

Euston Public School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9 11-12-2025



Principal's Report

Dear Families,

As we arrive at the final week of the school year, and proudly celebrate our 160th year as a school, it brings me immense pride to reflect on just how well Euston Public School is travelling. The past fortnight has been both busy and deeply rewarding, with our students, staff and families continuing to embody the pride, teamwork and positivity that define our school community.

This milestone year has highlighted the strength of our legacy, the spirit of our present, and the bright future ahead. Our classrooms have been filled with purposeful learning, our playgrounds with enthusiasm and kindness, and our broader community with genuine connection and support. Together, we continue to make Euston Public School a wonderful place to learn, grow and flourish.

Thank You to Our Staff

A heartfelt thank you to all staff for their professionalism, hard work and unwavering commitment throughout 2025. Their dedication ensures our students receive high-quality learning experiences in a safe, supportive and engaging environment every day.

P&C AGM - Thank You and Welcome

Congratulations to our newly elected 2026 P&C Executive Committee:

President: Lucy Hope

Vice President: Ange Garreffa

Treasurer: Alysha Zaffina

Secretary: Jackie Chapple

We extend our sincere appreciation to the 2025 Executive for their leadership and commitment over the past year.

We look forward to continuing this positive partnership in 2026.

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Principal's Report continued.....

Community Events - Carols & Swimming Awareness

Our students have shone brightly during recent community events. Their Christmas carols performance at the Robinvale Hostel was warmly received, showcasing their confidence, joy and community spirit. Students will also perform at the Euston Club Carols on Thursday at 5:15 pm and the Robinvale Christmas Markets on Friday at 5:05 pm.

Our Swimming Awareness Program also wrapped up this week, with students enthusiastically developing essential water-safety skills—particularly important as we head into summer. Thank you to all staff involved.

Transition Day - A Proud Moment

Transition Day was a great success, with students engaging confidently in their 2026 classes. Their maturity, positive attitude and readiness for learning were evident on my visits to each classroom.

Semester 2 Reports - Available Monday 15th

Semester Reports will be released on Monday 15th via the Hero app. Families will be notified once they are live. Please take the time to read through your child's report and celebrate their achievements for 2025.

Welcome Day - Our Place Support

Our thanks to Amanda from Our Place and Anna who is our Tuesday morning Playgroup coordinator for the meaningful work they do with students, families and staff each week. Their partnership continues to strengthen community connections and enhance wellbeing across our school.

Reminder - Medication at School 2026

As we prepare for 2026, families are reminded that any student requiring prescribed or non-prescribed medication (including Panadol or Nurofen) must have a written request. Students should not carry or share medication unless a formal agreement with the school is in place.

If your child requires medication at school, please notify the Front Office, provide up-to-date information, and supply the medication and any necessary consumables. Updated medical documentation, including new asthma or anaphylaxis action plans where required, will need to be provided for 2026.

Last Day of Term

Our final day for students is Friday 19 December.

We have a fun day planned, including class parties and a pizza lunch to celebrate students' efforts this year, with a special visitor joining us from the North Pole!

Our Year 6 students will complete their final walk-out and ring the school bell at 3:05 pm. Families are warmly invited to attend this milestone moment.

Principal Report cont...

Wishing All Families a Safe and Restful Christmas Break

Thank you for your support, involvement and trust throughout 2025. Our school continues to thrive because of the strong partnership between staff, families and students. We wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 9 February for the start of Term 1, 2026

Warm regards,
Troy Westcott.

Relieving Principal
Euston Public School

Big Summer Read!

Please support the *Big Summer Read* by enrolling your children using the link included in the information below.

There are some terrific prizes to be won and a great way to encourage children to read.

Upcoming dates

December

- Thurs 11th Dec - Carols at the Euston Club (TONIGHT)
- Friday 12th Dec - Carols at Robinvale Christmas Festival
- Thursday 18th - Survivor Day
- Wed 17th - Year 6 Graduation Dinner at the Euston Club
- Fri 19th - Last Day Of Term
- Monday 9th February - School Resumes for 2026
- Swimming for 8 year and over will begin on 10th February
- Swimming Carnival - 20th February

Library

Please remember to return ALL library books and Home Readers. It would be great to have all books back by Monday 15th.

Swan Hill Library

BIG SUMMER★

★READ

“Open a book, open your future.”



FOR AGES 5–18 YEARS

BIG STORIES. BIG FUN. BIG ADVENTURE.

SIGN UP AT YOUR LIBRARY TODAY!

- Read for a chance to win an awesome prize!
- Audio books included
- Every reading log entered wins a prize!
- Beat the summer slide



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Join the BIG Summer Read!

It's easy! If you are ages 5 -18, follow the steps below to read your way through the school holidays and win great prizes!

Step 1: Register at Swan Hill Library or on our outreach vehicle, 'Libby' and collect your BIG Summer Read reading log or starter pack . 100 to give away!

Step 2: Read or listen to 10 books or for 5 hours. Return the completed reading log to claim a prize!

Step 3: To enter the Major Prize Draw, submit your completed reading log to the library, or Libby, by Saturday, 31 January 2026.

Step 4: Join us for the exciting **Major Prize Draw** on **Friday, 6 February 2026!**

The more reading logs you return to the library, the more chances you have to win one of these fantastic prizes!

- Nintendo Switch 2 + Mario Kart World Bundle
- Apple iPad - 11 inch A16 chip 128GB Wi-Fi
- Apple AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation
- Lego packs
- A Pioneer Settlement Family 4-in-1 pass
- Gaming headphones & desktop
- \$50 Swan Hill gift cards
- \$50 Showbiz Cinema gift cards
- ...and more!



Or join online: Register at <http://readbooks.au/bsr> for the chance to win a **state-wide prize!**



PLEASE NOTE: The **Read Books competition** runs **separately** from our in-house competition. To be eligible for **both** competitions, please register at the library **and** on the Read Books website.

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Survivor Day Thursday 18th December

Next Thursday students from Year 3-6 will participate in our annual survivor day challenge. Keep an eye out on HERO for further information regarding what colour your child/ren will be wearing.

Save the date!

2026 MURRAY DARLING CARNIVALS



Murray-Darling Swimming Carnival

Friday 6th March 2026

Murray-Darling Cross Country

Friday 8th May 2026

Murray-Darling Athletics

Friday 7th August 2026

For students to be eligible to progress to the Barrier Carnival, they must attend & qualify at the Murray-Darling level.

2026 BARRIER TRIAL DATES



Boys AFL

10-1pm (CST) Monday 23rd March 2026

Girls Netball

10-1pm (CST) Monday 23rd March 2026

Boys Basketball

9-12pm (CST) Tuesday 24th March 2026

Girls Basketball

9-12pm (CST) Tuesday 24th March 2026

Boys Football (soccer)

12:30-3:30pm(CST) Tuesday 24th March 2026

For students to be eligible for the Barrier Team, they must attend the Barrier Trial.

*Trials will be held in Broken Hill.
More Information will be sent out by schools in February 2026.*

Save the date!

2026 BARRIER CARNIVAL DATES



Broken Hill/Barrier Swimming (combined carnival)

Monday 23rd March 2026 3:45pm (CST)
Broken Hill

Broken Hill/Barrier Cross Country (combined carnival)

Friday 22nd May 2026 (CST)
Broken Hill

Barrier Athletics

Friday 28th August 2026 (EST)
Mildura

For students to be eligible to qualify to attend the NSWPSA Championships, they must progress through the Barrier carnival.


More information will be sent out by schools in 2026




KIDS TOGETHER HOLIDAY

Playgroup

FRIDAY 9th JANUARY 2026



10:00am until 12:00pm
@ the Leisure Centre, Robinvale



FREE EVENT!!

Light Lunch and refreshments provided
Playgroup for 0-5 year old + activities for older children
Parents and Carers stay and play!

TRANSPORT AVAILABLE IF NEEDED

Phone Early Years at RDHS on 03 5051 8165 or 0408 565 572
to let us know if you require transport

Kindergarten News - Page 1

Dear Kinder Grownups,

Well... here we are at the very end of our Kindergarten year! It has been such a joy teaching your children, watching them grow in confidence, and seeing them take pride in their learning. As we finish up our last week together, I want to wish all of our students the very best as they move into Year 1. They are ready. Truly ready — and I couldn't be prouder.

A quick reminder that **all school books should now be returned**. If you happen to find any hiding at home over the holidays, please feel free to pop them into the office when school resumes next year.

Phonics & Writing

We've spent these final weeks putting everything we've learned into practice. Students have been writing up a storm — using their phonics, heart words, capitals, punctuation, and growing vocabulary to write:

- **Stories**, both real and imagined
- **"How-To" pieces**, such as How to Trap an Elf and How to Care for an Animal
- **Letters**, using greetings and closings correctly

It has been wonderful to see how far their writing has come since the first day of school. Their ideas are creative, their stamina has grown, and they are becoming much more independent.

We've also been busy creating **Christmas artworks**, and we've even transformed ourselves into **elves**! These are proudly displayed in our classroom window — please enjoy them as you walk past.

In maths, we have been consolidating everything we've learned this year:

- Adding and subtracting within 10 with **speed and accuracy**
- Revising our **Friends of Ten / Number Bonds**
- Practising correct **number formation**
- Learning about **money**: what money is, how we get it, and what it is used for (goods and services)
- Exploring Australian coins — who is on them, what they look like, and why their **sizes and weights** are different
- Talking about how we pay for things using **coins, notes, and bank cards**

We also finished our unit on **day and night** and the changes in weather. Everyone had a go at being a meteorologist — we saw predictions of sunshine, rain, and even a few imaginative tornadoes!

This week we attended our **Water Awareness sessions**, and it has been wonderful to see all students being **sun safe** with their long-sleeve shirts and hats. The children have absolutely loved the sessions — pretending to be dolphins, whales, speed boats, and even rocket ships zooming through the water.

A **big thank you to Mandy**, who always makes learning about water safety engaging and fun.

On the **last day of school**, we will be having a school party. Food will be supplied, but please feel free to pack a normal lunch as well — some students may prefer their own food or may still feel hungry afterwards.

Birthdays 🎉

A very **big Happy Birthday** to **Imogen, Wren, Ora, Tyson and Lucille** who will all be celebrating their birthdays during the school holidays. We hope you each have a wonderful day filled with fun and family. 🎈

A Final Thank You

Thank you for your support, your communication, and the joy you bring to our classroom community. It has been an honour teaching your child this year. I hope you all enjoy a restful, happy break together, and I wish every child a wonderful start to **Year 1**.

I will miss them — but I'm so excited to see what they achieve next.

Warmest wishes,
Anna Phillips



Hello to all our wonderful families.
Six more days and "that's a wrap" for 2025.

What an amazing year. I hope all students are proud of their growth and achievements throughout the year. I certainly am very proud of you all.

We are slowly winding down for the year. Although there are a lot of variations to our routine, we are continuing with learning in the classroom. Next week, students' workbooks, artwork and other things will be coming home. Reports will also be made available in week 10. Please keep an eye out on HERO.

Our Water Awareness program has been a big hit. Students have enjoyed the activities and learning how to be safe and comfortable in and around water. Being out in the sun and in the water has certainly had its effect on the students. I have seen some tired faces in the afternoon when we return. Personally, I have had a nap when I get home after school too.

Our 'Story Walk' at the Robinvale library was wonderful. The author was Ash Barty. I was unaware she was writing children's books. The book we read was titled *My Dream for You*. It is a beautiful story. If you get a chance, please look at borrowing her books from the library.



Tomorrow Friday 12th, Year 1 are back in the kitchen. I believe we will be making some delicious Christmas sweets. We are all looking forward to being back in the kitchen. It is a great experience for the students.

On our last day of school we will be having our annual 'pizza and hot chips day'. Keep an eye out on HERO for more information. **Yum!**

It is certainly warming up now. Please ensure your child has a water bottle **everyday**. We encourage all students to keep hydrated on these warm days. Students may keep their water bottle in the class fridge so they always have a cool drink available.

Also a reminder for hats. The UV index is getting high. Euston Public School has a **No Hat - Play in the Shade** policy for all students' sun safety.

I would like to wish everyone a festive holiday season. However you may celebrate or enjoy this time of year, I wish for you all to be safe, happy and have a home full of joy.

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,

As we approach our final newsletter of the year, I want to take a moment to celebrate how much we've achieved together! Over the coming week, students will be bringing home their books and belongings, but rest assured—in the classroom, our learning continues right up until the very last minute! 😊

Last week, we wrapped up our *Fantastic Mr Fox* project by publishing our creative 'Wanted' posters and enjoying the movie together. The wall looked absolutely fantastic, showcasing all our hard work, but with the end of the year and the festive season upon us, we needed to take it down.

In **English**, we're still diving deep into our story *Shadow Elves*, using it to sharpen our grammar and writing skills. For our final week of spelling, we'll be focusing on how adding -ed makes a verb past tense. (I still catch slips like "jumpt" instead of "jumped" - but that's all part of learning!)

In **Maths**, we've been honing our fluency skills and exploring the relationships within numbers that help us tackle more challenging problems with confidence.



Our fabulous 7-year-olds had a splash-tastic time in our Water Awareness Program—thankfully, the warm weather was (mostly) on our side! Usually, water activities bring a chilly snap, but this week was just perfect.

We've been lucky to have Evie and Tyra from Balranald Central School with us for work experience recently. Their enthusiasm and fresh energy brought a wonderful boost to our classroom, and they were a great help in supporting our learning. It's been fantastic having them as part of our team!



Congratulations to Tessa and Mackenzie for earning 10 Dojo points each!

To celebrate their fantastic achievement, they chose to enjoy a special picnic lunch with me!

Huge **congratulations** to Adacy for shining in the RESP Art Competition!

Your classmates in 2/3 are so proud of you and your wonderful creativity.



It's been a birthday bonanza in the 2/3 room lately! **Happy birthday** to Arli (who turned 8), Mia (who celebrated 9), and Tay (who just hit the big 10)! We hope you all had amazing celebrations.

Finally, I want to wish every one of our families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, joyful holiday season. I'm already excited to welcome you all back refreshed and ready for another fantastic year!



Warm wishes,
Julia Burns

Jingle bells, jingle bells...,

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2025.

We have had an amazing year in the 2/3 classroom!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our parents for their support throughout the year. Parents and teachers working together can create better academic outcomes, motivation and a more positive attitude to learning. It has been a privilege to teach your children.

To our fabulous students. It has been an honour to be your teacher. Thank you for the vibrance and enthusiasm that you brought to learning this year. To our Year 3 students: Zoe, Mackenzie, Clara, Mia and Tessa, I am going to miss you!

Five incredible young ladies who will be wonderful school and community leaders in the future. They have stepped up this year and taken responsibility for their own learning, challenged themselves, developed self-management and independent learning skills. We are so proud of you!

Finally, thank you to Mrs Burns for having me again this year. Looking forward to doing it all again, in 2026!

I hope you enjoy the photos featured in this week's newsletter:

- *Dental Health Art using marshmallows.

- *Plaque Attack experiment.

- *Teeth brushing Timer.

- * Thank you to 'Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures' oral health education program who supplied a free toothbrush and toothpaste to every student in the 2/3 class. Along with a leaflet, brushing chart and oral care sticker pack. Such a wonderful program!

On the last day of school students will be sent home with their workbook, art folio and Maths book(s). Please take the time to have a look at the work your child has produced this year. As I only teach one day a week, we were unable to complete every page of the Maths book. Some students have asked if they can finish these pages during the holidays.... Of course, they can!

Have your 'elf' a merry little Christmas 😊

Mrs Turner



Hello friends and family of Stage 2,

We are at the end of the year! This has been the fastest year with your amazing students, and I am so glad that I have joined the Euston Public School community. Your students have flourished and worked so hard, and I am so proud of everything they have achieved.

This past fortnight, we have had quite a few changes to our routine, and they have adapted and kept working like champs.

We have been focusing on practicing writing stories straight into a word processing document on our laptops. This is quite a skill, to work on. They have had to think of a story, then think of the words they want to type and where those keys are all while keeping the story structure in mind. We are practicing this as the Year 5 Naplan writing tests are all computer based and I want our almost-year-5's to feel comfortable with their typing before they sit this early next year.

We have been working on money and revision in our maths. Playing lots of learning games and hands-on activities. We have also been working on beautiful artworks (they're secret) that you will hopefully be able to see soon.

Reports will be out next week, and I hope you celebrate your students wins with them! I honestly believe each and everyone of them has worked their best this year.

As ever, if you have any concerns or want to talk about your student, please get in contact with me.

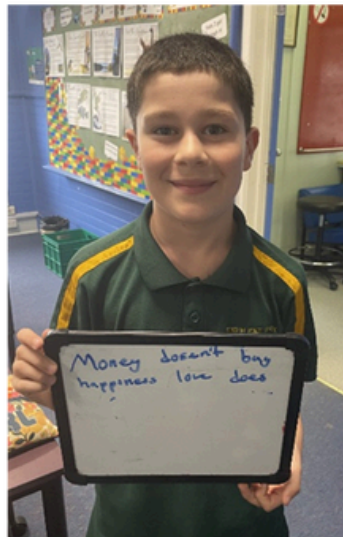
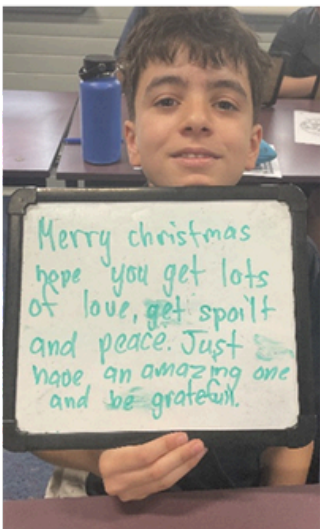
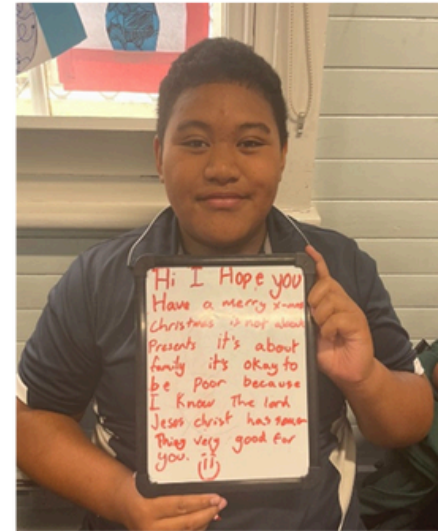
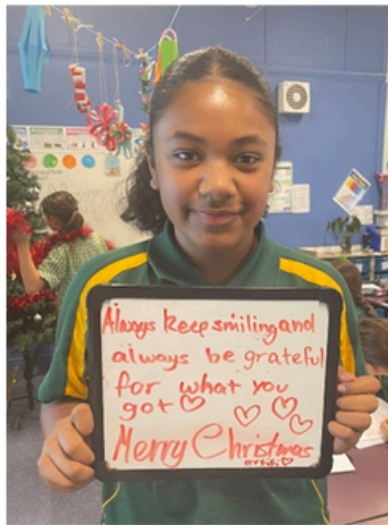
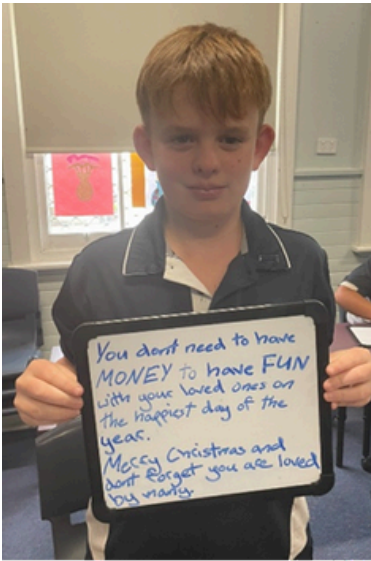
I look forward to seeing what everyone achieves next year as they enter Year 4 or Year 5.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas, a Festive New Year and really hope you enjoy your summer break with your students.

All the best,
Amelia Battye-Smith

Year 5/6 News - Page 1

Hi everyone,
A few Christmas messages before the holidays!



Our class has worked exceptionally well to complete all units of work that have been set for this term. We continue to do daily writing and reading tasks, maths review and practice any skills where we are needing support.

Year 6 dinner is next week, and I am looking forward to catching up with everyone.

Also, we will end next week with Survivor Day on Thursday. Students are excited and are looking forward to some new challenges on the day.

It's great to see so many secret Santa gifts under our class tree. Children are already guessing what's inside them. Thanks to all parents who supported this activity.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Miss Kirby