

Newsletter

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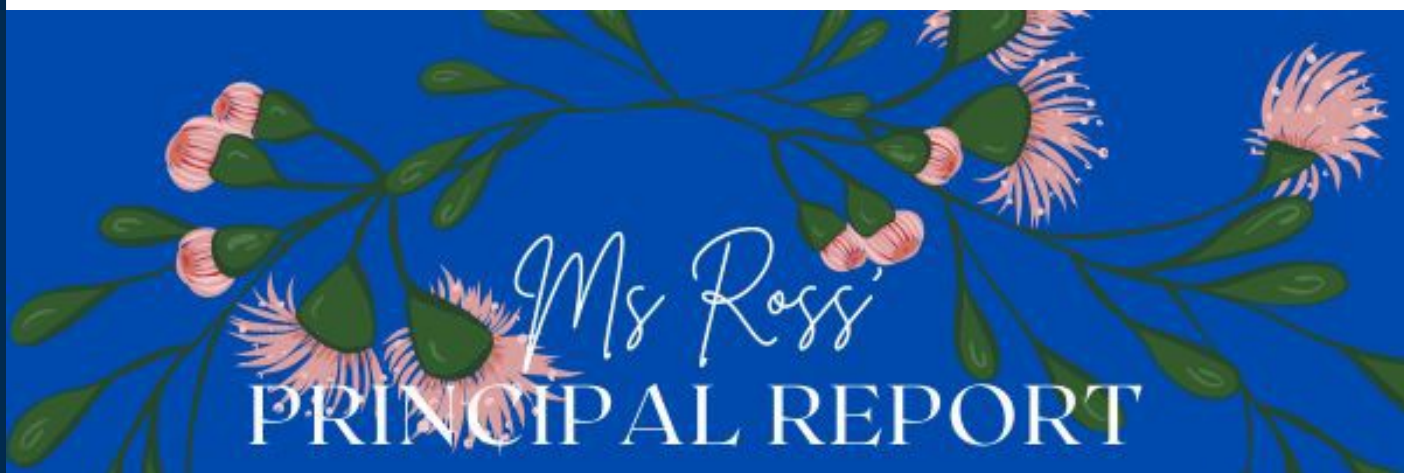
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new fortnight filled with fresh learning experiences, student extracurricular activities, and community events.

School Fete – Only 3 sleeps to go!

Our annual fete promises to be a fun-filled community event with games, activities, food, and entertainment for all ages. It is a fantastic opportunity to support our school, connect with other families, and celebrate our school community. A huge thank you to the P&C and volunteers who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure our fete is enjoyable for all. I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful families who have kindly donated chocolates, "Pick a Box" items, and volunteered to bake for the cake stall. All money raised from our fete will go towards purchasing more laptops for student learning.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

World Teachers' Day

Last Friday, we celebrated the dedication, passion, and hard work of our teachers at EHPS, recognising the vital role they play every day in our students' lives. To show our gratitude, each of our students chose an adjective to describe their teacher; these were then framed and presented to them at assembly. Thank you to our P&C who also donated some spooktacular treats.









Year 6 Fundraising

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ms Bailey and Mr Barnes for their dedicated efforts in making sure our Year 6 students have a fantastic final year of primary school. Our recent Spooky Halloween Disco and Guessing Competition raised nearly \$400, which is wonderful. Thank you to our extended school families who have supported this event. Years 5 & 6 will also host the Haunted House at our upcoming Fete, with half of the money raised going towards our Year 6 next year. I also want to acknowledge the generosity of our Year 6 families, whose significant donations have greatly contributed to the upcoming Year 6 farewell. It promises to be a memorable evening for everyone involved.

Student Requests for 2026

As we begin planning classes for next year, teachers aim to create balanced and effective learning groups. If you believe your child has specific social needs that should be considered during the class formation process, you are welcome to send a written request to me via the school email, outlining those needs.

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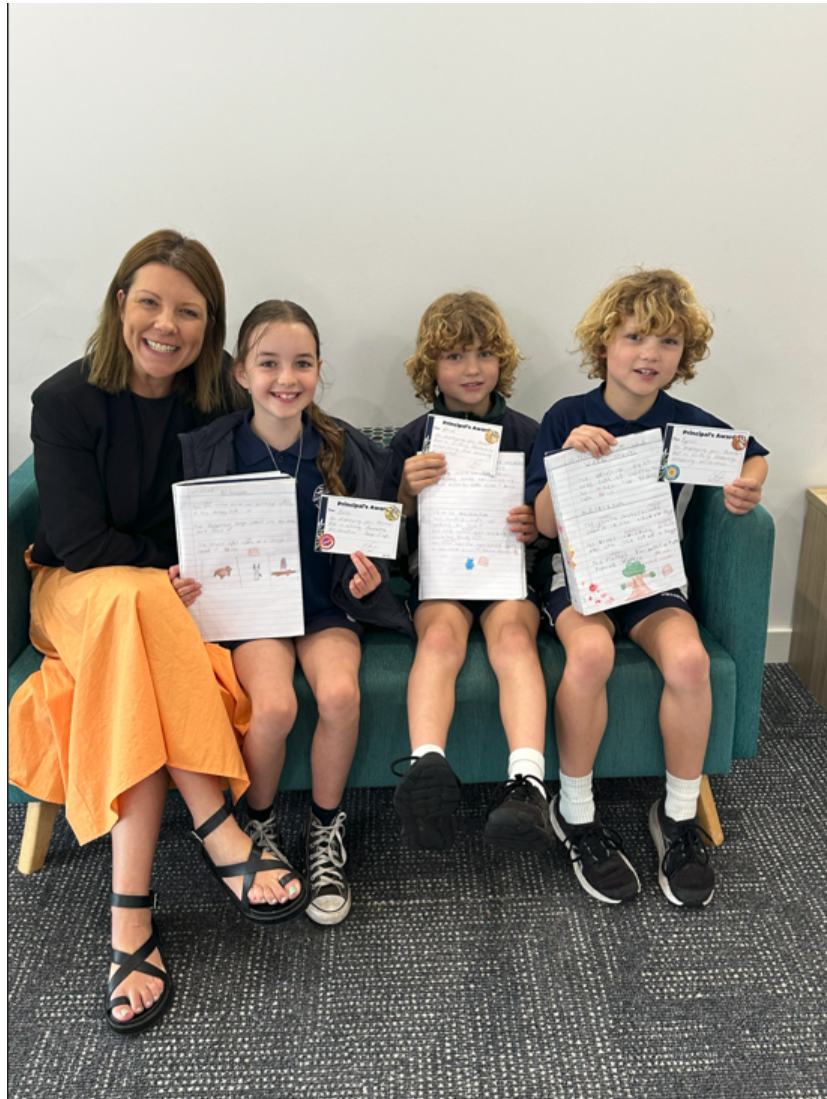
- All requests must be submitted by Friday, 21st November.
- Even if you have made requests in previous years, a new request is required each year, as circumstances may change.

Intention to Return 2026

If you are not intending to return to us in 2026, could you please email the school to let us know. This can have significant impact on our staffing and class structures. If you intend on moving out of the area in 2026, this is just a reminder that you will need to complete an Out of Area enrolment should you wish to return.

Student Spotlight: Work That Wows!

Last week I had the opportunity to be blown away by the writing of students in 1/2A and 1/2M. They were masters of alliteration and descriptive language devices. Well done!





Student Voice Ambassadors

Yesterday, our school leaders—Leila, Elisia, Hudson, Max, and Jude—had an inspiring day at the Central Coast Student Voice Ambassador Conference. They represented our school with pride, showcasing their curiosity by asking thoughtful questions and their teamwork skills by collaborating with peers. Our students shared our school's commitment to using effective feedback to enhance learning, while also learning from the experiences of other Student Voice teams. Congratulations to Mrs Clarke for her leadership in guiding groups to evaluate and analyse student data.





NSW EduChat

NSW EduChat is a generative artificial intelligence tool developed and owned by the NSW Department of Education. It supports equitable learning by providing students with safe, secure, and educational access to this technology free of charge.

From Monday, 17 November, students in Years 5 to 8 will have access to EduChat in student mode. Stage 3 students will receive an orientation on how to use EduChat effectively to enhance their learning. Further details will be shared with all Stage 3 families as the rollout date approaches.

Selective School Placement 2027

(Current Year 5 Students applying for High School and Current Year 4 Students applying for Year 5 Opportunity Class)

Applications for selective high schools and opportunity classes for 2027 will be open from 6 November 2025 until 20 February 2026.

Parents and carers of students currently in Year 3 must apply for opportunity class placement by the end of Week 4, Term 1 of Year 4. For selective high school placement, applications must be submitted by the end of Week 4, Term 1 of Year 6.

For more details about 2027 placements, please click on the provided link.

[Application process](#)

Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight,

Kind Regards

Renee Ross

EHPS Silent Auction

Prepare to be amazed!

Our talented students have been working hard to create beautiful class artworks for this Saturday's school fete. Each child has contributed their own unique piece, lovingly arranged and framed—ready to take pride of place on your wall at home.

Just imagine having this special keepsake from your child's school year proudly displayed—a wonderful reminder of their creativity and growth.

A **silent auction** will run throughout the day at the fete, giving you the chance to bid on and secure your child's class artwork.

This event is not only a celebration of our children's creativity but also a fantastic fundraising opportunity for our wonderful school. We encourage everyone to get involved and bid generously!



Coop Scoop - Issue 15!

It's all happening—and it's all amazing! 🐔🐔

🐔 Chicken Update

Craig is eagerly awaiting the delivery of our coop extension, which will give our growing flock some extra space to spread their wings. At around 6–8 weeks old, our newest babies will be ready to test out their upgraded accommodation! Meanwhile, our hens are laying beautiful eggs and continue to enjoy cuddles, love, and attention from our wonderful EHPS students. (See attached photos of our baby chicks and their adorable names!)

Chicken Calendar

We are so excited to announce the creation of our very own 2026 Chicken Calendar! With the incredible help of Tracey Burrell, who generously donated her time and talents, we captured some truly stunning photos of our current chickens. The calendar will be on sale soon, so keep an eye out for details. A huge thank you to Tracey for her beautiful photography and creative support!

Farmers Market & Chicken Photo Booth

We're gearing up for the upcoming School Fete, where our Farmers Market stall will be brimming with fresh produce from our garden. Plus—get ready for something extra special—our Chicken Photo Booth! Visitors will have the chance to snap a photo with our baby chicks or some of our larger, friendly chickens.

We'd love a few of our skilled "chicken wranglers" (students) to lend a hand throughout the day. If your child would like to help for half an hour during the Fete, please send me a Dojo message or phone the office to let me know.

Bug Hotel Project

Stage 2 have been hard at work on their design projects, creating plans for our very own Bug Hotels! A huge thank you goes to Greg (grandfather to the Travis girls), who is busily building the outer framework for our hotels. We can't wait to see these amazing creations once they're completed and welcoming all sorts of tiny garden guests!

Growing Connections

Miss Ross and I are looking forward to meeting with Nina, our local Health Promotion Officer, to share ideas and explore ways to expand and support our garden, Indigenous, and chicken spaces. It's exciting to see how our outdoor learning areas continue to grow—both literally and figuratively!

Yarning Circle & Bushtucker Garden

Our new Indigenous space is almost complete and looks absolutely fantastic! This new Yarning Circle and Bushtucker Garden has transformed the front area of the school into a vibrant, purposeful space full of opportunities for gathering, connection, and learning. Make sure to check it out while you're at the Fete this weekend—you'll be blown away! 🌿☆☆

We'd Love Your Feedback!

As part of our **School Plan**, we're gathering feedback about the introduction of the **Chickens and Garden Program** and would love to hear from you. Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey to help us reflect, improve, and continue growing our program for the future.

👉 [Click here to complete the survey](#)

On Monday, 3rd November, Stage 3 attended the Surf Fun Day at Terrigal Beach. This day was organised and run by Surf Lifesaving Australia, and students enjoyed a range of sand and surf activities designed to increase water safety, confidence, and fun on our beaches.

Students had a fantastic day in the sun, witnessing whales breaching, playing volleyball, and participating in board and rescue games.



EHPS School Fete!

My name is Lalie Conway, and I am 14 years old. I have autism and am currently completing the Young Leaders Program with Tennis Australia to become a future leader in disability sports. During the school holidays, I am hosting a "Come & Try / Have Fun Tennis Day" for people with disabilities on Saturday, December 13, from 11am–1pm at the Terrigal Tennis Courts.

I'm very excited to be joined by the World #1 in Autism Tennis, the World #1 and #2 in Standing Adaptive Tennis, along with Special Olympics NSW and Tennis Australia, who are helping me run this event. I'm currently ranked #3 in Australia myself.

2026 Kindergarten Transition Program



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