

School Newsletter

~ safe and sensible, respectful, excellent learners ~



Issue 6

Term 2, Week 2

Thursday, 8 May 2025

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Dates to Remember – Term 2

Sports in Schools	SISA – This is a 3 x Weekly Cycle - Please check calendar for dates
Wednesday, 30 April to Wednesday 14 May	Life Education
Thursday, 22 May	Boys Knockout Touch
Wednesday, 28 May	Cross Country backup
Friday, 4 July	Last Day of Term

~~~~ Please Remember ~~~~  
\* Crunch 'n' Sip  
K-2 every day at 10:00am  
3-6 every day at 2:00pm\*

## Principal's Message

I would like to welcome everyone back to Term 2 and hope you had an enjoyable break.

Today we held our Mother's Day stall and raffle. I would like to thank the P&C and everyone who donated their time and prizes to make this event a success.

I would like to wish all our mother's a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday.

You may have noticed the Life Education van is parked in our service carpark. The Life Education van is visiting the school now and students have had the opportunity to visit Healthy Harold. The teacher from Life Education has been giving informative lessons about safe and healthy choices with classes. If you have any questions about the Life Education program, please speak to your child's teacher or if you have any questions regarding payments for this program, please contact the office.

B Davies  
Principal



# Attendance

Arriving on time to school everyday is important. We'd like to remind all our parents and families that **our school day begins at 9:00am**. We have a bell that rings at 8:55am to line up in their class lines and then our students make their way to classrooms at 9:00am ready to begin their day of learning. We know sometimes mornings can be busy and occasionally being late is unavoidable. However, where possible we'd love to see as many students as possible arriving by 8:55am everyday so they are able to start their day of learning on time with their class and peers. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

**5** mins  
per day

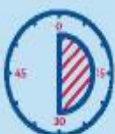


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**3** days

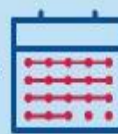


**30** mins  
per day



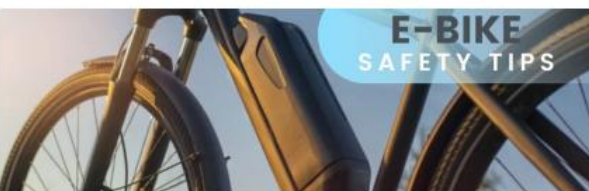
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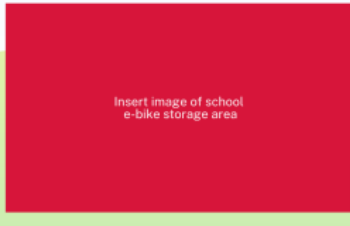
**18** days



Patterns of lateness  
can have a serious  
impact on your child's  
education.

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| <div>E-bikes: safety tips</div> | <div> <div>E-bikes: safety tips</div> <div>  </div> <p>As e-bikes become increasingly visible in our community, our young riders must understand the responsibilities of riding them. Ensuring safety on the roads is a shared responsibility, and we encourage all families to engage in conversations about e-bike safety.</p> <p>Share these important safety tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Always wear a helmet:</b> It's the law. A correctly fitted helmet can significantly reduce the risk of head injuries.</li> <li>✓ <b>Stay alert and avoid distractions:</b> Always be aware of your surroundings. Avoid distractions like headphones or mobile devices while riding and be prepared to react to sudden changes in traffic or road conditions.</li> <li>✓ <b>Control your speed:</b> E-bikes can reach higher speeds than traditional bikes, so it is vital to maintain a safe speed, especially in busy areas and around pedestrians. When riding on shared paths, slow down when passing pedestrians and give them plenty of space.</li> <li>✓ <b>Know the rules of the road:</b> Familiarise yourself with local traffic laws and regulations regarding e-bikes. Until the age of 16, e-bike riders are permitted to ride on the footpath unless signage says otherwise.</li> </ul> <div>  <p>For further support go to the department's Road Safety Education program at <a href="https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education">education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education</a> or visit Transport for NSW: <a href="https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/bicycle-riders/ebikes">https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/bicycle-riders/ebikes</a></p> </div> </div> | <div> <div>  <div>E-BIKE SAFETY TIPS</div> </div> <div> <div>01</div> <div>Always wear a correctly fitted helmet to significantly reduce the risk of head injuries.</div> </div> <div> <div>02</div> <div>Stay alert and avoid distractions including headphones and mobile phones.</div> </div> <div> <div>03</div> <div>Maintain a safe speed especially in busy areas and when around pedestrians.</div> </div> <div> <div>04</div> <div>Know your local traffic regulations including where is the safest place to ride.</div> </div> </div> <div>E-bikes are becoming increasingly visible in our community. Start the conversation at home and discuss these important safety tips.</div> |
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| <div>E-bikes: Use and storage on school grounds</div> | <div> <div>E-bikes: Use and storage on school grounds</div> <div>  </div> <p>As e-bike use is growing in our community, it's important for our school to set clear directions for their use and storage on school grounds. These directions help keep everyone safe and maintain an organised environment.</p> <p>Below are the specific guidelines for e-bike use and storage at our school:</p> <div> <div>Are students permitted to ride an e-bike to school?</div> <p>Yes, students can ride a privately owned e-bike to school if it meets Transport for NSW's requirements.</p> <p>There are two types of permitted e-bikes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power-assisted pedal cycles</li> <li>• Electrically power-assisted cycles</li> </ul> <p>The rider must propel these bikes- a motor can't be the only source propelling it and they cannot exceed 25km/h.</p> </div> <div> <div>Can e-bikes be charged on school grounds?</div> <p>Charging of e-bike lithium-ion batteries is not permitted on school grounds.</p> </div> <div> <div>Can e-bikes be stored on school grounds?</div> <p>Work, Health and Safety advice requires e-bikes to be stored in a location away from structures. This is aimed to minimise fire risks.</p> <p>At our school, students are to store their e-bike (add in location)</p> <p>E-bikes that don't comply with the TfNSW requirements will not be allowed to be stored on school grounds.</p> </div> <div> <div>Do the same rules apply for e-scooters?</div> <p>In NSW, it is illegal to ride a privately owned e-scooter on public roads or road-related areas including footpaths and cycle ways. E-scooters are therefore not permitted on school grounds.</p> </div> <div> <p>For further support go to the department's Road Safety Education program at <a href="https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education">education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education</a> or visit Transport for NSW: <a href="https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/bicycle-riders/ebikes">https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/bicycle-riders/ebikes</a></p> </div> </div> | <div> <div>E-BIKES: STORAGE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS</div> <div> <div>E-bikes may be stored on school grounds if they meet the requirements of TfNSW.</div> <div>To minimise fire risks, they must be stored away from structures or buildings.</div> </div> <div> <div>At our school they may be stored:</div> <div> <div>  <p>Insert image of school e-bike storage area</p> </div> <div>  </div> </div> </div> <div>As e-bike use is growing it is important we keep our community safe. Check out Transport for NSW's requirements to ensure your e-bike is legal.</div> <div><a href="https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/bicycle-riders/ebikes">https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/bicycle-riders/ebikes</a></div> </div> |
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 2, 2025

| <i><b>WEEK</b></i> | <i><b>MONDAY</b></i>               | <i><b>TUESDAY</b></i>              | <i><b>WEDNESDAY</b></i>                   | <i><b>THURSDAY</b></i>                 | <i><b>FRIDAY</b></i>                                        |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1 April</b>     | <b>28</b><br>Staff Development Day | <b>29</b><br>Staff Development Day | <b>30</b><br>Students return for Term 2   | <b>1</b>                               | <b>2</b><br>SISA – Stage 2                                  |
|                    |                                    |                                    |                                           | Life Ed – Healthy Harold               |                                                             |
| <b>2 May</b>       | <b>5</b>                           | <b>6</b><br>Boys Soccer Knockout   | <b>7</b><br>Girls Touch Football Knockout | <b>8</b>                               | <b>9</b><br>SISA – Kindy / Stage 3                          |
|                    | Life Ed – Healthy Harold           |                                    |                                           |                                        |                                                             |
| <b>3</b>           | <b>12</b>                          | <b>13</b>                          | <b>14</b>                                 | <b>15</b>                              | <b>16</b><br>SISA – Stage 1                                 |
|                    | Life Ed – Healthy Harold           |                                    |                                           |                                        |                                                             |
| <b>4</b>           | <b>19</b>                          | <b>20</b>                          | <b>21</b><br>Cross Country                | <b>22</b>                              | <b>23</b><br>SISA – Stage 2<br>Boys Touch Football Knockout |
| <b>5</b>           | <b>26</b><br>National Sorry Day    | <b>27</b>                          | <b>28</b><br>Cross Country backup         | <b>29</b>                              | <b>30</b><br>SISA – Kindy / Stage 3                         |
| <b>6 June</b>      | <b>2</b>                           | <b>3</b>                           | <b>4</b>                                  | <b>5</b>                               | <b>6</b><br>SISA – Stage 1<br>District Cross Country        |
| <b>7</b>           | <b>9</b>                           | <b>10</b>                          | <b>11</b>                                 | <b>12</b>                              | <b>13</b><br>SISA – Stage 2                                 |
| <b>8</b>           | <b>16</b>                          | <b>17</b>                          | <b>18</b>                                 | <b>19</b>                              | <b>20</b><br>SISA – Kindy / Stage 3                         |
| <b>9</b>           | <b>23</b>                          | <b>24</b>                          | <b>25</b>                                 | <b>26</b><br>Sydney West Cross Country | <b>27</b><br>SISA – Stage 1                                 |
| <b>10 July</b>     | <b>30</b>                          | <b>1</b>                           | <b>2</b>                                  | <b>3</b>                               | <b>4</b><br>SISA – Stage 2<br><br>Last Day of Term          |

**Friday, 4 July 2025 – Last day for Term 2**

**Tuesday, 22 July 2025 – Students resume for Term 3**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 3, 2025

| <b>WEEK</b>                                                                                                            | <b>MONDAY</b>                      | <b>TUESDAY</b>                          | <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                | <b>THURSDAY</b>                | <b>FRIDAY</b>                  |
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| <b>1<br/>July</b>                                                                                                      | <b>21</b><br>Staff Development Day | <b>22</b><br>Students Return for Term 3 | <b>23</b>                       | <b>24</b>                      | <b>25</b>                      |
| <b>2<br/>August</b>                                                                                                    | <b>28</b>                          | <b>29</b>                               | <b>30</b><br>Athletics Carnival | <b>31</b>                      | <b>1</b>                       |
| <b>3</b>                                                                                                               | <b>4</b>                           | <b>5</b>                                | <b>6</b>                        | <b>7</b>                       | <b>8</b>                       |
| <b>4</b>                                                                                                               | <b>11</b>                          | <b>12</b>                               | <b>13</b>                       | <b>14</b>                      | <b>15</b>                      |
| <b>5</b>                                                                                                               | <b>18</b>                          | <b>19</b>                               | <b>20</b>                       | <b>21</b>                      | <b>22</b>                      |
| <b>6</b>                                                                                                               | <b>25</b>                          | <b>26</b>                               | <b>27</b>                       | <b>28</b>                      | <b>29</b>                      |
| <b>7<br/>September</b>                                                                                                 | <b>1</b>                           | <b>2</b>                                | <b>3</b>                        | <b>4</b><br>District Athletics | <b>5</b><br>District Athletics |
| <b>8</b>                                                                                                               | <b>8</b>                           | <b>9</b>                                | <b>10</b>                       | <b>11</b>                      | <b>12</b>                      |
| <b>9</b>                                                                                                               | <b>15</b>                          | <b>16</b>                               | <b>17</b>                       | <b>18</b>                      | <b>19</b>                      |
| <b>10</b>                                                                                                              | <b>22</b>                          | <b>23</b><br>Sydney West Athletics      | <b>24</b>                       | <b>25</b>                      | <b>26</b><br>Last Day of Term  |
| <b>Friday, 26 September 2025 – Last day for Term 3</b><br><b>Tuesday, 14 October 2025 – Students resume for Term 4</b> |                                    |                                         |                                 |                                |                                |

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 4, 2025

| <i><b>WEEK</b></i>                                                                                                   | <i><b>MONDAY</b></i>               | <i><b>TUESDAY</b></i>                   | <i><b>WEDNESDAY</b></i> | <i><b>THURSDAY</b></i> | <i><b>FRIDAY</b></i>                         |
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| <b>October</b><br><b>1</b>                                                                                           | <b>13</b><br>Staff Development Day | <b>14</b><br>Students Return for Term 4 | <b>15</b>               | <b>16</b>              | <b>17</b>                                    |
| <b>2</b>                                                                                                             | <b>20</b>                          | <b>21</b>                               | <b>22</b>               | <b>23</b>              | <b>24</b>                                    |
| <b>3</b>                                                                                                             | <b>27</b>                          | <b>28</b>                               | <b>29</b>               | <b>30</b>              | <b>31</b>                                    |
| <b>4</b>                                                                                                             | <b>3</b>                           | <b>4</b>                                | <b>5</b>                | <b>6</b>               | <b>7</b>                                     |
| <b>5</b>                                                                                                             | <b>10</b>                          | <b>11</b>                               | <b>12</b>               | <b>13</b>              | <b>14</b>                                    |
| <b>6</b>                                                                                                             | <b>17</b>                          | <b>18</b>                               | <b>19</b>               | <b>20</b>              | <b>21</b>                                    |
| <b>7</b>                                                                                                             | <b>24</b>                          | <b>25</b>                               | <b>26</b>               | <b>27</b>              | <b>28</b>                                    |
| <b>8</b><br><b>December</b>                                                                                          | <b>1</b>                           | <b>2</b>                                | <b>3</b>                | <b>4</b>               | <b>5</b>                                     |
| <b>9</b>                                                                                                             | <b>8</b>                           | <b>9</b>                                | <b>10</b>               | <b>11</b>              | <b>12</b>                                    |
| <b>10</b>                                                                                                            | <b>15</b>                          | <b>16</b>                               | <b>17</b>               | <b>18</b>              | <b>19</b><br>Last Day of School for Students |
| <b>Friday, 19 December 2025 – Last day for Term 4</b><br><b>Monday, 2 February 2026 – Students resume for Term 1</b> |                                    |                                         |                         |                        |                                              |