Panania PS?

Amelia, Nate and Flynn

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

I enjoy being part of the P and C team! We have fun together and we also get to make memorable moments for our kids! I enjoy being part of the school community and teaching my kids to appreciate it too.

What is your favourite school or P&C run-event?

Colour run! I love throwing powder

What is something you have always wanted to try but haven't?

I have always wanted to sail on a yacht hopefully I can tick it off the bucket list one day

Do you have a pet?

We have 4 lovely dogs! Their names are Millie, Delilah, Gus and Bindi

Dates to Remember

Term 1 Disco Fri 4 April

Uniform Shop Fri 11 April

Mother's Day Stall Thur 8 May

Harmony Day

Thank you so much to all the students, teachers and parents that helped get involved and celebrate this special day!



Suggestions Box

Keep a look out for our new P&C suggestion box! Or click here for an online version

<https://tinyurl.com/SuggestionBoxPPS>

Results collected from this online survey will be securely stored on Google Drive and be stored in password protected folders on Google Drive, with access strictly limited to authorized members of the P&C executive committee.

Our annual welcome evening was another successful event run by our P&C to warmly meet all the new families joining our school.



Thankyou to our yr 1 families for baking and contributing drinks for the evening.



It's always so lovely to work with our local community partners 'Robert the Bubbleman' and Domino's Revesby South.



If you would like to support our school with full or partial event sponsorship we'd love to hear from you. Email us today

PPSFUNdraining2213@gmail.com

SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 4 April

DISCO IS NEXT FRIDAY AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE A BOOGIE WITH EVERYONE!

K-3 5:15 - 6:00 PM

Yr 3-4 6:15 - 7:15 PM

Yr 5-6 7:30 - 8:30 PM

BBQ & Treats 5:00 - 8:00 PM

NO PHONES ALLOWED!

OH NO! I BETTER NOT BRING MY PHONE IN CASE IT GETS BROKEN OR...

... CONFISCATED

This term we are trialing a different system. Please make sure you fill in your **permission slip** on **school bytes** and you can also **preorder disco entry and food combos** on **munch monitor**.

Vouchers will be sent home with wrist bands.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To make this event a success, we need parent and carer volunteers to assist with:

- ✓ Setting up
- ✓ Supervising the Disco (WWCC required)
- ✓ BBQ & food sales (WWCC not required)
- ✓ Pack-up crew

If you can help, please sign up by March 28 using the QR Code or the link below.
<https://forms.gle/iY3oA9tgSqfJuVRK8>

Alternatively, email pananiapublicschool.pandc@gmail.com with your availability.



We are still looking for sponsors! You might like to **sponsor the sausages** for our disco next week!

Your family or company will get a shout out in the Chatterbox and you will help the P&C to start ticking off some of the students' wish list items.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 – 2025

Thursday, 27 March

- Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

Wednesday, 2 April

- Cross Country – All Students

Friday, 4 April

- P&C Disco

Tuesday, 8 April

- Easter Hat Parade

Friday, 11 April

- Last Day for Term 1

TERM 2 – 2025

Monday, 28 April & Tuesday, 29 April

- Staff Development Days – **Staff Only**

Wednesday, 30 April

- Term 2 commences – **All Students return**

Thursday, 1 May

- ANZAC Day Service – 2pm

Tuesday, 6 May

- Dance2bfit commences – All Students

Thursday, 8 May

- Mother's Day Stall



Term 1 Open Dates

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?

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/H8JkM6BJkAJ7sE91P8LI05>

STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE

Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!

Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025

Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry into the draw.



Please return Stewart House Charity Drive envelopes to the school office by **Friday, 11 April**. Thank you for your ongoing support.

READY TO PLAY

NETBALL IN 2025

CALLING ALL 5 & 6, 7, 8 & 10 YEAR OLDS

EAST HILLS BULLETTED 2025

we want you to join us this netball season!

Saturday Games Mid week training for 7's up

If you are interested please reach out to us via email: easthillsnetball@hotmail.com or 0431845529

Is this role for you? School Crossing Supervisor



About you:

Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, school staff and local motorists.



Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.



Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.



Casual Canterbury/Bankstown Local Government Area - 99081

In this role, you'll:

Work shifts that fall between 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required.

Salary:

\$32.84 per hour, + Super.

Apply today

Applications close 11:59 pm on Sunday 30th March 2025.

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 99081** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary
E: sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au
P: 0466 343 704



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The Music Bus has opened their enrolments for Term 2 and are inviting new students to apply.

Classes offered are: · Keyboard (Prep-y6) · Ukulele (Prep-y6) · Drums (y1-y6) · Guitar (Y2-y6) · Singing (Prep -y6).

Lessons are before school from 8.00am – 9.10am:
* 30 minute duration - once per week
* held in the hi tech music classroom on wheels on our site
* Cost \$22 per week (\$24 drums) payable by the Term on commencement.

If you wish to take part, please complete this expression of interest form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6>

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Music Bus Help Desk

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Yr 1 - Yr 7	East Hills Boys High School	14/04/2025	\$100	https://www.trybooking.com/DACTD

Location: East Hills Boys High School - Lucas Rd, Panania NSW 2213
Time: 9 am - 3pm

About the Lessons – students learn physics, mathematics, mechanical & software engineering by watching engaging demonstrations and by building Lego prototypes of real-world machines. Problem solving, critical thinking and collaboration are key elements of the program.

For more information,
0404602984
swsyd@young-engineers.com.au
swsydney.youngengineers

JOIN TODAY AND GET TO PLAY!
REGISTER NOW

PCYC 14 - 29 April 2025 Autumn

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Nerf/Laser Tag Basketball Science Experiments Dodgeball Silly Sock Day	Futsal OZ Tag Netball Escape Room/Trivia	Boxing/Boot Camp Origami Volleyball Mini Olympics	Pickleball Nerf/Laser Tag Fitness Easter Crafts	Closed (Public Holiday)
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Ultimate Frisbee Disco Oz Tag Trivia/Puzzles	Athletics Touch Footy Basketball Clay Sculpting	Drop off from 8am Pick up until 4pm Price - \$50 Day Book 2 days, and get the 3rd day at 50%	Join us in the April School Holidays for our mixed day programs - a fun introduction to mixed activities suitable for all ages and abilities!	

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES


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Panania RSL Sub-Branch

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.



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.

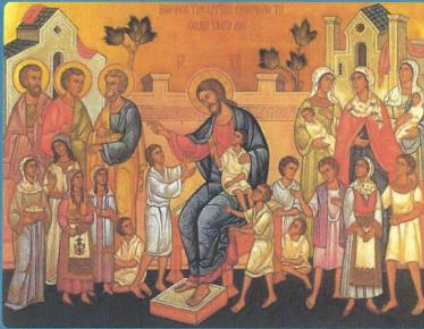
- Basic tenets and beliefs
- The lives of saints
- Personal spiritual development
- Bible Engagement
- Serving God and others
- Exercising faith
- Community and fellowship
- Liturgical participation

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Scripture Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Katzakis
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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)

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

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

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

Our Current Teachers

Melissa, Adna, Rebecca, Tom

"In ethics classes, children learn to think critically, rather than just follow the crowd."