



MID-WEEK MASTERCHEF

Midweek MasterChef will be cooking **Pork Sausage Rolls with Apple & Thyme** for students in **Years 4-6 tomorrow (25 June)**. Please note, you do not need to send lunch for your child if they are in the cooking group or are being cooked for on this day. This is the last Midweek MasterChef for this term but will resume in Term 3, Week 1 for students in Years K-3.



"CHAT WITH THE CHIEF"

Every semester, Mrs Forsyth has morning tea with each class to chat about what they like at school and what improvements they would like to see. Mrs Forsyth will be conducting these "Chats" Wednesday 25 June and Wednesday 2 July.

REPORTS / MID YEAR INTERVIEWS

Mid-year reports will be sent out at the beginning of next term. Parent-Teacher interviews to discuss Semester 1 will be conducted in Week 3 of Term 3 (4-8 August). You will be able to book a time slot via the [School Bytes Parents App](#). Please note: available time slots will be released on the 30th June and access will close on the 1st August.

FOREST DAY — TUES 1st JULY

Forest Day, Week 10, Tuesday 1st July. Permission notes will go out via the [School Bytes Parents App](#).

- A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided, but please bring crunch and sip, and 2x water. We find the open air often makes the students even more ravenous, so a little extra food and water is always a good idea.
- Please remember that our Forest Days are 'Nude Food' days, so no packaging please.
- Students are to wear casual clothes. Suitable clothing includes leggings, trackies, jeans, t-shirts, shirts, gumboots/boots, long pants.
- Students are reminded to wear their school hat (not baseball caps or other hats) as it offers the best sun protection.
- If you are bringing your bicycle, please make sure to pump up the tyres and check the brakes/gears before Thursday morning. Children riding MUST bring & wear a helmet.
- A reminder to parents that children must be marked in & out. Drop off at the forest at 9am and pick up 3pm. Please drive to the left as you enter the forest and proceed in a clockwise direction at pick up and drop off. Parents are reminded to please drive slowly in this area.

MUFTI DAY / YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES

Next Friday, 4th July, students in Year 6 will organise an afternoon of fun activities for all students. In addition, students are invited to pay a gold coin to come to school in Mufti. All proceeds raised will be added to our "Jump Rope For Heart" tally.

LEARNING HUB

This week's Learning Intention revisits one from last year and in preparation for Term 3, we are working on having a **"POSITIVE MINDSET"**. Below are some examples you can use with your children:



• Recording Awe Moments:

Encourage your child to create an Awe Journal. They can record sights or moments from their daily lives that they find beautiful or extraordinary: a rainbow, a kind act, or even the smell of freshly baked cookies.

• Sharing Positivity

Share positive experiences with your child; laugh, hug, set aside time to provide your undivided attention, and enjoy positive experiences together.

• Practice Positive Affirmations:

Every child experiences negative self-talk but you can prevent it from becoming hard-wired thinking by encouraging short, positive, present-tense affirmations; I am kind, I am a good friend, I am unique. Encourage your child to make up their own.

2026 ENROLMENTS

We are preparing new school brochures, so if you know of anyone living near you with children nearing school-ready age or attending an out of area school, feel free to request an information pack. Thank you

FINANCIAL HEALTH CHECK

With the end of the financial year approaching, we ask you to have a quick look at your school account via the [School Bytes Parents App](#) and see if there are any outstanding accounts requiring attention. If you find something that is not correct, please take a screen shot and email it to Mrs Reeves so that she can investigate. Thank you in advance to those of you who have a nil balance.

EARLY ARRIVALS

Please note: no students should be on school grounds, including the school oval, before 8.30am unless they are attending Before School Care. The school has NO supervision before this time. Thank you.

UPCOMING DATES.... Term 2 / 3

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| ◆ 25 June | Assembly |
| ◆ 25 June | "Chat with the Chief" |
| ◆ 1 July | Forest Day |
| ◆ 2 July | "Chat with the Chief" |
| ◆ 3 July | O'Connell Rec Ground Official Opening |
| ◆ 4 July | Last Day Term 2 / Mufti Day / Yr 6 Activities |
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| ◆ 21 July | Staff Development Day |
| ◆ 22 July | Students Return for Term 3 |
| ◆ 4-8 Aug | Parent—Teacher Interviews |

OBERON COUNCIL WARMLY INVITES YOU TO

O'Connell Recreation Ground Official Opening Ceremony

Thursday 3rd July at 10.00am
Entry is via Beaconsfield Rd, O'Connell



This project is jointly funded by the Australian
and the NSW Governments and Oberon Council

Please RSVP to Sharon Swannell on
02 6329 8151 or email
sharon.swannell@oberon.nsw.gov.au
by Tuesday 1st July 2025

O'CONNELL REC GROUND OFFICIAL OPENING—3 JULY

Please find the details of the official opening of the O'Connell Recreation Ground on Thursday 3rd July.

Please note; students in Kindergarten and Year 6 only will be attending this event as representatives of O'Connell Public School. Students will be transported to and from the event via school bus. Students are asked to wear their full school uniform. Please complete the permission note via the [School Bytes Parents App](#).

If your child is in a different year group and you would like them to attend, you may come to the school, take them to the event and return them back to school once the event is over. If you are attending, please RSVP to Council (as per the flyer).

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM @ OBERON LIBRARY

TUESDAY 8TH JULY

**ART
WORKSHOP**
with
FIONA HOWLE
TBA

WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY

POM POM KEYRING

Learn to make fluffy, woolly keyrings, attach it to your keys, school bag or whatever item you choose.

- For school aged children
- all materials supplied
- places are limited
- 10.30am - 12pm

THURSDAY 10TH JULY

POSTER CRAFT

Create a personalised poster/memory board for your bedroom; design, create and memorialise.

- For school aged children
- all materials supplied
- places are limited
- 10.30am - 12pm

TUESDAY 15TH JULY

**ART
WORKSHOP**
with
FIONA HOWLE
TBA

WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY

DESIGN YOUR OWN LIBRARY BAG

Paint, draw, create, design; use multiple mediums to personalise your library bag.

- For school aged children
- all materials supplied
- places are limited
- 10.30am - 12pm

THURSDAY 17TH JULY

BOARD GAME

Come and enjoy an afternoon of passive play. Enjoy with existing friends or make new friends, learn new skills or show off your gaming prowess

- For school aged children
- all games supplied
- Drop in sessions 11am - 4pm

Bookings are essential call Oberon Library 02 6329 8220

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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2025

ALL LIBRARY ACTIVITY BOOKINGS ONLINE HERE



**MONDAY
JULY 7**



BIG YELLOW SUBMARINE W FIONA HOWLE

Fiona will lead an exciting workshop building a cardboard/collage BIG Yellow Submarine for display in the library. This artwork will become a photobooth for all to enjoy. Help create this group project, plus make your own submarine, or other creation, to take home with you.

Our Yellow Sub will be used during the upcoming Beatlesfest Bathurst in August.

TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm

AGES: Family Workshop - Kids 6 years & under require a parent/guardian

COST: \$10 p/child **LIMIT:** 15 children

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 9**



DETECTIVE SCHOOL

W RACHEL JACKSON

Aspiring junior detectives are invited to join author and intelligence specialist Rachel Jackson to learn about interactive books and to develop their investigative skills. Decipher secret messages, dust for fingerprints and create invisible ink in this hands-on workshop.

TIME: 10:30am - 12noon

AGES: 8-12 years **FREE LIMIT:** 20

**THURSDAY JULY 10
LIBRARY VAN @
ABERCROMBIE HOUSE**

Come to Abercrombie House for a Teddy Bears Picnic! Fun activities all day with Library Storytimes. See our Library Van AND meet our Library Teddy.



More info here: www.bathurstregion.com.au
Click 'What's On' - Winter in Bathurst

**MONDAY
JULY 14**

PENPALS WITH PARRY SOUND

Bathurst Library is excited to be starting a new PenPal project, and we are looking for Bathurst kids to help write a group letter to be sent to Parry Sound Library in **Canada**. This workshop will be about creating a letter all about living in Bathurst to send to other children just like you, living in Canada. Further workshops may continue the program.

TIME: 10:30am - 11:30am

AGES: 6-12yrs

FREE LIMIT: 20

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 16**

SUPER SUBMARINES SUB SCIENCE STORYTIME

Stories and songs, plus have fun learning about the science behind submarines - how they can float and sink! We will show how you can find out more information on this topic, and any topic, using our FREE library databases. Plus, a take home experiment activity sheet to continue the fun...and learning! Suitable for ages 4-10yrs. Parents of kids 6yrs & under must stay.

TIME: 10:30am - 11:15am

AGES: Family activity - Kids 6 years & under require a parent/guardian **LIMIT:** 20 kids **FREE**

**THURSDAY
JULY 17**

MAKING MOTH MAGIC

What's fast and fuzzy and black and white? A terrific tiger moth in flight! Make your own moth puppet with local artist Fiona Howle. Learn about puppet-making using upcycled materials. These magical moths will feature in children's stage show, VIVI! - A new Australian story that premieres this August 21-23 at BMEC.

TIME: 10:30am - 12noon

AGES: 6yrs+ **COST:** \$10 p/child **LIMIT:** 20

DISCOVER MORE
ACTIVITIES THIS...
WINTER
IN BATHURST



See over page for bookings & further information, or please call 6333 6281. Join our email list to receive newsletters/info related to children's activities.

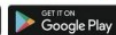
Winter Reading Challenge

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From **July 1 to July 31**, Bathurst Library is participating in "Be a Reading Machine," a Winter Reading Challenge sponsored by Beanstack and Baker & Taylor.

We challenge our community, **ALL AGES**, to read at least **10,000 minutes during July** and keep track of their reading on our Beanstack site at bathurstlibrary.beanstack.org or on the Beanstack mobile app.



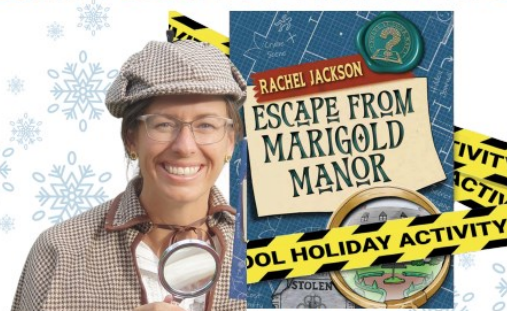
Thousands of other libraries and schools across the nation are joining in for a chance at winning cash prizes for their community. Check out the 'Minute Metre' in the library to see how we are tracking. Happy reading Bathurst!

BATHURST
LIBRARY
DISCOVER MORE

WINTER
IN BATHURST

KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

LEARN, CREATE & PARTICIPATE



RACHEL JACKSON
AUTHOR WORKSHOP



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ASPIRE OSHC

O'Connell Public School

Before & After School Care



About us

ASPIRE OSHC provide high quality care and education to school aged children at O'Connell Public School.

We aim to provide a fun and creative age appropriate program based on the "My Time, Our Place" National Framework for school aged children.

ASPIRE OSHC provide Before and After school care programs. These programs develop and nurture children's minds.

ASPIRE OSHC promotes a healthy lifestyle through various activities for children to discover, learn and play.

We create healthy habits by providing nutritional foods and a variety of opportunities to participate in active play.

Session Times

(MONDAY-FRIDAY)

BEFORE SCHOOL: 7:00am – 9:00am

AFTER SCHOOL: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Session Fees for 2025

(Fees are before Childcare Subsidy Charges)

Before School Care:

Permanent: \$28 Casual: \$30

After School Care:

Permanent: \$32 Casual: \$35

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Viv!

A Children's Theatre Show
By Catherine McNamara

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY CATHERINE McNAMARA

@ Bathurst Library

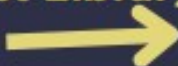
Book an adventure with Viv! A funny, sassy and tough young girl, who whizzes in her wheelchair and visits fantastical places using her imagination.

In this interactive workshop we will share stories, learn sign language (Auslan), and dance and sing!

Led by Catherine McNamara, who is the writer of a new children's play called Viv! She has created this show here in Bathurst and will premiere it from August 21-23 at BMEC.

**Tuesday 12 August,
4pm-5pm @ Bathurst Library**

FREE bookings via Humanitix



**Ages 6 - 12
years**

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