



Term 3 Week 4, 2025

Principal's Report

Dear Mascot Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well, staying dry and warm. We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful turnout during our Open Morning for Education Week. It was delightful to have so many families join in our class activities, enjoy performances from our talented choirs, and share morning tea with their children.

There is an exciting buzz around the school as we gear up for the upcoming Colour Fun Run! The children are eagerly eyeing potential prizes, and classes are competing to be the first to complete their registrations. This year, we will have extra slime and colour powder, promising even more fun for everyone involved!

I've had the pleasure of meeting many families of our future students who will be starting school next year. It's wonderful to see the excitement in the air, from both children and their parents! A friendly reminder to those with children starting school next year to please complete an enrolment form if you haven't done so already.

As we continue to foster a strong community spirit, I want to remind everyone about the importance of our school uniform. Wearing a uniform plays a crucial role in developing a sense of togetherness among students and staff.

Uncoming Dates

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19 August	NRL 9's Gala Day Book Week Parade
20 August	NSW Touch Gala Day
25 August	South Sydney Zone Athletics Carnival Public Speaking Class Competitions
26 August	Preschool Group A Fire Brigade Visit
29 August	Fun Day! More information to come
4 Sept	Preschool Group B Fire Brigade Visit
5 Sept	Father's Day Stall
11 Sept	RU Ok? Day

See School Bytes calendar for further dates



Principal's Report continued

Here are some key benefits of our uniform policy:

- 1. Cohesion: Uniforms create equality among students from different backgrounds, fostering a sense of belonging.
- Bullying Reduction: By minimising points of difference, uniforms help reduce potential teasing and bullying.
- 3. Improved Study Ethic: Uniforms can boost confidence, allowing students to focus on their learning rather than their attire.
- 4. Safety: Uniforms easily identify students as members of our school, enhancing safety during excursions and school activities.
- 5. Fair Dress Codes: A standard uniform simplifies dress codes and minimises the potential for peer pressure based on clothing choices.
- 6. Professional Preparation: Wearing a uniform helps children understand the importance of dressing appropriately for various situations in the future.
- 7. Easier Mornings: Having a set uniform streamlines morning routines, making it easier for parents and children alike.
- 8. Encouragement of Professionalism: Uniforms can promote a more focused and serious attitude toward learning.
- 9. Reduced Distractions: With uniforms, students are less distracted by fashion trends and can concentrate on their studies.
- 10. Character Focus: Uniforms allow children to be defined by their character rather than their clothing.
- 11. Economical for Parents: Uniforms simplify shopping and can be more durable, saving parents money in the long run.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that all students wear the full school uniform. It contributes immensely to our school community, enhancing the learning environment for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to more exciting events ahead!



School News - Attendance

NSW Department of Education



Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents and carers

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.

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 Standards Authority for home schooling.

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

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
- gives 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 had 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
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

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Compulsory school attendance - English 1





School News - Attendance

NSW Department of Education

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

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

What age can my child leave

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.

Telephone interpreter service

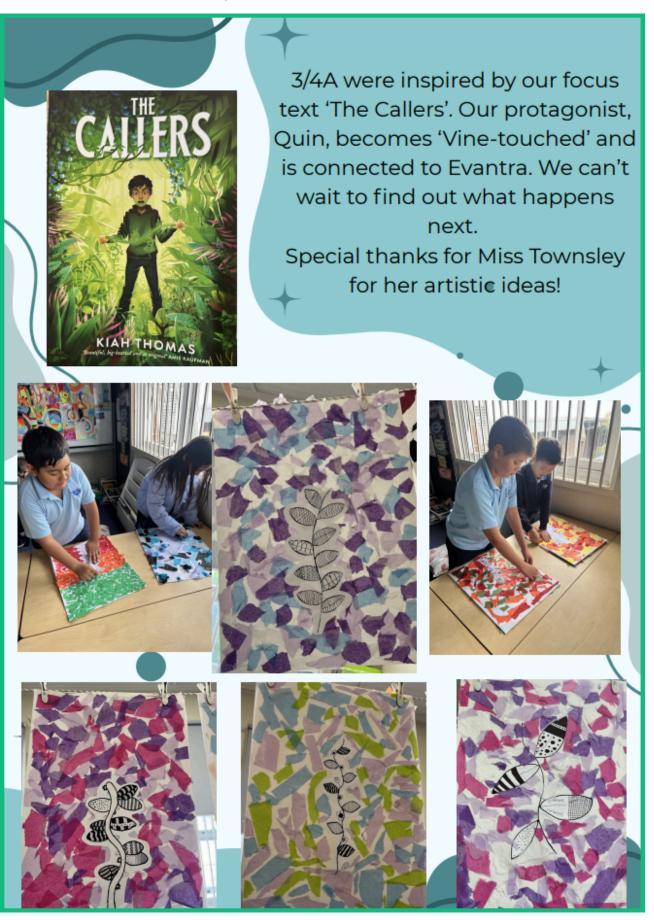
Please contact the school if you would like more information. If you need interpreter assistance to contact the school, please call 131 450, tell them what language you need and ask the operator to phone the school. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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Compulsory school attendance - English 2



School News - Class 3/4A



School News - Class 1G

1G News

1G students have been practicing their fluency through Readers' Theatre, which has improved their reading skills and confidence. During maths lessons, students have been playing games that explore positional language and chance, making learning interactive and fun.







Last week, we welcomed out wonderful families into the classroom to celebrate Education Week!











Grow Your Mind Awards

GROW YOUR MIND AWARDS





WEEK 2 (TERM 3): KINDNESS



Preschool A

- Stella
- Alibina

Early Stage 1

- Amelia & Trinley (KN)
- Spencer & Pippa (KP)
- Elizabeth & Ivoree-Reign (KD)
- Benji & Samiya (KW)

Preschool B

- Amariya
- Finnley

Stage 1

- Jasmine & Kaninika (1G)
- Sahara & Marina (1Y)
- Nathan & Felix (1R)
- Yalda & Abbas (2A)
- Sodnomdorj & Evie (2B)
- Ilhan & Sophie (2K)

Stage 2

- Abasah & Kate Ashley (3/4A)
- Munkhjin & Serra (3/4F)
- Yasin & Yasmina (3/4G)
- Seini & Tobias (3/4T)

Stage 3

- Joshua & Annabelle (5/6R)
- Dibbo & Saden (5/6M)
- Alicia & Saran (5/6S)
- Jasmine & Sami (5/6T)



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Preschool A

- Nayhan
- Nafiza

Early Stage 1

- Muzaffer & Mohammed (KD)
- Orlando & Edward (KN)
- Jacob & Kadek (KP)
- Irhaa & Elsie (KW)

Preschool B

- Aruna
- Lachlan

Stage 1

- Yusei & Arya (1G)
- Marcelia & Destiny (1R)
- Jessica & Tamjid (1Y)
- Zara & Amira (2A)
- Omer & Longo'uha (2B)
- Nafio & Zac (2K)

Stage 2

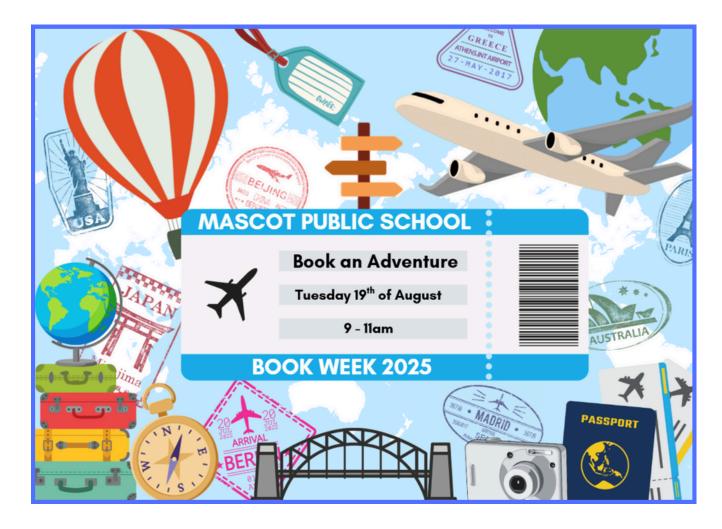
- (3/4A)
- Samaira & Harry (3/4F)
- Tyberius & Erkhes (3/4G)
- Joseph & Eva (3/4T)

Stage 3

- Zion & Tubi (5/6M)
- Angus & Karlee (5/6R)
- Thomas & Pedro (5/6S)
- Harrison & Chida (5/6T)



Book Week Parade - Theme - Book an Adventure



Children are to come dressed as their favourite book character and/or the theme. Parents are welcome to come dressed too!

> This is a normal school day. Students are expected to be present from 9am to 3pm

School News - Pantry 4 the People

Thank you so much to Stage 2 for their kind donations to the pantry last week.

It was much appreciated!

If you are in Stage 2 and would like to donate some items to the pantry, the orange tub will be located in the Stage 2 annexe until the end of week 5.



School News - Bangladesh Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you once again to support Bangladesh breakfast event to raise fund for NSW Cancer Council.

We have raised \$11560 dollar from the event.









School News - Cultural Events

16th August

Krishna Janmashtami

Krishna Janmashtami is one of the most important Hindu festivals. This day celebrates the birthday of Lord Krishna. According to Hindu mythologies, Krishna is the god of love, compassion, warmth, and devotion. The celebratory customs associated with Janmashtami include a celebration festival.

dance and enactments of the life of Krishna, and fasting (upavasa). Some break their daylong fast at midnight with a feast.

Krishna Janmashtami is widely celebrated across India and abroad



25th August

Australian South Sea Islanders National Recognition Day In 1994, the Commonwealth Government recognised Australian South Sea Islanders as a distinct cultural group.

A formal Recognition Statement by the Queensland Government followed this in September 2000.



26th-27th August Ganesh Chaturthi

Ganesh Chaturthi is a Hindu celebration of the birth of Lord Ganesha. The festival is marked with the installation of Ganesha's murtis (devotional representations of a deity) privately in homes and publicly on elaborate pandals (temporary stages).



Road Safety Information -walking to and from school

Transport for NSW

Road safety

Walking safely together to and from school

Walking to and from school is a great way to spend time with your child and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few tips to help keep your child safer as a pedestrian:

- Plan, practise and talk with your child about being alert in the road environment.
- Until your child is at least 8 years old, always hold their hand, as they can be easily distracted. Children need your help to spot dangers.
- Then, up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, and hold their hand when crossing the road.
- Always use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Meet your child near the school gate. Never call them from across the road.
- Explain why the places you have chosen to cross are the safest. Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or car park.

Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them when they are old enough to travel alone.



For more information on keeping children safe in the road environment visit the families section on safetytown.com.au



Key road safety messages to share with your child in Kindergarten to Year 2

- · Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park

Key road safety messages to share with your child in Years 3 to 6

- · Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road (until at least 10)
- · Use a safe place to cross the road
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

one step back from the kerb

LOOK!

continuously both ways

LISTEN!

for the sounds of approaching traffic

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across



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Transport for NSW

Road safety



40km/h school zones

40km/h school zones slow traffic on the roads around schools. This is to help protect children on their way to and from school at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. The lower speed limit reduces the risk and potential severity of a crash.

40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. The designated school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

40km/h school zones operate on all notified school days including staff development days (student-free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be followed during NSW Government determined school terms.

You can find the school term dates on the following websites:

- · transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety
- education.nsw.gov.au

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular 'dragon's teeth' road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Fines and a loss of demerit points will apply if the designated school zone speed limit is not followed. For more information on fines and demerit points, visit transport.nsw.gov.au

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Road Safety Information sheet- Wearing Helmets and riding safely

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Road safety

Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place - it is the law. The helmet must be standards approved. securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they are playing or riding on wheels, including:

- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although your child may quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road, away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. A child aged between 10 and at least 12 should ride away from busy roads.

Children under 16 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

On shared paths, riders are encouraged to leave a metre of space from pedestrians, where possible.

When crossing the road, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian.

Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them when they are old enough to travel alone.



For more information on keeping children safe in the road environment visit the families section on safetytown.com.au



Key road safety messages to share with your child in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- · Ride your bike away from the road

Key road safety messages to share with your child in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads



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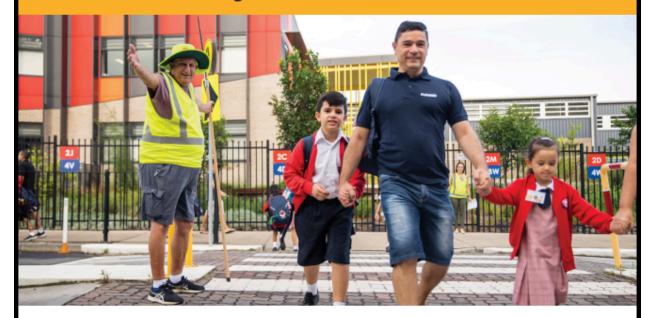




Road Safety Information sheet- Children's & Supervised Crossing

Transport for NSW

Road safety



Children's and supervised crossings

For your child's safety, it's very important they always use a pedestrian crossing if there is one available. It is the safest point at which to cross

At all crossings you must wait on the footpath. at least one step back from the edge of the road.

Supervised crossings

If there is a School Crossing Supervisor, wait until they have stopped the traffic and called you to cross.

If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

Children's crossings

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. They can also operate at other times when children use the crossing for excursions or during break times. When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, you must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.



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School News - 3Bridges Term 2 Vacation Care newsletter

WHERE FUN MEETS LEARNING. YOUR OOSH TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS!





The children especially loved Disco Day, with the silent disco being an absolute favourite it was a joy to see everyone dancing, laughing, and enjoying the music! Both staff and children appreciated the wide variety of activities offered throughout the program, with each day bringing something new and exciting. From slime-making sessions that sparked creativity and sensory fun, to a range of engaging art projects that express them through colour and design, there was something for everyone. The incursions were a major highlight, offering interactive and experiences that captivated the children's interest and enthusiasm. This created a vibrant, dynamic atmosphere that encouraged exploration, creativity, and connection.

WE ARE HIRING!

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CURRENT **OPPORTUNITIES**

APPLY TODAY!







Around 3Bridges -Aged Care Support

Do you have senior's in your community needing extra support at home?

Reach out to our 3Bridges Engagement Team for more information and support.

Email the team at MyAgedCare@3Bridges.org.au or dial the number below.

1300 327 434



www.3bridgesafterschool.org.au

School News - 3Bridges Term 2 Vacation Care newsletter

OOSH SPRING REWARDS -FREE FRIDAY AND VACATION CARE GIVEAWAY



Free Friday – No-Cost Trial for New Families

To support families who may be curious about OSHC but haven't yet tried it, we're offering a Free Friday session for new families. It's a simple, no-obligation way to experience our programs in a low-pressure setting.



Spring Vacation Care Giveaway

To celebrate the end of winter and welcome spring, we're running a small giveaway for families who already attend our services. Families currently attending five days a week will be entered into a draw to win a week of free Vacation Care, a small thank you for their ongoing support.

These initiatives are part of our broader efforts to keep care accessible and responsive to the needs of local families.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like more detail or have any questions.

Educationengagement@3Bridges.org.au

3Bridges NAIDOC Celebration

During the recent school holidays, 3Bridges proudly hosted our annual NAIDOC celebration, uniting children from all our vacation care sites along with families and community members for a day of cultural connection and celebration.

Here is a glimpse of the day!



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www.3bridges.org.au

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School News - General Information



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School News - AFL afterschool Program

We're excited to share that an AFL After-School Program will be running at our school this term! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to stay active, learn new skills, and have fun with their friends in a safe and supportive environment.

Program Highlights:

- Run by qualified AFL coaches
- Focus on fun, fitness, and teamwork
- Suitable for all skill levels beginners welcome!
- Held right after school on Tuesday's

Starts AUGUST 26 and runs for 4 weeks Attached is the flyer with full details, including how to register.



