

Euston Public School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1 23-04-2026



Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope all families had a restful break and enjoyed quality time together. It has been an action-packed start to the term, with students returning ready to learn and reconnect with their peers and teachers. Highlights have already included our K-2 excursion to *Where's the Green Sheep?* and our Cross Country Carnival.

During Weeks 8-10 of last term, I was on parental leave. I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Hocking for her leadership as Relieving Principal during this time. She did a fantastic job leading the school and ensuring continuity across all areas. I would also like to acknowledge our staff for their professionalism, teamwork and ongoing commitment to our students and community. The school continued to run smoothly, reflecting the strength of our team and shared focus on excellence. Thank you to our community for your continued support.

Colour Fun Run Success

A highlight from the end of last term was our Colour Fun Run. Congratulations to our students for their enthusiasm and positive participation, and a sincere thank you to our P&C for their organisation and support. The event was a fantastic success, raising \$7207.50 to support our playground upgrade. This is an exciting step forward for our school, and we appreciate the strong community support behind this project.

Principal's Report continued.....

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 27th April at 2:00pm in the Cave. We warmly invite all families to attend. It's a great opportunity to stay informed, share your ideas and be part of supporting our school and students.

Cross Country - A Proud Effort

Today, we held our school Cross Country, and I would like to congratulate all students on their efforts. It was fantastic to see such high levels of participation, encouragement and sportsmanship across all age groups. Students challenged themselves, supported one another and demonstrated great resilience throughout their races. We are incredibly proud of how everyone approached the event, well done to all our students. A sincere thank you to our P&C for providing the BBQ and keeping everyone well fed and happy throughout the carnival.

ANZAC Day Public Holiday - School Closed Monday April 27th

A reminder to families that Monday 27th April is a public holiday in NSW for ANZAC Day. The school will be closed on this day.

Focus for Term 2

This term, our focus continues to be on high-quality teaching and learning, with an emphasis on explicit teaching and the effective use of data to inform instruction. We will also continue strengthening opportunities for student voice and wellbeing, ensuring every student feels connected, supported and challenged in their learning.

We have many events happening this term with our Pulse workshops and performances, Mother's Day, Do It for Dolly day, MD Cross Country, Traditional games in Dareton, 5/6 involved in Film making workshop, a visit to the Gol Gol Immersion centre, AFL Barrier games, Barrier Cross Country.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to a productive and successful term ahead.

Warm regards,

Troy Westcott
Relieving Principal

Office Updates

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Saturday 25th April is ANZAC Day. Students marching are asked to meet at the Euston Club at 8:15am as they will march to the Euston Cenotaph for the service to begin at 8:30am.

Students need to be in school uniform, **no hats** please.

Pulse Alive - Arts Unit

Next week, the Department of Education's Arts Unit will be running Pulse Alive on Tuesday and Wednesday, with performances at Mildura Arts Centre on Thursday at 5:30pm and 7pm involving students in Years 3-6.

Yr 3-6 students

The bus will be departing for Buronga at 8:45am on all days. If any student misses the bus they will remain at school. Students who are performing on Thursday evening will need to have transport home as the bus will not be returning.

Students not participating in the finale will remain at school on Thursday.

K-2 students

On Tuesday and Wednesday students will need to be at school by 8:50am to begin their Pulse workshop at 9am.

These students will be performing here at school on Wednesday morning at 9:30am. Parents are invited to come and watch.

Term 2 Calendar

- Friday April 24th - School ANZAC service at 11am.
- Saturday 25th April: ANZAC Community service at Euston Cenotaph
- 28th, 29th & 30th April: Pulse Alive
- Thursday 7th May: Mother's Day breakfast and pampering.
- Do It for Dolly Day
- Friday 8th May: Murray Darling Cross Country
- Week 4 - Boys participating in AFL Barrier team
- Friday 22nd May - Assembly Year 4 hosting
- Friday 29th May - Barrier Cross Country

Office News

**GO BLUE TO
END BULLYING!**

**DO IT
FOR
Dolly
DAY '26**

8 MAY 2026

Go **BLUE** and help raise funds
to support Dolly's Dream to
end bullying.

doitfordollyday.org.au

Euston Public School will be supporting "Do It for Dolly Day" on **Thursday 7th of May** due to the MD Cross country run.

Students can come to school dressed in **blue** to show their support for this worthwhile cause. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting program for
parents of aged 4-10 years

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Euston Public School Community Hub 'The Cave' TBC

Dates: May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

June 2nd & 9th

Time: Tuesdays TBC

Contact: EHFSContakt@malleefamilycare.com.au

03 50235966 or contact Amanda or Anna at the Community



We're coming to your community



We're bringing NSW Government services to: Euston on the 12th of May from 9:30am – 3:00pm

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more.

Call **13 77 88** or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.



Find us at:

10 Nixon Street

Kindergarten News - Page 1

Dear Kindergarten Grown Ups,
Welcome back to Term 2!

It has been such a wonderful (and very busy!) start to the term, and it has been fantastic to see the students return ready to learn.

We jumped straight into things yesterday with our excursion to Mildura. We enjoyed a play and lunch at the Park for Play on Eleventh Street before heading to see *Where is the Green Sheep?* based on the book by Mem Fox. The students had a brilliant day and represented our school beautifully, meeting the high expectations we have for them even on the very first day back.

Today was our Cross Country, and it was so special to see the students take part in their very first whole school sports carnival. They showed great effort, courage and enthusiasm, and we were very proud of how they participated.

In **phonics**, we are continuing to build on the strong foundations from Term 1. Over the next week, we will be learning the sounds /u/ as in up, /g/ as in goat and /b/ as in bee. We are also introducing new heart words: **to**, **do**, **who** and **of**. These are words that students will learn to recognise quickly to support their reading and writing. In English, we are beginning an exciting new unit based on *The Eleventh Hour* by Graeme Base. This is a mystery story about Horace the elephant, who plans a birthday feast for his friends, only to discover that all the food has been stolen just as the party begins. The story becomes a puzzle, with clues hidden in both the words and illustrations, encouraging students to look closely and think carefully.



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Through this unit, students will be learning how to retell a story using beginning, middle and end, explore rhyme, and build their understanding of how characters make us feel in different ways. We will also continue developing our sentence skills by identifying nouns (who or what) and verbs (what they are doing), as well as learning and using new vocabulary from the text. A big focus will be on observation and noticing details – an important skill both for reading and for thinking more deeply.

In **mathematics**, over this week and next, we are focusing on number bonds to 5. Students are learning how numbers can be broken into parts and put back together again. For example, 5 can be made from 2 and 3, or 4 and 1. We are also practising adding within 5 using concrete materials, fingers and objects. This work is really important, as it builds the foundation for all future addition and subtraction.

In **science**, we are continuing our learning about animals. Students will explore what different animals eat and the different ways they eat. They will also practise grouping animals based on their characteristics and explaining their thinking. We will also begin learning about native plants and how Aboriginal Peoples use knowledge of plants to survive and live sustainably on Country.

In **HSIE**, we are developing our skills in observing and recording by looking at the features of familiar places. Students will learn to identify and describe natural features (like rivers and landforms) and human features (like buildings and roads), and compare inland and coastal environments.

In **PDHPE**, we are focusing on personal strengths and relationships. Students will begin to identify what makes them unique and how their strengths help them as learners and friends. We will also explore how connections with family, friends and community help us feel safe, supported and happy.

Next week, we will also be participating in Pulse Sunraysia, a Creative Arts program that visits regional schools each year. On Tuesday and Wednesday, students are asked to arrive ready to start at 9:00am. It would be helpful for students to arrive slightly earlier, so they have time to settle and play before the activities begin.

Finally, a very big **Happy Birthday** to Adrian, who turns 5 today!

It has been such a strong start to the term, and I am really looking forward to all the learning ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warmly,
Anna Phillips

Kindergarten Photos



Year 1/2 News - Page 1

Hello to all the wonderful families. I trust that all families had a relaxing Autumn break. I am looking forward to hearing students stories about their holidays.

This term has started with a bang with our excursion to Mildura to see the performance of Mem Fox "*Where is the green sheep?*" This was a wonderful performance and a great way to start the term. However, it doesn't stop there. We have a VERY busy term ahead. Today we held our Cross Country at Euston Oval. All students participated with under 8 year olds running a shorter distance around the oval.

Next is ANZAC Day. We have our school ceremony at 11am on Friday 24th and the town ceremony on Saturday 25th April.

Next week we will see the team from Pulse come to the school to present to K - 2 students on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Wednesday morning will be the performance for parents. Please come and join us under the COLA.

Please keep in mind that next Monday 27th April is a Public holiday in NSW and the school will not be open.

Later in the term is Mothers Day. The school will have the annual Mother's day breakfast and I am sure 1-2 students will have a little something to bring home that they make in class. Dads, keep an eye out for the P&C Mother's day stall. Many gifts will be on offer. We will also have our athletics carnival late this term.

A warm welcome to our new student in the class, Zhafran. We are excited to have you in our class and look forward to celebrating your achievements.

A few reminders. **Library** is each Wednesday. Please remind your child to pack their library bag. Even if they haven't finished with a book, they can reborrow for another week.

Students should have each day a **water bottle, hat and 'fruit break'** please. Can parents double check that their child has these in their bag (and all items labelled - only 50 cents for each item returned)

Please keep encouraging your child to keep up with home reading. I am looking forward to seeing the reading folders of those who read during the holidays.

Thank you for the egg cartons and craft supplies. If newspapers are still a 'thing', I would appreciate some old newspapers please. We use these to cover tables when painting, and for some other activities in maths and science.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me via the school on 50263766. I am very happy to have a chat.

Have a great week ahead.

Mr Bonsing

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Year 2/3 News - Page 1

Nî hâu Families,
Welcome to Term 2!

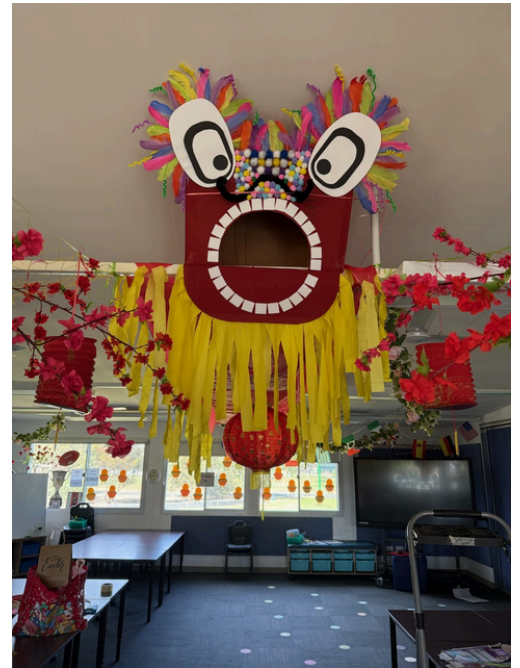
I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter holiday break and had a lovely time with family and friends.

This Term Year 2/3 are studying 'Ancient China'. I am soooo excited to teach this unit to our fabulous class. I think they are going to love it!!

Mrs Burns and I have many educational, interesting and fun lessons planned that focus on this ancient civilization. From traditions, culture, Dynasties and geography to animals, architecture and inventions.

As you can see from the photos our classroom has started to come to life. By the end of the Term, it will be filled with student's wonderful work and learnings about Ancient China.

During the next fortnight students will create their very own passport and boarding pass, in anticipation for our virtual field trip back in time. For **Art**, the class will be making paper lanterns to display both indoor and outdoor of the classroom. Students will also be using watercolours to paint an ancient 'Pagoda' for our themed classroom window. A pagoda is a tall, tiered temple. They were often symmetrical, built with an odd number of storeys, featured curved rooves and designed for beauty and strength. For the Ancient Chinese, a pagoda represented a connection between heaven and Earth. During **Literacy**, the class will be reading *The Magic Paintbrush* by Julia Donaldson. A traditional tale about a kind girl named Shen who receives a brush that brings her drawings to life.



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Spelling will focus on Plurals- adding **s** also words ending in **sh** and **ch**.

During Mathematics students are studying the 10x tables and undertaking Maths Mental tasks. Both Year 2 and Year 3 will continue the Numeracy Element of Time (from last term), then Fractions and followed by Measurement and Space throughout Term 2.

Thank you to the amazing students who are earning their Mathletics award certificates. I have quite a few to print off for tomorrow!

Students are very enthusiastic about our weekly AFL Tipping Competition. We have a leader board displayed in the classroom, which students check religiously every Monday morning. Results over Easter and the holidays were:

Round 4- Lenny on 24 wins.

Round 5- Ada on 29 wins.

Round 6- Violet and Lenny both on 35 winning tips.

Many students are just behind the leaders. Shout out to these tipsters: Ben, Faye, Charlee, Amelia and Elijha C.

Have a magical weekend,
Mrs Turner.



Year 4 News - Page 1

Hello Friends and Family of Year 4,

I hope you all had a well-earned rest and an enjoyable Autumn break.

It was so lovely seeing all the students smiling and excited faces this week.

This term we have some exciting days coming up, including **Pulse** next week, **Mothers Day breakfast** in Week 3, **Traditional games** in Week 6 and a day at the **Immersion Centre** in Week 10.

We have some great learning coming up in Year 4 this term. We will be exploring **Space** in our **Science** unit, the arrival of Europeans to Australia in our History and English units and many different aspects in our **Mathematics**.

If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact me to discuss your child. Please contact me via the office on 50263766.

I look forward to sharing our learning this term with you.

Kind regards,

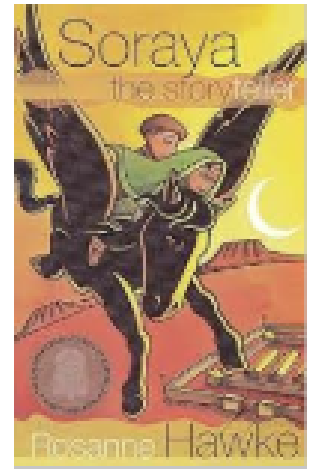
Amelia Battye-Smith



Hi everyone, and welcome back for Term 2 of 2026.

All students have been reminded that this is a fresh start with new beginnings and I'm hopeful that all students will explore all the learning being offered to them this term.

English: Our new class novel is called, *Soraya the Storyteller* by Rosanne Hawk. This is a 2004 young adult novel about an 11-year-old Afghan girl seeking asylum in Australia under a temporary protection visa. It follows her struggle with cultural adjustment, trauma from the Taliban, and fear of being sent back, using writing and storytelling to navigate her new life.



This week we are looking at a well-known ANZAC Poem, *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae and doing other activities around ANZAC.

We are also looking at the prefix- 'anti' and how to correctly write a compound sentence with a coordinating conjunction and a comma.

Our Talk for Writing Unit is called, '*Swamp Monsters*' and we will be doing lots of writing activities around this text over the next few weeks.

Maths: Our learning intentions are;

1. To use a vertical algorithm to solve addition and subtraction problems with whole numbers and decimals, so that we can perform calculations accurately
2. To use estimations by rounding numbers, so that we can check the reasonableness of our calculations
3. To compare properties of 3D objects and name them according to their shape of their base, so that we can recognise them from different views
4. To sketch 3D objects from different views, so that we can visualise and understand 3D objects from different angles

Science/Technology: We are learning to identify the main organs in the body and their function in the human digestive, respiratory and circulatory systems

HSIE: Exploring the significance of the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the Arctic Circle and Antarctic Circle in relation to climate.



Ms Fiona Kirby