

Term: 4 Week 4

DATE: 6 November 2025

## >>> NEWSLETTER <<<



# BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## CALENDAR

Integrity & Excellence

### Term 4

**Wednesday 12 November**

Kindergarten Transition Visit 3

**Friday 14 November**

Responsible Pet Education

**Wednesday 19 November**

Year 6-7 Transition Visit GHS

**Thursday 20 November**

Copeland Mine Year 3-6

Year 3-6 Sleep over

**Friday 21 November**

Year 3-6 Sleep over

Billabong Zoo Excursion K-2

**Thursday 27 November**

2026 Captain Speeches -2pm

**Friday 28 November**

Kindergarten Transition Visit 4

**Tuesday 2 December**

Year 7 Orientation Day at GHS

**Friday 5 December**

Kindergarten Visit 5

**Thursday 11 December**

Presentation Night

**Friday 19 December**

Last day of Term 4 2025

Welcome to BPS Kindergarten 2026!



### Kindergarten Transition

Our new kinders are ready for big school! They've spent time getting to know their teacher, new friends, and classroom routines, and their excitement is shining bright. Through our transition activities, they are building confidence, exploring the classroom, and getting familiar with school routines before the year begins. They are discovering that school is a fun place to learn and grow. We can't wait to see all the wonderful things they will do as they begin their kindergarten journey!

## FUN FOOD HELPERS

**Tuesday 11 November**

Beck and Hannah

**Tuesday 18 November**

Ray and Hannah



At Barrington Public School, we acknowledge and pay respect to the Worimi and Biripi elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people we live and work with, for they hold the hopes and dreams for the future of our country.

# NEWS & INFORMATION

## **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**



## **Congratulations Mr Wilson**

Congratulations to Mr Stephen Wilson who has been successful in gaining the permanent GA position at BPS. Mr Wilson is a GA at Booral and Gloucester High School and comes with a wealth of experience. A big thank you to Mr Hughes who relieved in the role for the past three terms. Our school looks amazing!





# NEWS & INFORMATION

## Whizzy the Waterdrop

Last week, Whizzy the Waterdrop and his friends from MidCoast Council paid Barrington Public School a visit. Whizzy and his friends spoke to students about the importance of drinking clean water and gave students insight into saving water and waterways, whether that be taking shorter showers, recycling water and using it to water our plants or putting our rubbish in the bin to protect waterways and animals. The students had a blast with Whizzy and can't wait for him to come back!



## Enviro Mentors



## 3-6 School sleepover

Just a quick reminder to return permission notes, payments, and food choice forms to school as soon as possible. We're finalising numbers and details for our upcoming excursion, and having everything back quickly helps us make sure the day runs smoothly for everyone. Thanks so much for your help and support — we can't wait for this fun day out!





# CLASSROOM CAPERS

## KINDERGARTEN

In kindergarten, number talks give children a fun and relaxed way to explore math together. During these short conversations, students share how they figured out an answer and listen to their classmates' ideas. This helps them learn that there's often more than one way to solve a problem! Number talks build confidence, encourage clear thinking, and help children feel comfortable talking about numbers. They also give teachers a great window into how each child is learning, so they can better support their growth in math.



## 1/2/3

Our Year 2/3 students have been busy sharpening their descriptive writing skills! Using *The Twits* by Roald Dahl for inspiration, students wrote detailed paragraphs describing the unforgettable Mrs Twit. They used the Bump It Up Wall to guide and improve their writing, focusing on strong adjectives, vivid verbs, and clear sentence structure.

To bring their descriptions to life, students created imaginative portraits of Mrs Twit and painted them using watercolours. The results were both colourful and wonderfully gruesome — just like the character herself!



## 4/5/6

To begin this term, 4/5/6 have been busy learning about Data and Chance in maths lessons. Learning about data and chance helps students understand the world through numbers and patterns. Children learn how to collect, organize, and interpret data using simple graphs, tables, and charts. They explore probability by predicting and testing outcomes — like rolling dice or drawing coloured counters — to understand ideas such as “likely,” “unlikely,” and “certain.” These activities build critical thinking skills and helps students make sense of information.







# NEWS & INFORMATION

**Selective high school and opportunity class applications are open from 6 November 2025 to 20 February 2026**

**Selective high school Year 7 entry in 2027:** Apply when your child is at the end of Year 5 or the beginning of Year 6.

**Opportunity class Year 5 entry in 2027:** Apply when your child is at the end of Year 3 or the beginning of Year 4.

[Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#) are some of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students.

NSW Department of Education



## Selective high school or opportunity class entry in 2027

Apply now if your child is currently in:

- **Year 3 – for opportunity class** entry in Year 5
- **Year 5 – for selective high school** entry in Year 7.

Applications close 20 February 2026.



## WE SUSPECT THAT NITS/HEAD LICE ARE PRESENT IN THE HAIR OF SOME STUDENTS

Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health (<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>) a copy of which is attached.

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/conditions/head-lice>.



# CLASSROOM AWARDS TERM 4 - WEEK 3

## Kindergarten

**James** - trying very hard to complete set tasks

**Auroara A** - giving thoughtful answers during PDH lessons



### 1/2/3

**Lucille** - always trying her very best in everything she does

**Clancie** - excellent use of noun groups in writing

**Ashayah** - excellent participation in class discussions

**Meg** - great participation in maths lessons

### 4/5/6

**Archer** - his outstanding persuasive text about Yahoos

**Charnae** - always having a positive attitude towards her learning

**Nikita** - her excellent understanding of chance events in maths



## Silver Award

**Isa-Meri, Chandra, Lucile, Clancie, Jaxon and Idris**



## Kindness Award

**Lucille**



## PBL Award

**Responsibility**

**Archer**



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY







## BPS Attendance

Regular school attendance matters because it is fundamental for academic success, social development, and future opportunities. Consistent attendance ensures students don't miss out on crucial learning, builds essential social skills, and fosters a sense of belonging within the school community.

**Whole School Attendance**  
92.8%

**Students Attending Greater than 90%**  
71.7%

### Term 4 Week 3

**Class With The Highest Attendance**

Year 5 - 100%  
Year 3 - 92.9%



**Whole School Daily Attendance Week 3**

Monday - 77.4%  
Tuesday - 81.1%  
Wednesday - 84.9%  
Thursday - 93.4%  
Friday - 90.6%

- ✓ Above 95% Expected Attendance
- 90-95%
- Minimum Standard
- Below 90%
- ✗ Educationally at Risk

Semester 2





## Staying Active this Summer

**Being active is good for your body, mind and mood. As the weather warms up, it's the perfect time to get outside, have fun and enjoy the sunshine!**

Here are some outdoor activities your child and family can try to stay active in the warmer months. Just remember to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide!

### Summer sports include:

- Touch Football
- Cricket
- Surf Life Saving
- Athletics
- Beach Volleyball
- Tennis
- Twilight netball, soccer or basketball



### Summer family activities include:

- Making a slip and slide
- Frisbee golf
- Going to the beach or lake for a swim
- Going on a family bike ride
- Going for a hike or bushwalk
- Beach volleyball or cricket







# YEAR 7 2026 ORIENTATION

Join us for our Year 6 into Year 7 transition events designed to help kickstart the journey into high school.

## What to Expect

- **Transition Afternoon 1**  
**Wednesday 5 Nov**

Primary to High School Transition Visits - Year 6 Students visit GHS during school time - To familiarise Year 6 students with our classrooms and teachers. Students will complete two high school style lessons in Periods 4 and 5

- **Transition Afternoon 2**  
**Wednesday 19 Nov**

Year 6 Students will complete two more high school style lessons in periods 4 and 5

- **Orientation Day**  
**Tuesday 2 December**

Year 6 Orientation Day at GHS - whole day. Parent information session 9 - 10am and uniform purchase.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**5 & 19 NOV**

**TUESDAY**  
**2 DEC**



### More Info :

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# GLOUCESTER LOCAL AECG

## YARN AND RE- ESTABLISHMENT

JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AND A YARN  
ABOUT OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

**TUESDAY 11 NOV**  
9.30 AM @ GLOUCESTER HIGH

Contact Amber - [cpo@bwng.org.au](mailto:cpo@bwng.org.au) for more information



Gloucester CWA presents

## SANTA'S CHRISTMAS CAVE



Friday 21 November 1pm – 6pm

Saturday 22 November 9am – 6pm

CWA ROOMS, Church Street Gloucester

Unique gifts and crafts / cakes, sweets  
refreshments / Christmas raffle

photos with Santa

kids craft and colouring competition

Nativity displays

# NSW SCHOOLS XC CHAMPS + FUNDURO

1. Register and pay on MTB Website and  
Register on School's DASH website



1. Register for  
Primary



2. Register for  
Secondary



ENTRIES  
INCLUDE:

RAFFLE TICKET  
INSURANCE  
LIVE TIMING  
SAUSAGE SANGER

PRIMARY NOV 20.  
SECONDARY NOV 21  
GLENROCK MTB PARK

Entries \$25 +  
\$5 for Funduro



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