

Euston Public School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5 13-11-2025



Principal's Report

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the term! The past few weeks have been full of learning, events and opportunities that truly showcase the wonderful spirit of our school and community.

Attendance - Every Day Counts

Attending school every day allows children to get the most out of their learning and strengthen relationships with peers. **Regular attendance sets students up for success now and into the future.**

If your family ever needs support in getting your child ready and motivated for school, please reach out — we're here to help.

You can read more about the benefits of regular attendance on the department website. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/going-to-school/school-attendance-information-for-parents>

Community Spirit on Show

A huge thank you to our Year 5/6 students and the P&C for running the BBQ at the Salami Festival last Saturday. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school to connect with the wider community and showcase the teamwork and enthusiasm of our students.

Semester 2 Reports

Teachers are currently assessing and preparing Semester 2 reports on Hero. During this time, the Reports feature will be temporarily locked.

Semester 2 reports will be available on Hero from Monday, 15th December (Wk 10).

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Principal's Report continued.....

Semester 2 Reports cont...

If you need access to your child's Semester 1 report during the lockout period, please contact the school office for assistance.

Thank you for your understanding as teachers complete this important part of the reporting process. We're incredibly proud of the growth and achievements our students have made throughout the year.

Remembrance Day

Well done to our student leaders for running a respectful service at school, and to our captains who represented Euston Public School at the Robinvale community service. Their leadership and pride were outstanding.

Tennis - Sporting Schools

Thanks to Sporting Schools funding, it's been great seeing our future tennis stars develop their skills during lessons with Lisa Hill on Fridays. The COLA has been full of energy and fun!

World Diabetes Day - Friday 14 November

This Friday, we'll be raising awareness and support for Type 1 Diabetes. Students are encouraged to wear blue and bring a gold coin donation to help turn Type 1 into Type None.

And if we reach our goal of raising \$500, yours truly will be having his hair sprayed blue at assembly!

Presentation Evening - Tuesday 25 November

We're looking forward to celebrating the achievements and growth of our students at our annual Presentation Evening, held at the Euston Club. Please see the invitation later in this newsletter for full details.

School Captains for 2026

Our Year 5 students will be presenting their captain speeches on Monday 17 November at 9:30 am in the Cave. We wish all candidates the very best as they share their ideas and leadership aspirations.

Aboriginal Education Community Gathering

On Thursday 27th November at 5:00 pm, I'll be meeting with our Aboriginal families and community members for a friendly catch-up. This get-together is about listening and sharing, hearing your voices and ideas about our school, our students, and how we can continue working together to make Euston Public School a place where Aboriginal students are proud, supported and thriving.

Thank you to all families for your continued support. It's been a fantastic term so far, and there's still plenty to look forward to as we head towards the end of the year.

Warm regards,
Troy Westcott
Relieving Principal

Office News

Upcoming dates

November

- Fri 14th - Kindergarten Assembly & World Diabetes Day. Please come dressed in Blue and bring your Gold coin donation.
- Tuesday 25th - Presentation Night at the Euston Club

December

- Tues 2nd - Transition Day for Robinvale College 2026
- Wed 3rd - Kindergarten 2026 Transition Day 9:20am-12:20pm at School
- Mon 8th - Carols at the Hostel
- Tues 9th-Thurs 11th - Water Awareness for students U/8 yrs
- Thurs 11th Dec - Carols at the Euston Club
- Wed 17th - Year 6 Graduation Dinner at the Euston Club
- Fri 19th - Last Day Of Term

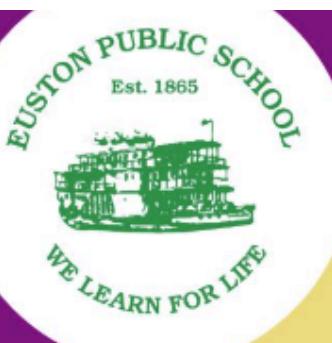
Library

This is the last week for borrowing. Next week we will be asking students to begin returning their library books, to help support us with our end of year stock take.

Home Reading Folders

It has been decided that our Home Reading program will end this week.

This does NOT mean your children should stop reading. Please continue encouraging them, listening to them and sharing in their storytime.



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Euston Public School P&C 2025 AGM

Monday December 8th, 2025
7pm at the Euston Club



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your child! Join the committee to
help make a real difference in our
school community.

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3rd PRIZE - GT Performer Mercado

BMX Bike pack (valued at \$890)



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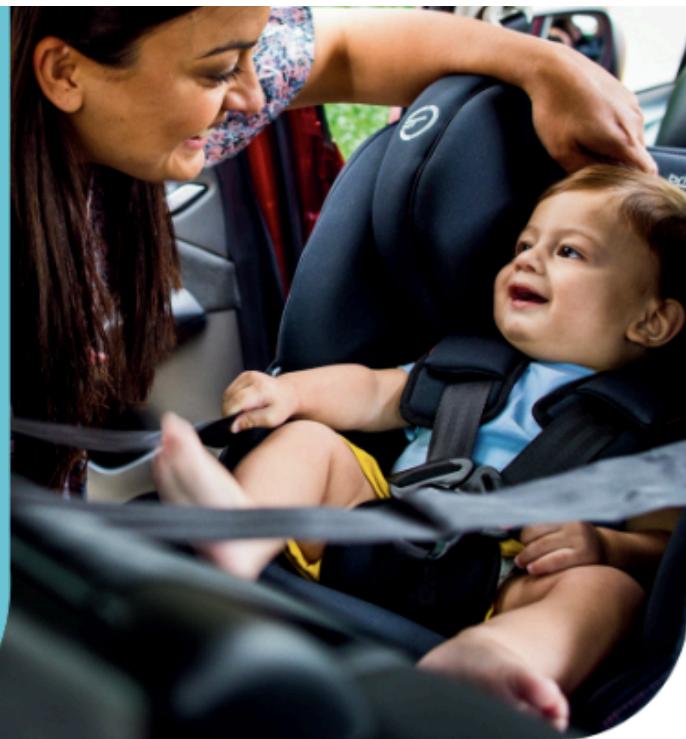


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Kindergarten News - Page 1

Dear Kinder Grown ups,

Phonics

We've continued to review all the sounds we've learned so far, using them in our spelling and writing to help us become confident, accurate writers.

By special request, we also learned about the /oi/ sound this week. Oi is used at the beginning or middle of a word (like oil or spoil), while oy is used at the end (like toy). This is because English words don't end in i—we change it to a y! Students have enjoyed spotting and sorting words with these spellings in their reading and writing.

World Knowledge - English

We have been reading *All I Want for Christmas is Rain* by Cori Brooke and Megan Forward, a beautiful story that explores context—the idea that where and when a story takes place shapes what happens and why. The story's drought setting has led to thoughtful discussions about how weather impacts people, animals, and communities, especially in rural Australia.

Students will be:

- Identifying and talking about the context of drought and how it affects families.
- Thinking about who children in other parts of the world might ask for help or wishes—beyond Santa!
- Creating their own personal "Christmas wish" and explaining why it's important to them.

We will also be practising writing full sentences, joining ideas with the conjunctions **but** and **because**, and adding adjectives to describe nouns. In art, we will create paintings inspired by the Murray River, showing its connection to floods and to the people and animals who live nearby.

In **Maths**, we've been working on several key skills. Students are comparing and ordering numbers to 100, using hundreds charts to find which numbers are larger or smaller. We've practised counting forwards and backwards to 40 and grouping collections of objects into tens to help with early place value understanding.



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We've also revisited number combinations that make 10, using counters and ten frames to show how two groups can add up to ten. When comparing volumes, students have enjoyed using blocks to fill and measure containers, describing them with words like **full, empty, more, less, and same**.

Our travels around Australia continue! We learned about the Twelve Apostles—beautiful rock stacks formed by the wind and waves along the Victorian coast—and Cradle Mountain in Tasmania, which is located in a national park. Students were surprised to learn that because Australia is an island, people can only move here by plane or boat—we can't drive from another country!

Next week, we will investigate movement through the air—how an object's shape and material affect how it travels. We will experiment with paper planes and balls to see how forces and air resistance affect motion, helping us link our learning to real-world examples like sports and flight.

Reminders

❤️ World Diabetes Day - Tomorrow (14th November) is World Diabetes Day. Please wear blue to show support and bring a gold coin donation...plus a little more if you would like to purchase cupcakes and enter the jellybean guessing competition!

💚💜 Assembly - Our final Kindergarten assembly is also tomorrow! The students have worked incredibly hard, and we're so proud of their effort and enthusiasm. We hope to see many familiar faces in the crowd.

👕 White Shirts - Please remember to send in a white shirt in a labelled bag for Presentation Night. We need these in by Monday to ensure we have enough time to decorate them.

Kind regards,
Anna Phillips.



Year 1 News - Page 1

Hello to all our wonderful families. We are halfway through Term 4 already! As it is nearing the end of the year, I have been reflecting on all the Year 1 students' growth and achievements this year. They have come so far and learnt so much.

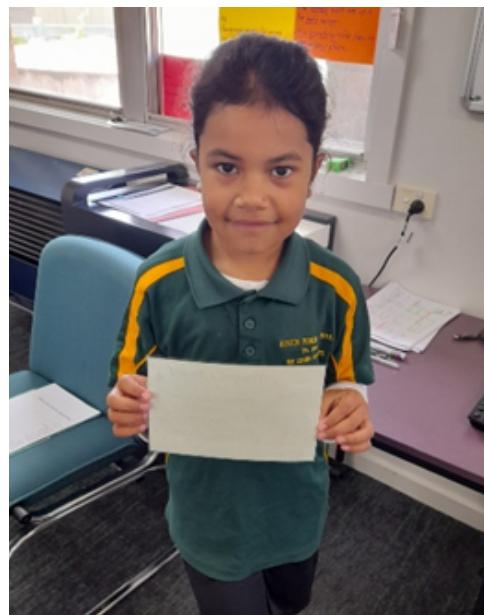
Our **literacy** units are still progressing along nicely, albeit in between some variations to our usual routines. We have also been undertaking some assessments. The data gained from these assessments will help drive the remainder of the year, but more importantly, give focus for the planning of next year's learning cycle.

The same applies for **maths** with the assessments that have taken place. The next 5 weeks will see Year 1 consolidating and revising their knowledge of maths.

Year 1 had a treat in **science** last week when we had to use our 5 senses to describe uncooked and cooked popcorn. It was a little dry, so we had to have a follow up lesson with some 'sweet dusting' of the popcorn.

Students enjoyed our **tennis clinic** last week. We all learnt some new tennis skills and had heaps of fun. We will continue the clinics each Friday over the next few weeks with Lisa Hill. Maybe we have the next Pat Cash or Ash Barty amongst us.

Thank you those that were able to come and watch our performance during last weeks assembly. It was a whole lot of fun, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed performing for you. This weeks assembly will be the last for the year. Please support Kindergarten and Diabetes Day.



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Thank you for supplying a plain white T-shirt for our performance at presentation night. We have decided on the art that will be transferred to the shirts. These will be completed next week in time for our dress rehearsal.

We seem to have a bout of the sniffles in the classroom. Indeed, at the time of writing I am actually at home feeling quite unwell. While I encourage students to attend school every day, please consider if your child is too unwell to attend. We do our best to prevent the spread of germs in the class by practising correct hygiene for blowing noses and coughing. We also use sanitiser after each break to minimise the spread of germs. I really want everyone well and healthy for presentation night!

Don't forget to please notify the school through the Hero app or a phone call giving reason why they are absent.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle, hat and crunch and sip to school each day. Particularly with the weather warming up, it is important we all stay hydrated.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me via the school office on 50263766.

Mr Bonsing.



Year 2/3 News - Page 1

Dear Families,

It's been another action-packed fortnight in our 2/3 classroom, brimming with creativity and excitement!

Literacy Adventures

Our budding authors have been hard at work with their innovation writing, drawing inspiration from the thrilling tale 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon'. Next week, students are diving into planning, writing, and perfecting their very own warning stories. I'm already on the edge of my seat wondering what memorable tales they'll create—watch this space!



Fantastic Mr Fox Update

Our class novel is still keeping us on our toes! The kids are loving every twist and turn as Mr Fox tries to outwit those three ghastly farmers. Ask your child about their favourite part so far—there's no shortage of drama and laughs!



Marvellous Maths

We've been flexing our maths muscles, sharpening fluency and tackling trickier problems each day. Money with Mandy has been a definite highlight this term; students have been engaged and enthusiastic picking up new skills and tackling real-world challenges.



Presentation Night Prep

The big night is almost here!

We're still chasing just a couple of plain black T-shirts—thank you in advance if you're yet to send one.

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Presentation Night Prep cont...

Also, a gentle reminder: please send a labelled plastic bag for your child's costume if you haven't already. Things get very busy behind the scenes, so your help keeping costumes organised is invaluable. And, of course, don't forget those Christmas hats to finish off the festive look!

Homework & Readers

Next week, I'll be checking Week 5 homework! I haven't seen many reader folders lately; if one's hiding out at home, please send it in so we can keep those reading skills sharp.

Congratulations Corner

Celebrations are in order for a handful of our stars—lots of 10-point milestones reached this fortnight! Zoe enjoyed the luxury of my chair, while Frederick, Anita, Taylor and Harison chose some outdoor fun. Mary, Mele, Tyler and Amelia received 10 points today, and have not chosen yet.

Well done, everyone!

Birthday Shout-Out

Wishing a very happy 9th birthday to Tessa this week—We hope your day is as wonderful as you are!

I hope you all have a fantastic fortnight ahead. Our next newsletter will be after Presentation Night—I can't wait to see you there. Get ready to be wowed by our dancing, singing, and to join in celebrating all the brilliant things our 2/3 students have achieved!

Warm regards,
Julia Burns.



Year 2/3 News - Page 3

Namaste Families,

Where has this Term gone? Blink and you'll miss it!

We are so busy in the Year 2/3 classroom. Striving to achieve our learning goals and to cover as much classroom content as possible, before the end of the year. Alongside prioritising our Maths and English lessons, we have been conducting interesting experiments, participating in tennis clinics, looking fabulous on our dress up days, practicing yoga, studying dental health and producing cool pieces of artwork!

Over the next fortnight our Fridays will look a little like this.....

Spelling requires Year 2 to study 'Word Families' (part 4 and 5). Year 3 will learn about 'Comparisons- between two things' (we add 'er' to the word eg. cold=colder). The class will begin reciting our 900th group of sight words for 2025. We aim to achieve the first 1,000 sight words by the end of term, which is exciting and a tremendous effort by students.

During **Mathematics**, the class will be singing the 9x tables. They will also learn fun little strategies, like the finger trick, that can help make the 9x tables approachable. Most of these strategies work up until 10x9.

FUN FACT- Did you know the sum of the digits for each multiple of 9 (until 10x9) always equals 9? eg. 9×2 and $2 + 9 = 18$ ($1 + 8 = 9$) **AMAZING!!** Year 2 will study 'Money', while Year 3 will investigate Chance and Data- possible outcomes, predicting outcomes, also picture graphs, dice graphs and dot plots.

As part of our **Dental Health unit**, students will be making models from egg cartons, blocks, wool, playdough and white paint to demonstrate how important brushing and flossing is to their daily oral health routine. Last week we set up an experiment to see what damage sugar and acid can do to teeth. Students soaked eggs and pieces of chalk (similar mineral composition to actual teeth) in Coca-Cola, O.J, coffee, milk, water and vinegar. Tomorrow we will discover the outcome of our experiment, record the results and let you know our findings in the next newsletter.

It's wonderful to see all the homework, readers and sight words coming in! **Thank you, for your support.**

'Halloween Yoga', featuring Mr Westcott, was freakishly fun! We hope you like the photos.

Have an incredible weekend,

Mrs Turner.



Year 3/4 News - Page 1

Hello Friends and Family of Stage 2,

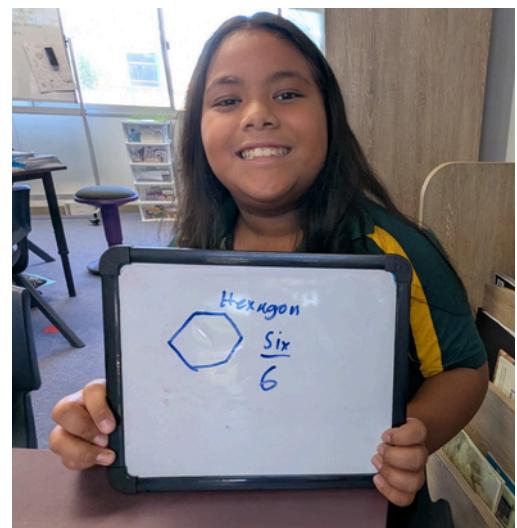
We are officially half way through our final term of 2025!

In the classroom:

During our English time this week, we have commenced writing our suspenseful stories after studying our Talk for Writing model text, *The Manor House*. We have been looking at what makes a story suspenseful, focusing on fronted adverbials to build the descriptions in our writing. We are reading the novel *Escape from Marigold Manor* by Rachel Jackson that is a choose your own adventure styled book. We have been enjoying discovering the mysterious adventure of our character and needing to solve clues and choose options to create our story.

In Mathematics, we have been reviewing algebraic equations to find the missing numbers. We have been working hard on learning about 2D shapes and their properties. We have been discovering the properties of both regular and irregular polygons and will be commencing 3D shapes this week.

We have conducted a lot of testing this week. We have completed the South Australian Spelling Test, our Reading and Mathematics PAT tests along with our regular Mathematic Post-Tests. Your students have been amazing at focusing and giving each test their best effort. It is pleasing to see so much growth and I must congratulate them for their hard work this year.



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In **Geography**, we have been looking at how Christmas is celebrated in Egypt, The Philippines, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany and Brazil. Year 3/4 students have really engaged in learning about other countries and their traditions, and will complete their own research project into a country of their choice over the next few weeks.

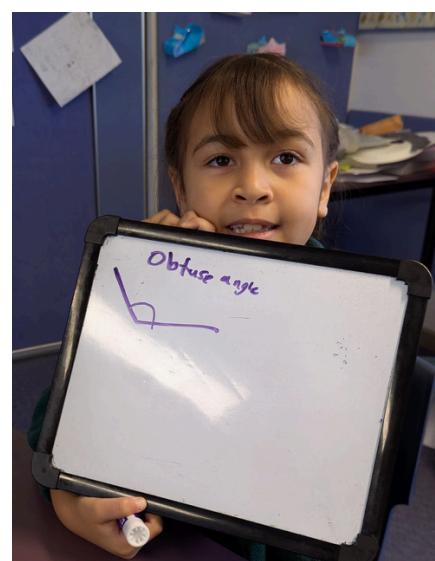
For Sport, we have been doing **tennis lessons** with Lisa Hill. Our students have been giving it a real a go and have been enjoying it immensely.

Presentation Night is fast approaching, and we have enjoyed learning our dance to showcase to you on the night. Thank you to the parents who have already brought their white t-shirts in. If you haven't yet, please can I have them by Monday of next week. We are planning to add our Olaf buttons to them next week. The school has also asked if you could bring in a **Santa hat for the whole-school finale**. I have received quite a few of these (thank you!) but thought I would add a reminder here in case you haven't seen the HERO post.

I have included some photos from around our classroom, so please enjoy.

As always, if you have any concerns or would like to have a talk about your child, please reach out via the school office on 50263766.

Kindest regards,
Amelia Battye-Smith.



Year 5/6 News - Page 1

Hi everyone,

Year 5/6 have been exceptional, and have really been working hard every day to get through the units we need to cover before the end of the year. Daily we add new things to the list and the students just handle it like champions.

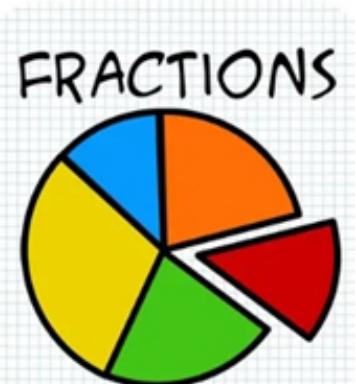
Over the past two weeks students have completed their PAT testing for Maths and Reading, SA spelling assessments and a few department ones with the support of Mrs Wall, Mrs Hocking, Mrs Watson and myself.

Mrs Hocking also ran a safety session in relation to the 'Safe use of NSW Educhat' at school.

English: This week we finalise our Talk for Writing Program on *Beowulf* and next week will begin our new text entitled, '*Sightings of dragons*'. Pie Corbett outlines a work unit which includes diary entries, persuasive writing, shared writing and a recount. Children are really engaging with introduced texts and are producing some great writing samples which they enjoy sharing with each other.

Thanks to Ms Phillips, I have also introduced a daily sentence program as part of their morning spelling routine, and this has helped students with sentence structure, grammar and punctuation. We also continue to read our class novel, '*The tale of Despereaux*' and complete many activities around this text.

Maths: We complete daily review slides that include a vast array of questions from many units in Maths. This review time allows us to revisit and practice modules that they have already been taught. It also allows me time to see where students are needing more support. This week in Maths we are looking at Chance and next week we look at adding and subtracting fractions.



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Year 5 Speeches: Students have been working hard to refine and complete their Captain speeches for 2026. They have had opportunities to practice in front of an audience and have enjoyed making creative voting posters to display in the school grounds. We wish them all the best for next week and hope to see you all there. I also remind students that even if they don't receive a badge, they still have many opportunities to display great leadership in other ways in 2026.



Year 6 Farewell Dinner: Mrs Leslie and I are just finalising the menu and will get notes home to families as soon as this is done. Year 6 students have also been working hard on their farewell speeches for this night, and I can't wait to see them presented. We have had a small meeting about the dinner and students have decided they would like to dress in formal attire.

Theme colour: yellow. Every year we have a family who makes or donates the graduation cake. If any families are interested in this task, could you please let me know as soon as possible.



Presentation Night: Thanks to all families who sent in their costumes and Santa hats. It is greatly appreciated. I would also like to say a **HUGE** thank you to Mandy and Jacqui who have worked hard to get them looking fabulous for their dance. Just a quick note also to remind families that students DO NOT need an extra shirt on the night as they will just put their raincoat over the top of their school shirts and just change their shoes if they wish.



Tennis: Our class thoroughly enjoyed the tennis lesson last Friday and all students participated and had fun.

