



Term 3 Week 6
Thursday 28th August 2025

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to all students who received a merit award!

- Wombats** Zoe Hall – Consistently applying feedback in her writing.
Tahlee Pilley – Consistent effort when working on single sounds.
Miles Iredale – His growing confidence in reading.
Jordan Musa-Lyter – Working hard to apply the success criteria in writing.
- Wallabies** Nixon Payne – Applying excellent mathematical strategies.
Evie Taliana – Showing focus and concentration in independent work.
Jemma Brown – Consistently reading with expression and fluency.
Thomas Watson – Excellent problem solving skills in mathematics.
- Lorikeets** Georgie Baynes – Always listening and staying focused during class.
Tyler Lynch – Working hard to improve his reading skills.
Maggie Woldhuis – Great participation in basketball lessons.
Tiffani Fooks – Consistently working to the best of her ability.
- Kingfishers** Charlie Taliana – Great effort in writing about the topic 'Respect'.
Naomi Van Eyk – Improved effort in writing tasks.
Dilara Taban – Excellent effort in math's tessellating patterns.
George Watson – A keen and interested writer who adds detail and creativity to his work.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is SASS Recognition Week, where we highlight the hard work and dedication of our SASS team members. They play an important role in the school and are often the first people you see when you enter our school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with our students, parents and community. They work in the school office, in classrooms and the library. They also tend to students when they are unwell and ensure the efficient management of school finances and administration processes. We will be thanking all our SASS staff with a morning tea and some little treats next week.

- School Administration A-Team: Mrs Lawson and Ms Truman in the ever-busy office are always there to greet with a smile and are ready to help in whichever way they can.
- General Assistant extraordinaire: Mrs Howarth works tirelessly to keep our school in tip-top shape. It is looking better than ever.
- The amazing, incredible Student Learning and Support Officers (SLSOs): Mrs Toms, Mrs Macdonald and Miss Gordon. These lovely, dedicated ladies are always working on ways to support students in the classrooms and on the playground and always have a ready smile.

We had a fantastic time celebrating Book Week this year! The Book Parade was a big hit, with lots of amazing costumes inspired by everyone's favourite book characters. It was awesome to see all the creativity and smiles as students brought stories to life. We also joined a livestream event with Perform Education, where the kids enjoyed some fun performances and storytelling. It was a great way to celebrate reading and get everyone excited about books. Thank you to all the students, teachers, and families for making Book Week so much fun!

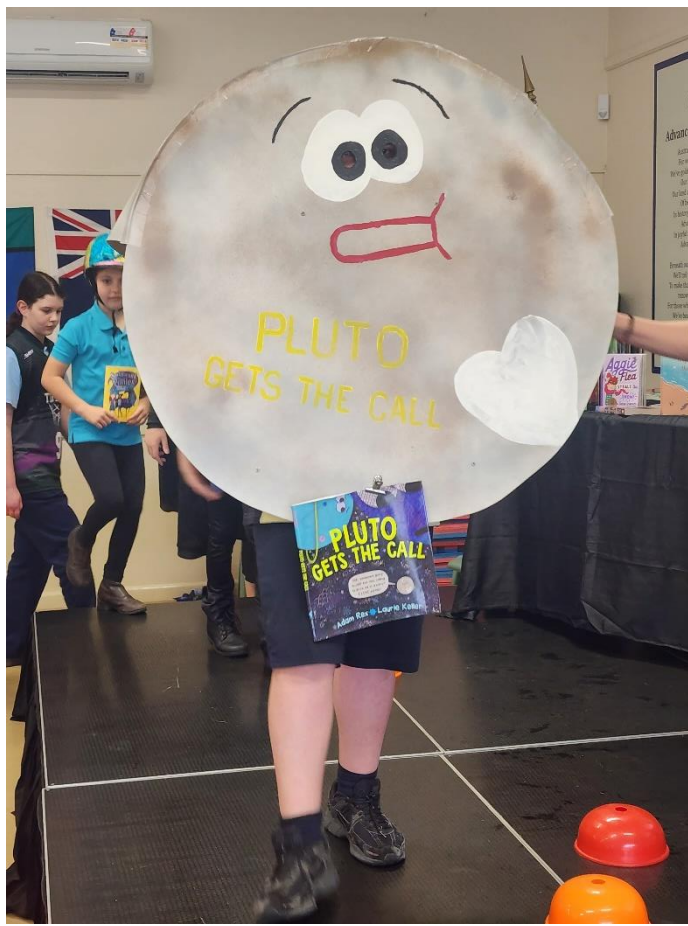
Thank you to all families who joined us at this week's Lantern Festival at the Hawkesbury Showground. Our art interest group worked hard on their kangaroo lantern design, which was displayed as they walked around during the lantern walk ceremony.

This Friday, 29th August, is the Zone Athletics Carnival, which was postponed because of the weather. We're excited to see our young athletes take part in their events!

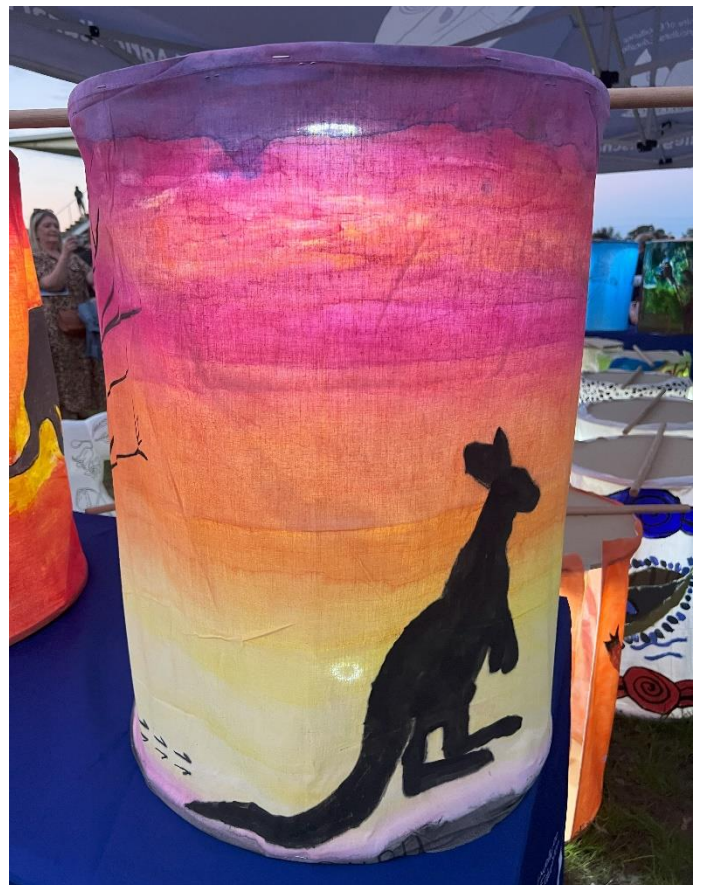
Arline Concha
Relieving Principal

BOOK WEEK





LANTERN FESTIVAL



CHECK-IN ASSESSMENTS

During Term 3 students will participate in the Check-in assessment. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

- The assessments will be scheduled for our Year 3-6 students during Weeks 5, 6 and 7 of Term 3.
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment. Year 6 students will also complete a writing assessment.

TERM 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

During Term 3, students will be working on developing their public speaking skills as part of the school's literacy program. All students will be involved in a public speaking competition. They will present their speeches to their classes during Weeks 7 and 8 (1st- 12th September) of Term 3. Two students in Stage 2 and two students in Stage 3 will be selected from these to represent Ebenezer Public School in the Hawkesbury Public Speaking Competition Semi-Finals in October. Topics for each age group and the marking criteria have been emailed to parents and a paper copy provided to all students.

Paul McFadden (Coordinator) & Arline Concha (AP Curriculum)

2025 READING CHALLENGE – Term 3

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 2 Week 10 through to the end of Term 3 Week 9.

DYURALIGU – Hotdogs and Handball

On Thursday 11 September at 5pm we will hold our next Dyuraligu gathering. Dyuraligu means growing the future together and is a relaxed and fun way for parents to be involved with their children at school. The evening will involve playing with your child to enjoy a game or two of handball. To help keep your energy up there will be hotdogs to enjoy.

Whilst this initiative is primarily aimed at fathers/ father figures and their children, mothers or grandparents are most welcome to take part in this event with their child.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – TERM 3

To foster open communication between parents, teachers, and students, we will be conducting Parent-Teacher Interviews again towards the end of Term 3 (23rd and 24th September). An email will be sent to all families when the bookings open in the School Bytes parent portal. Parent-Teacher Interviews provide a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, goals, and any concerns you may have. We highly encourage all parents and carers to participate in these interviews, as they play a crucial role in fostering a collaborative approach to your child's education.

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.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway.

Throughout the year, students have been reading a variety of books in class from the recommended PRC booklist. They have had opportunities to borrow books and read widely during library lessons. ePlatform has enabled students to read online books on their own devices at home.

Students in K-2 must read, or have read to them, 30 books in total: 20 from the PRC list and 10 free-choice.

Books read in K-2 have been recorded by the classroom teacher.

Students in 3-6 record their own books either at school or at home by logging into their student portal and opening the Premier's Reading Challenge tile.

Students in 3-6 must read 20 books in total: 10 from the PRC list and 10 free choices. These entries will be checked and verified by the librarian. They are then submitted to the Premier's Reading Challenge organisers.

Students who have completed the Challenge will receive their certificate later in the year.

Entries must be completed by Friday, 19th September 2025.

If students need assistance, please see the Mrs Dowey before this cut-off date.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging reading.

Mrs Dowey,
Librarian

45TH ANNUAL ART SHOW

HOSTED BY EBENEZER

PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

ART SHOW SATURDAY FUN FAIR

MARKETS STALLS, FOOD STALLS, ART HALL ENTRY AND PLENTY MORE

30TH AUGUST 2025

10AM– 3PM

\$35 WRISTBANDS PRE ORDER

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\$40 ON THE DAY PURCHASE OR \$5 PER RIDE

PONY RIDES \$10 PER RIDE

TICKET PURCHASE

tickets@ebenezerartshow.com.au



531 Sackville Road, Ebenezer NSW 2756

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...



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 3 Week 2 – Wombats will be presenting a class item

Term 3 Week 4 – Kingfishers will be presenting a class item

Term 3 Week 6 – No class item

Term 3 Week 8 – Wallabies will be presenting a class item

Term 3 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 (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 as soon as possible.

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.



NEW HOURS

OOSH

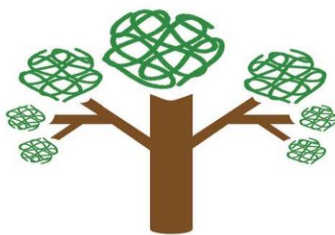
**7AM TO 9AM &
3PM TO 6.30PM**

VACATION CARE

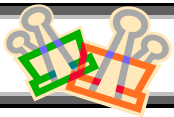
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CONTACT INFO:

EMAIL ebenezeroosh@hotmail.com



Ebenezer
Public School
Out of School Hours Centre



Bulletin Board



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NSW Health Primary School Dental Program

NSW Health is working with public primary schools to offer free dental check-ups and preventive care to students as part of a school-based mobile dental program. Your child's school has been selected to participate in this program.

The program involves a mobile dental team making scheduled visits to your child's primary school. During the first appointment a dental check-up and preventive care package will be provided, subject to parental consent.

NSW Health prioritises the health, well-being and safety of your staff and students. The program will utilise all available information provided by NSW Health, the Australian Government and the World Health Organisation (WHO) in relation to COVID-19. Our staff have implemented and reinforced a number of additional, proactive health and safety measures to ensure we can continue to provide your students with the best and safest experience possible. This will include NSW Health staff completing a temperature screen of your child prior to their dental examination.

The program is scheduled to visit your child's school from 24/11/2025 to 25/11/2025.

Parent Information and Consent Packs will be sent home, including information sheets, consent forms and the program privacy statement. Parents/guardians who want their child to receive care are advised to:

1. Read all the information provided
2. Carefully complete the consent forms
3. Return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible

More information about the program is available on the NSW Health website:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschool dental>



Brush your teeth
morning and night



Eat more
fruit and veges



Choose water
as a drink



Have a regular
dental check-up

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, 17 September 2025 from 9am - 1pm
Location:	Bligh Park Community Centre, 4 Sirius Road, Bligh Park
Contact:	To book in call Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 4560 4278



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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 3

August

Friday 29th Art Show (evening)
Saturday 30th Art Show (daytime)

September

Tuesday 2nd Father's Day Stall & Breakfast
Wednesday 3rd Father's Day Stall
Thursday 11th Dyuraligu Hot Dogs & Handball 5-6pm
Monday 15th Stage 2 Camp - Brewongle
Tuesday 16th Stage 2 Camp - Brewongle
Wednesday 17th Stage 3 Camp - Canberra
Thursday 18th Stage 3 Camp - Canberra
Friday 19th Stage 3 Camp - Canberra
Monday 22nd Stage 2 & 3 Public Speaking Finals at assembly
Tuesday 23rd Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 24th Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 24th Kindy 2026 Picnic
Thursday 25th Reading Challenge Pizza lunch
Friday 26th 90s Club celebration
Friday 26th K-2 Speeches at assembly
Friday 26th Last Day of Term 3

October

Tuesday 14th First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 21st Kindergarten Parent Info Evening 6pm
Wednesday 22nd Grandparents Day & Book Fair
Thursday 23rd Kindergarten Transition Day #1
Friday 24th Stage 2 & 3 Soccer Gala Day
Tuesday 28th Kindergarten Transition Day #2

Costs to Families 2025

Voluntary Family Contribution \$20

Resource Fee \$30

Term 4 Swim School Scheme (Years 2 – 6) \$36

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