

NEWSLETTER
TERM 2 WEEK 2 2025



Principal's Message

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the community and students for the warm welcome over the past two weeks. It has been such a pleasure getting to know the students and I am looking forward to sharing a variety of learning experiences with them throughout the year.

On the first day of term, Mrs Waterhouse and I attended a High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) professional learning opportunity at Quirindi Public School, alongside colleagues from schools across the Liverpool Plains. This initiative is a priority for the Department of Education, as we aim to ensure that every child is provided with opportunities to extend themselves across creative, intellectual, physical, and social-emotional domains.

I'm also pleased to share that our new four-year School Excellence Plan is in its final stages of development. I look forward to discussing the draft with our P&C at next week's meeting and inviting feedback before it is finalised. This plan, which outlines our school's strategic directions, includes key focus areas such as student growth and attainment, with a strong emphasis on effective teaching practices and a continued focus on student wellbeing and attendance.

Congratulations to all students who participated in last week's Cross Country event! I am incredibly proud of your efforts and look forward to cheering on those competing at the upcoming Zone Cross Country later on May 30.

The school newsletter will now be distributed on a fortnightly basis each Friday. I look forward to a productive and successful term ahead.

Respectfully,

Mrs Harris

Term 2 Diary Dates:

Week 3

- May 13th - GRIP Leadership Excursion - Year 6

Week 4

- May 19th - Quirindi Zone PSSA Soccer trials
- May 21st - Quirindi Zone PSSA Zone Touch Football trials

Week 5

- May 26th - June 6th - Stewart House Excursion
- May 30th - Zone Cross Country

CLASSROOM NEWS

Last week, we spent time enjoying some fun icebreakers, discussing our class expectations, and setting goals for the term.

Students have listened to 'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind', a book that sparked some great conversations about windmills. We explored different literary techniques in the story and reflected on the important theme of determination. Students used LEGO Spike kits to build a working windmill, which they coded using the Spike app.

In Numeracy, we've been focusing on additive strategies, particularly using tens as a base number to improve efficiency.

In art, the students have had a lot of fun creating a landscape artwork using a nature printing technique, where we used sorghum leaves as brushes to create textures and designs. We also explored one-point perspective in our artwork, using this technique to create depth and dimension in our landscape designs. Our artwork will be entered into the Currabubula Art Show.

Roxanne Harris



ANZAC DAY



Premier Public School respectfully took part in the ANZAC Day commemoration held in Premier. We take this opportunity to pay our deepest respects and express our greatest admiration to the men and women currently serving in the forces, as well as those who have served in the past. Our students spoke with sincerity, sharing poems and prayers that honoured the ANZAC legacy and showed their understanding of its significance.



SMALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Last week we ran hard alongside our friends from Blackville, Walhallow and Spring Ridge in our annual Small Schools Cross Country. Our runners all put in a fantastic effort and represented our school with pride. Special congratulations to:

6/7 Years – Paisley McNamara, 3rd place

8/9 Years – Eleanor Campbell, 3rd place

10 Years – Toby Sturrock, 1st place &
Lachlan Campbell, 2nd place

11 Years – Tyler Matthews, 1st place

12 Years – Izzabell Laundess, 1st place

Thank you to Spring Ridge Public School for hosting this event.



MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA



Yesterday we were so happy to welcome our amazing mums, grandmas and friends to our special morning tea. The students made a beautiful video and we certainly enjoyed the scones they helped make. Wishing all our mums and mother figures a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.



SOME NEW FACES AROUND PPS



Name: Miss Erin (SAM)

What school did you come from to PPS?

I have worked at Coolah Central School for 8 Years.

What do you do in your spare time?

I compete in Rodeos on my horse every weekend.

What do you love about PPS so far?

I love how the children all get along so well and the school grounds are so impressive.



Name: Leanne (SLSO)

What school did you come from to PPS?

Attunga Public School.

What do you do in your spare time?

Travel around with my horses.

What do you love about PPS so far?

The small school atmosphere.



Name: Henry (SLSO)

What school did you come from to PPS?

Murrurundi Public School.

What do you do in your spare time?

Farm Work and I love to fish with my friends.

What do you love about PPS so far? Seeing the kids help each other out and really give things a go - even when it's not their strong suit.

Cami turned 6!
Happy Birthday!





Screen Free Week

Get involved in the global event during the first week of May and step away from screens for recreation.

It's a great opportunity to spend time doing things that don't involve technology, like being active, learning new hobbies, and enjoying family time.

During Screen-Free Week, we encourage students and families to:

- 👤 Play outdoor games or sports
- 👤 Explore nature and enjoy the outdoors
- 👤 Learn a new dance
- 👤 Spend quality time with family, like having a board game night or going for a walk
- 👤 Try a new hobby, like drawing, cooking, or crafting



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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.