

A Message from the Relieving Principal

Welcome back to Term 3 and all that it holds for our students.

This term has already brought lots of exciting activities, with many carrying on from Term 2, from reading *The Little Refugee* by Anh Do and Suzanne Do and making clay masks to our Auctions Dollars.

AUCTION DOLLARS

This term we are commencing a new program called Auction Dollars, where students will earn School Money during the week to spend at an Auction at the end of the week. There will be great prizes offered and students may save up their money to put towards the bigger prizes at the end of term. This school money can be earned by students through presenting impressive attendance, school work, reading, behaviour and homework with bonuses for acts of kindness, etc.

We have the SSP AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS COACHING next week, which promises to add to our students well being and physical skills with running, jumping and throwing.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

We are offering Kindergarten Transition on Wednesdays all this term. These days are offered to provide a 'taste' to any Kindergarten students whose parents may be considering enrolling them in our school next year. Please contact the school, if you intend sending your child for any or all of these days.

The UPPER CLARENCE DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL will be held at Tabulam Public School again this year. All students will be attending and families are invited to attend to barrack for our school.

BOOK FAIR

We are holding the Scholastic Book Fair again this year during the week 11th to 15th August. Books will be on display during this week for purchase by families. This will be followed by BOOK WEEK from 18th until 22nd August. Your child is encouraged to dress as a character from a book on Wednesday 20th August.

We will be carrying out experiments during SCIENCE WEEK in Week 4, which promises to be loads of fun.

NAIDOC DAY will be celebrated on Friday 1st August at our school. We will offer various cultural activities on the day and our students will learn about the significance of Indigenous culture and it will be a quality learning experience for our students.

Thank you.

Mrs Raylee Ryan
Relieving Teaching Principal



Week 7 - Term 2

**Congratulations
to our
AWARD WINNERS**



Week 8 - Term 2

Urbenville Athletics Carnival



School Athletics Day





Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

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 and 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
- Give 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 has 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 holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

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 as unjustified.

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 order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3 2025

Week 2	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1 NAIDOC DAY Activities
Week 3	August 4 Public Education Week	August 5	August 6	August 7 Upper Clarence District Athletics Carnival	August 8
Week 4	August 11 Science Week Book Fair Week	August 12 Science Week Book Fair Week	August 13 Science Week Book Fair Week	August 14 Science Week Book Fair Week	August 15 Science Week Book Fair Week
Week 5	August 18	August 19	August 20 Book Week - Dress as a character from a book	August 21	August 22 NRPSSA Athletics - Lismore
Week 6	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29