



What's on ...

**Wednesday 12th March
to Monday 24th March**
NAPLAN Testing Window
for Year 3 & 5

Friday 21st March
Harmony Day
No Assembly.

Wednesday 26th Mar
P&C Meeting

Thursday 27th Mar
Whole School
Photographs

Tuesday 1st April
5-a-side soccer day at
Speers Point

Wednesday 2nd April
Rugby League 9-a-side at
Baddeley Park

Thursday 10th April
School Cross Country

Friday 11th April
Gold Star Assembly
Easter Hat Parade
Head Shave Day
Last Day of Term 1

Current Attendance
93.2%

*Target Attendance for
Term 1 is 95%!*

Principal's Message...

Student Success:

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival. From all accounts, the students had a wonderful day. Well done to Charlie H who then competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival, with the impressive achievements below: 6th place – 200m Individual Medley, 5th place – 50m Backstroke, 6th place – 50m Butterfly, 7th place – 100m Freestyle, 5th place – 50m Freestyle.

Congratulations to Pippa S who made it all the way to the finals in the Zone Tennis trials. Pippa won 4 out of 5 games and just lost the last game in a tie-breaker. So close, Pippa!

Kirby B was selected in the Zone Basketball team after playing well at the Basketball Gala Day.

NAPLAN:

NAPLAN assessments for Year 3 and Year 5 will be held over this week and next week starting with the writing assessment on Wednesday 12 March. As we have a proud record of achievement, we would like all students to do their best, so please arrive on time and ready to work hard! But, don't stress!

Anaphylaxis:

We have recently had a student diagnosed with anaphylaxis to hazelnuts. Please support us to keep our student safe by not packing food items with hazelnuts. Please note Nutella and some chocolates are hazelnut based.

Harmony Day:

We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 21st March. On this day, students are encouraged to wear orange or a hint of orange clothing. If students do not have orange clothing, they can wear their school uniform. Alternatively, students can wear clothes that represent their culture. Students will be engaged in activities throughout the day to encourage harmony with others. There will be no assembly on this day.

Star Struck:

Thanks to Miss Woodbury and Miss Carr for organising our audition for this years Star Struck! Our audition video is currently being assessed and we have our fingers crossed that we get in! Meanwhile, our toes are crossed for Charlie H who auditioned for the featured tap ensemble. Good luck Charlie!

P&C AGM:

Our P&C AGM was held on 26th February, 2025. Congratulations and thank you to the following people for taking on these volunteer roles that benefit the school and community. President - Kylie Harris, Vice-Presidents – Lorraine and Michael Gillespie, Treasurer – Eliza Hamilton, Secretary – Aleisha Holmes, Canteen Manager – Sara Shanahan.

Paul Gaden
Principal

Gold Star Presentation

Congratulations to our first Gold Star recipients for 2025. What a great start to 2025! These young leaders have been reliably following our 3 core values by being safe, respectful learners at Ellalong Public School this year. It is also exciting to welcome Lily P and James H to the prestigious Super Star club!

K/C Kruze A



1/2B Armani P



2/3C Lily P



3/4C James H



5/6W Jules B



Ellalong Preschool

Plans are progressing for the establishment of a Department of Education preschool to be built at Ellalong Public School. At this stage, it is expected that the preschool will open at the start of the 2027 school year.

The preschool will accommodate up to 40 children per day. Children can enrol in preschool from the beginning of the school year if they turn 4 years of age on or before 31 July that year.

We will continue to keep you posted!

Proposed location for Ellalong Public Preschool



Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Zone Swimming Team! These people represented the school with pride!

Cooper B, Kirby B, Poppy B, Jayson H, Jesse H, Olivia N, Lily P, Charles H, James H, Sophia P, Millie P and Scarlett B.

The students reported these amazing results:

Charles H, Cooper B, Jayson H, Jesse H: 1st Senior Boy Relay

Charles H: 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Butterfly, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 1st 200IM

Jayson H: 3rd 100m Freestyle and 3rd 50m Freestyle

Kirby B: 2nd 50m Butterfly, 2nd 50m Freestyle, 2nd 100m Freestyle, 3rd 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 2nd 200IM, 3rd Senior Girls Relay

Sophia P: 3rd 50 Freestyle, 3rd Senior Girls Relay

Poppy B: 2nd 50 Freestyle, 3rd 50m Butterfly, 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 3rd 50m Backstroke, 3rd Senior Girls Relay

Lily P: 4th in 50m Freestyle

Millie P: 4th in 50m Freestyle

Olivia N: 3rd Senior Girls Relay

Cooper B: 2nd 50m Freestyle, 3rd 50m Butterfly, 2nd 50m Backstroke,



Assemblies

Most weeks on Friday at around 2:30pm we will hold an assembly to celebrate the recent achievements of our students. During assemblies, we will present the following awards.

- Number of nights Home Reading
- Merit Awards
- PBL/Bounce Back Awards
- 100% Attendance Award for each school term
- Principals Awards (for 5 x awards in total) and the prestigious Ellalong Pen (for 5 x Principals Awards).
- Gold Star Assemblies are approximately mid-term and end of term.

We always love the support of parents, carers and grandparents who come along on the day. If our pre-schoolers were able to stay in the care of parents to help us keep the school children settled, that would be greatly appreciated.

Reminders

Chocolate Boxes

Thank you to our families who have offered to sell chocolate boxes for our fundraiser in Term 1. Profits made from the chocolate box fundraiser sales will go towards helping your children reduce the cost of transport for activities and excursions, resources for your child to use in the classroom e.g. laptops, computers and much more. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for their help and support.



PSSA Rugby League Trials

Good luck to Olivia N, Jayson H, Amelia M, Connor C, Poppy B, Cooper B, Dominic J and Nash C who will be attending the Rugby League trials on Friday 14th March.

Year 4 to 6 Camp

An Expression of Interest has been sent to parents of Years 4 to 6 students through your School Bytes Portal concerning our Camp to Point Wolstencroft from Monday 25th August to Wednesday 27th August. Could you please complete the EOI as soon as possible, so we can work out numbers for camp.

School Photos



School Photo Day will be held on the 27th March. Please make sure your child is dressed in their full school uniform and brings their beautiful smile with them. Photos can be ordered through a special link, coming home soon.

Easter Hat Parade

Get ready to put your creativity hats on—literally! Our eggstraordinary Easter Hat Parade is hopping into action on the last day of school this term, April 11th! Parents and kids team up to craft the most egg-cellent Easter hats at home. So, channel your inner bunny and let those creative juices flow!

Remember, no hat? No problem! We've got a fresh batch of small colourful hats in the office just waiting to be transformed into masterpieces. Make sure your little ones come decked out in their fabulous creations for this 'eggciting' whole school event! Let's make it a day full of fun, laughter, and a little bit of egg-stra flair!



EPS CALENDAR

TERM 1 & 2

Wk.	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat / Sun
Term 1 Wk 7 March	10	11	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN	15/16
Term 1 Wk 8 March	17 NAPLAN	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN HARMONY DAY Wear orange	22/23
Term 1 Wk 9 March	24 NAPLAN	25	26 P & C MEETING	27 WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS	28	29/30
Term 1 Wk 10 April	31	1 Soccer 5-A-Side	2 Knights U10's 9-a-side	3	4	5/6
Term 1 Wk 11 April	7	8 Touch Gala Day / Trials	9	10 SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY	11 EASTER HAT PARADE / GOLD STAR / HEAD SHAVE LAST DAY OF TERM	12/13
April	14 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	15 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	16 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	17 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	18 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	19/20
April	21 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	22 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	23 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	24 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	25 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	26/27
Term 2 Wk 1 April / May	28 Staff Development Day	29 Staff Development Day	30 Students return Knights U12's 9-a-side	1 Netball Gala Day	2 Chocolate Box Money Due PSSA Soccer Knockout Gala Day (TBC)	3/4
Term 2 Wk 2 May	5	6	7	8 Interrelate Mothers Day Stall and Activities	9 Zone Cross Country	10/11
Term 2 Wk 3 May	12	13	14	15 Interrelate	16 Zone X-Country (Back up date) PSSA Soccer trials	17/18
Term 2 Wk 4 May	19	20	21	22 Year 6 Taster Lessons	23 Athletics Carnival	24/25
Term 2 Wk 5 May/June	26	27 Grip Leadership	28	29	30	31/1