John Purchase Public School

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THE CALENDAR

For future dates please refer to the "calendar" tab located on the school website
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MONDAY 16 DEC Talent show for students	**TUES 17 DEC** Talent show for parents Class parties	**WED 18 DEC** Last day of school year for students	**TUES 28 JAN** First day of school for Staff	**WED 29 JAN** First day of school for students years 1-6 Kinder Best Start Assessment
THURS 30 JAN Kinder Best Start Assessment	**FRI 31 JAN** Kinder Best Start Assessment	**MON 3 FEB** Kindergarten Students Commence		

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Holidays
As our school year comes to a close this Wednesday, I would like to thank our wonderful community for your support and assistance throughout 2019. Each person within our wonderful learning community helps to make our school the best it can be.

I wish all of our families a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break, and look forward to welcoming you back next year. To those leaving our school to move on to high school, opportunity class, international, interstate or other schools, I wish you all the very best for your futures.

Farewell
We wish all those leaving John Purchase, including our Year 6 students, all the best for the future. Thank you to those from Kindy to Year 5 who have notified the school if you are leaving us. If your circumstances change during the holidays, please send an email to johnpurch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to let us know so that we can finalise class numbers at the earliest opportunity. If you are going to be late back to school, could you also please send an email with the intended date of return.

What a stunning bride!
Hearty congratulations to Mr and Mrs El Bazouni who were married on Saturday. I'm sure you will agree that Miss Ishac made a beautiful bride and her dress was stunning. We wish you all the best for your honeymoon and life together.

What will happen on the first day of school in 2020?
If your child is going to be leaving the school and you have not notified the office or if your child/ren is/are going to be absent on the first day back, can you please let the school know in January in writing or by email: johnpurch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au This will ensure we can firm up enrolment numbers quickly at the beginning of the school year.

When the children return to school on Wednesday 29 January, they remain in their 2019 classes for the beginning of the 2020 school year, while enrolment numbers are finalised. On the first day back for children, which is Wednesday 29 January, the children from Years 1 to Year 6 (that is, this year's K-5) will line up in the same place as they did throughout this year for morning lines with their 2019 class group under the COLA.

For pick up on the first day (Wednesday 29th January), Years 1 and 2 can be collected from the K-2 shelter, Years 3 and 4 can be collected from the basketball courts under the blue shade cloth and Years 5 and 6 can be collected from the COLA.

A map will be placed on the office doors and windows for afternoon pick up prior to 2.50pm on Thursday 30 January which will show the locations of students' classrooms.

Stationery Lists
Stationery lists for 2020 outline the equipment for parents to purchase for their children for next year. These stationery requirement lists will be emailed to parents and will also be placed on the website under the *Communication, Notes & Forms* tab so that parents can refer to these over the holiday period. Providing the stationery list early will enable parents to make the most of their vacation time and January specials. Please ensure your child/ren's equipment is clearly labelled with their name when they bring it to school next year.

Class Placement Requests

Over the recent weeks some parents have notified us of special considerations for their child's class placement next year. In response to the requests received, please be assured that the teachers at our school take many factors into account as they place students into classes. Factors considered include:

- student abilities, to ensure a spread of ability in each class
- special needs
- social, emotional and relational factors
- student behaviour
- special considerations raised by parents this year (please note previous requests are not considered)
- friendships – we endeavour to place at least one friend with each student. We understand that friendships are important but also understand that children benefit by working with students who may not necessarily be in their social group.

The teachers prepare the classes with their colleagues and supervisor on the same grade after much discussion and consideration, with the Principal giving approval to the final lists to ensure the needs of the whole school are addressed. The process involves teachers in the grade meeting to discuss the students' needs and the best mix of students, and this forms the basis of the decisions made. It is important that our school makes class placement decisions in an equitable way, with consideration of all students.

Thank you Mr Felton

I would like to thank Mr Anthony Felton for all he has done for the John Purchase band program over the last several years. Our band program has gone from strength to strength under his adept tutelage. After listening to the bands perform at numerous events over recent years, I am sure you will agree with me. The bands sound amazing. Mr Felton, we are incredibly grateful for your commitment and for sharing your passion and expertise. Our bands are so much stronger from your work with them. While we understand your many competing commitments, we do hope we will see you in the future in some capacity.

Thank you OOSH

A treasure chest of goodies was given to our staff as a token of appreciation from the OOSH. The goodies soon disappeared by an appreciative group of teachers and support staff.

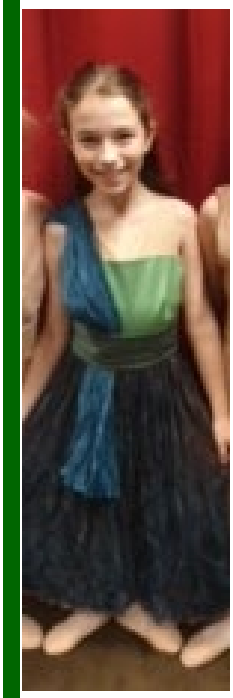
Farewell but not Goodbye

A sad farewell to Miss Laura Feeney who will return to her permanent position at Oakhill Drive Public School next year. Miss Feeney is an outstanding classroom practitioner. She has led the kindy team with aplomb. Her cheerful disposition, expert knowledge and natural leadership skills will be greatly missed by John Purchase. I know Laura has a wonderful career ahead of her and look forward to hearing about her achievements into the future.

We also farewell Mrs Leanne McDonald from the full time teaching staff. We thank Mrs McDonald for her efforts over the recent years and hope to see her next year as a casual teacher.

Thank you

Thank you J & E Piano and Norwest Chess Academy for your generous $200 donations, which will be used for library resources.



Ballet

We are very proud of two John Purchase students who have performed as part of the Australian Ballet at the iconic Sydney Opera House. Congratulations to Alexis in Year 5 for her performance in the production of Sylvia and to Audrey in Year 6 for her performance in the Nutcracker.

Mrs Leonie Black
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Year 6 Farewell
Thank you to the parents and Year 6 staff, who coordinated a wonderful evening for our students to enjoy. Our students and teachers, looked resplendent in their formal attire. Below is a 'taste' of the evening.

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A night on the red carpet, Castle Hill RSL, 11 Dec 2019
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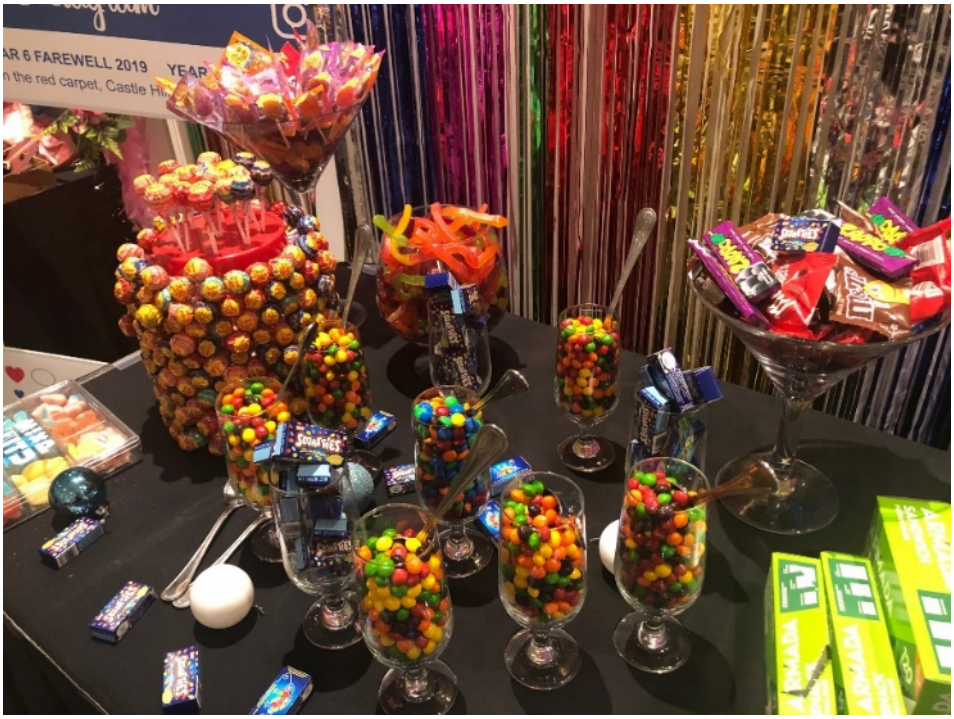


'Celebrations of Learning' Assemblies

Congratulations to all students, who performed songs, dances and instrumental pieces, before large crowds of appreciative parents and family members last week. These included the concert and training bands, who combined to perform under the baton of Mr Anthony Felton. We said goodbye to Mr Felton, who is leaving his position as band conductor at our school. Our best wishes and sincere thanks go to Mr Felton.

Semester 2 Student Reports

Semester 2 student reports are available from the Parent Portal. Information regarding how to access the reports has been sent home previously, to all families. Additionally, the '*Parent Portal for Student Reports*' may be accessed directly from the John Purchase Public School website. Please refer to instructions published in previous newsletters.

Unless you have registered correctly, parents will not be able to access their child's school report at the end of the semester. As previously advised, student reports will only be available electronically. Parents may then choose to print copies of reports, after downloading files, at their own discretion.

During the registration process, parents will receive an email from 'Impromation'. Please ensure that you check your 'spam' inbox, to ensure this return email is not misplaced in junk mail.

HPG Class Placements

Parents are reminded that advice regarding placement in one of our High Potential and Gifted (HPG) classes, will occur via letters sent home with the students who applied, very early in Term 1, 2020.

Season's Greetings!

May I take this opportunity to thank you, for supporting all that we do at JPPS.

Wishing all families, a restful, safe and very happy holiday.

Mrs Adela King
Deputy Principal

FROM THE TEACHERS

Congratulations to our Senior Choir who performed beautifully for The Cherrybrook Probus Club last Thursday at Cherrybrook Community Centre. The choir sang several songs from the Choral Music Festival repertoire and finished with a Christmas sing-along. It was wonderful to see the joy on the faces of the audience and the choir.

Thank you for all your hard work girls! Thank you also to the Probus Club for their generous donation of $50 to John Purchase Public School and to Mrs Wilson for organising the event. This is the second year we have performed for the club and hope to continue this tradition.

Mrs Collier and Mrs Ducie
Senior Choir Teachers

Friendship and social support

A child with more than one good friend is less likely to be bullied than a child who is often alone or who has only one friend. Children who bully others are careful to avoid those children who have assertive and supportive friends.

How can families help their children to make friends?

• Make sure that your children play with other children at school, at home and in your neighbourhood.
• At home, encourage your children to talk and maintain contact with their extended family – uncles, aunts, cousins and grandparents and to talk with adult family friends.
• Invite other children to your home for visits, and show your children how to make their guests feel welcome.
• Help your children to make new friends by encouraging them to develop other interests and hobbies, such as sport, Scouts, dance, drama or music.

• Take your children on holidays to places where there are other children of a similar age.

Leonie Cole
Learning and Support Teacher

FROM THE LIBRARY

A huge thank you to all our students and parents for your help with library borrowings. All books borrowed by students during 2019 have been accounted for.

Well done!

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Fabris

FROM THE BAND

Training Band Registrations

Registrations for the Training Band 2020 are now open. If your child is interested in joining next year, please register via the My School Music system at:
https://portal.msmusic.com.au/jppsband

We had many parents join us for the information evening last week, if you missed it, all the details are available in the Band Information Booklet which can be found on the JPPS website under the Canteen, Band, Uniform, P&C heading:
https://johnpurch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/p-c.html

Any questions can be directed to the Band Committee at:
jppsbandcommittee@gmail.com

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Please note our school publishes events for the convenience of families but does not endorse any activity, person, product

School Zone Road Safety

December 2019

End of year road safety tips for parents and carers

The lead up to Christmas and the holiday period can be a very busy time of year. With this comes traffic congestion, fatigue and distraction. Here are some tips to help you get through it:

- Allow extra travel time to get to places.
- Avoid alcohol if you plan to drive.
- If travelling with packages in your car, place them in the boot or restrain them with a seatbelt to avoid them moving about while driving. In a crash unrestrained objects can cause severe injury to vehicle occupants.
- Ensure pets are properly restrained.

Tips for preparing to walk or cycle to school in 2020

Now is a great time to think about and plan how your family will travel to school next year. Walking (even part of the way), cycling, or catching a bus to school is a great alternative to school zone congestion.

- Plan a safe route with your child/ren.
- Identify safe crossing locations.
- Discuss how to spot dangers such as vehicles exiting driveways.
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Leave balls, mobile phones, and headphones in your bag.

NSW double demerit driver and rider offences

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

Christmas Day to New Years Day:
Starts Friday 20 December 2019 to Wednesday 1st January 2020 (inclusive).
Australia Day:
Starts Friday 24th January 2020 to Monday 27th January 2020 (inclusive).

In the car - Journeys with kids

It is important your child is restrained in the correct child car seat for their age and size:

- It is recommended to keep children in a booster seat until they are at least 145cm in height.
- A child that is correctly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a crash than one who is not.

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child. Remember, road safety starts with you!

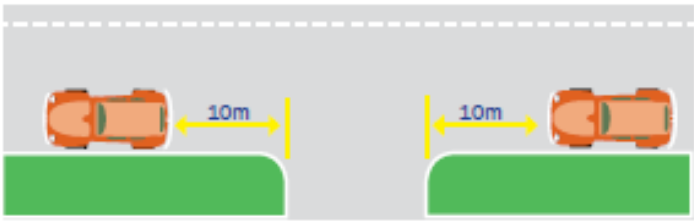
This is a road safety initiative from Hornsby Shire Council. For further information contact the Road Safety Officer

HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL

Parking Rules

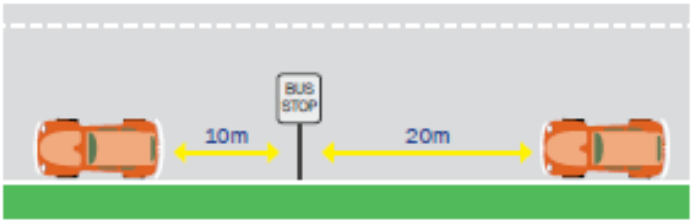
Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Traffic Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

You cannot stop or park your vehicle:



Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights (20m with traffic lights), unless a sign states you can park there (see image at left).

PENALTIES FROM: $344
Demerit Points apply



Within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop (see image)

PENALTIES FROM: $288
Demerit Points apply in School Zone

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.

You can NOT park across driveways or pedestrian kerb ramps. A vehicle can be parked up to the wings on the driveways or ramp (see image)

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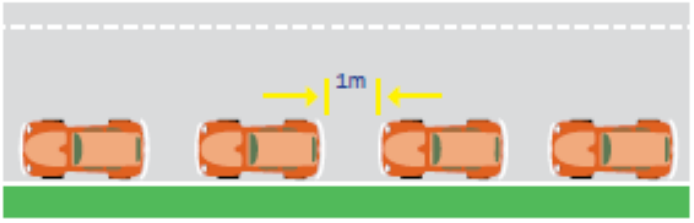

You should park at least one metre from any other parked vehicle and entirely within any marked parking lines where provided (see image)

PENALTIES FROM: $114

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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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

This summer, your kids can be cool and keep their bodies busy at our popular school holiday programs.

NEW Holiday multi-sport (age 6-10), gymnastics (age 5-12) and swimming programs (age 4-15)
Kids can bounce, balance and tumble around the gymnastics hall, jump in the pool, and get active with a variety of summer sports with our multi-sport, gymnastics and swimming classes.

- Our multi-sport program is the ultimate sampler for engaging sports and games. It offers a wide range of physical activities and games which will develop fundamental movement and sporting skills.
- Gymnastics offers three-hour workshops designed to teach your child technical gymnastics skills. Focusing on drills and skills for two apparatus each day, participants will enjoy increasing motor skills and building their gymnastics ability.
- Swimming classes range from learn-to-swim to more advanced levels. Individual and group lessons/clinics are available.

Macquarie University Vacation care

Our vacation care program has something for everyone: indoor and outdoor activities and excursions, arts and crafts, drama, cooking and games. It's hands off devices and hands-on fun.

Want more information? Visit our website: mq.edu.au/about/holidays

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Our Values

Quality education and care

Genuine partnerships

Collaboration and contribution

Respectful and reciprocal relationships

Our mission

"We aspire to provide the best education and care, and create a nurturing environment for you and your child's individual needs"

Centre hours

We are open from 7am and close at 6pm weekdays.
Care for birth to 6 years

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Piano

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Accept Creative Kids voucher

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Wed 2:50-3:35 3:45-4:30 at Room 5

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Or SMS: 0424 614 591 + School & child Name

Piano

Private one to one lesson

J&E Piano Music Centre 2 Piano Students
Won 2019 JPPS Piano Talent Show
Year 6 AMEB Grade 7th. Year 1 AMEB Grade 3rd
Will perform on 16 Dec. 17 Dec. at school
Piano Teaching by Johnny

Pennant Hills December & January School Holiday Cricket Clinics

Venue: Pennant Hills Oval, Britannia St Pennant Hills.
Time: 9am-3pm. Age: 5-14.
Cost: $40 per day or $105 per child for 3 days.

December & January Dates:

Thursday 19th & Monday 23rd December, Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th & Friday 10th. Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, Friday 17th, Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th & Tuesday 28th January.

Cricket Clinics Include:

- Batting – Drives cuts & pull shots!
- Batting & bowling in the nets!
- Bowling – Fast, swing & spin bowling!
- Catching & fielding drills!
- Games of hit & run cricket and a fun game of Twenty20 cricket!

Bookings: To book your child into a fun cricket clinic email your child's name, age, school, parents name, contact number & the day they would like to attend to pennocricketclinic@gmail.com or call 0449 164 805.

PENNANT HILLS PUMAS