



# HOLGATE NEWS

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Wednesday 28 May 2025

## Principal's Report

### Dear Students, Parents, and Staff

#### "Chat with Mrs Gordon"

This term, parents and carers are invited to a "Chat with Mrs. Gordon." This informal session serves as a casual meet-and-greet, providing an opportunity for parents and carers to engage in open conversation.

Join me on Thursday 29 May, from 2 pm to 3 pm. Please RSVP with the school office. For any further inquiries, please email [holgate-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:holgate-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or call 4367 7444.

#### Kindy 2026 Enrolment and Open Day

Over the next fortnight I am visiting our Kindergarten 2026 students' preschools or day care facilities. I am also attending many information and transition nights with our future Kindergarten parents and carers.

Please, if you know of any local enrolments in our catchment, please get them to contact us.

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

#### Composite and multistage classes benefits

Many parents and carers have expressed concerns about multi-grade or stage classes since my return to Holgate. Feedback indicates that many worry about the construction of classes such as 1/2/3 or 3/4/5. Most teachers have experienced teaching a straight class and recognise that they can be just as complex as multi-grade or stage classes like ours.

The most important aspect of any class composition is understanding our students academically, socially and emotionally, regardless of the class structure. This understanding equips teachers to effectively use our summative and formative assessment practices and data to differentiate instruction. This differentiation occurs at our school in English and Mathematics. For the other key learning areas, we utilise multi-grade units. Teachers also employ departmental scopes and sequences documents to ensure that syllabus outcomes and content are taught.

Being a small school with these multi-grade or stage classes has so many benefits:

1. **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.
2. **Strong Community:** Small schools tend to foster a close-knit community where students, parents, and teachers know each other well, creating a supportive environment.
3. **Increased Participation:** Students in small schools often have more opportunities to participate in various activities, such as sports, music and leadership, which can enhance their school experience.

4. **Stronger Relationships:** With fewer students, it's easier for teachers to build strong relationships with their students, which can lead to a more positive and engaging learning environment.
5. **Flexible Learning Environments:** Small schools have more flexibility in their curriculum and teaching methods, allowing for innovative approaches to education.
6. **Enhanced Communication:** Communication between parents and teachers can be more direct and effective in smaller settings, leading to better collaboration on student progress.
7. **Focus on Socio-emotional learning:** Smaller schools emphasise social-emotional learning, helping students develop important life skills.
8. **Lower Stress Levels:** The environment in small schools can be less overwhelming for some students, potentially leading to lower stress levels and better mental health.

### **Thank you, P&C**

Thank you to our very busy and dedicated P&C over the last four weeks. The Mother's Day stall, BBQ, and cake stall on Election Day, along with incidental fundraising opportunities, have all gone smoothly. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the P&C executive and the army of helpers who volunteered their time to organise and run these events. THANK YOU!

### **Public Education Week – Save the Date!**

Term 3, Week 3, Thursday, 7 August – Holgate Creative Arts Expo

Parents, carers, and grandparents are welcome! We will be opening classrooms and activities, having a picnic lunch and then launching the Creative Arts Expo. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **GRIP Leadership**

Thank you to our office staff and Mrs. Dowling for taking our Year 6 students to the leadership conference. The students have indicated that they are excited to plan and consider activities as a result of their attendance.

### **Staff Zone Cross Country**

Friday 30 May is the Zone Cross Country. I wish our Holgate runners all the best. Thank you, Mrs Dowling, for your organisation.

### **Photo Day 2025**

Monday 2 June is our school photo day. Please make sure students are in their full school uniform, clean shoes and tidy hair for the event. Please see the information in this newsletter to order school photos.

### **Reports 2025**

School reports will be emailed home during the week starting Monday June 30, Week 10. These will remain available for you to access on School Bytes while your child attends Holgate Public School. If you would like a printed hardcopy, please contact the school.

### **Attendance 2025**

Attending school every day allows your child to get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options. Regular school attendance can help expand your child's learning and create positive relationships with their peers. If you require support in getting your child ready and motivated for school, please reach out to us. Read more about the benefits of regular attendance on the [department website](#).

## Baring Regional Alliance - NAIDOC

Please find attached flyers for Connected Beginnings Expo Day, Reconciliation 2025 March Coast Shelter, Community NAIDOC events and Ngilyang Drop In Vaccination Clinic.

## Asphalting Bottom Playground

The removal and re-laying of the asphalt on the bottom playground is in the final stages. Please exercise caution when onsite due to potential hazards. I look forward to new printing of images. This is a great improvement to this area.

Thank you,

Kind regards, Mrs Gordon

## School News

| Event                          | Year         | Date                 | Note Due/Cost        |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Rescheduled Zone Cross Country | Selected     | Friday 30 May        | No new note needed   |
| P&C Meeting                    |              | Monday 2 June        | 7pm in the staffroom |
| <b>School Photos</b>           | <b>K – 6</b> | <b>Monday 2 June</b> | Information below    |
| School Athletics Carnival      | K – 6        | Wednesday 4 June     | Thursday 29 May/\$10 |
| CCC Waterwise                  | K – 6        | Thursday 5 June      |                      |
| Kings Birthday Public Holiday  | K – 6        | Monday 9 June        |                      |
| Sydney North Cross Country     | Selected     | Friday 13 June       |                      |
| Band Big Day Out               | Band         | Tuesday 17 June      | Info from CCCM       |
| 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 |

This newsletter is published in Weeks 2, 5 and 8. The next on Wednesday 18 June 2025

The next assembly is on Friday 6 June 2025 at 2pm in the school hall.

## Read and Discover (RAD) Awards

**Bronze Award (50 Nights):** Emily C; Billie B; Eric L; Charlotte H; Liliana N

**Silver Award (100 Nights):** Harrison B; Lyla B



## Administration

### School Photography – Monday 2 June 2025

Our school photographs will be on Monday 2 June 2025. You can order online using information in this newsletter. Printed flyers have also been distributed to students and spare cash envelopes will be available for those unable to order online.

Please note:

- Individual ordering is available until 16 June 2025
- Family ordering cuts off at midnight Sunday 1 June and no family orders can be placed online after this time.

- Family orders must be placed by midnight Sunday 1 June so photographers can organise sibling photos on photography day.
- If any order is not placed by the cut-off time it cannot be guaranteed that a sibling photo can be taken.
- Single parent families have the option when checking out online to tick a box for their order to be held at the school office for collection. MSP cannot be held responsible for orders that are not received if they have not been notified.



## School Photo Day is

2 June 2025

*Have your child's school memories captured forever*

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography Flyer and remember these helpful points:

You can place your order online up to 14 days after photo day

1. Scan the QR code on the flyer
2. Click on sign in with student details
3. Enter your child's surname and date of birth. You will be prompted to create an account. Once logged in, you will be able to add additional children and place sibling photo orders.

Sibling orders must be placed by midnight the day before photo day

Want to order later, individual students only...  
phone our office (orders will be subject to a surcharge).

Family order forms can be collected from the school office

*Single Parent families now have the option when checking out online to tick a box for their order to be held at the school office for collection so upon delivery the correct photo order is returned to the correct parent.*

MSP cannot be held responsible for orders that are not received if we have not been notified.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

e admin.nhvcc@misp.com.au  
p 02 4966 8292  
www.misp.com.au

**Photo day for your school is on  
Monday 2 June 2025**

**Ordering online is quick and easy using the steps below!**

### Step 1

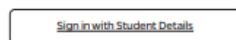
Go to our ordering portal using the below link or scan the QR Code

<https://holgatepublicschool-nsw.misp.photos/Photos/>



### Step 2

Click 'Sign in with Student Details'



Enter your child's surname and date of birth. You will be prompted to create an account. Once logged in, the dashboard will show your child's name. Click on "Order 2025 Photographs" to order your photos

### Step 3

To order for another child, click "Order for Another Child" and then click "Add Via Child Details" and enter their surname and date of birth. Family/Sibling Photos are also available.

**All Family/Sibling orders must be placed by 11pm the day before photo day.**

*Please note - A late/processing fee will apply for orders received 1 week after photo day.*

## Absent from School

Holgate Public School is required by DoE policy to seek advice from parents as to why their child is absent on any day/late for school. You may have noticed many more notifications on School Bytes asking for a reason for your child's absence as we are trying to get on top of unexplained absences. Please be aware that if your child is absent you can notify via the School Bytes Parent Portal, or alternatively you can email or phone the school with details of an absence.

## Athletics Carnival

Thank you to the many parents who have already responded to the Athletics Carnival Notes on School Bytes and thank you to the overwhelming offers of transport for students whose parents are unable to drive. **Notes are due back tomorrow, Thursday 29 May 2025.** Once all notes are returned we will finalise our spreadsheets and notify parents who their children will be travelling with. We will also notify drivers which children they will be transporting. All parent drivers have been fully screened following DoE policy guidelines. There can be no swapping of children between cars as we need to ensure that all students are travelling with the parents we have allocated.

## **Digi Ed – Digital Animation Workshop**

Yesterday notes were emailed via School Bytes for the Digi Ed incursion on Friday 20 June 2025. We understand that this is quite expensive and as we don't want any child to miss out please reply to the School Bytes email if you need financial help with this excursion. This will remain completely confidential.

## **Holgate P & C News**

### **Can you believe we're already at the halfway mark for the term?**

As we near the end of Week 5, it feels like only yesterday that we were returning from holidays to start a new term! In recent weeks, our community has experienced quite a shift in the weather. The torrential rain and subsequent flooding has certainly reminded us that winter is swiftly approaching. We understand that these conditions can be challenging, and we hope you and your families are staying safe and dry.

### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed their time and effort to make our Mother's Day Stall a delightful success. The smiles on the children's faces as they selected gifts for their beloved mums were truly heart-warming. We hope all the mothers cherished their special day and enjoyed the thoughtful presents chosen just for them.

Special thanks go to Colleen and her team of helpers—Lori, Alicia, Cathi, Karen, Sharyn, Briana, Shane, and Ben—for their indispensable role in this year's Mother's Day Stall.

Our appreciation also extends to Centered Ceramics at Umina for their support and generous discount. A big thank you to Anna, Peta, and Jodi for organising this with Centered Ceramics. We are also grateful to Gittoes Real Estate for donating a fantastic hamper basket, valued at approximately \$350, for our Mother's Day raffle. Additional thanks to Peta for crafting the delicious rocky road, Cathi for her remarkable homemade gifts, and Sharyn for her donation of plants to this year's stall. Thank you all once again for your invaluable contributions!

### **CANTEEN**

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated volunteers - Imke, Alecia, Cathi and Briana who contributed their time and energy to the recent canteen clean out and stocktake. Also, a special mention to Ben F for the use of your steam cleaner and Vicki C for your donation of cleaning supplies. Your hard work and commitment have not gone unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for your support and teamwork!

We would also like to reach out to ask for your support in keeping our beloved school canteen thriving! Our canteen is a vital part of our students' week, providing nutritious meals and snacks that fuel their learning and play. To continue offering this service, we're in need of volunteers each week. Whether you can spare a few hours or a full day, your help would make a huge difference. Volunteering is a wonderful way to connect with the school community and see first-hand the joy your efforts bring to our students.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please reach out to us via Facebook or at [holgate.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:holgate.pandc@gmail.com)

### **NEXT MEETING**

We would love for you to join us for the next P&C meeting this coming Monday 2 June at 7pm, in the staffroom. This is a great chance to get involved, voice your ideas, and stay informed about what's happening in our school. All are welcome!

Once again, thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we can 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.

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>

Thank you

Holgate P&C



**You are invited to**

**A Chat with Mrs Gordon**



**This is an informal session, a casual meet-and-greet which is a great opportunity for parents and carers to engage in an open chat with Mrs Gordon about our school.**

**We value your input and hope to see you there!**

**9 - 10am Tuesday 27 May 2025**

**2 - 3pm Thursday 29 May 2025**

**Location: School Office**

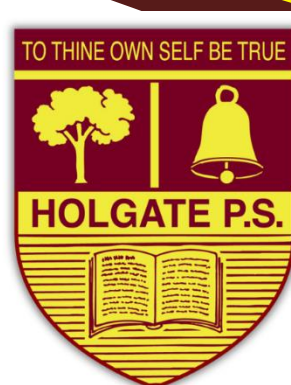
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*You're invited to our school*

# 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

*Please R.S.V.P*

Ph. 02 43 677 444

E: [holgate-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:holgate-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



## 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**

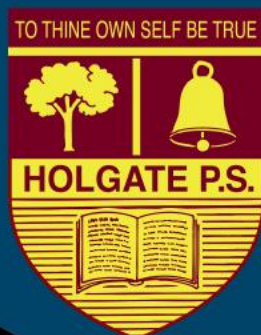




## OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the NSW curriculum, Holgate 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!

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

## 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

Holgate 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.



## HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

Holgate 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.





Central Coast  
**NAIDOC**  
Community Day

**TUESDAY  
8TH JULY  
2025**

**WYONG RACE COURSE**  
HOWARTH STREET,  
WYONG NSW 2259

FOLLOW  
UNYARA\_NGIYANG\_ABORIGINAL\_HLTH  
FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM  
TAY UP TO DATE WITH EVENT INFORMATION

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**THE NEXT GENERATION:  
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**  
6-13 JULY 2025

Central Coast  
Local Health District

**Ngiyang Drop In Vaccination Clinic**

**Upcoming dates:**  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2025  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Times:** 9am - 3pm

**Location:**  
Ngiyang Aboriginal Child and Family Health  
Clinic  
2/2A Bounty Close  
Tuggerah

**Phone:** 4394 9148

Please bring your Medicare card and child's  
blue book on the day

- \*0-5 years Imms
- \*Flu shot
- \*RSV
- \*Whooping Cough

Central Coast  
Local Health District

**THE NEXT GENERATION:  
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**

Join us for a fun-filled community celebration  
honoring the history, culture, & achievements of  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

- Cultural skills demonstration by local artists
- Live DJ playing great tunes all day!
- Live Q&A session with local leaders
- Coffee & food from local businesses
- An inspiring celebration for future generations

**Date:** Friday 11th July 2025  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Location:** 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach 2257

**Mingaletta**  
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation

**THE NEXT GENERATION:  
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**

**2025 NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY  
ON DARKINJUNG COUNTRY**  
9TH JULY 2025 - 10AM - 2PM  
GARNET ABCOCK PARK, WEST BOSFORD



**EXPO DAY!**  
MONDAY 2ND JUNE 10am - 2pm  
CENTRAL COAST WETLANDS,  
1897 SOUTH TACOMA RD, TUGGERAH

Come along for a deadly  
day out celebrating community,  
culture, and connection.

Scan for tickets

**connected beginnings**  
**yagunda**  
baranggu

**ELEANOR DUNCAN**  
Aboriginal  
Services

## COME TOGETHER FOR RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY MAY 29TH

**JOIN US** as we come together to celebrate  
First Nations cultures and strengthen our  
community bonds.

**MARCH DETAILS:**  
**Start:** Coast Shelter (346 Mann St, Gosford)  
**Time:** 9:30AM sharp

Arrive at Industree Group Stadium at 10AM to  
join in a celebration of culture and community.

- Smoking ceremony
- Cultural demonstrations
- Community spirit

Come be part of something powerful. Everyone is welcome!

A special thank you to our event sponsors and partners:







## **Tjudibaring A.E.C.G**

### **Fundraising BBQ**

Date: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Where: Mitre 10

19 Kerta Rd, Kincumber

Time: From 8am until sold out

Please come along and support this fundraising event to go towards our upcoming Tjudibaring Cup- community sports day and Annual Awards evening.



"Where the waves beat like heartbeats."