

HOLGATE NEWS

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Wednesday 10 September 2025

Principal's Report

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff

End of Term 3 and Start of Term 4

Term 3 will finish on Friday 26 September. Staff will return on Monday 13 October and students will return on Tuesday 14 October for the start of Term 4. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break!

Celebrating our students' achievements with Tjudibaring AECG

This year, our school proudly engaged in activities with the Tjudibaring Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), strengthening connections and celebrating the achievements of our Aboriginal students. We are delighted to announce the nominees of the AECG local awards:

Dedication to Learning Award

Presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated excellent attendance, consistent progress in learning, strong effort and a positive attitude toward school. This award encourages students to continue their studies and recognises their outstanding commitment.

Nominees:

- Dane and Zara

Leadership Award

This award recognises Aboriginal students who have shown exceptional leadership by promoting and supporting student participation within the school and wider community. Recipients are effective communicators, ambassadors for their school, role models, and maintain a positive attitude.

Nominee:

- Flynn

We commend all nominees for their dedication, leadership and positive contributions to our school community. Their achievements inspire us all to strive for excellence and foster a supportive and inclusive environment. Let's hope they are successful.

Student Leadership 2026

Creating strong and compassionate student leaders within our school is highly valued. Our current Year 5 students will soon put themselves forward for selection as School Captains, Vice Captains and/or House Captains for 2026. The dates are as follows:

- Term 4 Week 1 Wednesday 15 October Leadership nominations open
- Term 4 Week 2 Friday 24 October Leadership nominations due to Mrs Gordon
- Term 4 Week 7 Tuesday 25 November Leadership speeches
- Term 4 Week 7 Thursday 27 November Sports House captain nominations
- Term 4 Week 8 Wednesday 3 December Sports House captain speeches and voting

We look forward to seeing our students demonstrate their leadership skills and enthusiasm throughout this exciting process!

Peer mediation training for Year 4, 5 and 6 students

On Wednesday 17 September, our Year 4, 5, and 6 students will participate in Peer Mediation training. This program helps students develop important conflict resolution skills such as effective communication, active listening and problem-solving. Through interactive sessions, students will gain practical tools to mediate peer conflicts, enhancing their leadership abilities and contributing to a positive and harmonious school environment. We are excited to support our students in becoming confident and compassionate peer mediators.

Newsletter and Merit Award Schedule for Term 4

Starting Term 4, newsletters will be sent in Week 1 (a warm welcome back) and Weeks 3, 6, and 9. Merit Awards will be featured in these newsletters, so you can look forward to seeing when your child/ren receive recognition for their hard work and achievements. This schedule ensures you stay updated on your child's successes throughout the term!

Zone Athletics 2025

Last Friday 5 September our students represented the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff members, Suz, Alison and Carly, for their outstanding commitment and support during the Zone Athletics Carnival. Your hard work behind the scenes and on the day made a significant difference. I also want to commend our students for their remarkable effort and persistence throughout the carnival. Your determination and resilience in every event were truly inspiring and you should be very proud of your achievements. Finally, thank you to all the parents and carers for your ongoing support and for attending the carnival. Your involvement and encouragement mean so much to our students and the entire school community.

Special congratulations to Abbey F for placing 2nd in long jump and Savannah W for placing 3rd in the 100 metres. Both the girls are now heading to the Sydney North Athletics - congratulations and best of luck!

Public Speaking Finals – Tuesday 9 September

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Public Speaking Finals on Tuesday 9 September. Your confidence, eloquence and hard work were truly impressive. Special congratulations to our finalists for their outstanding performances Knox, Jayda, Mahdi, Lyla, Neiko, Leo, Dory and Elodie. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make the event a great success from students, teachers and office staff!

Website now live!

We are excited to announce that our new school website is now live! Click the link below to explore our fantastic new site:

<https://holgate-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

A big thank you to Mrs King and the office staff for their hard work and dedication in completing this project ahead of schedule and creating such a wonderful, user-friendly website. Our new site will be easy to maintain and keep up to date, ensuring you always have access to the latest school information. Enjoy exploring!

Exciting expo clay model presale and bake sale – October long weekend

We are thrilled to announce that our beautiful clay models will be showcased at the Sculptures at Fires Creek event. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details.

Our students' clay models will be available for sale at the event, and you also have the opportunity to purchase your child's



sculpture before it is displayed. Presale notes with all the details will be coming soon. Purchased sculptures can be collected after the event from school.

During the event, our P&C will be running a cake stall and an activities table. All funds raised will go towards supporting our school community. Don't miss out on this fun and delicious weekend—come along, support our talented artists and bakers, and enjoy the activities!

Emergency Management for bus flooding

Emergency management procedures for buses have been reviewed throughout 2025. The following steps are now in place to ensure student safety:

- Inspections are carried out at key flooding points and council road closures are monitored by the bus company.
- The bus company contacts the school by 7am and 2pm daily.
- The school informs the community about bus operations through SchoolBytes email and Facebook.

All buses for Holgate and Matcham now have live CCTV, allowing continuous monitoring of student safety.

If roads become too dangerous during the bus route and students cannot get home, the bus driver will:

- Contact the depot and a four-wheel drive vehicle will be sent to drop students at their homes. It helps if students know their parents' contact details or have a card with this information in their school bags.
- While waiting, the bus driver will try to contact parents to inform them that safety procedures are in place. Parents may then choose to collect their children.
- If students still cannot get in contact with parents or get students home safely, the bus driver will contact the school and either return students to school or the depot.

The bus company will stay in contact with the school throughout this process. The same procedure applies if trees fall or other emergencies occur. We would like to thank the Holgate Public School community for their calmness and consideration during these situations and for becoming skilled in emergency management.

End of Year dates

- Charity Sheild Friday 5 December
- Year 6 Mini Fete Friday 5 December
- Presentation Tuesday 9 December
- End of Year Activity Wednesday 10 December
- Helpers Thank You Breakfast Thursday 11 December
- Christmas Carols and Picnic Dinner Thursday 11 December
- Year 6 Fun Day Tuesday 16 December TBC
- Semester 2 Reports will be available on School Bytes by Friday 12 December
- Year 6 Farewell Monday 15 December
- Red Faces Wednesday 17 December

Last day of school is Friday 19 December where we will conduct our official final walk out for our Year 6 students of 2025 at 2:35pm with the ringing of the old school bell.

Stage one League Tag Gala Day – Tuesday 16 September

We wish all our Stage 1 students the best of luck as they take part in the League Tag Gala Day this Tuesday 16 September! It's a wonderful opportunity to have fun, try your best and enjoy playing sport with your friends. Remember, the most important thing is to have fun and show great sportsmanship. Go Team!

Dental Health Van Visiting Holgate – Week 10 Term 3

A reminder that the Dental Health Van will be visiting Holgate during Week 10 of Term 3. This service provides free dental check-ups and care for students. Please ensure that permission forms are returned promptly so your child can take advantage of this important health opportunity.

Thank you, Mrs Gordon Principal

Dates to remember

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Sport Dress-Up Day Fundraiser	K - 6	Thursday 11 Sept	Gold coin donation
Tour and Taster sessions at Erina High School	Year 6	Monday 15 Sept	All notes received
League Tag Gala Day	Yrs 1 & 2	Tuesday 16 Sept	Note due now
CC Public Speaking Final	Selected	Wednesday 17 Sept	
P&C Trivia Night		Friday 19 Sept	See below for information
NSW Health Dental Van	K - 6	Monday 22 – Friday 26 Sept	Information has been sent home. Please return if attending
Final day of Term 3	K – 6	Friday 26 Sept	
Term 4			
Staff Development Day		Monday 13 Oct	
Students return	K – 6	Tuesday 14 Oct	

This newsletter is published in Weeks 3, 6 and 9. The next on Wednesday 29 October 2025

The next assembly is on Friday 19 September 2025 at 2pm in the school hall.

Read and Discover (RAD) Awards

Silver Award (100 Nights): Charlotte H

Platinum Award (200 Nights): Willow M



Administration

Kindergarten Headstart Program



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 following dates:

Thursday 23 October 9:30am – 11:00am

Thursday 13 November 9:30am – 11:00am

Thursday 30 October 9:30am – 11:00am

Thursday 20 November 9:30am – 11:00am

Thursday 6 November 9:30am – 11:00am

Thursday 27 November 9:30am – 11:00am

School News

Parent Calendar

The school calendar can be found on our new website [Holgate Public School](https://www.holgatepublicschool.nsw.edu.au/) or via the School Bytes app. It is constantly updated and there are already important dates for 2026.

2025 Zone Athletics

The Zone Athletics Carnival brought together talented students from across our zone for a day of friendly competition and fun. Athletes showcased their skills in a range of track and field events, demonstrating great sportsmanship and team spirit. Congratulations to all participants for their effort and enthusiasm—your dedication and energy made the event a fantastic success!



Holgate P & C News

Hello from the P&C

We've had a busy and exciting term so far, and we're thrilled to be supporting some fantastic events in our school and community. It's hard to believe we're already nearing the end of Term 3 – the weeks have flown by! Thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to volunteer their time and energy – it truly makes a difference. We hope you all have a fantastic week and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming community events.

Father's Day Breakfast – A wonderful morning

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Father's Day breakfast such a memorable event. From the early risers who helped set up, to those who served food and cleaned up afterwards – we couldn't have done it without you. It was wonderful to see so many dads, grandads, and special father figures enjoying a relaxed morning with their children. The smiles, laughter and community spirit truly made it a wonderful morning. Special thanks to our P&C helpers Colleen, Cathi, Vicki, Nadia, Imke, Lori and Alecia along with a special thanks to our sponsors for your incredible donations for our Father's Day Raffle.



Trivia Night next Friday 19 September

Are you ready to have a blast while connecting with the community? Next Friday, 19 September, we're rolling out the red carpet for our Annual "Trivia Night," and we want you to be part of this exciting event!

This isn't just any Trivia Night; it's an incredible opportunity to gather your friends or team for a night filled with laughter, friendly competition, and fantastic prizes. If you don't have any teammates let us know as we have spare spots.

With around 80 locals expected to join us, it's the perfect chance to showcase your business in a fun and engaging way.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to shine within the community! If you're interested in participating or have any questions, feel free to reach out at holgate.pandc@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.

Thank you to our P&C that have worked hard to gather our prizes for the night. Look at the wonderful local businesses that have helped along the way.



Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated items and vouchers for our upcoming Trivia Night – your generosity is greatly appreciated! We're still welcoming additional donations, big or small, to help make the night a great success. If you or someone you know would like to contribute a prize or voucher, please get in touch with us via our Facebook page or email us at holgate.pandc@gmail.com. Every donation is greatly appreciated and goes a long way in supporting our school and the local community.

Sculptures at Fires creek

A celebration of art, nature and creativity! This October long weekend – Saturday 4, Sunday 5 and Monday 6 - The beautiful Fires Creek Winery will host Sculptures at Fires creek – a vibrant, free, community event celebrating contemporary sculpture, ceramics and creativity. Wander through the stunning gardens and discover works by 17 talented artists, all set against the backdrop of the beautiful vineyard.

We're also proud to share that a selection of our student's wonderful sculptures from the Under the Sea Exhibition - created during Education Week, will be on display as part of this exhibition.

Additionally, our lovely P&C will be running a cake stall and craft station on Saturday and Sunday. It's a great opportunity to enjoy some homemade treats and creative fun while supporting our school community. All proceeds will go directly to Holgate Public School – we'd love to see you there!

Canteen

We are incredibly grateful to all our canteen helpers who selflessly volunteer their time to support our school community. Thank you for your generosity and for being an integral part of our school family. Your contribution not only fuels our students but also strengthens the bonds within our community. We are deeply appreciative and inspired by your commitment.



If you're eager to lend a helping hand in our Canteen for Term 4, please contact the P&C via Facebook or email at holgate.pandc@gmail.com . We can't wait to have you join the team!

Upcoming P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 7:00pm in the school office. Everyone is welcome to join us. It's a great opportunity to discuss upcoming events, provide feedback, and get involved in the exciting things happening behind the scenes at our school. Your insights are invaluable to us, and we love the opportunity to connect with members of our school and the wider community.

Stay connected

Don't forget to follow our school's Facebook page, check the website and school bytes portal regularly to stay updated with the latest news and events. Once again thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to more community events in the coming months and hope to see you all there.

Holgate P&C

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>



**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**

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HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

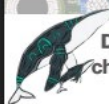
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Do you have an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child starting Kindergarten in 2026 on the Central Coast?

If Yes,

Please come along to one of our health screening days within your area, this is open to all kids enrolling in surrounding public and private schools.



Gorokan Public School

23 Dudley St, Gorokan
Thursday 23rd October
9:30 - 11:30

FREE Gifts for every child that finishes the screening:

- Backpack
- Pencil Case
- Lunch Box



Bateau Bay Public School

2A Waratah St, Bateau Bay
Thursday 30th October
9:30 - 11:30

Kids Health Screening Includes:

Speech, Physio, Dental, Hearing, Immunisations, Occupational Therapy (OT)

Plus, information on:

Aboriginal Health Services, Nutrition, Healthy Lunchbox, Social Work and Community Services



Young Black and Ready for School

Woy Woy South Public School

1 The School Mall, Woy Woy
Thursday 27th November
09:30-11:30

Transport Available

For more information contact
Ngiyang Aboriginal Pregnancy, Child and Family Health Service
(02) 4394 9148



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Free activities
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of NSW

Friday
10 October
9.30am – 3pm

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history and get creative in
workshops and role plays.

- Visit our heritage rooms
- Make craft animals and objects
- Play music and draw with Blak Douglas
- Have your say in a committee role play
- Learn how to vote
- Enjoy live music and more...



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LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

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