

Term: 4 Week 2

DATE: 23 October 2025

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<



BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

CALENDAR

Integrity & Excellence

Term 4

Thursday 23 October

Kindergarten 2026 Parent Session

Friday 24 October

BPS Disco 6-8pm

Wednesday 29 October

Kindergarten Transition Visit 1
P & C Meeting

Friday 31 October

Whizzy the Water Drop Visit 2pm

Wednesday 5 November

EnviroMentors - Keeping Water ways
Clean - visit Year 3-6
Kindergarten 2026 - Visit 2
Year 6-7 Transition Visit GHS

Wednesday 12 November

Kindergarten Transition Visit 3

Wednesday 19 November

Year 6-7 Transition Visit GHS

Thursday 20 November

Year 3-6 Sleep over

Friday 21 November

Year 3-6 Sleep over
Billabong Zoo Excursion K-2

Friday 28 November

Kindergarten Transition Visit 4

Tuesday 2 December

Year 7 Orientation Day at GHS

Thursday 11 December

Presentation Night

Welcome to Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4! We are delighted to see our students, families, and staff returning with enthusiasm and energy after the break.

This term is an important time as we focus on consolidating learning, setting new goals, and preparing for upcoming assessments and special events. Throughout the term, students will engage in a wide range of academic and extracurricular activities designed to support their growth and achievement. We encourage families to stay involved by attending our special events, meetings, volunteering and supporting students at home. Together, with your ongoing support and collaboration, we look forward to making Term 4 a successful, enjoyable, and memorable experience for our entire school community.



The tree has been removed

FUN FOOD HELPERS

Tuesday 28 October

Michalie and Hannah

Tuesday 4 November

Bridie and Hannah

Tuesday 11 November

Beck and Hannah

NEWS & INFORMATION

Congratulations Mia

Congratulations to Mia on her impressive performance at the NSW State Athletics today! Competing in the multi-class state shot put, Mia threw 3.32m and finished 11th—what a fantastic effort! Well done, Mia!



Parent satisfaction Survey

We value your feedback and invite you to participate in our Parent Satisfaction Survey. Your insights help us understand what we're doing well and where we can improve to better support your child's learning and wellbeing. The survey is quick and easy to complete, and your responses are confidential. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and help us make our school an even better place for students and families.

BPS Parent Satisfaction Survey Term 4 2025



TOAST

Now Friday Mornings
from 8.30am

Morning toast will be made available for students who want or need breakfast at school. Gluten free toast will be available. A fruit basket will also be available each day for those students who have forgotten or who would just like an extra piece of fruit



P & C Meeting

Wednesday 29 October 2025
BPS School Library - 6pm
Everyone is Welcome!

NEWS & INFORMATION



Billabong Zoo Visit - K-2

We are planning a Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 Excursion to be held on Friday 21 November 2025.

We will be travelling by bus to Billabong Zoo, Port Macquarie. Students will explore all that Billabong Zoo has to offer. Complete with a personalised zookeeper presentation, tactile experiences and animal encounters. Students will be fully supervised for these activities. This excursion is highly informative and interactive. We are still finalising times and costing. Notes will go home next week.

Exciting 3-6 Sleepover and Excursion

Our Years 3 to 6 students will embark on an unforgettable adventure with a two-day excursion and sleepover on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st November.

Thursday:

Students will spend the day at Copeland Gold Mine, where they will:

- Step back in time with a guided walk through the historic gold mine precinct.
- Discover the fascinating history of this heritage site and learn about early relationships between people and the environment.
- Explore the discovery of gold at Copeland Tops State Conservation Area.
- Understand why gold was highly prized and how it became a valuable currency.

Students will also explore the important role national parks play in protecting our unique native plants, animals, and rich cultural heritage. They will learn about the long history of mining in the area and visit Mountain Maid gold mine, one of New South Wales' longest-operating gold mines.

Thursday Night: Students will return to school (after a trip home for a shower and collection of sleeping bags) for an exciting sleepover, featuring a movie and a range of fun activities.

Friday Morning: We will walk to Art on Barrington for an engaging art lesson with local artist Adele Compton. Afterwards, students will enjoy a variety of creative activities back at school to complete the experience.

Meals: Dinner on Thursday night, as well as breakfast, morning tea, and lunch on Friday, will be provided as part of the excursion cost.

Please note: A detailed note with the final costings will be sent home as soon as they are confirmed.

We look forward to this enriching and enjoyable experience for our students!

CLASSROOM CAPERS

KINDERGARTEN



Last week in maths kindergarten were exploring the exciting world of measurement by learning to compare and understand volume. Using objects like blocks, they investigated how much space different objects take up. They were learning to determine which items have a larger or smaller volume and were comparing different sized objects that hold the same amount of space. These engaging lessons help build early math skills, encourage critical thinking, and lay the foundation for future understanding of measurement and comparison.

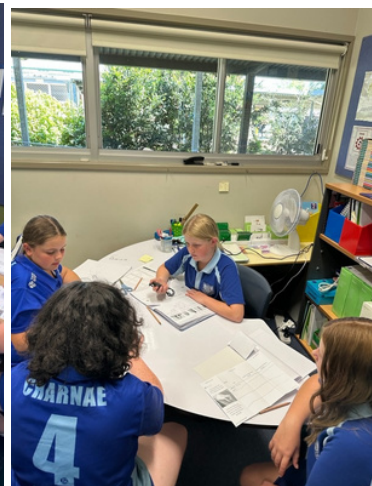
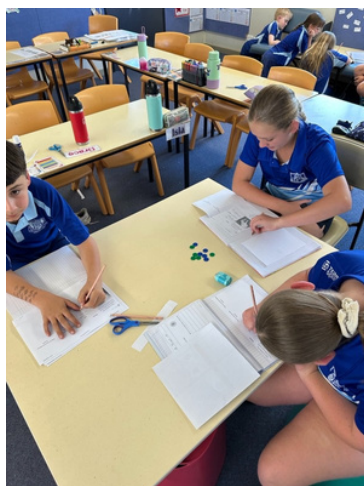
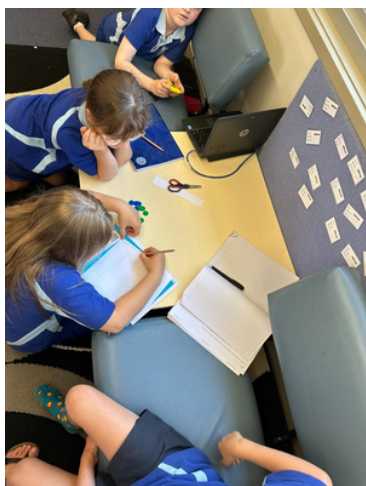


1/2/3

This week, our students began learning Gathang, the traditional language of the Worimi and Biripi peoples, with Kayla. These lessons provide a valuable opportunity for students to connect with the rich cultural heritage of the local Aboriginal language groups. Through Kayla's teaching, students are deepening their understanding and appreciation of the Gathang language and culture. The students have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity, actively participating in every lesson.

4/5/6

This term in 4/5/6, our Science unit will be focusing on Adaptations and how humans, animals and plants have adapted to their environments in order to survive. Last week, students conducted an experiment where they had to complete and time three tasks with and without using their thumbs. Some found it quite challenging to complete some of the tasks without their thumbs. The aim of this experiment was to see whether having opposable thumbs is important for survival or not. Safe to say, 4/5/6 definitely believe having opposable thumbs is absolutely important!



HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED EDUCATION (HPGE)

This term at Barrington Public School, our High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) students will be engaging in exciting enrichment opportunities across the creative and technological domains.

In Dance and Creative Arts, students are exploring advanced performance techniques and creative expression. Our Robotics group continue to take on engineering tasks, building critical thinking and collaboration skills along the way. We're proud to support our students as they stretch their thinking and explore their passions beyond the classroom!



SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

The NSW Department of Education School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Arrangements are being made for Term 1 - 2026. Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 and 3 but provides for weak swimmers in Years 4 to 6. The estimated cost for the School Swimming Scheme is estimated to be \$150 per student depending on numbers. This is heavily subsidised by DOE School Swimming Scheme Sports Unit. Expression of Interest will go out early next year.

CLASSROOM AWARDS TERM 4 - WEEK 1



Kindergarten

Roy - always using great listening ears and showing focus during on the mat time

Aurora F - showing amazing skills in comparing volume using building blocks

William - a great effort to count on when adding numbers



1/2/3

Jake - settling in very well to his new school

Idris - being a supportive, kind class member



4/5/6

Liam - always getting on with the task without any fuss

Jessie - her excellent persuasive text draft about Yahoos

Ella - settling in so positively to your new school



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY



Kindness Award

Pearl and Aurora





23 October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you to inform you of our emergency management arrangements for the upcoming bushfire danger period. Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

This means our school will be non-operational when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares catastrophic fire danger ratings for Barrington or as directed by the NSW Department of Education in consultation with emergency services due to local bushfire activity or in higher risk conditions.

Fire danger ratings do not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather the weather conditions pose a high risk if a fire were to start in the area. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

We will inform the school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist us contacting all families in an emergency, please ensure you have updated your contact details with the school.

Up-to-date information is also available on our school website or School Operational Status. We also recommend you stay up to date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the Hazards Near Me app (set a watch zone for your school area) and by monitoring local media. To continue to support student learning on these days, our school will provide information for learning from home.

We recommend all our families follow the NSW Rural Fire Service advice and ensure your family knows what to do if there is a fire. Develop a fire plan and discuss it with your family using My Fire Plan.

Please call our school on 65584258 if you would like more information or have any questions.

Kind regards
Amy Hughes
Principal



6-8PM FRIDAY  24TH OCTOBER



BPS DISCO

BARRINGTON HALL



*YOUNGER SIBLINGS
WELCOME*



DJ, FACE PAINTING , SAUSAGE SIZZLE
TXT ERIN 0447 908 661 WITH ANY DIETARY
REQUIREMENTS
PARENTS WELCOME TO STAY, BRING A PLATE
TO SHARE





Seasonal Fruit and Veg

Choosing seasonal fruit and veg for your kids lunchbox can help keep costs low. Look out for regular specials on in season produce.

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner! Why not try some of our favourite seasonal fruit and veg options below.

Spring

Vegetables:

Asparagus, avocados, beetroot, broccoli, brussel sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplant, mushrooms, peas, pumpkins, spinach, squash.

Fruit:

Bananas, cherries, lychees, mangoes, mulberries, oranges, papaya, pineapple, watermelon, rockmelon.

Summer

Vegetables: Asparagus, avocados, beans, beetroot, capsicums, carrots, celery, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, snow peas, squash, tomatoes, zucchinis, broccoli, cauliflower, spinach.

Fruit:

Apricots, bananas, berries, grapes, melon, watermelon, lychees, mangoes, passionfruit, cherries, nectarines, oranges, plums, peaches



Source: <https://www.swapit.net.au>



Hunter New England
Local Health District

@HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

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.

Summer Reading Club

DESIGN A BOOKMARK AND WIN!

THEME

Galaxy of Stories

Imagine a book that took you on an adventure — now design a bookmark that shows your favourite part!

DESIGN

Use the template provided to create your bookmark. You can use paints, textas, crayons — anything bright and bold! Try to keep words to a minimum — we want to see your art shine.

WIN!

Your design could be professionally printed and shared across the community. You'll also score a book voucher or a party for up to six friends!

ENTER

Drop your finished bookmark and contact details to any MidCoast Libraries branch by Saturday 15 November.



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Summer Reading Club

OF Galaxy Stories

BLAST OFF!

Register at your library
1 December – 31 January

Ages 0-17

Complete the challenges for your chance to win prizes and join the Summer Reading Club party, where you'll explore our solar system and beyond with Starr's Planetarium, a member of the NASA Museum Alliance.



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Drama Group Grades 3-5



Wednesdays

3.15pm - 4.45pm

5 November - 3 December

GACCI
GLOUCESTER
PRODUCTIONS

\$50 Creative Kids Voucher accepted
Gloucester Rugby Union Club House No. 1 Oval

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DGRIM>

Further info: production@gloucester-arts.com.au

BREAKFAST HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT

**PINK RIBBON
BREAKFAST**

Supporting breast cancer research
to save lives.

To raise funds for research towards the National
Breast Cancer Foundation's vision of Zero Deaths
from breast cancer

Breast Cancer Morning Tea

Date - 30th October 2025
Time - 10am
Venue - Gloucester Creatives
Cost - \$10



Please use the QR code to book or call Louise Watterson
on 0499092493

1300 803 551 pinkribbonbreakfast@nbcf.org.au
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GOORI-BUGG HOSTS

The Worimi & Birrpai Youth Gathering

Cultural Workshops Include:

- Weaving
- Grass Skirts
- Fire Making
- Canoe Making
- Gunya Building
- Shell Necklaces
- Emu Egg Carving
- Beach Sand Designs
- Goori Song and Dance

Sat 1st Nov 2025
8am - 4pm

SALTWATER BEACH
Saltwater Rd Wallabi Point

Enquiries Please Contact
Uncle John Heath 0477 653 544
Email: gooribugg25@gmail.com

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Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

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1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au



GLOUCESTER RUGBY UNION CLUB
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RUGBY CHARITY THE CAULIFLOWER CLUB PRESENT

GLOUCESTER RUGBY'S BIG DAY OUT

NOVEMBER 1 2025

COME ALONG FOR A DAY OF RUGBY ON-FIELD FUN AND ACTION **FREE**

BIG RUGBY DAY

GLOUCESTER PARK, OVAL 1 FROM 11AM

RUGBY SKILLS AND DRILLS - LEARN FROM SOME AUSTRALIAN **WALLABY** GREATS

GOLDEN OLDIES MENS GAME - GLOUCESTER COCKIES V CAULIFLOWER CLUB - INCLUDING SOME **WALLABY** LEGENDS

ON FIELD BOAT RACE

BBQ AND CASH BAR



GLOUCESTER RUGBY UNION CLUB
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RUGBY CHARITY THE CAULIFLOWER CLUB PRESENT

THE BIG RUGBY CHARITY BALL

WHAT
JOIN US ALONG WITH SOME WALLABY RUGBY LEGENDS FOR A NIGHT OF DELICIOUS GOURMET FOOD, LIVE BAND, CASH BAR AND CHARITY AUCTION



WHEN
NOVEMBER 1 FROM 6.30PM

WHERE
GLOUCESTER SHOWGROUND

HOW MUCH
\$150 PER HEAD

ABOUT THE CAULIFLOWER CLUB
ESTABLISHED BY WALLABIES PETER FITZSIMONS AND NICK FARR-JONES TO RAISE MONEY FOR SPORTS PEOPLE LIVING WITH SPINAL CORD AND OTHER SPORTS RELATED INJURIES

TICKETS SELLING FAST
BUY HERE

TERM 4 2025

PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT SOME EVENTS WILL
BE ADDED AS THE TERM PROGRESSES.



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	13/10 SDD	14/7 Students return			
2		21/10 Language lessons Canteen		Icy pole day	 24/10 P&C Disco
3		Canteen	29/10 P and C Meeting		 31/10 Whizzy Water Drop
4		Canteen	5/11 Enviro Mentors Y6 - Y7 Transition 12.40pm to 3.10pm GHS	Icy pole day	
5		Canteen		Icy pole day	14/11 Responsible Pet Education
6		Canteen	19/11 Y6-Y7 Transition afternoon 12.40 to 3.10pm	 20/11 3-6 school sleep over	21/11 3-6 school sleep over K/2 excursion - Billabong Zoo
7		Canteen		Y6 Captain Speeches Icy pole day	
8		2/12 Yr 7 Orientation Day Canteen		Icy pole day	
9		Canteen		Presentation Night Icy pole day	
10	15/12 Reports home Craft day	 Sport day	17/12 Clean up day	18/12 Class parties Movie day Yr 6 dinner Icy pole day	19/12 Last day term 4 Yr 6 movie and walk out