

Paddington Public School



Newsletter

Term 1, Week 5

28 February 2025

Message from Mrs Larkin

Swimming Carnival

Our Annual Swimming Carnival was held yesterday at Des Renford Aquatic Centre. Feedback from staff, parents and students confirmed it was a great day. Behaviour and sportsmanship demonstrated by every student at the carnival yesterday was exceptional. I was so proud of every student.

Congratulations to the students who will be representing Paddington at the Zone Carnival next week. A big thank you to Miss Baker for coordinating this event and all Paddo staff for making it a day to remember for our students.



NAPLAN 2025

NAPLAN for all students in Year 3 and Year 5 begins on Wednesday March 12.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. Students sit assessments in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Grade	Date	Test
Year 3	12 March	Writing
Year 5	12 March	Writing
Year 3	13 March	Reading
Year 5	13 March	Reading
Year 3	14 March	Writing Catch-up
Year 5	14 March	Writing Catch-up
Year 3	17 March	Language Conventions
Year 5	17 March	Language Conventions
Year 3	18 March	Numeracy
Year 5	18 March	Numeracy
Year 3 and Year 5	20 & 21 March	Catch-up Days

NAPLAN continued.....

An information flyer for parents and carers and the NAPLAN schedule was sent home today with all students in Year 3 and Year 5.

This is the first time that some of the students will sit in a more formal testing environment. Although we encourage the students to demonstrate their understanding to the best of their ability, we do not want them to be stressed or worried leading up to the test. Parents are asked to reinforce this message at home.

The first test will be Writing. This is scheduled for the morning session on Wednesday March 12th. Year 3 students will complete their writing task on paper and the Year 5 students will complete their writing task online.

All students will be given a new pair of earphones that plug into our laptops, there is no need to bring your own.

Sydney Swans Kick-Off Competition – Wednesday 5th March

The Sydney Swans have contacted us today to offer the students in Year 3 to 6 an amazing opportunity which aligns with the Swans Opening Round match in Sydney on Friday 7th March.

Students will be given the opportunity to try and see who can kick/throw the ball the furthest with the two longest kicks/throws each being given a prize. Sydney Swans players will be in attendance as well to sign autographs and help out in running the longest kick competition.

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 12 March at 6pm.

Ice Block Thursday

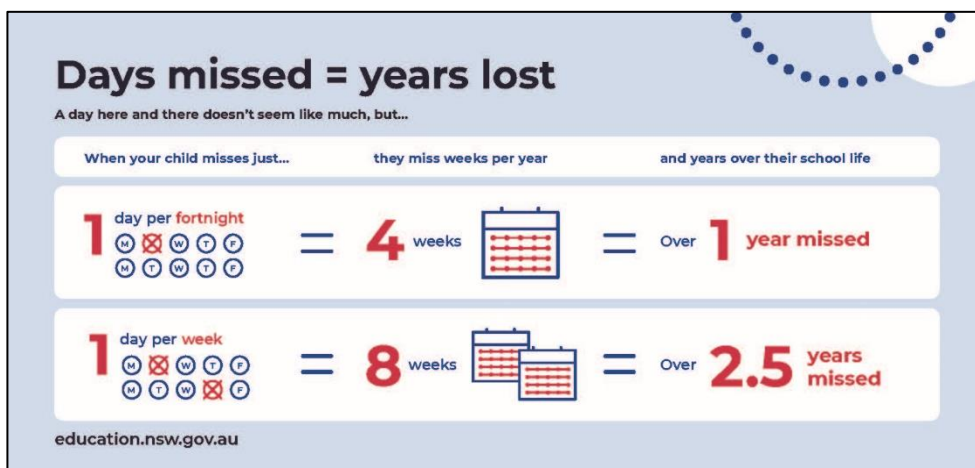
Ice Blocks are sold at lunchtime each Thursday by our Yr 6 students, the cost is \$2 per ice block. Ice Block Thursday will commence Thursday 6 March.

Scripture/Ethics

Scripture/Ethics for all students begin next Friday. Thank you to Amelia for coordinating scripture across the school.

Student Absences Reminder

Parents need to be very mindful and selective about taking children out of school. Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary and five or more school days, you are required to fill in an application for extended leave. The principal is required to determine whether the travel can be justified (and approved). Absences are included on your child's school report and records. The importance of regular, punctual school attendance is undeniable. Apart from illness, children do best academically, socially and emotionally when they come to school every day.



Calendar dates for 2025

Wednesday 5 March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 5 March	Sydney Swans Kick-Off Competition – Year 3-6 students
12 – 21 March	NAPLAN Testing Window – please see page for more details.
Wednesday 12 March	P&C AGM 6pm
Friday 4 April	Last day for PSSA Sport for Term 1
Friday 11 April	Last day for Term 1, school holidays commence
Monday 28 April	Staff Development Day – School Closed
Tuesday 29 April	Staff Development Day – School Closed
Wednesday 30 April	Students return for the Start of Term 2
Wednesday 30 April	Whole School Photos
Monday 26 May	Athletics Carnival – Hensley Sport Field, Pagewood

THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Wednesday 30 April

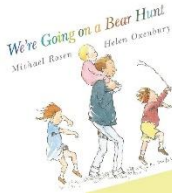
COMING SOON!

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

YOUR SCHOOL YOUR STORY

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All Students are to wear summer uniform



KINDERGARTEN

WE'RE GOING ON A

'PRINCIPAL' HUNT

This week in English, KO and KF students have been reading *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. Instead of searching for a bear, our young writers set off on a journey to find the principal! Along the way, they navigated various locations around the school, using creative language and actions to bring their story to life.



BING BONG ON THE HUNDREDS CHART

WIBBLE WOBBLE THROUGH THE BRIDGE



TRIT TROT AROUND THE TREES



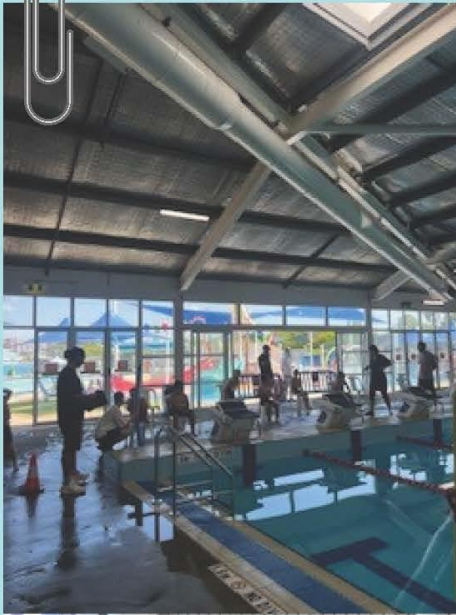
FLOP STOMP ON THE STAIRS



WE FOUND MRS LARKIN!

2025

PPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Our 2025 Swimming Carnival was an exciting day filled with energy and enthusiasm! All students swam hard, giving their best in every race. The competition was fierce, but what truly stood out was the incredible sportsmanship displayed by everyone. Students cheered for one another, celebrated achievements and showed true teamwork and respect. It was a fantastic event where everyone, whether competing or supporting, made a splash with their effort and spirit. Well done to all our swimmers!



NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

AUDITIONS NOW OPEN



Year 7 and Year 11 2026 INFORMATION AND ONLINE APPLICATION VIA NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS WEBSITE Dance, Drama and Music Audition Procedures

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2025 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entry into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2026 performing arts stream may apply for an audition in one or two of the three disciplines of Dance, Drama or Music.

Audition information and online application is located on the school's website:

[Home - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts](#)

[Auditions - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts](#)

To assist parents and carers completing the **'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School'** form, please note the following:

- Newtown High School of the Performing Arts is a specialist performing arts high school providing the highest level of education to students with outstanding potential and/or achievement in Dance, Drama and Music.
- **If residing outside our catchment area**, Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has specific enrolment criteria which requires students to audition. Audition information and on-line applications may be found on our school's website.
- Student from **within our local catchment area** who have an interest and talent in one or two of the disciplines are encouraged, although not obliged, to audition for places in our performing arts stream via the online application process which is separate to an Expression of Interest provided to parents from their primary schools.
- The closing date for audition applications online is **Thursday 1 May 2025**.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

For audition enquiries email newtown-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or contact 9519 1544 ext 105.

NHSPA



YEAR 6 to 7 OPEN NIGHT

Is your child enrolling in Year 7 2026?

A Self-guided tour for Year 7 2026 and their families will be held on Thursday 6 March 2025 from 4-7pm.

Bookings are essential via this [Booking Link](#) or the link on our school website.

Tours for younger children will be available later in the year.

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