

## Principal's Message

by Mr South Relieving Principal

As Term 2 draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff, and families for a successful and rewarding term at Euabalong West Public School. It has been a busy time filled with academic achievement, creative learning, and strong community spirit.

Our students have worked hard across all learning areas, showing great perseverance, curiosity, and pride in their efforts. From the Small Schools Athletics Carnival to the Spelling Bee, they have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. These events not only showcased their talents but also their sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination to achieve personal goals. It has been a joy to see students growing in confidence, connecting with peers, and celebrating their achievements both inside and outside the classroom.

A real highlight has been the way our students have shown student leadership by supporting one another in the classroom and in the playground. Whether working together on group projects, cheering each other on during sports events, or simply offering a helping hand, they have demonstrated care, maturity, and a strong sense of community. Their actions reflect the positive and inclusive culture we strive to nurture every day at our school.

We are especially grateful to our families for their ongoing support and commitment to their children's education. Whether it's helping with homework, attending school events, or working in partnership with teachers, your involvement plays a vital role in student success.

As we wrap up the term, we look forward to our upcoming Cultural and Community Day and our End of Term Assembly, which will allow us to reflect, recognise, and celebrate the term's achievements together.

On behalf of all staff, I wish our families a safe, happy, and restful school holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and productive Term 3 filled with new learning opportunities and continued growth.

Josh South



### **Attendance Matters**

At Last Newsletter Year to Date 90%

# 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 <u>Compulsory School Attendance</u> <u>Information for Parents Document</u>.



#### Days missed = years lost

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



### **Curriculum Focus**

by Mr South Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction

Euabalong West Public School recently undertook the External Validation process, a significant opportunity to reflect on our practices and celebrate the quality of education we provide. This process, part of the NSW Department of Education's School Excellence cycle, allows schools to evaluate their progress and impact across three key domains: Learning, Teaching, and Leading.

As part of the process, we gathered a broad range of evidence to demonstrate the quality of student learning, the effectiveness of our teaching programs, and the strength of our educational leadership. This included student work samples, assessment data, teaching programs, staff collaboration processes, and leadership practices. The panel acknowledged our strong commitment to student growth and wellbeing, our focus on explicit and high-impact teaching strategies, and our school's positive learning culture.

The feedback received during External Validation affirms that our school is on the right track and has the systems in place to continue improving student outcomes. It also highlights areas where we can grow further, and these insights will directly inform the creation of our new School Excellence Plan for the next four years.

As we continue to evolve and grow, our focus remains on providing the best possible education for your children—one that is inclusive, engaging, and grounded in evidence–based practice. Thank you for being a valued part of our school community as we move confidently into the future.



## Kukuparra News

by Miss Lesker

Telling Time in K-2!

This term in Mathematics, our Kindergarten to Year 2 students have been busy learning all about time – an essential life skill and a fun topic that ties closely to their everyday routines!

In Kindergarten, students have been exploring the days of the week, identifying and sequencing the parts of the day such as morning, afternoon and night, and discussing the order of daily events.

They have also been introduced to reading time to the hour, focusing on o'clock on both analogue and digital clocks. Through class discussions and handson activities, our youngest learners are starting to build a strong understanding of how time helps us organise our day.

Our Year 2 students have taken their time-telling skills further. They've been revising o'clock and half past and expanding their knowledge to include quarter past and quarter to. Students have also been exploring digital time, making connections between analogue and digital clocks. Using mini clocks, games, group tasks and real-life examples, students are becoming more confident in telling and understanding the time in a range of formats.

It's been fantastic to see all students so engaged in this unit and applying their learning to daily classroom routines – from reading the class timetable to predicting when lunch or home time is coming!

## Marrawuy News

by Mr Clifton and Mr South

This term, students in 3–6 have been busy developing their writing skills by exploring the fascinating world of animals through information reports. After learning how to research and organise information as a class, students chose their own animals to investigate and write about.

The unit began with a modelled example where students worked closely with Mr. South to research goats. Together, the class investigated a variety of sources to gather facts about a goat's appearance habitat, diet and behaviour. As a group, they learned how to summarise information, organise facts into sections, and structure an information report using headings, paragraphs, and technical vocabulary.

Students then selected an animal of personal interest. From sun conures to maine coons, the classroom quickly filled with excitement and curiosity as students dove into their research. They used books, videos, and online sources to gather accurate information and present it clearly in their own words.

Throughout the process, students learned how to write with purpose and clarity, using topic sentences and factual language to support their writing. They also worked on editing and improving their drafts, focusing on paragraph structure, punctuation, and spelling.

It's been fantastic to see students take pride in their work and develop confidence in both research and writing. We're incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to sharing their finished reports with the school community soon!

## Rugby League Skills Kick Off Across K - 6!

by Miss Lesker

This term, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have had the exciting opportunity to learn Rugby League skills with visiting coaches from Griffith.

Over four weeks during Term 2, the coaches have travelled to our school to deliver fun, engaging, and skill-focused sessions that have students eagerly looking forward to each lesson.

Through these sessions, students have been developing a range of fundamental movement and game-based skills including passing, catching, teamwork, and spatial awareness.

The coaches have done a fantastic job of catering to all age groups- introducing the basics to our Kindergarten students in a playful and supportive way, while challenging our older students with more advanced drills and strategies.

Beyond the physical skills, these sessions have also supported students in building confidence, cooperation, and a positive sporting attitude. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces, energetic participation, and growing enthusiasm for Rugby League across all stages.

We thank the coaches from Griffith for their time, energy, and expertise, and look forward to seeing how these experiences continue to inspire our students both on and off the field.







# **EUABALONG WEST**PUBLIC SCHOOL



# CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY DAY

#### THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD ON



**MONDAY WEEK 10 30 JUNE 2025** 



11:00AM TO 2:30PM

All of our students'
parents and family
members, as well as
community members, are
invited.



### **EUABALONG WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL**

11:00AM-11:30AM RECESS WITH FAMILIES

11:30AM-12:30PM WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND ACTIVITIES

12:30PM-1:00PM COMMUNITY BBQ PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL

1:00PM-2:00PM CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

2:00PM-2:30PM END-OF-TERM ASSEMBLY

### Join us for our Term 2 Cultural and Community Day!

We will proudly celebrate local Wiradjuri culture and our students' heritage. The day will include a Welcome to Country, open classrooms, activities, a community barbecue provided by the school, student performances, and our End-of-Term Assembly. Family and community members are welcome to join for the whole day from 10.30am or part of the day that suits.

### Calendar Term 2 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
10	30 June Cultural and Community Day End-of-Term Assembly	1 July	2 July	3 July  Excursion to  Lake Cargelligo  Central School  for King Cup	4 July	5 & 6 July
Term 3 <b>1</b>	21 July School Development Day Students DO NOT attend	22 July Students' First Day of Term 3	23 July	24 July	25 July	26 & 27 July
2	28 July  Book Fair Begins	29 July	30 July	31 July	1 August  Book Fair Ends	2 & 3 August
3	4 August	5 August	6 August	7 August	8 August	9 & 10 August
4	11 August	12 August	13 August	14 August	15 August	16 & 17 August

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Week 10 Mon 30 June

Cultural and Community Day and End-of-Term Assembly

Week 10 Thu 3 July

King Cup at Lake
Cargelligo Central School

Week 2
Mon Jul 28
Book Fair!