



— Week 7 Term 1 2025 —

Currabubula PS

Fortnightly Newsletter



Term 1 in full swing!

Thank you to the many families who attended this year's 'Welcome BBQ' last Thursday afternoon.



It was wonderful to see so many of you and to see new families making connections and building friendships in our school community.

By now, many of you will have had the chance to see posts on HERO, celebrating student achievements in English and Maths. Live reporting via achievement posts occurs regularly throughout each term, with report style posts at the end of each semester.



This year's performing arts program is being taught by Mrs Bonner- here are some highlights of our musical pursuits so far in Term 1!

Mrs Massey is also having a brilliant time leading gardening in our school. Freshly planted garden beds include broccoli, carrots, onions and strawberries.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
12th-25th March

Regional Swimming Carnival
NEW DATE
Monday 24th March

Parent Interviews
24th-27th March

K-2 Excursion: The Very
Hungry Caterpillar
Tuesday 25th March

Friday 28th March

Harmony Day @ Dungowan PS

Easter Hat Parade and
Assembly

Thursday 10th April 9.30am

Term 1 2025					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
week 8	17 NAPLAN	18 NAPLAN	19	20	21
week 9	24 Parent Interview Week Regional Swimming	25 K-2 The Very Hungry Caterpillar	26	27	28 Harmony Day
week 10	31	1 APR	2	3	4
week 11	7	8 Olympian Visit	9	10 Easter Hat Parade Assembly (AM) State Swimming	11 Last Day of Term

Principal's Message

with Mr Stephens

Welcome BBQ

A big thank you to the overwhelming number of parents, families, and community members who attended our Welcome BBQ! This event offered a fantastic opportunity for new and existing families to mingle, connect, and build community. We look forward to hosting another assembly later in the term to continue fostering these connections.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

In Week 9, Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will take place. These meetings give staff and students the opportunity to share goals that have been set during regular "Tea with the Teacher" sessions at school. We hope this process provides families with valuable feedback on their child's learning journey.

Each interview will run for 15 minutes, with teachers offering a snapshot of your child's progress thus far. If you'd like to discuss other matters beyond this, please arrange a separate appointment and briefly outline the topics you wish to cover.

If you haven't yet booked a time, please either return the parent interview note or make an appointment online via HERO.

Science and Engineering Challenge

Students in Years 4, 5, and 6 have been invited to participate in this year's Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge, which will be held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre on Thursday, 20th March. Our students will join with Duri and Nundle Public Schools to participate in a series of STEM-based activities facilitated by the University of Newcastle.

Please return the permission notes as soon as possible—there is no cost for your child's involvement.

Late Arrivals

As we approach the latter part of the term, we've noticed an increasing number of students arriving after the morning bell. If your child arrives after 9:25 am, and morning assembly has already finished, parents are required to sign their child in at the front office. This ensures that we can maintain accurate attendance records and provide proper supervision. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Currabubula Public School POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING



In this fortnight's newsletter, we are having a look at our **PBL Behaviour flowchart**. Flowcharts are located in each classroom setting and students are explicitly taught, through PBL lessons and regular reminders, to value as much learning time as possible in the 'green'. Focused and productive learning is a key goal and we collaborate together to achieve this.

Behaviour Flowchart



At all times
our
collective
goal is to
maximise
learning
time spent
in the **green**-
on-task
learning

How can you support
your child?

We'd love to work
together, reminding
and supporting
learners to uphold our
values



CARE Value of the fortnight:

ALL VALUES

Care

Act Safely

Respect

Excel

On Task
Learning is
our focus!

Students are
explicitly taught
what each
behaviour might
look like and how
to return to on-
task learning

On task

What might it look like?



K-2 News

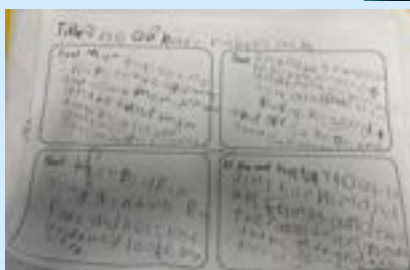
with Mrs Bonner

This fortnight in English, we have been looking at two fabulous, Australian narratives. Our first text, 'A Bag and a Bird' by Pamela Allen, gave us a wonderful insight into key places in Sydney and taught us that we should always put our rubbish in the bin. 'The Great Rabbit Chase' by Freya Blackwood gave us a chance to consolidate our understanding of prepositional phrases as 'Gumboots' teaches us the value of community.

We have explored the features of narratives (stories either real or imagined, that often have a message to teach us). Our newest learners have worked hard developing storyboards to highlight the main features of narratives: settings, characters and events.

They have been looking at events using either the beginning, middle and end, or, problem/solution as a way of retelling the story. Our 'Barracuda' and 'Bull Shark' tables have begun to retell narratives using time connectives such as first, then, next and at the end to support their understanding of events.

Storyboards:
The Great
Rabbit Chase



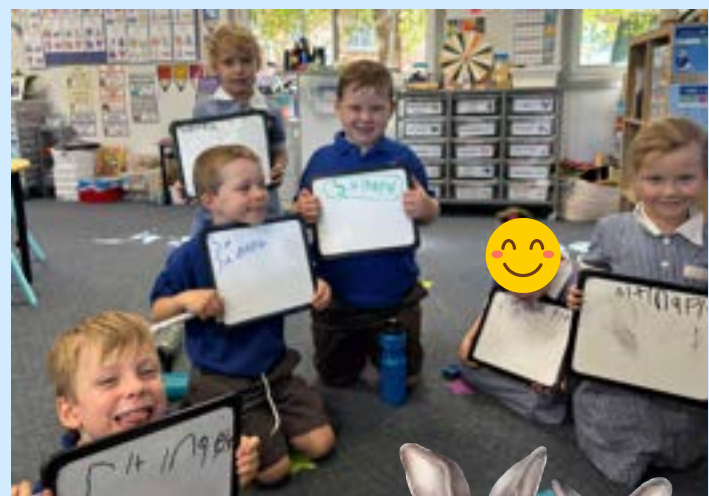
A Bag and A Bird Collages



Writing our own sentences using
prepositional phrases



'Blue Whales' and 'Barnacles'
sentence writing!



3-6 News

with Mrs Maxwell



This week, 3-6 started our new English unit based on the text, *Yahoo Creek: An Australian Mystery* by Tohby Riddle. This is certainly a very different style of text than our first text for the year, *Just Tricking*. The unit focuses on developing students ability to identify different points of view presented by authors, and assess the authority and accuracy of a text.

We concluded our unit on *Just Tricking* by each writing a new chapter for the book. Peers then reviewed each others writing to provide feedback on which success criteria had been met.

In Mathematics, students are learning to apply efficient mental and written strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems, and use estimation to determine the reasonableness of their solution.



Around the school

with Mrs Massey

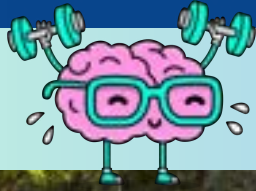
This week in our K-2 Science lesson we explored how different instruments created sound depending on how we use them.

We all had a go at hitting, shaking and scraping each instrument, then documenting our findings.



NAPLAN First Day Breakfast!

Mrs Bonner and Mrs Massey organised a special treat for all our students this Wednesday...



A brain food breakfast! Hot buttered toast and warm Milos were served not just to our NAPLAN learners but to everyone! Yum



2025 Schools Day at the Tamworth Show



Congratulations to Darcy and Logan Stocks who represented our school at Tamworth Show this year. Participating in a range of sporting events, both boys are to be commended on their achievements. A special shout-out goes to Logan who also finished the day as the Reserve Champion 7-9 years!



What is Harmony Day?

Created in 1999 to celebrate unity and diversity, Harmony Day was originally an Australian celebration but is now marked worldwide by conscientious citizens. Whether you want to be better friends with your neighbors or stand in the shoes of another, we've got some harmonious habits and unifying ideas to make your Harmony Day a picture of peace.

Every year we join our other small schools to celebrate Harmony Day and our Diverse World at the picturesque Dungown Public School.

