

Term 1 Week 8
Thursday 20th March 2025

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to all students who received a merit award!

Wombats	Charlie Fuller – Outstanding contributions during sound wave lessons. Harvey Winmill – Working hard to follow class routines. Leah Jurd – Consistently trying her best across all tasks. Miles Iredale – Exceptional effort blending phonemes during sound waves.
Wallabies	Riley Baynes – Showing creativity in story writing. Rosie Woldhuis – Showing improvement in her sentence writing. Bronte Butchard – Organising her ideas clearly in writing. Tai Ross – Showing improvement in writing.
Lorikeets	Kayden Xuereb – Completing a great sizzling start for a homework activity. Zahlia Harris – Consistently applying herself to all class activities. Jaxon Jones – Working hard to improve his knowledge of addition strategies. Raylan Mulqueeney – Excellent effort and focus during literary activities.
Kingfishers	Brayden Sultana – Being a keen and enthusiastic class member willing to challenge himself. Lucy Hamilton – Taking on leadership roles and participating in all class activities. Hunter Rapp – Striving to produce his best work. Jake Cowper – Displaying a mature approach towards all tasks.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have been very positive and mostly relaxed in their approach to NAPLAN assessments this year, which has been great to see. I commend them on their enthusiastic 'learner' approach to these standardised tests. I also extend my gratitude to their teachers in setting our amazing students up for success by supporting them emotionally and educationally.

We have been focusing more heavily on regular school attendance for all students this year. Wherever possible, I encourage families to travel during school holiday periods rather than during learning time. I understand that Covid restrictions interrupted many travel plans, leading to families taking holidays when they had to, however this period is now finished. Regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their best.

We are halfway through the Reading Challenge for Term 1. Each student is challenged to read for 15 minutes five times a week, which could also include the weekends. The reading log should be handed in each week with homework, as teachers are also signing off and tracking reading sessions for their class. It is great to see some students are even managing some bonus reading sessions in some weeks. This term there will be a free pizza lunch for those students who have been able to reach the target. There will also be a small prize for the two students in K-2 and 3-6 who have read the most over the term.

I would like to thank the new 2025 P&C committee members for agreeing to be a part of the team this year. It is as an old but good adage.. many hands make light work. I look forward to working with you all throughout the year. At our P&C meeting last week I tabled some of our revised documentation available on our school website, such as the [2025 Anti-Bullying Plan](#) and the [Ebenezer School Behaviour Support and Management Plan](#) (click on these to go to the documents OR both can be found in the 'Rules and policies' tab of our school website). I also tabled the School Community Charter, which was emailed to all families at the start of the school year. I also tabled our revised School Vision Statement – please see below for our new statement based on feedback from parents, students and staff.

If your child is currently in Year 6, please read the section below regarding their enrolment into high school, as it is now a digital process.

Congratulations to Matthew and Hunter, who represented our school at the PSSA Hawkesbury Zone Swimming Carnival in Windsor last week. They did an amazing job in their respective races. Thank you to the parents, who helped out with transport and supervision on the day. Well done to both of you, we are so proud!

Andrea Dziubinski
Principal

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT 2025 – 2028

Thank you to all parents who completed the two surveys offered at the end of last year. Your input has been invaluable. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 as well as staff were asked for their contributions in separate surveys. We then collated all responses and formulated a vision statement for the next few years (2025 - 2028).

“Ebenezer Public School is a resilient, inclusive school community with a focus on student wellbeing whilst fostering a love of learning. We provide high quality education in every classroom every day to inspire students to be:

- *confident and self-motivated individuals*
- *responsible and respectful citizens*
- *critical and creative thinkers*
- *innovative and resourceful problem solvers*
- *honest and optimistic lifelong learners.”*

ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN YEAR 7 FOR 2026

To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2026, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7.

The EOI process is available online. After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school.

If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please let us know by completing a Placement Not Required form.

If you are unsure whether they will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with your school once a decision has been made.

The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make the process as smooth as possible.

For parents/carers who are not able to complete an application online, a paper EOI form can be collected from the school office.

For more information about moving to high school, visit [Going to a public school](#).

Please follow link below:

<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=1813>

SCHOOL BYTES

Mobile phone app - School Bytes is our main way of communicating with parents and care givers. We use this app for all newsletters, permission notes, reminders and general information notes. Additionally, we also use this mode of communication when there is a disruption to normal school routines or access – this ranges from school phone outages to bus delays. I encourage all adults who have a role in caring for our students to download the free app onto their mobile phone to ensure access to information as it arises. An email will be sent to the parent's email

address provided to us at enrolment by default if you don't have the app downloaded, which can mean you miss important information in the sea of emails we all tend to receive.

School Bytes Parent Portal – there is a calendar for school events across the year available in your parent portal. It is updated regularly and is an easy way to keep up to date with upcoming school events.

HARMONY DAY

Although Harmony Day is officially on Friday 21st March, we will be **celebrating Harmony Day on THURSDAY 20 March, 2025**. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. This year's theme is 'Everyone Belongs'.

Orange is the official Harmony Day colour and students are invited to wear predominantly orange clothing on this day. Students must wear appropriate footwear, a school hat and dress appropriately for the day (including covering shoulders and midriff areas).

This is a student only event, with rotating class activities after lunch, so we respectfully ask that no parents or carers are onsite at this time.

SCRIPTURE AND NON-SCRIPTURE

Our Anglican Scripture and Non-Scripture lessons have now commenced and will be held each Thursday. We have lessons for Kindergarten and Stage 1 students at 11.30-12.00pm and then Stage 2 and Stage 3 students at 12.00-12.30pm. If you would like to change their group please advise the office in writing.

NAPLAN 2025

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2025.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between **12 March and 24 March, 2025**.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will also be participating in a practice test in the week prior to ensure students are familiar with the online platform. The practice test is a trial run and is not an assessment of student ability, nor will the tests be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. Students can use the [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in NAPLAN. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

If you have a child in Year 3 or Year 5, please try to schedule appointments outside of the testing window above where possible. We will be using the order of assessments as stipulated by our testing authority. If your child is absent from school for an assessment, we will do our best to catch them up, however this is not always possible, especially if there have been multiple assessments missed. Below is a rough plan for assessments at our school, although these may change without notice:

<i>NAPLAN at EPS 2025</i>	
Wednesday 12.3.25	Writing assessment, Years 3 (paper) and Year 5 (online)
Friday 14.3.25	Last opportunity for writing catch up
Monday 17.3.25	Reading assessment, Years 3 and 5
Tuesday 18.3.25	Conventions of Language assessment, Years 3 and 5
Wednesday 19.3.25	Numeracy assessment, Years 3 and 5
Monday 24.3.25	Last opportunity for assessment catch up (other than writing)

TERM 1 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 11 this term on Tuesday 8/4/25 and Wednesday 9/4/25 after school. This is a good opportunity to check in with your child's teacher in regards to learning at school.

The 'Interviews' section in School Bytes will become active for parent bookings in Week 9 and an email will be sent to all families notifying you of this closer to the time.

Please make sure you make a booking to secure your spot. We will do ten-minute face to face interviews in the school hall. I ask that you work to keeping the interview at the ten-minute mark. We look forward to discussing your child's learning progress with you.

EASTER HAT PARADE

We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating our Easter Hat Parade on **Friday 11th April, 2025.**

Commences: 12.30pm

Where: Ebenezer Public School, main shelter

All students are invited to join in the parade with a decorated hat, mask, basket, poster or outfit with an Easter theme. Younger siblings who are not yet school age will also have an opportunity to parade their Easter theme items. These are made at home and brought in on the day.

We would like to invite parents/caregivers and relatives to join us for a self-supplied picnic lunch after the parade finishes. We encourage families to bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the company of our school community.

An Easter raffle and guessing competition is being organised by our P&C, which will be drawn at the conclusion of our parade. Hot cross buns ordered through the P&C will also be available for collection.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our annual Cross Country Carnival will be held at school on Wednesday 2nd April, 2025 (weather permitting). We are hoping to start the carnival at 11:30am. The children will be having an early recess on this day at 10:50am. In the lead up we will be doing some practice runs around the school with all students.

We will be also starting our fundraising for Year 6 end of year activities and so we will be having a sausage sizzle meal deal available for all who pre-order on the day.

Parents are invited to come and watch their child's event and can also pre-order a sausage sizzle.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

All students are invited to represent our school at the ANZAC service at the Wilberforce War Memorial at 9am on ANZAC day. Students are asked to be in school uniform if they are able to attend.

Our school ANZAC Day ceremony will be held on Wednesday 1st May at 10.30am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

ADHD WORKSHOPS

Please find attached flyers for ADHD workshops, which are free for students and parents at the back of this newsletter.

UNIFORM POLICY

The wearing of a school uniform by students will assist Ebenezer Public School community in:

- defining an identity for Ebenezer Public School
- developing students' sense of belonging at Ebenezer Public School
- providing an opportunity to build our school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment

SMS ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Once enrolled, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are required to attend school each day. It is important that students arrive at school and class on time so that they do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day. Each day, teachers mark attendance for every student at 9:00am. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include illness, having an unavoidable medical appointment, being required to attend a recognised religious holiday, exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

A reminder that our school converted our absence notifications to text messages. If your child is absent from school from this date on you will receive an automatic SMS from the school notifying you of your child's absence and requesting a justification for their absence by return SMS.

Please notify the school office if you have recently changed your mobile phone number to ensure our records are up to date.

All students at Ebenezer PS are to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

MOBILE PHONES AND DEVICES AT SCHOOL

At Ebenezer Public School the safety and privacy of all students, staff and visitors is paramount. This mobile phone policy is supported by other school policies including the school Code of Conduct, School Rules and expectations and the school anti bullying policy. The support of parents/guardians and the school community in implementing this policy is greatly appreciated.

A student may need to have a mobile phone during the school day e.g. safety reasons travelling to and from school. To ensure that mobile phones are **not** being used inappropriately however, please follow these steps:

1. All students carrying mobile phones to and from school are required to leave it switched off at the school office during school hours (including bus lines).

2. If a student is found to be in possession of a mobile phone, their phone will be confiscated, and the student's parents will be advised that a permission note is required before the phone is returned to the student.
3. If a student is found to be in possession of a mobile phone more than once without permission, a detention will be issued.

If there is a message you need to communicate with your child about changes to after school arrangements, please call the school office before 2:45pm and we will pass the message on.

OOSH – OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Ebenezer PS has an OOSH (Out of School Hours Care), located near the school hall. OOSH is available for Kindergarten to Year 6 students. Parents of before and after school care children can access the school to drop off and collect their children. An adult is required to physically sign children in and sign out of OOSH. If crossing the road before or after school outside our crossing supervisor times, please hold your child's hand or walk with them across the road.

Parents interested in enrolling their children can contact OOSH in person or by phone on 0459 784 285 or by email: ebenezeroosh@hotmail.com. Enrolment paperwork is also available at the office.

ROAD SAFETY

We request that parents and students walk to and from school using the road safety guidelines. We have a Pedestrian Crossing Officer who monitors the children's crossing on Sackville Road each morning and afternoon.

Some safety tips:

Children's Crossing-

- Slow down and stop before the stop line if a pedestrian is on or is about to enter the crossing.
- Do not proceed until all pedestrians have left the entire crossing.
- If the road beyond the children's crossing is blocked you must not drive into or stop on the crossing.
- You must not stop in the No Stopping zones either side of the crossing as this blocks vision.
- You must **NOT** conduct u-turns across double lines before or after the crossing.

Walking to school-

- Walking to school is a great way for both you and your children to get some physical activity and stay healthy.

- Remember to set a good example and use pedestrian facilities when available.
- Always hold hands and teach the road safety rules of stop, look, listen and think before crossing the road.

No Stopping zones-

- Do not stop in a No Stopping zone at any time.
- These zones are designed to allow visibility for pedestrians and drivers especially around crossings.

Bus Zones-

- You must not stop within a Bus Zone at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

School photos date: Wednesday 14th May



School Student Travel



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Mail sent from the Stakeholder Liaison Team, Customers Systems and Operations.



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/school-students

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback

You're receiving this email because you have been nominated as your school's representative for all School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) news and information. If you'd prefer not to receive these emails or nominate a different representative, you can manage your email preferences by clicking [here](#).

K-6 SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Our school assembly will be on Fridays in the hall at 2.00pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

For your diaries:

Term 1 Week 6 – Kingfishers will be presenting a class item

Term 1 Week 8 – Lorikeets will be presenting a class item

Term 1 Week 10 – Wallabies will be presenting a class item

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Ebenezer is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school. Students are expected to demonstrate behaviours associated with our four school expectations/rules:

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

For the start of the new school year, we will be going through school expectations with explicit lessons over the next four weeks to support all students:

- **Week 2: Lining up expectations** – lining up sensibly and moving through our school safely and respectfully
- **Week 3: Uniform expectations** – wearing our school uniform and representing our school with pride
- **Week 4: Playground expectations** – playing safely, responsibly, being friendly and kind to others
- **Week 5: Communication expectations** – speaking to peers and adults with respect and resolving conflict with clear communication

PBL TOKENS

During class time, students are recognised when being safe; responsible; respectful or a learner by their teacher with a corresponding token. These tokens are stuck onto a token chart kept in their classroom and a full chart is exchanged for a Token Award at the next Friday assembly. These tokens are also tracked by teachers to ensure we are acknowledging and celebrating student achievements.

15 Tokens (Safe/ Responsible/ Respectful/ Learner/ Eagle/Attendance) = 1 Token Award

3 Token Awards (45 Tokens) = Bronze Award

6 Token Awards (90 Tokens) = Silver Award

9 Token Awards (135 Tokens) = Gold Award

3 Gold awards (405 Tokens) = Gold Medallion

This system is ongoing, with the names of students who received a Gold Medallion throughout the year are engraved on the perpetual Token Shield at the end of each year.

Gold Award recipients and their parents are also invited to a free celebratory morning tea with the Principal at the end of each semester, as further recognition of their ongoing commitment to displaying school expectations.

BUS BEHAVIOUR

A number of students use the Busways bus services to get to and from school. It has come to my attention that some students aren't displaying safe behaviours when on the bus, which I have spoken to students and Busways about. It is always important for all students to be safe before, during and after their bus journey and I request that you discuss the safe bus rules with your children if they catch a bus.

Bus Rules for Ebenezer students:

- Listen to the driver
- Walk quietly onto the bus and find a seat
- Once you sit, stay in the one seat
- Sit your legs facing the front
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before you get off, get off slowly and safely.

LUNCH BOX NEWS

As we move back into packing lunches for school days, please remember that spoons and forks are okay to pack for your child's lunch but no knives (metal or plastic) please.

Also, please do not include glass drink bottles in your child's lunch – plastic and metal drink bottles or poppers in plastic or cardboard are all ok to bring to school. We have a 'brain break' during the morning learning session so please remember to pack your child a "Crunch'n Sip" snack in addition to their recess and lunch food. This can be any fresh fruit or vegetables and water to drink. Please do not include fruit flavoured snacks or juice/cordial for this snack break.



NEW everyday lunchbox ideas

Kids love variety and there are always new things to try.
Have you tried any new everyday lunchbox items recently?

Here's some ideas:

- Mini rice wheels
- Roasted fava beans
- Zucchini slice
- Scones – plain, fruit or with a thin spread of topping



Mini rice wheelsFruit sconeRoasted fava beans



Bulletin Board



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Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc

HAWKESBURY NAIDOC

SAVE THE DATES

Hawkesbury NAIDOC
Concert
Sunday | 6 July 2025

Hawkesbury NAIDOC
Ball
Saturday | 26 July 2025

NEW
Hawkesbury Family
& Youth NAIDOC
Ball
Saturday
19 July 2025

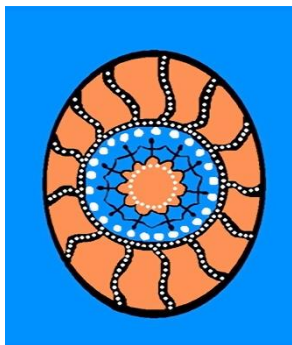
 Tickets on sale
April 2025

NAIDOC Merchandise
Pre orders for NAIDOC shirts and jackets will be
coming soon. Kids sizes also available.

 For more information, please contact Merana on (02) 4588 5144 or admin@merana.org.au

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Hawkesbury NAIDOC Ball 2025

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NAIDOC Theme 2025

The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy

The 2025 theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors.

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From this solid foundation, the next generation will rise—grounded in the strength of our Elders, history, inspired by a shared vision, and committed to building a legacy of unity, respect, and self-determination for all. This NAIDOC Week, we celebrate not just a milestone but a movement that endures, grows, and evolves—driven by the unwavering strength of our communities, the shared vision of our people, and the

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Through our collective efforts, we can forge a future where the stories, traditions, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are cherished and celebrated, enriching the fabric of the nation with the oldest living culture in the world. (www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-theme)

About the Event

Merana is holding the 7th Annual NAIDOC Ball on 26th July 2025 at Windsor Function Centre. Merana Management Committee invite sponsors to contribute towards the success of the event.

Previous NAIDOC Ball's have reached capacity in ticket sales. The event will incorporate a 3-course meal, live band and a gathering to celebrate community involvement.

Sponsorship Packages

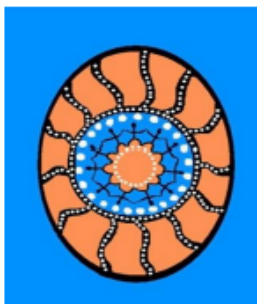
Packages	\$ Amount	Ball Tickets Included	Logo for Promotion
Platinum 1 Package Sold	\$7000 + GST	24 tickets = 2 tables	Logo on all promotional material.
Gold 3 Packages Sold	\$5000+ GST	12 Tickets to Ball	Online promotional and at event
Silver 7 Packages	\$3500 + GST	6 tickets to Ball	Online promotional and at event
Bronze Unlimited	\$1500 + GST	4 tickets to Ball	Online promotional and at event
Photography/Videography 1 Package	\$2500 + GST	6 tickets to Ball	Online promotional and at event
Community Sponsorship - Unlimited	\$110 + GST	1 ticket per sponsorship to be utilised for a community member to attend.	

Merana is a registered charity organisation.

Please contact Melissa Stubbings, Manager at Merana on (02) 4588 5144 or admin@merana.org.au to discuss further or to register as a sponsor.

Thank you in advance.

Melissa Stubbings
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Families and Youth Hawkesbury NAIDOC Ball 2025

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The surrounding ochre represents the country; the Darug land of Great Western Sydney. The circle of white dots symbolises the coming together of various Indigenous community groups. The people holding hands are symbolic of the representatives of Indigenous community groups that make up Merana; working together, sharing resources, skills and expertise. The pathways of white dots connect to the outside are symbolic of the link that Merana provides in support, networking and shared knowledge which is shared with the wider community.

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About the Families and Youth Hawkesbury NAIDOC Ball

Merana is holding the 1st Families and Youth Hawkesbury NAIDOC Ball on Saturday, 12 July 2025 at North Richmond Panthers.

Merana Management Committee are pleased to invite sponsors to contribute towards the success of the event. This is the first NAIDOC Ball in the Hawkesbury for families and youth. The ball will be in two parts:

1. Families Ball
 - 5pm – 8:30pm
2. Youth Ball
 - 9pm – 11:30pm

The families ball allows for people of all ages to attend and celebrate with their families. The youth ball will be for youth from 12-17years.

The event will incorporate a dinner and desert, live band or DJ, raffle, photobooth, and a gathering to celebrate community involvement.

Families Sponsorship Packages

Packages	\$ Amount	Ball Tickets Included	Logo for Promotion
Diamond 1 Package	\$5000 + GST	20 tickets = 2 tables	Logo on all promotional material
Ruby 6 Packages	\$3000+ GST	10 Tickets = 1 table	Online promotional and at event
Emerald 7 Packages	\$2000 + GST	6 tickets	Online promotional and at event
Sapphire Unlimited	\$1000 + GST	4 tickets	Online promotional and at event
Photography/Videography 1 Package	\$2000 + GST	6 tickets	Online promotional and at event

The surrounding ochre represents the country; the Darug land of Great Western Sydney. The circle of white dots symbolises the coming together of various Indigenous community groups. The people holding hands are symbolic of the representatives of Indigenous community groups that make up Merana; working together, sharing resources, skills and expertise. The pathways of white dots connect to the outside are symbolic of the link that Merana provides in support, networking and shared knowledge which is shared with the wider community.

Community Sponsorship - Unlimited	\$100 + GST	1 ticket per sponsorship to be utilised for a community member to attend.	
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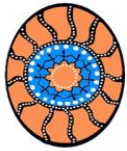
Pearl 7 Packages	\$2000 + GST	6 tickets	Online promotional and at event
Opal Unlimited	\$1000 + GST	4 tickets	Online promotional and at event
Community Sponsorship - Unlimited	\$100 + GST	1 ticket per sponsorship to be utilised for a community member to attend.	

Merana is a registered charity organisation.

Please contact Melissa Stubbings, Manager at Merana on 0245885144 or admin@merana.org.au to discuss further or to register as a sponsor.

Thank you in advance

Melissa Stubbings
Manager



Merana's PLAYGROUP



FOR AGES:
0-6

MORNING TEA
PROVIDED

Let's
PLAY!

RETURNS
MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY
2025

EVERY MONDAY
(SCHOOL TERM)
9:30 - 11 AM

ACTIVITIES:

ARTS & CRAFTS
MUSIC & GAMES
OUTDOOR PLAY
PLAYING WITH
FRIENDS

Merana provides a
supported playgroup for
Aboriginal children and their
parent's/carer's

FOLLOW US ON
FACEBOOK



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
(02) 4588 5144 OR ADMIN@MERANA.ORG.AU



WHERE:

2/20 WEST MARKET ST,
RICHMOND



MERANA'S ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S GROUP



SUNDAY 9TH MARCH
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

2PM - 4PM

2/20 WEST MARKET STREET, RICHMOND

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

REGISTER INTEREST OR ENQUIRIES ON:
(02) 4588 5144 OR ADMIN@MERANA.ORG.AU





MERANA RIVERSTONE ABORIGINAL MENS GROUP

In partnership with
North West Community Services

**Monday, 10 and 24 March 2025
7 - 9 pm
9 Park Street, Riverstone**

Facilitator, Dean Brien

Transport available to and from the venue.
For more information please call (02) 4588 5144 or
email admin@merana.org.au

Follow Merana
on Facebook



MERANA'S GURUNG (CHILDRENS) GROUP



Come Along for an Afternoon of Fun
Activities, and Food.
Entertained in a Culturally Safe Space

All Children from Kindy - Year 6
are Welcome

**Every Wednesday
(School Terms)
3:30 - 5 pm**

Email -
admin@merana.org.au

Call -
02 4588 5144

Location -
Unit 2/20 West Market St.
Richmond NSW

Parents/Carers must
sign the child in and
out each week

Follow Us On
Facebook





Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc

Come along for

TWILIGHT MARKETS

FRIDAY
28 MARCH 2025
5PM - 8PM

Merana
2/20 West Market Street, Richmond

Interested in having
a stall?
\$20 each stall. Contact Merana
to complete an application form.

Stalls, food, products,
entertainment and more!

For more information, please contact Merana on (02) 4588
5144 or admin@merana.org.au

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Shirts for Sale

"YOU ARE STANDING ON DARUG LAND"

Shirts come in black ONLY
(below is a display)



SIZES:
S, M, L, XL, 2XL and 3XL
Kids
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16

Limited stock available

ORDER YOUR SHIRT TODAY

Contact Merana on (02) 4588 5144 or
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\$55 each
+GST

\$35
(Kids Shirts)
+GST

Postage or pick up
available. Additional cost
for postage.

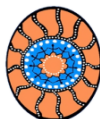
Artwork by Leanne Tobin

Fitness Class - Boxing

NO experience necessary & suitable for all fitness levels

FREE CLASS

**Trainer
Jack Fleetwood**



**EVERY WEDNESDAY
6PM - 7PM**

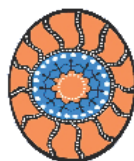
**Unit 2, 20 West Market Street,
Richmond**



(02) 4588 5144



admin@merana.org.au



MERANA'S FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Merana runs fitness programs weekly.

Need to get in a few more steps, then come join the Merana team. Enjoy a relaxing walk around Richmond Park, fresh air and a yarn.

Mums and bubs, seniors, everyone is welcome. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for weather updates.

MEET BEHIND THE GRANDSTAND, BRING WATER BOTTLE & HAT.

GREAT FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS

**EVERY TUESDAY
5:30PM - 6:30PM
2/20 WEST MARKET STREET, RICHMOND**

No booking or registration required!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (02) 4588 5144
OR ADMIN@MERANA.ORG.AU**

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raise resilient kids

Understanding ADHD

Discover the Best Approach for Your Child

Gain valuable insights and practical strategies to better understand and support your child with ADHD. This workshop will help you decode behaviours, foster resilience, and create a positive, supportive home environment. Walk away with knowledge and tools to empower both you and your child on your parenting journey.

Wednesday
25 March 2025
9am - 1pm



Richmond
Community
Services Inc

20 West Market Street
Richmond NSW 2753

admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au
02 4588 3502

after school activity

Beautiful ADHD brain

A supportive after-school program for **BOYS** aged 5-8 with ADHD, facilitated by Alina Peberdy Wellness

A wonderful, highly interactive, fun and educational program that will teach boys how their brain works in a creative and fun environment while making new friends, exploring their strengths and traits to learn what makes them unique and wonderful humans. Activities include art, games, craft, movement, physical activities, and relaxation, all designed to teach problem-solving skills, build resilience and confidence, and enhance each child's strengths.

2 week group Mondays
31 March & 7 April 2025
4 - 5:30pm



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School Holiday Activities

Autumn 2025

LIBRARY

(Ground Floor) 300 George Street,
Windsor NSW 2756
02 4560 4460
hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library



WRITING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 15 April
10 - 12 YEARS: 10:30AM - 12PM
13 - 17 YEARS: 2 - 3:30PM



These creative writing workshops, presented by **WestWords**, will be hosted by local professional writers. They aim to improve your craft in short story and poetry while helping to generate ideas to create an entry for the **Living Stories Writing Competition**.

FREE - Bookings Essential



HOLIDAY MOVIES

Tuesday 22 April | 2 - 3:30PM

Enjoy a fun movie at the Library! Bring your own snacks and drinks. Movie title can be found on Eventbrite, by calling the Library or find out on the day!

FREE - All Welcome



LEGO PLAY SPACE

14 - 24 April

You are never too old to create with Lego! Drop into the library and have fun building your own world in a quiet environment. There will be loads of Lego pieces available for builders to produce any creation they desire.

FREE - Drop In - No Bookings Required

MUSEUM

8 Baker Street,
Windsor NSW 2756
02 4560 4655
hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum



THE ART OF PROTEST

Thursday 17 April
10:30AM - 12:30PM
Learn how powerful words can be used to create your very own positive protest sign!
\$18 - For ages 7 - 12

MINI MUSEUM MAKERS

Thursday 24 APRIL
10:30AM - 12:30PM
Become a curator for a day and build your very own mini museum.
\$18 - For ages 5 - 12

GALLERY

(First Floor) 300 George Street,
Windsor NSW 2756
02 4560 4441
hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery



PAPER MARBLING MASTERPIECES

Wednesday 16 April
10:30AM - 12:30PM
Create a gorgeous, kaleidoscopic landscape inspired by artworks in the gallery and the Hawkesbury's landscape.
\$18 - For ages 5 - 12

COPYCAT LANDSCAPES

Wednesday 23 April
10:30AM - 12:30PM
Learn how to recreate artworks in your own style using different painting and drawing techniques.
\$18 - For ages 7 - 12

NEXT TERM

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ART CLUB
7 May - 25 June

For ages 6-12 years \$130 (8-week term)

Transport for NSW

Free child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not being used correctly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by a Transport for NSW Authorised Restraint Fitter. You can have your child car seats and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit.

Date:	Wednesday, 2 April 2025 from 9am - 1pm
Location:	Glossodia Community Centre, 162 Golden Valley Drive, Glossodia
Contact:	To book in call Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 4560 4278



childcarseats.com.au
An initiative of your local council as
part of the Local Government Road
Safety Program





8 | motivesports 2 DAY SUPER CAMP SPORTS FESTIVAL

* 14 & 15 APRIL - 2 DAY SUPER CAMP
* 24 APRIL - 1 DAY SOCCER CAMP
ARNDILL COLLEGE, OAKVILLE
2-day camp pass - \$125 non sleep over | 1-DAY soccer - \$70

APRIL 2025

KINDY - YR 6

8.30AM TO 3.30PM

motivesports.com.au
hawkesbury@motivesports.com.au
0414 891 802



8 | motivesports FOOTBALL FANATICS

IF YOU LOVE SOCCER

YOU'LL LOVE THIS 1 DAY EVENT!

* THURSDAY 24TH APRIL
ARNDILL ANGLICAN COLLEGE, OAKVILLE

\$70 - 1 DAY PASS

8.30AM - 3.30PM | KINDY - YEAR 6

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Reminders

Lunch orders available via Flexischools App
Friday's ONLY

2025

Term 1

March

Wednesday 12 th	NAPLAN Starts
Thursday 20 th	Harmony Day
Monday 24 th	NAPLAN Ends
Friday 28 th	Cricket Gala Day

April

Tuesday 1 st	P&C Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 2 nd	Cross Country and BBQ
Tuesday 8 th	Parent/Teacher interviews
Wednesday 9 th	Parent/Teacher interviews
Wednesday 9 th	Peer Support Stage 3 training day
Thursday 10 th	Reading challenge pizza lunch
Friday 11 th	Easter Hat Parade
	Last day of term for students

Term 2

April

Monday 28 th	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 29 th	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 30 th	First day back for students

May

Thursday 1 st	Anzac Ceremony
Thursday 8 th	P&C Mother's Day stall
Thursday 9 th	P&C Mother's Day stall
Wednesday 14 th	School photos
Friday 23 rd	Zone Cross Country

Costs to Families 2025

Stage 3 Canberra Camp \$590
Voluntary Family Contribution \$20
Resource Fee \$30

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