



Principals Message

Dear parents and caregivers,

Thank you to the P & C for organising the barbecue on election day. We really appreciate so many of our parents and caregivers for volunteering their time on a Saturday. As a result of the barbecue, the P & C raised \$2145.81.

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall is a greatly anticipated event for our children. We are very grateful to our P & C and parent volunteers for organising the stall. On behalf of the Samuel Terry PS staff, I wish all our fabulous mothers an enjoyable and relaxing day on Sunday.

P & C meeting

The next P & C meeting is on 22 May at 5pm in the staffroom. It has been great to see such a high attendance rate this year. It is important to receive the ideas suggestions and inputs of our parent community to make our great school an even better one!

Sydney West Representative

Congratulations to Zealand M of Year 6 on being selected in the Sydney West PSSA opens rugby league team. This is a great achievement, and we wish Zealand the best of luck for the tournament.

Samuel Terry Public School Chess Tournament

Following up on the success of our participation in the chess tournament held at Glenmore Park against other schools, Samuel Terry will be hosting its own chess tournament on Friday 23 May. The tournament is open to any student who can demonstrate that they can play the game and know the rules of chess.

The chess tournament will be held in the school hall with trophies being awarded to the top 3 students. The day will be organised by an external chess company who will provide all resources for the day.

Debating

Good luck to our debating team who will be arguing that 'All children should do chores.' This will be the first time that many of our debating team have participated in a debating competition. I have been impressed with their enthusiasm and work ethic for the debate and I am sure that they will represent our school very well.

State Knockout Competitions

Good luck to all teams competing in the upcoming state knockout competitions.

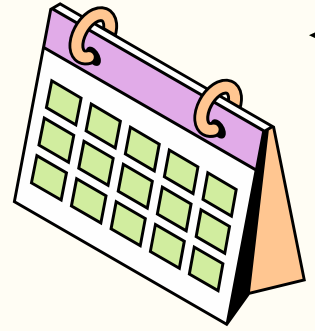
Have a great weekend!

Mother's Day Helpers



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers

Upcoming events Term 2



**Tuesday
13th May**

Netball Schools Cup



**Wednesday
14th May**

**Basketball Knockout
Rugby League Clinic**



**Thursday
15th May**

**Boys Soccer Knockout
Girls Touch Football Knockout**



P & C Meeting

**Friday
16th May**

**Boys Touch Football
Knockout**



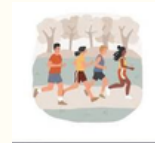
**Friday
20th May**

Athletics Carnival 3-6



**Wednesday
21st May**

Zone Cross Country



**Friday
23rd May**

**Chess Tournament
Samuel Terry School**



**Monday
26th May**

**Sydney Writer's Festival
Joan Sutherland Centre
11 students attending.**



**Wednesday
28th May**

**Girls Soccer
Knockout**



Upcoming events Term 2



**Monday
2nd June**

**Wanderers School
Cup**



**Friday
6th June**

**Nepean Shield
Winter Gala Day 3-6**



**Monday
9th June**

**King's Birthday
Public Holiday**



**Tuesday
17th June**

**Drumbeats Incursion
Details coming**



**Mon-Tues
23-24 June**

**Dalmarri Aboriginal
Incursion
Details to follow**



**25.6 - 27.6
Wed-Fri**

**Year 5 Bathurst
Goldfields Camp**



**Wednesday
2nd July**

**Spelling Bee School
Final in the hall**



**July 4
Friday**

**Last Day of Term 2
Happy Holidays!**



**Term 3
Tuesday 22nd
July**

**Students return
Back for Term 3**



SPELLING BEE UPDATE

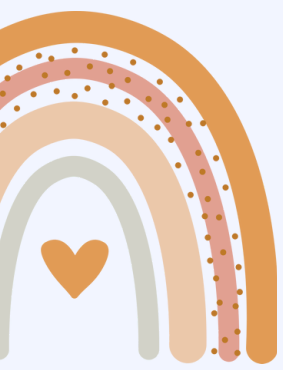


Throughout Term 2 Week 8 (16th June – 20th June) all Year 2-6 students will have an opportunity to participate in their Class Spelling Bee competition. In Week 10, two winners from each class will participate in the Junior (Years 2-4) or Senior (Years 5 and 6) School Spelling Bee Competition. This competition will be held in the hall on Wednesday 2nd July (Term 2, Week 10). One Junior and Senior winner will then progress to the Regional Final which will be held in Term 3.

To get ready for a spelling bee, start by learning lots of new words, practicing with word lists, and finding out where words come from. Try writing the words, saying them in parts (like syllables), and using fun tricks to help remember how to spell them.

Practice with Word Lists: A School Bytes message went out last week to let everyone know that the password to access the Spelling Bee wordlists has changed. Please pop in to the office or phone the school if you need the updated password.

Practice speaking clearly and in front of others: Practice saying the words out loud with your family or friends to feel more confident because it is important during a spelling bee competition, to speak clearly and confidently.



NEWSLETTER

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

Welcome back to Term 2!

Welcome to Week 2! As we continue our journey through this academic year, we are excited to share updates, highlights, and important information that showcases the incredible achievements and initiatives happening within our classrooms.

From engaging classroom activities to upcoming events, this newsletter aims to keep you informed and connected. This term in our classrooms we are looking at being resilient, developing emotional regulation and being a kind friend.

LEARNING OVERVIEW

Kindergarten

Sound Focus– Reading and Writing words that have the sounds M as in MOUSE, D as in DOG, O as in OCTOPUS, G as in GOAT, C as in CAT, K as in KITE, CK as in BACK

Sight Words– as, is, has, of, you, like

Math Focus– Representing Numbers 1-10 and 2D Shapes

Year One

Sound Focus– Reading and writing words that have the LONG E sound – E as in BEEP, EA as in FLEA, E as in EVIL, E_E as in complete, IE as in piece.

Sight Words– does, done, about asked, after, away, again

Math Focus– Forming groups, Mass

Year Two

Sound Focus – Reading words, writing words, reading sentences and writing sentences that include SS as in scissors, S as in spice, C as in fancy, SE as in as in mouse, ST as in station, CE as in celery. PS as in pseudo

Math focus – Representing Whole Numbers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Assembly ; The next assembly will be held on **Monday, 26th May**. This is Week 5. The start time for assembly is 12:20pm. Our friends in 1/2G will be running the assembly. We hope to see you on Monday 26th May.

Gold Awards; Please ensure Gold Awards are presented to the office the Wednesday prior to assembly. This date is **Wednesday, 21st May**.

Premiers Spelling Bee ; Term 2 W8 (class comp) and W10 (grade comp)

PREMIERS SPELLING BEE

In Term 2 Week 8 (16th June – 20th June) all Year 2 students will have an opportunity to participate in their Class Spelling Bee competition. In Week 10, two winners from each class will participate in the Junior (Years 2-4) School Spelling Bee which will be held in the hall on Wednesday 2nd July (Term 2, Week 10).

Want to know more? Be sure to ask your classroom teacher about how to access the practice words or see Mrs Bridges 😊



NEWSLETTER

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

GOLD AWARDS

Once your child receives five merit awards (with the school emblem printed on them), they are eligible for a Gold Award!

Children can bring their most recent five merit awards in a folder, clearly labelled with their name and class, to the front office. Their Gold Award will be presented at the next K-2 assembly. This should be done before the Monday prior to the assembly.

To help families track which awards have been counted towards a Gold Award, all Stage Supervisors will place a small inconspicuous stamp or signature on the back of each award that has already been counted

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT??

You might have noticed your wonderfully knowledgeable children using some terms that are new to you.

To help you engage in conversations with them, we've created a handy cheat sheet that may be handy!

PHONEME – A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound that can change the meaning of a word. For example, in the words "bat" and "cat," the first sound is different (b and c), which changes the meaning of the words.. A phoneme is a sound.

GRAPHEME – Graphemes are used to write words and show how sounds are formed in writing.

SEGMENTING –Segmenting is the process of breaking a word down into its individual sounds or parts. For example, if you take the word "cat," segmenting it would involve identifying the sounds "c," "a," and "t." This helps with understanding how words are formed and can improve reading and spelling skills.

BLENDING – Blending is the process of combining individual sounds whole word. For example, if you take the sounds "c," "a," and "t" and blend them together, you get the word "cat." This skill is important for reading, as it helps people recognise and pronounce words.

SPLIT DIGRAPH – A split digraph is a combination of two letters that work together to make a single sound but are separated by another letter. For example, in the word "cake," the "a" and "e" form a split digraph. The "a" makes a long sound, and the "e" at the end helps to indicate that the "a" should be pronounced that way. When I was at school words like this were referred to as "Magic E or Bossy E" words.

HOME WORK AND HOME READING

Remember to complete homework every week! Log into Homework Hound and complete the assigned tasks. Don't forget that once your child has completed 25 nights of home reading they can bring their home reading log into school and they will receive a home reading award at the next informal assembly. These awards can be counted towards your child's Gold Award.!

3-6 NEWS

Great Start

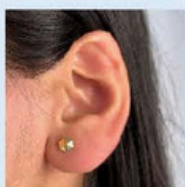
We have hit the ground running at a fast pace in Term 2! A heartfelt thank you to all our students and their families for ensuring a smooth return to our school routines. Your support makes a significant difference!

Names on Jumpers

It's that wonderful time of year again, with cool fresh mornings and warm sunny days! Many of us are wearing jackets in the morning and taking them off as the day progresses. Unfortunately, our school jackets are often left behind on the playground during fun games. Please ensure your child's name is inside their jacket so it can easily be returned if misplaced. Thank you for your cooperation!



Jewellery and Watches



Please remember that all jewellery and smart watches are not to be worn at school, unless it is for religious reasons. Smart watches can be a significant distraction for our students, while jewellery can easily be lost or pose safety concerns.



For earrings, only small studs or sleepers are allowed. As for watches, please ensure they are simple digital or analogue types. Thank you for your understanding and support in maintaining a focused learning environment!

3-6 NEWS

Spelling Bee

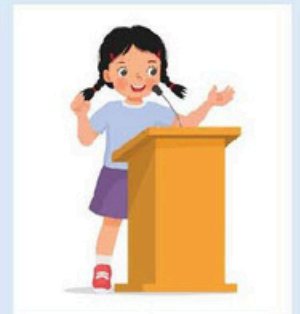
We encourage all our students to participate in the 2025 Spelling Bee! To find the word lists for your child's grade level, please refer to the information and link available in School Bytes. Class competitions will take place later this term, with the school final scheduled for Wednesday, 2nd July (Week 10).



Debating Squad

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Samuel Terry debating squad for 2025!

Emilia T.	Joshia C.
Akindu K.	Emma T.
Erica C.	Isabella G.
Ronan M.	



Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and we look forward to seeing you shine in upcoming debates.

The first debate of the year is set to take place at Samuel Terry next Tuesday, 13th May. Our team will be facing off against Henry Fulton PS, and we have our fingers crossed for a great result. Good luck to all participants.

3-6 NEWS

Chess Tournament

On Friday, 23rd May, Samuel Terry will be hosting a chess tournament. If you're a keen chess player and would like to participate, please see Mr. O'Keefe or Mr. Lockley for more information.



Athletics Carnival Trials

This week, we conducted our trials for long jump, shot put, and discus. The top students from each event will compete against one another in the upcoming Athletics Carnival in Week 4. Best of luck to all participants!

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival is fast approaching! It will be held on Tuesday, 20th May. Please remember to return fill in the permission details and make your payment via the SchoolBytes app. We look forward to a fantastic day of competition.



Zone Cross Country

Our fastest long-distance runners will be heading off to compete in the PSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday, 21st May (Week 4). We are confident that their effort and behaviour will be outstanding. We are all 100% behind you—good luck!

3-6 NEWS

Rugby League Clinic

All classes at Samuel Terry will be participating in a free Rugby League Clinic brought to us by the NRL. We can't wait to join in the fun on Wednesday next week (14th May). Don't forget to send your child in their sports uniform on this day.

Knockout Sport Events

Today, our netball team competed in the NSW P.S.S.A knockout competition. Congratulations to them for their hard work and dedication! We also have several upcoming knockout events in the next few weeks, and we know you will all make us very proud. Best of luck to everyone involved!

Basketball – 14th May

Girls touch Football and Boys Soccer – 15th May

Boys Touch Football – Friday 16th May

Girls Soccer – 28th May

Netball Schools Cup

We are cheering for our girl's netball team who will be competing in the Netball School's cup at Jamison Park on Tuesday next week (13th May).



Mrs Giroud
S2 Assistant Principal
3-6 APCI

Mrs Osborne
S3 Assistant Principal

Mrs Wootton
S2/S3 Assistant Principal

3-6 NEWS

Dates For the Year

12th May – Primary Aboriginal Dance Workshop

13th May – Netball Schools Cup

14th May – Basketball Knockout / Rugby League Clinic – Sports Uniform

15th May – Boys Soccer Knockout / Girls Touch Football Knockout / P&C Meeting

16th May – Boys Touch football Knockout

20th May – School Athletics Carnival

21st May – Zone Coss Country Carnival

23rd May – Chess Tournament

26th May – Sydney Writers Festival / Primary Assembly in Hall

28th May – Girls Soccer Knockout

2nd June – Wanderers School Cup

6th June – Nepean Shield Winter Gala Day #1

16th June – Primary Assembly in Hall

17th June – Drumbeats Incursion

18th June – LIMELIGHT Combined Choir Rehearsal

23rd / 24th June – Dalmarri Aboriginal Incursion

25th, 26th, 27th June – Year 5 Camp

2nd July – Spelling Bee School Final in Hall

4th July - Last Day Term 2

Principal Awards

Ethan	KC	Being a respectful student
Kaylea	KC	being a helpful student
Clementine	KC	engagement in lessons
Braxton	KC	contributions to class discussions
Allegra	KF	pleasing engagement during phonics activities!
Jameson	KF	working hard to develop his literacy skills.
Riley	KF	working hard to develop his writing skills!
Avyukt	KF	excellent behaviour and a positive attitude, always!
Lila	KL	outstanding engagement in literacy lessons.
Parker	KL	trying really hard to improve his independent writing.
Hardey	KL	excellent contributions to class discussions.
Emelia	KL	fantastic engagement and effort during phonics lessons.
Millie	KM	always making an extra effort in the details of her book work.
Brayson	KM	being a role model to others.
Maddison	KM	always helping others and being respectful towards her class mates.
Bryden	KM	being respectful and considerate towards others
Aubrey	1/2G	Being an enthusiastic learner.
Mikayla	1/2G	Being a kind, caring and friendly class member.
Reid	1/2G	Consistently striving to achieve his best in all set tasks.
Maddison	1/2G	Wonderful improvements in reading and writing!
Caleb	1B	For great dancing skills during sport
Audrey	1B	For great skip counting skills in Math
Camii	1B	For great recount writing about her holiday
Ace	1B	For beautiful and neat book work in handwriting
Charlotte	1H	consistent dedication to completing homework tasks
Kye	1H	working hard to segment words and write independently
Jackson	1H	remarkable improvement in his handwriting formation and presentation
Roxanne	1H	sharing her ideas and contributing to group discussions
Emma	1V	demonstrating responsibility in the classroom.
Freya	1V	being a kind and helpful class member
Octavia	1V	demonstrating kindness to others
Hugh	1V	striving to achieve his best during all set tasks
Abigail	2K	Being a kind and helpful member of 2K.
Amayah-Rose	2K	Her thoughtful contributions during class discussions.
Ariah	2K	Being a respectful and kind class member.
Amelia	2K	Demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning.
Ayla	2RB	working well in phonics tasks
Nathaniel	2RB	taking initiative in his learning
Mavrick	2RB	increased engagement in learning tasks
Emma	2RB	approaching challenges with more enthusiasm
Zachary	2S	achieve his personal best.
Penelope	2S	always trying her best in handwriting.
Mahalia	2S	being a thoughtful and caring friend.
Frayar	2S	striving to reach new goals when writing.

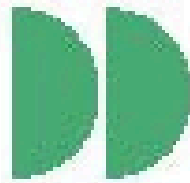
Principal Awards

Alexis	3/4K	Approaching all tasks with enthusiasm.
Elias	3/4K	An improved effort to track the speaker.
Logan	3/4K	Always being ready to learn.
Sariah	3/4K	Improving her confidence in social situations.
Winter	3G	respectfully listening to others
Scarlett	3G	being a responsible and caring learner
Arlo	3G	Enthusiastically sharing knowledge with his peers
Hudson	3G	displaying perseverance during learning tasks
Adriana	3S	for her continued engagement and insightful contributions to all lessons.
Griffen	3S	for increased effort and determination in mathematics.
Samuel (Sam)	3S	for a positive start to Term 2.
Nora	3S	for showing great leadership skills by helping peers and collaborating effectively.
Charlize	4OG	always maintaining an outstanding work ethic.
Anthony	4OG	working hard to improve his resilience.
Callum	4OG	engaging productively in all areas of his learning.
Sophia	4OG	improved confidence in mathematics.
Kaylee	4W	having an enthusiastic attitude towards every class activity.
Aria	4W	Excellent effort and application with all activities.
Riley	4W	Being a helpful and cooperative class member.
Ethan	4W	Improved engagement in learning activities.
Maya	5/6W	her artistic flair.
Ryder	5/6W	Outstanding cursive writing.
Nathan	5/6W	Excellence in mathematics.
Chelsea	5/6W	being an enthusiastic and thoughtful class member.
Archie	5H	actively engaging in all learning activities!
Adrianna	5H	fantastic effort during Perimeter lessons!
Sahar	5H	actively contributing to class discussions during PDHPE lessons!
Ryan	5H	excellent enthusiasm towards learning!
Tiannah	5S	For a great start to Term 2
Scarlett	5S	For working hard during maths lessons
Spencer	5S	For always sharing his background knowledge with the class
Harvey	5S	For always being ready to learn
Lincoln	6O	being eager to learn and explore new concepts.
Isla	6O	always displaying a positive, kind attitude in all school activities.
Henri	6O	consistently shows kindness and empathy towards others.
Sophie	6O	tackling tasks with enthusiasm and perseverance.
Koby	6S	exceptional engagement in class discussions.
Zahra	6S	outstanding application during formal handwriting lessons.
Davina	6S	her great organisational and management skills.
Isabelle (Issy)	6S	applying herself well in writing.

Gold Awards

Harry	1/2G	2nd Gold Award
Octavia	1V	2nd Gold Award
Tyler	1B	2nd Gold Award
Nathaniel	2RB	5th Gold - First Banner
Honor	3/4K	6th Gold Award
Arabella	3/4K	7th Gold Award
Harper	3S	8th Gold award
Erica	6S	10th Gold Award - 2nd Banner





LIBRARIES



Chess Club

with Sydney
Academy of Chess

Tuesdays 6 May – 3 June
4.30–5.30pm
St Marys Library

Join us for Chess Club in Term 2. Great for beginners wanting to learn, pros looking for an opponent, and everyone in between. Sydney Academy of Chess will lead this 5 week series.

Bookings are essential.
\$65 per child for 5 sessions.



Scan for bookings
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