

School Newsletter

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Issue 15

Term 3, Week 10

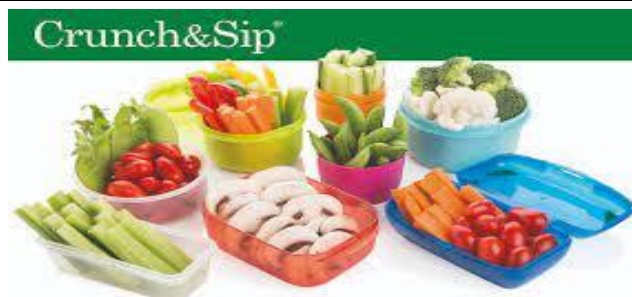
Thursday, 25 September 2025

<http://www.ropescross-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Dates to Remember – Term 3

Sports in Schools	SISA – This is a 3 x Weekly Cycle - Please check calendar for dates
Friday, 26 September	Last Day of Term
Tuesday, 14 October	Students return for Term 4
Thursday, 16 October	Whole School Photo
Tuesday, 21 October	Kindy Expo – 3:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday, 15 October	Year 1 - Featherdale Excursion
Tuesday, 28 October	Kindy Orientation Session 1 - 9:30-11:00am
Wednesday, 29 October	Kindergarten – Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion
Wednesday, 5 November	Kindy Orientation Session 2 – 9:30-11:00am
Monday, 10 November	Kindy Orientation Session 3 – 9:30-11:00am
Friday, 19 December	Last day for Term 4

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



Principal's Message

This is our last newsletter for the term. Friday, 26 September is the last day for Term 3. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Students return on Tuesday, 14 October.

Our End of Term Assembly took place this week. I would like to congratulate all award recipients for all their hard work this term.

Yesterday Year 6 held a mini fete. Congratulations to the Year 6 students, teachers and Mrs Roney for organising this event. Students had fun throwing wet sponges at teachers, visiting the animals at the petting zoo, seeing what they could win at the lucky dip and lots more. Some photos of the day are included in this newsletter.

Last week some of our Year 5 students went to camp and today Year 2 are on an excursion to Golden Ridge Animal Farm. Thank you to all involved in organising these events.

I have noticed that there are students arriving at school well before the 8:30 start time. I would like to remind parents and carers that teachers are not on duty until 8:30. If parents require before and after school care, there is a OOSH service on site (CAMP Australia) and another that also services the school (Go Bananas). Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We are still taking enrolments for kindergarten 2026. If your child is eligible to start school next year and you live in the Ropes Crossing area, please contact the school for enrolment information. The Kindergarten Information Expo and Orientation sessions will take place early Term 4.

B Davies
Principal



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Year 2 at Golden Ridge Animal Farm

On Thursday 25 September, Year 2 boarded their buses and travelled to Golden Ridge Farm in Dural. When we arrived, we sat and ate our recess, while sitting quite a few free roaming chickens joined us and were hoping they would get scraps.

After recess we split into our bus groups. 2B and 2T went to milk a cow, feed the baby goats and listen to a talk given by one of the farmers. The students then got to hold baby chicks, baby ducklings and pat a rabbit.



2F and 2R went on a farm walk and saw lots of other farm animals. They were able to feed some of the goats, sheep, a llama and a llapaca (cross between an alpaca and a llama). Once the students fed the animals they ventured up to the paddock where they got to pat calves, goats and sheep.



We then came back as a big year 2 group and ate our lunch. Yes, the free roaming chickens came back. Some of our students got to climb and play on the old tractor.



After lunch the groups swapped over and had the same experiences. The time came so quickly for us to be packing up and saying bye to the farm. We boarded our buses and headed back to school. Some of us chatted quietly and others fell asleep as they had such an awesome day.



YR 5 CAMP

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP - LAKE MACQUARIE



Last week, 49x Yr 5 students and 5x teachers headed off on a 3x day adventure to The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Lake Macquarie. Students (and teachers) climbed the rock climbing wall, braved the giant swing, had a shot at archery, conquered heights on the power fan and high ropes, and had a turn at bush craft and initiatives. They had a fabulous time having lots of fun and creating memories with friends.

Thank you to Mr Cettolin, Miss Errey, Mrs Pomeroy, Miss Anderson and MS Rylewski for attending.

Chifley College Dunheved Campus Year 7 extension class

Information session

You are warmly invited to attend our information session to learn about our extension class and the opportunities it offers high potential and gifted students.



How will the extension class ignite my child's potential?



- Talent development across the domains of potential.
 - Quality teaching, learning and assessment by teachers
- trained in high potential and gifted education.
 - Accessible, inclusive and local pathway for high
- potential and gifted students.
 - Domains of potential often overlap. Evidence suggests
- that grouping students who excel in different domain areas can support learning outcomes.

Is it right for my child?



Your child may benefit from an extension class if they

- learn quickly and easily
- ask complex questions
- are curious and creative
- are goal-driven
- have a good memory
- deeply explore passions.

Date: Tuesday 21st October 2025

Time: 4.30pm (online upon request)

Location: Library

RSVP by Monday 20th October 2025 via the front office on 9623 6600
Expression of Interest Forms will be available via the school website from
14th October 2025



<https://dunheved-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

120 Maple Rd, North St Marys



Please note Automated Gates have been Installed

How to Enter School Grounds:

-  **Press intercom**
-  **Await Answer**
-  **Once instructed
lightly. push left gate**
-  **Please do NOT touch
the handles**



**Free activities
for children
up to 12 years
at the
Parliament
of NSW**

**Friday
10 October
9.30am – 3pm**

Visit Australia's oldest
Parliament, step inside
history and get creative in
workshops and role plays.

- Visit our heritage rooms
- Make craft animals and objects
- Play music and draw with Blak Douglas
- Have your say in a committee role play
- Learn how to vote
- Enjoy live music and more...



FREE ENTRY
Activities 9.30am to 3pm

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

The public café will be open.

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**

P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au





ROCKETEERS

THE ULTIMATE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN**

Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

FUN AWAITS!

YOUR SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Ropes Crossing Public School

Address: Pulley Dr ROPES CROSSING NSW 2760

Phone: 0402 273 388 Program Times: 06:30 am - 06:00 pm

**Mon
29 Sep**

Project: Tree-mendous Thanks

Discover the magic of Gustav Klimt! Create dazzling patterns, design symbolic art, and build your own shimmering 3D Golden Gratitude Tree to take home and treasure.

Full Fee \$98.96 | After Max. CCS* \$9.90



Project

**Tue
30 Sep**

Special Event: Monster Jump!

Jump, slide and bounce 'til your heart's content as you make your way through, over and under various inflated obstacles. There are no limits when it comes to bouncy fun, so join us today and jump for joy!

Full Fee \$128.41 | After Max. CCS* \$12.84



Excursion

**Wed
01 Oct**

Big Art Day: Bloom & Discover

Step into a world of flowers and art! Today is all about using your imagination to bring blossoms and colours to life. Let's create, explore, and see what blooms!

Full Fee \$69.91 | After Max. CCS* \$6.99



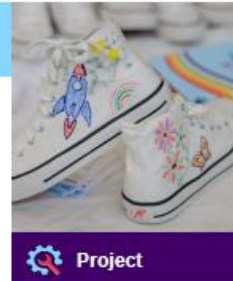
Base Camp Day

**Thu
02 Oct**

Big Art Day: Throwback Kicks

Time to turn up the tunes and throw it back in style! Design your own canvas shoes, dance to retro beats, and enjoy a blast-from-the-past creative day. It's a throwback party you'll never forget!

Full Fee \$99.68 | After Max. CCS* \$9.97



Project

**Fri
03 Oct**

Operation: Cosmic Quest

Blast off into a day of discovery! From twinkling stars to distant planets, today's all about exploring outer space and letting your imagination soar.

Full Fee \$69.91 | After Max. CCS* \$6.99



Base Camp Day

**Tue
07 Oct**

Experience Takeover: Retro Rewind

Dress in your retro best, make tie-dye headbands, dance at a disco party, play Twister, Limbo, Tug of War, and chill in quiet zones if you need—there's fun for everyone!

Full Fee \$104.56 | After Max. CCS* \$10.46



Experience Takeover

**Wed
08 Oct**

Special Event: LEGO® Gaming Builds

Build your dream Minecraft world with themed LEGO® bricks, conquer a Sonic-inspired obstacle course, and take on wild LEGO challenge cards. Plus, take home a sticker sheet and design card!

Full Fee \$99.81 | After Max. CCS* \$9.98



Project

**Thu
09 Oct**

Adventure: The Bad Guys 2 at Reading Cinemas

Watch Mr. Wolf and the crew return for another wild heist! Packed with laughs, action, and rule-breaking twists, this movie adventure is one you don't want to miss.

Full Fee \$122.01 | After Max. CCS* \$12.20



Rocketeers

**Fri
10 Oct**

Project: Slimeology 101

Get squishy, stretchy, and creative! Mix up your own sensory slime using wild colours and textures, then take your custom creation home for even more gooey fun.

Full Fee \$95.85 | After Max. CCS* \$9.59



Project

**Mon
13 Oct**

Operation: Elemental Explorers

Get ready to discover the secrets of earth, air, fire, and water! Today is all about exploring the power of nature's elements and letting your imagination take flight.

Full Fee \$69.91 | After Max. CCS* \$6.99



Base Camp Day

Visit campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers to join our next mission

by Camp Australia

THE ULTIMATE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



ROCKETEERS

Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

**BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN**

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT ROCKETEERS

Take the stress out of the school holidays with Rocketeers. Featuring over 200 wonderfully unique experiences that will ensure your child's school break is extraordinary!

From our LEGO® Gaming Builds event, featuring LEGO® Minecraft® and LEGO® Sonic® experiences, to DIY Decorated Kicks at Big Art Day – and everything in between!



DID YOU KNOW?

You don't have to attend the school where we operate to use our awesome holiday programs. Simply book into any of our convenient locations.



**Build
Friendships**



**Discover
Adventure**



**Create
Memories**



**Have lots
of fun!**

**BOOK INTO SCHOOL
HOLIDAY FUN NOW!**

SAVE BIG THIS SPRING!

Child Care Subsidy
available for
eligible families.

WHAT'S ON THESE HOLIDAYS!

FIND OUT MORE



Special Event








CREATIVE BUILDS FOR GAMERS
Featuring LEGO® Minecraft® and LEGO® Sonic® experiences

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Jet set on an Adventure






OUTDOOR EXCURSIONS **BASKETBALL CLINICS** **CINEMA** **MUCH MORE**

Flex your creativity



RETRO REMIX **Big Art DAY**

FEAT. DIY KICKS!

Epic Base Camp Days



BUDGET FRIENDLY THEMED DAYS!

Programs vary by location. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 3, 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 July	21 Staff Development Day	22 Students Return for Term 3	23 Field of mars Yr 5	24 Field of Mars Yr 6	25 SISA – Stage 2
		Mobile eyes – Eye testing			
2 August	28	29 100 Days of Kindy	30	31	1 SISA – Kindy / Stage 3
3	4 Westfield Performance	5 Education Week Concert & Open Classrooms SRC & Year 6 cake stall	6 Australiana Pioneer Village Year 4 Year 6 – First Foot Forward	7 Boys Softball Knockout	8 SISA – Stage 1
4	11 Parent Teacher Interviews	12 Parent Teacher Interviews	13 Australiana Pioneer Village Year 3	14	15 SISA – Stage 2 Bookfair
5	18 School Photos Bookfair	19 Group Photos Bookfair	20 Book Week Celebrations - Bookfair Character Dress Up day	21 K-2 Athletics Carnival Limelight Rehearsal Day & Night Concert	22 SISA – Kindy / Stage 3
6	25 3-6 Athletics carnival P&C Meeting	26 Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Year 5 – Chifley College Taster Lessons	27	28 Penrith Blue Mountains Rehearsal Day	29 SISA – Stage 1
7 September	1	2	3 Penrith Blue Mountains Matinee & Twilight show	4 District Athletics –Field P&C Father's Day stall	5 SISA – Stage 2 District Athletics - Track
	Swim School				
8	8	9	10	11	12 SISA – Kindy / Stage 3
	Swim School				
9	15	16	17	18 Public Speaking Competition	19 SISA – Stage 1
	Year 5 Camp – Lake Macquarie				
10	22 Presentation Assembly Girls Cricket Knockout	23 Sydney West Athletics	24 Yr 6 Fete	25 Year 2 Golden Ridge Animal Farm Excursion	26 Last Day of Term
Friday, 26 September 2025 – Last day for Term 3 Tuesday, 14 October 2025 – Students resume for Term 4					

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 4, 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
October 1	13 Staff Development Day	14 Students Return for Term 4	15	16 Whole School Photo	17 SISA – Kindy / Stage 3
2	20	21 Kindy Expo 3:30-4:30pm	22 Year 1 Excursion - Featherdale	23	24 SISA – Stage 1
3	27	28 Kindergarten Orientation Session 1 9:30-11:00am	29 Kindergarten Excursion – Calmsley Hill City Farm	30 Mt Druitt Public Speaking Final	31 SISA – Stage 2 Stg 2 and Stg 3 Dance Sport Championships
November 4	3	4	5 Kindergarten Orientation Session 2 9:30-11:00am	6 K-2 Athletics Carnival	7 SISA – Kindy / Stage 3
5	10 Kindergarten Orientation Session 3 9:30-11:00am	11	12	13	14 SISA – Stage 1
6	17	18	19	20	21 SISA – Stage 2
7	24	25	26	27 Zing Disco	28 Talent Quest
8 December	1	2	3	4	5
9	8	9	10	11 Year 6 Graduation and Farewell	12
10	15 Presentation Day	16	17	18	19 Last Day of School for Students
Friday, 19 December 2025 – Last day for Term 4 Monday, 2 February 2026 – Students resume for Term 1					