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Term 2 Week 7

Principal's Report

We are having an exciting and productive term filled with various professional learning opportunities for our staff and engaging activities for our students.



Over the last few weeks, staff have participated in a number of professional learning opportunities, including sessions focusing on trauma and anxiety, equipping them with valuable strategies to support our students' wellbeing. Additionally, Mrs Bingle and Ms Arnold have participated in a deep dive into the new syllabuses for Creative Arts (CAPA), Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE), Science and Technology, and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). This professional development ensures that our educators are well-prepared to deliver a rich and relevant curriculum.

Our students have been enjoying the beautiful sunshine, taking advantage of opportunities to be active outside. The addition of after-school activities, including tennis lessons with Scott and social sports on Friday afternoons, has been a hit among the students. These programs not only promote physical activity but also foster teamwork and friendship. As we look ahead, we are utilising our sports sessions at school to prepare for the upcoming Small Schools Athletics Carnival in Week 10. All of the physical activity our students have been participating in has been immensely helpful as we complete our 10-week Premier's Sporting Challenge! This initiative has encouraged our students to engage

in regular exercise and develop healthy habits, contributing to their overall wellbeing.

As we approach the final weeks of Term 2, Years 3-6 are beginning to wrap up their novel study of *Deltora Quest*. This engaging narrative has sparked students' imaginations and fostered a love for reading. Throughout this study, students have delved into character development, themes, and the importance of perseverance, enhancing their comprehension and analytical skills.

It's great to see many of our students bringing warmer layers to school as the weather gets cooler. Staying warm not only helps our students feel comfortable throughout the school day but also enables them to focus better on their learning. As we transition into winter, we encourage all families to ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the cooler temperatures.

Mid North Coast Cross Country

On Friday, 30 May, I made my way to Woolgoolga with my family for the Mid North Coast Cross Country which I qualified to compete in. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as participants gathered for the race.

I qualified for the 2-kilometre race, which, despite being a relatively short distance, felt much longer during the run. As I pushed myself, I experienced fatigue at times, although I felt like I could easily run it again, though I knew realistically that I might not have the energy to do so.

In my race, there were approximately 50 competitors, all eager to give their best. I finished in 27th place, which, while not a top ranking, still felt

like an accomplishment given the level of competition. The sportsmanship among the runners added to the overall enjoyment of the day.

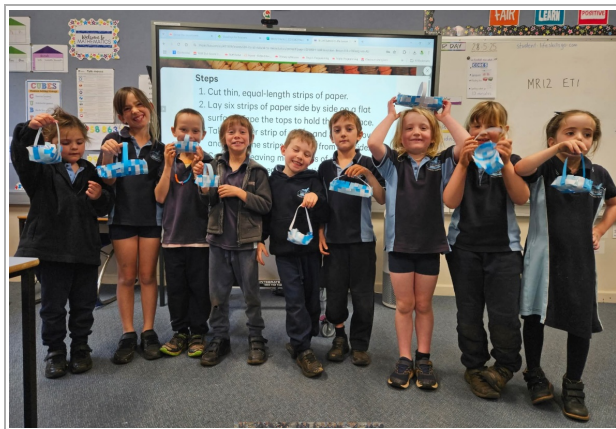
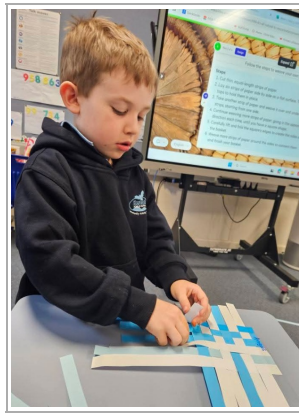
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K-2 Science

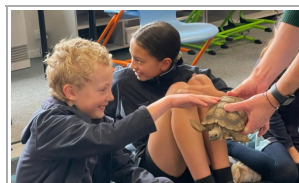
We had a busy afternoon learning all about materials and their purposes in science. K-2 looked closely at weaving with natural fibres and discussed the various uses of different woven baskets and bags used by First Nations People. We then put our learning to the test, weaving baskets using strips of paper.





Zoomobile - Combined School's Day @ Ebor PS

The students had an enjoyable day at Ebor Public School, beginning with an engaging session with the Zoomobile, a definite highlight! Then students participated in a fun sports session and craft activity to celebrate Reconciliation Week. What a great day! Thank you, Ebor PS, for hosting.





Student Academic Reports 2025

This year, we're introducing updated school reports.

The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand.

Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas. Teacher comments will appear in English, mathematics and the general comment section, in line with department policy. The general comment for Kindergarten also covers all other key learning areas including, creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, and science and technology.

A new achievement scale and descriptions will be included to provide a clearer picture of your child's progress.

Parent-teacher interviews remain an important way to discuss your child's progress and achievement in more detail. Formal parent-teacher interviews will be scheduled in Term 3, though if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's achievement before these, please contact the school to organise a meeting.

Please join us at the next P&C meeting, where Mrs Bingle will share a sample report and provide an opportunity for feedback.

Premier's Spelling Bee

This term, students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to enter the Premier's Spelling Bee. Each student has been provided with a word list to practice at home. We will be holding a class 'Spell Off' before submitting our entrants to the regional finals.

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Artwork by Evie Martin, Narrabeen Lakes Public School, for Operation Art 2024

NSW Department of Education

2025 NSW Premier's Spelling Bee

The Premier's Spelling Bee is open to all Years 2 to 6 public schools. For more information, visit:

artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/nsw-premiers-spelling-bee

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Key dates:
School registrations open: 10 March 2025
Term 1 Week 7
Registrations close:
Friday 20 June 2025
Regional Finals:
Term 3 Weeks 4 & 5
State finals:
Friday 7 November, 2025 (TBC)

Flyers

Ross Waugh from Promised Land Produce has offered to deliver orders to the school each Thursday. Orders will need to be placed either on the website or the app by Tuesday evening. Hernani Public School will be the drop-off point.

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Armidale City Gymnastics Club

**2025
KINDERGARTEN
TRANSITION PROGRAM**

Gymnastics

Term 3 Dates

- Thursday 7 Aug 1pm - 3pm
- Thursday 14 Aug 1pm - 3pm
- Thursday 21 Aug 1pm - 3pm
- Thursday 28 Aug 1pm - 3pm
- Thursday 4 Sept 1pm - 3pm
- Thursday 11 Sept 1pm - 3pm
- Thursday 18 Sept 1pm - 3pm

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Upcoming Events

Week 9

Friday 27 June - Year 6 Leadership Day @ Coffs Coast Adventure Centre, Bonville

Week 10

Tuesday 1 July - Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Bellingen 8 Years and above

Tuesday 1 July - Small Schools Athletics K-2 Fun Day at Raleigh Under 8 Years

Friday 4 July - Last day of term - Mufti Day

Term 3

Monday 21 July - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 22 July - Students return to school

Wednesday 30 July - NAIDOC on the Plateau

Thursdays from 7 August for 7 weeks - Gymnastics, including the School Transition Readiness Program at the Armidale Gymnastics Club

Also, keep an eye on the School Bytes calendar for upcoming events.