



Term 2 Week 8
Thursday 19th June 2025

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to all students who received a merit award!

Wombats	Lexi Jackson – Leadership skills and being a wonderful role model. Harper Xuereb – Exceptional listening skills. Ava Van Eyk – Wonderful effort in MiniLit. Jack Williams – Always striving to do his best.
Wallabies	Rex Chapman – Showing creativity in story writing. Blair Morris – Consistently reading with expression. Ruby Read – Using a wider range of vocabulary in writing. Archibald Wenck – Making insightful predictions while reading.
Lorikeets	Tyler Wenck – Always listening during class. Will Milczarek – Enthusiastic participation in athletics lessons. Tiffani Fooks – Working hard in mathematics. Chayce Timewell – Great improvement in reading groups.
Kingfishers	Jake Cowpar – Great enthusiasm displayed towards class activities. Jye Badans – Great effort in poetry. Wonderful illustrations. Tahli Hall – Excellent effort and achievement in mathematics. Indianah Clark-Ferguson – Enthusiasm displayed in soccer and athletic lessons.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee finalists: Stage 2 winner is Bryce, with Tahli as runner-up, and Stage 3 winner is Sienna, with Penny as runner-up. Well done to all participants, as it isn't easy to spell words under pressure so all students who took part should be rightly proud of themselves. Thank you to Mr McFadden for coordinating the event and to Mrs Concha for being the scorer.

The Hawkesbury Performing Arts Festival choir rehearsal was successful, and we are looking forward to an amazing night performance early next term. Thank you to Mrs Keys and Mrs Concha for transporting the students to and from the Windsor High School hall for the practice with other schools.

Our school policy is that all student devices need to be turned off and handed into the office first thing each morning. I would like to commend students for being responsible and respectful in meeting this expectation. We have had some students, however, walking past driveways near the school and looking at their device while walking. This unsafe behaviour could result in an injury. Please speak with your child about road safety if they do have a device, so that they are paying attention to their surroundings when near the road or driveways.

We have some great opportunities and celebrations coming up as we head into the last weeks of the term: Stage 1 Futsal and Stage 2 + 3 Oz Tag Gala Days; Semester 1 Gold Morning Tea; Term 2 Reading Challenge pizza lunch for students with 50 reading sessions or more by the end of Week 9; Term 2 90s club and our Athletics Carnival at Tamplin Field (please note the change in venue from last year's McMahons Park).

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 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 reply to this SMS at your earliest convenience.

Our school is due for some more planned maintenance works to ensure our learning spaces are safe and fit for use. This will start with a section of damaged perimeter fencing being replaced today and will continue over the coming weeks with some painting of verandah spaces, painting railings outside the library and hall, then some small improvements to the OOSH room.

Thank you to our amazing general assistant, Mrs Howarth, who has revived and painted the horseshoe letters along the pathway to the school office. They now look bright and easier to read!

Andrea Dziubinski
Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLL

Thank you to all parents who responded to the uniform poll. There was a total of 37 responses from families with children across all grades. We appreciate your feedback and understand the importance of this matter to our school community. The overwhelming majority (81%) have voted to change our every day uniform shirt to the dark blue sports shirt. This means that we will ask our supplier not to order any more of the yellow shirts. As previously stated, this is a long term decision as we still have approximately 2 years of stock both in our school cupboards and the warehouse. The school uniform will remain the yellow shirt for day to day wear, with the blue sports shirt to be worn on the designated sports day each term, plus excursions. Our goal is to have a uniform that reflects our school's values while considering the preferences of our students and families. Thank you for your continued support and engagement as we navigate this important decision together.

NEW ACADEMIC REPORT FORMAT K-6

From this term, we're introducing updated school reports. Please see below some further information regarding the updated format:

- The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand.
- Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas.
- Teacher comments will appear in English, mathematics and the general comment section, in line with department policy.
- The general comment for Kindergarten also covers all other key learning areas including, creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, and science and technology.
- A new [achievement scale and descriptions](#) are included to provide a clearer picture of your child's progress.
- Parent-teacher interviews remain an important way to discuss your child's progress and achievement in more detail.
- We welcome your feedback or questions about the new report format.

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL SURVEY

In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete [the opt-out consent form](#) and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>

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.

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

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.

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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...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life



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

2026 KINDERGARTEN

If you have a child due to start Kindergarten next year, you will need to complete the school enrolment online prior to our transition dates. You will need to provide some important documentation, including proof of address (to 100 points), such as rates notice, your child's birth certificate and immunisation history. Original documentation must be sighted as part of the enrolment process, photocopies are not accepted.

The online enrolment can be found on our school website:

<https://ebenezer-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

You are invited to make an appointment to meet with myself in Term 3 (July/ August/ September) to look at our beautiful school and discuss your child's individuality. This would be a good opportunity for you to bring your original documentation to complete the enrolment process. Please use the link below to access the online booking calendar for your Kindergarten Enrolment Interview:



Click here to book a meeting!

Our 2026 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 21st October 2025, please bring along all of your questions! A family picnic is being planned for Wednesday 24th September, which is a great way to meet the other families with Kindergarten students. Your invitation to these events and your child's transition days will arrive early next term.

We are currently organising classes for next year and your child's enrolment will confirm their place at Ebenezer. Please complete your child's enrolment form online by Friday 25th July 2025.

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.

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, smart watch or other digital device 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

LUNCH BOX NEWS

Please remember when packing lunches for school days, 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.



Sandwich filling inspiration

Sandwiches are a great everyday lunch option! Looking for inspiration to try some new sandwich fillings? Why not try:

- Bulk out the sandwich with vegetables. Try using carrot, tomato, lettuce, baby spinach, avocado, beetroot or cucumber.
- Try using leftover lean meats, boiled eggs, reduced fat cheese, BBQ chicken (skin removed), canned fish, turkey, roast vegetables, falafel or tofu to switch-up fillings!
- Swap your spreads! Instead of butter or margarine try cream cheese, cottage cheese, avocado, hummus or tzatziki.



BUSWAYS COMMUNICATION:

Attention Parents/Caregivers,

As part of a wider enhancement to services which includes increased frequencies and extended routes, Busways and Transport for NSW will make minor timing changes to some school services to improve on-time running.

Please be aware that the new school timetable will be in effect from Monday 30th June 2025. Letters with change details are being sent to affected schools separately to this communication.

Parents and students are advised to please refer to their schools timetabled services at: <https://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables> and select the link adjacent to their schools name; **"New timetable | 30 June 2025"** or visit <https://www.transportnsw.info/trip> to plan their trip.

For further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on **1300 692 929** or infoline@busways.com.au.

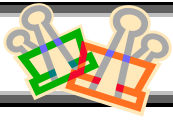
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Busways Group

5 Bridge Street, Pymble NSW 2073

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Winter 2025

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02 4560 4460
hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library

BOOK TICKETS



COLOURING IN SPACE

7 - 20 July

Drop into Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor and choose from a variety of designs to inspire any creative mind.

FREE - Drop In - All Welcome

DRAMA WORKSHOP: FROM BOOK TO PERFORMANCE

Tuesday 8 July

10:30 - 11:30AM

Learn new skills in movement and creative expression.

\$5 - For ages 5 - 12

LEARN TO JUGGLE

Monday 14 July

2 - 3PM

Learn the joy of juggling, from the basics of tossing a ball to more advanced tricks.

\$5 - For ages 5 - 12

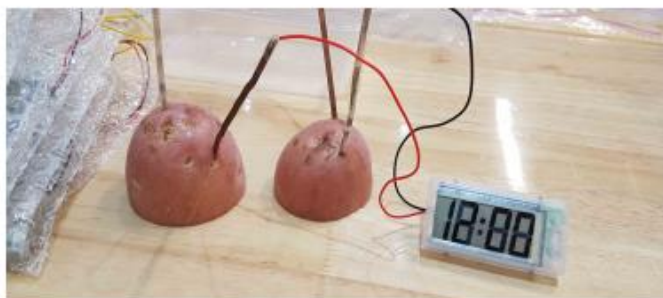
HOLIDAY MOVIES

Friday 11 July | 2 - 3:30PM

Tuesday 15 July | 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



POTATO CLOCK SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Friday 18 July | 2 - 3PM

Discover how electrical circuits and batteries work by experimenting with electrical conductors, and create a battery that powers a digital clock, simply using zinc and copper electrodes and a potato.

\$5 - For ages 8 - 12

MUSEUM

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

BOOK TICKETS



BRIDGE IT! ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Thursday 10 July

10:30AM - 12:30PM

Work together to construct your own bridge from craft materials.

\$18 - For ages 7 - 12

DIGGING INTO HISTORY

Thursday 17 July

10:30AM - 12:30PM

Excavate our dig site, put on your gloves and create your own exhibition.

\$18 - For ages 5 - 10

GALLERY

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

BOOK TICKETS



FEEL THE FOREST

Wednesday 9 July

10:30AM - 12:30PM

Create textured artworks inspired by the *Burnt into Memory* exhibition.

\$18 - For ages 5 - 10



SEED PODS OF HOPE

Wednesday 16 July

10:30AM - 12:30PM

Using native seed pods, create a sculpture inspired by the Australian bush.

\$18 - For ages 7 - 12

NEXT TERM

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ART CLUB

30 July - 17 September

Join us in Term 3 for Afternoon Art Club!

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

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. All materials provided.

\$50 Service NSW Active and Creative Kids Vouchers accepted

PLEASE NOTE: Children under the age of 10 MUST be accompanied by an adult for all advertised activities.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

LEARN, PLAY & GROW AT PCYC THIS JULY!



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Reminders

Lunch orders available via Flexischools App
Friday's ONLY

2025

Term 2

June

Monday 23 rd	Life Education Visit
Tuesday 24 th	Life Education Visit
Tuesday 24 th	Stage 3 Longneck Enrichment
Friday 27 th	Stage 2 & 3 - Oz Tag Gala Day
Monday 30 th	Gold Morning Tea (Semester 1)

July

Tuesday 1 st	Reading Challenge Pizza lunch
Wednesday 2 nd	Athletics Carnival K-6 at Tamplin Field
Friday 4 th	90's Club Celebration
Friday 4 th	Last day of Term 2

Term 3

July

Tuesday 22 nd	First day of Term 3
Tuesday 29 th	HPAF Choir Rehearsal (daytime)
Tuesday 29 th	HPAF Choir performance (evening)

August

Monday 4 th	Ebenezer Public School Open Day
Monday 18 th	Book Week
Thursday 21 st	Book Parade
Friday 22 nd	Zone Athletics
Tuesday 26 th	Lantern Festival
Friday 29 th	Art Show (evening)
Saturday 30 th	Art Show (daytime)

Costs to Families 2025

Voluntary Family Contribution \$20
Resource Fee \$30
Stage 3 Canberra Camp \$590
Life Education Visit \$12
Athletics Carnival K-6 \$16

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