

Euston Public School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5 27-11-2025



Principal's Report

Dear Families,

What a wonderful couple of weeks it has been at Euston Public School.

Presentation Night - A Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Presentation Night on Tuesday. It was a truly memorable evening and a fantastic celebration of our students, their learning and the strong community spirit that makes our school so special.

Our students shone on stage, demonstrating confidence, pride and incredible talent. I am grateful to our dedicated staff for the planning and rehearsal time that ensured the night ran so smoothly, and to our families and community partners for your support. Events like this remind us of what can be achieved when we work together.

World Diabetes Day - Thank You for Your Support

Friday 14th November was a powerful reminder of the strength and spirit of our Euston Public School community. Students, staff and families filled the school with shades of blue as we came together to recognise World Diabetes Day and show our support for those in our school living with Type 1 diabetes. Thanks to the generosity of our families, we raised over \$1500 for Breakthrough T1D, an extraordinary effort for a small school like ours. Thank you to Hannah Brigante for her coordination and to everyone who contributed; your enthusiasm and kindness created a day that truly reflected compassion, unity and community pride. This is a tradition we are proud of and look forward to continuing each year.

Office News

Principal's Report continued.....

Transition Day - Wednesday 3rd December

Next Wednesday we will be holding our whole-school Transition Day. Students will spend the morning in their 2026 classes, meeting their new teachers and classmates. This is an important part of helping students feel settled and prepared for the year ahead.

Our 2026 class placements and teachers will be:

- Kindergarten - Ms Phillips
- Year 1/2 - Mr Bonsing
- Year 2/3 - Mrs Burns & Mrs Turner
- Year 4 - Mrs Battye-Smith
- Year 5/6 - Mrs Kirby

We look forward to a positive and smooth transition experience for all students.

Infants Swimming Program - Week 9

A reminder that our Infants Swimming Program will run in Week 9. Notes will be sent home this week, and we ask that all permission and payment details are returned promptly. This program is a valuable opportunity for students to develop confidence and essential water-safety skills, especially as we approach summer.

Keeping Our School Safe: Nut-Free Reminder

At Euston Public School, the safety and wellbeing of every child remains at the heart of everything we do. As part of our commitment to providing a safe learning environment, we kindly remind families that our school is a nut-free site to protect students with severe nut allergies.

Even trace amounts of nuts can trigger a serious allergic reaction. We therefore ask that lunchboxes and snacks do not include any nut products or spreads such as peanut butter, Nutella, or foods made with nut oils.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, inclusive, and worry-free environment for all students. Your cooperation truly makes a difference.

We are heading into the final weeks of term with great momentum and a wonderful sense of community.

Warm regards,
Troy Westcott.

Relieving Principal
Euston Public School

Upcoming dates

December

- Tues 2nd - Transition Day for Robinvale College 2026
- Wed 3rd - Kindergarten 2026
Transition Day 9:20am-12:20pm at School
- Thurs 4th - StoryWalk at Robinvale Library for Kindergarten and Year 1 students
- 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
- Friday 12th Dec - Carols at Robinvale Christmas Festival
- Wed 17th - Year 6 Graduation Dinner at the Euston Club
- Fri 19th - Last Day Of Term

Library

There will be no further borrowing from today onwards. Please check your cupboards, bookshelves and under beds etc. for any outstanding books your child/ren may have.

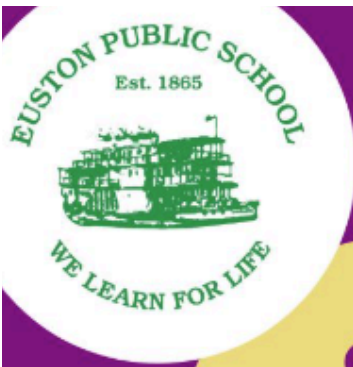
Home Readers -

If your child has ben bringing readers home, could you ensure they are all returned by end of week 8 (Friday 5th December).

Swimming -

Swimming notes for the 8 and under students in Kindergarten and Year 1 will be sent home on Monday 1st December.





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Euston Public School P&C 2025 AGM

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



ALL WELCOME



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

Dear Kinder Grownups,
We've had a full and joyful week back in the classroom after Presentation Night. Thank you again for being such a supportive audience — the students absolutely loved performing for you, and we were so proud of their confidence and sparkle on stage.

Now that rehearsals are finished, we are back into a steady rhythm of learning for these final weeks of Kindergarten.

Phonics

This week we have been reviewing our consonant and vowel digraphs:

sh, ch, th (voiced and unvoiced), **wh, ph, ng, ee, oo** and the consonant clusters like **qu, nk**.

We are working hard on using these sounds accurately in our writing, including adding adjectives and writing longer because and but sentences with correct capital letters and full stops.

World knowledge

Despite many disruptions from Presentation Night preparation, students have written their own stories inspired by the 3/4 dance about a melting snowman dreaming of summer. These were incredibly creative! We focused on sentence structure, but some students were adding adjectives, using conjunctions, and keeping punctuation accurate across more than one sentence. Your children have turned into quite the little authors. We are getting stronger at using our charts to write heart words with correct spelling during these independent writing tasks.

In **Geography**, we continued exploring Australia and all the incredible places that make it such a unique country. This week, we reviewed what we've learned so far about our natural landmarks before we dive into why people move to Australia — for work, for family, for safety, or simply for a better life.



We will focus on the Northern Territory, looking at special places like Uluru and ancient rock painting sites that show how long First Nations peoples have lived on and cared for the land.

Next week, we'll head over to Queensland to explore the Daintree Rainforest and its unique biodiversity and learn how people share culture through language, food, music, celebrations, and connection to place.

We have nearly finished our unit on moving objects. Students have been exploring how pushes and pulls act on objects to make them move, speed up, slow down, or change direction. We loved learning about toys across cultures — from Japanese kendama toys to First Nations spinning tops — and we even designed our own spinning tops to test how forces act on different shapes.

Next, we move into our new unit on the changing environment, looking at how daily and seasonal changes affect people, animals, and plants.

In our **maths** lessons, we have been practising the strategy of making a ten when adding numbers. For example, $6 + 7$ becomes "make a ten" $\rightarrow 7 + 3 = 10$, with 3 left over $\rightarrow 13$. This helps use and build our understanding that teen numbers are "1 ten and some more."

Reminders & Celebrations

🎉 Happy Birthday to Sebby, who turned 6 last week!

🏊 Swimming starts in Week 9 — please remember a sun-safe swim shirt.

👜 Please send in an extra labelled bag so we can send home artworks and learning over the next few weeks.

📖 Please check for home reading books at home — we are collecting these before stocktake.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are powering through the last weeks of Kindergarten, and it is wonderful to see the growth, pride and independence in each child. I'm already starting to miss them!

Ms Phillips.



Hello to all our wonderful families.

If we stand on our tippy toes we can almost see the holidays.

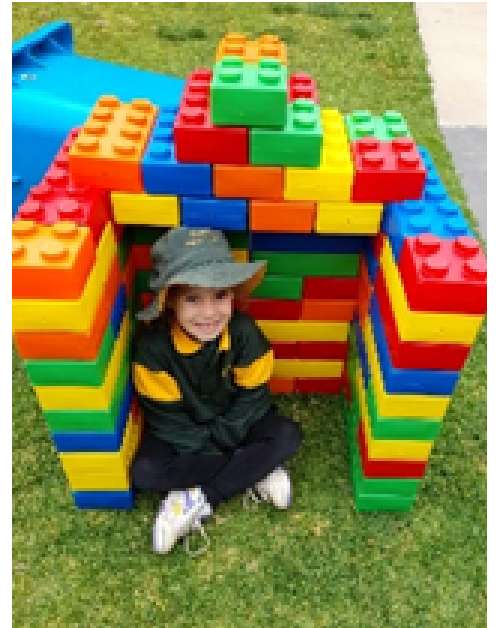
However, there is still a lot of learning to take place and students will be fully engaged for the following three weeks.

Our writing task has been completed. There are some very interesting stories by our young authors. Keep an eye out on HERO for your child's work. Students were well supported at each stage and were also learning the correct structure of a narrative. This includes the setting, complication and resolution.

Our **presentation night** performance was fantastic. As were all the other classes. Well done to all students who performed on the night. All year I have been amazed how quickly Year 1 students learnt a song or dance move. Also how much fun they had while learning and performing.

Although learning will still be taking place, we have a busy couple of weeks coming up. Next Wednesday (3rd December) is our whole school transition day. All students will spend the morning with their teacher for next year.

On Thursday (4th December) Kindergarten and Year 1 have been invited to attend the 'StoryWalk' at Robinvale Library. This is a wonderful event that delivers a story book in a unique way. Students also get to meet students from the other schools. Keep an eye out on HERO for the permission to attend note.



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During week 9, we have the Water Awareness Program at the Robinvale pool. This will run after lunch on Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December.

More information will be coming soon, as will permission to attend notices.

Also, in week 9 year one will be back in the kitchen for some cooking lessons. We are all looking forward it.

It is beginning to warm up (and I am loving it). We are encouraging students to stay hydrated by reminders to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day. In addition, can you remind your child to pack their hat and some fruit or vegetable for our 'crunch and sip'.

One final note.

No, that was not me in Mildura.

I have a doppelganger. 😊

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

Mr Bonsing.



Dear Families,

We hope you're just as thrilled as we are after seeing our fantastic Year 2/3 students truly shine on Tuesday night! Their energy was absolutely infectious, and all their dedication and practice really paid off.

What a night to remember!

I was especially proud of their impeccable behaviour during the formal part of the evening—it's no small feat to sit still and be attentive for so long. Even more touching was watching them enthusiastically celebrate their friends who received awards—such heartwarming sportsmanship!

Back in the classroom, the excitement continues as we near the conclusion of reading *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. Next up, we'll dive into watching the movie adaptation! Because it's rated PG, I'll be in touch soon to seek your permission before we press play. Meanwhile, our students are sharpening their spelling and grammar skills with new, engaging challenges.

Maths has been buzzing with creativity! Our young mathematicians are exploring different problem-solving strategies, and yesterday's Christmas-themed maths tasks added a sprinkle of festive fun to their learning.



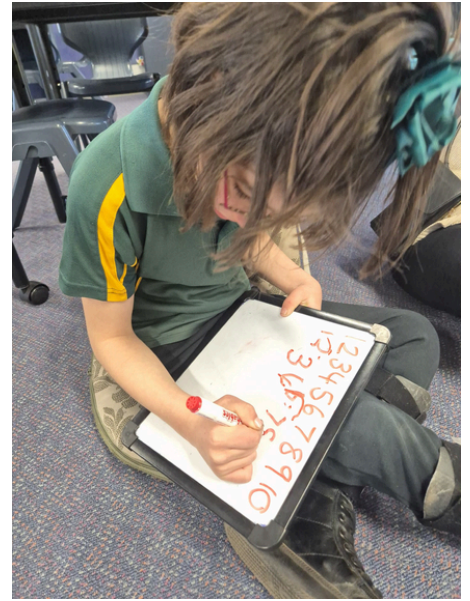
Looking ahead, some of our Year 2/3 students will be bringing joy with a special performance at Robinvale Aged Care Hostel, while our Under 8's will be making a splash during swimming. Plus, we have plenty of fun end-of-year treats on the horizon!

Next week, on Wednesday morning, we'll hold our transition session where students will discover their 2026 teachers — always an exciting and important moment. Please note, there will be no cooking in Week 8 due to transition, but all students will have cooking activities on either Wednesday or Thursday in Week 9.

A huge shout-out to Mia, Charlee, and Tessa who have each earned 10 Dojo points! Mia enjoyed sitting in the teacher's chair this week, and Charlee will have her turn next week—a well-deserved and much-anticipated reward! Tessa hasn't decided yet!

Thank you all sincerely for your ongoing support. We're so excited about the wonderful learning adventures still to come.

Have a great fortnight!
Mrs Burns.



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Namaste Families,

What an amazing Presentation Night we had on Tuesday evening. **Congratulations** to everyone who received awards. Well done to all classes on their dance performances. Thankyou families and friends for attending and supporting our little school and wonderful students.

The Year 2/3 train keeps on rolling along.... The next fortnight during **Spelling**, year 2 will study 'Changing Meaning by Changing Letters' e.g. bear to bare or cut to cute. Year 3 will learn about 'Prefixes'- groups of letters we add to the beginning of words e.g. sub, ex and in.

During **Mathematics**, the class will be recalling the 12X tables. Our 5-minute fast Maths Challenge will be concluding. For students to try and beat their own personal best result each week, was fun and very rewarding. This activity certainly helped students learn their times tables throughout the year. Year 2 will also be revising place value, multiplication and division. While Year 3 will be examining surveys and researching data. Students will engage in Mathletics problems and tasks to finish our lessons.

During our **Dental Health Unit**, the class will be conducting a 'Plaque Attack' experiment using yeast, sugar and warm water. Students will see how sugar 'attaches' to bacteria and creates plaque build-up. As a result of this experiment students will understand how they can minimise this happening to their teeth in 3 simple steps:

1. Brush twice a day.
2. Floss once a day.
3. Minimise sugar intake.

Students will also make their very own '**Toothbrushing Timer**' to assist in brushing their teeth for at least 2 minutes, twice a day.

We hope you enjoy our photos from the past fortnight-

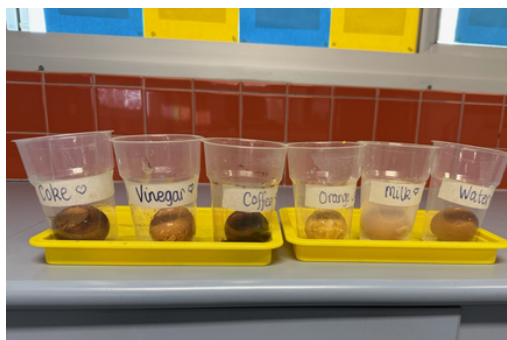
*Tennis clinic fun.

*Teeth flossing fun.

*Tooth Decay **Eggs-periment results= fun**. After 5 days the water and milk did not damage the egg. The eggs in cola and coffee turned dark brown. The shell of the egg in O.J and vinegar was partially dissolved. From the results the class interpreted that milk and water are the healthiest for our teeth.

Have an inspiring weekend,

Mrs Turner



Hello friends and family of Stage 2,
What an amazing night Tuesday was for our school! A big '**Congratulations**' to all my students who performed, they have had so much fun planning, practicing and now performing. Thank you so much for cheering them on and supporting them.

In the classroom,

We have been busy learning about how other countries celebrate around the world. The students have thoroughly enjoyed learning about how different countries and cultures celebrate. They have now commenced research projects on a chosen country where they are required to research how that country engages in a celebration. Students are either working individually or in pairs on their projects. As a part of this project, students will be presenting their projects to the class.

In **English**, we have been working hard on our creative writing skills. To get better at typing, we will be practicing typing up stories on our laptops. This is especially important for our Year 4 students as their writing NAPLAN test next year is on laptops. So lots of practice allows us to strengthen this skill.

In **Maths**, we have been working on 3D shapes, angles and money. For the last 2 weeks of term, I have asked students to decide what they want to strengthen in their maths and we will focus on areas individually.

For **sport** this week, when we have been unable to head outside because of dust or heat. We have been doing some 'Born to Move' kids classes by Les Mills. The students have enjoyed these activity breaks, and we have been following them with a quick meditation/relaxation.



When we have been able to go outside, students have enjoyed playing capture the flag and Pac-man. These have been favourites all year and everyone has become quite strategic in their play.

Presentation night was a huge success and again, thank you for everyone's support and encouragement. Year 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed creating their skits and dance moves and were quite excited (and nervous!) to perform but they did an amazing job, and I am so proud of them.

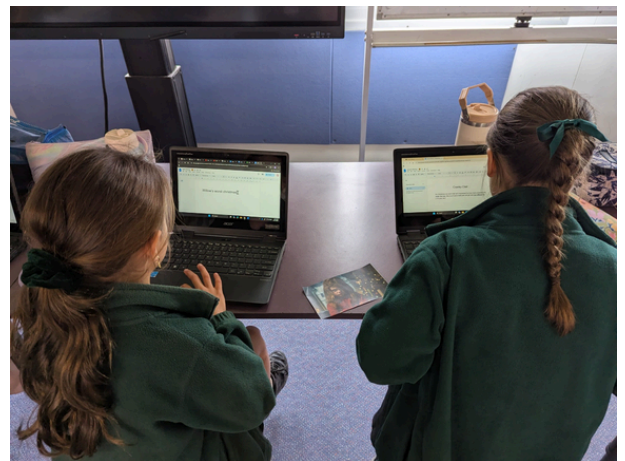
Christmas Pickle - If you hear your student talking about a Christmas Pickle, it's because we have coloured them and hidden them around our classroom. Over the next few weeks, we will be seeing who has found the best hiding spot for their pickle before they come home to continue the Christmas Eve tradition at your houses.

Coming up:

We have transition day next Wednesday where we will be moving to our 2026 classes for the morning. I know that the students are very keen to find out which class they will be in and who will be teaching them. I am excited to meet my new class for next year but am still looking forward to our last 3 weeks together with our 2025 3/4 class.

As always, if you ever want to discuss your student or have any concerns, please reach out to me. I'm happy to organise a time to chat.

I hope you are enjoying this warmer weather.
Kindest regards,
Amelia Battye-Smith.



Hi everyone,

Presentation Night: What a fantastic effort by our whole class. You all did an amazing job in the weeks leading up to this day and I am so proud of what you have all achieved this year. A big thankyou to Mandy and Jacqui who spent countless amount of time cutting and attaching raindrops to the students' raincoats. Also, a special mention to Mandy, who went above and beyond to ensure we had everything ready to go for this night.

Thanks ladies, we appreciate all you do for us!

A big **congratulations** to all the students who received awards and to those students who cheered on their peers and celebrated in their success. Great to see such support for each other.

It was a terrific night, and was lovely to catch up with many families.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner: Mrs Leslie and I have finalised the organisation for this evening and will have the meal order sent home by the end of this week. Please remember, the students have chosen formal dress attire for this evening. They have also decided that yellow will be the theme of the evening. Boys have decided on button up cream or white shirts with dressy shorts or trousers and a tie if they wish and girls are going with dresses or skirts for the evening with a hint of yellow. Thanks also to Mrs Leslie for all your support in organising this special night for our graduation students.



Survivor Day 2025:

For the past few years at Euston Public School, it has become tradition to hold an annual Survivor Day.

Each class from 3-6 is given a specific colour to wear and will compete against each other for the yearly title. Survivor Day will be held in the last week of school and Mrs B and I will be planning some pretty fun activities for the challenges. Year 6=blue, year 5= red, year 4=yellow and year 3 is green.



Secret Santa:

Students were given the name of their Secret Santa student yesterday. Please remember the spending limit is \$20 and students will open them on the last day of school as part of our class Xmas party.



Library:

Could all students please make sure they return all library books as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

I have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to return to Euston Public School to teach 5/6 for the end of 2025. Everyone has been very supportive, and the students have worked extremely hard. I am so proud of what they have achieved in such a small amount of time.

Keep up the great work 5/6.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Kirby.