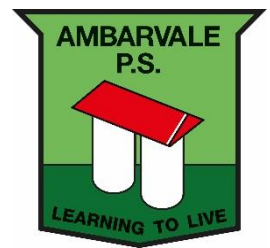


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Tuesday 12th August 2025, Term 3, Week 4

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We've had a great start to the term, with lots of exciting learning and activities already taking place. It's been wonderful to see students so engaged in both classroom and whole-school events. As we move through the term, there's still plenty ahead to look forward to. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community.

Education Week Celebrations - A big thank you to all the parents and community members who joined us for our Public Education Week open classrooms and celebrations last week. It was wonderful to see so many families engaging with our students' learning and celebrating public education together.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to the students and staff from Thomas Acres Public School and Thomas Reddall High School for their support during our NAIDOC Week assembly. The presentation was engaging, informative, and a valuable opportunity for our students to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

We are grateful for the strong community connections that help make events like these so meaningful.

Parent and Community Meeting – Next Wednesday - Following our Book Week parade, we'll be holding a Parent and Community meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the school hall from 1:30 to 2:30pm. A Zoom link will also be available for those who can't attend in person.

These meetings are a great chance to stay informed about what's happening at Ambarvale Public School. As a parent myself, I used to think I didn't have time for meetings like these, but I've found them incredibly valuable for understanding what's going on behind the scenes and connecting with the school community.

I encourage you to come along and support our P&C team: Talia, Sandra and Alia. Topics on the agenda include:

- End of year concert
- Gala Days
- End of year activities
- School improvement initiatives

We'd love to see you there.

Congratulations Aaliyah T and Carter B - A big congratulations to Aaliyah T who represented Campbelltown PSSA in Rugby League and Carter B for representing Sydney South West in Rugby Union last week. Being selected in a zone or SSW team is a huge achievement and a reflection of their hard work, talent, and dedication.

We are incredibly proud of both students and their fantastic efforts on the field. Well done, Aaliyah and Carter!

School Uniform Reminder - At Ambarvale Public School, we value the importance of wearing school uniform with pride. It helps create a sense of belonging and encourages all students to feel equal and part of a team.

Our new sports shirts look fantastic! If you haven't purchased one yet, they are available from the front office for \$30.

Cyber Safety and Video Games – A Reminder for Families - Cyber safety is more important than ever. To help keep children safe online, it's essential that parents and carers are aware of the apps and games their children are using and regularly monitor their screen time.

Please remember that apps like Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, and TikTok are not suitable for children under 13.

We also encourage families to be mindful of the types of video games children are playing. Games with violence and aggression have been linked to negative changes in behaviour and can affect brain development and social skills. Most games come with age ratings that should be followed.

Finally, it's a good idea to turn off devices well before bedtime to support healthy sleep routines and overall wellbeing.

Until next time,
Mrs. K Green

PBL



Bullying. No Way! – National Week Against Bullying - From 11th–15th August, our school will take part in *Bullying No Way: National Week of Action*. During this week, students will listen to a social story to learn about what bullying is, how to recognise it and ways to be an *upstander* who speaks up and supports others. Afterwards, each student will take part in our 'Hands Against Bullying' activity, where they will trace their hand and draw a picture showing how they can be a good friend or upstander. These hands will be displayed to remind us all that our school is a safe and caring place for everyone.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

During Weeks 4 and 5 (11th-22nd August), students will be taking part in our class competitions for the Public Speaking Competition. We kindly remind families to ensure their child brings their prepared speech to school. From each class, up to two students will be selected to progress to the next stage of the competition. We look forward to hearing students present their speech and practise their public speaking skills!

BOOK PARADE & BOOK FAIR

The books for the book fair have arrived. This week during library each child will have time to look at the books and to write a wish list. This will give parents an idea of what children find interesting and how much each item costs. We have received between 3 and 5 copies of most items, but I am able to order more copies of any items that run out. For this reason, the last copy of each book has a "last copy" label. The idea is that the last copy is not sold so that other families can look at it, and I will order a fresh copy as needed. Orders are usually sent within a week of the fair closing, so no one will have to wait long for their books to arrive.

Books will be on sale all next week. (18th-22nd August) Parents are welcome before and after school as well as on Wednesday, (before and after the book parade). The fair will be packed up after 4.00pm on Friday of Week 5.

Our school library receives commission for hosting a book fair. Last year I was able to add



over \$1300 worth of books to the library thanks to the families who purchased books from the book fair.

I look forward to seeing many families in the library, and to seeing some wonderful book character costumes.

TOPICS AND TIMES	
Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten Prepared: 1 minute Impromptu: 30 seconds	Stage 1 – Year 1 and Year 2 Prepared: 2 minutes Impromptu: 1 minute
- What makes me happy? - I couldn't live without this! - If I could get any gift, it would be... - Student's choice	- If I could have any job in the world, it would be... - It is important to read. - Winter is the best season. - Student's choice
Stage 2 – Year 3 and Year 4 Prepared: 3 minutes Impromptu: 1 minute	Stage 3 – Year 5 and Year 6 Prepared: 4 minutes Impromptu: 2 minutes
- Is school the best place to learn? - The greatest invention in the world is... - Is laughter the best medicine? - Student's choice	- Can you be too connected? - Is resilience important? - Everyone should get paid the same amount. - Student Choice

book an adventure..

BOOK PARADE

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20TH, 12PM-1PM
(GATES OPEN FROM 11AM FOR A PICNIC LUNCH)

BOOK FAIR OPEN 8:30-9:00AM, 11:00-12:00PM, 1:00PM-2:00PM & 3:00-3:30PM

CHECK IN ASSESSMENTS

Students in Years 3–5 will be participating in Check-in assessments for reading and numeracy, while Year 6 students will complete assessments in reading, numeracy, and writing. These assessments are designed to give teachers a clear picture of each student's progress and help guide classroom teaching. They will take place from Week 6 this term and will be completed online during class time.

GALA DAY

Gala Day is happening this Friday, with students participating in a range of sports across different locations. Soccer will be held at Ambarvale Sports Complex, Netball at Coronation Park in Minto, and Touch Football at Oswald Reserve in Rosemeadow. All students are required to wear their full sports uniform and bring plenty of food and drinks to last the day. A canteen will be available at both the Soccer and Netball venues for those who wish to purchase additional snacks or drinks. Students need to be at school no later than 8:40am so that jerseys can be handed out.

100 HUNDRED DAYS OF KINDY

In Week 2, our Kindergarten classes had a fantastic time celebrating 100 days of school! The students participated in fun '100' themed activities. They practiced counting to 100 by grouping objects in tens, imagined what they would buy if they had \$100, and created artwork imagining what they might look like at 100 years old. This special day was a wonderful way to celebrate their growth and learning. A big thank you to our amazing teachers and families for making this day so special!



NAIDOC WEEK

Last week, our school community came together to celebrate NAIDOC Week, a time dedicated to honouring the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our K-2 students had a wonderful time making lemon myrtle playdough, while the 3-6 students baked delicious wattle seed cookies, both activities highlighting the significance of bush tucker. Each class participated in engaging cultural lessons with Peter Jensen, exploring the beauty of dancing, storytelling, art, and music. Throughout the week, students immersed themselves in Aboriginal literature, enhancing their understanding of Indigenous perspectives. The highlight of our celebration was a vibrant NAIDOC assembly, where our talented 3-6 Aboriginal students sang a heartfelt song, and our K-2 students performed the lively Tabla Naba. Additionally, the Community of Schools Aboriginal dance group captivated the audience with performances representing the turtle, magpie, echidna, and pipi. It was truly an amazing week of learning and connection, as our students deepened their appreciation for Aboriginal culture and heritage.



STAGE 2 CAMP



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**18-19
SEPTEMBER
2025**

**The Tops
Starwell Tops**

**Cost: \$200
Due: 08/09/25**

A friendly reminder that our Stage 2 camp will be coming up in Week 9 this term! All the teachers are very excited, and hope that we will see as many students as possible attending this wonderful experience.

When making payments for camp, families are more than welcome to pay in instalments throughout the term.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to make a lump sum payment but are not yet ready, it would be extremely helpful for planning and organisation if you could complete just the permission note indicating attending/not attending for your child. This will allow us to start making cabin and grouping arrangements nice and early!

Activities will include:
 Archery
 Giant swing
 Vertical cluster challenge
 Climbing tower
 Survivor

If you have any questions at all, please do call the office or ask your child's teacher.

Thank you in advance!
 Stage 2 Teachers



*Illustrative only. All students will sleep in lovely comfortable cabins!

WHOLE SCHOOL LIBRARY AND SPORT TIMETABLE

LIBRARY/SPORT TIMETABLE TERM 3	
KINDY	Library Day - Thursday Class Sport - Thursday Stage Sport - Monday
STAGE 1 YEAR 1 & 2	Library Day + Class Sport = Thursday - 2D & I/2T Friday - IE, IF, IM & 2J Stage Sport - Tuesday
STAGE 2 YEAR 3 & 4	Library Day - Tuesday Class Sport - Tuesday Stage Sport - Friday
STAGE 3 YEAR 5 & 6	Library Day - Monday Class Sport - Monday Stage Sport - Friday
SUPPORT UNIT	Library Day - Wednesday Class Sport - Wednesday Stage Sport - Monday

STAGE 3 CAMP

PLEASE NOTE: Camp is limited to 76 students. If you would like your child to attend camp, it is strongly advised that you give consent and make a deposit ASAP to secure your spot. Please go to school bytes, payments tab to make a payment.



INCLUSIVE TEN PIN BOWLING



Selected students from Ambarvale Public School participated in a state-wide Ten Pin Bowling Competition at Campbelltown City Bowl on Monday 11th August. We competed against other

primary schools in the Campbelltown area. Our players tried their best, even scoring a few spares and strikes! We look forward to hearing if our team made it to the final. Well done everyone who attended. It was a great day!



KINDERGARTEN 2026

ENROLMENTS DUE NOW

PLEASE APPLY ONLINE USING THE
SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

ambarvale-p.school@nsw.gov.au

AFL NAIDOC CUP

Last week, our talented AFL 3-6 team had an exciting day at the AFL NAIDOC Cup, Gala Day in Bankstown. The students showcased their skills and sportsmanship while competing in mini rounds against various schools. We are proud to announce that they finished an impressive 3rd overall! Mr. Jesson commended the team not only for their athletic abilities but also for their outstanding team spirit and sense of community. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to connect with others and celebrate our cultural diversity through sport. Well done, team!



GIVE BLOOD

Got a bit of time next month? Do you have time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Campbelltown will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town on 1 to 5 September. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at Lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.

We're coming to town

Give life. Give blood in Campbelltown.
1 to 5 September

We're rolling in to:
Campbelltown – Council Car Park
Cnr Broughton St and Howe St
Campbelltown NSW 2560
Open daily

Book your donation now

13 14 95
give blood

MOBILEYES OPTOMETRY AND DENTAL

It's that time of the year again where we have a mobile dentist and optometrist come to the school. If you would like your child/ren to see either the dentist, optometrist or both please scan the QR code below and follow the directions to book. The visit will be in September (Week 8).

MobilEyesDental comes to you!

Smile and world smiles with you.

MobilEyes school dental program provides high quality professional dental services with a caring team of dentists, oral hygienist and support staff.

Under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CCDBS), funded by the Australian Federal Government, our services are at no cost to eligible students. We can provide dental services to eligible children who are covered under the Medicare scheme.

If your child is not covered under the scheme, our dental team can provide an oral examination, clean, scale and fluoride at a reduced price of \$99, the Medicare value of which is approximately \$185.

We provide with written consent

- Comprehensive dental services
- Dental health education
- Comprehensive oral examinations
- Clean, scale and fluoride application
- Fissure seals, fillings, extractions, X-rays

What is the Child Dental Benefits Scheme?

This Scheme provides access to benefits for basic dental services to children aged 2-17 years. The Scheme is means tested for which the child's household must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A or a relevant Australian Government payment.

To learn more about the COBS, head to the Medicare website at:
www.humanservices.gov.au/healthprofessionals/services/child-dental-benefitschedule/



Please scan the QR code to access the consent form or go to www.mobileyes.com.au/consentform
For further information please call 0468 610 123 or email info@mobileyes.com.au



Ambarvale PS Crazy Hair Day

Friday 29th August

Gold Coin Donation

Students can style their hair, wear a beanie or hair accessories.
All money raised will go towards beautifying our Harmony Garden.



THE BIG BATTLE

A SPORTS CAMP LIKE NO OTHER

It's time to experience Australia's no.1 multi sports camp these holidays and give your child 2 amazing days of sports entertainment. Our sports camps are designed for Primary school children and run between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm daily. For children who have never experienced Motiv8sports before it is important to know that this is not your boring drills and skills vacation care type of experience. At Motiv8sports we have created over 100 different hybrid sports and challenges. Each and every holidays we create a different themed event aimed at creating a sports dreamland for kids to feel motivated in. Expect big bright equipment, a D.J pumping the beats, energetic sporty staff and a sports experience designed to make kids feel like superstars.

During the upcoming holidays the theme of our camp is BIG BATTLE 2025. Campers will be taken on a journey where they will feel like they have entered a tv game show. Campers will represent one of 2 amazing tribes called the Bravehearts and the Goliaths. These tribes will battle against each other at 16 incredible sports challenges over the course of 2 amazing days. Super Soccer, Vortex Gridiron, Sector-8, Flagball, Big Dog Cricket, Ultimate League, Ruckus, Street hockey, Ballers, The Grid, Toxic Waste & Courage Under Fire are some of the exciting sports we have on our program. We encourage all parents to scan the QR code below and discover how much time and effort we dedicate to staff training, child protection, first aid, safety and the overall event experience.

Motiv8sports creates an environment where children are not only playing sport but learning about teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. We have zero tolerance to bullying at our events and we place a huge focus on rewarding outstanding effort and behaviour.

We would love the opportunity to motiv8 your child at our multi-sports camp these holidays and invite you to visit our facebook page or website for more information.

FOOTBALL FANATICS

1 Day Camp: Mon 29 Sep

THE BIG BATTLE

Camp 1: Wed 1 Oct - Thu 2 Oct

Camp 2: Tue 7 Oct - Wed 8 Oct

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for 2025

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Dance
Drama
Cheer

St Helens Park

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Jeanette Briggs Dance Academy

ACTIVE
KIDS

ILLAWARRA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB OPEN DAY



Sunday 14 September 2025
10am-1pm

- ✓ Join a club
- ✓ Find out about becoming a patrolling member
- ✓ Learn about our nippers programs for kids
- ✓ Find out about our surf sports competitions and programs



Illawarra Surf Life Saving Clubs

Scan the QR code to find your local
Illawarra club



More Information

slsillawarra.com.au