



# NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 7 – November 27, 2024

## WHAT'S ON

### Monday December 2

Platinum Assembly Years 3 & 4

### Thursday December 5

Platinum Assembly Years 2, 5 & 6

### Monday December 9

Presentation Assemblies

Years 3 & 4 - 9.30am-10.20am

Years 5 & 6 - 11.15am-12.30pm

### Tuesday December 10

Presentation Assembly

Years K, 1 & 2 - 9.30am-10.30am

### Thursday December 12

Gala Day

### Tuesday December 17

Year 6 formal at Castle Hill RSL

### Wednesday December 18

Year 6 Clap out

Last day of term for students

### Thursday February 6

First day of term for Years K-6

## Principal's Report

### I block tour for our Year 6 students

A note has gone home today to all Year 6 families through School Bytes, inviting our students to visit the new building in a couple of weeks.

This will be an opportunity for our current Year 6 cohort to visit the classrooms and the school hall as well as to receive an overview of the building and construction process, to learn about the various roles that key members of the build team occupy and to visit the new buildings prior to their transition to high school. We look forward to sharing this experience with them.

### Presentation Assemblies

There will be three assemblies this year with each assembly to be held in the Castle Hill High School Hall.

Assemblies will be as follows:

Monday 9 December: 9.30am - 10.20am Years 3 and 4

Monday 9 December: 11.15am - 12.30pm Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 10 December: 9.30am - 10.30am Years K, 1 and 2

For this year, only students who are receiving awards will attend their assembly. All other students will remain at school and stay in their normal class.

**If your child is receiving an award, you will have received an email informing you of this via School Bytes.** We request that parents who will be attending the assembly are responsible for transporting their child to the assembly and then back to school upon its completion.

Please note that while we intend to start each assembly at the specified time above, finish times for each assembly are indicative.

### Gala Day

Gala Day tickets are now available for purchase. Further information was sent home with students.

I would like to emphasise that Gala Day will be a cash free event. Please note that tokens are available for pre-purchase online via School Bytes until Wednesday 11 December.

## PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



RESPONSIBLE

Be in the right place at the right time.

Any sausage sandwich orders can be pre-ordered via Flexischools from 25 November. Orders will close by 3.00pm Tuesday 10 December. <https://user.flexischools.com.au/login?returnUrl=/home>

### **Planning for 2025**

We are busily planning in preparation for next year. To allow us to plan as effectively as possible, we ask families who know that they won't be returning to Castle Hill Public School next year, to notify us via the link below. Similarly, if you are aware that your child will return to our school after Thursday 6 February 2025 due to an extended holiday or other reason, I ask that you also notify us via the link below:

### **[2025 Non returning / Late returning students](#)**

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Should you have a specific request about your child's class placement next year, I ask that you put that request in writing to me via email at [craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au).

**Danielle Machuca**  
Relieving Principal

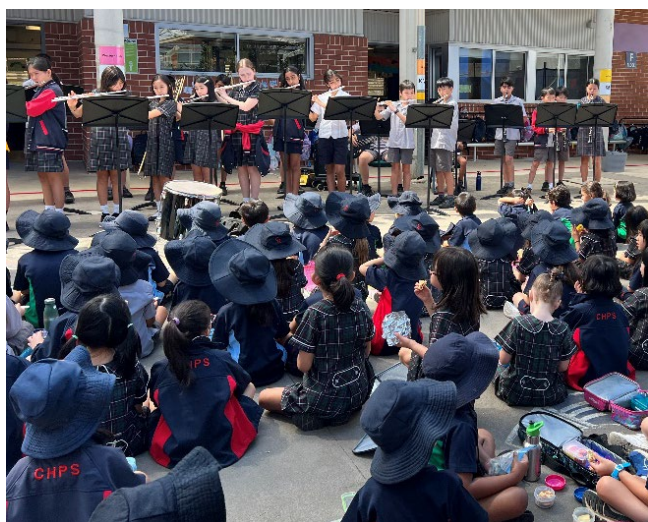
## **News from the Deputies**

### **Platinum Lunch and Presentation – Term 4**

Our Term 4 Platinum Lunch and Presentation will be held next week. On Monday 2 December we will recognise students from Years 3 and 4 and on Thursday 5 December, students from Years 2, 5 and 6 will be recognised.

### **Wesley Pre-School Visit**

Last week, two groups of children and educators from Wesley Pre-School visited our school. On Thursday, our school's Senior Band performed for our pre-school visitors and current Kindergarten students. From all accounts, the audience loved listening to the theme song from 'Bluey' the most!





### **2025 Student Leadership Process**

Our final 12 candidates for student leadership will be announced tomorrow. Each of the students has done a remarkable job, not only preparing their candidate poster but also their speech. We congratulate all the candidates, and we look forward to announcing the students' leadership positions on presentation day.

### **Changes to the application process for 2026 - Opportunity Class (OC) and Selective High School**

Some information regarding the changes to the application process was emailed to Year 3 and Year 5 families last week. Parents wishing for their child to sit either exam, are asked to read the information carefully and to pose any questions to Miss Machuca.

Parents can also find some key dates below:

## **Key dates – applying for entry in 2026**

- 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025 – parents and carers apply for selective high school or opportunity class entry in 2026.
- 2-4 May 2025 – students sit the selective high school or opportunity class placement test for entry in 2026.
- 19 May 2025 – make up test date (approved illness/misadventure requests)
- Term 3, 2025 – placement outcomes and offers released to parents and carers
- Term 1, 2026 – students who gain entry begin attending their opportunity class or selective high school

### **Our school gates**

Please be advised that our school gates are now being locked at 9.00am and then unlocked at 2:50pm to ensure the safety of our students. A reminder that if your child is late to school, they must report to the office for a late note.

Similarly, if you need to collect your child from sick bay or for an appointment, you will need to access the school via the front gate of the school.



## E-safety Parent Webinar – Thursday 28 November

The e-safety education team is running a free webinar for parents and carers on Thursday 28 November. Parents can register via the link on the flyer contained in the newsletter.



**Term 4, 2024**  
**Free eSafety parent and carer webinars**

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parent and carers.

**Term 4 topics:**

- **Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into high school (30 minutes)**  
Suitable for parents and carers of young people in upper primary school (aged 11-12) and Year 7.
- **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help (30 minutes)**  
Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school. An overview of the eSafety Commissioner, and supporting programs and resources for parents and carers, children, and young people.

For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

 |  eSafety Commissioner [eSafety.gov.au](https://eSafety.gov.au)

Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca  
Deputy Principals

# Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



Years 2-6 Platinum Luncheon will be held on Monday December 2, 2024, and Thursday 5, December 2024

## PLATINUM AWARDS

YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
Elaine	2C	Sithara	3A	Emma	4A	Oscar	5G	Laraib	6A
Clinton	2C	Sophie	3A	Yahdavan	4D			Aashrita	6A
Devina	2C	Ella	3A	Rayan	4D			Ava	6A
Bill	2H	Abbie	3E	Max	4D			Theresa	6A
Sachit	2M	Mila	3E	Amelia	4D			Saarth	6A
Adelise	2P	Seah	3K	Celia	4E			Ishaan	6C
Callum	2P	Hamish	3/4W	Xavier	4E			Tanurag	6C
Austin	2S			William	4E			Kourosh	6D
				Aiden	4S			Henry	6D
				Elias	4S			Savannah	6L
				Stefano	4S			Sunny	6L
				Luca	3/4W			Isaiah	6L
								Sam	6L
								Willow	6L
								Benjamin	6R

## P&C News

### President message

The art competition for students interested in designing a sign for our new canteen closed at 3.00pm today. What wonderful entries we've had! The creativity and artistic talent of our students never ceases to amaze me. The P&C and the school executive now have the unenviable job of narrowing the entries down to three choices for voting on by the school community. The winning artist as voted by the students and staff will be awarded \$20.00 in canteen vouchers. The winner will be announced before the end of the school term.

The P&C is also busily preparing for our Annual Gala Day BBQ being held again this year on Thursday, 12 December. The BBQ will be available to students, staff and parents on the day. Please order your child's sausages and drinks through Flexischools as they will be delivered to classes like regular lunch orders. If parents order for themselves through Flexischools, please be aware that all sausages under a child's name will be delivered to their class. We will have limited quantities available on the day for parents and other family members to purchase from us directly with either cash or Eftpos. We will be set up outside Funhouse for sales.

The Gala day BBQ doesn't run without our awesome volunteers helping with setting up, cooking, packing and clean up. If you are available to help, please sign up at: <https://volunteersignup.org/CFMMQ>

Our last P&C meeting for 2024 will be held Wednesday, 11 December 2024 at 7pm online via Zoom. To register for this meeting, please visit:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5Yld-yuqDgrEtfx2rLcHJ6MuR9ARPC41pYK>

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to become a financial member of the P&C, please feel free to contact me at the address below.

Erica Miller CHPS P&C President  
[president@chpspandc.org.au](mailto:president@chpspandc.org.au)  
<http://www.chpspandc.org.au>

# Canteen

## Gala Day – Thursday December 12 2024

The canteen will be closed for normal recess and lunch orders on Thursday December 12 because of Gala Day.

Gala Day sausage sandwiches and Glee drinks and can be pre-ordered via Flexischools and will be delivered to your child's classroom on Gala Day.

Pre orders will close by 3.00pm Tuesday 10 December. <https://user.flexischools.com.au/login?returnUrl=/home>

## ROSTER:



Monday December 02

Tuesday December 03

Wednesday December 04

Thursday December 05

Friday December 06

Nikoo

Richa

Fatema, Madhavi

Emma, Francisca

Mani **Volunteer Required**

If you would like to be added to our roster, even for just one day a month, or have any other questions at all about the canteen and the services we offer please reach out to us using one of the methods below.

- 0428 401 821 Telephone or text message
- [canteen@chpspandc.org.au](mailto:canteen@chpspandc.org.au)
- [Online Canteen Volunteer Form](#)

## FORKS & SPOONS

Parents are reminded when packing their child, a lunch from home which requires a spoon or fork to eat with to please pack one. The canteen is happy to supply a spoon or fork at the cost of 20c.

**Tanya - Canteen Manager  
Castle Hill Public School**

# Uniform Shop

## Uniform Shop open hours for the start of Term 1 2025

The uniform shop will be open after the school holidays - Monday 3 February 2025 8.30-11.30am.

If you need to exchange or purchase uniforms, we strongly encourage you to do that on Monday February 3, 2025.

We will be open on Thursday 6 February 2025 8.00-10.30am, however this will be an extremely busy day, usually with a very large queue and long wait times.

### Uniform Purchases

If you need to purchase uniforms and accessories, the uniform shop is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30am or you may purchase online through Flexischools and delivery will be made to your child's class.

Appointments are encouraged.

To make an appointment to visit the uniform shop, please visit

<https://outlook.office365.com/book/UniformShop1@chpspandc.org.au/>

Exchange is always available if you've ordered the wrong size provided the item hasn't been worn and is accompanied by the Flexischools receipt and original packaging.

Uniform donations in good condition are always welcome.

You can drop these into the uniform shop on Monday or Thursday mornings or any time during the day to the front office.

If you have any uniform questions, please contact our Uniform shop manager, Amanda at [uniformshop@chpspandc.org.au](mailto:uniformshop@chpspandc.org.au)

Amanda Turner  
Uniform Shop Manager  
Castle Hill Public School P&C Association

# Book Club



## Scholastic Book Club – Final Issue for 2025 Out Now!

Issue 8 Book Club catalogues were distributed to children last week. Please place your order online only by visiting [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Orders will close at the end of day on Wednesday December 4 2024 and will be distributed before the end of term. Please note that this might be during the last week of school.

- Preview Issue 8 here:  
<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/book-club/>

For every Book Club order placed, Scholastic gives back 15% of the order spend to the school, which is used to buy essential books and learning resources for the school library.

**Update on orders from Issue 7 – Scholastic has advised that they have experienced an issue with their distribution systems, which has delayed the shipment of issue 7 orders. They have said to allow another week for the shipment to arrive, and then it will take a few days following that to be distributed to children.**

Sarah Newlove  
Book Club Volunteer  
[sarah.p.newlove@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.p.newlove@gmail.com)

# Castle Hill Public School

## Term 4 - 2024

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun	
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Oct	1	First day for students			Kindergarten The Grufallo				
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Oct	2	Stage 1 Rouse Hill Estate excursion		Kindergarten 2025 Parent information night - via ZOOM	Stage 1 Rouse Hill Estate excursion	Stage 1 Rouse Hill Estate excursion			
		28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
Oct	3		Kindy Orientation		Kindy Orientation	Kindy Orientation			
		Year 2 Swim Program							
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Oct	4		Kindy Orientation	Kindergarten 2025 Parent information night - via ZOOM	Kindy Orientation	Kindy Orientation			
		Year 2 Swim Program							
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Nov	5		Year 6 Surf Education excursion	MUFTi Day					
			Kindy Orientation		Kindy Orientation	Kindy Orientation			
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Nov	6								
		25	26	27	28	29	30	1	
Nov	7								
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Nov Dec	8		Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day  Stage 2 Science incursion						
		Year 6 High School Week							
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Dec	9	Presentation Day 9.30-10.20 Yrs 3-4 11.15-12.30 Yrs 5-6  Assemblies at Castle Hill High School	Presentation Day 9.30-10.30 Yrs K-2		Gala Day				
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Dec	10		Year 6 Formal Castle Hill RSL	Last day of term  Year 6 Graduation and Clap Out	SDD	SDD			



# CASTLE HILL SCHOOL BAND

## JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2025 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

### *What do you need to do?*

Complete an online [Expression of Interest](https://teachingservices.com.au/XEOI) form. Your child will then meet with a music teacher at school to determine to which instrument they may be best suited.

<https://teachingservices.com.au/XEOI>



More detailed information will then be sent home, prior to online enrolment for 2025. If your child is an existing band student with TSA, no need to re-enrol.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

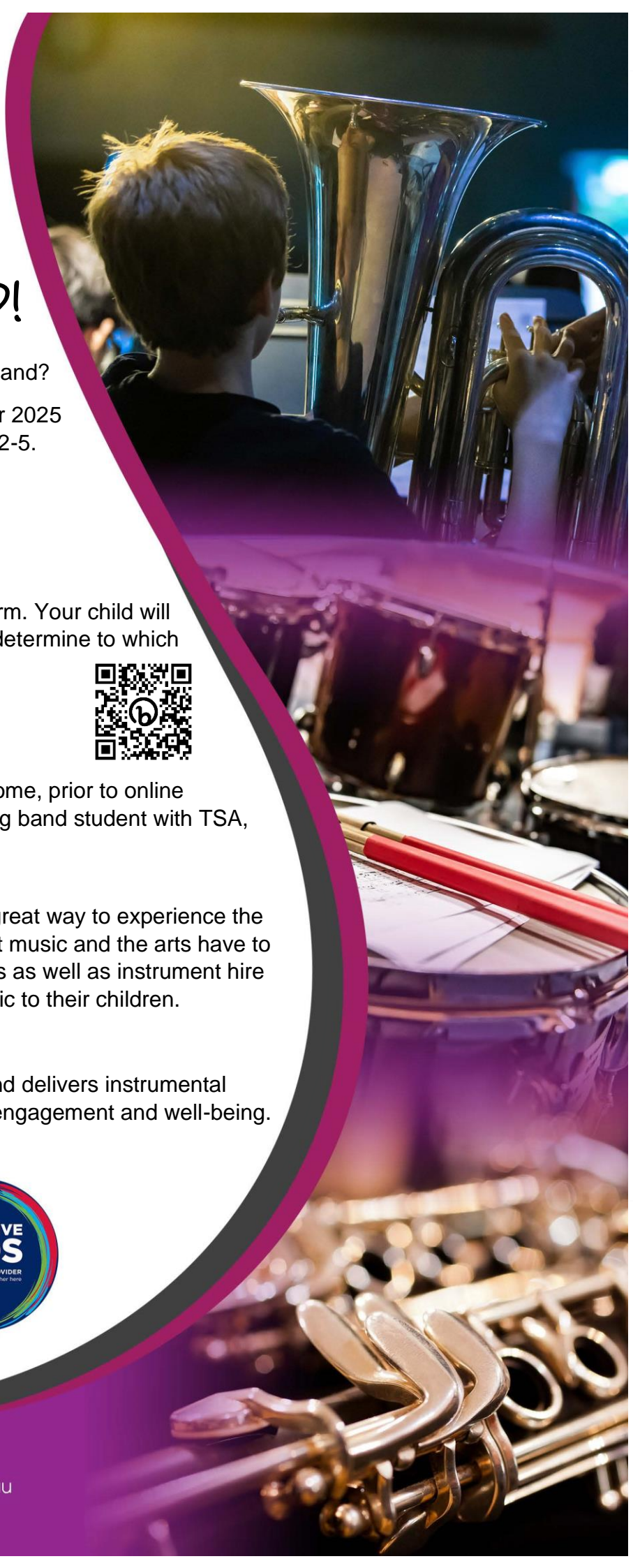
TSA is a registered Creative Kids provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.



(02) 9651 7333

enrolments@teachingservices.com.au

www.teachingservices.com.au



## School Band Program – Afternoon Band

Dear Parents,

Today your child attended a demonstration showcasing the instruments available to learn at school in 2025. If you would like more information please register your interest using the link or QR code below within the next **5 days**.

Once you have registered your child's interest TSA will then conduct instrument trials at school to help your child discover which instrument they are most suited to. Following the instrument trials, an *Enrolment Pack* will be sent home with your child. This will contain more detailed information about the school band program along with the result of their instrument trial.

### **Band Program Structure**

Students attend band after school one afternoon per week from approximately 3pm-5pm. This 2-hour session takes place at school and typically includes a variety of activities including:

**Small group tuition** – students work in small groups to learn to play their instruments

**Full band rehearsal** – students combine to rehearse in a large ensemble

**Afternoon tea break** – students will get a short break for afternoon tea (BYO)

**Regular practise at home** (3-4 times a week) is essential.

### **Band Program Costs**

**Tuition Fees:** small group tuition and band rehearsal costs \$260 (plus \$10 resource levy) per term. Individual tuition costs extra and is not available at all schools.

**Instrument:** students require their own instrument. TSA sells quality new instruments, offers 'rent-to-buy' (starting at \$43 per month) and has an excellent selection of second-hand instruments in near-new condition.

**Accessories:** students are provided with a workbook upon enrolment but may require other accessories, generally less than \$50 per year.

More information can also be found at [www.teachingservices.com.au](http://www.teachingservices.com.au) or use the QR codes overleaf.



## Expression of Interest – Afternoon Band

### **How to register your child's interest in the band**

Simply provide your child's name, class and school along with your contact email and phone number and TSA will include them in instrument trials at school. There is no commitment required and the online form will take less than a minute to complete.



- Open your smartphone camera app and point the camera at the QR code. Your device will recognise the QR code and shows a notification. Tap the notification and you will be taken to the online *Expression Of Interest* form.  
OR
- Visit <https://www.teachingservices.com.au/XEOI>  
OR
- Email your child's name, class and school to [enrolments@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:enrolments@teachingservices.com.au)

For information on instruments available in the school band use the QR codes below or visit:  
<https://teachingservices.com.au/resources-and-faq/>



Flute



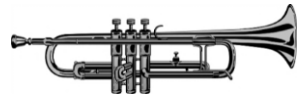
Clarinet



Saxophone



Trumpet



Trombone



Euphonium/  
Baritone Horn



**Bass & Percussion Section** *(limited availability)*



Bass Guitar



Percussion

**Other**

Some programs offer the option of learning 'extension' instruments such as oboe, french horn or tuba. Check with TSA office first to see whether these are available at your school.

