



Term 4 Week 4
Thursday 6th November 2025



Soccer Gala Day



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The swim scheme program is an invaluable opportunity for students to improve their swimming confidence and competence, especially as we head into the summer months. Our swimming students have been doing so well in their lessons and conducting themselves with pride, although a little tired too.

We have officially welcomed Mrs Becker as the Wombats class teacher and Relieving Assistant Principal as Mrs Winter is on maternity leave. Mrs Becker has been enjoying her time getting to know our school and the students in her care.

As you may be aware, there was a tragic critical incident at Rouse Hill PS last week, resulting in the death of a young student. Our hearts go out to the child's family, community and to the school who are all grieving as they adjust to this most terrible scenario. This is a timely reminder for all of us to take the utmost care when driving near a school, as children do not have the same danger awareness as adults.

Please ensure you always employ safe driving practices and take some time to discuss road safety with your children, in particular pausing to look for cars at driveways and using the school crossing safely.

Andrea Dziubinski
Principal

INTERNET SAFETY

With an increasingly digital world, children are exposed to many opportunities for unsafe interactions and risks to their overall wellbeing. These can be within apps that are seemingly innocent but have the ability to live chat with someone. 'Stranger danger' risks can seem less threatening when in your own home, which is a big concern but so is saying something mean or unkind to a friend, which is also easier when not saying it in person and directly to their face.

To ensure internet safety for children, parents should set ground rules and parental controls, monitor online activity, and teach children to protect personal information. Key rules include not sharing personal details like their address or school, only accepting friend requests from people they know in real life, and talking to a trusted adult if they see anything uncomfortable or receive a mean message.

More tips, research and advice to help parents:

[eSafety Commissioner
ChildSafe
raisingchildren.net.au](http://eSafetyCommissionerChildSaferaisingchildren.net.au)

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).

STAGE 2 FLOOD INCURSION

The Centre of Excellence has been re-engaged by Reconstruction NSW to run the flood safety program again in a number of schools in the Hawkesbury Nepean Valley identified by the NSW Government as schools in communities where flood hazards are prevalent. The program is fully funded and involves a one day incursion event at our school. On Wednesday, 12th November 2025 our Stage 2 students will be involved in a full day of learning with CoE and EPS staff, linked to HSIE, science, technology and hazard management (the last two years has been Stage 3).

Students will engage in a series of workshops that will include the use of topographic maps, practical experiments, GIS digital mapping tools and design thinking. They will finish the day developing a product that will be of use to them and their families linked to family preparedness for natural hazards.

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.

Reminder - our school assemblies are held on Fridays in the hall at 2.00pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

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.

TERM 4 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 3 Week 10 through to the end of Term 4 Week 9. We will celebrate with cupcakes and donuts with those students who met or exceeded the challenge.

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 Wednesday, 19th 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 ****

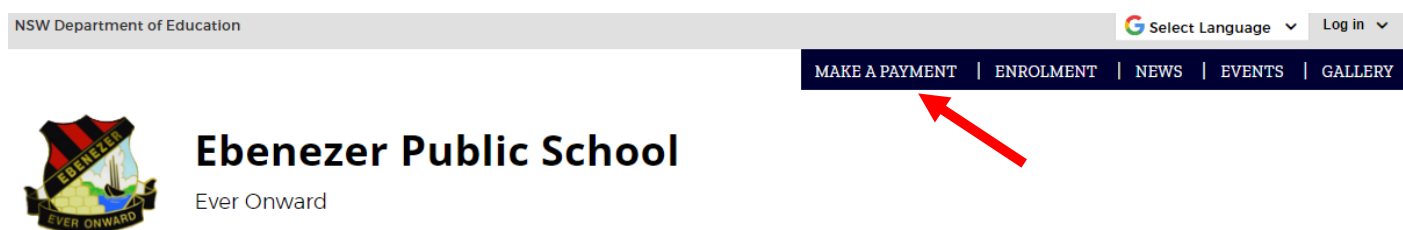
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1 x Small Adults

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.



KINDERGARTEN 2026 TRANSITION DAY





SOCCER GALA DAY



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.

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.

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...



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

Each fortnight students will be taught lessons linked to one of our school expectations. The focus for this fortnight has been '**Be A Learner – Be an Active Listener**'.

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.

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.

swop it
everyday in the lunchbox

Grab & go snacks

Everyday snacks are an important part of the lunchbox.

Keep snacks bite-size and easy to eat so your kids can have lots of time to play! Here are a few ideas:

- Choose snack sized vegetables that are ready to eat like baby cucumbers, snow peas and cherry tomatoes
- Choose everyday snacks that are easy to eat like wholegrain crackers, air popped popcorn, cut up fruit or reduced-fat yoghurt tubs/pouches
- Some kids may be put off by foods that are squashed. Store easily squished items like strawberries and grapes in containers. Remember to make sure the lids are easy to open!



Cherry tomatoes



Snow peas



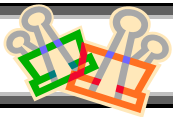
Reduced-fat yoghurt



Air popped popcorn



Fruit cup in natural juice

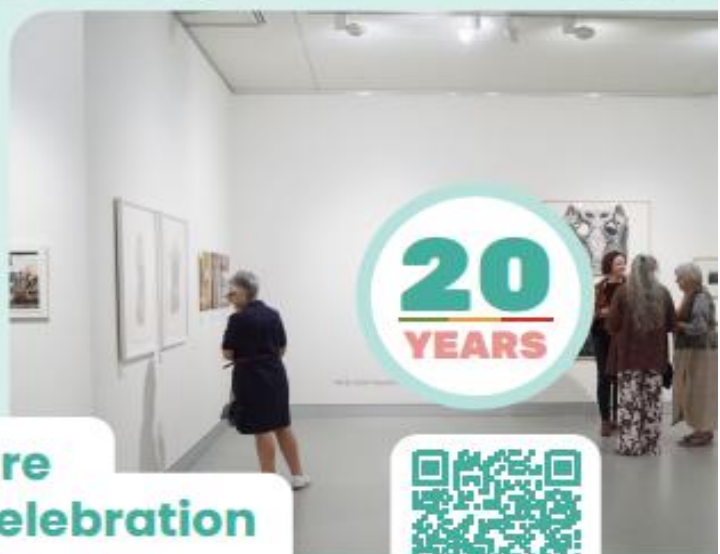
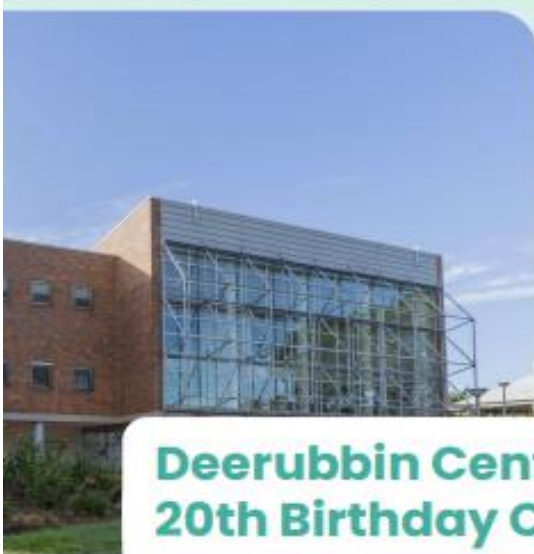


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Deerubbin Centre 20th Birthday Celebration

Friday 14 November, 4 – 8pm



Hawkesbury Arts & Culture will be celebrating the Deerubbin Centre at a FREE family-friendly event!

Enjoy extended hours at Hawkesbury Central Library and Hawkesbury Regional Gallery until 8pm PLUS food and activities for all ages.

Scan the QR code to view the full program and register today.

HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL



● FREE EVENT

● ALL AGES

● LIVE MUSIC

● FOOD



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: Tuesday, 18 November from 9am - 1pm

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

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 4

November

Monday 10 th	Kindergarten Transition Day #4 2-3pm
Tuesday 11 th	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12 th	Stage 2 Flood Incursion
Friday 14 th	Stage 2 & 3 Basketball Gala Day
Monday 17 th	Young Writers Award Night 5pm
Wednesday 19 th	SRC Disco + Mufti Day
Monday 24 th	Dental visit
Tuesday 25 th	Dental visit
Wednesday 26 th	2026 School Captain speeches at 10am

December

Friday 5 th	Last School Assembly
Monday 8 th	Year 6 Fun Day – Luna Park
Wednesday 10 th	Presentation Day 9.30am
Tuesday 9 th	Ty Water Fun Day
Thursday 11 th	Mini Fete
Tuesday 16 th	Gold Morning Tea
Tuesday 16 th	Christmas Carols 6pm
Wednesday 17 th	Reading Challenge Reward
Thursday 18 th	90s Club
Friday 19 th	Year 6 Bell Ringing
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term 4

Costs to Families 2025

SRC Disco \$8

Voluntary Family Contribution \$20

Resource Fee \$30

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