

The end of an era...



This week we said goodbye and best of luck to Mr O'Brien, who retired from teaching after 35 years at Dunedoo Central School. We wish him every enjoyment as he and Maree start their next chapter on the coast, and look forward to keeping in touch!

...and the start of a new one!

Our School Captains for 2026 were also announced this week: Chloe Brougham and Fletcher Hogden. We know they will both lead our school with pride, and have epitomised "Our Best Always" in their approach to school and community since they started at DCS 12 years ago. We wish them all the best for their leadership year.



F A R E W E L L



Wishing Lachlan, Laycee, Chelsea, Georgie, Ella, Tesharna and Abby all the very best for the future!



Welcome to Week 8, Term 3!

Primary Western Region Athletics: Congratulations to Ashton James and Noah Davis-Wilson who both represented Dubbo District competing at the PSSA Athletics Championships in Dubbo. Both students will now represent Western District at Homebush in the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival after Ashton finished 3rd in the 200m and Noah finished 2nd in the 100m. Well done boys!

2026 School Captains: Congratulations to Chloe Brougham, Paige Campbell, Fletcher Hogden and Asha Russell who nominated for school captain for 2026. All four students eloquently addressed a school assembly before students voted. Congratulations to Chloe and Fletcher who were elected as School Captains and Paige and Asha as Vice-Captains for 2026. All four students will be excellent leaders for Dunedoo Central School.

Mr O'Brien's Farewell: Students and staff celebrated Mr O'Brien's retirement at a school assembly on Tuesday. Both Mrs Lane and Mrs Shephard gave sincere addresses, followed by a funny skit performed by students and a heartwarming slide presentation with lots of photos and video messages from former students and colleagues. Later that evening, family and community members joined Mr O'Brien for a celebratory dinner. Congratulations on 35 years of teaching at Dunedoo Central School Mr O'Brien. This is certainly an achievement to be very proud of. We wish you all the very best in your retirement.

Year 12 Farewell: Today we farewelled the Year 12 class of 2025, commencing with breakfast at school with staff before an assembly and morning tea celebrated with family and friends. Tonight, we have the final celebration, a Graduation Dinner. We wish our Year 12 students, Lachlan, Abby, Georgie, Chelsea, Laycee, Tesharna and Ella all the best as they prepare for their upcoming HSC examinations, starting with English on 16th October.

Year 5/6 Excursion: Our Year 5/6 students return this evening from a 3-day excursion to Sydney. From all accounts they have had a wonderful time enjoying the sights including the Aquarium, Maritime Museum, and Scenic World in the Blue Mountains. Thank you to Mrs Tammy Gallagher, Mrs Rebecca Toohey and Mrs Lisa Christensen for accompanying the students on this excursion. A special thank you to Lisa for driving the bus as well.

Attendance: Our attendance goals continue to be:

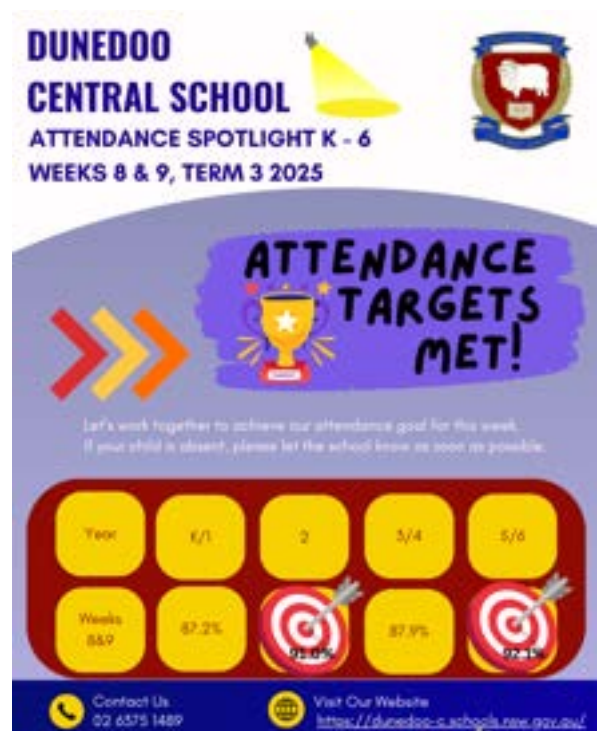
K-6: 90%+ attendance for each class

7-12: 90%+ attendance and 0 unexplained absences (Please note: absences must be explained within 5 school days)

Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 5/6 who reached their attendance targets for Weeks 8 & 9.

Term 4: Monday, 13th October is the final Staff Development Day for the year with students returning to school on Tuesday 14th October. Year 3/4 are looking forward to their excursion to Lake Burrendong in Week 2 while the Infants students are very excited about their excursion to Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo in Week 3. Mrs Mayes will also be taking a group of Ag students to Scone for the Scone Beef Bonanza at the end of Week 2. Stay safe and enjoy a restful holiday before we commence a very busy Term 4!

Mrs Cathy Gallagher
Relieving Principal



Dates for your Diary

TERM 3 WEEK 10

Tuesday, 23rd —Thursday, 25th September

- Year 5/6 Excursion to Sydney

Thursday, 25th September

- Year 12 Graduation

Friday, 26th September

- Last day of Term 3!



TERM 4 WEEK 1

Monday, 13th October

- Staff Development Day (no students)

Tuesday, 14th October

- Students return for Term 4

TERM 4 WEEK 2

Monday, 20th October

- Skillset Interviews—Year 10

Wednesday, 22nd—Friday 24th October

- Year 3/4 Excursion to Lake Burrendong

Thursday, 23rd—Sunday 26th October

- Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza—Scone Showground

Dates for your Diary

TERM 4 WEEK 3

Monday, 27th October

- Year 11 Interviews

Tuesday, 28th October

- Infants excursion to Dubbo Zoo



- Macquarie Uni Healthcare Workshop—Yrs 9-12

Wednesday, 29th October

- Earlybirds Parent Information Session—from 5.30pm

Thursday, 30th October

- Earlybirds—1/2 day (9am-1pm)

TERM 4 WEEK 4

Thursday, 6th November

- Earlybirds—1/2 day (9am-1pm)

Friday, 7th November

- Blackstock-Clarke Shield—Squash—Parkes (Primary)

TERM 4 WEEK 5

Thursday, 13th November

- Earlybirds—Full day
- St George Dragons visit—Years 3-6
- P&C Meeting—6.30pm Sports Club. All welcome!

TERM 4 WEEK 6

Tuesday, 18th November

- Year 10 Deportment Day

Thursday, 20th November

- Earlybirds—Full day

TERM 4 WEEK 7



Ms Gavin's Update

Year 5/6:



This term Year 5/6 have been exploring Geography through creating a "dream holiday" and investigating countries in the continent of Asia.



Ms Gavin LOVED taking K-2 to St Michael's during Book Week where we were gifted a fantastic book to keep as well.



K/2 Sport is always entertaining on Fridays.
We loved using our new coloured "bibs" so that we can play in teams.

K-1



This term K-1 have been doing Physics!
We have been learning about 'forces' and have made push and pull toys. We loved concluding the unit by using our problem solving skills to create our own 'marble runs' using gravity and recycled materials.



Year 3/4



Year 3/4 have been learning about "Keeping Myself Safe" in PDHPE. They have been very mature and enjoyed learning with KidsHelpline as well.

Shot Put



Ms Gavin had a great time at the District Athletics Carnival helping with the Shot Put. She had a fantastic view of all of the events for the day!



PDHPE

With Miss Price



YEAR 9/10 PASS

THIS TERM, YEAR 9/10 PASS STUDENTS HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE BODY SYSTEMS. THE FOCUS HAS BEEN ON BUILDING THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE BODY WORKS, WHICH WILL HELP PREPARE THEM FOR SENIOR PDHPE AND FUTURE STUDY IN HEALTH AND SPORT SCIENCES.

YEAR 9/10 SLR

THIS TERM, YEAR 9/10 SLR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT TYPES OF FITNESS TESTING. AS PART OF THEIR PRACTICAL LESSONS, THEY HAVE COMPLETED A RANGE OF THESE TESTS THEMSELVES, GIVING THEM HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WHILE DEVELOPING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW FITNESS CAN BE MEASURED AND APPLIED IN SPORT.

YEAR 11 HMS

THIS TERM, YEAR 11 HMS STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT AUSTRALIA'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND EXPLORING HOW IT RESPONDS TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. THEY HAVE ALSO RECENTLY COMPLETED A MAJOR ASSESSMENT TASK INVESTIGATING AUSTRALIA'S LEADING HEALTH PROBLEMS, ALLOWING THEM TO APPLY THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH SKILLS TO REAL-WORLD HEALTH ISSUES.

HSC PDHPE

THIS TERM, YEAR 12 PDHPE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN BUSY REVISING COURSE CONTENT IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR UPCOMING HSC EXAMINATIONS. THEIR FOCUS HAS BEEN ON CONSOLIDATING KNOWLEDGE, PRACTICING EXAM-STYLE QUESTIONS AND BUILDING CONFIDENCE FOR THE FINAL ASSESSMENTS.

YEAR 11 SPORTS COACHING

THIS TERM, YEAR 11 SPORTS COACHING STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING THEIR COACHING SKILLS BY PLANNING AND DELIVERING PRACTICAL SESSIONS. THEY HAVE FOCUSED ON COMMUNICATION, ORGANISATION AND LEADERSHIP, GAINING VALUABLE EXPERIENCE THAT WILL SUPPORT THEIR LEARNING IN SENIOR STUDIES AND FUTURE COACHING OPPORTUNITIES.

LAST NEWS

Farewell Yr 12!



RISE

Take time through the holiday period to reflect on what you are grateful for and to demonstrate your growing resilience!

Coming to Term 4

In Term 4 we look forward to sharing Personalised Learning Plans via the Sentral Portal

Practice:

Don't forget to pick up a book and read to your heart's content! This can take you on a great journey without having to pack a bag..

Enjoy the Holiday :

- Play games - get some exercise
- Enjoy the sunshine
- Help out with chores around the house
- Spend time with friends
- Enjoy being with family

SPECIAL
EDITION

Year 5/6 Excursion

SPECIAL
EDITION

SNIPPETS FROM

SYDNEY



...this is just the entree; main and dessert will be served in the next newsletter!



Speedy boys!

They've done it again!! After stellar performances at the Dubbo District PSSA Athletics Carnival earlier in the term, both Ashton James and Noah Davis-Wilson have backed up with even more noteworthy sprints at the Western District PSSA Athletics Carnival. Ashton came 3rd in the 200m final and Noah 2nd in the 100m final, with both runners now off to State in Term 4. Congratulations boys, we are so proud of you, and we know you will love the experience of running on the track at Olympic Park.

Book Fair will run from Wed 15th—Fri 24th October, open 2nd half lunch and after school until 4pm, EFTPOS available.

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

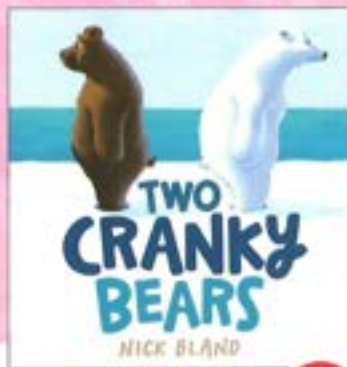




MR LUKE'S Magic Library
OCEAN ADVENTURE

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Mr Luke's class opened a magic book and found themselves under the sea!
1001445370 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

\$10



TWO CRANKY BEARS
NICK BLAND

TWO CRANKY BEARS
Can two cranky bears learn to share?
1001445522 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

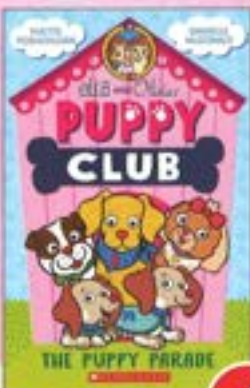
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Wombat.
PHILIP BUNTING

WOMBAT
A funny look into the life of a wombat.
1001413320 | PB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

SPECIAL VALUE \$6



THE PUPPY PARADE

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A new series all about Ella and Olivia's puppy, Bob.
1001443370 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 5+

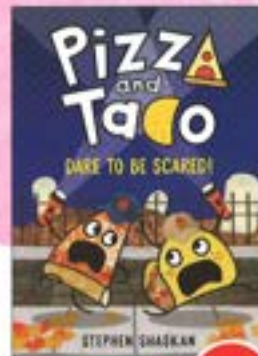
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ANH DO NINJA GIRL 2
NINJA SUPERSTARS!

NINJA SUPERSTARS!
Can Ninja Girl and Karate Kitten save the town from evil lizards?
100145003 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

\$10



Pizza and Taco
DARE TO BE SCARED!
STEPHEN SHAUGHAN

DARE TO BE SCARED!
Pizza and Taco go Ghost Pepper hunting!
100145054 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 6+

\$10



SLEEPOVER BFFS
Big Dreams
FIONA HARRIS

SLEEPOVER BFFS: BIG DREAMS
These BFFs make a business out of planning sleepover parties for people!
100145640 | PB NOVEL | AGES 9+

\$10





EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS



Donna Lane Shield 2025



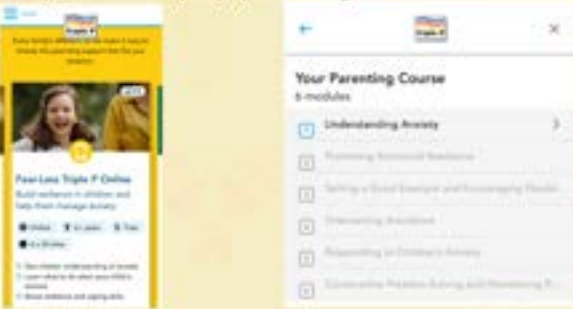
More than 70 high school squash players from schools across the Western Region recently converged on the Parkes Squash Centre to contest the highly coveted Donna Lane Shield. There was some incredible squash played, and DCS was the overall runner-up school in the Donna Lane Shield. In addition, Chelsea Gallagher and her partner from Red Bend Catholic College won the Girls Team event, and Chelsea was also runner-up in the Individual event. A great day all round!

**DCS RISE COMMITTEE
DROP-IN SESSION
FEEDBACK**

Thank you to all the parents who joined us during the recent SRC Disco to look at the Triple P online course modules available.

Based on the positive attendance and feedback, we are planning to run a similar session during the next disco.

You can access the Triple P Fear-Less online program via:
<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au>



The screenshot shows the 'Your Parenting Course' interface with 6 modules listed: Understanding Anxiety, Planning Successful Resilience, Setting a Good Example and Encouraging Positive, Understanding Resilience, Responding to Children's Anxiety, and Collaborative Problem Solving and Monitoring Progress.



Year 3/4 Excursion

Date:	22nd October—24th October 2025 (Term 4, Week 2)
Visting:	Sport & Rec. Camp @ Lake Burrendong
Cost:	\$350

Infants Excursion

Date:	28th October 2025 (Term 4, Week 3)
Visting:	Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo
Cost:	\$25.00



The Moorambilla Voices Gala Performance will be live streamed! The links will be shared on the [Moorambilla website](#) later in the week.



Dunedoo Central
School
"Our Best Always"

KINDER 2026 EARLYBIRDS PROGRAM



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Our Earlybirds program is designed to introduce students and their families to "Big School" in a safe and caring environment. Over several weeks, students are given the opportunity to build confidence and familiarity with school routines and expectations, with a view to making the transition to "Big School" seamless and stress-free for all.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ Information session with parents:
29th October, from 5.30pm
- ✓ Earlybirds ½ days:
30th October, 9am-1pm
6th November, 9am-1pm
- ✓ Earlybirds full days:
13th November
20th November

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Noel Wright	23rd September	Year 8
Carla Prelorenzo	25th September	Year 11
Skylar Martin	26th September	Year 2
Ben Kline	27th September	Staff
Michelle Skinner	1st October	Staff
Kobi Lovegrove-Carpenter	6th October	Year 10
Jed Blamey	7th October	Year 8
Xavier Reid	8th October	Year 9
Sandy Tong	8th October	Staff
Teena Besgrove	9th October	Staff
Balin Davis	14th October	Year 5/6
Alex Roach	15th October	Year 9
Seanna Brown	15th October	Year 5/6
Shelley Cox	17th October	Year 11
Lawson Harby	18th October	Year 9
Rachael Hogden	19th October	Staff

“Go ahead and make a wish -
from this list.”

Wishing you all the best for a
fabulous birthday!



K/1 Phonics Wizardry!

Check out our little phonics champions! The Front Office was so pleased with a special visit from K/1 recently to show off their superior literacy skills—they highlighted “oy”, as in toy and boy, and “oi”, as in oil and soil. Not to mention their beautiful handwriting and even more beautiful smiles. Thank you for visiting!

Community Noticeboard



Sept 28th Sunday- 9 Holes of Golf 9.30am for a 10am start

Leos BBQ Lunch noon-1.30pm.

Face painting.

Finale of all DOO events- drawing of various prizes and the writing competition E.g., Taronga Western Plains Zoo Family Pass, vouchers for Dunedoo businesses

Free Event!



**4 PERSON 9 HOLE
AMBROSE**

*September
28th*

**9:30AM
REGISTRATION
FOR A 10AM
START**

**LEOS BBQ
LUNCH 12PM-
1:30PM**

*Come along for a day of
fun on the fairway!*

Gentle exercise classes

Every Monday
and Wednesday

From 11am
to Noon

@ the gym
(old cinema
building,
Bolaro St)

**FREE
all welcome**

*run by Sharon
Martin*



Community Noticeboard

Doo September Festivities – Dunedoo residents get your story telling skills out. Open to everyone, school aged students encouraged. All entries will go into the draw for the Dubbo Western Plains Taronga Zoo Family Pass and have the chance to win a \$50 Dunedoo SPAR Supermarket Voucher –drawn on the 28th September Family Fun Day.

100-500 – Word Story Competition. Ever looked at an old photo and wondered what the story behind it might be? The Dunedoo Museum has selected the 1911 below photo to inspire you to write a story-fact or fiction, you decide! This building stood at the current NRMA Garage until it burnt down in 1930. Picture is also at front of Old Bank Building as it was our early Bank of New South Wales before the bank building was built in 1915. A copy can also be obtained through our Museum/L

'FRAMED IN TIME' – Can you bring an old photo to life! Drop off Box at library. Competition running from the 1st Sept-27th September. Don't forget to put your name, your age (if you wish) and your phone number. Entries will be displayed along our 'History on the Porch' during Oct-Jan. **Supported by DUNEDOO MUSEUM**

Start getting creative!



Preview Performance: Riversong 2025: Skysong

Due to popular demand, we are offering a Preview Performance at 4pm on Saturday, 27 September. This one hour performance allows audiences to witness a selection of works from the gala concert.

Join us for a stunning evening of song, dance and drumming as Moorambilla Voicés presents *RIVERSONG 2025: Skysong* the fourth concert in our riversong series, inspired by the land and its communities.

Drawing inspiration from the awe-inspiring energy of the night sky and the stories of connection and contemplation from Gomeroi Country, this year's concert weaves poetic music and powerful choreography to express our shared sense of joy, wonder and the fragility of humanity beneath the Emu in the Sky.

In the spirit of Yindyamairra, we come together with inclusion and respect to share this extraordinary collection of works, performed by more than 300 children and young people from over 70 towns across NSW. They will share the stage with a professional chamber ensemble and we are delighted to welcome associate artists from our 2025 collaborating youth ensemble, [Australian Youth Orchestra](#), for what will undoubtedly be a magical and unmissable performance.

Click [here](#) to buy tickets

VENUE
Theatre (DRTCC)

TIMES
Saturday 27 September, 4PM

DURATION
60 minutes (no interval)

AGE RECOMMENDATION
All ages

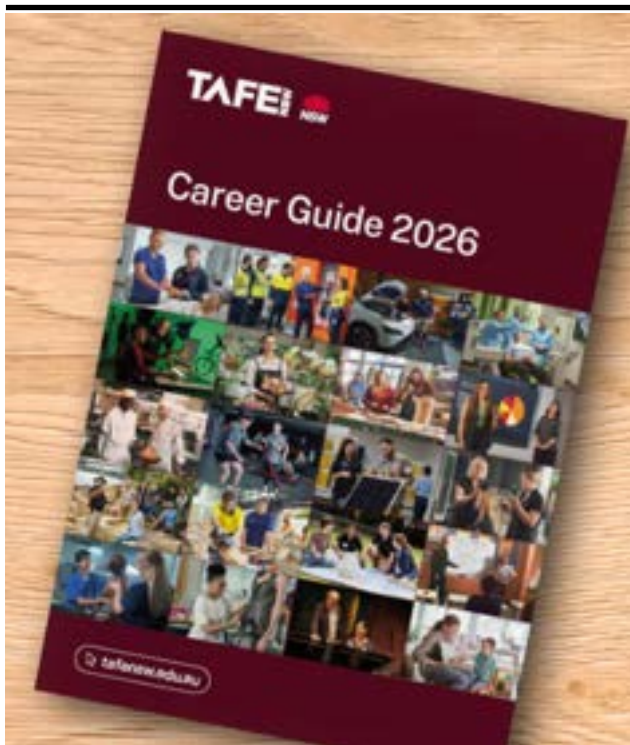
TICKETS
Limited to 3 x tickets per transaction.

All Tickets \$35.00

Please note: Ticket prices are set by the Hirer/Promoter

Warning: This performance contains smoke/haze

Community Noticeboard



Career Guide 2026: Courses, Support & Pathways

Click [here](#) to access the guide

Community Noticeboard



Warrumbungle community care

COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO COONABARABRAN

WARRUMBUNGLE COMMUNITY CARE INVITES COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO COME ALONG AND BE A PART OF OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO

Stall Holders are asked to remain for the entire time.
RSVP to communitycare@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au

Ph: 6869 2200
By 8th October 2024
Advice if power is required

Coonabarabran Town Hall
Coonabarabran
10:00am to 2:00pm

Wednesday 5 November 2025

FREE EVENT

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Parent Survey on Children's Extracurricular Activities

Are you a parent or guardian of a child aged 5 to 11 in Australia?

Help shape our understanding of extra-curricular activities of children in primary school and have a chance to win one of four \$200 vouchers.

We're inviting you to take part in a short online survey exploring how children participate in extra-curricular activities, including:

- Arts & Creativity
- Sports & Physical Activities
- Languages & Cultural Learning
- Music & Performance
- Clubs, Tech & More!

Who can participate?

You are eligible if you:

- Are a parent or legal guardian of a child aged 5 to 11 enrolled in primary school
- Live in Australia

Take the survey or find out more using the QR code or at go.unimelb.edu.au/po/p




StarFest

3 - 4 OCTOBER 2025
OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND
- Coonabarabran -

Science in the Pub
Friday, 3 October | 6.30pm | Coonabarabran Golf Club

Siding Spring Observatory Open Day
Saturday, 4 October | 9.30am - 4pm | Siding Spring Observatory

Bok Lecture
Saturday, 4 October | 5pm | Warrumbungle National Park

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