

**MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH** 

PUBLIC SCHOOL

# Wednesday 10 September 2025 (www.s.) Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S message

Last week highlighted the strong sense of community we have at Muswellbrook South. Our Year 6 students enjoyed a memorable excursion to Sydney, exploring iconic sites such as the Opera House and Taronga Zoo. At the same time, our Year 5 students took part in the Great Aussie Bush Camp, challenging themselves and building friendships. In both settings, our students' behaviour was outstanding, a reflection of the values we nurture together as a school community.

These excursions are only possible thanks to the dedication of our teachers, who give their time and energy to ensure our students have such rich experiences, often spending days away from their own families. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and care.

On Monday, we gathered for our Father's Day breakfast, and it was heartening to see so many dads, grandads, and father figures come together with their children. Events like this remind us of the important

role fathers and father figures play in shaping the lives of young people - offering guidance, encouragement and love. A warm thank you goes to Mrs Anderson for her excellent organisation of this special morning.

### Glen Kite - Principal

#### PARKING IN STAFF CAR PARK

For the safety of all our students, vehicles are not permitted to drive onto the school premises for pick-up or drop-off.

The school vehicle gates are securely closed to prevent entry and will only open for authorised access, such as emergency services, deliveries, and contractors. We also kindly ask that you refrain from parking across the driveway entrances, as this may obstruct emergency access when needed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.







Special Father's Day Breakfast



Camp challenges



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## - 3YELLOW NEWS -

It has been a wonderful term of learning and growth in 3YELLOW! Our mathematicians have been exploring the fascinating world of 2D shapes and tessellations, discovering how patterns can fit together perfectly. We've also been building strong number skills by working on multiplication and division, with a focus on understanding the special relationship between the two.

In English, students have been taking great care with their handwriting, practising their cursive script and ensuring their letter formation is neat and consistent. Their dedication and pride in their work is shining through each day.

We are so proud of the effort, enthusiasm, and positive attitude the students bring to their learning. It's been a joy to watch them challenge themselves, encourage each other, and celebrate their successes.



## - SUPPORT MAROON NEWS -

We're having an amazing term in Support Maroon! Each day is filled with fun, hands-on learning and a strong focus on wellbeing and kindness. We love cooking with our friends in Support Orange, as well as singing, dancing, playing, and challenging ourselves. Support Maroon is full of smiles and laughter every day!

Miss Eade - Classroom Teacher



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **CHANGE OF DATE - PRIMARY ASSEMBLY**

Please note there has been a change to the Primary Assembly scheduled for Thursday 18 September. It will now be held tomorrow, Thursday 11 September.

Don't forget there is a Primary Assembly this Thursday 28 August 2025.

#### YEAR 5 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY - MUSWELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

On **Tuesday 16 September**, Year 5 students will be going for their **High School Transition Day** at **Muswellbrook High School.** All students in Year 5 will attend, regardless of what high school they are attending.

#### Students need to be at school by 9am as we will be departing at 9.15am SHARP.

Students will be walking with their teachers to Muswellbrook High School. In the event of wet weather, we will organise a bus to transport the students to and from the high school.

Students will also be catching a bus to the Ag farm to do a tour and do some activities there.

Please ensure students are in full school uniform, including a school hat. They will also need to pack a full lunchbox with a water bottle. **No lunch orders** will be taken at the canteen for Year 5 as we will not be at school.

#### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School is important as it prepares us for adult life, giving us skills to be independent and ready for the world outside school and home. If you have your child away from school, you need to let the school know.

You can ring the school (65431896), send a SMS, write a note or email the school.

Really simple, and then, we know why your child is away and can adjust our rolls with a reason. Thank you.



#### **BIKE LOCKS**

We recommend any students who ride a bike or scooter to school, to please lock them with a bike chain/lock during school time. Bike locks are available at Big W.



#### **SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK 2025**

Our School Support Staff are everywhere in our school - working with our students, in our office, in our library, and in our classrooms.

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MSPS value and appreciate our School Support Staff for all their hard work, their laughter, their hugs, their photographs, their calls, their tears, their high fives, and their loyalty.

We would not be the great school without you.

You are seen, you are appreciated and you are loved by your school, your students and your community.



## **CONGRATULATIONS LILA**

Last week De-anne Douglas, from Muswellbrook Wanaruah Land Council attended our Infants Assembly to present Lila M from Kindergarten with a colouring-in competition prize.

Lila was selected as a winner of the Local Wanaruah Land Council colouring-in competition held during NAIDOC Week.

Due to her efforts, Lila won herself a \$50 gift card and the school was presented with a \$100 gift card.

Congratulations Lila!







Congratulations to our school leaders, Caroline and Kassidy, for their outstanding presentation at the September Extra-Ordinary Muswellbrook Council Meeting on Tuesday 9 September!

Our leaders confidently represented Muswellbrook South Public School among schools from across the Upper Hunter region, all invited to present their proposals for a donation of up to \$500 from Muswellbrook Shire Council. Caroline and Kassidy successfully secured funding to maintain and improve the Stage 3 Wellbeing Shed - a valued space that supports our senior students' wellbeing and sense of belonging.

We also want to acknowledge Maison, who was invited to deliver the Acknowledgement of Country with respect and pride.

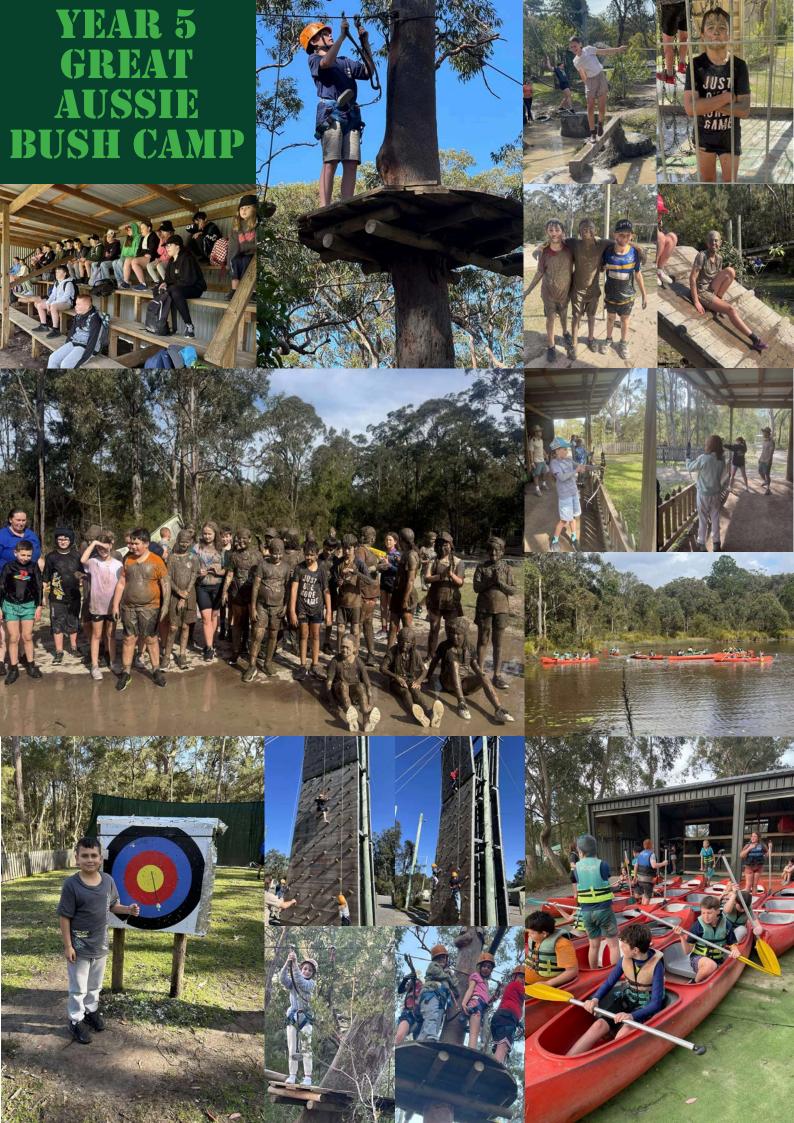
Well done to all our leaders! Your dedication and pride in our school truly shine.





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## YEAR 6 SYDNEY EXCURSION CONTINUED ...

#### Day 2:

Day 2 of our Sydney excursion was full of excitement and discovery! We began with a scenic ferry ride across Sydney Harbour to Circular Quay, where students soaked in the stunning views of the Harbour Bridge and Opera House. Our guided tour of the Sydney Opera House gave us a behind-thescenes look at this world-famous landmark and sparked plenty of curiosity.

Next stop was Madame Tussaud's which was a huge hit, with everyone enjoying the chance to pose alongside their favourite celebrities and superheroes. From there, we went to Sea Life Aquarium, where students loved seeing the sharks, stingrays, and the dugong. We ended our explorations at the Australian Museum, where students engaged with fascinating exhibits about Australia's natural history and culture.

After such a big day, we're now back at the lodge, we've eaten dinner and we are settling in to watch a movie together. Everyone is safe, happy, and looking forward to tomorrow's adventures!







## YEAR 6 SYDNEY EXCURSION CONTINUED ...

#### Day 3:

Day 3 of our Sydney excursion took us to Luna Park, and what a day it was! The students showed incredible bravery, with everyone giving the rides a go - some even pushing themselves well outside their comfort zones (with a few "ill" effects afterwards).

The park was almost empty, which made it even more special. With hardly any crowds, the kids had the freedom to roam and jump in and out of rides without waiting in long lines. The laughter, squeals, and big smiles said it all - it was an unforgettable day of fun and courage!

We're now hopping on the bus and heading home, tired but full of memories from an amazing Sydney adventure.



We are so incredibly proud of our Year 6 students after three amazing days in Sydney. Everyone worked so well together and showed perseverance, resilience, and bravery. Whether it was trying new activities, tackling rides, or simply being away from home for the first time. For some students, this was their very first overnight excursion, and they absolutely shone. As teachers, we had such a fantastic time. It was the best excursion we've been on in years, filled with fun, laughter, and so many memorable moments. We loved getting to know the students outside of the classroom setting and seeing them support one another every step of the way. Parents and carers, you should be so proud of your children. They represented Muswellbrook South beautifully, and we couldn't have asked for a better group to share this adventure with.

Year 6 Teachers





## • GREEN TEAM NEWS

Our front office was in need of a little greenery, and thanks to the amazing Mrs Jeans and her trusty



We would like to acknowledge and thank Uncle Ritchie from Budbudda Dreaming for allowing a selection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students be part of creating a didgeridoo stand that they have decorated and painted.

We will be finding a special place in our school to display the didgeridoos to allow our community to admire and enjoy.

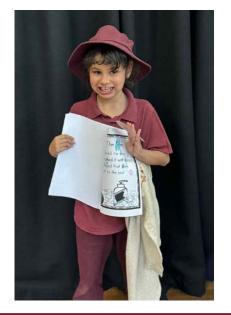






## \* SUPPORT \*









## MSPS CHOIR ABBRMAINBISTEDDEOD

In Week 6, Ms Edwards, Mr English and 27 students from Years 3, 5 and 6 in our school choir travelled down to St Phillips at Nulkaba to perform in the Abermain Eisteddfod.

The competition was very fierce, however the kids performed amazingly well, confidently and with smiles all around, with us walking away with a trophy.

Everyone had a great time and Ms Edwards and Mr English are extremely proud of them all.



## **SPORTS REPORT** We have had a couple of busy weeks with sport, starting with the conclusion of the Introduction to Cricket Blast



We have had a couple of busy weeks with sport, starting with the conclusion of the Introduction to Cricket Blast clinics hosted at school. It was great to see Caoihme Bray and Jack Nisbet from the NSW Blues attend the first session, which was a hit with the cricketers. We are looking forward to more opportunities for cricket at the school.

Last Friday, Ruby H-W, Maison B and Mayson M competed at the Hunter PSSA Athletics Trials.

Despite fatigue from an excursion and an injury, Maison finished in the top 15 in all his events. Mayson also achieved one of his best throws in the Shot Put. Ruby was successful in making the Hunter PSSA team to compete at the NSWPSSA Athletics in the 11-13 MC Shot Put, Discus, 100m, 200m, and Long Jump. She will compete in Sydney on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October. We wish Ruby all the best and congratulate Maison, Mayson, and Lylah N for making it this far.





#### Congratulations to the following Term 3 Week 6 & 7 PBL award winners:

#### **Bronze PBL Award:**

Abbigail D, Keara G, Konnor R, Skylah M, Elijah S, Alerra S, Eli T, Jordan B and Allira G.

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#### Silver PBL Award:

Abbigail D, Ameya P, Scarlett E, Ruby S, Reggie E, Eliza B, Joseph L, Ayden M, Evoleht H, Zack B, Warryn H, Tyler P, Ella L, Aria W, Sapphire P, James S, Allie R, Max F, Nellie B, Harper S, Summer R, Ahrie-Grace H, Spencer M, Savannah L F, Nevaeh B, Blake P, AJ H, Arabella L-G, Lila M and Lola P.

#### **Gold PBL Award:**

Ethan P, Isabella J, Isobel G, Charlotte W, Lakyilah W-C, Liam W, Cooper S, Charlie R, Heidi P, Jackson L, Sophie J, Milliarna G, Chloe D C, Hannah D-B, Jack C, Ahria C, Hunter B, Edie B, Karlee A, Indianna N, Adellyn M, Skylah P, Manreet K, Harper H, Zariyah B, Alaska S, Nicholas R, Madison P, Tahlia B, Alexander L and Braxton E.

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## **P&C NEWS**



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### P&C Meeting Dates 2025

3rd Tuesday of every month (during school term)

18 February 18 March (AGM) 20 May

17 June 19 August 16 September

21 October 18 November

#### **P&C MEETING**

The next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday 16 September at 4pm in the school library. Parents, carers & teachers are welcome to attend.

It would be great to see more people join our P&C and help with different events throughout the year.

More information can be obtained through the school office.

#### **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Joining the P&C is a great way to be kept informed and to contribute to your child's Education.

Your contribution can be as small or as large as you can manage.

It is a great opportunity to help in school decision making and to help shape the future.

To become a member simply complete a membership form and pay 50cents membership fee, this will give you the opportunity to vote on decisions being made.

#### **MSPS UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is open every Monday and Wednesday from 9.30am to 12pm. Adults can purchase items from the uniform shop, orders can be sent in an envelope with cash, or orders can be placed online via Munch Monitor. Once your uniform shop order has been processed a staff member will contact you to organise a suitable time to collect or it can be sent home with your child.

The Uniform Shop/Canteen accepts cash and EFTPOS payments from parents over the phone.

Layby system is also available. No items can be taken without full payment.

#### **CANTEEN NEWS**

The school canteen is open from 9am to 2.15pm. It is open every day for 1st break and 2nd break.

Lunch orders can be placed online via Munch Monitor or students can hand them in at the canteen window before 10am. Lunch orders must be handed to the canteen before 10am with child's name and class clearly marked on the lunch bag. No hot food lunch orders will be taken after this time for 1st break.

#### **CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Our school canteen requires more volunteers. If we can't get more volunteers the canteen is at risk of closing some days. The kids love seeing Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles helping out in the canteen. Grab a friend and make a day of it.

If you are interested and available to help out in the canteen please call in or phone Gina.

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#### **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

A huge thank you to everyone that purchased something from our Father's Day stall. A massive thank you to the Mums and Nans that helped with set up and serving at the stall and our Year 5 helpers who helped organise and collect classes to visit the stall. The day ran very smoothly and was well supported.

Thank you again for supporting MSPS P&C Association.







In week 10, SRC are fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House.

Please wear your favourite football jersey or team colours and bring a gold coin donation.





The canteen is kindly offering a special lunch order for the day.

Please place your order to the canteen by 12 September 2025. The cost of the lunch order is \$12



**TEAM TOMATO** 



**TEAM BBQ** 



HOT DOG JUICE POPPER CHIPS RED FROGS

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
LIVE AT FIRST BREAK
THE MSPS CANTEEN

## LUNCH ORDER FORM

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_

Footy Special \$12 Circle choice of sauce Hot dog

**BBQ Tomato** Packet of chips

Juice Popper

Red Frogs

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Order forms due Friday 12 **September Week 8** 









Muswellbrook **South Public School** 

## **ENROL NOW FOR 2026** KINDERGARTEN

Children turning 5 on or before 31 July 2026 are eligible to enrol.

Please contact the school office on 0265 431 896

to register your child's name and to pick up an enrolment form.



## ... SCHOOL BYTES

#### **SCHOOL BYTES**

Muswellbrook South Public School uses School Bytes for our finance system and for emailing notes etc. You can access School Bytes either via the Parent Portal website or via the School Bytes app (NEW).



School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction.

Once your portal is activated you can use it to give consent for events and process online payments.

#### To make an online payment -

- **1. Log into the parent portal** <a href="https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login">https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login</a> or via School Bytes App.
- 2. Select the statement of account icon.
- 3. Select the charges to pay.

By default, all the students linked to your account will be displayed, select a student's name to view the charges linked with that student.

If the charge is related to an activity consent must be given before making payment.

- 4. Confirm or edit the balance to be paid for each charge (if required).
- 5. Optionally select 'add other item' to add a sundry item (e.g. Year 6 graduation souvenir) that is not linked to the statement of account. When adding a new sundry item, select the relevant student.
- 6. Select pay now (optionally select pay with saved credit card details if previously saved).
- 7. Review payment details.
- **9. Select pay.** You will be redirected to a secure Service NSW payment page to enter your credit/debit card details to finalise payment.
- **10. Payment successful.** Click anywhere outside the receipt prompt to return to the parent portal. A receipt will be automatically emailed to you.

Cash payments can still be made at school. Please note receipts for these cash payments will be emailed to the email address held on file at school. Please contact the school if you need to update your email address.

## SCHOOL BYTES

If you are a parent/carer using an Outlook email address (i.e. @outlook.com, @hotmail.com, @live.com.au) and you're not receiving emails from your child's school sent through School Bytes or if the emails are going to the junk folder you can follow the steps below to add School Bytes to your Outlook safe senders list.

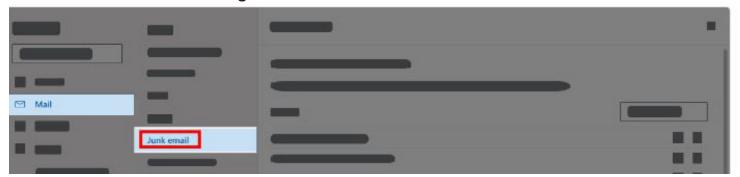
1. From your Outlook home page, select the 'Settings' cog in the top right corner of the menu bar.



2. Select the 'View all Outlook settings' link at the bottom of the panel.



3. Select the 'Junk email' heading.



4. Select the blue '+ Add' button from the 'Safe senders and domains' heading. A text input box will show.



5. Type in the email address — noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education



- 6. Once the email address has been typed in, press 'Enter' on your keyboard.
- 7. Select the blue 'Save' button.



Any future emails sent by your child's school through School Bytes will now go directly to your 'Inbox' folder.



#### First Nations recipe - Kangaroo Spaghetti

Preparation time: 10 minutes Cooking time: 25 minutes

#### Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- · 600g kangaroo mince
- 500g fresh mushrooms, sliced

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- · 1 brown onion, diced
- · 1 large green capsicum, sliced
- 1 bunch of celery, sliced
- · 1 can diced tomatoes
- 4 cups cooked pasta
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- · Parsley to garnish

#### Method:

- 1. Heat olive oil in a frying pan
- 2.Brown mince then add onions, mushroom, celery, capsicum and cook for 10 minutes
- 3. Add the canned tomato and tomato paste and simmer for 5 minutes
- 4. Boil the pasta until cooked
- 5. Serve the mince on top of the cooked pasta and garnish with parsley

Source: Flavours of the coast: Koori cookbook



Hunter New England Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
 https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au

Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as

## MEN AND THEIR MATES BREAKFAST

**Guest Speakers Talk2mebro** 

Men often struggle in silence when it comes to mental health. This breakfast is about breaking that silence-creating a space where blokes come together, share a meal and start conversations that can literally save lives. We are giving men the opportunity to hear from those who have walked the hard road, broken through the stigma and found strength in speaking up. Hear from

Talk2mebro and their real-life stories and messages that hit home – reminding us that it's okay not to be okay, and help is always within reach.

This event is about mateship, support and showing up for each other – because talking

Date: Thursday 11th September 2025

**Time:** 7am

Location: Railway Hotel Muswellbrook

Cost: \$35.00 per head

For booking and enquiries contact De-anne Douglas 0476 233 700









## CONNECTING FAMILIES

## TALKING POINT

Which wild animal would you like to tame and keep as a pet?

MSPS ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU A TOPIC EACH WEEK TO DISCUSS AT YOUR DINNER TABLE, KEEPING FAMILIES CONNECTED



### **COMMUNITY NEWS**





FREE ENTRY Activities 9.30am to 3pm

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



P: (02) 9230 2047 or



### Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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## SCONF FILMFEST 2025

SHORT FILM FESTIVAL



WINNING AUSTRALIAN STORIE



### SATURDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

6 - 10pm

\$20adult / \$15youth inc. light supper Drinks to purchase

MEET OUR FILM GUESTS

cnr Oxford Rd & Cooper St, Scone <u>www.sconefilms.org.au</u>

Under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian T: 0428 508326





SPRING INTO THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT PCYC



## ASKETBA MNASTICS







EBALL





Check out your local School Holiday Program below







## Term 3 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept Wk 8	8	9	10	11 KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION Zone Public Speaking (Denman) ES1 Sport Primary assembly 2.30pm	12 SISA Year 4 ATSI Program Stage 3 Girls Wellbeing Program Rock & Water
Sept Wk 9	15	16	17 Year 5 ATSI Group Infants assembly 2.30pm	18 Kinder 2026 Targeted Transition	19 SISA Year 4 ATSI Program Stage 3 Girls Wellbeing Program Rock & Water
Sept Wk 10	22 Year 5 Leadership Day	23 SRC Fundraiser - Footy Jersey Out of Uniform Day	24 Year 3 Camp Year 5 ATSI Group	25 Year 3 Camp Kinder 2026 Targeted Transition Whole school assembly 1pm Bryan Kirkland Rugby League Gala Day - 10's & 12's	26 SISA Year 4 ATSI Program Rock & Water



## Share your world

#### Become a foster carer

It's the little things that matter most – like having a safe place to call home, someone you can smile with and the right support.

You can make an extraordinary difference in the life of a young person by sharing those ordinary, everyday moments.

We are looking for compassionate individuals, couples and families to become foster carers to provide a safe and supportive home for vulnerable children and young people. We'll support you 24/7 and provide all the training you need.

If you have a spare bedroom and time to share, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us today and be the positive change in a child's life!

**1300 592 227** lwb.org.au/foster-care

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