

The Dinawan EUABALONG WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL Newsletter

Principal's Message

by Mr Clifton
Principal

It has been a wonderful start to Term 3 and it's lovely to see some sunshine returning after much-needed rain for our farms. The days are gradually warming up, and there's a definite sense that spring is just around the corner. As always, life at Euabalong West Public School has been full of activity, learning, and connection.

Already this term, we've had a number of exciting events and important routines take place. Our emergency evacuation drill went smoothly and was an important opportunity to practise how we keep each other safe. We've celebrated the joy of reading through our Book Fair and Book Parade, and it was heartwarming to see so many families join us. Thank you for your ongoing support, it really does mean so much to your children and to us as a school.

Kindergarten reached the special milestone of 100 Days of School and it was wonderful to see the creativity and excitement as they celebrated this achievement. Our P&C continues to play a vital role in supporting our school, and I'd like to thank all those who attended the recent meeting. Kids Club also returned this term and continues to be a highlight for many of our students.

This week we celebrated Public Education Week, which gave us a chance to reflect on the importance of accessible, high-quality education for all. At Euabalong West, we are proud to be a small public school delivering big opportunities, where every child is known, valued and cared for.

Looking ahead, the term promises even more exciting events. Students will soon take part in a Creative Arts Day at Naradhan Public School, some will attend the Trent Barrett Legends Day in Griffith, and we will celebrate diversity and inclusion through Wear It Purple! Day. We also look forward to cheering on our athletes at the Lower Lachlan Athletics Carnival and seeing our students' work displayed proudly at the Lake Cargelligo Show.

There is so much to look forward to, and I thank you again for your continued partnership with our school. I hope everyone enjoys the sunshine and blue skies, as the weather continues to warm up.

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



We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 students who have recently received their 2025 NAPLAN results. These results reflect not only the strong academic growth of each individual student but also the hard work, determination, and commitment they have shown throughout their learning journey. Across all areas – reading, writing, spelling, grammar, and numeracy – students achieved excellent results, with many showing significant progress since their Year 3 assessments.

What makes these results even more impressive is the consistent growth demonstrated by each student. Whether they were working towards or exceeding expectations, every student has made gains, and we congratulate them on their individual achievements. These outcomes are a testament to the dedication of our students, the support of our families, and the targeted teaching practices we implement across our classrooms.

Beyond celebrating success, the NAPLAN results also provide valuable insight into each student's learning profile. Our teaching staff are currently analysing the data in conjunction with our own school-based assessments to gain a complete picture of each learner. This detailed analysis allows us to identify strengths and gaps and refine our teaching programs to ensure that all students continue to be challenged and supported in their learning.

As we move forward, this data-driven approach will guide our planning, goal setting, and differentiation to ensure every student is supported to reach their full potential.

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



Kukuparra News

By Miss Lesker

Kindergarten students at Euabalong West Public School recently marked a major milestone of 100 days of learning! To celebrate, the class enjoyed a special “100 Days Brighter” day filled with fun hands-on activities and lots of excitement.

To start the day, the Kindergarten students, along with Year 2, worked together to make a paper chain with 100 colourful links. They then took on the challenge of building a tower using 100 plastic cups. It was great to see the students problem-solving and working together to see how tall their towers could go.

The next activity was a 100-themed scavenger hunt. We sent the students searching high and low for hidden items, as well as complete a number of activities to tick off on their list. They also completed another activity where they had to make a 100 block tower which was very tricky to try and keep together.

One of the highlights for the day was the piñata. Everyone took turns trying to break it open, and there was plenty of laughter and cheering when it finally burst. To finish the celebration, the class enjoyed a delicious cake, which was a big hit!

“100 Days Brighter” was a fantastic celebration of all the learning and growth our Kindergarten students have achieved. We are so proud of their progress and can’t wait to see what the next 100 days bring!

Marrawuy News

By Mr Clifton and Mr South

The Marrawuy classroom has been buzzing with creativity as students are working hard on their latest creative arts project, long stitch embroidery! In preparation for the upcoming Lake Cargelligo Show, our students have been developing their sewing skills to contribute to a class display aligned with this year’s theme: All Things Sewn or Sown.

Under the guidance of Mrs O’Neill, students learned how to accurately thread a yarn needle and work with canvas templates using the long stitch technique. With care, patience, and persistence, students are starting to produce vibrant, textured pieces that demonstrate both individual flair and an understanding of traditional textile techniques.

Throughout the project, students are not only refining their fine motor skills but also experiencing the calming and mindful benefits that often come with focused, hands-on work. They are displaying excellent perseverance and pride as they watch their designs take shape stitch by stitch.

The final artworks will form a striking class display at the Lake Cargelligo Show, showcasing our school’s commitment to creative expression and skill-building. We are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm each student has brought to this project and can’t wait for the wider community to see the results.

Public Education Week and Book Parade

by Euabalong West Public School

This week, Euabalong West Public School proudly celebrated Public Education Week—a special time each year when we come together to recognise and honour the value of public education in shaping the lives of students, families, and communities across the country.

Public education plays a vital role in ensuring that every child, no matter their background or circumstance, has access to quality teaching, opportunities for growth, and a safe and inclusive environment in which to thrive. At Euabalong West Public School, we are proud to be part of a system that is committed to equity, excellence, and the belief that every student is capable of success.

Each year, Public Education Week gives us a chance to celebrate all that makes our school community so special. This year, we marked the week with a range of wonderful events, including our annual Book Fair, Book Parade, and Open Classrooms.

A huge thank you goes to Miss Sally and Trevor for all their work behind the scenes in organising and setting up the Book Fair. Their efforts created an inviting and exciting space for students to explore a wide range of books and reading-related items. Each student had the opportunity to browse the display and create a wish list of items they were interested in purchasing. Events like these help to nurture a love of reading and open students' minds to the joy of books.

The Book Parade was another highlight of the week, with students dressing up as their favourite book characters. It was fantastic to see so many creative, colourful, and thoughtful costumes.

Congratulations to Brighton, Kelly, and Summer, who were voted as our Best Dressed and each received a \$20 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. A special thank you also to all our families who helped with costumes and supported the day.

We were also delighted to welcome so many family members into our classrooms during Open Classrooms. Visitors were invited to observe lessons and see firsthand the learning, engagement, and hard work taking place every day in our small but mighty school. It was a valuable opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school. We hope everyone enjoyed being able to see our Spelling Retrieval Practice, Sentence Analysis, and Blooket activities in the 3-6 room and the exciting scavenger hunt in K-2.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Public Education Week such a success. It was a wonderful celebration of everything we believe in—access, equity, learning, and community. We really appreciate everyone turning up, especially those familiar faces of some former students. We look forward to celebrating again next year!





100 Days Brighter!

by Euabalong West Public School

On Monday 4 August 2025, our Kindergarten students reached a major milestone — 100 Days of Kindergarten! To mark the occasion, they celebrated with a joyful “100 Days Brighter” event, filled with colour, creativity, and fun.

Reaching the 100th day of school is a big achievement for our youngest learners. Over the past 100 days, our Kindergarten students have learned to read and write new words, explored numbers, made new friends, and grown in confidence, independence, and resilience. The “100 Days Brighter” celebration was a chance to recognise just how far they’ve come since the start of the year.

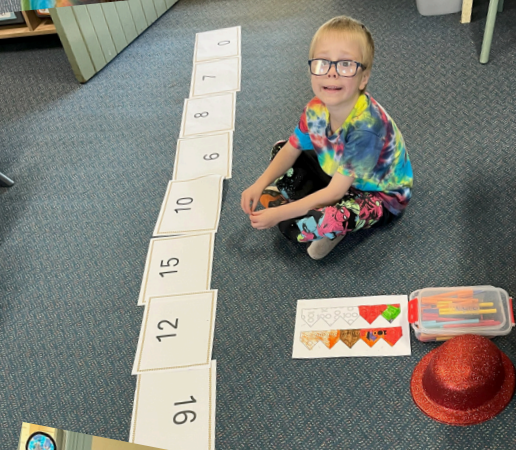
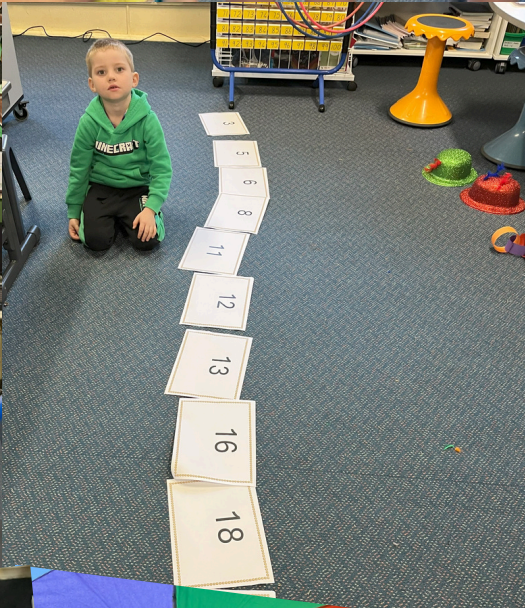
It’s been so wonderful to see how much Bryce, Brodie, and Kelly have learnt and grown over their first six months at school. From their very first day walking through the school gates to now, they’ve shown curiosity, creativity, and determination. One hundred days of learning is certainly a big achievement—and we couldn’t be prouder.

The classroom was transformed into a colourful space full of excitement as students took part in a range of engaging activities based around the number 100. From counting and crafting to games and storytelling, every activity celebrated the learning they’ve achieved and the bright future ahead.

One of the most memorable parts of the celebration was a special tie-dye activity. Each student had the chance to create their own vibrant shirt, using bright colours to symbolise how much they’ve shone during their first 100 days of school. The results were stunning! It was a wonderful way to blend creativity with a sense of accomplishment and the shirts will make for a treasured keepsake for years to come.

The students proudly wore their tie-dyed shirts, beaming with pride. It was a colourful celebration of everything they’ve learned, the friendships they’ve formed, and the many adventures still to come. Congratulations to our amazing Kindergarten students—you truly are 100 days brighter!





Road Safety: Click, Clack, Front and Back

by Euabalong West Public School

At Euabalong West Public School, student safety is always our highest priority, and that includes keeping our students safe when travelling to and from school by car.

We are becoming increasingly concerned that some students are being transported without wearing seatbelts. This includes very short trips, such as up or down the street. It's essential that families understand this is extremely dangerous and places children at serious risk of injury or worse. No trip is too short for a seatbelt.

Seatbelts Save Lives

It has been compulsory to wear seatbelts in NSW since 1971. On average, around 29 people are killed and 76 seriously injured each year on NSW roads because they were not wearing a seatbelt that was available to them. Wearing a seatbelt doubles your chance of surviving a crash and significantly reduces the risk of injury.

In a crash, an unrestrained person continues to move at the speed of the vehicle until something stops them – this could be the dashboard, windscreen, or even being ejected from the vehicle altogether. In the back seat, this could mean being thrown into the front seat with such force that it causes further injury to both the front and back passengers.

Even in vehicles fitted with airbags, seatbelts are essential. Striking an airbag without a seatbelt can cause serious injuries.

It is against the law, and incredibly unsafe, for children to hang out of windows. This creates the risk of a child falling from the car, potentially resulting in serious injury or death.

Fines and Penalties

The fine for drivers with unrestrained passengers in NSW ranges from \$423 to \$1784 and carries between 3 and 6 demerit points. The driver is legally responsible for ensuring all passengers are properly restrained.

Child Restraints and Legal Requirements

Children under 7 years of age must use an approved restraint suited to their age and size. This may be a rear-facing or forward-facing child car seat or a booster seat. The jingle reminds us all: "Click, Clack, Front and Back." Every trip, every time.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety

When dropping off or picking up, children must always enter and exit from the kerbside. No student should ever walk around the car to the roadside, even if they need to climb across a seat to get in. This is especially important on Uabba Street, where trucks and other vehicles often ignore the speed limit and travel at high speed.

A Serious Safety Matter

School staff are Mandatory Reporters, legally required to report concerns about child safety. If we become aware of students travelling unrestrained or entering/exiting from the roadside, we are obligated to report this to the Child Wellbeing Unit.

Further Information

More information about the legal requirements of wearing seatbelts and children being in safely secured in approved restraints can be found on the Transport NSW website here:
<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/topics-tips/seatbelts>



FRIDAY
29TH
AUGUST

WEAR IT **PURPLE DAY!**

Students are encouraged to wear purple on Wear It Purple Day to demonstrate their support for rainbow kids and their families.

Celebrating Wear It Purple Day is part of our commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive place for everybody, including LGBTQIA+ kids and their families.

The school has purchased purple shirts for any students who don't have any purple at home and would still like some purple to wear.

FRIDAY WEEK 6



Calendar Term 3 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
4	11 August	12 August	13 August	14 August	15 August	16 & 17 August
5	18 August	19 August Creative Arts Day at Naradhan PS	20 August	21 August	22 August	23 & 24 August
6	25 August	26 August Trent Barrett Legends Day in Griffith	27 August	28 August	29 August Wear It Purple Day! Lower Lachlan Athletics Carnival	30 & 31 August Lake Cargelligo Show
7	1 September	2 September	3 September	4 September	5 September Proud and Deadly Awards	6 & 7 September
8	8 September	9 September	10 September	11 September School Camp Out at EWPS	12 September	13 & 14 September Gymkhana
9	15 September	16 September	17 September	18 September Ollie Townsend Concert	19 September	20 & 21 September
10	22 September	23 September	24 September	25 September	26 September	27 & 28 September

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Week 5

Tuesday 19 August

Creative Arts Day

Week 6

Friday 29 August

Wear It Purple Day

Week 6

Saturday 30 August

Lake Cargelligo Show



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WALKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

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