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Fortnightly Newsletter of  
Pennant Hills High School

Friday 4 December 2020

Term 4 Week 08B

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**Responsibility Integrity Achievement**

# TERM 4, 2020

<b>Week 09A</b>	Monday	7 December	Year 7 Swim School - Hornsby Aquatic Centre (ending Wednesday)
	Monday	7 December	Presentation Night Rehearsal for Students (Monday and Tuesday)
	Tuesday	8 December	Presentation Night 7.30pm MPC <b>Live-streamed</b>
	Thursday	10 December	Year 7 Wellbeing Incursion - <i>Boys to Men/Girl Talk</i> (and Friday)
	Thursday	10 December	Year 9 Wellbeing Incursion - <i>Smooth Sailing</i>

<b>Week 10B</b>	Wednesday	16 December	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
	Thursday	17 December	<b>School Development Day - Staff Only (Thursday and Friday)</b>
	Friday	18 December	HSC and ATAR Results Released 9.00am
	Friday	18 December	Year 12 2020 End of Year Breakfast Celebration 10.00am

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

# TERM 1, 2021

<b>Week 01A</b>	Wednesday	27 January	<b>Term 1 2021 Resumes for Staff Only</b>
	Wednesday	27 January	Year 7, 2022 High Performance and Gifted Class (HIPAG) Test Applications Open
	Thursday	28 January	<b>School Development Day - Staff Only</b>
	Friday	29 January	Term 1 2021 Resumes for <b>Years 7, 11 and 12 Only</b>

<b>Week 02B</b>	Monday	1 February	Term 1 2021 Resumes for <b>Years 8, 9 and 10 (Whole School)</b>
	Monday	1 February	Year 7 Camp - Kincumber (Monday to Wednesday)
	Sunday	7 February	Music Ensembles Camp (Sunday to Tuesday)

<b>Week 03A</b>	Monday	8 February	Music Ensembles Camp (Monday and Tuesday)
	Monday	8 February	Full School Assemblies
	Tuesday	9 February	Year 7 Welcome BBQ 4.00pm - 6.00pm
	Wednesday	10 February	<b>Whole School Swimming Carnival - Hornsby Aquatic Centre</b>
	Wednesday	10 February	Music Ensembles Camp Concert - MPC

<b>Week 04B</b>	Tuesday	16 February	Year 11 CAFS Excursion - Parramatta Mission
	Wednesday	17 February	High Achievers Assembly - 9.30am MPC

<b>Week 05A</b>	Monday	22 February	Zone Swimming Carnival
	Tuesday	23 February	P&C Meeting 7.30pm Library
	Wednesday	24 February	All Schools Triathlon - Individuals
	Thursday	25 February	All Schools Triathlon - Teams
	Friday	26 February	<b>Whole School Photo Day</b>

<b>Week 06B</b>	Monday	1 March	HSC Minimum Standards Testing (ending Friday)
	Tuesday	2 March	<b>Open Night 4.00pm - 6.00pm</b>

<b>Week 07A</b>	Tuesday	9 March	Year 8 Wellbeing Incursion - <i>Brainstorm Production</i>
	Wednesday	10 March	Year 11 and 12 Parent-Teacher Interviews
	Wednesday	10 March	HIPAG Applications Close
	Friday	12 February	Year 11 SLR Excursion - Hornsby Aquatic Centre

<b>Week 08B</b>	Monday	15 March	Year 10 Wellbeing Incursion - <i>Harassment &amp; Healthy Relationships</i>
	Wednesday	17 March	<b>Whole School Cross-Country Carnival</b>



## PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

**PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INTO SCHOOL GROUNDS**

In the interests of student safety and due to the COVID-19 restrictions, parents and caregivers are not permitted to drive onto school grounds at any time, including before or after school, to drop off or collect students, or to attend meetings with staff.

**The only exceptions to this are when either you or your passenger has a disability or if you are picking up a sick or injured student.**

School staff and drivers of visiting commercial vehicles are reminded that all roads within the school are shared zones with a speed limit of 5kph.

**STUDENT SAFETY is up to ALL OF US  
THANK YOU FOR PLAYING YOUR PART**

Did you know that Pennant Hills High School has an official Facebook Page?

Have you had the opportunity to 'like' it yet?

We will be using this page to keep our school community up-to-date with important information and all of the positive things happening in the school.

To find our page search for:

"Pennant Hills High School"



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Orientation Day

On Tuesday, we welcomed over 200 new students to Pennant Hills High School. There was much excitement and anticipation from the Year 7 class of 2021 as they arrived into the MPC for the first time as a year group.

Students joined us from 24 Primary Schools. The cohort were introduced to their new Year Advisor Ms Van Ede as well as their Year 9 Peer Support Leaders.

During the course of the morning, Year 7 2021 were treated to a number of 'welcome to *Penno*' and transition activities, including a school tour and concluding with a refreshing morning tea. The day was a great way for us to introduce our new cohort to the wonderful collegial and collaborative culture we have at Pennant Hills High School.

Thank you to Year 12 student Daniel who entertained us on the piano and the Student Leadership Council (SLC) who produced and starred in an entertaining short film that showed just why our students are so proud of their high school.

Congratulations and thank you to Ms Van Ede and Mrs Payne, Deputy Principal on a well organised and coordinated day. Thank you to: our enthusiastic and friendly Peer Support Leaders for welcoming and ushering the Year 6 students before, during and after the orientation session. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and will be outstanding support for the new cohort next year; Mrs Louis, School Administrative Manager and her fantastic administrative staff for the countless hours of preparation before, and attendance during the morning, as well as providing the delicious morning tea; our teaching staff for ensuring the day ran smoothly; Mr Randle, General Assistant for setting up and assisting throughout the event; and Mrs Jennis, Canteen Manager for coordinating and distributing the Book Packs.

We look forward to seeing them all again on their first day of high school, Friday 29 January 2021.

### Year 12 Formal

One of the greatest highlights of Year 12 is the formal. We were all excited to be able to continue this celebratory tradition, with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions for the night. We were very grateful that Doltone House were able to host us with a dance floor... The evening was outstanding.

Students all looked fantastic, like they were ready and willing to take on all challenges that await them beyond school.

Thank you to Ms Graves-Browne for her superb execution of the huge organisational task. The information and restrictions were a *movable feast* and families were kept well-informed of the details during the lead up to the night. Ms Graves-Browne was also well supported by Mrs Payne, Deputy Principal, teaching staff who attended and administrative staff who assisted. A very special thank you to Mrs Erickson, Visual Arts Teacher for capturing the evening so magnificently with her photographic prowess. A link to the formal album was emailed to Year 12 families this week. Photos can also be viewed through the *gallery* on our school website. Thank you to all for ensuring that the unpredictable year our cohort had, ended with a *night to remember*.

On Friday 18 December 2020 - Week 10 of this term, Year 12 2020 will receive their much anticipated HSC

results and ATAR. That same morning, all students are invited to attend their final get together in our 2020 school calendar - the Celebration Breakfast, commencing at 10.00am in the *Bell Quadrangle*. Our staff will be waiting excitedly for students to arrive, share their HSC stories and discuss results.

We look forward to welcoming Year 12 2020 for one last *hoorah* before the Christmas break.

### Congratulations HIPAG Class of 2020

Yesterday, 7A - the 2020 High Potential and Gifted class (HIPAG) treated staff to a Music Concert. The event was well organised with all students getting involved, not just the musicians. Thank you to Mrs Coomber, Music Teacher for coordinating the performance. The show was very entertaining.

This afternoon, Senior Executive were invited to a presentation hosted by 7A. The class was tasked with presenting a proposal on *how to increase awareness of bias and its potential impact at Pennant Hills High School*. Presentations included websites, videos, speeches and posters, and were very impressive. It was a pleasure to see the results of this project-based learning opportunity.

### Schools Spectacular 2020

The 2020 Schools Spectacular will be a very special 'remixed' show. Tune into Channel 7 tomorrow, Saturday 5 December at 7.00pm. Our very own Yohan from Year 12, 2020 will be featured for the last time. We congratulate him on such a huge achievement in the creative and performing arts.

### Presentation Evening

On Tuesday next week, we celebrate our Annual Presentation Evening, the academic highlight of our year. Unfortunately this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to welcome parents and caregivers on site. In order to ensure our entire school community can share in the achievements of our students this year, we will be live-streaming the event.

Information together with details of the link will be emailed to all families before the night. We look forward to your attendance, albeit virtually.

### 2020 School Fees

Thank you to the families who have paid their 2020 Voluntary School Contributions and Subject Fees.

Could those who are yet to pay, please do so as soon as possible to enable us to finalise our accounts for this year. Invoices with itemised amounts were issued in Term 1 and reminders have been emailed periodically. For more information or assistance, please contact Mrs Louis, School Administrative Manager at: pennanthil-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone on 9473 5000 during school hours.

As you know these funds are critical for our school operation and without your support we would be unable to offer many of the wonderful learning experiences that students enjoy at *Penno*.

**Ross Warren, Principal**

## OFFICE HOURS AND PAYMENT TIMES

The school office is open from 8.00am—3.45pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays) during school term.

Payments can be made online through our school website or students only can make payments at the cashier's counter located in Student Reception from 8.15am—2.00pm on school days only.



## WHAT BOOKS WILL I NEED IN 2021?

**Year 7, 2021** can get all books they need by purchasing a book pack from the school canteen.  
**In addition to your own device (BYOD), students are asked to bring the following:**

### Years 8, 9 and 10

<i>English</i>	156 page exercise book or A4 book
<i>Maths</i>	Casio FX82AU Plus II Calculator and 120 page A4 lined or grid book
<i>Science</i>	240 page A4 book
<i>History</i>	120 page exercise book or A4 book
<i>Agriculture</i>	180 page exercise book
<i>Geography</i>	120 page A4 book
<i>Commerce</i>	120 page A4 book
<i>Languages (Chinese, French, Japanese)</i>	240 page exercise book
<i>Visual Arts</i>	Process Diary (see your teacher)
<i>Computing</i>	All work is done online.
<i>PDHPE (Year 7 and 8)</i>	48 page exercise book
<i>PDHPE (Year 9 and 10)</i>	48 page exercise book
<i>Physical Activity and Sports Studies (Years 9 and 10)</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder
<i>Graphics Technology</i>	Display Folder
<i>Music</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder
<i>Drama</i>	64 page exercise book or A4 book
<i>Photographic and Digital Media (Years 9 and 10)</i>	Folio and folder (see your teacher)

### Years 11 and 12

<i>English</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder
<i>Maths</i>	A4 lined or grid book
<i>Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Senior Science, Earth and Environmental Science)</i>	Practical - 240 page A4 bound ruled book Notes - A4 loose-leaf folder or 240 page exercise book
<i>Drama</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book 2X A4 Process Diaries
<i>Agriculture</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or 240 page exercise book
<i>Business Studies</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Economics</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Geography</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Legal Studies</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Modern History</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Ancient History</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>History Extension</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Society and Culture</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>CAFS</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Food Technology</i>	3 x 96 page exercise books
<i>Hospitality</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Textiles and Design</i>	3 x 96 page exercise books
<i>All Languages (Chinese, French, Japanese)</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>PDHPE</i>	BYOD (preferred), A4 loose-leaf folder
<i>Sports, Leisure and Recreation (SLR)</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Visual Arts</i>	A4 Process Diary
<i>Music</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder
<i>Engineering Studies</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book
<i>Industrial Technology</i>	A4 loose-leaf folder or book + Display folder

**PLEASE NOTE, NO '5 SUBJECT' EXERCISE BOOKS ARE TO BE BOUGHT.**

**EACH SUBJECT REQUIRES ITS OWN SEPARATE BOOK.**



Just when you thought it had passed you by, Schools Spectacular returns to your screens with a very special 'Remixed' show airing on **Channel 7 tomorrow, Saturday 5 December at 7:00 pm.**

This special two-hour broadcast, using innovative techniques and featuring an amazing playlist, will wow audiences as we look back at many memorable acts and spectacular moments from the past four years. It's been a challenging year for students, missing out on so much, including the chance to perform live at Qudos Bank Arena. With this in mind, we've created a very special performance by our graduating Year 12s who have performed online, sharing their passions and talents and celebrating with us one last time.



Our own Year 12 student Yohan has been selected to perform in this year's show.

This is a broadcast...an experience, you will not forget! Hope you can join in the celebration!

For the latest videos, photos, news and information, visit the Schools Spectacular Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/schoolsspectacular/>

## CONTACTING TEACHERS AND MAKING APPOINTMENTS

A reminder to all parents and caregivers that the correct protocol for contacting teachers or Executive staff is as follows:

- telephone or email the school with your query or to request a meeting. Please include a brief description of the reason for the meet;
- make an appointment for a meeting at a mutually convenient time.

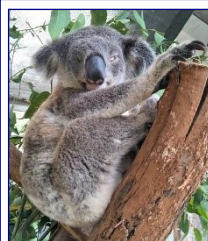
**Please note, due to the management of COVID-19, parents and caregivers are not allowed on site without prior arrangement.**

**All visitors must sign in at Public Reception immediately upon entering school grounds.**

This is a Health and Safety directive and assists us with monitoring the whereabouts of our guests should an emergency arise.

Teachers will be contacted by our Administrative Staff once visitors are signed in.

Thank you for adhering to this policy.



## MEET BYABARRA JONES

Last year, we experienced the worst bushfire disaster in Australian history. These catastrophic summer bushfires impacted more than **3 billion animals** - among them over 6,000 koalas that sadly perished in the flames.

**Some of our last remaining populations are now officially extinct.** Koalas were already clinging to survival before these fires. Excessive deforestation for agricultural and urban development as well as dog attacks and car strikes have pushed these Aussie icons to the brink of extinction.

### Extinction is not an option.

Congratulations Pennant Hills High School on a successful mufti-day to raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund's Koalas Forever Appeal. The day was expertly coordinated by our Student Leadership Council (SLC) and some of the funds raised were used to *Adopt a Koala*.

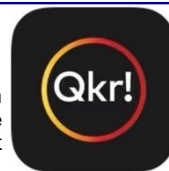
In late 2017 concerned farmers from an area called Byabarra, some 50 kilometres west of Port Macquarie, found a small male koala wandering around their garden. They noticed he had "very odd eyes" and emailed photos to the Koala Hospital. Requiring treatment, their rescue team went out to get him.

*Byabarra Jones* on examination was found to be a young male and had suffered some sort of traumatic injury to both his eyes. The left eye had healed but was quite small and has minimal vision. The right eye had quite severe glaucoma and was very large. *Jonesy* underwent surgery to have the right eye removed to relieve pressure and pain.

Consequently *Byabarra Jones* does not have enough vision to allow him to survive in the wild.

## CANTEEN NEWS ONLINE ORDERING

Pennant Hills High School Canteen accepts lunch orders online. All you need to do is download the app *Qkr! by MasterCard*, set up a profile and start ordering.



Lunch orders can be placed daily no later than 9.15am or for your convenience you can order up to 2 weeks in advance. You pay online via the *Qkr! by MasterCard* app and your child can then collect their lunch from the dedicated lunch order window.

The advantages of using *Qkr! by MasterCard* are: your child is guaranteed to receive their choice of lunch and no long queues to wait in.

If you have ordered and you know your child or the student who ordered will be sick and not in on the day, just call the canteen on 9473 5020 by 9.30am, let us know and we can hold the order over until the student returns.

We are very proud of our menu and its compliance with the NSW Government Healthy Canteen Strategy. We really look forward to making lunch times easier for our students and receiving your online





## FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO MR BUCKLEY

It is with a very heavy heart, that we farewell Mr John Buckley, our much revered and respected Band Director, who has conducted a variety of our School Bands since 2013.

John has worked with many of our student musicians at Pennant Hill High School over the past eight years, and has reached some fabulous heights with Concert Band 1, Concert Band 2 and the String Ensemble. These heights have included majestic musical accomplishment for the ensembles as a whole, for individual students and awards for excellence.

John's enthusiasm and commitment to excellence has allowed our Ensembles program to go from strength to strength. He has conducted, mentored and workshopped with our students at Music Camps; on Country Tours of NSW; at many festivals, concerts and a vast number community events; as well as school events including Presentation Nights, Open Nights and Orientation Days. John has also been involved in recent School Musicals. Always bringing his fine sense of humour and vast experience to his conducting, John has delighted in challenging our student musicians, whilst providing fine entertainment for audiences.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with such a vibrant character of the music world and we thank John most sincerely for the time that he has spent with us. John's time at Pennant Hills High School will be remembered as a high point in our musical history. We wish him every success for his future endeavours.

**Janelle Dennis, Head Teacher CAPA**

## 7MUSA IN CONCERT



Congratulations to 7MUSA and Mrs Coomber, for their fabulous Music Concert in the MPC yesterday afternoon.

It was a delight to hear the performances by the different groups and individual musicians, and very pleasing to see the whole class have such an active role in the concert: the technical support and set up; the ushering and handing out of snacks; and the 'MC'ing and musicians were all very enthusiastic.

As an audience, 7MUSA were focused and very supportive of one another. They had a great time and it was clear that they had put a lot of effort and preparation into the concert, and the staff who attended were very impressed.

Well done to all!

**Janelle Dennis, Head Teacher CAPA**

## CARING FOR OUR STUDENTS

From time to time it will be necessary for students to leave school during the school day. Whilst these instances should be kept to an absolute minimum, we understand that sometimes it will be unavoidable.

**If you know in advance** that your student will need to leave school early, please send a signed note which they should present to Student Reception at the start of the school day, so a Leave Pass can be prepared. Students holding a Leave Pass are free to leave the school grounds at the designated time.

**If a student needs to leave unexpectedly during the day**, to ensure their safety and security, our staff are obliged to ask for ID from the person coming to collect them. Parents should ensure that they (or their approved representative) bring some form of photo ID if they are collecting their student without prior written advice to the school.

## USED CLOTHING POOL

**Do you have used school uniforms in good condition at home that are no longer needed?**

Stock is limited. Donations of all Summer uniforms, both Junior and Senior in good condition are needed

The Used Clothing Pool is open between 8.00am and 3.45pm on school days. Please contact the school on 9473 5000 to arrange for a time as per social distancing arrangements.





## YEAR 12 FORMAL - A NIGHT TO REMEMBER





## YEAR 9 PASS SURF SCHOOL REPORT

On Tuesday, Year 9 PASS students from Mr Stamatis and Mr Schmitt's Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS) classes attended the annual Surf School excursion at Long Reef Beach. The excursion aligns itself with the Australian Sporting Identity Unit which looks at the significance of sport and how it relates to both the ways in which sport is used to instil "traditional" values into Australian society, and the degree to which such values are embraced and cultivated.

Students were taught how to spot rips, currents and sandbanks, where the safest spots are to swim and how to keep themselves safe in the water all while identifying the advantages and disadvantages of rips. Most importantly all students had fun in and out of the water.

A big thank you to Miss Smith and Mr Schmitt, PASS Teachers for their support and all other staff who contributed to the wonderful day.

**Nicholas Stamatis**  
PASS Teacher



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### Pennant Hills High School Uniform Shop

We aim to provide your school community with excellent service, quality products and a wider product range than you would usually expect to find in a school uniform shop.

**Trading Hours During School Term**  
Monday 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm

**Uniform Shop Details**  
Laurence Street, Pennant Hills  
Contact: Suzanne Haskins  
Email: PennantHillsHS@theschoollocker.com.au

### Shop online at [theschoollocker.com.au](https://theschoollocker.com.au)

Products are available for purchase online from The School Locker website. You can choose to have your order shipped directly to you or you can collect it from the school uniform shop during trading hours.



### Extended Trading Hours by Appointment

The following trading hours are by appointment only. Please use this link to book your appointment.

[schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=yf9sz](https://schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=yf9sz)

Saturday 28th November 2020	8:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday 5th December 2020	8:00am - 12:00pm
Wednesday 20th January 2021	10:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday 21st January 2021	10:00am - 2:00pm
Friday 22nd January 2021	10:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday 23rd January 2021	8:00am - 12:00pm
Monday 25th January 2021	8:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday 27th January 2021	8:00am - 12:00pm
Thursday 28th January 2021	8:00am - 12:00pm

**the School Locker**

### Pennant Hills High School Uniform Price List

Trading Hours  
Monday 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm

#### Girls Formal Uniform

##### Summer Junior Year 7 - Year 10

Dress Blue/White	\$69.00
Blouse Short Sleeve White	\$33.00
Shorts Formal Navy	\$35.00
Socks White (3pk)	\$11.95

##### Summer Senior Year 11 - Year 12

Dress Sky Blue	\$69.00
Blouse Short Sleeve Sky	\$33.00
Shorts Formal Navy	\$35.00
Skirt Navy Check	\$50.00
Socks White (3pk)	\$11.95

##### Winter Junior Year 7 - Year 10

Tunic Navy	\$75.00
Blouse Long Sleeve White	\$24.95
Pants Formal Navy	\$50.00
Tights Black	\$8.50

##### Winter Senior Year 11 - Year 12

Tunic Navy Check	\$75.00
Blouse Long Sleeve Sky	\$29.00
Pants Formal Navy	\$50.00
Tights Black	\$8.50

#### Winter Uniform

Jumper Fleece Navy	\$35.00
Jacket Microfibre Navy	\$75.00
Jumper Knit Navy	\$55.00
Blazer Navy	\$120.00
Scarf Navy	\$17.50

#### Boys Formal Uniform

##### Summer Junior Year 7 - Year 10

Shirt Short Sleeve White	\$33.00
Shorts Formal Grey	\$35.00
Socks Grey with Stripe	\$9.00

##### Summer Senior Year 11 - Year 12

Shirt Short Sleeve White	\$33.00
Shorts Formal Navy	\$35.00
Socks White (3pk)	\$11.95

##### Winter Junior Year 7 - Year 10

Shirt Long Sleeve White	\$35.00
Trousers Formal Grey	\$40.00
Tie Navy/Red/White	\$20.00
Socks Grey with Stripe	\$9.00

##### Winter Senior Year 11 - Year 12

Shirt Long Sleeve White	\$35.00
Trousers Formal Navy	\$40.00
Tie Sky Blue	\$25.00
Socks White (3pk)	\$11.95

#### Sports Uniform

Polo Red/Navy	\$39.00
Shorts Navy	\$29.00
Track Pants Navy	\$38.00
Socks White (3pk)	\$11.95

#### Accessories

Cap Navy	\$15.00
Sports Bag Navy	\$8.00

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The School Locker Uniform Shop

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Laurence St, Pennant Hills  
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Prices effective 1st January 2020. Prices are subject to change.

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## HAMPER FOR HOPE

*Christmas is meant to be a time of celebration and joy, but if times are tough it can be challenging and isolating.*

*Every year, local Salvation Army centres and churches give hope to individuals and families in need by providing food hampers and gift assistance.*

*Now, more than ever, we need to come together to support our community.*

During Weeks 6 - 9 of this term, the Student Leadership Council (SLC) will be collecting non-perishable donations.

Please drop off your items in the boxes under the Christmas tree located in Student Reception. Each grade has an individual box labelled for their donations. There will be an inter-school competition running for the grade that donates the most!

Watch the notices for updates...

## Here are some items you might like to donate this Christmas.

### Christmas items

- Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread
- Long-life cream, custard
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies)
- Table décor (bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins)

### Other

- Cereal
- Spreads
- Savoury biscuits
- Packet of jelly
- Liquid gravy
- Sugar
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Long-life milk or juices
- Iced tea
- Baby food

### Tinned foods

(Ring-pull tins only, please)

- Fruits in juice
- Vegetables
- Soups
- Meats or fish
- Meals (baked beans, spaghetti)

### Additional grocery items

- Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush, toilet paper)
- Cleaning products (multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent, washing powder)
- Baby care (nappies, baby wipes)

### Meal bases

- Pasta and pasta sauces
- Rice
- Curry and stir-fry sauces
- Meal kits (Mexican, Asian)

For further information please get in touch with your regional Salvos representative.

## CANTEEN NEWS ONLINE ORDERING

Qkr!

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## Carer Support

Monthly Online Conversations with Carers



### Online Conversations with Carers

#### Are you a Carer and looking for ways to prepare for the stresses of the holiday season?

Perhaps you are providing care and support to a family member or friend living with a chronic illness, disability, frail aged, mental illness. Let's talk about how to prepare for the stresses of the holiday season.

Connect with other Carers in a positive, fun online space - make new friends, access support, information, and education. It is also a place where you can share your story, your experience and your knowledge with other carers.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2020, 10:30am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91217651712?pwd=VHZNbkwaVd4Ty9WQWVlZ0tNMmpFQT09>

Meeting ID: 912 1765 1712

Passcode: 6q9y5J

Call Mary BG on 0434 323 411 to register your interest, or simply call if you have any questions

## Carer Support

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[www.nscarsupport.com.au](http://www.nscarsupport.com.au)

[www.facebook.com/NSLHDCarersupport](https://www.facebook.com/NSLHDCarersupport)

## CARLINGFORD COUGARS

### Junior Rugby League Football Club

## Come and Play Junior League for the mighty Cougars!

**2019 NSWRL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER!**  
**2018 NSWRL "RESPECT" AWARD WINNER!**  
**2017 NSWRL GRASSROOTS CLUB OF THE YEAR!**

**"Come & Try" Day Rugby League & League Tag**  
 Sunday, December 6, 2020  
 9.00-10.30am at  
 Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, Dundas.

**"Come & Try" Night Rugby League & League Tag**  
 Friday, February 5, 2021  
 5.30-6.30pm at  
 Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, Dundas.

**Mini Footy (Ages 4-8)**  
**Mod Footy (Ages 9-12)**  
 Safe Play modified rules used for boys and girls from U6-U12 age groups.

**League Tag - Girls Teams (Ages 10-Opens)**  
 Come play "Non-Contact" League Tag. Open to girls aged 10 and above.

**Rugby League (Ages 13-17)**  
 Safe Play Rugby League rules used for U13s and above.

**We are an accredited Active Kids Provider**      **Season Kicks Off in April**

To register online today, visit [CarlingfordCougars.com.au](http://CarlingfordCougars.com.au) and click the 'Register Online' link.

**For more info contact us on**  
**0418 158 027**  
[info@carlingfordcougars.com.au](mailto:info@carlingfordcougars.com.au)

**Our games are played on SUNDAYS as part of the Balmain JRL.**

**All players receive jersey, shorts, socks, training shirt and NRL passcode. (Mouth-guard, headgear and boots not included)**

**Contact us for further information about the Active Child rebate.**

**U6 First Year Free Rego**  
 Contact us for your discount code

**Discipline • Team Work • Fair Play**



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Summer Reading Challenge

Sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge! Prizes will be awarded for book reviews (no more than two sentences) in the following categories:

- Funniest review
- Most informative read
- Most surprising book ("I didn't think I would enjoy this one but I did")

See Ms Feneley in the library for further details.

### Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

Congratulations to our 15 PRC participants, with special mention to Heather and Asher who will be eligible for Platinum Certificates this year. The 2021 PRC challenge will open in Term 1 of next year on 1 March 2021.

### HSC All My Own Work Program for Year 10

Students from Year 10 are currently completing the HSC All My Own Work program. These online modules are designed to reinforce students' knowledge of ethical scholarship principles and practices when locating and using information. In other words:

- not copying and pasting work from the internet
- citing sources of information in a bibliography
- using images that have a creative commons license

All Year 10 students in NSW are required to complete this program.

More information can be found on the NESA website at:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-all-my-own-work>

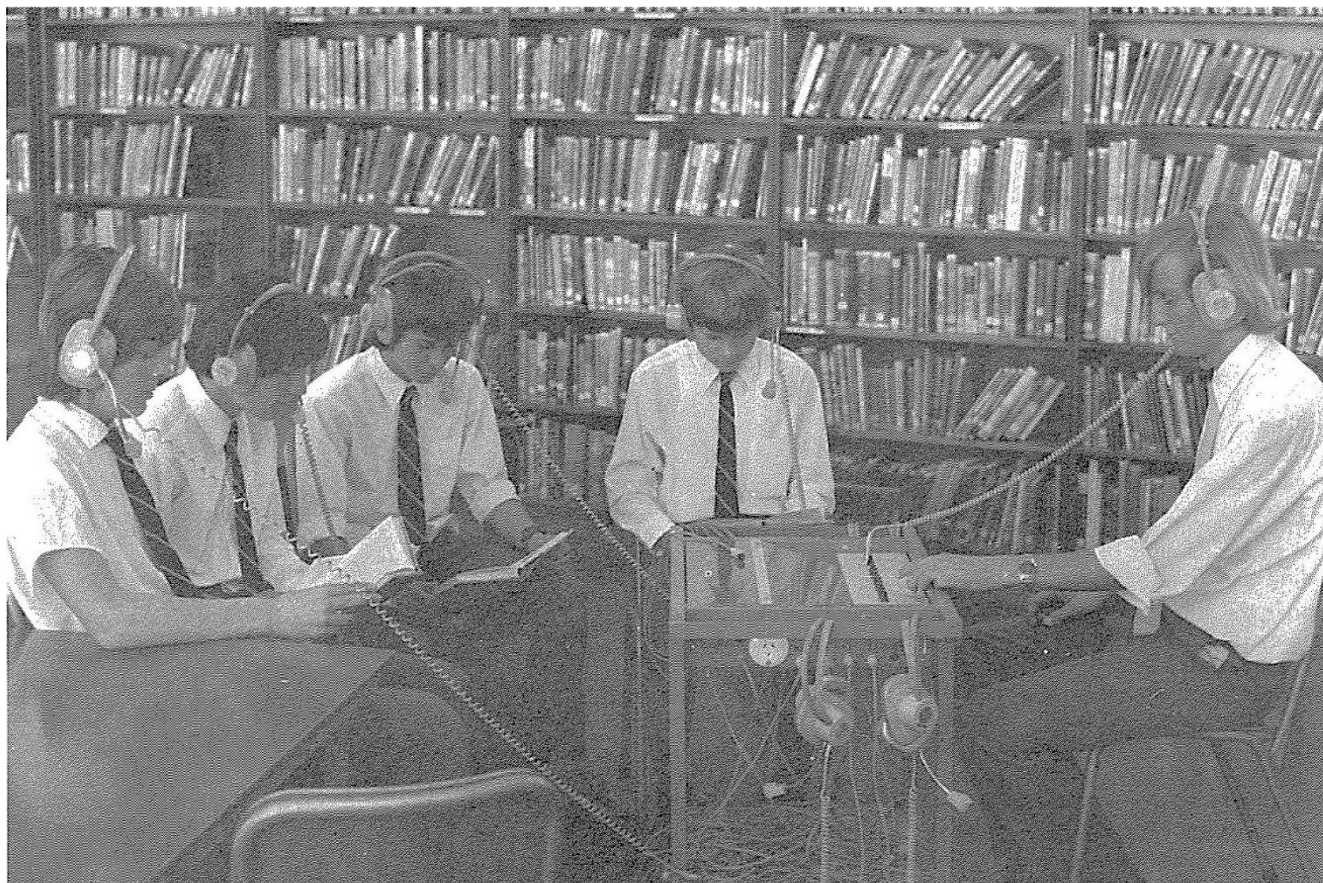


### eBooks and audiobooks

Perfect for the holidays - download the "ePlatform" app to your phone or tablet for instant access to eBooks and audiobooks from our school library. Alternatively, you can also access them at: <https://phhs.eplatform.co/>. Students can also browse and borrow books by logging on to the DoE portal and searching the Oliver library catalogue.

### From the archives

So what was happening in the library in 1972? Nearly 50 years ago, Mrs Figgis was the teacher librarian. The library housed 400 cassette tapes (what are those?) and 200 reel-to-reel tapes. Take a look at the technology available to students in the 1970s (one tape played on a cassette player that everyone plugged their headphones into, called "listening posts").



Happy reading!

**Merise Feneley, Teacher Librarian**



# SCHOOL ZONE Road Safety News

December, 2020



The run up to Christmas and the holiday period can be busy and stressful. Throw in traffic congestion, fatigue and distraction. This edition provides some tips to help you get through it safely, as well as how to prepare for 2021.

## Driving tips

- Allow extra travel time to get to places.
- Avoid alcohol if you plan to drive.
- Place packages in the boot or restrain them with a seatbelt to avoid them moving about, in case of a crash.
- Ensure pets are properly restrained

## Planning ahead

Now is a great time to think about how your family will travel to school in 2021. Walking, cycling or catching a bus to school is a great alternative to school zone congestion.

- Plan and practise a safe travel route with your child/ren.
- Identify safe crossing locations.
- Discuss how to spot dangers, like vehicles exiting driveways.

## Double demerits

Double demerit points apply for speeding, seatbelt, mobile phone and motorcycle helmet offences during the following holiday periods:

**Christmas Day to New Years Day:**  
Starts Thursday  
24 December 2020 to  
Sunday 3 January 2021  
(inclusive).

**Australia Day**  
Starts Friday  
22 January 2021 to  
Tuesday 26 January 2021  
(inclusive).

*Wishing you a very safe and happy festive season!*

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child - they will learn from you!



## Road safety on holidays

A message from NSW Department of Education - road safety education

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines often change and everyone is a lot more relaxed. Different play locations and holiday destinations means changed traffic environments and new safety concerns. To help keep our children safe, we all need to remember these key road safety messages in these new environments:

### Point out the road safety differences and dangers.

Roads, footpaths, parks, car parks and bike tracks can look very different in holiday areas or maybe totally foreign, especially if going overseas for your holidays.

### The best way to keep children safe is to actively supervise them.

Talk and teach children about road safety every time you are out and about. Even on holidays it is important to actively supervise them.

### Talk to children about being a safe road user.

When out walking talk about the safe decisions you make, they may not have experienced these situations before.

### Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.

If a child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. Up until at least 10 years old supervise them closely. When on holidays children can often be overly excited and not thinking about being safe.

**It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.** It also makes good sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too! It is a great way to encourage always wearing a helmet.

### Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip.

Safe travelling in the car on long distances means taking a break every two hours. Give your children fun things to do in the car so they don't distract the driver. If using a different car while on holidays check they are in the right child restraint for their age and size.

Remind the other adults such as grandparents, aunts and uncles, who may be caring for your children while on holidays, about these key road safety messages. Take care and have a great holiday together.



Be extra careful out and about on the roads...make it a happy Christmas for everyone...



# Parking Rules

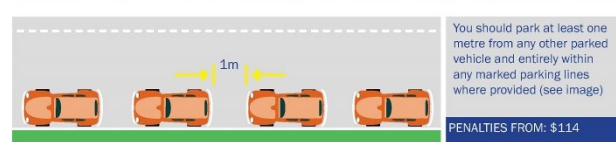
Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Traffic Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

## You cannot stop or park your vehicle:



## Parallel parking

This is the usual way to park unless signs tell you otherwise. You must park in the same direction as the adjacent traffic and parallel and as close as possible to the kerb.



For a list of all school zone driving and parking offences in New South Wales visit: <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety/rules/demerits-school.pdf>

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# Parking Rules

## No Parking Zone

- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- The driver MUST remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.



Penalty: \$114 or \$344 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

## Bus Zones

- Drivers are not permitted to stop within a bus zone at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



Penalty: \$268 or \$344 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

## Double Parking

- Drivers are not permitted to stop or park between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.
- Double parking decreases visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and significantly reduces road safety around schools.



Penalty: \$268 or \$344 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

## No Stopping Zone

- Stopping is not permitted at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



Penalty: \$268 or \$344 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

### LEGAL DISCLAIMER:

This document is produced as a guide only. Council takes no responsibility for any damage sustained to vehicles when parked in local streets. It is the responsibility of the driver to be aware of traffic regulations and parking restrictions when parking a vehicle and Council reserves its right to issue Penalty Infringement Notices in circumstances where traffic regulations or parking restrictions have been violated.

## Safe Walking Tips

- Always use pedestrian crossings.
- Never assume that a driver can see you or will stop for you. Their vision may be affected by the sun, poor light, parked cars or other distractions.
- Remember that drivers take longer than usual to stop in the rain or on a wet road.
- At intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the footpath and while you are crossing the road.
- Children up to ten years old should hold an adult's hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Avoid using a mobile phone, head phones or other device while you are crossing the road.
- Watch out for bicycles.



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES AND CONTACTS

## HELPERS NEEDED

**Foster families needed:** Department of Family and Community Services - 8303 7644  
Carers can be singles, couples, with or without children, and from any cultural background.

**Foster carers needed:** Key Assets NSW, a dynamic not-for-profit foster care provider - 8336 5700  
Providing high quality and innovative family placements for children and young people with varying needs.

**Volunteer with Easy Care Gardening:** [www.easycaregardening.org.au](http://www.easycaregardening.org.au) or 9983 1644 (Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai)

**Bilingual Volunteers Needed:** City of Sydney Meals on Wheels - For more information, phone 8512 4230.

**Lifeline Telephone Volunteers needed:** It's never too late to make a difference ... or to learn new skills.  
Join a team of volunteers on the crisis support line based at Gordon. Training is comprehensive and ongoing support is provided for all volunteer counsellors. More information: 9498 8805 or [admin@lifelineh2h.org.au](mailto:admin@lifelineh2h.org.au)

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

**Free adult Literacy and Numeracy classes - Meadowbank TAFE:** 9942 3572. Reading, writing and speaking.

**Free English courses for adult migrants - [www.ames.edu.au](http://www.ames.edu.au):** Classes at Hornsby, Chatswood and Eastwood.

**English Classes -** Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm - 9.00pm during school terms. Cost \$3.00 per week.  
West Pennant Hills Community Church, 41 - 43 Eaton Road, West Pennant Hills. Information and to register: 9872 4200.

**The Kids Are All Right Website** for parents of Australian teenagers. Go to [www.thekidsareallright.com.au](http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au).

**Tertiary Scholarships for children and grandchildren of Ex-Service Men and Women:** Students selected on merit.  
Information and applications: [www.avcat.org.au](http://www.avcat.org.au) or phone 9213 7999 or 1800 620 361 (voicemail)

**Jack's Youth Café at Hornsby** (run by Fusion Sydney North): 5 Jersey Street Hornsby (a short walk from the station).  
After school activities for students in a safe environment, Tuesdays - Fridays 3.00pm - 6.00pm. Phone: 9477 1110.

**Ability Options:** a FREE service helping people with a disability into the job that's right for them.  
**More information:** [abilityoptions.org.au](http://abilityoptions.org.au) or contact Caroline Krix on 8811 1717 or [caroline.krix@abilityoptions.org.au](mailto:caroline.krix@abilityoptions.org.au)

**Ability Links:** supporting people with a disability, their families and carers to achieve their goals in life.  
For more information phone 8830 0768 or email [abilitylinks@unitingcarenswwact.org.au](mailto:abilitylinks@unitingcarenswwact.org.au)

**Foster Care Association NSW:** Advocacy, support and information for foster carers. [www.fcansw.org.au](http://www.fcansw.org.au) or 4987 1847

**Healthy Kids FREE Parent e-zine:** important nutrition information and great recipes: [www.healthy-kids.com.au](http://www.healthy-kids.com.au)

**Enrol to Vote:** If you are an Australian citizen who is 18 years of age or older, you must vote at all elections.  
Check if you're enrolled at [www.votensw.info](http://www.votensw.info), enrol to vote at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or phone 1300 135 736

**Uniting Care Northmead:** 8839 5107 - Workshops and counselling for parents. Phone for more information.

**TOUGHLOVE:** 1300 856 830 - Parents helping parents to deal with problems of unacceptable adolescent behaviour.

**Parenting Education for Mums, Dad and Carers:** [www.nscchhs.health.nsw.gov.au/caparenting](http://www.nscchhs.health.nsw.gov.au/caparenting)  
Information and education provided by NSW Health - Northern Sydney Central Coast.

**Centacare Broken Bay:** 9488 2523 - Advice and support for parents.

**Depression Support Group:** 1300 794 991.  
Hornsby RSL - first Sunday of each month. Run by Association of Relative and Friends of the Mentally Ill.

**Parent Line:** [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au) or 1300 1300 52 - Free professional service 24 hours every day.

**Kids Helpline:** 1800 55 1800 - Free confidential service 24 hours every day.

**Mission Australia:** 9480 2500 - Free case management and counselling support for young people and families.

**Single With Children:** [www.singlewithchildren.com.au](http://www.singlewithchildren.com.au) or 1300 300 496  
Non-profit social group providing exciting activities for single parents and their children.

**Sydney Single Parents:** [www.SydneySingleParents.org.au](http://www.SydneySingleParents.org.au) or 9634 7502 (Hills) or 9411 1858 (Northside)

**Hills Family Centre:** 8805 7288 - Workshops and courses for parents and families.

**Wesley Mission Family/Youth Services (the Hills):** [www.wesleymission.org.au/centres/wesleydalmar/](http://www.wesleymission.org.au/centres/wesleydalmar/) or 8805 7288

**Community Life Church Cherrybrook Life Centre:** 9651 3534 - Counselling and parenting courses available.

**Newcomers Club:** [www.sydneynewcomers.com.au](http://www.sydneynewcomers.com.au) - Social club for women, offering support and friendship.

**NSW Health Free Dental Clinic for 12-25 year olds:** 9687 2544 - High Street Youth Health Service, Harris Park.

**Rotary Club of Thornleigh Farm Markets:** Third Sunday of every month - 8.00am - 12.00noon - Phyllis St, Thornleigh

**Christ Evangelical Centre of Australia Chinese Language School:** 0410 613 814 (Jenny)

**Cybersmart website:** [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au) - Part of the Australian Government's cybersafety program.

**The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register:** [www.vifamilynetwork.org.au](http://www.vifamilynetwork.org.au)  
The Register collects and uses data to improve services for children and to research eye disease and disorders of vision.

**Bedford College Play Sessions for children (0 - 5 years) and their parents/carers:** Fridays 9.30am - 11.30am at  
2 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills. Small fee includes morning tea for children and their carers. Bookings: 1300 174 174

**CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay:** counselling, parenting and support groups. 9488 2400 or [waitarafc@dbb.org.au](mailto:waitarafc@dbb.org.au)

**Our Space - Integrated Youth Service Hub, Eastwood:** bringing together a variety of services committed to improving the wellbeing of young people aged 11-18 years. Information: [www.ourspace.org.au](http://www.ourspace.org.au) or 9874 7458.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Interest free loans to low income families for essential household items. Phone 9477 5010

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