



The Dinawan EUABALONG WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL *Newsletter*

Principal's Message

by Mr Clifton
Principal

It's been an exciting and positive start to Term 4 at Euabalong West Public School. The warmer weather and sunshine have brought a wonderful sense of energy and enthusiasm to our classrooms and playground.

It has been delightful to have Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Turner, and Mr Sinclair teaching with us already this term. They each bring such a wealth of experience, creativity, and care to our students, and it's easy to see the difference they make. The students always love having them in the classroom and benefit so much from the variety and joy they bring to learning.

We were all incredibly proud to cheer on Summer as she competed in the discus event at the NSW State Athletics Carnival in Week 2. The whole school gathered in the K-2 room to watch the livestream and cheer her on from afar. It was a special moment for everyone. Last Friday, students also had a fantastic time competing at the Rankins Springs Round Robin. It was a great opportunity to get active, try new sports, and enjoy some friendly competition with neighbouring schools.

This week, we are missing Sade, who is attending her in-residence program in Sydney as part of her Aurora College studies. We hope she is having a wonderful

experience and look forward to hearing all about it when she returns.

Kindergarten Transition has now begun, and it's been an absolute delight having Charlotte and Teddy visiting our school. They've already settled in beautifully, joining in with our activities and getting to know our students and staff.

Most excitingly, we were thrilled to welcome back Ryan and Dustin, who have rejoined Euabalong West Public School after being away for almost four years. It's been so heart-warming to see them reconnect with old friends and quickly become part of our school family again.

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring sunshine. We have a busy and rewarding few weeks ahead, and I look forward to all the great learning and celebrations still to come this term.

Andrew Clifton





Attendance Matters

At Last Newsletter

Year to Date

86%  88%

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

At Euabalong West Public School, we know that strong foundations in literacy and numeracy are essential for future learning success. This term, we've commenced our Focus on Fundamentals approach, which places an emphasis on ensuring students are achieving key age-based milestones in reading, writing, and mathematics.

By closely tracking each student's progress against these fundamental skills, we are able to identify those who may need additional support early. This allows us to implement targeted intervention and provide the right help at the right time, giving every student the best chance to succeed.

Our teaching team utilises a range of high-quality assessments and observations to guide this process, and the information we gather feeds directly into our classroom planning. Students receive explicit instruction based on their current skill level, and we regularly revisit and revise core concepts to ensure deep understanding.

We also celebrate the progress our students make, no matter how big or small. Growth is different for every learner, and we are proud of the effort our students are putting into mastering the basics.

Thank you to our families for continuing to support learning at home. Together, we are building confident, capable learners who are ready to take on new challenges with the strong literacy and numeracy skills they need for success.

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

This term in the K-2 Kukuparra classroom, students have been growing their confidence with the two and five times tables while continuing to develop strong reading fluency skills.

Students have enjoyed reading in pairs, using their iPads to record and listen back to their reading, and working closely with teachers for targeted support. This variety of reading experiences keeps learning fun and helps students build confidence each day. Kindergarten students also read daily with their Year 2 buddies to practise tricky words and strengthen independence. These peer-support sessions create wonderful opportunities for leadership, encouragement, and shared success.

Listening to their own recorded reading allows students to celebrate improvements in fluency and expression while identifying areas for further growth. Alongside this, students participate in explicit reading sessions with a teacher, receiving personalised feedback to guide their next steps. The Kukuparra classroom has been buzzing with enthusiasm as everyone works hard to become strong, joyful readers!

In Maths, students have been strengthening their understanding of place value and mastering their 'Friends of Ten' and 'Friends of Twenty' number facts. Quick-recall activities and daily practice help reinforce these important foundations. Skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s is also supporting their developing multiplication knowledge. Engaging games and interactive digital tools keep maths learning fun and meaningful. The students are building excellent number skills that will set them up for success as they continue to take on new challenges throughout the term.



Marrawuy News



By Mr Clifton and Mr South

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 recently took part in a STEM Teabag Jiggler Challenge, an exciting hands-on project that inspired creativity, teamwork and problem-solving across all year levels. The challenge was simple in theory but complex in execution: to design and build a device that could make a teabag move up and down without a person touching it.

Students began by investigating how movement can be created through mechanical systems. They explored real-world examples of levers, pulleys and counterweights and discussed how these could be adapted to achieve the challenge's goal. Working in small groups, students then sketched their initial designs before collecting materials such as cardboard and LEGO to construct their prototypes.

Throughout the activity, students demonstrated perseverance and adaptability, making improvements to their devices after testing and observing what worked and what did not. Some groups experimented with pendulums and gears, while others discovered that using elastic bands created the perfect combination of tension and movement.

In the end, each group produced a creative solution that successfully met the challenge. The project highlighted the importance of trial and error in STEM learning and encouraged students to think critically about how everyday materials can be used to solve practical problems. It was a fantastic display of curiosity, imagination and teamwork from all our budding young engineers.



Welcome back

Euabalong West Public School

This term, we have been thrilled to welcome Ryan and Dustin back to Euabalong West Public School after almost four years away. Both boys attended our school in their early years of primary education, and it has been an absolute pleasure to see them return, reconnect with familiar faces, and settle quickly back into our small, caring school community.

Ryan and Dustin have each brought wonderful energy, enthusiasm, and kindness to the classroom. They have already made a positive impression on their teachers and peers through their willingness to participate, their curiosity, and their friendly approach to learning. It has been especially heartwarming to see them re-establish old friendships while forming new ones.

Euabalong West Public School is a place where every student is known, valued, and supported, and where returning students are welcomed with open arms. Having Ryan and Dustin back with us has added to the sense of warmth, inclusiveness, and belonging that our school is so proud of.

Both students have shown a genuine eagerness to engage in class activities and embrace new challenges. We are delighted to have Ryan and Dustin back as part of the Euabalong West family and look forward to seeing them continue to grow, learn, and thrive.

Summer shines!

Euabalong West Public School

Euabalong West Public School was exceptionally proud to be represented by Summer at the NSW State Athletics Carnival in Week 2, where she competed in the discus event. Reaching this level of competition is an outstanding accomplishment and reflects Summer's dedication, determination, and consistent effort throughout the year.

Students and staff gathered in the K-2 classroom to watch the livestream of the event and enthusiastically cheer her on. It was a special moment for our small school community to witness one of our own competing at a state level. The excitement and pride among students were clear, as they celebrated Summer's hard work and success.

Summer has shown exceptional commitment to her training and a positive attitude that inspires her peers. Her participation at the State Carnival exemplifies the school's values of perseverance, courage, and striving for personal excellence. And she threw a distance of 17.42 metres!

Congratulations to Summer on this remarkable achievement. The entire Euabalong West Public School community extends its congratulations and admiration for her outstanding effort and representation.



“The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you.”

Social Media Age Restrictions are Coming

by Euabalong West Public School

The Australian Government has announced world-first laws to protect young Australians at a critical stage of their development, by introducing minimum age restrictions for social media use.

From **10 December 2025**, it will become illegal for social media platforms to allow children under the age of 16 to create or maintain an account. This means popular apps and websites such as **Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube** and others will be required by law to take reasonable steps to stop under-16s from using their platforms. Companies that fail to do so may face significant financial penalties, with fines of up to \$49.5 million.

These restrictions are designed to **protect children from the pressures, risks and harms** that can come with early exposure to social media. The aim is to help young people avoid unhealthy comparisons, online bullying, exposure to adult content, and the addictive design features that encourage long screen time and constant engagement.

Penalties will apply to social media companies and they will be held responsible for preventing under-age accounts. This change will have a major impact on how children and families use technology, and it's essential that parents begin preparing now.

Families are encouraged to start having open and age-appropriate conversations with their children about what this new law means and why it is being introduced. Discussing online behaviour, privacy, and the difference between healthy and unhealthy screen time will help children understand that this change is about protection, not punishment.

The legislation defines social media platforms as services designed for online social interaction where users can link to or communicate with others and post material. Messaging apps or games without these features are not affected, but if a messaging service includes social media-style functions (such as stories or public sharing), it may still fall under the new restrictions.

The eSafety Commissioner is currently consulting with educators, parents, and technology experts to determine what will count as a "reasonable step" for platforms to verify user ages. This may include improved age-assurance technology, which can confirm a person's age without collecting unnecessary personal information. An independent review will take place within two years of the laws coming into effect to assess their success.

The upcoming age restriction is part of the government's broader Online Safety Strategy, which also includes stronger protections against harmful online content, cyberbullying, and age-inappropriate material. Together, these measures aim to make the digital world safer and more transparent for all Australians – especially children.

As a school, we encourage all families to begin preparing for this significant change by talking with their children about healthy online habits, screen time, and responsible use of technology. It's important that children understand that from December next year, accessing social media under the age of 16 will no longer be permitted. Together, we can help our students develop a positive, balanced relationship with technology and keep them safe as they grow up in an increasingly digital world.

For more information and regular updates, visit **www.esafety.gov.au** or contact the school.



Kindergarten Transition for 2026

Euabalong West Public School

Last Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Charlotte to our school for her very first Kindergarten transition day. This week, she was joined by Teddy, and together they have had a wonderful time experiencing what life at Euabalong West Public School is all about.

Charlotte and Teddy have both thoroughly enjoyed participating in a range of fun and engaging activities designed to help them feel confident, comfortable, and excited about starting school next year.

Throughout their visits, Charlotte and Teddy joined in energetic running games with students from K-6, enjoyed reading, and, last week, Charlotte attended Scripture with Father Paul. They practised phonics and number facts, and explored a variety of hands-on learning experiences that strengthened their early maths and literacy skills.

Both students have particularly enjoyed playing games with their new friends and becoming part of our vibrant school community. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and cheerful personalities have brought plenty of smiles to both students and staff.

We are thrilled to welcome Charlotte and Teddy to our school and look forward to supporting them as they continue their transition to Big School. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and excitement grow as they prepare to begin Kindergarten full time in 2026.



Rankins Springs Round Robin

Euabalong West Public School

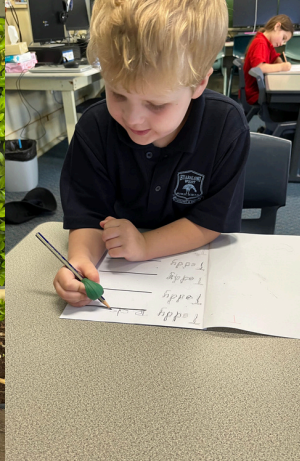
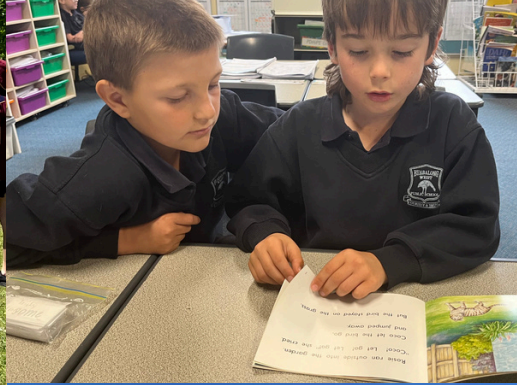
Our students recently travelled to Rankins Springs Public School to take part in the annual Rankins Springs Round Robin. It was a wonderful day of sport, teamwork, and fun, with students from several local schools coming together for friendly competition and physical activity.

Our primary students represented Euabalong West with pride, competing in soccer and netball matches. They displayed excellent sportsmanship, encouragement, and teamwork, supporting one another and showing great respect for their opponents. It was fantastic to see their skills develop as they applied what they have been practising during sport lessons at school.

While the older students were on the courts and fields, our infants students enjoyed a morning of tabloid games. They took part in obstacle courses, used a range of sports equipment, and played cooperative games with colourful parachutes. The focus was on participation, teamwork, and fun, and the smiles on their faces said it all.

We sincerely thank Rankins Springs Public School for hosting such a well-organised event and for providing opportunities for students from across the region to connect and learn together. It was a wonderful day celebrating teamwork, inclusion, and active learning.





Sade at Aurora College

Euabalong West Public School

This week, Sade has travelled to Sydney to take part in the Aurora College In-Residence Program, where she will meet her Aurora classmates and teachers in person for the first time. This is an exciting opportunity for Sade to extend her learning, collaborate with other high-achieving students from across rural and remote NSW, and experience a range of engaging academic and enrichment activities.

Aurora College is the NSW Department of Education's virtual selective school, established in 2015. It provides academically gifted students in rural and remote communities access to selective classes and opportunity programs without the need to leave their local school. Students connect with their teachers and peers in timetabled online lessons through a cutting-edge virtual learning environment that includes web conferencing, collaboration tools, and a fully digital library.

Aurora offers Opportunity Class lessons in Mathematics, Science and Technology for Years 5 and 6, and Selective School classes in English, Mathematics and Science for Years 7 to 10. Senior students can also access a range of Higher School Certificate subjects that may not be available locally.

The In-Residence Program is a highlight of the Aurora experience, bringing students together for a week of lessons, tutorials, master classes, and mentoring sessions with leading academics, professionals, and partner organisations. Students also enjoy excursions and cultural activities that allow them to explore the host city while strengthening friendships formed through online learning.

We are incredibly proud of Sade's selection for this prestigious program. Her participation demonstrates her academic dedication, curiosity, and commitment to learning. We look forward to hearing all about her experiences when she returns and to seeing how her time in Sydney enriches her learning back at Euabalong West.



Agriculture at EWPS

Euabalong West Public School

Our school gardens have had an exciting makeover this term. The raised garden beds have been moved from behind the office to a new spot beside the basketball court, where they can be more easily accessed and appreciated by everyone. The new location provides plenty of sunlight and space for students to enjoy caring for the plants. An enormous thank you goes to Trevor and Cam, who worked hard carting wheelbarrows of dirt across the school grounds to move the beds.

Our Agriculture Ministers, Sonny and Dustin, have been especially enthusiastic about getting the gardens growing again. This week, the three Year 5 and 6 boys worked with Cam to plant a selection of vegetables, including tomatoes, capsicums, and lettuce. The students enjoyed preparing the soil, planting the seedlings, and learning about how to care for them as they grow.

Everyone is looking forward to watching the garden beds flourish over the coming weeks and to harvesting fresh produce later in the term. It's wonderful to see our students taking such pride in creating something that benefits everyone at Euabalong West Public School.

Calendar Term 4 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
3	27 October	28 October	29 October	30 October Kindergarten 2026 Transition	31 October	1 & 2 November
4	3 November	4 November	5 November	6 November Kindergarten 2026 Transition	7 November	8 & 9 November
5	10 November	11 November	12 November	13 November Kindergarten 2026 Transition	14 November	15 & 16 November
6	17 November	18 November 3-6 Sydney Excursion	19 November 3-6 Sydney Excursion	20 November 3-6 Sydney Excursion K-2 Altina Excursion	21 November 3-6 Sydney Excursion	22 & 23 November
7	24 November Swimming Lessons	25 November Swimming Lessons	26 November Swimming Lessons	27 November Swimming Lessons	28 November Swimming Lessons	29 & 30 November
8	1 December Swimming Lessons	2 December Swimming Lessons	3 December Swimming Lessons	4 December Swimming Lessons	5 December Swimming Carnival at Lake Cargelligo Pool	6 & 7 December
9	8 December	9 December	10 December Year 6 Farewell at Lake Cargelligo Bowling Club	11 December	12 December	12 & 14 December
10	15 December	16 December	17 December	18 December Presentation Evening	19 December Water Fun Day! Last Day of School	20 & 21 December School Holidays

Upcoming Events and Key Dates

Halloween Term 4 Week 3



Friday 31 October
Students to wear their scary
Halloween costumes to school.

Sydney Excursion 3-6 Term 4 Week 6



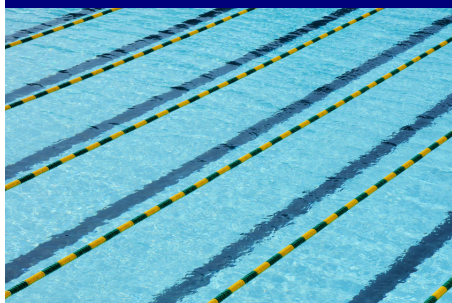
Tuesday 18 November
to
Friday 21 November

Altina Excursion K-2 Term 4 Week 6



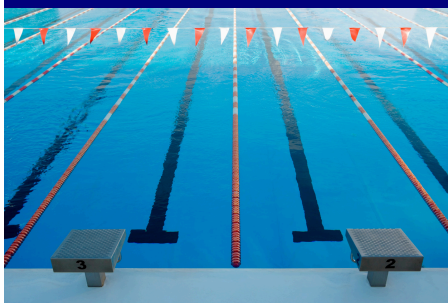
Thursday 20 November

Swimming Lessons Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8



Monday 24 November
to
Thursday 4 December

Swimming Carnival Term 4 Week 8



Friday 5 December
Lake Cargelligo Pool

Year 6 Farewell Term 4 Week 9



Wednesday 10 December

Presentation Evening Term 4 Week 10



Thursday 18 December
Students to wear full blue
school uniform.

Water Fun Day! Term 4 Week 10



Friday 19 December
Students to bring swimming gear
and water shoes to school to
change into.

Summer Holidays



Saturday 20 December
Students return
Monday 9 February 2026



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WALKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

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