



Dear Parents,

What a whirlwind the past few weeks have been! Firstly, a huge thank you to our incredible staff for keeping the wheels turning (and sometimes spinning!) while I was on leave. Your hard work, teamwork and good humour have ensured our students continued to learn, laugh and thrive. I am truly grateful.

A very special thank you also goes to Mrs Wendy Robb and the wonderful staff and students at Girilambone. Your generous support in opening your doors to Hermidale Public School has meant so much, and we appreciate the welcoming environment you created for our students.

Since returning, I've heard fabulous stories from both students and staff about the STEM Hub Day and the NAIDOC activities. From creative problem-solving to cultural celebrations, it sounds like everyone had an absolute blast! It's wonderful to see our students engaged, collaborative and enjoying these rich learning opportunities.

We also had our first Kinder Start day on Monday, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces excited to begin their journey into 'big school'. At the other end of the spectrum, we wish our Year 6 students all the very best for their first Transition Day at high school on Friday — we know they will represent Hermidale proudly.

It's certainly been a busy time — and if the calendar is anything to go by, things are only going to get busier! Please take a moment to check upcoming events, notes and dates so we can all keep up with the exciting adventures ahead.

Thank you again to everyone for your continued enthusiasm, flexibility and support. Hermidale PS may be small, but we are mighty!

Kyley Cleary
Principal



Positive
Responsible
Respectful
Learners

TERM 4 2025

Week

What's On

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Monday 10th November

Kindergarten Transition

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day Assembly

Wednesday 12th &

Thursday 13th November

Brewarrina Excursion

Friday 14th November

Mid-term Break

6

Monday 17th November

Mid-term Break

Friday 21st November

Year 7 Transition at NHS

7

Monday 24th November

Kindergarten Transition

Friday 28th November

Year 7 Transition at NHS

8

Monday 1st December

Kindergarten Transition

Wednesday 3rd December

Marathon Health Hearing visit

Friday 5th December

Year 7 Transition at NHS

9

Tuesday 9th December

Meal Deal day

Thursday 11th December

Presentation Evening

10

Tuesday 16th December

HUB Day at Girilambone PS

Year 6 Dinner – TBC

Friday 19th December

Last day of Term 4



HERMIDALE RELAY TEAM

so proud
of
You

Congratulations to Isabelle Smith, Jasmine Smith, Tyler Smith and George Wells, who represented Hermidale Public School at the NSW Primary School Sports Association (NSWPSSA) Athletics Carnival in the Small Schools Relay. The team performed exceptionally well, placing fourth in their event – an outstanding achievement at a state-level competition.

We would like to extend a special thank you to George and his family for stepping in at short notice and ensuring the team could participate. Your willingness to support the team is greatly appreciated.

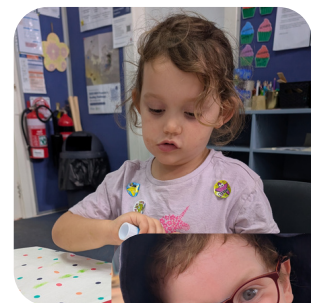
Well done to all students involved. You represented Hermidale with pride, determination and excellent sportsmanship.

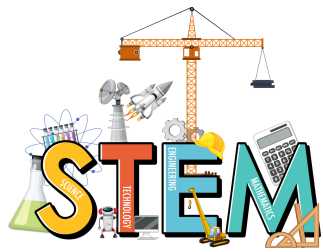


Kinder Start

We were very excited to welcome our new little friends to school on Monday for the first session of our KinderStart program. Students enjoyed activities based on the book *Where the Wild Things Are*, exploring the story through play, creativity and early literacy tasks.

It was a wonderful introduction to life at 'big school', and a great opportunity for our 2026 Kindergarten students to become familiar with the classroom environment, routines and expectations. We look forward to seeing them again at the next session!





STEM Hub Day

Engineers Without Borders



Hermidale students had a fantastic day recently when we welcomed our friends from Girilambone and Marra Creek schools for the Engineers Without Borders STEM Day. It was wonderful to see students reconnecting, collaborating and sharing ideas while taking part in exciting hands-on challenges.

Across the day, students participated in two engaging sessions — Prosthetic Leg and Appropriate Housing — where they worked together to solve real-world engineering problems using creativity, teamwork and critical thinking. The enthusiasm and cooperation shown by all students were fantastic to see.

Of course, no great day is complete without great food — and the cheeseburgers for lunch were definitely a hit!

A big thank you to the Engineers Without Borders team and everyone involved for providing such a memorable and inspiring learning experience.



NAIDOC

GIRILAMBONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thank you to Girilambone Public School for inviting us to celebrate NAIDOC with them. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day's activities and the opportunity to spend time immersed in culture alongside their friends.

Congratulations to our Hermidale dance students for their amazing contemporary dance piece — it was a wonderful performance and a credit to all involved.

We appreciate the warm welcome and the chance to share in such meaningful cultural learning experiences.



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DEAL**

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TUESDAY

WEEK 6

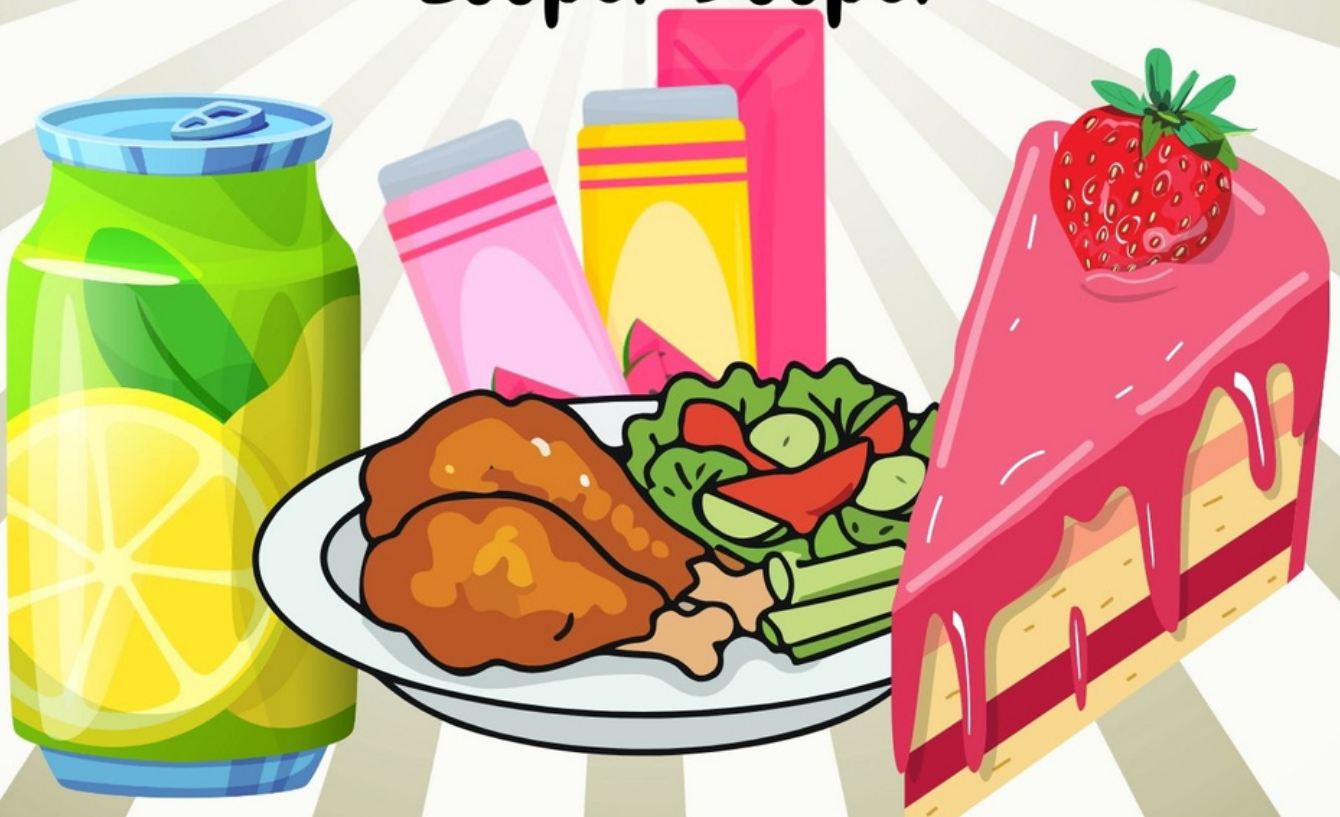
18 NOVEMBER

BBQ Chicken and Salad

Sweet Treat

Sparkling Juice

Zooper Dooper



Congratulations

BRIGHT STARS



Week 1 Winner
George Wells



Week 2 Winner:
Malcolm Edge



Canteen Roster



Please provide the school with a simple slice, muffins or cupcakes for our 13 students on the Tuesday morning of your designated week.

Term 2
Week 6- Carly
Week 9- Jamie

Term 3
Week 3- Jacinta
Week 6- Tamara
Week 9- Nicole

Term 4
Week 3- Johanna
Week 6- Karen
Week 9- Stacey



Please contact the school before your day if you are unable to provide something.



YEAR 6 TRANSITION DATES

Nyngan High School looks forward to welcoming our transitioning Year 6 students on the following dates

7 November
21 November
28 November
5 December





Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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Seen this weed?

Here's what you need to know...

How does this weed affect you?

- Spines can:**
 - Injure people, livestock & wildlife
 - Prevent shearing, devalue wool & hides
- Dense thickets restrict movement, so:**
 - Livestock can't access food or watering points
 - People can't access recreational activities

How does the weed spread?

- By plant parts, through:**
 - Stem segments
 - Attaching to vehicles, clothing and shoes
 - Flood water & dumped garden waste

Tiger Pear does not spread by seed. It produces seeds but they are sterile.

Your biosecurity duty

- Land holders should:**
 - Mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced or spread to their land
 - Reduce the impact of the plant on areas of high value e.g Social, environmental
 - Not deal with the plant e.g buying, selling, growing, moving

Control Methods

Successful weed control relies on follow ups, such as looking for & killing regrowth at previous control sites. Combining control methods is often more successful, such as biological control & chemical control.

Wear protective clothing!

Physical control
By hand: Seedlings & small plants can be dug out - Ensure whole plant is removed
By machine: Can be done when an infested area is not a high valued site
Dispose of plant parts properly - BURN OR BURY (1m underground)

Biological control
A cochineal bug (*Dactylopius austrinus*), the Cactoblastis moth (*Cactoblastis cactorum*) and the stem-boring moth (*Tucumania tapiacola*) can all be used with varying success rates. Visit [WeedWise](#) for more information.

Chemical control
Spray actively growing plants, ensure that the entire plant is covered. A spray oil can be added to herbicides to make them more effective. Visit [WeedWise](#) to see which herbicides can be used to control this weed



Tiger Pear
Opuntia aurantiaca

Identification chart

Stems & Growth	- Usually 40 cm, grows to 2 m if climbing - Dark green, sometimes red to purplish 3.5-20 cm long & 1-5 cm thick - Branched, flattened cylinder, sometimes round
Spines	1-5 cm long, very sharp & rigid - Barbed near the tips; makes for difficult removal - Grey, brown, reddish or pinkish - Accompanied by bristles
Fruit	- Egg or pear-shaped with a flattened top, spiny 20-35 cm long - Green when immature - Red to purple when ripe
Flowers	- Yellow 2-5 cm in diameter - Cup-shaped
Seeds	Produces seeds but seeds are sterile

Have any questions on weed control, identification or disposal?
 Contact our Biosecurity & Weeds Officer
 Office: 02 6835 9000
 Visit NSW WeedWise
<https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>
 Visit our website for weed guides
<https://www.bogan.nsw.gov.au/environment/vegetation-noxious-weeds>



BOGAN SHIRE LIBRARY NOVEMBER 2025

CONTENT TYPE

- STORY TIME TUESDAYS
- STORY TIME WITH CATHOLIC CARE 6 & 20
- BABY TIME FRIDAYS

NOTES

CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY'S FACEBOOK PAGE OR
 CONTACT 6835 9080 FOR MORE INFORMATION.
 EMAIL: LIBRARY@BOGANNSW.GOV.AU



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4 STORY TIME 10:30AM-11:30AM	5	6 STORY TIME WITH CATHOLIC CARE 10AM-12PM LIBRARY	7 BABY TIME 11AM-12PM
10	11 STORY TIME 10:30AM-11:30AM	12	13	14 BABY TIME 11AM-12PM
17	18 STORY TIME 10:30AM-11:30AM	19	20 STORY TIME WITH CATHOLIC CARE 10AM-12PM LIBRARY	21 BABY TIME 11AM-12PM
24	25 STORY TIME 10:30AM-11:30AM	26	27	28 BABY TIME 11AM-12PM

NOVEMBER 2025



Ages 12 - 24

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 LEAGUE TAG 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	28 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	29 WEETBIX SLICE 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	30 BASKETBALL 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	31 DODGEBALL 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION
03 INDOOR CRICKET 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	04 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	05 MAKE YOUR OWN FRUIT SALAD 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	06 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	07 SOCCER 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION
10 DODGEBALL 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	11 BOARD GAMES 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	12 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	13 VOLLEYBALL 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	14 MID-TERM BREAK BASKETBALL 12PM - 3PM DROP-IN SESSION
17 MID-TERM BREAK COLD ROCK ICE CREAM 12PM - 3PM DROP-IN SESSION	18 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	19 ART & CRAFT 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	20 FRUIT SMOOTHIES 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	21 BADMINTON 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION
24 BASKETBALL 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	25 PIZZA SCROLLS 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	26 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	27 SUSHI MAKING 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION	28 LEAGUE TAG 3PM - 6PM DROP-IN SESSION

Drop-in times
Monday to Friday 3pm-6pm
(UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE)

Bogan Shire Youth and
 Community Centre
 38 Canonbar Street, NYNGAN