

CHANGES TO SUMMER PPSSA

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you about a change in the format of the Summer PPSSA competition that took place in Term 1, 2023 and is scheduled to recommence in Term 4, 2023.

As you are likely aware, there is currently a nationwide shortage of bus drivers, which has led to difficulties in securing buses for our usual Friday afternoon competitions. In light of these challenges, the PPSSA has conducted a trial of a new format called the "Gala Day" during the Winter Competition, and this trial has proven to be successful.

Based on this success, a decision has been made to change the format of the Term 4, 2023 Summer Competition to two Gala Days. The Gala Days are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

1. Friday, 20th October (Week 2)
2. Friday, 10th November (Week 5)

Additionally, we have identified a wet weather backup date, which will be utilized only if necessary, on Friday, 17th November.

Under this new format, it will be necessary for students to be transported to and from the games by parents or through arrangements made by parents. We understand that this represents a change from the previous bus transport arrangements. To facilitate this transition, we will be providing more detailed information about the location of the games and other relevant details closer to the event. This information will be made available on the Pittwater PSSA app (Stack Team App).

We would also like to address the matter of payments. In Term 1, there were three games for which students used bus transportation. Since the change in format means that there will be no bus transportation provided in Term 4, we have taken this into consideration. Consequently, we have issued a refund of \$70, which is part of the \$100 you initially paid for PPSSA. This refund has been applied as a credit to your account. The credited amount can be used for upcoming events and activities.

We understand that changes to established routines can be a challenge, but we believe that the new Gala Day format will provide a positive experience for our students while accommodating the current limitations. Thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate these changes.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We appreciate your continued partnership in providing the best possible experiences for our students.

