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6 November 2024

Term 4

WEEK 4

Principal's Report

School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day

This Friday 8 November is School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day. It is a day to recognise and celebrate the significant role that this incredible team play in strengthening the work done in schools to support students and their families. The 2024 theme Little Moments, Lasting Change recognises the moments of listening, understanding and connecting that support students, families and schools. I would like to personally thank the Pittwater High School 2024 team of counsellors Nicole Castle, Emma Smith, Emma Whitelaw, Harrison Vardanega, Senior Psychologist Kathryn Kartikeyan and Student Support Officer Lynda Roberge.

Congratulations Year 12 2024

Each year we celebrate milestones with Year 12 and tomorrow that milestone is the final HSC examination. I can confidently say on behalf of this school community that we couldn't be prouder of the way this year group has managed themselves throughout their final days of formal schooling, their graduation, formal and HSC examinations. As the Principal, I feel so grateful to have had the opportunity to know them. Today marks the conclusion of their Higher School Certificate exams and we congratulate them on their resilience and hard work. We look forward to celebrating with all of them on Thursday 18 December at 10.40am in the Teacher's Garden.

School Spectacular 2024

Congratulations to Remington P (Featured Vocalist), Meredith S (Orchestra), Felix S (Backing Vocalist) and Matthew B and George G-D (Students Production Team) who are currently in final rehearsals for School Spectacular 2024. Performances are on Friday 29 November at 11am and 7pm, and Saturday 30 November at 1pm and 7pm, all at Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek.

2025 Term Dates

Orientation for Year 7 2025 will be held in all NSW Public Schools on Tuesday 3 December. Further information is on the flyer in this newsletter. Next year all NSW Public Schools will have 8 School Development Days. There are four at the beginning of Term 1 2025 on Friday 31 January to Wednesday 5 February inclusive. All students 7-12 return to school on Thursday 6 February.

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.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will take place next Wednesday 13 November in the CLS in A-Block from 7pm – 8:30pm. I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Steve Hall for his leadership of the P&C and the committee for their efforts in fund-raising and advocating for improvements to the school.

E-bikes

Whilst we understand that E-bikes have provided a wonderful transport alternative for many, the use on E-bikes continue to be a source of concern in the community. When a student is in school uniform and behaving in an undesirable way on their bike, the school is contacted in the hope of us solving the problem. We continue to be inundated with complaints from the community.

There is also confusion around which E-bikes are permitted and what the rules are. If you can ride a bike without pedalling, it is no longer a bicycle. You are therefore potentially subject to the laws of riding a motorcycle and the relevant fines. There are two types of permitted e-bikes in NSW: power-assisted pedal cycles and electrically power-assisted cycles. While e-bikes sold in Australia meet the legal requirements, there is currently no quality control over e-bikes purchased and shipped from overseas retailers. E-bikes are subject to the same rules as bicycles. To be considered a bicycle the e-bike cannot be propelled exclusively by a motor. E-bikes must not assist pedalling past the speed of 25km/h.

More information can be sourced through the Transport for NSW website in the pamphlet - Bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters. Multiple copies can be ordered free of charge through the Transport for NSW website.

The rule at school is don't ride on school grounds. This applies to E-bikes, scooters, bikes and skateboards. Students are to wheel all bikes in through the Gate 3 and leave them along the fence.

Phones Off and Away All Day

This is a reminder about mobile phones. Thank you to all parents for your support of the Phones Off and Away All Day policy. All students are required to turn their phones off and leave them in their bags before entering the school grounds. Phones are to remain turned off in the student's bag throughout the day and accessed only when the students leave the school grounds at the end of the day. Should parents need to message their child during the day, please call the school office and the message will be delivered to your child.

Principal's Message cont.

Communication strategy

We are continually working to improve our communication of key events. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all updates, including the Monday weekly update from the student leaders.

Parents frequently need to contact the school, and we try to manage your queries or feedback as efficiently as possible. To improve the effectiveness of our communication processes, 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. Please outline your query/feedback, including relevant details, in the email so we can be sure it is forwarded to the most appropriate person.

Until next time.

Alison Gambino

Principal



Tell Them From Me

Parent Survey

To all parents and carers,

This year, Pittwater High School is again participating in the Tell Them From Me Survey. In addition to surveying students, we are seeking feedback from parents and carers about Pittwater High School. This feedback helps the school with its planning and reporting in order to improve student outcomes.

We would like to invite all Pittwater High School parents and carers to complete the survey by using the link that was emailed on Monday, Week 3.

This survey will be open until Friday, November 8 (Term 4 Week 4). It takes less than 30 minutes and provides the school with invaluable data on issues such as the learning needs of students and the support that they are currently receiving. Filling out this survey in an anonymous process and no username or password is required.

We hope that parents and carers take the time to complete this survey. A high participation rate is very important for improving the quality of the data we gather.

Thank you for your support and please contact me if you have any questions

Andrew Fairley, Head Teacher Wellbeing

ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024 OUR YEAR 9 STUDENTS WILL BE ATTENDING '**SMASHED**', AN ALCOHOL AND RELATIONSHIPS INCURSION DURING PERIOD 5 IN THE PERFORMANCE SPACE.

SMASHED IS A LIFE-CHANGING EDUCATION, TACKLING UNDERAGE DRINKING WITH POSITIVE THINKING. WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE INEVITABLY FACE TOUGH CHOICES, SMASHED EMPOWERS THEM TO MAKE AN INFORMED ONE. SMASHED BRINGS THE CURRICULUM TO LIFE IN TWO CREDIBLE ENGAGING FORMATS; LIVE PERFORMANCE AND AN ONLINE CINEMATIC LESSON.

STUDENTS OBSERVE THE EXPERIENCES OF THREE CREDIBLE TEENAGE CHARACTERS, EXPLORING AND REFLECTING ON VITAL UNDERAGE DRINKING THEMES INCLUDING; PEER PRESSURE, RELATIONSHIPS, CONSENT, RISKS, HEALTH, PERSONAL SAFETY, CAREER ASPIRATIONS.

BY INTERACTING WITH THE CHARACTERS PRESENTED, THE STUDENTS ARE CHALLENGED TO THINK, 'WHAT IF THAT WAS ME'

SMASHED IS ALL ABOUT SHOWING, NOT TELLING. STUDENTS OBSERVE, EXPLORE AND REFLECT ON VITAL UNDERAGE DRINKING THEMES, ALL COMMUNICATED IN EVOCATIVE AND ENGAGING MEDIUMS.

PARENTS MAY FIND MORE INFORMATION HERE: <https://smashedproject.com.au/parents/>



VET HOSPITALITY

COFFEE CART ARRIVES

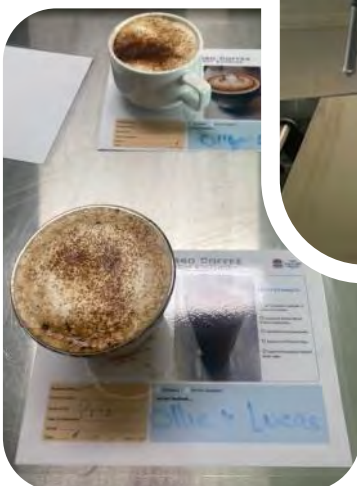
Last term, Pittwater High School was thrilled to welcome a brand-new, state-of-the-art coffee cart for our VET Hospitality students - an exciting addition that was made possible by a generous grant from [Hennessy Coffee](#).

This exceptional cart comes fully equipped with a double-head espresso machine and an impressive heavy duty grinder, offering our students an authentic experience in barista training. They've already been honing their skills on the cart, working towards their practical assessment, which requires them to produce eight distinct coffee styles to industry-standard precision.

We look forward to showcasing our students' skills by using the coffee cart at upcoming school events, including Open Night, fundraisers, and other school-based gatherings.

Our heartfelt thanks go to [Hennessy Coffee](#) for this incredible contribution to our program.

Ms T Frangos, VET Hospitality Teacher



YEAR 8 GERMAN OKTOBERFEST

These pictures were taken last week when our Year 8 German class celebrated Oktoberfest. We were fortunate to have Joost and Liv, our lovely German exchange students (pictured) helping out and encouraging the students to practise their German language skills.

Ms Hemmerle, Teacher of Languages

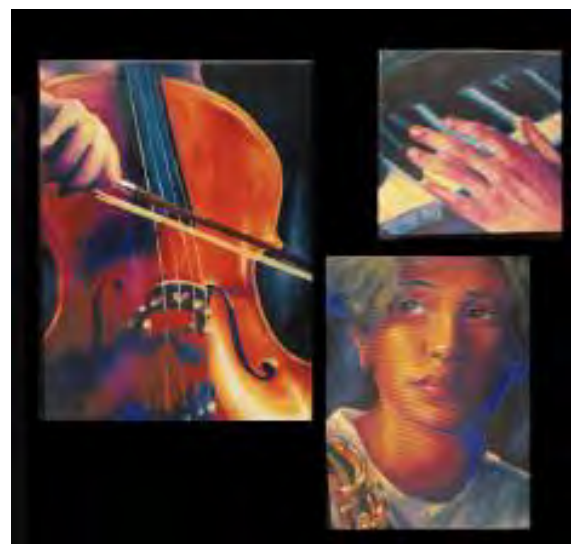


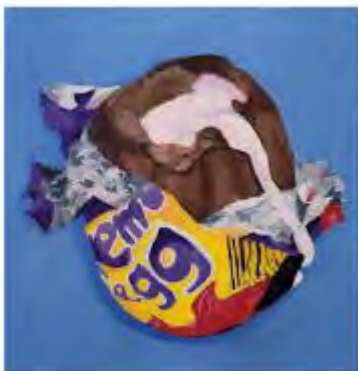
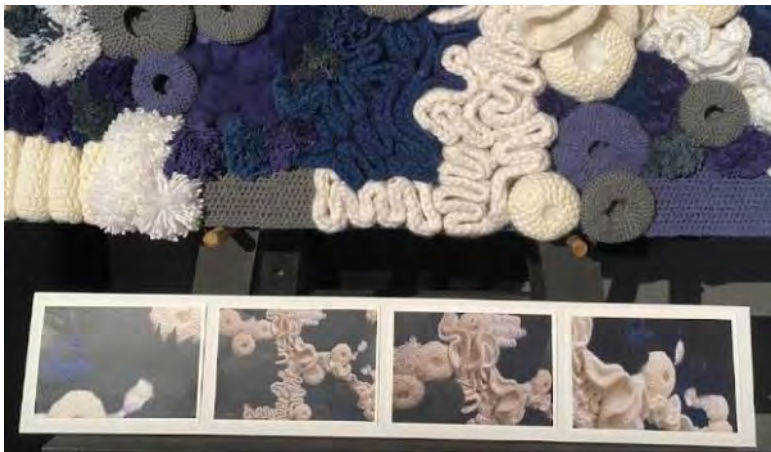
HSC BODY OF WORKS

YEAR 12 2024 VISUAL ARTS

We are pleased and proud to share with you an example of the incredible major works produced by our hardworking and creative 2024 Year 12 Visual Arts students. Major works are an important component of their HSC grade and a cumulation of their years of study and practice in Visual Arts.









Credit to our Year 12 Artists: Audrey, Ivy, Luca, Tamika, Daisy, Harriet, Tia, Alex, Jack, Saffi, Jonah, Ebbeny, Jaya, Olivia, Mia, Holiday, Polina, Soloman, Leela, Molly, Isabella, Jamila, Joshua, Ryan & Rebecca

SPORTS STARS

Rugby League

Congratulations to Julian Paul, Lachie Jones and Jack Horty, all of Year 9, who have been selected in the Manly Sea Eagles Harold Matthews development squad for the 2026 season. Beau Eiffe of Year 11 has been rewarded for his strong performances for the Mona Vale Raiders club and has been included in the Manly Sea Eagles Harold Matthews squad for 2025.

Touch

Taj Thompson (Year 12) and Max Davies (Year 11) both recently represented NSW CHS (Combined High Schools) with distinction at the National Youth Touch Championships at Coffs Harbour. The boys only just missed out on the final, going down to eventual champions NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS) in a close fought semi-final.



ELITE SPORTS FOCUS

Austin Gibbes in Year 10 is one of the elite sports people at our school competing in the unusual sport of skeet shooting (clay target shooting). He's had a cracker of a year, adding another state title to his growing list, this time winning the Queensland State Skeet Shooting Championships and taking home the coveted Overall High Gun and High Overall open competitions.

Then taking aim at a higher level, Austin took out the Junior National Skeet Shooting Title for 2024. His scores were so high he qualified for the Open Australian five member team to compete at the World Skeet Shooting Championships in San Antonio, Texas in August this year making him the youngest person ever to qualify for the Team. The Australian World Team won five World Title events at the competition and Austin claimed a 2nd, 3rd and 6th place in his graded events.

Austin has also qualified to represent Australia on the Glenn Trophy Team at the New Zealand National Titles in 2025 as well as the Commonwealth National Team and the All Australian Team.

Austin is currently the National Junior Skeet Shooting Champion and is ranked 7th overall in Australia. Way to go Austin.





THE PHS LIBRARY

READ, NURTURE YOUR CURIOSITY,
DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS, ASPIRE



OPEN 8:10AM - 4PM EVERY DAY

(EXCEPT CLOSES AT 3:20PM ON TUESDAYS)

**SUPPORT WITH HOMEWORK &
STUDY IS AVAILABLE**



GARY'S PLACE



Café NOW OPEN - TUESDAY Week A & B, and FRIDAYS Week A, from 7.45am- 8.45am

Our very own Pittwater High School's Café GARY'S PLACE will be operating from the Trade Training Centre for all our staff and students 3 days a fortnight

This is operated by our Hospitality students and is a great training environment for them to simulate a working cafe

Drop by for a Coffee (staff and senior students only), Hot Chocolate, Milkshake, Berry Smoothie, Ham & Cheese Toasty, Smashed Avo on Toast or Bacon & Egg Muffin. We have delicious Café Cookies too.

We'd love to see you there...

Menu

Coffee: (Senior Students & Staff only)

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 sauce/BBQ sauce)

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

- **'Specials of the Day'** will be noted on the Café's blackboard (may include chia pods, pancakes, ham and cheese croissants, or homemade muffins)
- GF = Gluten Free
- Soy or Oat Milk is available on request
- EFTPOS or Cash (exact amount preferable)

PHS P & C Association

P&C Fundraising & Social Committee

Our P&C Fundraising and Social Committee would like to thank all the families who turned up to volunteer, bake and buy from the two recent election day BBQ and cake stalls! So great to see so many of you with the kids helping out too. Special call out to Katrina G, Suzanne H, Carol A, Leanne H and Canteen Sam, Ela M, Deenie A, Kerri C, Tracy G and Sarah C and [Mitre 10](#) for the extra effort in supporting both events.

In our first year established since before COVID, the P&C committee has been actively revitalising community events and raising essential funds for the school. Highlights include two Election BBQs, a Welcome Breakfast for Year 7 students and families, and a lively Trivia Night and Pittwater Place campaign raising around \$4000. These gatherings have not only provided much-needed support for the school but have also brought the community back together in a spirit of connection. We would love more people to get involved in 2025 so if you have some ideas to share or want to hear more, please come to the AGM or feel free to contact us via email pittwaterhigh.secretary@gmail.com (Carol Abela) or on our socials.

Katrina, Fundraising & Social Committee



PHS P & C Association

P&C AGM

The P&C Annual General Meeting is to be held Wednesday 13 November. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00pm and be held in the Common Learning Space upstairs in A (Admin) block, enter via reception.

Existing P&C members will be asked to nominate candidates for the 2025 P&C Executive and any interested in becoming a general supporter are most welcome. We have had a very productive year and looking forward to a fantastic 2025 with your support.

The P & C meet Wednesday of Week 5 each school term. A reminder of upcoming meetings will be posted on the school website and in future Newsletters. If you are available, please feel free to join us, all welcome. Agenda and minutes of our meetings are posted on the School Website <https://pittwater-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/parents--carers-and-the-community/p-c/p-c-committees.html>

Shop For Your School

Shop For Your School campaign has now closed. Supporters of PHS were able to register their receipts from participating stores in Pittwater Place to earn PHS a share of the prize fund. We are pleased to announce that PHS received \$1,000 from Shop for Your School @Pittwater Place on 3 November. A great outcome, thanks to all for your support.

P&C Socials

The P&C are on socials! Follow us now to stay in touch and let us know if you would like to get involved.

[INSTAGRAM](#) and Facebook [FACEBOOK](#) search for Pittwater High P and C

All the best, Steve Hall

President, Parent and Citizens Association

Email: pittwaterhigh.president@gmail.com





BETTING ON YOUTH:

GAMING, GAMBLING AND THE NEW NORMAL

PROTECTING OUR TEENS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

To register and further information, scan here:



FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS

Wednesday 20th November 2024 | 5:30PM



GAMBLE AWARE



more details over



The Burdekin Association to invite you to participate an upcoming Parent Forum: 'Betting on Youth: Gaming, Gambling and the New Normal'

With the rising accessibility of online gaming mimicking gambling techniques, and the normalisation of gambling for young people, it is crucial for parents to gain an understanding of the complexities associated with this environment.

The Gaming & Gambling Parent Forum will offer insight into emerging trends and the challenges regarding in-game purchasing, loot boxes, and other in-game elements that promote gambling behaviours. Parents will hear the latest research gathered on the Northern Beaches to highlight the behaviours and beliefs of our children and gambling.

Event details are:

Date: Wednesday 20 November 2024 Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Freshwater Senior Campus

Free admission. Support services and resources will be available on the night.

To book your place today please register on: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/betting-on-youth-gaming-gambling-and-the-new-normal-tickets-1049228930977>.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact Amanda Watkins Project Coordinator for further questions mob: 0432 273 513 ph. 02 8976 1777

The Burdekin Association

[Dee Why Project - The Burdekin Association](#)

WHO WE ARE

Beaches Youth Hub is a free mental health service. We provide counseling, wellbeing support, workshops and events. We are a safe place to talk about thoughts, feelings and emotions, without judgement.



WHY WE DO IT

We opened in 2018 because there were no free mental health services in Pittwater. Our mission is to ensure every young person has access to the free support you need to thrive.



SERVICES YOU CAN ACCESS

Headspace Brookvale
Lifeline Northern Beaches
Sydney Drug and Education
Counselling
KYDS Youth Development
Services
Mission Australia
Burdekin

These organisations all provide free support out of the Hub.



To book an appointment text us on 0487 936 875 or send us a dm @beachesyouthhub

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Transition to High School & Mental Health

**FREE
EVENT!**

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1.00PM
WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 6.30PM
ZOOM (link provided after registration)

Join us for a free interactive webinar to support your child in starting high school next year.

Have you ever felt like your child could use some guidance around mental health and managing the transition to high school?

We've found that live presentations from trusted mental health organisations are one of the best ways to prepare you and your children for this exciting new chapter!

Hosting these sessions are local youth mental health experts Ryan Usher from headspace and Nick Kenny from KYDS who bring years of experience in working with young people.

You will learn:

- The most common reasons for counselling young people are presenting with right now
- Simple and effective strategies for you to offer them the best support
- What the top questions and concerns young people have about high school are
- The most effective ways for them to maintain and build both old and new friendships
- How best to explain "resilience" to a young person and equip them with the right skills
- What counselling pathways are available in your area and how to access them
- And plenty more!



One Meal 'One Hamper'



ONE MEAL

Food

Hamper Drive



Donate Non-Perishable Food Items

Such as :

- Canned Foods
- Cereal
- Fruit Cups
- Pasta
- Sauces
- Snack Bars
(Muesli, Oats, Cereal)
- Rice
- Dried Fruit
- Plum Pudding and Christmas Cake
- Pre-Cooked and Dried Food (i.e. Two Minute Noodles)

Who is One Meal?

'One Meal, It Makes a Difference' is a not-for-profit, community organisation that helps to feed, clothe and support the homeless, disenfranchised, vulnerable and at-risk members of our local communities.

One Hamper is an initiative of One Meal that helps provide weekly community services across Sydney by providing hot, nutritious main meals, weekly hampers and pantry staples to individuals and families.



Please Donate Items to Front Office

*Food Collection Cut Off
2nd December*

Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?

Do you have room in your heart and your home for a child?



Become a Foster Carer in The Northern Beaches

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is urgently seeking potential foster carers on the Northern Beaches. We need people who can provide care for children, young people, or siblings, aged 0-18 years-old, for a few days, to a few months and beyond.

Foster carers support families by caring for children who are unable to remain at home. Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. Carers can be single, partnered and be with or without children of their own. Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Foster carers receive initial and ongoing training and support from a dedicated foster care caseworker. There are financial support packages available to foster carers to support a child's education, medical needs, food costs and other daily living costs.

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team: CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au

ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

TELL ME MORE



The Duke of Ed is a prestigious award that's all about getting active, learning a skill, and giving back to your community. You get international recognition for doing the things you love and you get to go on awesome adventures in the bush.

YouthAdvance is partnering with your school to offer this amazing opportunity for all students in Year 9-12.



**PHYSICAL
RECREATION**



SKILLS



**VOLUNTARY
SERVICE**



**ADVENTUROUS
JOURNEY**



Schools Spectacular 2024 tickets are now on sale!



One of the biggest shows of the year is on 29 and 30 November.

We could not be more proud of all our brilliantly talented young people and dedicated teachers. Schools Spectacular 'All4One' will be a culmination of all their hard work from across the state.

Read more below about securing your tickets for Schools Spectacular 2024. Secure your tickets before they're gone.

TICKETS

Tickets for Schools Spectacular 2024 went on sale Monday 24 June.

Get in quick to grab your tickets for this uplifting, world-class showcase for the whole family.

There is an Early bird discount of 10% available for all tickets purchased before 2 August 2024

They are sure to run out quickly, so make sure you snap up yours today.

Enjoy two hours of fabulous entertainment, showcasing the very best of young Australian talent.

This is a show for the whole family and is not to be missed.

Performances are Friday 29 November 11 am and 7 pm, Saturday 30 November 1 pm and 7pm at Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park. Visit the Ticketek website to purchase your tickets now!



Pittwater High School Performing Ensembles

Ensemble Notes

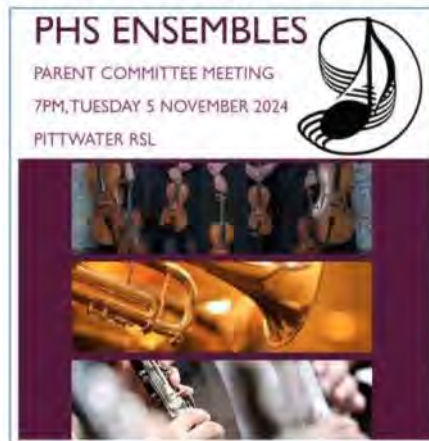


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PHS Performing Ensembles Parent Committee Meeting

Our Term 4 Parents Meeting will be at **Pittwater RSL** this **Tuesday 5th November at 7pm**. Join us in the lounge area for a drink and a chat about what's in store for our music program this term and in 2025. It would be wonderful to see some new faces, whether you take on a volunteer position or not.

Primary School Workshop – Symphonic Band

Following the successful Primary School workshops in 2023, Symphonic Band will be hosting a workshop with the local primary schools on **Thursday November 28**. Details TBC.

Concert Band concert in Week 8



PHS Ensembles **Concert Band** are playing a concert in the PHS Performance Space on Wednesday 3 December 2024. The band should arrive at 6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm start.

Pittwater High School Annual Awards Night

PHS Orchestra will perform at the Pittwater High School Annual Awards Night at the PHS Hall on Monday 9 December. Details to be confirmed.

Upcoming Events

November 5, 7:00 PM

PHSPE Committee Meeting
Pittwater RSL (lounge area)

November 28

Symphonic Band workshop with local primary schools, followed by concert (TBC)

December 3, 7:00 PM

Concert Band Concert, PHS Performance Space

December 9, 7:00 PM

Orchestra perform at the PHS Annual Awards Night, PHS Hall

Notables

PHSE annual invoices now overdue. Please pay ASAP.

Other News

Manly Jazz Festival 2024 Jazz Stars of the Future



PHS Ensembles **Big Band** played an awesome show as part of the Jazz Stars of the Future at the Manly Jazz festival. A great repertoire that had the audience tapping their toes, and some brave solo improv.

For our Year 12 students this was their last performance as students with the band and what a way to finish the term.

Primary Proms Brindabella Concert, Sydney Town Hall



The PHS **Orchestra** performed at the **Primary Proms Brindabella Concert** at the Sydney Town Hall on **Monday September 23**. Their performance of Smooth lived up to its title.

Again, a special night for eight Year 12 ensemble members, who have studied or played music together since Year 7 (or earlier). Their last high school performance was truly memorable.



Need a new PHS Ensembles shirt?

New PHS Ensembles shirts can be purchased online through the uniform shop (<https://phsshop.com/>). The uniform shop also has some second-hand shirts available for purchase (not available online). Students can go to the uniform shop to check the sizes available.



Congrats to former PHSE musicians



In October, former PHSE students Oli and Louis Leimbach of **Lime Cordiale** completed a successful tour of AUS and NZL, including playing their biggest Sydney show ever at the ICC. 🍊🍊

Stories to share?

Email me a few lines and a photo or two or send me a video of something you have seen or been a part of, tracygowen1@gmail.com.

Sydney North Public Schools Band Program –

Applications are open for the **Sydney North Public Schools Band Program**, which provides opportunities for talented musicians from public schools in Year 4 to Year 12 and consists of 2 bands:

- SNPS Concert Band (music level – AMEB grade 3+)
- SNPS Symphonic Band (music level – AMEB grade 5+)

Membership is considered an extension to a student's participation in their school band program. It is an expectation that all students who are part of the Sydney North Public Schools Band Program remain a committed member of any music ensemble programs currently operating at their school. Students act as representatives of their school in this regional extension program. Weekly rehearsals on Wednesday from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at **Belrose Public School**.

For more information www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/event/sydney-north-public-schools-band-program-applications-still-open

Upcoming PHS Ensemble Events 2024

Event	Time and Venue	Dress Code
TERM 4		
Primary Schools Workshop Who: Symphonic Band	Thursday 28 November (details TBC)	Full school uniform
Concert Band Concert Who: Concert Band	Tuesday 3 December at 7:00 PM Pittwater High School Performance Space (students to arrive at 6:30 PM)	Performance uniform
PHS Annual Awards Night Who: Orchestra	Monday 9 December at 7:00 PM Pittwater High School Performance Space (details TBC)	Performance uniform

Ensemble rehearsal times and contact details

2024 Rehearsal times			Director	Parent Liaison coordinator	
Monday	7:20am - 8:30am	Concert Band	Jess Yendell	Renata Consiglio	renata.consiglio1@gmail.com
Wednesday	7:20am - 8:30am	Concert Band	Jess Yendell	Renata Consiglio	renata.consiglio1@gmail.com
Thursday	7:20am - 8:30am	Orchestra	Martin Hardy	Tracy Gowen	TracyGowen1@gmail.com
	2:30pm - 3:30pm	String Ensemble	Karen Leimbach	HELP! Position vacant, can you help?	
	3:45pm - 4:45pm	Advanced Strings	Karen Leimbach	HELP! Position vacant, can you help?	
	2:40pm - 4:40pm	Symphonic Band	Martin Hardy	Bianca Bamwell 0434 935 239	bianca-bamwell@hotmail.com
Friday	7:20am - 8:30am	Big Band	John Pennings	Leanne Haines	leweehainsey@hotmail.com
	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Vocal Ensemble	Felix Shaw (TBC)	Lisa Shaw	rahlea2@yahoo.com



16 Nov 2024, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

John Scott Hall, St Lukes Grammar School, 210 Headland Rd, Dee Why NSW 2099, Australia

Celebrate the joy of spring with Spring Harmonies, an enchanting concert featuring the combined talents of our adult and youth orchestras.



PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7 2025 Orientation Day

Tuesday 3 December 2024

9am - 10:40 AM
Students are to
wear their
primary school
uniform

- Uniform shop opens at 8:15am (located in the canteen area)
- The day will commence for students and parents at 9:00am in the school hall.
- The Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Advisers and other key staff will welcome parents and students.
- Students will break into groups for a school tour and orientation activities with peer support leaders to assist in their transition to high school.
- Students will be dismissed and signed out for pick up at 10:40am from the hall.



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