

The Dinawan
**EUABALONG WEST
PUBLIC SCHOOL**
Newsletter

Principal's Message

by Mr Clifton
Principal

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter holiday break and enjoyed the time with the students at home. It's always refreshing to have some downtime to recharge and spend quality moments with family and friends.

I had the privilege of spending my holiday in Scotland, although it seems that a Scottish summer is not quite as warm as a Wiradjuri winter!! A particularly warm stopover in Doha, Qatar, was a delightful contrast to the Scottish weather and added an extra layer of enjoyment to my journey home.

I would like to extend a massive thank you to Mr South for his leadership as Relieving Principal in my absence. His dedication ensured that the school continued to thrive while I was away and I am deeply grateful for his support.

Term 3 is off to a terrific start and it's wonderful to see everyone back and ready for another exciting term of learning and growth. Our students have already been actively engaged in a variety of enriching activities. We kicked off with NAIDOC celebrations at Murrin Bridge, where students immersed themselves in the rich activities and

traditions of Wiradjuri culture. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn and celebrate the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Additionally, our students participated in the Biodiversity Conservation Education Excursion, where they explored the importance of preserving our natural environment.

We also celebrated a significant milestone with Bryce's 100 Days of School. This event was filled with joy and excitement as students and staff marked this special occasion with various activities and dressing up as 100-year-olds! It was heartwarming to see the support and enthusiasm from everyone involved.

Our Book Parade, held as part of Public Education Week, was another highlight. The creativity and effort put into the costumes was wonderful, and it was a joy to see students bringing their favourite book characters to life. These events not only celebrate our love for reading but also highlight the vibrant and supportive community we have at our school.

We have many exciting things coming up over the next seven weeks. I am excited to see what this term holds and look forward to sharing these experiences with our wonderful school community.

Happy Public Education Week,

Andrew Clifton



Attendance Matters

At Last Newsletter

Year to Date

88%  **89%**

Our attendance goal is for all students to attend school 95% of the time.

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school. Children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Link to [Compulsory School Attendance Information for Parents Document](#).



Curriculum Focus

by Mr South

Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction

Another big term of professional learning is underway, as our staff prepare to upskill on the latest and greatest teaching techniques to prepare better lessons for your children.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Our SDD focused on the work of Dr. Brene Brown and the importance of vulnerability in creating a deep collaborative culture for both staff and students.
- In our SDD we also explored the work Dr. Pasi Sahlberg and his body of research on the effects of shorter sessions and more opportunities for play for children. From this research, we have trialled our new learning session and break times.
- Mr South, Mrs Brett and Miss Sally attended tutoring training with the NSW Centre for Effective Reading, learning how to provide key intervention strategies for struggling readers.
- Mr Clifton led a session for us to improve our Personalised Learning Plans and Individual Education Support Plans to set more effective learning goals for all students.
- Miss Lesker and Mr South continued their work with the Confidence in Teaching Reading seminars. These sessions are designed to build knowledge and understanding of the key processes that underpin the teaching of reading.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight  = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week  = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

If you would like to know more about the outstanding professional learning that goes on at EWPS, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Mr. Clifton for more information.



Kukuparra News

By Miss Lesker

The K-2 Kukuparra students have been very busy the first two weeks of Term 3. In Week 1 they travelled to Murrin Bridge Preschool to join in NAIDOC activities with the Preschool children.

The K-2 students then joined other small schools to participate in a biodiversity field day near Rankins Springs. On Thursday in Week 2, they travelled to St Francis Xavier School where they participated in a Mini Olympics Day. They had an awesome time! Then, on Friday, the K-2 students had a very exciting day helping Bryce celebrate 100 days of school.

In Science this term, K-2 students are exploring how objects move and relating changes in motion to push and pull forces.

In English, the students have been learning to write compound sentences. They have learnt that two simple sentences can be joined by a conjunction to form a compound sentence.

We hope you enjoy reading Brooklyn and Willo's wonderful writing below.



Marrawuy News

By Mr Clifton and Mr South

The 3-6 Marrawuy students have been hard at work learning more about how good sentences have been constructed through Mr. Clifton's new explicit writing lessons.

Over the course of the week, students are explicitly taught to break down sentences, they analyse the language that is being used to construct the sentences. Later in the week they have the opportunity to have a go at creating their own sentences from 'Sentence Stems' and then finally putting together their own sentences using the skills they have built over the course of the week.

These skills are so crucial in building a solid foundation for emerging writers and we're so excited to see what wonderful texts Marrawuy will come up with next!

3-6 have also been deeply studying the Olympics, delving into the rich history, cultural significance, and the spirit of the Games. They've explored the origins of the ancient Olympics, learnt about different events, and written about different athletes. We hope they are inspired to appreciate the values that the Olympics embody.

My cat climbed a tree.
It chased a bird.

My fluffy orange cat climbed a tree and it chased a black bird.
by Brooklyn.

My horse ran to the paddock.
It ate some grass.

My friendly horse ran to the paddock to eat some green grass because it was hungry.
by Willo



Naidoc Day Celebrations

24 July 2024

Students from Euabalong West Public School travelled to Murrin Bridge Preschool where they were immersed in a range of cultural activities to celebrate NAIDOC Day 2024 'Keep the Fire Burning: Blak, Loud and Proud!'

Students had the opportunity to engage with making Johnny Cakes with Auntie Leeann, a chance to dance with the younger students while Uncle Minya played the didgeridoo, design their own boomerangs, and engage with natural materials in making clay imprints. They split into small groups and read to the younger students, sharing a wide variety of Aboriginal stories from all over Australia.

It was also a fantastic opportunity for educators to connect and discuss future opportunities for our two great schools to connect and share some of the outstanding work happening at both sites.

Euabalong West Public School would like to thank Murrin Bridge Preschool for hosting the event and providing our students with an unforgettable cultural experience. We look forward to having you out to Euabalong West sometime soon!



BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD!



Mini Olympics

1 August 2024

Our students had a terrific time at the Mini Olympics held at St Francis Xavier Primary School. The day was filled with excitement, energy, and outstanding performances from all our participants. Students were divided into teams and competed in various activities, including sack races, three-legged races, wheelbarrow races, baton relay races, target throwing, one-on-one tug of war, ultimate frisbee, and the ultimate skipping challenge.



100 Days of Kindergarten

Euabalong West Public School

Our K-2 Class celebrated Bryce's 100 days of Kindergarten on Friday 2nd August 2024. The students worked together to make an impressive 100 cup tower, 100 block tower and 100 link paper chain. The students made a crown and glasses, and enjoyed some delicious cake.

Congratulations Bryce on completing 100 days of Kindergarten! We love having you here at Euabalong West Public School!



Biodiversity Excursion

Euabalong West Public School

On the 30th (Years 3-6) and the 31st (K-2) of July 2024, EWPS students had the opportunity to join their friends in the Rural Innovative Education Network (RIEN) to engage in a range of biodiversity and cultural activities, connecting our Geography lessons specifically to our local area.

We travelled to the stock route just north of Rankins Springs, where students participated in various educational tasks. These included identifying wild species of fungi and moss, classifying microscopic insects collected from local waterways, learning how to maintain healthy dams and waterways, creating effective habitats for local native bees, and exploring how First Nations people used technology to communicate over long distances.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Petarus Group for providing excellent activities for our students and to Mrs Helen Foy from Binya PS for organising this wonderful opportunity for exploration and collaboration.



"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." - Chinese Proverb

Calendar Term 3 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday and Sunday
4	12 August	13 August	14 August Year 7 Transition at Lake Cargelligo CS Parents to transport	15 August	16 August	17 & 18 August
5	19 August	20 August	21 August Year 7 Transition at Lake Cargelligo CS Parents to transport	22 August	23 August Lower Lachlan PSSA Athletics Carnival	24 & 25 August
6	26 August	27 August Anti-Smoking Presentation Years 4-6 at school	28 August Year 7 Transition at Lake Cargelligo CS Parents to transport	29 August	30 August	31 Aug & 1 Sep Art Show at Lake Cargelligo CS
7	2 September	3 September	4 September Year 7 Transition at Lake Cargelligo CS Parents to transport	5 September	6 September	7 & 8 September
8	9 September	10 September	11 September Year 7 Transition at Lake Cargelligo CS Parents to transport	12 September	13 September	14 & 15 September

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Week 5

Friday 23 August

LLPSSA Athletics Carnival

Week 6

Tuesday 27 August

Anti-Smoking Presentation



Public Education Week

Euabalong West Public School

Public Education Week is an annual celebration of public education in New South Wales. We have been celebrating this week. The theme for 2024 is "Proud to Belong," highlighting the pride we all feel in being part of NSW Public Education and celebrating the achievements of our students, teachers, and schools.

Public education is crucial for many reasons. It provides every child, regardless of their background or circumstances, with the opportunity to learn and grow. Public schools are inclusive, welcoming students from all walks of life and helping them develop the skills they need for the future. By offering a high-quality education, public schools play a vital role in building a fair and just society where everyone has the chance to succeed.

During Public Education Week, we acknowledge and celebrate the hard work of everyone involved in our education system. This includes school staff, who dedicate themselves to teaching and supporting students; parents and carers, who provide essential support at home; and community leaders and P&C associations, who work to improve our schools. Their collective efforts ensure that students receive the best possible education. Public Education Week is also a time for schools to engage with their communities.

Public education changes lives by opening doors to opportunities and helping students reach their full potential. It prepares young people to contribute positively to society and equips them with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the world. As we celebrate Public Education Week, let's take a moment to appreciate the incredible impact of public education and the sense of belonging it creates for all. Here's to public education!

Book Fair and Parade

Euabalong West Public School

We had a wonderful experience at our recent Book Fair and Parade! It was lovely to have our students' families and community members join us for the festivities.

Seeing our students dressed in their creative and colourful costumes was such a delight. The effort and enthusiasm they put into their outfits added an extra layer of fun and excitement to the event. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate our love for books and reading.

A big congratulations to Sonny and Bryce, who were the lucky winners of the draw for a \$20 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. We are sure they will enjoy their wonderful new books!

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a memorable success. We especially appreciate all the efforts of Sally and Trevor for setting up and organising the Book Fair.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." - Benjamin Franklin





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WALKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

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