



HOLGATE NEWS

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Principal's Report

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff

Student School Reports Semester 1

- From Semester 1, Term 2 2025, we will be introducing updated school reports.
- The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators, aiming to make reports easier to read and understand. The Department of Education has established a new policy with clear expectations, following consultation with the Teachers Federation, Primary Principals Association, P&C Associations, students, and other key stakeholders.
- Your child's report will continue to show their progress across all subject areas.
- Teacher comments will now appear in English, Mathematics, and the general comment section, in line with new department policy.
- For Kindergarten, the general comment will cover all key learning areas, including Creative Arts, HSIE, PDHPE, and Science and Technology.
- Comment sections will identify specific areas for improvement.
- The general comment will also include observations on the student's attitude, social skills, and work habits.
- A new [achievement scale and descriptions](#) are included to provide a clearer picture of your child's progress:

Achievement description	Word descriptor	Grade
Your child's achievement in this subject is outstanding. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of new and complex situations.	Outstanding	A
Your child's achievement in this subject is high. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of familiar and new situations.	High	B
Your child's achievement in this subject is at the expected standard. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations.	Expected	C
Your child's achievement in this subject is basic. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations with support.	Basic	D
Your child's achievement in this subject is limited. They apply their knowledge and skills in some familiar situations with significant support.	Limited	E

- Parent-teacher interviews will remain an important way to discuss your child's progress and achievements in more detail at the beginning of Term 3.
- Reports will be provided digitally and printed at the request of parents and carers.
- The reports have been updated to reflect our school values of Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience.
- We welcome your feedback or questions about the new report format as we trial it this semester. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Additional School Offerings Term 2

- Library open lunch time with quiet games.
- Whole school library Monday for all classes, commencing on 19 May.
- Choir with Miss Nunn at lunch time.
- Dance group with Mrs Dowling.
- Robotics with Mrs Alarca at lunch time.

Congratulations Dance Group

Congratulations to our school dance group and Mrs Dowling on being selected for the Central Coast Dance Festival! I can't wait to see your performance. Notes regarding the festival and tickets have been sent through School Bytes. Dress Rehearsal at Laycock is Monday 26 May and performances Monday 23 June.

Teacher Professional Learning

This term, teachers are focusing their professional learning on the High Potential and Gifted Education policy and processes; consistent teacher practices in writing; explicit teaching in mathematics; and, engaging in collaborative data practices and learning walks. These sessions occur on Thursdays after school, and some may require whole school daytime.

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day stall will be held this Friday, 9 May, for students, and the canteen is offering a special meal deal on that day. Mothers are welcome to attend a picnic lunch from 12:50 pm to 1:45 pm.

Grip Leadership

Year 6 students and Mrs Dowling are attending the Grip Leadership Conference on Monday, 19 May. I hope the Year 6 students find it a valuable learning experience.

Zone Cross Country

Friday 23 May is the Zone Cross Country. I wish all our Holgate runners all the best. Thank you, Mrs Dowling, for your organisation.

Student Survey

Student survey 3-6 will be happening next week. Opt out notes went home via School Bytes last week. A response is needed by this Friday 9 May if you don't wish for your child to take part in this survey. **No response is necessary if your child is participating.** Our school values student voice and value this information.

School Uniforms and Monitors

It has been lovely to see this term so many of our students wear our new polo shirts. As the chilly weather is here, please make sure all belongings have **NAMES**. It is that time of the year where the lost property explodes! To support lost property each class is nominating a lost property monitor per term as part of

classroom responsibilities. We would appreciate you talking to your child/ren regarding looking after their property.

Before School Care

We often have families ask about before school care for their children. If you are aware of any contacts who offer this service could you please let us know. Would suit young 16 to 17 year olds, uni students or grandparents. It would be for short paid supervisions of up to an hour 7.30 am to 8.15.

With our before school care services not viable we have a few families asking for this information.

Thank you, Kind regards, Mrs Gordon Principal

School News

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Mother's Day Stall & Picnic Lunch			See information below
Year 6 Grip Leadership	Year 6	Monday 19 May	\$39 due Tuesday 13 May
CCDF Rehearsal	Dance Group	Monday 26 May	\$25 due Thursday 15 May
P&C Meeting		Monday 2 June	7pm in the staffroom
School Athletics Carnival	K – 6	Wednesday 4 June	Mingara Recreation Centre
Kings Birthday Public Holiday	K – 6	Monday 9 June	

This newsletter is published in Weeks 2, 5 and 8. The next on Wednesday 28 May 2025

The next assembly is on Friday 16 May 2025 at 2pm in the school hall.

Read and Discover (RAD) Awards

Bronze Award (50 Nights): Lyla B; Victoria V; Willow M; Bella N; May Mc; Harrison B;



Administration

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to our major prize winners: Edward W; Amelia W; Lili N; Summer T and Jack M. We hope you enjoyed your win! This year we had 130 prizes.

Kindergarten 2026

We are currently looking at enrolments for Kindergarten 2026. If you are aware of neighbours who may have children starting school next year could you please let them know to contact our school if they wish to enrol. If you have children at Holgate and have pre-schoolers who will be starting at Holgate in 2026 could you please contact me via phone or email prue.king@det.nsw.edu.au to check that I have your child's details.

Thank you, Prue King

Winter Uniforms

As Term 2 begins please keep the weather in mind when choosing which uniform your child should wear as some days are still too hot for full winter uniform.

New school uniforms may be purchased from: Lowes Erina Fair 4365 1200
Second hand uniforms may be purchased from the second hand uniform pool accessed at school but run by the P&C.

Stewart House donation drive

Stewart House is a children's charity supported by the Department of Education and Training that provides short term respite care for children in need. Envelopes were sent home today. Please make a donation of at least \$2 and return it to school by Wednesday 14 May. By returning this envelope with a \$2 donation you could win a \$4000 family holiday. Please support this very worthwhile charity.

This year you may use the QR code on your envelope to pay online. You will receive a receipt number which you will write on your envelope.



Stewart House Charity Drive 2025
94 years caring for children
NSW Public Education's Charity of choice

*"I have had a great time as I have had some things at home
I needed to take off my chest, it is a truly lovely place"*
(Emel, June 2024)

Your contribution supports the 1,600 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT.

Win a \$4,000 holiday travel voucher

- Place a \$2 coin in this envelope, or scan to pay online
- Complete entry details on the back
- Return envelope to your school to go in the draw

Schools are to collect and post completed entries to PO Box 21, Freshwater NSW 2096 to be received no later than Thursday, 22nd May 2025. The draw will take place at noon at Stewart House on Friday, 23rd May 2025.



Holgate P & C News

- ✚ Please see attached newsletter from the P&C.
- ✚ Please see the information regarding Mother's Day this Friday and how to order from the canteen.

Mother's Day Stall

On Friday 9 May the P&C will be holding a Mother's Day stall. Students can bring **cash** to buy a beautiful gift. Gifts are available from \$1 to \$20.

Canteen/Spriggy

A reminder on how to order.

Clearly write your child's name, class, and order on a brown paper bag and your child will place it in the lunch tub in the morning.

Alternatively order over the spriggy app before 8.30 am Friday.

<https://www.spriggyschools.com.au/get-the-spriggy-schools-app>

Thank you

Holgate P&C



MOTHER'S DAY

Picnic Lunch

FRID

9

MAY

12.55~1.45 AM

Pre-order and treat yourself with something to share for our picnic lunch this Friday.

WE HAVE ADDED EXTRA MEALS TO THE CANTEN MENU FOR OUR MOTHERS DAY PICNIC

Options are:

Nachos- Serves 2-3- \$12
Serves 1- \$6

Carbonara Pasta - Serves 2-3- \$10
Serves 1- \$5

Please order through Spriggy. Drinks also available.

We are also raffling off a gorgeous Hamper kindly donated by Gittoes worth over \$350 on the day.
\$2 each or 3 for \$5



Sales & Leasing

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PROTECT YOUR MOB FROM THE FLU

Flu vaccinations starting weekly from

Thursdays
24th April until 12th June

 Thursdays 08:00am to 07:00pm

 Book Now or Drop In 4320 2698



Central Coast
Local Health District



2 Ward St, Gosford, 2250
Parking available on site

40 Years LISAROW PUBLIC SCHOOL 40 Years

Country Fair

RIDES Live entertainment
Street food MARKETS & STALLS **RAFFLE AUCTION**

Saturday 24 May
9am - 3pm MacDonalds Rd Lisarow

MAY 14TH, 15TH & 16TH

3 DAYS ONLY!

20% OFF SCHOOLWEAR

PLUS EVERYTHING INSTORE!*



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USE YOUR CARD AT CHECKOUT

ZERO CARD BENEFITS

NO INTEREST EVER	5% INSTANT SAVINGS	5% REWARDS POINTS	SHOP NOW PAY LATER
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DON'T HAVE A ZERO OR REWARDS CARD?
Apply instore or online today and start enjoying the benefits!

APPLY NOW

