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20 March 2024

Term 1

Week 8B

Principal's Report

International Women's Day

International Women's Day was officially recognised on Friday the 8 March. Recognising this event each year provides an opportunity to consider how we work together to seek out inclusion and make the world a better and safer place for women and girls.

Our International Women's Day assembly was held on Monday 11 March. As is the case every year, there are two themes: The United Nations' theme for 2024 is "Count Her In: Invest in Women, Accelerate Progress" and is an opportunity to examine the pathways to greater economic inclusion for women and girls everywhere.

This year we heard addresses from prefects Keisha T and Ruby G and guest speaker Sarah Morse. Sarah is director of Unchained Solutions, a social enterprise that aims to impact modern day human trafficking. Sarah's inspiring address covered aspects of her journey from school, her award of Young Australian of the Year and her experience over twenty years in nursing and humanitarian work. Thank you to Ms Jones for her organisation of the assembly.

Little Shop of Horrors

As this report is penned students are rehearsal and perfecting Little Shop of Horrors in preparation for opening night on Friday 22 March. Performances will occur on Friday 22 March, Saturday 23 March, Wednesday 3 April, Friday 5 April and Saturday 6 April tickets are available from trybooking, more details on this exciting event further on in this Newsletter.

P & C

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting in Week 5. Meetings are held every term on Wednesday Week 5 in A-block from 7.00pm-8.30pm and new members are always welcome. Minutes from the P&C meeting can be found on the school website. The next meeting is scheduled for Week 5 of Term 2.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work today, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Principal's Message Cont.

Communication of Events

All communication of excursions/incursions occurs through *School Bytes*. The school also communicates information through email, our website and social media. Please follow us Facebook and Instagram (*pittwater_high_school*) to keep up with the latest news, events and achievements.

Communicating with the School

Parents frequently need to contact the school and we try to manage your queries or feedback as quickly as possible. To manage this process efficiently and effectively we need to ensure the query is going to the correct person. We request that for all non-urgent matters, parents and carers communicate through the school email. The process will work as follows:

- * Email pittwater-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your query.
- * Please outline your query/feedback including relevant details in the email so that we can be sure it is forwarded to the most appropriate person.
- * Within one working day you will receive confirmation that your email has been received and has been referred to the most appropriate person (e.g. Year Adviser, Classroom Teacher, Head Teacher etc.)
- * Your query will be acknowledged by the person it has been forwarded to within three working days.

If you have not received acknowledgment within three working days, please contact the school on 9999 4035.

If the matter is urgent, please contact the school on 9999 4035.

School Uniform

All parents have been emailed in the last week regarding our efforts to maintain high standards with regards to our school uniform. Thank you to all parents who support the school in ensuring their child is in uniform. A large proportion of students wear perfect uniform every day and it doesn't go unnoticed.

If your child is out of uniform on a particular day, please email the school pittwater-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au outlining the reason for your child not having correct uniform.

Our Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am – 11.15am. There are currently a large number of second-hand items available for purchase.

Principal's Message Cont.

Mobile Phones

From Day 1 Term 4 2023, in all NSW Public Schools, there has been no capacity for mobile phone use in school for all students in Years 7-12 This includes all school organised events including camps, carnivals and excursions. It also covers canteen use. Students will need to ensure they have a card or use flexi-schools. We understand that students carry their phone with them to and from school. Phones will need to be turned off and in bags when students arrive at school and should not be accessed until they leave the school grounds at the end of the day. We thank parents for their support and request that should they need to message their child, they call the school, and the message will be delivered. Students who have had to hand their phone into the office can collect it at the end of the school day at 2.30pm (including Wednesday) for their first infringement. We will be promoting the *Phones off and Away All Day* policy through social media.

E-Bikes

Correspondence was sent to all parents on Friday 1 March in regard to E-bikes. Every day we receive numerous complaints from members of the public who are feeling increasingly unsafe on the footpath outside the school. We are also receiving reports from members of the community about unsafe and poor behaviour shown by students in the Pittwater High School uniform. We are requesting the ongoing support of parents to reinforce messages of safety to their children who own an E-bike. Students are not permitted to ride bikes on school grounds – this includes entry points to the school. All students riding bikes to school are to WALK their bike through Gate 4 (the Hall Car Park gate) and leave their bike along the front fence of the school. No bikes are to be left against buildings. Students must wear a helmet at all times.

Further information from Transport for NSW is available here: E-bikes and petrol-powered bicycles [Riding \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/riding) , FAQ [E-bikes | Transport for NSW](#); E-scooters [E-bikes | Transport for NSW](#)

Further advice is available here: [E-scooters | Transport for NSW](#)

Attendance

The focus on attendance continues this year in all NSW Public Schools. Every day counts at school and a student that misses on average one day per fortnight misses the equivalent to 4 weeks per year. Over the 13 years of schooling this equates to one year of school missed. We ask that students and parents consider this and students are only absent from school for illness. Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals are normal school days and all students are expected to attend. More information can be accessed here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/going-to-school/school-attendance-information-for-parents>

Until next time, Alison Gambino

Teachers' Professional Learning – HSC Improvement

The Growth Project – Note Making at Pittwater High School

As a member of our school community, we hope you are familiar with the aim that we aspire for growth for every student and one of our specific school improvement goals is to improve this growth over the two-year HSC. All teachers at Pittwater HS are engaging in Professional Learning to improve. I wanted to share a little bit about how that is looking in a daily classroom experience.

In education, it has been widely recognised for many years that simply copying notes requires a very low level of engagement on the behalf of a student and is a task devoid of integrity and rich curious thinking. All our staff have been developing ways to get curious about what kind of notes engender deeper thinking and demand high levels of engagement to allow students to reach higher order thinking, more of the time.

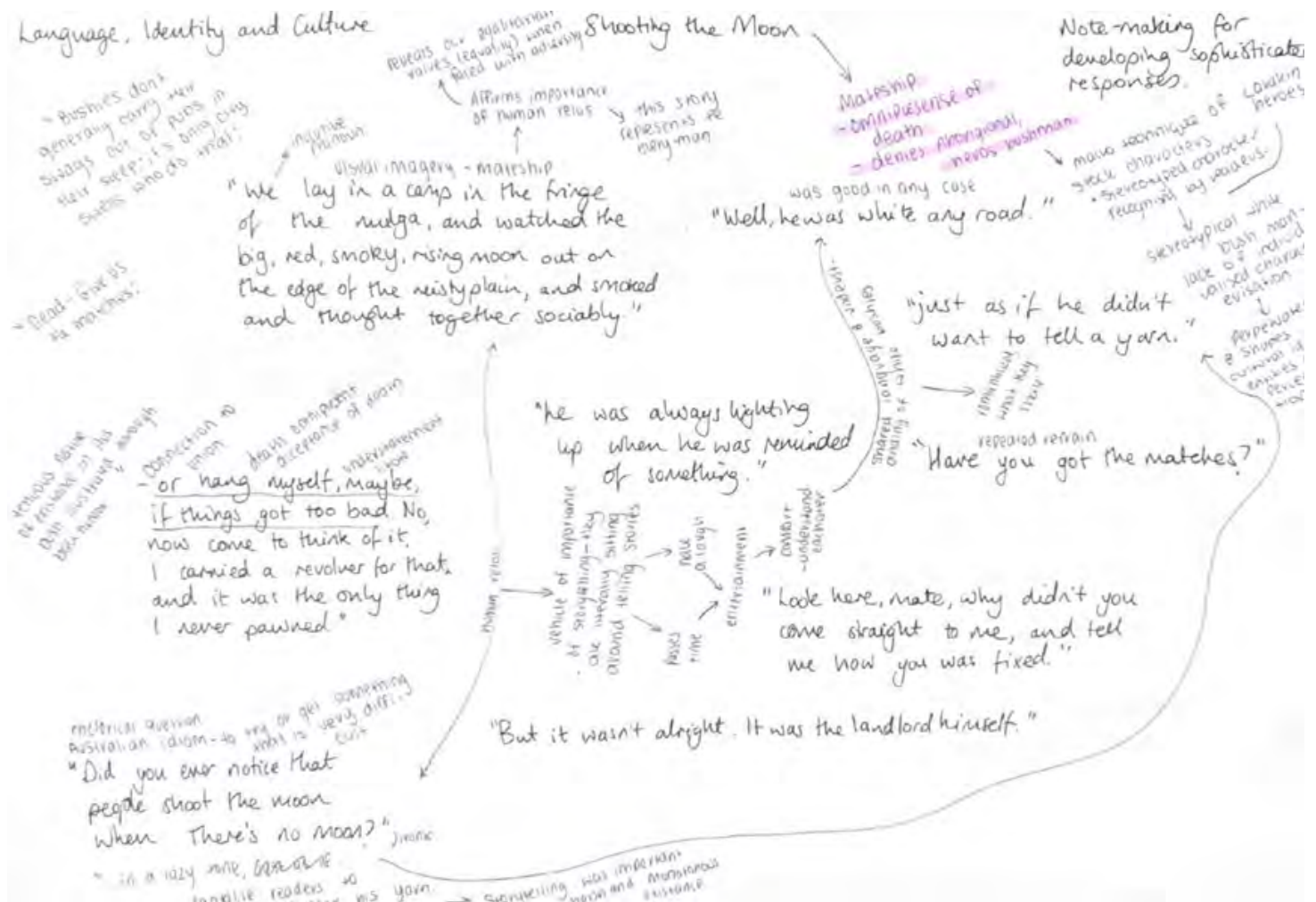
In Standard English, a few classes have now experimented with a new note-making strategy specifically designed to increase their conceptual thinking in place of lower order tasks. For the study of a short story in The Language, Identity and Culture Module, students were given an A3 sheet with 8 hand-written and teacher selected quotations. The students then followed an Inquiry Model to add to the notes, clarify words and draw connections and conclusion prompted by the note-making layout. The students immediately warmed to the new note-making structure as the thinking was structured yet also posed a problem to solve, what were the deeper concepts at play? The other huge benefit was the time saved in analysing the story. We ensured that we covered all important elements and techniques, but we still had 30 minutes of the lesson to explicitly share and build further on our findings reaching to sophisticated thinking that everyone in the class contributed to. Each student left with a visual study guide and some rich conceptual findings to transfer to their next analytical paragraph.



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Note Making continued

Please see our examples below, I hope that these are now pinned up on study spaces ready to be revisited in the trials and final exams where students will be eternally grateful to their Term 2 selves for putting in the work.



Our teachers will be continuing the conversation about how note-making can challenge more rigorous thinking from their subject's perspective and exploring how the notes made can be transferred into writing that communicates increasingly sophisticated ideas.

Emily Lockhart
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

DRAMA NEWS



Congratulations to following Year 11 students who have been selected as **Drama Captains** for the remainder of their time at Pittwater High School:

Vivienne Bateman & Rikki Burlinson



Pittwater High School Presents

LITTLE SHOP

OF

HORRORS



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

DOORS OPEN 7:00PM

SHOWS START 7:30PM



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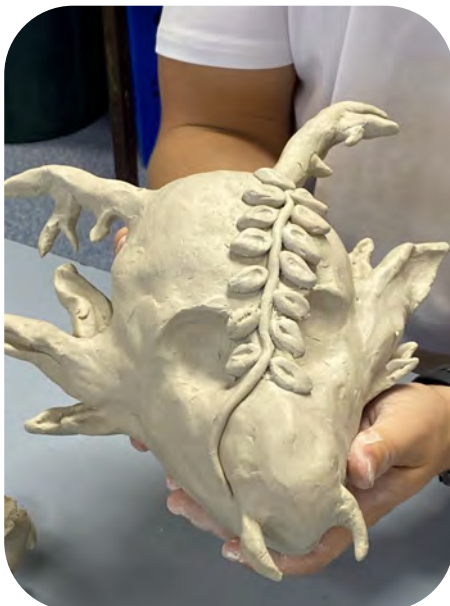
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT: [TRYBOOKING.COM](https://trybooking.com)

Originally
Directed by Howard Ashman
with
Musical staging by Edie Cowan.

Creative and Performing Arts

Congratulations to all of our Visual Arts, Ceramics and Photography students who have been working really hard this term, learning new art techniques and skills. Please see some progress pictures across various year groups demonstrating our students' learning.





Sport Stars

2024 Pittwater High School Swimming Age Champions

Congratulations to all students who competed on the day, and a special congratulations to our 2024 Age Champions:

Age	Girls	Boys
12	Eisha Collier	Shion Uetsu
13	Daisy Keys	Charlie Stead
14	Caitlin Rich	Hugo Lane
15	Alannah Paul	Toloa Madden
16	Natasha Boss	Phoenix Woods
17+	Tahlia Penney	Zach Paul

Winning House = Scotland (520 points)

Congratulations to our NEW record holders:

Phoenix Woods - 16 Years 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle

Eisha Collier - 12 Years 100m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly

Alannah Paul - 15 Years 100m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle

Daisy Keys - 13 Years 100m Butterfly

2024 Warringah Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 13 March the Warringah Zone Swimming Carnival was held at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. Pittwater High had a strong team of 40 students attend who all achieved fantastic results.

Notable highlights include the Boys and Girls 6x50m All Age Relay both winning their events with the boys touching the wall in a dead heat with Manly and the girls smashing the field with a win and a **NEW ZONE RECORD**

The following students were awarded Warringah Zone Age Champion:

- Eisha Collier (12 Years Girls)
- Alannah Paul (15 Years Girls)
- Natasha Boss (16 Years Girls)

The below students broke a record:

- Eisha Collier - 12 Years Girls 50m Freestyle
- Alannah Paul - 15 Years Girls 100m Freestyle
- Natasha Boss, Eisha Collier, Daisy Keys, Alannah Paul, Tahlia Penney and Caitlin Rich - Girls 6x50m All Age Relay

Pittwater High placed 2nd overall behind Narrabeen Sports High

Pittwater have 25 talented swimmers heading to the Sydney North Carnival on Wednesday 20 March and we wish them the best of luck.





Sydney North Regional Oz Tag Gala Day

On Tuesday 12 March, Pittwater High had 5 teams from Years 7-12 compete in the Sydney North Regional OzTag Gala Day at Nolan Reserve.

All teams competed very well against some tough competition.

7/8 Girls team had a strong start with an early win, however unfortunately were knocked out in the semi-finals.

9/10 Girls team had a tough pool, and played well throughout the day with a notable 7-0 win against Ku-Ring Gai High School, however were unfortunate to be knocked out in the semi-finals.

9/10 Boys team showed skill throughout the day and came up against tough competition in Barrenjoey and Marta Maria and unfortunately missed the semi-finals by 1 place.

7/8 Boys team advanced through the rounds and fought hard with 2 wins and 2 losses to win their semi to advance to the final. The final was an even match of skill and talent, however with our boys up for the majority of the game, a few mistakes in defence allowed the other school to score and eventually take the win, with our boys placing 2nd.

11/12 Boys team showed immense talent throughout the day, with a fine display of teamwork, skill and a few trick plays thrown in there to have some convincing wins over the other teams. The boys went through their pools undefeated, won their semi and came up against a tough opponent in Cromer in the Final. The boys defended well, after a few defensive mistakes led to repeat sets of 6 on their line. Fortunately the boys were successful in their final and won the game 5-3.

Both the 11/12 and 7/8 boys teams will now have the opportunity to play in the Champions of Champions event later in the year against the other regional winners across the state.

Miss Millson and Ms Gundry were very impressed with the talent and sportsmanship on display with all teams staying around to cheer on the teams in the finals.







PHS OPEN BOYS TENNIS – STAN JONES TROPHY

Hello, what's all this? On Thursday 19 February, the Boys Open Tennis team enjoyed a jolly good spot of lawn tennis against their dastardly counterparts, the Manly Selective High School scallywags.

The team (pictured below), consisting of Danijel Danilovic (Year 10), Rohnin Dyrmaier (Year 9), Sam Horsley (Year 9) and James Beveridge (Year 8) were victorious, wouldn't you know it! Tremendously, the PHS ballyhoos came out with a 6-0 advantage in the set score. I say.

These four Pittwater scoundrels represented the school with a frightfully good attitude and were rather splendid in their sportsmanship, dare I say. They all had a whopping great time and gracious me if they weren't complimented by the opposition on their mature approach to the competition.

Good show lads. Pip pip cheerio, and all that rot. Tally ho, Sportsmaster Gleeson





PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS



CROSS COUNTRY 2024

TERM 1 WEEK 11
WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL

12 & 13 YO BOYS & GIRLS - DURING PERIOD 3
14, 15, 16 & 17+ YO BOYS & GIRLS - DURING SPORT

ALL STUDENTS COMPETING ARE TO WEAR FULL
SPORT UNIFORM FOR THE ENTIRE DAY

OPEN NIGHT HOSPITALITY

Year 11 Hospitality prepared and served some delicious finger food for our recent Open Night. This was the first service period they completed and will go towards completing their Certificate II in Hospitality. The students are required to eventually complete 12 service periods over their 2 year course. Congratulations to the hard working and creative students that showcased, not only our fabulous school, but the ever popular subject of Hospitality, Food and Beverage.

Ms Frangos (VET Hospitality Teacher)



Cultural Exchange at Pittwater High School

In Weeks 3 & 4 this Term, ten students and 1 teacher from Gansu Province, China joined us at Pittwater High School.

During their 2-week stay, they enjoyed various activities, including:

- Immersion in regular classes with their PHS buddy

- Dedicated English lessons where they learned about Aussie slang, classroom language and language for getting around in Australia

- A day excursion to Manly Beach

- A day excursion to Taronga Zoo, including a wildlife workshop and a photo with a koala

At the end of the Study Tour, feedback from PHS and Gansu students included:

- 'I enjoyed the freedom and variety of lessons at Pittwater High School.'

- 'I learnt a lot about Chinese culture.'

- 'I liked playing basketball with my buddy.'

- 'We found we had a lot in common.'

- 'I found that school life in China is very different to Australia.'

- 'We enjoyed trying some Chinese snacks.'

- 'We discovered we had similar plans for the future.'

Thank you to our PHS students who took the time to show their new friends around and look after them during their stay.

Ms Lustig, Teacher of Languages

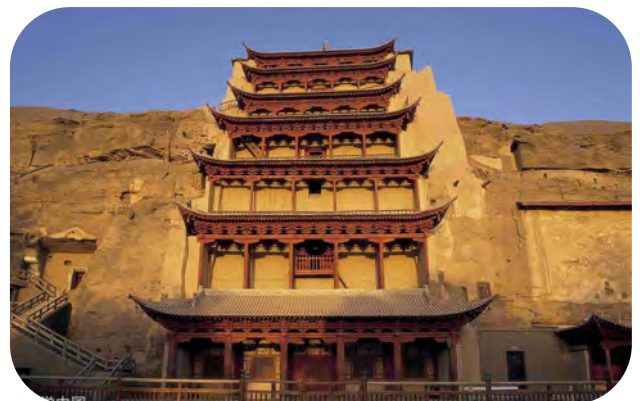


Visiting the PHS Farm Animals





Feeding Seagulls – a new experience
 First time at the beach for some of these students
 Chatting with our Buddies
 Koala friend & enjoying the view from Taronga Zoo



Gansu and Pittwater students

The Gansu students made a presentation about their hometown for us

Careers Notice

Last week Students from Year 9 and above undertook White Card Training

White card training, also known as 'Prepare to Work Safely in the Construction Industry' course, is a general construction induction training that is mandatory for individuals working on a construction site in New South Wales. The White Card serves as proof that workers have a basic understanding of health and safety precautions on a work site. These students are now well prepared.



Year 10 Work Experience Opportunities – CAN YOU HELP?

The Careers Program at PHS involves our Year 10 students undertaking a week of Work Experience. We are seeking local businesses that are willing to offer 5 days on the job learning to our students. This could involve the student shadowing an employee, assisting with daily duties, or anything that exposes them to and prepares them for the world of work. If you have any questions about how this might work for you please contact me to discuss it further. Thankyou very much in advance.

A fine example of a local business that regularly supports our students with work experience is Johnson Brothers Mitre10 Mona Vale, we thank you for your ongoing support over the years through club sponsorship and work experience opportunities.

Vivien Gordon, Careers & Sammy Waterhouse, Cabrananga



2019 IHG National - Trade Store Of The Year
2019 IHG NSW - Retail Store Of The Year
2019 IHG NSW - Explores Garden Centre Of The Year
2018 IHG National - Retail Store of the Year
2018 IHG NSW - Trade Store Of The Year
2018 IHG NSW Explores - Garden Centre Of The Year



WANTED

JUNIOR MARINA STAFF

CASUAL STAFF REQUIRED FOR
FUEL DOCK ATTENDANTS AND TENDER BOAT DRIVERS.

Weekends and Public Holidays. Rotating roster. MUST
be hard working, punctual, reliable, and over 15 years
of age. Tender drivers to hold minimum NSW
Maritime Young Adult Boat License. Training provided.

2a McCarrs Creek Rd, Church Point

Call or email with your enquiry

PH: 9997 2055 / 0424 425 426

hugelw2100@gmail.com



THE PHS LIBRARY

READ, NURTURE YOUR CURIOSITY,
DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS, ASPIRE



OPEN 8:10 - 4 EVERY DAY

(EXCEPT CLOSED TUESDAYS DUE TO STAFF MEETINGS)

**SUPPORT WITH HOMEWORK &
STUDY IS AVAILABLE 2:30 - 4**



Artwork by Sami Bayly

NSW Department of Education

2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



**Key dates
for students
in K-10:**

Challenge opens
Monday 26 February

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 23 August

Digital Partner



Supporter



Rev. Bill Crews Foundation Gift Drive



DONATE HERE

**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP SUPPORT
THE HOMELESS, HUNGRY AND THOSE
FACING HARDSHIP IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.**

Call for Donations from Pittwater High School Students and staff. The gift of giving has powerful impacts on both those who donate and those who benefit. Our Year 11 English Studies class is currently conducting a **Charity Food Drive** to support those disadvantaged in our community. We are donating non-perishable food and toiletries to the **Rev. Bill Crews Foundation**.

The bin is placed in the Front Office.

Please bring in any of the items **listed overleaf** and place them in the food donation bin in the foyer or hand in to Ms Phillips in English.

The charity also gratefully accepts *Clothes and Toiletries brand new items please* (not pre-loved or second hand):

Backpacks
Shirts
Deodorant
Soap
Men & Woman's shoes
Shampoo (small)

Hoodies
Tracksuits
Toothpaste (small)
Bodywash (small)
Disposable shavers
Hair Conditioner (small)

Your support is appreciated

<https://www.billcrews.org/>

Suggestions

Below are some food and gift items you may like to donate.

FOOD ITEMS

- Tinned Foods (ring pulls)
 - Spaghetti
 - Baked beans
 - Tuna / Salmon
 - Meats / Chicken
 - Soup
 - Fruit and vegetables
- Rice
- Dry Pasta
- Pasta sauces
- Noodles cups/packets
- Chips
- Crackers
- Biscuits
- Cereals
- Muesli bars
- Up & Go breakfast drinks
- Fruit juices/poppers
- Tea / coffee
- Long life milk
- Bottled water (600ml)

OTHER

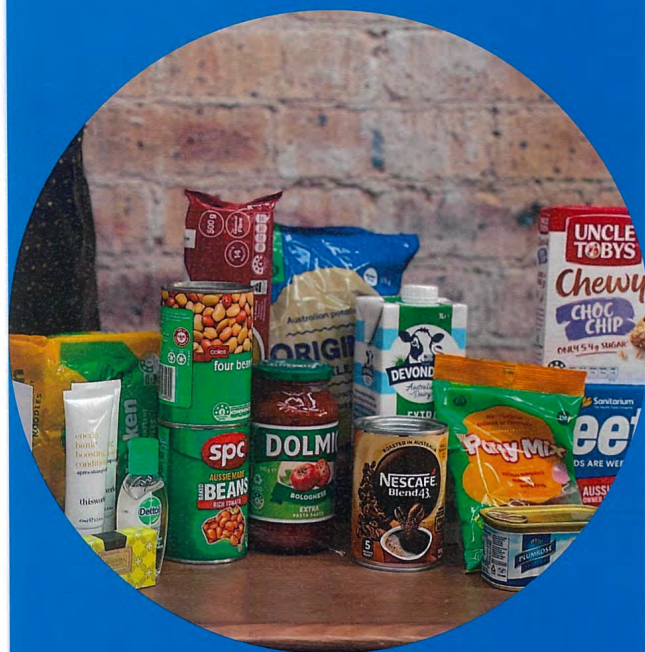
- Disposable razors
- Shampoos
- Conditioners
- Soaps
- Body wash
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Toiletries
- Perfume/Aftershave
- Nappies
- Supermarket/Store Gift cards

MAKE A DONATION



Contact
8752 4600
fundraising@billcrews.org

Drop off
School Office
8:30—3:15 pm



GUIDE

- All items must be new/unused
- We cannot accept expired & out of date food items.
- Store/Supermarket gift cards make a great gift, as they allow the recipient to purchase items for their family and/or allow them to purchase items when they need.
- Please consider giving gifts for a range of age groups, including teenagers and adults.
- Share us on your social media to spread the word about your gift and food drive.

Through your contributions of food and gifts to the Rev. Bill Crews Foundation, you can make a significant difference in supporting individuals experiencing homelessness, hunger, and those facing hardship in our local community.

Thank you.



Gary's Place Café (our school café run by our Hospitality Students) will be open Monday mornings Week B before school from 7.50-8.40am serving hot chocolates, iced chocolates, milkshakes, smoothies, bacon and egg rolls, cafe cookies, smashed avo on toasted sourdough and toasties. Nothing over \$5. Gary's Place Café is located across from the performance space in the Trade Training Centre Kitchen.

Menu

Coffee (for Senior Students & Staff)

Regular (Light/Whole Milk) - \$3.00 (add 50c for Soy, Oat, or Lactose-free)

Cappuccino / Mocha

Espresso / Long Black

Flat White / Latte

(Flavoured syrups - vanilla and caramel available at no extra cost)

Teas:

Regular - \$2.00 Peppermint or Green Tea - \$2.00

Other:

Hot chocolate - \$3.00

Cold Drinks:

Milkshakes - \$4.00 (Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla)

Iced Chocolate - \$5.00

Iced Coffee - \$5.00

Berry Smoothie - \$5.00

Food:

Café Cookie - \$2.00

Sourdough Toasty - \$3.00 (Cheese or Ham & Cheese) GF available

Bacon and Egg Muffin - \$5.00 (Tomato or BBQ sauce)

Smashed Avo on Sourdough with Feta and Balsamic Glaze- \$5.00 GF available

*Look out for our '**Specials of the Day**' on the Blackboard (may include; Chia Pods, Pancakes, Ham & Cheese Croissant or Homemade Muffin)

GF = Gluten Free

EFTPOS or Cash (exact amount preferable)

SCHOOL TRAVEL ADVICE – UPCOMING CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES

Bus service changes to many routes on the North Shore and Upper North Shore areas will commence from 31/03/2024. Changes to school services commence Tuesday 02 April (after Easter Monday).

Changes that impact Pittwater High School students are:

162 starts **6 minutes earlier**

196 now operates as **197** and departs **13 minutes later**

We remind students they must have a valid Opal card to travel on all buses, and must tap on and off morning and afternoon, this tap-on data is really helpful in sustaining these bus routes.

Please find below the updated school bus service

MORNING BUSES		
Route	Time	Bus Route
162	07:29	FROM TERREY HILLS (MYOORA RD BEFORE BOORALIE RD) via (R) Booralie Rd (L) Mona Vale Rd (R) Powderworks Rd (R) Kalang Rd (L) Elanora Rd, Anana Rd, Rickard Rd (L) Pittwater Rd (L) Garden St (L) Macpherson St to Mater Maria, then via Ponderosa Pde, Samuel St, Cabbage Tree Rd (R) Pittwater Rd to school
197	07:48	FROM TERREY HILLS (MYOORA RD BEFORE BOORALIE RD) AND INGLESIDE via (R) Booralie Rd (L) Mona Vale Rd (L) Pittwater Rd (R) Park St (08:07), students to walk from Park Street
131	08:20	FROM GALSTAUN COLLEGE via (L) Chiltern Rd (R) Cicada Glen Rd, Cabbage Tree Rd (L) Minkara Rd (R) Narla Road, turn around then via (L) Minkara Rd (R) Cabbage Tree Rd (L) Walter Rd (R) Lane Cove Rd (L) Mona Vale Rd (L) Samuel St, Cabbage Tree Rd (R) Pittwater Rd (L) Mona St to school

AFTERNOON BUSES		
Route	Time	Bus Route
292	14:30	TO BAYVIEW HEIGHTS AND TERREY HILLS via Mona St (L) Pittwater Rd (R) Gondola Rd (L) Verona St (R) Rickard Rd, Elanora Rd, Anana Rd (R) Kalang Rd (L) Powderworks Rd (R) Mona Vale Rd (L) Chiltern Rd (R) Cicada Glen Rd, Cabbage Tree Rd (L) Minkara Rd (R) Narla Rd, turn around then via (L) Minkara Rd (R) Cabbage Tree Rd (L) Walter Rd (R) Lane Cove Rd (R) Mona Vale Rd (R) Booralie Rd to Myoora Rd
294	15:35	TO BAYVIEW HEIGHTS AND TERREY HILLS via Mona St (L) Pittwater Rd (R) Gondola Rd (L) Verona St (R) Rickard Rd, Elanora Rd, Anana Rd (R) Kalang Rd (L) Powderworks Rd (R) Mona Vale Rd (L) Chiltern Rd (R) Cicada Glen Rd, Cabbage Tree Rd (L) Minkara Rd (R) Narla Rd, turn around then via (L) Minkara Rd (R) Cabbage Tree Rd (L) Walter Rd (R) Lane Cove Rd (R) Mona Vale Rd (R) Booralie Rd to Myoora Rd
Key (L) Bus turns left (R) Bus turns right		

For trip planning visit www.transportnsw.info or call 131 500.

For current school and route services visit www.cdcbus.com.au



PHS P & C Association

The P & C aim to hold their meetings on Wednesday of Week 5 each Term
7:00 - 8:30pm in the Administration Block (A) – ALL WELCOME

The first P&C General Meeting of 2024 took place on 22 February.

We would like to thank:

Alison Gambino, Principal; and Sophia Bromley, Deputy Principal for attending and providing your insights and support throughout the meeting.

Jordan and Sophie from Student Representative Council; it was great to see such dedication and enthusiasm for enriching the school experience.

In the meeting we took the opportunity to discuss our P&C objectives for 2024. The highlights included:

Make 2024 memorable

Work collaboratively and productively together

Tighten collaboration with the School, Teachers and Student Representative Council

Increase P&C activities and participation

Host a community event(s) to promote engagement

Develop a budget and aspirational 'wish list', then work towards achieving it

Host fundraising events and other activities to fund the wish list

Operate successful P&C business activities (Canteen, Uniform Shop and Lockers) to continue the valuable service to our students and parents

Establish processes and sustainable practices for PHS P&C Association so that it is easy to get involved and hand-over each year

Be supportive and inclusive of all those who join P&C or wish to volunteer

Thank you to everyone who attended General Meeting 1, we have a lot to do and off to a great start. Minutes from our meetings will be uploaded to the school website.

We look forward to welcoming new members and volunteers throughout 2024.

Northern Sydney District Council of P&C Associations

For those interested, there is regular correspondence from the broader P&C Federation, a link to the P&C Federation website can be found on the school website <https://pittwater-high.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/parents-carers-and-the-community/p-c/p-c-committees.html>

The NS District Council of P&C Assoc invite you to their AGM and Term 1 meeting at 7pm on on 25 March, Chatswood Public School, further details again on the school website.

If you would like to get in touch please reach out to myself or our P&C Secretary Carol Abela at Pittwaterhigh.secretary@gmail.com

Thank you, Steve Hall

President, Parent and Citizens Association

Pittwater High School

Pittwaterhigh.president@gmail.com

LOCKERS are still available to hire, plus musical instrument lockers are now available to rent for those students in one of our Ensemble Bands follow this link for Locker reservations: <https://app.thelockerapp.online/GetLocker/ReserveLocker?TenantId=34>

NSW School Vaccination Program 2024

Pittwater High School

Dear parents/carers,

If your child is in **Year 7** or **Year 10** you can provide **online consent** for their **routine school vaccinations**.

- **Year 10:** Meningococcal ACWY, school clinic, 26 March 2024
- **Year 7: Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)** school clinic, 4 June 2024
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** school clinic, 18th June 2024

Vaccinations will only be provided at school if proper consent has been received.

How to provide consent:

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit: <https://nswhealth.service-now.com/school> and login using your ServiceNSW details.

- This is the same account you may already use to renew your Driver's Licence.
- Refer to [Service NSW](#) to create an account if you don't already have one.

2. **Update or confirm** your personal details in Service NSW as required.

3. **Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child.**

Read a step-by-step [guide on how to provide consent online](#). Translated guides are available in [Arabic](#), [Korean](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Traditional Chinese](#), [Vietnamese](#).

If you or your child do not have a Medicare card or access, consent can still be provided by requesting a paper-based consent form directly from your child's school.

The benefits of providing consent online:

- easily update your child's details
- receive SMS and/or email notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

If you require information in your language, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miss Jones, Girls' Advisor via the School Office 02 9999 4035.