



BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

CALENDAR

Integrity & Excellence

Term 2 - Week 4

Wednesday 20 August

SRC pyjama day

Thursday 21 August

ICAS - Science and Spelling

Friday 22 August

PSSA Netball Round 3

Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 August

Healthy Harrold Visit

Friday 29 August

RYSTEM

Thursday 4 September

Fathers Day Breakfast

Tuesday 9 September

GHS - Year 6 BBQ

Wednesday 10 September

Musica Viva

Monday 15 September

Amazing Me Puberty Session - Year 6

Wednesday 24 September

NSW PSSA Netball Finals - Sydney

Friday 26 September

End of Term Assembly

Public Education Week 4-8 August

We looked back on a week filled with learning, laughter, and connections. Your participation in Public Education Week, Grandparents Day, and the Book Fair not only enriched your child's experience but also strengthened our school community. Together, we celebrated the importance of public education, family, and reading!

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you at future events!

On Grandparents Day, we invited all grandparents and significant family members to join us for a heartfelt celebration of family and learning. Grandparents played an essential role in the lives of our students, serving as mentors, storytellers, and sources of support. Our Grandparents Day featured a variety of activities allowing students to showcase their work and share their learning experiences with their beloved grandparents.

The day was not only about celebrating our students' achievements but also about honouring the wisdom and love that grandparents bring into their lives. We enjoyed seeing many smiling faces as we celebrated these cherished relationships.

We also hosted our Annual Book Fair, which presented a wonderful opportunity for students and families to explore a wide range of books, from the latest bestsellers to timeless classics.

The Book Fair not only promoted literacy and encouraged a passion for reading but also helped raise funds to support our school library.

Thank you to our lovely P&C for catering morning tea.

FUN FOOD HELPERS

Tuesday 18 August

Michalie and Hannah

Tuesday 26 August

Beck and Hannah

Tuesday 2 September

Bridie and Hannah

Public Education Week 2025

4-8 August

Ignite your potential



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The Benefits of Home Reading

Engaging in regular reading at home is not just an enjoyable activity; it is a powerful tool for academic success. Studies reveal that children who are read to regularly are more likely to develop strong literacy skills and perform better in school. According to a report by the Australian Council for Educational Research, children who engage in daily reading activities show improved vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills.

Home reading not only strengthens literacy skills but also enhances cognitive development and imagination. When children are exposed to a variety of texts, they learn to think critically, make connections, and explore new ideas. Reading diverse genres, from fairy tales to informational texts, broadens their understanding of the world and nurtures curiosity.

Additionally, reading together creates a bonding experience between parents and children. It fosters communication, encourages discussion about stories, and helps develop a child's ability to express themselves. The warmth of shared reading time can be a comforting routine that children look forward to, making it a delightful part of their day.

Practical Tips for Encouraging Home Reading

To help cultivate a love for reading at home, consider these practical tips:

- 1. Set a Routine:** Dedicate a specific time each day for reading together. This could be before bedtime or during a quiet afternoon.
- 2. Create a Reading Space:** Set up a cosy reading nook filled with a variety of books that are easily accessible for your child.
- 3. Explore Different Genres:** Encourage your child to explore different types of literature, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and comics.
- 4. Visit the Library:** Make regular trips to the local library. Allow your child to choose books that interest them, fostering independence and enthusiasm for reading.
- 5. Be a Role Model:** Let your children see you reading. Share what you are reading and discuss it with them, showing that reading is a valued activity.

Home reading is a vital component of early literacy development. By prioritising reading in our homes, we are not only supporting our children's academic journey but also enriching their lives in countless ways. Let's work together to make reading a cherished and enjoyable part of our daily routines.

Happy reading!



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Check-in Assessment for Year 3-6

During Term 3, students will participate in the Check-in assessment. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3-6 students during **Week 7**.

All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment. Year 6 students will also complete a writing assessment.

Morning Reading Club

Starting in Week 5, students in Kindergarten and Year 1 will be able to access our morning reading club. Students will be able to read their home readers and practise their sounds and tricky words with students in the older years.

Older students who would like a quiet space to read are also invited to attend the club.

The club will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am - 8:50am.



Premier's Reading Challenge



Hopefully, all those students entered into the challenge are still reading and registering their books on the online portal. You still have until Friday 19 September 2025 to finish the challenge. If you need any help don't forget to see Mrs Sansom.

Save the Date - School Excursions

We are planning a Years 3-6 sleep over at school in Term 4. Part of this excursion will include visits to the Copland Gold Mine, a local dairy and some arts and crafts with a local artist. The dates for this have been tentatively set for 20-21 November 2025.

Our K-2 students will be going to the Billabong Zoo near Port Macquarie. This excursion has been tentatively planned for Friday 21 November. More information will come once bookings have been made.



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SRC Stuart House Fundraiser

On **Wednesday 20th August** SRC will be hosting a pyjama day fundraiser. All students are asked to wear their warm winter pyjamas, dressing gowns etc. Please wear school shoes or joggers. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to Stuart House.



Spelling Bee Finals

Congratulations to Zoe and Baxter for competing in the Regional Spelling Bee finals. They both did an amazing job tackling some very interesting words (including arboreal). Unfortunately, neither will be progressing to the next round.



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Grandparents Day/Book Fair



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Zone Athletics

On Friday 8 August 11 students from BPS competed in the Zone Athletics Carnival. As always they conducted themselves in a positive manner and displayed great sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Mia who is now off to Regional Athletics for shot put, long jump, 100m and 200m.



PSSA Netball Knockout Round 2

On Wednesday the 6th of August Barrington Public School's PSSA netball team hosted Mount George in Round 2 of the Knockout Rounds. The girls played exceptionally well and showed great sportsmanship and respect for their opponents. We came away with a win beating Mount George 34 - 2. Well done to all the girls who played and thank you to our lovely parents, carers and loved ones who came down to cheer us on!

The next Knockout Round will be played on Friday 22 August against Mount Pleasant at Raymond Terrace Netball Courts.



CLASSROOM CAPERS



Kindergarten

In kindergarten, we have been learning how to make groups from a collection! This important early math skill helps children understand sorting, counting, and the basics of multiplication. Using everyday objects like blocks, buttons, and counters, students practice grouping items. These hands-on activities build number sense, pattern recognition, and problem-solving skills in a fun and engaging way!



1/2/3

This term, students in 1/2/3 are reading *Koala Ark* by Stephen Michael King, a story inspired by the bushfires that occurred in Port Macquarie. As part of our art lessons, students chose a landscape to draw — either before or after the fires — based on the images from the book. They then used watercolours and freehand drawing to create their amazing artworks.



4/5/6

Throughout the beginning of this term, 4/5/6 have been learning about place value and decimals during maths sessions. To consolidate this, students have been playing a number of place value maths games. These games have been designed to increase student's understanding of the concept and the importance of place value and decimals in everyday life.



CLASSROOM AWARDS TERM 3 WEEK 3

Kindergarten

All Kindergarten - Congratulations on 100 days of learning



Kindness Award -

Lucille



1/2/3

Oliver - excellent participation in close reading

Isa-Meri - excellent fluency when reading text aloud

Pearl - an excellent and positive work ethic across all learning areas



4/5/6

Charnae - always trying her best and showing a positive attitude towards learning

Isla - showing an improved understanding of place value with decimals and solving math's problems with confidence

Archer - skillfully using narrative language features within his 'Free Writes'.



Level 2 - Silver Commendation

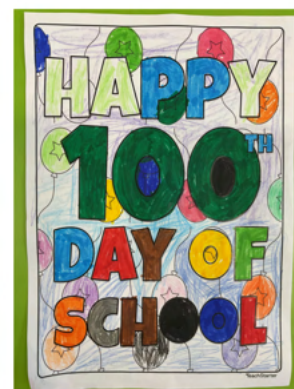
Max, Katie, Chandra, Lucille, Eloise, Electra and Addie



Celebrating One Hundred Days of Learning!

What an incredible milestone—one hundred days! Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students for kicking off a journey that will inspire a lifelong love of learning. On Friday 8 August, Mrs. Beard and the entire teaching staff expressed immense pride in the accomplishments of the students during these 100 days. The students should also take pride in everything they have achieved thus far this year.

Well done, Kindergarten, on a remarkable 100 days of school!*







Stewart House Fundraiser - Pyjama Day

WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST

Gold coin donation

Every year, over 1,600 public school children attend STEWART HOUSE, a safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During the 12 day stay, they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self esteem and improve their overall wellbeing.



HEALTHY HARROLD

We are so excited for our Healthy Harold Visit on the Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 August 2025. Parents/carers can purchase Healthy Harold merchandise for their children through the online store. Simply select 'Parent/carer ordering for child', choose your desired items, add them to your cart, and complete the checkout process. **Online orders close one day before your school visit starts.** All items will be delivered by the Life Ed educator during your school's Healthy Harold visit.

Visit the Healthy Harold Online Store: <https://bit.ly/haroldshop>



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Healthy Harold products

Bring Healthy Harold home with you



				
Healthy Harold Plush Toy Small 20cm Large 35cm \$8 \$15	Healthy Harold Lunch Bag \$14	Healthy Harold Drink Bottle \$10	Healthy Harold Backpack \$20	Healthy Harold Value Pack \$39.95

				
Healthy Harold High Bounce Ball \$3	Healthy Harold Temporary Tattoo 50c	Healthy Harold Pencil Case \$5	Healthy Harold Stikki Note Pad \$1.50	Healthy Harold Keyring \$4

How to order Healthy Harold merchandise online:

- 1 Visit the Healthy Harold Online Store:** Go to <https://bit.ly/haroldshop> to access the store
- 2 Select your customer type:** Choose 'Parent/Carer ordering for child' to have your child's items delivered during their Healthy Harold visit at school.
- 3 Place your order:** Once you've selected the items you'd like to purchase, simply add them to your cart and proceed to checkout.
- 4 Important Dates:** Orders for the school delivery open six weeks before the Healthy Harold visit date, and **close one day prior**. Be sure to mark your calendars and place your orders in time!
- 5 Delivery:** All orders will be conveniently delivered directly during your child's Healthy Harold visit at school.



GLOUCESTER HS YEAR 6 TRANSITION EVENING 2025

Student and Parent Information Evening

- ✓ Meet Key Members of Staff
- ✓ Tour of the School
- ✓ Discuss Important Information

**Tuesday
September 9th**
Gloucester High School
BBQ and Information
Session
4:00-6:00 PM



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Picnic in the Vines

SAT 6 SEPT

11AM - 3PM

FAULLS RIDGE WINERY, BUCKETTS WAY GLOUCESTER

Live music by Jess Coombes.

Bring a rug, pack a picnic, enjoy the music and a silent auction.
Batter & Dough grazing boxes for 2 available to pre-purchase
\$45 (order by September 3rd)

Fully licenced – no BYO, over 18 only.

COST: \$40 per person. Tickets are limited.



Scan QR code for tickets
and grazing box orders:

For more details contact
Erin 0447 908 661





Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life



More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.



STROUD ROAD

'Bash 'n Bang'

Family Bonfire & Fireworks

Saturday 30th August

Entertainment from 5.00pm

Adults/High School \$15.00

Kinder to Year 6 \$5.00

Tired of a long weary, wet winter??? Bring a chair, bring an Esky as we celebrate the arrival of Spring with warmth, music & a colour filled sky

Food & Drinks Available 'Random Raffle' Draw

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First Nations recipe - Kangaroo Spaghetti

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 25 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 600g kangaroo mince
- 500g fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 brown onion, diced
- 1 large green capsicum, sliced
- 1 bunch of celery, sliced
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 4 cups cooked pasta
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- Parsley to garnish



Method:

1. Heat olive oil in a frying pan
2. Brown mince then add onions, mushroom, celery, capsicum and cook for 10 minutes
3. Add the canned tomato and tomato paste and simmer for 5 minutes
4. Boil the pasta until cooked
5. Serve the mince on top of the cooked pasta and garnish with parsley

Source: Flavours of the coast: Koori cookbook



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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.