



Term 2 Week 2
Thursday 8th May 2025

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to all students who received a merit award!

Wombats	Lexi Jackson – Working hard to improve her writing. Ava Hopkinson – Working hard in Sound Waves lessons. Ava Van Eyk – Being a helpful class member. Zac Rynott – Outstanding effort in reading groups.
Wallabies	Hudson Kermond – Demonstrating the ability to write an entertaining narrative. Rex Chapman – Producing creative and imaginative writing. Savannah Rapp – Showing responsibility by taking ownership of her learning. Evie Taliana – Applying creative ideas to written tasks.
Lorikeets	Ruby Skillin – For trying her hardest to complete her work. Brodie Smith – For always staying focused and trying his best. Lacey Mead – Her contributions to group work in maths. Will Milczarek – For his expressive reading in reading groups.
Kingfishers	George Watson – Working well in all activities. Contributing in class discussions. Penny Mead – Displaying a positive and mature approach towards her work. Bryce Fuller – Displaying a positive approach towards his work and happily taking on extension tasks. Jye Badans – Improved effort and achievement in maths.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope the term break provided a chance for some relaxation and family time either at home or on vacation. We have another busy term of learning ahead of us and I know each class is up to the challenge.

Parent Teacher Interviews were successfully held in the last week of Term 1 in the hall. Thank you to all the parents able to participate as these are a great way to connect with teachers about your child's learning.

Thank you to all families and visitors who were able to join us for our Easter Hat Parade on the last day of Term 1. What a wonderful afternoon, where the hats were colourful and smiles shone brightly! A huge thank you to the P&C for gifting each child a little craft Easter present. Congratulations to the raffle winners and to the two students who guessed the right number of Easter eggs in the guessing competition!

A big thank you to the Ebenezer students who represented our school at Wilberforce Park on ANZAC day during the school holidays. Our school ANZAC Day ceremony was held last Thursday, and we were honoured to have two representatives from the Windsor RSL sub branch join us. All students conducted themselves with responsibility and respect.

It is with sadness that I share with you our School Counsellor, Charlotte Daczko, has decided to pursue her career in the private sector. She worked with a number of students during her time at Ebenezer, we thank her for all that she accomplished and wish her well in her future endeavours. Good news is that we have been allocated an experienced School Counsellor to support Ebenezer students and families. Ms Ann-Marie O'Toole will be starting with us next week and is looking forward to getting to know our school community.

Condolences also to Mrs Watson and her family following the recent loss of her mother to cancer. Mrs Bellamy was a casual teacher at Ebenezer for quite a number of years, although not recently due to her declining health. Our thoughts are with Mrs Watson and her family as they adjust to their loss.

As the weather has now turned much cooler, this is a timely reminder for all parents to ensure your child's belongings are clearly marked with their full name. Most days are warmer in the middle of the day, meaning the much-needed jumpers in the morning are removed. We encourage all children to put these in their bag, however some inevitably go missing. Labelled clothing is much easier to return! Please note that students should be dressed in school uniform. This means navy blue jackets and jumpers only, no hoodies.

Please be aware that black shoes are a standard part of our uniform except on sport uniform day, which is normally Fridays, but is Wednesdays this term. Please do not allow your child to tempt you into buying a pair of shoes with 'sprouts of colour' on them. Consistency of uniform helps us maintain pride in our school.

Wishing all our Ebenezer mums a happy Mother's Day this Sunday!

Andrea Dziubinski
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS WEDNESDAY, 14th MAY

****Please note: NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR PHOTO DAY – NOT sports uniform****

Students received their school photo ordering information late last term via the School Bytes parent portal. The school office has spare ordering sheets for individual or family orders.

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A parent survey was conducted during the Term 1 parent/teacher interviews as a quick 'pulse check' to see about current parent interests and availabilities. The results of this was:

Term 2 Week 4 – Wednesday 21st May = Bangers and Bingo 5-6pm

Term 3 Week 8 – Thursday 11th September = Hotdogs and Handball

A more detailed summary of the survey results was emailed to parents last week.

TERM 2 READING CHALLENGE

The 2025 Reading Challenge continues again this term! Students are challenged to complete five reading sessions each week. Reading sessions are 15 minutes of reading and can be completed during the week or even over the weekend and will still count. Reading logs need to be returned to your child's class teacher each Friday, along with their other homework, so teachers can record the week's total in our tracking log.

Congratulations to those students who reached last term's goal and celebrated with a pizza lunch on the second last day of Term 1. A special mention goes to Miles Iredale (K-2) and Ben Watson (3-6) for being the students who logged the most reading sessions!

This term we are looking for students to complete a total of 50 reading sessions, from Term 1 Week 11 through to the end of Term 2 Week 9.

UPLIFT UPDATE

I am excited to share that starting this term, our school will launch a new initiative called Uplift Update, aimed at fostering a positive and supportive environment for our students.

Uplift Update focuses on the power of positive feedback. By recognising and celebrating our students' achievements, we aim to enhance their learning experience and boost their confidence. Research shows that positive feedback not only motivates students but also helps them develop a growth mindset. When students feel valued and acknowledged, they are more likely to engage actively in their learning and take on new challenges.

Throughout the school year, we often notice small but significant improvements, acts of kindness, risk-taking during lessons and skill mastery to name a few worthy achievements. Whilst we celebrate some of these with verbal feedback, praise and stickers or stamps on the spot, this moment may be swallowed up in the busyness of each school day and students may not remember to relay this success to you. Sometimes we capture these moments for school assembly and Presentation Day awards. Through Uplift Update, we will encourage teachers to share uplifting messages about students' progress and successes with you, either through a phone call or email. We believe that by highlighting individual and collective achievements, we can foster a culture of encouragement and collaboration within our school community.

We invite you to join us in this initiative by reinforcing positive feedback at home. Celebrating small and big wins together can make a significant difference in your child's motivation and self-esteem.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we implement Uplift Update. Together, we can create an even more positive and enriching environment for our students to thrive.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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.

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays to minimise learning disruptions. If travel during school term is necessary, please discuss this with Mrs Dziubinski. An Application for Extended Travel may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

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.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



CRUNCH&SIP

Crunch&Sip® is a set break for students to 'refuel' on vegetables, salad and fruit and 'rehydrate' with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. Many students are not eating enough vegetables and fruit or keeping sufficiently hydrated.

Please remember to send fruit or vegetable and a bottle of water each day.

FRUIT- All fresh fruit, e.g. a banana, chopped melon. Please cut fruit such as apples and place in a zip lock bag or small plastic container for younger children.

VEGETABLES- Fresh vegetables, e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber slices, celery sticks.

DRINK- Only plain water please. No other drinks are allowed as they are laden with sugar.

EASTER HAT PARADE



ANZAC DAY CEREMONY



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



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

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 and device 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 and devices are **not** being used inappropriately however, please follow these steps:

1. All students carrying mobile phones and/or devices 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 or device, their phone will be confiscated, and the student's parents will be advised that a permission note is required before the phone/device is returned to the student.
3. If a student is found to be in possession of a mobile phone/device 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



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 2 Week 2 – No class item

Term 2 Week 4 – Wombats will be presenting a class item

Term 2 Week 6 – Wallabies will be presenting a class item

Term 2 Week 8 – Kingfishers will be presenting a class item

Term 2 Week 10 – Lorikeets 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

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&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



06 May 2025

**Ebenezer Public School
Freemans Reach Public School
Hawkesbury High School**

SCHOOL BUS 5111 - AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students

Commencing **Monday 19th May 2025**, Morning **School Bus 5111** will operate revised path and times as detailed below.

School Bus 5111 will not service Greens Rd between **South Sydney Juniors Resort & Wheelbarrow Ridge Rd**. Instead, School Bus 5111 will **commence from Former Lower Portland School (7:45am)**, then continue as current path and times to Ebenezer Public School, Freemans Reach Public School and Hawkesbury High School.

Reason for proposed change: Greens Rd is not suitable to operate a full sized bus and is subject to flooding. The mini bus currently deployed to operate this service is reaching the end of its service life and will be replaced by a full sized bus.

Please refer to your schools timetabled services at: <https://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables> and select the link adjacent to your schools name; **"New timetable | 19 May 2025"**.

For further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on **1300 69 2929** or infoline@busways.com.au.

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS
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06 May 2025

**Ebenezer Public School
Freemans Reach Public School
Hawkesbury High School**

SCHOOL BUS 5611 - PM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students

Commencing **Monday 19th May 2025**, Afternoon **School Bus 5611** will operate revised path and times as detailed below.

School Bus 5611 will not service Greens Rd between **Wheelbarrow Ridge Rd & South Sydney Juniors Resort**. Instead, School Bus 5611 will operate as **current path & times to 3:24pm Ebenezer Public School** and continue Sackville Rd, left West Portland Rd, Greens Rd, left Wheelbarrow Ridge Rd to **former Lower Portland School at 3:44pm**.

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Yours sincerely

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FREE! Hawkesbury Drive to Stay Alive Workshop for Young Drivers

Are you a Learner, P Plater or Young Driver in the Hawkesbury?
Come to a 1 hour workshop with Hawkesbury Police, SES, Ambulance
and Fire and Rescue emergency services!

DATE	Wednesday, 14 May 2025 @ 7pm
LOCATION	Windsor Library (Tebbutt Room), 300 George St, Windsor
BOOK YOUR PLACE	https://tinyurl.com/26nyyub6
CONTACT	Hawkesbury City Council - Road Safety Officer Telephone (02) 4560 4278

Learners should bring along their driving parent / supervisor to the workshop!



~ PEPPERCORN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ~

CHILDREN'S DENTAL DAY

WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY 2025
APPOINTMENT TIMES START 10AM



Free Dental Health Check delivered by experienced NSW Health Staff at South Windsor Family Centre.



Children **under 18 years** who are NSW residents



No Cost to families, however you must be eligible for **Medicare**



Family must complete **consent forms** and return no later than June 4th 2025



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For parents/carers with children 2-12 years of age.

123 Magic Parenting Program can support you to:

- ✓ Manage challenging behaviours in a calm way.
- ✓ Encourage positive behaviour using emotion coaching strategies.
- ✓ Understand stages of child development.

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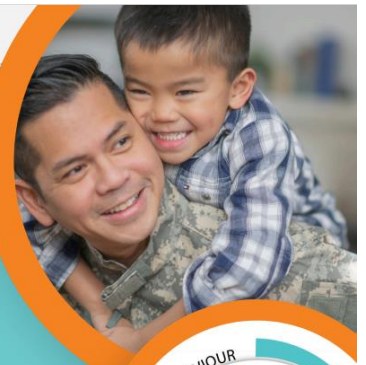
Phone: (02) 4577 9804



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Our Location
6 Greenhills Way, South Windsor, 2756, NSW.



MANAGE CHILDREN'S DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

TUESDAYS

Starts 20th May
(3 week course)

10am-12pm

Financial Education Workshop



Monday 12th May
1 - 2:30pm



Planning and Budgeting



Goals, Saving and Spending



Money Planning

This free, and easy to understand Financial Education Workshop will be delivered by an accredited facilitator.

It is designed to support families with simple ways to save money.

You will be provided with a tip sheet to take home and apply to your home & budget.

Free goodie bags on offer.

Child minding available.

Afternoon tea provided.



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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



Reminders

Lunch orders available via Flexischools App
Friday's ONLY

2025

Term 2

May

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

June

Monday 16 th	EPS Spelling Bee – juniors & seniors
Tuesday 17 th	HPAF Choir Rehearsal
Friday 20 th	Stage 1 – Futsal Gala Day
Monday 23 rd	Life Ed Van
Tuesday 24 th	Life Ed Van
Tuesday 24 th	Stage 3 Longneck Enrichment
Monday 30 th	Spelling Bee – Regional

July

Wednesday 2 nd	Athletics Carnival K-6 Tamplin Field
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Costs to Families 2025

Voluntary Family Contribution \$20
Resource Fee \$30
Stage 3 Canberra Camp \$590
Athletics Lessons \$40
Life Education Visit \$12

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