



HOLGATE NEWS

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Principal's Report

THE AGENCY

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff

Public Education Week – Save the Date! – Proudly sponsored by Paul Hills

Term 3, Week 3, Thursday, 7 August 11:45pm – 2:45pm – Holgate Creative Arts Expo

Parents, carers, and grandparents are welcome! We will be opening classrooms and hosting activities, including Year 6 fundraising, followed by a picnic lunch and the launch of the Creative Arts Expo. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 6 Fundraising for Farewell

Year 6 students will be fundraising at the Creative Arts expo in Public Education Week. Please see the flyer in the newsletter created by our Year 6 students. The students will have the following fundraising activities happening during the picnic: Lolly guessing competition, dress up corner, baby and teacher guessing competition and sporting games corner. Please bring some change for these activities.

Other fundraising opportunities are crazy hair and crazy sock days. Information will come out on these days next term.

Digi Ed Incursion – Friday 20 June (K-6)

The Digi Ed incursion is scheduled for this Friday, 20 June, for students in K-6. This multimedia learning experience allows students to use clay modelling and video cameras to create their own animations. It is a unique learning opportunity for all our students. All parents and carers have received the permission notes through School Bytes.

Athletics Carnival

Thank you to our Holgate students, staff, and community members who engaged with and supported our school during this event. Although the weather was not kind to us, we managed to complete events. A special thank you to Mrs Nguyen for all her organisation. I was also very pleased to hear about the excellent behaviour, participation and sportsmanship demonstrated by our students. Ribbons will be handed out at our assembly Friday 27 June Week 9 Term 2.

Central Coast Dance Festival – Good Luck, Holgate!

I can't wait for Monday, 23 June, to watch our dancers perform at Laycock Street Theatre. Thank you to Mrs Dowling and her helpers for getting our dancers ready and organised for each performance.

Reports and Interviews 2025

School reports will be emailed home in Week 10. If you would like a printed hard copy, please contact the school. Interviews have been scheduled for the first two weeks of Term 3. Information and booking schedules will be sent through School Bytes in Weeks 9 and 10.

High Performance Gifted Education (HPGE) Mathematics Rumbalara Day

On Tuesday, 3 June, Rumbalara visited to work with some of our Stage 3 students on *Mathematics in the Environment* as an enrichment day. Our students had the outstanding opportunity to explore many mathematical concepts in their environment.

Zone Cross Country - second place Holgate

I was extremely proud when the organisers of the Zone Cross Country contacted us to commend the outstanding behaviour and efforts of our students at the event. To top it off, we were notified that, overall, we came second in the carnival. This is a significant achievement for our school—congratulations to all our mighty Holgate runners! Thank you to Mrs Nguyen and Mrs Dowling for your supervision and organisation of this event.

Reminder – Monday Library!

Just a reminder that our library is open Mondays for all students to return and borrow books.

HPGE Challenge Day – Erina High School

Tomorrow, 19 June, selected high-potential Stage 3 students will attend a Challenge Day at Erina High School. The purpose of this event is to engage these students in a broad range of activities and challenges that will develop and enhance their skills in collaboration, higher-order problem solving, and creative thinking - considered the 'skills of the future.' The focus is on high-level engagement, innovation, creativity, teamwork, and fun, challenging learning experiences. I look forward to hearing all about it!

Open Day Tuesday June 24

I am also conducting our first Open Day on Tuesday June 24 at 9am. Please, if you know of any families interested, let them know. The flyer has been inserted into the newsletter, shared with preschools and is on our Facebook page.

Spelling Bee

Our first round of the Spelling Bee has taken place, and it was a nail-biting experience for everyone! Teams have been formed for our school finals, and the final spell-off will occur on Wednesday, 25 June, in the hall at 1:50pm. Parents and Carers are welcome. Our finalists are:

Stage 2- Elodie, April, Jack and Charlotte B

Stage 3 – Eddie, Zara, Jensen and Cleo

Good luck to our spellers!

NAIDOC Week Incursion

Thursday 3 July our school is engaging in NAIDOC week incursion with EcoNest Education who will guide our students on a bushwalk through the school grounds, exploring the diverse Australian native plants and their uses while honouring the knowledge and traditions of Aboriginal culture. Along the way, students will discover different ecosystems and deepen their understanding of the connections between plants, wildlife, and the environment. Permission and information was sent via School Bytes this week. Thank you to the many families who have already responded.

Late arrival and travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, an Application for Extended Leave needs to be completed for five days or more. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll once principal approval has been completed and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year. Please see attachment regarding Department attendance information for parents and carers.

Please ensure that your child/ren arrive at school on time. We have noticed an increasing number of students arriving late, which makes it challenging for them to settle into the morning literacy session. Missing the initial organisation and routines that take place in the first 15 minutes can disrupt their start to the day. A timely arrival contributes to a much smoother beginning for everyone.

Taking Enrolments now

Our school currently has small number of vacancies in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. If you know of any local or out of zone families that may be interested please get them to contact the office.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2026

Our school is now taking Kindy enrolments for 2026, please let your friends and neighbours know. Please contact the school on 4367 7444. Mrs King will send out enrolment forms with invitations to Headstart next week to those families who she has on her enrolment list.

Band Performance Week 9 Assembly

Our school concert band will be performing at the Week 9 Term 2 assembly. Assembly will start promptly at 2:05pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Teacher Leave Term 2

Mrs Nguyen will be on long service leave Term 2 Weeks 9 and 10 and Term 3 Weeks 1 and 2. Mrs Waite will be Mrs Nguyen on 3/4/5 as the replacement.

Thank you,

Kind regards, Mrs Gordon

School News

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Digi Ed K-2	K – 6	Friday 20 June	Tuesday 17 June/\$25
Digi Ed 3-6	K – 6	Friday 20 June	Tuesday 17 June/\$42
Assembly	K – 6	Friday 27 June	Athletics ribbons handed out
CCDF Performance night	Dance	Monday 23 June	
Education Week Open Day	K - 6	Tuesday 24 June	
Spelling Bee – School Finals	Selected	Wednesday 25 June	1:50 in school hall
Band to perform at assembly	Both bands	Friday 27 June	2pm in school hall
Reports emailed out	K – 6	Term 2, Week 10	
NAIDOC Incursion	K - 6	Thursday 3 July	Wednesday 25 June/no cost
P&C Meeting 7pm	All welcome	Monday 4 August	
Public Education Week	K – 6	Thu 7 August	Information below

This newsletter is published in Weeks 2, 5 and 8. The next on Wednesday 30 July 2025

The next assembly is on Friday 27 June 2025 at 2pm in the school hall.

Read and Discover (RAD) Awards

Bronze Award (50 Nights): Seth K; Landon C; Mahdi M

Silver Award (100 Nights): Bella N



Administration

Going home arrangements

Over the last week we have had children not sure of how they are going home due to play dates. Could you please make sure you organise these the night before as they are causing anxiety for both students and staff.

Holgate P & C News

As we enter Week 8 of the term, it's hard to believe how quickly the weeks have flown by. With only a few weeks remaining, the P&C is busy working behind the scenes to ensure a vibrant and enriching environment for our students and community. We're thrilled to share that some exciting initiatives are in the pipeline! Our dedicated team has been busy planning events and projects that promise to engage, educate, and entertain! From upcoming fundraisers to community events, there is something for everyone to look forward to.

We encourage all parents and carers to participate in the upcoming events and to stay connected with us for updates on our progress. Your support and involvement are invaluable to the success of our initiatives. Together, we can continue to make our school a thriving and welcoming place for all.

Annual Athletics Carnival

It was a wild, wintry day, but the event was a great success thanks to the dedication of our teachers, Holgate administration, parent helpers and the enthusiastic supporters who braved the cold, wet, and windy weather to cheer on our students. Your support made the day memorable and uplifting for everyone involved.

Canteen Update

We are incredibly grateful to all our wonderful canteen helpers who selflessly volunteered their time to support our school community this term! Your dedication has been instrumental in keeping our beloved canteen thriving, providing our students with nutritious meals and snacks that energise their learning and play. Your efforts have truly made a difference, thank you for your time, your generosity and for being an integral part of our school family!

If you're interested in lending a hand in our Canteen for Term 3, please keep an eye out for a letter with details on how you can register your interest. We can't wait to have you join the team!

Next P&C Meeting

We invite you to join us for the next P&C meeting on Monday 4 August at 7pm, in the school office. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, share your ideas, and stay informed about what's happening in our school. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you once again for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we create a nurturing and dynamic environment for our children. We look forward to more community events in the coming months and hope to see you all there.

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.



Thank you

Holgate P&C





Thinking of Selling?

**Interested in understanding where
your property sits in the current market?**

You deserve a hard-working agent with exceptional market knowledge who genuinely cares about your real estate needs and will get the best possible result in today's evolving market.

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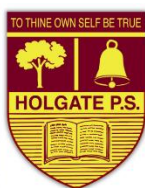


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You're invited to our school

OPEN DAY

Join us for an exciting opportunity to explore
our school community!

Tuesday June 24 and Tuesday 9 September at 9am
189 Wattle Tree Road, Holgate

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OPEN DAY

What to expect

- Guided walk through tours of the school
- Meet our dedicated staff
- Learn about our enriching programs and extracurricular activities
- Information on how we support every student in our care

This is a fantastic chance to discover all that our school
has to offer and see firsthand how we create an
environment where every student is known, valued, and
cared for.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Kindergarten 2026

HEADSTART PROGRAM

Our comprehensive transition program is an integral part of ensuring your child is supported and ready as they begin their primary school journey.

If you have enrolled your child to start Kindergarten in 2026, we look forward to welcoming you and your child as they participate in Headstart on the below dates.



Session Dates

9:30am - 11:00am

Thurs Oct 23rd

Thurs Oct 30th

Thurs Nov 6th

Thurs Nov 13th

Thurs Nov 20th

Thurs Nov 27th

**Parent & Carer
information session
held on**

Thurs Oct 23 at 9:30am



OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the NSW curriculum, Hologate Public School offers a wide range of opportunities for students to discover, develop, and nurture their talents and interests. Some of these opportunities include:

- Band
- Dance group
- Choir
- Robotics
- Lego League
- Primary Schools Sports Association
- sporting opportunities
- Visual Art enrichment activities
- STEM groups
- Leadership excursions
- High Potential enrichment activities



GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

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DISCOVER THE JOY OF LEARNING AT OUR OPEN DAYS!

Hologate Public School conducts guided tours for all students and families interested in joining our community. Please contact the office for dates and times.



HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Hologate Public School is a small semi-rural school nestled adjacent to Katandra Reserve. Our beautiful school environment is a distinctive attribute of our school.

Hologate Public School's culture is that of belonging, connectedness and collaboration with students, staff, parents and the wider community working together to promote school excellence.

BENEFITS OF A SMALL SCHOOL

PERSONALISED ATTENTION

Smaller school sizes often mean that all the teachers can give more individualised attention to each student and know all students making them known, valued, cared for.

STRONG COMMUNITY

Hologate Public School fosters a close-knit community where students, parents and teachers know each other well, creating a supportive environment.

INCREASED PARTICIPATION

More opportunities to participate in various activities, such as sports, music and leadership, which can enhance their school experience.

STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS

Easier for teachers to build strong relationships with their students, which will lead to a more positive and engaging learning environment.

FOCUS ON SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Smaller schools emphasise social-emotional learning, helping students develop important life skills.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

More flexibility in curriculum and teaching methods, allowing for innovative approaches to education.

ENHANCED COMMUNICATION

Communication between parents and teachers is more direct and effective in smaller settings, leading to better collaboration on student progress.

REDUCED ANXIETY

The environment in small schools is less overwhelming for some students, potentially leading to lower stress levels and better mental health.





THE MOTIV8 GAMES
 IT'S TIME TO GO FOR GOLD

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Dear Parent/s
 WE WOULD LOVE TO INVITE YOUR CHILD TO BE PART OF AUSTRALIA'S NO. 1 MULTI-SPORTS CAMP THESE HOLIDAYS.

Campers will be experience a range of non-contact sports which are Motiv8 trademarked hybrid sports plus dance-offs, coaches challenges and dress-up day! It's all part of the Motiv8sports experience.

Our coaching staff are energetic, happy and inspiring. Campers are put into groups of 16-20 based on their age.

Events run from 8:30 - 3:30pm DAILY
 \$125 for 2-days for \$75 if you have an Active Kids Voucher.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ONE OF OUR CAMPS THESE HOLIDAYS.

THE MOTIV8 GAMES EVENT DETAILS
 CAMP 1: 7 - 8 JULY @ CENTRAL COAST GRAMMAR SCHOOL
 CAMP 2: 9 - 10 JULY @ CENTRAL COAST GRAMMAR SCHOOL
 CAMP 3: 17 - 18 JULY @ LAKES GRAMMAR WARNERVALE

Book now @ www.motiv8sports.com.au/locations/central-coast/
 or use the QR code.

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Looking ahead to the July school holidays? We've got you covered!

FunHaus Factory is bringing something truly special to the Central Coast — **two incredible, in-demand touring kids shows**, right here in Gosford!

☀ Kids Show: The Magical World of Crazy Science Crazy Science

😬 Kids Show: Mr Snotbottom's Stinky Silly Show! Mr Snot bottom - Comedian For Kids.

These acclaimed, laugh-out-loud shows have toured across the country — and now they're making a **one-show-only** stop at FunHaus Factory!

🎫 Tickets are limited, so don't wait — **book now** and give the kids something to get excited about!

<https://funhausfactory.org.au/whats-on/crazy-science/>

<https://funhausfactory.org.au/whats-on/snotbottom/>



Carers for school aged children are urgently needed.

Become a foster carer with Wesley Dalmar and make a difference.

Wesley Dalmar provides respite, temporary, adoption and permanent placements for children from birth to 18 years of age. Aftercare support is available for young people transitioning into adulthood.

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Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences
- You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.
- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.



Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

