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Term 4 Week 2 Thursday 23rd October 2025



Happy Grandparents Day 2025

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to all students who received a merit award!

Wombats Paige Hall – Fantastic sentence writing.

> Ava Van Eyk – Being a responsible class member. Charlie Fuller – Outstanding effort in his speech. Lexi Jackson – Always completing her work on time.

Wallabies Oaklan Clark – Presenting an interesting speech.

Hudson Kermond - Presenting a well organised and informative

speech.

Tom Watson – Presenting a well organised speech.

Bronte Butchard – Presenting an enjoyable and interesting speech.

Raylan Mulqueeney – Enthusiastically participating in camp activities. Lorikeets

Brodie Smith – Having beautiful manners with all staff on camp.

Chayce Timewell – Trying hard to complete set tasks. Lacey Mead – Working hard to improve her reading skills.

Kingfishers Indi Clark Ferguson – Displaying enthusiasm and commitment in

documenting and reporting about camp events.

Dilara Taban - Maintaining a high standard of behaviour and

leadership while on our Canberra camp.

Sienna Jackson - Displaying outstanding conduct and leadership

while on our Canberra camp.

Lucy Hamilton – Delivering a wonderful speech about technology.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, which is always a very busy time of year. There are loads of activities coming up including the Young Writers competition, Public Speaking Competition semi finals, Mini Fete, Soccer Gala Day, Basketball Gala Day, Swim Scheme, water fun day and Presentation Day. Our teachers are also gearing up for a very busy term and are currently commencing work on our Semester 2 student reports.

Thank you to all families, especially grandparents, who were able to join us for our Grandparents Day yesterday. Some travelled quite a way to get to us and we are so grateful for your time. We had open classrooms so that grandparents and families could visit and see our learning environments. Due to the forecast hot weather on the day, we then moved into the hall for a performance by each class and a song from the school choir. The children absolutely loved performing their items for all the visitors and their smiles as they saw their family members at school was priceless. The Book Fair was a popular destination afterwards and I would like to extend my gratitude to those who purchased items.

Today was the semi-finals for the Public Speaking Competition at Londonderry PS and our school finalists Terry, Tahli, Sienna and Jordyn presented their speeches very well. Tahli is now going through to the Stage 2 public speaking finals! All students presented good impromptu speeches! We are very proud of their achievements.

The first of our transition sessions for our 2026 Kindergarten students kicked off with a family picnic last term, a parent information session and the first of four visits for children this week. It was a hugely successful start for our new students, their parents and staff. A further three sessions are planned for 28th October, 5th and 10th November. We encourage all our 2026 Kinder students to attend.

Next week we will celebrate World Teachers Day. Our teachers are amazing individuals, who work together as an outstanding team. I see their commitment, compassion, care and consistent focus on doing what is best for our students. I know as parents you see some of this, however a lot of this is behind the scenes preparation, planning, collaboration and organisation of daily lessons, special events, extra-curricular activities and excursions/camps. Many of these require work outside of normal work hours, and yet the staff are involved, engaged and excited about providing great learning experiences for their students and our families. I feel privileged to work with such a caring, professional group of teachers.

Mrs Winter will soon be commencing her maternity leave to welcome a new addition to her family. We are all thrilled for Mrs Winter and wish her every happiness during this very special time. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Trudy Becker, who will be stepping in as the class teacher and relieving Assistant Principal for the remainder of the year. Mrs Becker brings a wealth of experience to our school, and

we are confident that her passion for teaching and leadership will positively impact our students.

Mrs Becker will officially join us on Wednesday, 29th October 2025, although you may have already seen her at our Grandparents Day celebrations yesterday. I encourage you to introduce yourselves and make Mrs Becker feel at home.

Andrea Dziubinski Principal

SNAKE SIGHTINGS

With the weather warming up quickly now there have been some snake sightings on the road near our school. Please be careful when parking and walking, particularly across from the school site and near the corner of Tizzana Road.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember that black shoes continue to be a compulsory part of our school uniform. Girls wear white socks; boys have a choice between white or navy blue socks. Please also ensure your child has a school hat, a navy blue jumper/jacket and navy shorts or pants to align with our policy.

Jewellery is also restricted to a watch and plain stud or sleeper earrings. We have been reminding students of these expectations and would greatly appreciate your assistance and support in these matters.

Sports uniform continues to be Wednesdays this term, except for our Presentation Day (Wednesday, 10th December 2025).

TERM 4 ASSEMBLIES

Due to a number of school events and activities this term, there won't be any class items presented at our fortnightly assemblies during Term 4. Students will have opportunities to be involved in numerous sporting or special events, in addition to presenting an item on Grandparents Day.

Please note that there will not be an assembly on Friday 24th October (Term 4 Week 2) due to the soccer gala day. Our next assembly will be in Week 4, Friday 7th November 2025.

PRESENTATION DAY – WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER

This year's Presentation Day assembly will commence at 9.30am Wednesday 10th December 2025. We look forward to celebrating and acknowledging the great learning achievements of our students.

2025 PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY SUMMARY

Thank you to all parents who completed the parent survey last term. While a more detailed analysis will be emailed to families next week, a brief overview is included for your information. Overall, the survey results show a high level of satisfaction among parents with Ebenezer Public School's learning environment, communication, teaching quality, wellbeing support, and student-focused policies.

There are minor areas such as technology access, where opinions vary more, suggesting opportunities for further improvement. The strong positive feedback reflects well on our school's ongoing commitment to providing quality education and nurturing all students.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO EBENEZER PS IN 2026

So that the school can plan classes for 2026 it is necessary to have information from families who are not returning to Ebenezer Public School at the commencement of Term 1, 2026. This may be due to a number of reasons including an extended overseas holiday, moving house or changing schools.

If your child/children will not be returning to Ebenezer Public School at the commencement of Term 1, 2026 could you please contact the school office as soon as possible.

BUSHFIRE SEASON ARRANGEMENTS FOR EBENEZER PS

Ebenezer Public School's Bushfire and Grassfire Risk Rating is **Category 2**.

This means our school has high landscape-to-site bushfire and grassfire risk. For this reason, early proactive decision making to reduce risk is required. This means that when the NSW RFS has declared a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) for the following day, the department will direct our school to temporarily cease operations on that day.

Ebenezer PS may also be directed to temporarily cease operations at any time by the department on advice from emergency services or the State Emergency Operations Centre, even if a Catastrophic FDR has not been declared.

During the bushfire danger period, conditions can change quickly so it is important to remain vigilant and informed (for example, staying informed via the Hazards Near Me App, local radio). Early evacuation is always the safest option. If this is not possible, NSW RFS has deemed our safest 'Shelter in Place' is A Block, which is our Office, Wallabies and Wombats classroom building.

To ensure that we continue to support student learning on these days, the following link is available for remote learning geared at your child's grade level: https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/guided-learning-packages

We understand that during a fire warning event, you may not have internet access or be needing to put your family's fire plan into action. This information is provided in case you are in a safe position to access remote learning for your child.

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

The NSW Government announced restrictions on the use of mobile phones in NSW schools beginning in Term 4, 2023. This applies to mobile phones and devices and will occur during all school hours, including break times such as during lunch and recess, as well as while students are on school-based excursions (including camps and sport carnivals, etc). As we already have this practice in place at Ebenezer Public School, there are no big changes, however this is a timely reminder for all families about our school policy.

Students will still be able to carry their phones while travelling to and from school. Students MUST drop their phone into the school office on arrival at school each day and collect it at the end of the school day. Students are not to keep mobile phones or devices in their school bag during the school day.

The school Principal can allow students to use their mobile phones in specific circumstances, such as for an educational purpose, for their wellbeing or to support students with specific needs. An application for exemption must be in writing to the Principal for consideration and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

We will pass on any change of plans messages you wish to tell your child during the day and will always make sure you can contact your child in an emergency. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact the school directly on (02) 4579 9282.

SRC DISCO

Term 4 is always extra busy with school and work events, so the SRC will be holding their disco during lunchtime on Thursday, 20th November 2025. Keep a look out for the permission note. They will be offering a 'disco pack' which includes entry, a drink and some disco goodies.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School Shirts - \$26.00 Sport Shirts - 28.00 Legionnaire Hats - \$15.00

** Special Limited Year 6 Shirts 2025 - \$10.00 **

1 x Size 14 kids

1 x Small Adults

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2026. If you have a child or know of a child in the local area who will be 5 years old by 31st July 2026, they are eligible to enrol in a NSW Public School. Please go to our website https://ebenezer-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/ and click on the ENROLMENT tab as shown below.

Enrolment interviews with the Principal are now underway. This is a great opportunity to look at our lovely school and discuss each child's individuality in preparation for starting school. If your child is starting school next year and you are yet to book in, please call the school office to organise a convenient time.



GRANDPARENT'S DAY & BOOK FAIR





































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 no 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.

There will be no class items in Term 4.

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 <u>not</u> 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 vegetables and a bottle of water each day.

<u>FRUIT</u> - 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. <u>VEGETABLES</u> - Fresh vegetables, e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber slices, celery sticks. <u>DRINK</u> - 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.





Bulletin Board



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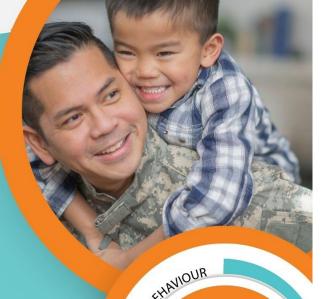
Peppercorn Children and Families presents...

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENTING

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.



1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

WEDNESDAYS

29th Oct - 12th Nov (3 week course)

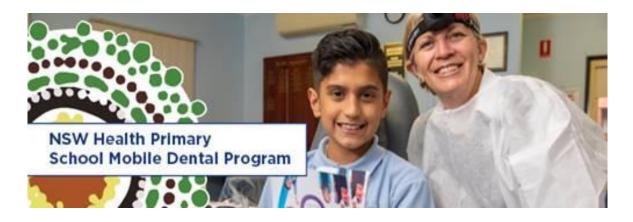
10am-12pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Phone: (02) 4577 9804







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/primaryschooldental.











KidSafe Session

Monday 3rd November 2025 10-11am

RidSafe NSW supports families and carers to learn about unintentional injuries that might affect children. We will look at safety in and around the home, on the road, at play, and near water. Families will be provided with various resources, and up to date safety information.





Bookings Essential:
dropin@peppercorn.org.au
(02) 4577 9804
Location: South Windsor Family



bangawarra Art Yarns: for older Mob

Art Yarns is a free creative program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander older people, their families, and care networks.

Together we gather in a safe and welcoming space to make art, share stories, and connect. Through hands-on activities, we celebrate culture, creativity, and community.

The program is led by Muruwari woman Dr Virginia Keft, and offers a chance to yarn, create, and spend time together in a supportive environment.



Register Your Interest Now!

Program Details

- Mondays, 3 November 1 December 2025
- Showcase 15 December 2025
- 🖰 10:30am 12:30pm
- Mimberwalli, 1 Mimika Avenue, Whalan
- Runs one day a week for 6 weeks







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TUNING IN TO KIDS FOR DADS

Tuesday's 6pm - 8pm 21st October - 25th November

Dads Tuning in to Kids is a 6 week parenting group program for fathers or male carers of children aged 0 to 12 years old. The program fosters father-child connection. It aims to promote the development of emotional competence and prevent behaviour problems in young children by improving fathers' or father figures' emotional competence and skills.



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

Phone: (02) 4577 9804 Email: dropin@peppercorn.org.au Location: Hawkesbury Leisure and Learning Centre, 114 March Street, Richmond, 2754 NSW.



Come along to Kimberwalli for an Information Session with Transport for NSW's Aboriginal Employment Unit. Get practical tips to stand out in the recruitment process, ask questions, and build confidence to take the next step in your

career journey.

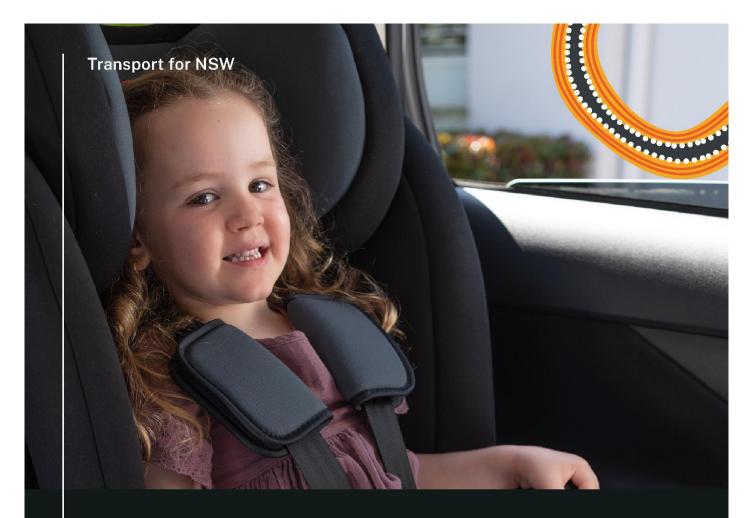
Wednesday, 29 October 2025
10:00am – 12:00pm

📍 Kimberwalli 1 Mimika Avenue, Whalan









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:	Tuesday,	18 Nov	vember t	from 9	9am - 1	pm

Location: YMCA Hawkesbury Oasis, Cnr Drummond & Church St, South Windsor

Contact: To book in call Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 4560 4278







Reminders

Lunch orders available via Flexischools App Friday's ONLY

2025

Term 4

October

Friday 24th Stage 2 & 3 Soccer Gala Day

Tuesday 28th Kindergarten Transition Day #2 2-3pm

November

Monday 3rd Swim Scheme commences

Wednesday 5th Kindergarten Transition Day #3 2-3pm Monday 10th Kindergarten Transition Day #4 2-3pm

Tuesday 11th Remembrance Day

Friday 14th Stage 2 & 3 Basketball Gala Day Thursday 20th SRC lunch, Disco + Mufti Day

Monday 24th Dental visit Tuesday 25th Dental visit

Wednesday 26th 2026 School Captain speeches at 10am

December

Friday 5th Last School Assembly

Monday 8th Year 6 Fun Day

Thursday 11th Mini Fete

Tuesday 16th Gold Morning Tea

Wednesday 17th Reading Challenge Reward

Thursday 18th 90s Club

Friday 19th Year 6 Bell Ringing Friday 19th Last Day of Term 4

Costs to Families 2025

Stage 2 & 3 Basketball Gala Day

Voluntary Family Contribution \$20

Resource Fee \$30

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