



# THE GRAPEVINE

24 September, 2025 – Term 3, Week 10

P&C Meetings are held Tuesday Weeks 3 & 8 each term at 7pm in the Library

## What's On

**2025**

**Term 3**

**Week 10**

**Thursday 25 September**

1pm Bronze Token Party for selected students

**Friday 26 September**

Term 3 Attendance Reward Ice Blocks  
2.15pm Years 3-6 Assembly hosted by 3C.  
Principal Awards and Kindness Awards presented. Parents and carers invited.  
Last day of Term 3

**Term 4**

**Week 1**

**Monday 13 October**

School Development Day

**Tuesday 14 October**

Students return for Term 4

**Friday 17 October**

Grandfriend's Day and Book Fair

**Week 2**

**Monday 20 October**

No K-2 assembly. K-6 combined assembly on Friday

**Wednesday 22 October**

K-2 Athletics Fun Day—rescheduled  
NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival for selected students

**Thursday 23 October**

NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival for selected students

**Friday 24 October**

2.15pm K-6 and Higher Level Awards assembly—parents and carers invited.

**Week 3**

**Monday 27 October**

ES1 Burnam Burnam Excursion

**Tuesday 28 October**

7pm P&C Meeting in the library

**Wednesday 29 October**

Combined Schools Concert—Concert 3 for all dance groups

**Week 4**

**Monday 3 November**

2.15pm K-2 Assembly. Parents and carers invited.

**Thursday 6 November**

10.30am Preschool Visits

**Friday 7 November**

2.15pm Years 3-6 Assembly. Parents and carers invited.

## Principal's Message

### School Planning Feedback

Thank you to the parents that took a few minutes to provide us with valuable feedback. We are using the data to help create our next school plan to ensure we include student, staff and community input. Here is a summary of what you told us:

#### 1. Student Transitions & Orientation

Parents expressed strong interest in smoother transitions, particularly for children entering Kindergarten and moving into high school. Suggestions included more opportunities for orientation days, stronger communication with parents about what to expect and additional support for students who may find transitions challenging. Families value programs that help students settle quickly, build confidence and feel a sense of belonging in their new environment.

#### 2. Attendance & Engagement

Feedback highlighted the importance of maintaining high attendance and student engagement. Parents recognised the school's efforts in promoting regular attendance but identified a need for stronger follow-up and personalised approaches for students at risk. Some parents suggested that engaging learning experiences, recognition of achievements and positive reinforcement strategies would encourage consistent attendance and participation.

#### 3. Student Wellbeing & Behaviour

Wellbeing was consistently mentioned as central to student learning. Parents valued the supportive relationships fostered between staff and students but felt there was room to strengthen wellbeing initiatives. Suggestions included clear, consistent behaviour management practices across the school, more proactive strategies to build resilience and emotional regulation and programs that nurture respectful relationships and inclusivity among peers.

#### 4. Inclusion & Support for Diverse Learners

Families emphasised the importance of ensuring all students, including those with additional learning needs, feel supported and included. Parents would like to see ongoing professional learning for staff to better address the needs of diverse learners, with a focus on early identification, targeted intervention and effective adjustments in the classroom. Clear communication with parents about support strategies was also noted as an area to focus on.

#### 5. Communication & Reporting

Communication between school and home was a key area of feedback. Parents appreciated regular updates but expressed a desire for more detailed information about student progress, particularly in the form of constructive feedback that identifies strengths and next steps. They also noted the need for consistency across classes in how information is shared, suggesting digital tools and streamlined processes could help ensure families feel well-informed.

#### 6. Parent Involvement & Community Connection

Parents value the strong sense of community at Bangor Public School and would like further opportunities to be involved in school life. Suggestions included more classroom open days, workshops to help parents support learning at home and events that showcase student achievements. Parents expressed that stronger connections between school and families not only benefit students academically but also foster a more inclusive and supportive environment.

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## 7. Facilities, Resources & Extracurricular Opportunities

Several parents identified the importance of maintaining and improving school facilities, particularly spaces that support active play, creative learning and technology use. Access to high-quality resources was seen as key to engaging students across a range of interests. Families also expressed strong appreciation for extracurricular activities and encouraged continued investment in opportunities such as sport, performing arts, and STEM-based clubs to extend student learning beyond the classroom.

### Junior and Senior Choir

Just a reminder that Junior and Senior Choir has been postponed this Thursday morning.

### School Bytes

A reminder to all families that **School Bytes** will continue to be our main platform for sharing announcements, alerts and updates about school programs and events. To ensure you don't miss any important information, please check the notification settings on your phone and enable alerts from the School Bytes app. Staying connected through this platform helps us keep communication clear and timely for our whole school community.

### End of Term

As Term 3 comes to a close, we would like to thank the Bangor community for your ongoing support and involvement in our school. From volunteering at events to encouraging students in their learning, your contribution makes a real difference to the life of our school. We wish all families a happy and safe holiday break and look forward to welcoming students back, refreshed and ready for Term 4 on **Tuesday 14 October**.

### Year 6 Fun Day

Our Year 6 Fun Day was a huge success, filled with great activities and plenty of delicious food for students across the school. The day was not only a wonderful way for Year 6 to showcase their leadership but also a fantastic fundraising effort. A big thank you goes to our amazing parents, whose support, time and generosity helped make the event possible. Your involvement ensured the day ran smoothly and created an enjoyable experience for everyone.

**Craig Snudden**  
Principal



K-2 Gold and Silver Awards  
Week 10



Principal Award  
Samuel

Kindness Award Recipients  
Congratulations  
Koby, Koah, Jaxon, Adelaide,  
Harper, Leonardi, Nash





# WRITE ON 2025

On Monday 22 September it was my pleasure to attend the 2025 'WriteOn' awards at the State Library! This competition inspires primary school students to write by responding to a stimulus quote. This year the quote was 'Could they be changing?' and from 658 entries across the state, Peyton Beyer from 2DB was awarded a bronze award with her writing piece 'The Stars Are Changing'. If you would like to read her award winning piece along with the other award recipients please click on this link <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2025-09/the-best-of-writeon-2025.pdf> on page 83-84. We couldn't be prouder of her achievement. **Congratulations** on your success **Peyton!**

**Brooke Smith**  
**2DB Teacher**



## WORONORA NETWORK PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

The Woronora Network Public Speaking Final was hosted at Marton Public School Tuesday 23 September 2025. Ariela (Stage 3), Bodhi (Stage 2), Adelaide (Stage 1) and Lachlan (Early Stage One) were our Bangor Public School stage finalists who diligently represented our school.

They all presented an engaging prepared speech and a fantastic impromptu speech. The impromptu topics this year were:

Stage 3—What is a hero?

Stage 2—Leadership

Stage 1—Dreams

Early Stage 1 – A feather

All of our finalists presented with confidence and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all for making it to such a high level in the competition. You all did Bangor PS very proud! An extra special congratulations to Bodhi who won the Stage 2 competition. He will now go on to the next round and compete against more schools in the Sydney area. **Congratulations Bodhi**, you were amazing!

**Bethany Fisher**  
**Public Speaking Coordinator**



# TERM 3 HPGE

This Term I have had the pleasure of working with a group of 21 students from Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. These students were selected to participate in the HPGE Term 3 program as they were identified by staff as demonstrating high potential in the domains of either academics or having high social and emotional skills.

We have met once a week for an afternoon session. These students had been identified by teaching staff as showing high potential in the areas of academics and social and emotional. Younger students have been mentored by older students in becoming an expert in an area of high interest to them. All students have thrived and have been able to demonstrate their high potential through the respectful and supportive relationships with their buddy and the wider group.

Topics were wide ranging including Bearded Dragons, visual arts/illustrator, benefits of running, The History of the Guinness World Records, understanding maths symbols, exploring negative numbers, Minecraft, golf and computers. Presentation types varied with posters, videos, demonstrations and imaginative novels being written and illustrated.

Students were joined by proud family members last Thursday for a presentation and afternoon tea in the hall. Students enjoyed celebrating and showcasing what they have been working on with their buddy during the term.

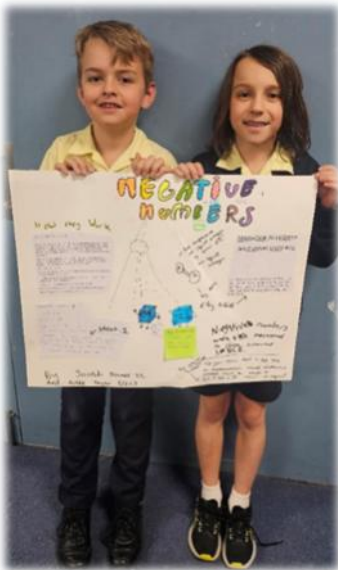
It has been a very rewarding experience for all students involved and a very uplifting teaching experience to be able to lead such a worthy program.

**Elle Jordan**  
**HPGE Group Teacher**





# HPGE ACTIVITIES



# GRANDFRIENDS DAY 2025

We are very excited to welcome grandfriends back to Bangor Public School for Grandfriends Day. We will be celebrating on **Friday 17 October (Term 4 Week 1)** from 1:05pm.

We would love to see all the grandparents and grandfriends here on the day. A grandfriend can be a person who fulfils the role of a grandparent such as a special aunty, uncle or family friend. The session will include:

## **1:05pm - 1:35pm Open Classrooms**

During this timeslot grandfriends will get to join in fun classroom experiences with their grandchildren/students. The activities will vary according to the students' grades. There will be work that students are excited to share with you hanging around their classroom and in wet areas.

## **1:05pm - 2:45pm Book Fair Sales**

This will be set up in the hall. Grandfriends are welcome to bring their student/s to the hall between 1:05pm and 2:10pm and purchase from the wide array of books and items on offer. At 2:10pm all students will return to class. Grandfriends are welcome to shop at the Book Fair until 2:45pm.

Students are only permitted to enter the hall with **their** grandfriend.

## **1:40pm - 2:10pm Picnic/playground time with students**

Grandfriends can find a cosy spot somewhere on our playground, lay out a picnic blanket and have afternoon tea with students. Complimentary coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided for our grandfriends (not students) at the canteen. Enjoy exploring the playground or simply sitting with your special young people.

**Rebecca Adderley**  
**Deputy Principal**



# BOOK FAIR



We will be holding our annual Book Fair again this year **during Grandfriends Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025, (Term 4 Week 1)**. It will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and grandparents to purchase some great books for your children and start some early Christmas shopping!

This year we are having a local small business come to our school, as we did last year. **The Best Little Bookshop in Town** is located in Cronulla and is a fully Australian owned company with a vast selection of high-quality literature, including lots of Australian authors and small Australian publishers. Book Fairs promote literacy and foster the joy of reading in children.

**The Fair will only be open during Grandfriends Day. It will be held in the school hall and open for visitors from 1.05pm until 2.45pm.** This will be the only opportunity for purchasing from the Book Fair. Anyone who cannot attend during this time can purchase online. Students are not permitted to enter the hall without their Grandfriend.

**The Best Little Bookshop in Town** creates a webpage for us, including all the books they are planning to bring to the Fair. We will be given a discount code so parents and families can pre-purchase any titles prior to the Fair and it will be left for one week after the Fair for those who were unable to attend.

The Fair offers families a 10% discount off the RRP on all books. They also give the school 10% of the sales to our school.

**CASH AND CREDIT CARD ARE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR.**

As the Book Fair is occurring in the first week of Term 4, our website and discount code will go live on the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, (Term 3 Week 10). It will remain open until midnight on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, (Term 4 Week 2).

**As always, donations to the library will be gratefully accepted. Student names will be acknowledged in the front of each donated book.**

Our school benefits from purchases, and this money helps us to keep our library well-resourced and up to date. Please be assured that there is no obligation for people to visit the Book Fair or make purchases.

**It's always wonderful to see so many Bangor students get excited about books.**

**Debbie Smok**  
**Teacher-Librarian**





# ASSEMBLY FOR SPORTING AND CULTURAL RECOGNITION

Each term this year we will be holding assemblies for the timely presentation of Higher Level Sporting and Cultural Awards to our Bangor students.

On **Friday 24 October 2025 (Term 4 Week 2)** at 2.15pm we will hold a K-6 assembly in order to recognise high achievement in Term 3 in the nominated areas below. This assembly will recognise students for their involvement in sporting and cultural teams and events at a Zone, Regional and State level.

We invite parents and family members along to this assembly to celebrate the achievement of the following students who will be recognised.

Sport and Cultural			
Regional Level Bronze	Regional Level Bronze	Regional Level Bronze	State Level Silver
<b>Carnivals</b> <b><u>Athletics</u></b> Ashton 5AM Alex 4V Ollie 5AM Alex 4F Oscar 5S Channing 6P Patrick 5V Joshua 6G Jesse 5AM Koah 2DB George 5V Thomas 4S Olivia 6G Kirby 6W Mikayla 6P Ivy 6G Eden 6P Jasmine 6G Lily 3C	<b>Cultural</b> <b><u>Elite Dance</u></b> Katie 5AM Emma 5S Ella 4V Milla 5AM Charlotte 4V Haddie 5AM Ava C 3SR Zylah 5V Soraya 5V Charlotte 6P Leah 6P Waverley 5V Amelie 4S Jada 6W Ava K 3SR Elise 6W	<b>Cultural</b> <b><u>Elite Dance</u></b> Dava 5V Eden 6P Elliana 5AM Skye 4F Alina 6G Lily 3C Avi 6W Sierra 6P Aurora 4F Bethany 5AM Ella 6W Abbie 5S Lyla 5AM Ellie 5AM Eva 5V  <b><u>Public Speaking</u></b> Ariela 6G Adelaide 2DB Lachlan KV Bodhi 3C	<b><u>Boys Football (Soccer)</u></b> Joshua 6G  <b><u>Boys Netball</u></b> Ashton 5AM  <b><u>Athletics</u></b> Alex 4V Alex 4F Patrick 5V Thomas 4S  <b>National Level Gold</b>  <b><u>Boys Touch Football</u></b> Ashton 5AM

## PSSA SPORT RESULTS

**Term 3 Week 10 2025**

All teams playing Marton Public at Akuna Oval

TEAM	LAST WEEK	SCORE	TOMORROW
Junior Boys T-ball	Yarrawarra	Won 25-24	9.30am—10.50am
Junior Girls T-ball	Yarrawarra	Won 24-19	9.30am—10.50am
Senior Boys 1 Touch	Yarrawarra	Won 15-1	9.30am and 10.10am
Senior Boys 2 Touch	Yarrawarra	Won 4-2	9.50am and 10.30am
Senior Girls 1 Touch	Yarrawarra	Won 12-0	9.30am and 10.10am
Senior Girls 2 Touch	Yarrawarra	Won 7-4	9.50am and 10.30am



# ONLINE CONSENT AND PAYMENTS DUE FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Parents and carers are reminded the following activities require online consent and payment for students to attend. Email and SMS reminders are sent prior to the due date for outstanding replies. Due to confirming numbers with event organisers and bus transport NO late consent and payments will be accepted.

Student Group	Event	Event Date	Online Consent and Payment Due date
K-6	Bring Your Own Device Student Agreement		
K-2	K-2 Sports Fun Day	22 October 2025	<b>22 October 2025</b>

## SNACK SHACK

Thank you for volunteering to work in the canteen. Please come at 9.30am. If you are unable to work on your day, please try to organise a swap or text Natalie on 0416 098 116.

The canteen roster for **2025 Term 4 Week 1** is as follows:

### **2nd Monday of the month**

School Development Day

### **2nd Tuesday of the month**

Paula Stritar

### **3rd Wednesday of the month**

Paula Pilz

### **3rd Thursday of the month**

Alison Craft, Hayley Kittos

### **3rd Friday of the month**

Laura Bray, Laura Ling, Michelle Richards, Paula Stritar

**Natalie Krepp**

**Canteen Supervisor**



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- Receive expert singing tuition in a fun group setting
- Perform at professional concerts & record an album
- Senior singers can do solos and receive further opportunities

Recent highlights include events at the State Theatre, Sydney Town Hall, Woolies ad filming & Tip Top Bread vocal recording

## YEAR 6 COMMEMORATIVE SIGNATURE BEAR AND FOOTBALL ORDERS CLOSING

A reminder to all Year 6 parents that orders for the Year 6 Commemorative Signature Bears and Footballs are due no later than **Friday this week** (26 September).




Signature Bears are \$38 cash and Signature Footballs are \$30 cash.





## Anzac Road BASC Vacation Care September/October 2025

Childcare Subsidy available  
\$52 Daily fee + Incursion or Excursion Costs  
We service surrounding schools!  
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Email: [educators@anzacroadbasc.com.au](mailto:educators@anzacroadbasc.com.au)

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept – 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>HOLY FAMILY PUPIL FREE DAY – DESIGN IT YOURSELF DAY</b> At the Centre we will be having our 'Design It Yourself Day'! Today we will display our creativity through designing our own crafts, jewellery, clay and much more! We will also special DIY projects for you to complete! <b>Cost: \$3.00</b> <b>Bring:</b> Morning & afternoon tea, lunch, hot, drink bottle, wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, and a raincoat.
2. 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>SHELLEY'S ART INCURSION</b> We are delighted to welcome back artist Shelley from Creative Explore to host an interactive and creative art session! The theme of today's artwork will be based on 'pioneering and clay modeling'. Children will make a colourful and unique 'donut portrait' with the addition of clay added to their design! We can't wait to see all the magical creations that our little artists produce! <b>Cost: \$11.00</b>  <b>Bring:</b> Morning & afternoon tea, lunch, hot, drink bottle, wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, and a raincoat.	<b>UNDERWORLD LASER TAG + PARC MENAI EXCURSION</b> Let's take a week over to local business Underworld Laser Tag for an exciting excursion today! Join us for some thrilling games of laser tag! We will work in teams and score points to see who will win the game. Everybody gets a turn to play with their teammates. Before returning to the centre, we will stop at Parc Menai for a play on an active day full of play! <b>Cost: \$22.00</b>  <b>Bring:</b> Morning and afternoon tea, lunch, hot, drink bottle, wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, and a raincoat.	<b>MINI-OLYMPICS DAY</b> Today we will host our very own Mini-Olympics – a day full of physical activity, sportsmanship and encouragement. Children will represent different countries and take on exciting challenges. We'll have a Frisbee-toss table tournament, running races, soccer penalty shootouts, stepping competitions and much more!  <b>Bring:</b> Morning & afternoon tea, lunch, hot, drink bottle, wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, and a raincoat.	<b>ALPHA WARRIOR EXCURSION</b> It's Ninja Warrior time! An active day awaits as we visit Alpha Warrior Canoe Park. We will use all our strength to tackle the many different obstacle courses in this action-packed venue! There is something for all age levels, and we will be guided by instructors to safely use the equipment. Please wear comfortable clothing suitable for physical activity and let's enjoy this unique experience! <b>Cost: \$45.00</b>  <b>Bring:</b> Morning & afternoon tea, lunch, hot, drink bottle, wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, and a raincoat.	<b>SOMETHING BEGINNING WITH S</b> Sit on your silly socks, your silly hat or your superhero outfit and join us for a day of spectacular S-themed fun! We will have so many sporting and games activities starting with the letter S, as well as a slippery slime-station, lots of creative art activities and a snack making experience! It will be a super sensational day!  <b>Bring:</b> Morning & afternoon tea, lunch, hot, drink bottle, wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, and a raincoat.
3. 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>CENTRE CLOSED – LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>BURNINGS PADSTOW + PARC MENAI EXCURSION</b> Who doesn't love a visit to Burnings? Today we will have the chance to tour the store and participate in a variety of craft activities hosted by the friendly Burnings Staff. We will learn how to pot our very own plant that we can take home! After lunch we will venture to Parc Menai for a bit of fun to finish the day. <b>Cost: \$24.00</b>  <b>Bring:</b> Morning & afternoon tea, lunch, hot, drink bottle, wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, and a raincoat.	<b>RANGER JAMIE SCIENCE INCURSION</b> Today we welcome the Ranger Jamie team to our centre for an interactive & educational incursion! We will explore the world of science through a range of captivating activities including rocket launching, slime making, lava lamp crafting and Biliocart racing! It will be a bit messy! <b>Cost: \$25.00</b>  <b>Bring:</b> Morning & afternoon tea, lunch, hot, drink bottle, wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, and a raincoat.	<b>HOUSE OF WOW PRESTONS EXCURSION</b> All the fun is under one roof today! The House of Wow offers an array of activities in the one venue. We will enjoy a game of ten-pin bowling or hypershine and cheer on our friends in teams! We will also explore the multi-storey climbing structure and unrel play equipment at Monkey Mania! It's sure to be an entertaining day for everyone! <b>Cost: \$45.00</b>  <b>Bring:</b> Morning & afternoon tea, lunch, hot, drink bottle, wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, and a raincoat.	<b>PYJAMA, PIZZA &amp; MOVIE DAY</b> What better way to spend the last day of the school holidays, relaxing in our pyjamas, eating pizza for lunch with our friends and watching our favourite movies, complete with the perfect movie snack, popcorn! Join us for our end-of-holiday 'tradition' lunch will be provided!  <b>Bring:</b> Morning & afternoon tea, drink bottle, hot, wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, and a raincoat.

Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and drinks for your child must be provided everyday unless otherwise stated on the form. On some days, we will provide lunch for your child, this will be noted in the program. Please note we ask children to have a raincoat packed in their bag, particularly on excursion days.

Bikes and Scooters are optional on Centre days only. Don't forget to bring your helmet!

All children must also wear enclosed shoes. No thongs or sandals are permitted. Please provide suitable clothing (no singlets or strappy clothing to be worn) and provide wet weather gear for your child/ren each day.

All children will be provided with sunscreen and must bring a hat and drink bottle every day. If you have advised the Centre that your children are to use their own sunscreen this must be provided in their bag each booked session.