

HOLGATE NEWS

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Principal's Report

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff

Thank you to our P&C for Trivia Night Success

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the P&C for their outstanding efforts in organising the Trivia Night. The event was a tremendous success, boosted by the generosity of many community donors. The dedication of the P&C team shone through, creating a lively evening filled with fun activities and thought-provoking questions. Everyone who joined enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere, making the night truly memorable.

Appreciation for Sculptures on the Vine support

We are grateful to the P&C for their enthusiastic support and involvement in the Sculptures on the Vine event over the recent long weekend. This special occasion gave us a chance to proudly showcase our school and the impressive clay artworks crafted by our students. Thanks to the P&C's hard work, the event also doubled as a successful fundraiser. We truly appreciate their commitment to enriching our community with such meaningful experiences. We have a few models left in the front office. If your child's sculpture is one of these you can purchase it for a gold coin donation. There were some that perished in the weather and we apologise for that.

Have your say: 2025 Parent and Community Survey

We encourage all parents and community members to contribute to the 2025 Community and Parent Survey. Your input on areas like the school environment, communication, student wellbeing, and learning support is invaluable in helping us recognise our strengths and pinpoint areas for growth in 2026. The survey is anonymous and straightforward to complete. Sharing your views helps us build a more supportive and inclusive school community. Thank you for working with us to make 2025 a positive year for every student! Closing date is this Friday 7 November.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ELrkxc204Z>

Curriculum Reform and Staff professional learning update – Casual teachers

During Term 4 our school is focused on curriculum reform, with staff engaged in professional learning on the new HSIE, Science, CAPA, and PDHPE syllabuses ahead of their 2026 implementation. Teachers have devoted significant time both during and after school to learn detailed scope and sequences, explore and unpack unit content and consider assessment and reporting requirements. We are also examining specific teaching strategies for each syllabus to ensure effective and engaging delivery. These preparations will enable us to confidently introduce the refreshed curriculum and continue offering high-quality learning opportunities.

As part of our school's commitment to ongoing professional learning, teachers will be replaced in the classroom by casual teachers. This allows our staff to participate in important training while ensuring that your child's learning continues without interruption.

Each morning, we provide an induction for casual teachers to familiarise them with our school environment, class routines and student needs. We also take this opportunity to remind our students about behaviour expectations. We emphasise that the presence of a casual teacher is not an excuse for poor behaviour. All

students are expected to uphold our school's behaviour standards, and any inappropriate behaviour will be addressed through the usual school processes.

These expectations reflect the values of our community, staff, students and the Department of Education. We kindly ask that you discuss this with your child and support our school in maintaining a respectful and positive learning environment.

Thank you for your ongoing support regarding this.

Reports available in School Bytes – Friday 12 December

We wish to inform parents that student reports will be accessible via School Bytes on Friday, 12 December. Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding your child's report, please contact their respective teachers.

Online safety and supervision: Navigating TikTok, Roblox and other Apps

As much as social media platforms and online games like TikTok and Roblox offer fun and creative outlets for students, it's important for parents, educators, and caregivers to stay informed and vigilant about online safety.



Key Concerns:

- *Privacy Risks:* Apps like TikTok and Roblox collect data and can expose children to strangers if privacy settings aren't properly managed.
- *Inappropriate Content:* Despite moderation efforts, some users may share or encounter inappropriate or harmful content.
- *Online Interaction:* Platforms encourage social interaction, but students can be vulnerable to cyberbullying, scams, and other negative behaviours.
- *Screen Time:* Excessive use may impact students' focus, sleep, and wellbeing.

Gaming apps like Roblox are popular among students, offering immersive and creative experiences. However, these platforms often include chat features and user-generated content, which require careful supervision to ensure safe and positive interactions.

Supervision Tips:

- *Set Clear Boundaries:* Discuss and agree on appropriate screen time limits and types of apps students can use.
- *Use Parental Controls:* Many apps, including Roblox and TikTok, offer parental controls to restrict content and manage who can interact with your child.
- *Monitor Activity:* Regularly check in on what your child is doing online and encourage open conversations about their digital experiences.
- *Educate About Online Safety:* Teach students not to share personal information and to report any uncomfortable interactions.

Positive Behaviour for Learning focus – Weeks 3 and 4

Our focus for Weeks 3 and 4 is Digital Safety. We encourage all students to practise responsible online behaviour, stay safe when using digital platforms and seek help if they encounter anything concerning.

We advise parents and carers to maintain awareness of their child's online activity and support them in navigating digital spaces responsibly and safely.

Congratulations to Year 6 on a successful Crazy Sock and Hair Fundraiser!

A big thank you to all the students, staff and families who took part in the Year 6 Crazy Sock and Hair Fundraiser. Together, we raised an impressive \$135 to support the Year 6 Farewell celebrations! Your creativity and enthusiasm made this event a great success. Well done to everyone involved – your support helps make this special milestone even more memorable!

Christmas Toy appeal – Join us in giving!

Holgate Public School, together with the Erina Learning Community, is excited to support the "We Care Connect Christmas Toy Appeal" this year. We're aiming to be the schools on the coast with the most donations! We encourage all families to send along unwrapped toy donations to the school office from Week 2 onwards. Please refer to the attached flyer for suggested gift ideas and donation details. Let's work together to bring joy to children in need this Christmas!

Kind regards, Mrs Gordon Principal



Dates to remember

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Kinder Headstart	K - 2026	Thursday 30 October	9.30am – 11am
P&C Meeting		Monday 3 November	7pm in staffroom all welcome
Kinder Headstart	K - 2026	Thursday 6 November	9.30am – 11am
P&C Halloween Disco	K – 6	Friday 7 November	Monday 3 November
Kinder Headstart	K – 2026	Thursday 13 November	9.30am – 11am
Years 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion	Yrs 5 & 6	Wed 12 Nov – Fri 14 Nov	
Kinder Headstart	K – 2026	Thursday 13 November	9.30am – 11am
Years 3 & 4 Sydney Excursion	Yrs 3 & 4	Monday 17 November	\$90 due Mon 3 November
Kinder Headstart	K – 2026	Thursday 20 November	9.30am – 11am
Year 5 Little Day out EHS	Year 5	Monday 24 November	Due 14 Nov 25
Kinder Headstart + Graduation	K – 2026	Thursday 27 November	9.30am – 11am
P&C Meeting		Monday 1 December	7pm in staffroom all welcome
Teddy Bears' Picnic	K & Yr 6	Thursday 4 December	
Year 6 Mini Fete	K – 6	Friday 5 December	
Charity Shield	K – 6	Friday 5 December	
Presentation Ceremony	K – 6	Tuesday 9 December	9am – 11am
Year 6 Fun Day	Yr 6	Thursday 10 December	
Helpers Morning Tea		Thursday 11 December	8am – 8.45am
Christmas Carols & Picnic Dinner	All welcome	Thursday 11 December	5pm – 7pm
Year 6 Farewell		Monday 15 December	5pm – 8.30pm
Red Faces	K – 6	Wednesday 17 December	
Year 6 final walkout	K – 6	Friday 19 December	2pm
Final day for Students and Staff	K – 6	Friday 19 December	

This newsletter is published in Weeks 3, 6 and 9. The next on Wednesday 19 November 2025

The next assembly is on Friday 31 October 2025 at 2pm in the school hall.

Class Awards – Academic Achievement Award

- K/1:** **James C:** for working hard on his reading and writing
Darcy C: for sharing his ideas during class discussions with confidence
Eden K: for a great start to Term 4
Eva P: for producing writing tasks with good sentence structure and illustrations
Aadel M: for engaging in all tasks with great enthusiasm
- 1/2/3** **Jack M:** for showing motivation and perseverance in working diligently to achieve writing goals
Amelia W: for her commendable commitment to being a responsible member of her class
Charlie O: for his knowledge and application of our phonics focus each week
Liliana N: for her outstanding effort and growth in solving mathematical problems
Georgia F: for her insightful contributions to all class discussions
- 3/4/5** **Kora M:** for writing more detailed texts with dialogue and accurate punctuation!
Conor S: for applying teacher feedback to improve his writing! Well done Conor!
Freyja V: for applying efficient strategies to solve more complex problems in mathematics
Maik P: for displaying improvement in maths by consistently working hard
Isla P: for working hard in mathematics and using efficient strategies to solve number problems
- 5/6** **Harley W:** for demonstrating excellent leadership and organisational skills
Ari E: for a beautifully written letter to the editor about the 'Tent Embassy'
Flynn M: for a beautifully written letter to the editor about the 'Tent Embassy'
Bella N: for consistently converting between metric units when measuring weight
Henry M: for a detailed Bardi style kinship chart

Read and Discover (RAD) Awards

- Bronze Award (50 Nights):** Nash M; Georgia F
Silver Award (100 Nights): Nasma M
Gold Award (150 Nights): Liliana N
Double Platinum Award (250 Nights): Willow M



School News

Canberra

Please look out for the latest Canberra update coming out tomorrow, Thursday 30 October. There have been a few changes to our itinerary. This update also includes clothing requirement. STUDENTS WILL NEED THEIR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM OR SUMMER TUNIC (NO SPORTS UNIFORMS) WHEN THEY ATTEND PARLIAMENT HOUSE BECAUSE THEY NEED TO PRESENT RESPECTFULLY. If you do not have one please feel free to borrow one from the uniform pool.

Student Artwork

Charlie O is sharing with us some of his recent artwork!

Great job Charlie!



Holgate P & C News

Hello from the P&C

Welcome to Term 4! It's hard to believe we're already in the final stretch of the year. What a wonderful and exciting term we have ahead of us! We hope you all had a fantastic break and enjoyed the glorious weather we were blessed with!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY

We are filled with gratitude for the amazing support from our incredible families, staff and local community!

As you may be aware, last term and over the holidays we had a number of fundraising events to support our wonderful school and local community. We have been blown away by the incredible generosity and spirit shown throughout our recent fundraising events. Together, we've raised an incredible amount that will go directly towards our school.

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talents, prizes and energy to make these events a huge success:

- **Father's Day BBQ Breakfast and Raffle** – A big shout out to our organisers and donors for the wonderful prizes and to everyone who bought tickets. Your support made this a huge success! **We raised a total \$1,416**
- **Holgate Trivia Night** – What an incredible evening of laughs, friendly competition, and community spirit. Thank you to all who attended, donated prizes, and helped on the night – It was one to remember! **We raised an incredible \$8,000!**
- **Firescreek Winery "Sculptures at Firescreek"** - Our community truly shone at this unique event. Thank you the beautiful Nadia for welcoming the Holgate P&C to your gorgeous winery for this event. We were proud to share a selection of our student's wonderful sculptures from our Under the Sea Exhibition alongside our lovely P&C's Cake and Craft Stall. Thank you to everyone who baked, crafted, sold and supported our school! **We raised \$1,500 over the two days!**

The funds raised from three events will make a real difference for our students, and we couldn't have done it without you.

WHAT'S COMING UP – TERM 4 EVENTS

The fun isn't over yet! We have some exciting events lined up to finish the year off.

SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER – 5pm to 7pm

Get your costumes ready... The theme this year is HALLOWEEN!

Students can look forward to a night of music, dancing and spooky fun. Don't miss out on this ghostly gathering. A note/form has been sent via school bytes with information regarding this event. Please ensure this is completed and returned to the front office by Monday 3 November.

We can't wait to see everyone there to celebrate another fantastic year together at Holgate Public School!

CANTEEN

We are incredibly grateful to all our canteen helpers who selflessly volunteer their time to support our school community. A huge thank you to Imke and Alecia for getting the canteen up and running again this term. After a little hiccup when returning from the break, these incredible ladies worked very hard to get it all running in tip top shape for our students' first week back this term.

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!

CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

A huge thank you to our incredible uniform shop team, Lizzie and Cathi who recently dedicated over 5 hours sorting through the flood of clothing donations we have recently received! Your hard work and organisation keep our shop running smoothly and ensures families can access quality pre-loved uniforms all year round.

A big thank you for the recent donations to our uniform shop. A note will be sent out soon with an update on what we currently need most, so please keep an eye out for this.

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.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN

Our school is truly special because of its community – families, staff and local supporters who continue to show up and give so generously. The P&C appreciates each and every one of you for your ongoing support.

Here's to a fabulous Term 4 full of fun, friendship and school spirit!

Thank you

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>





WE CARE CONNECT

Christmas toy appeal

We're aiming to make sure nearly 4,000 children across the Central Coast and Hunter wake up to a gift under the tree.

Please donate **brand new, unwrapped gifts** for girls and boys, from newborns to 18-year-olds.

Gift ideas include:

- Board games, puzzles, frisbees, footballs, beach towels, sunhats, art supplies, STEM kits, cosmetics, movie vouchers, and gift cards.

Stocking fillers:

- Uno, books, craft kits, toiletries, fidget toys, playdough.

Kindly donate your gifts by Friday 5 December to give our volunteer elves time to spread the cheer!

Holgate Public School, as part of the Erina Learning Community, are participating in 'We Care Connect's Christmas Toy Appeal'. Let's be the school on the coast with the MOST donations!

Please bring donations (unwrapped) to the office from Week 2!

Thank you help children across the coast experience the joy of a present at Christmas time.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

Newborn to 1: Board/soft books, soft balls, soft toys, rattles, activity mats, blocks, Duplo, pull alongs, bath toys, shapes

2 year olds: Board books, balls, simple puzzles, dolls, soft toys, Duplo, push a long toys, blocks, crayons, Play-Doh, beach hoods, buckets & spade, bath toys, cars/trucks, activity sets, shape sets

3-5 year olds: Puzzles, books, super hero dress up, balls, Lego/Duplo, magna tiles, matching games, activity books, washable textures, Paw Patrol, Bluey, Peppa pig, dinosaurs, farm/zoo animals, musical instruments, balls, trucks/cars/vehicles, dolls/Barbies, doll clothes and accessories, tea/picnic/tool sets, kitchen/shop/farm sets, doctor sets, wipe/draw tablets, sensory/fiddle toys.

6-10 year olds: Squishmallows, Lego, puzzles, Magna tiles, Meccano, sporting/outdoor equipment – cricket, bat/ball, soccer, dinosaurs, super heroes, dress ups, card games (Guess who, Uno, Snap), board games, monster trucks, dolls and accessories, stunt/remote control vehicles, Hot Wheels, boy blades, frisbees, body boards, air hockey, magic kits, science kits, art/craft kits, scooters, skateboards, sensory/fidgets

Tweens and Teens: Teen vouchers, movie vouchers, time zone vouchers, kites, skateboards, body boards, beach towels, foot/basket balls, science/STEM kits, technic Lego, toiletries, electronic games, Art/craft kits, journals/pens, board games (Monopoly, Game of Life, Uno, Cluedo, Exploding Kittens, Operation, Mouse Trap, Scattagories, Pictionary), Jenga, stress balls and fidget things, nail polish, cosmetics, jewellery

15+: Teen vouchers, movie tickets + food, sweets, male/female skin care and hair products, cosmetics, sunglasses, caps, male/female jewellery, fishing rods, tackle boxes, art kits, candle making kits, scented candles, phone mounts, power banks for mobiles, phone charging pads, bluetooth speakers

Join us for a night of frightful fun, eerie excitement, and devilish dancing!



When: Friday 7th November 2025

Time: 5-7pm

Where: School Hall

Cost: \$10 per child or \$25 for family. Tickets include a packet of chips and prizes for the best dancers.

Theme: Halloween

What to bring: A labelled water bottle

Don't miss out on this ghostly gathering! Please complete the form below (one per family) and place in an envelope with your child/s name/class and amount clearly labelled on the front and return directly to the office by Monday 3rd November 2025

We can't wait to see you there... if you dare!

Payment options include:

Cash - Please include the correct amount in the envelope

Electronic Transfer - Holgate Public School P&C

BSB – 082574

ACC - 037972903.

Ref: discosurname

NOTE: NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON THE NIGHT

School Disco - Friday 7th November 2025

CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAME: CLASS/s:

NUMBER OF TICKETS (\$10pp).....

☐ Cash Amount Enclosed:..... ☐ Online Payment Amount:..... Date Made:

SONG REQUEST.....

The Lions Club of Wyoming-East Gosford Centennial proudly presents
International Entertainment Australia's...

2025 World Festival of Magic

The World Festival of Magic features world-class acts performing astonishing illusions, interactive magic, and comedy. Providing relaxed theatre performances for children, young adults and families in the NSW Central Coast.

Enjoy the "live performance" experience with a casual attitude to audience noise and movement in an accessible and inclusive environment, where you are welcomed and free to be yourself without restriction or judgement.

One hour shows. Suitable for all ages and accessible for people...

- with diverse abilities and backgrounds (wheelchair accessible)
- who might require a more flexible and inclusive environment when attending the theatre (sensory-friendly).
- who are facing hardship.
- are without access or opportunity to live theatre.

*Featuring moving and flashing lights, and upbeat, sometimes dramatic music.

ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY, including parent, sibling and carer tickets. Thanks to sponsorship from local businesses.

*Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.

Scan the QR Code to visit the shows website and watch highlights from previous shows...



NIAGARA PARK STADIUM

18 Washington Ave, Niagara Park, NSW


SHOW DATE	#1 SHOWTIME	#2 SHOWTIME
SUNDAY, 9 th NOVEMBER 2025	11.00 AM	2.00 PM

To book tickets, please email your name, preferred showtime/s and ticket numbers to...

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