

School Newsletter

~ safe and sensible, respectful, excellent learners ~



Issue 11

Term 3, Week 2

Thursday, 31 July 2025

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

Dates to Remember – Term 2

Sports in Schools	SISA – This is a 3 x Weekly Cycle - Please check calendar for dates
Monday, 4 August	Westfield Performance
Tuesday, 5 August	Open Classrooms & Education Week Concert SRC & Year 6 Cake stall
Wednesday, 6 August	Australiana Pioneer Village – Year 4 First Foot Forward – Yr 6
Thursday, 7 August	Boys Softball Knockout - Panania
Wednesday 13 August	Australiana Pioneer Village – Year 3
Thursday, 14 August	K-2 Athletics Carnival
Monday, 18 August	School Photos
Tuesday, 19 August	Group Photos
Wednesday, 20 August	Limelight Rehearsal Day
Monday, 25 August	3-6 Athletics Carnival
Thursday, 4 September	Father's Day Stall District Athletics Carnival – Field and 1500m
Friday, 5 September	District Athletics Carnival - Track
Monday, 15 September to Wednesday, 17 September	Year 5 Camp – Lake Macquarie
Friday, 26 September	Last Day of Term

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



Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a happy, safe and relaxing break.

Education Week will take place starting Monday, 4 August 2025. We are looking forward to celebrating this special week with our students, staff and community. On Monday some of our performing arts groups will be performing at Westfields Mt Druitt and on Tuesday we will be seeing our parents and community members for Open Day, Concert and Cake Stall.

B Davies
Principal

100 DAYS OF *Kindergarten*



On Tuesday, 29th of July Kindergarten celebrated their 100th day of school ! We dressed up as elderly people in our favourite clothes and completed a range of activities about the number 100. Students created a necklace with 100 Fruit Loops on it, made an artwork using bingo dabbers and were challenged to stack 100 cups. Our Kindy students really enjoyed the day and had a good 'old' time.

We would like to congratulate all of our Kindergarten students who are now 100 days brighter. Thank you to our parents and carers for dressing your children as the cutest little old men and women.

Kindergarten Teachers





Attendance at Ropes Crossing PS

Each term we celebrate student attendance with a Lego Prize draw for those students who attended 96% or more during the term. 20 Lego prizes were handed out to the winners of the draw. Congratulations to all students.

Keep up the great attendance RCPS!

Ropes Crossing Public School KINDY 2026

growth through learning



Kindy Expo



Tuesday 21.10.25
3:30pm – 4:30pm

Join us for an afternoon at Ropes Crossing Public School. You will be provided with information about our school and have the opportunity to visit our current kindergarten classrooms.



Have you enrolled your child for kindergarten in 2026?

We are still accepting ONLINE enrolments for kindergarten 2026. Your child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before the 31 July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

How to Enrol?

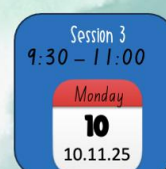
If you are Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and live within our designated intake area, you are eligible to complete the online enrolment application. You will then need to finalise the application at the school. Check <https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au> to see if you are in our catchment area.

Parents will be asked to complete 100-point residential address check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area.

You can scan the code below to enrol online.



Orientation Dates



Enrolment Information

It is never too early to enrol at Ropes Crossing Public School

We accept enrolments for the following Kindergarten year from the beginning of the previous year. Your child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before the 31 July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

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You can begin the online enrolment process by visiting our Ropes Crossing Public School webpage and clicking on the 'enrolment' tab at the top of the page.



Use the camera on your phone to scan this QR Code to begin the enrolment process for Ropes Crossing Public School.



Visit us

Ropes Crossing Public School
52 Pulley Drive, Ropes Crossing NSW 2760

Contact us:
(P) 02 9833 7615

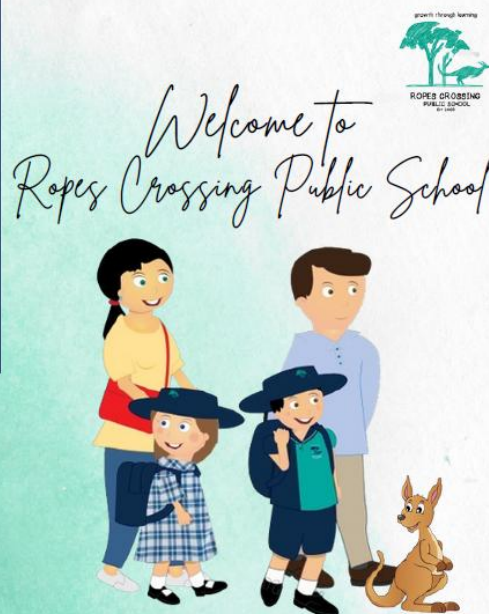
(E) ropescross-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
(W) <https://ropescross-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
Principal: Miss Belinda Davies

Tips for starting school

There are lots of things for your children to learn when they start school. Here are some essential things you can teach your children prior to starting to make their transition to Kindergarten easier:

1. Recognise and write their name.
2. Read, write and count numbers to 10.
3. Opening and closing their lunchbox and bag.
4. Ensuring they know how to use the toilet such as wiping themselves and washing their hands.
5. Basic Colours - Teach them to recognise and name different colours.
6. Shapes - Help them identify basic shapes like circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles.
7. Simple Routines - Encourage understanding of routines like brushing teeth, dressing, and eating.
8. Listening Skills - Practice following simple instructions (e.g., "put the book on the table").
9. Simple Rhymes or Songs - Teach a few nursery rhymes or songs to enhance language development.
10. Fine Motor Skills - Practice activities like colouring, drawing, or using scissors to develop hand-eye coordination.

These early lessons can help build confidence and readiness for school!



Use the camera on your phone to scan this QR Code to see our digital Ropes Crossing Public School Parent/Student Information Book.

PBL and PAX

At Ropes Crossing Public School, I can show I am a PAX Leader by being a:

Safe Respectful Responsible
Excellent Learner

Our School Core Values

In the context of our school, PAX stands for "Peace, Productivity, Health, and Happiness," which is the core philosophy and goal of the PAX Good Behaviour Game, a program used to promote positive classroom environments and student well-being.

We promote students to be safe, respectful, responsible and excellent learners in all aspects of their schooling. This is also referred to as "Following the Five".

Your child will work towards receiving their Roo Award and Following the Five Badge before the conclusion of each year. This is achieved by students receiving 8x of each safe, respectful responsible and excellent learner award, 6x Joey Awards and 2x Wallaby Awards.

To learn more, please visit our Ropes Crossing Public School website and refer to our [School Behaviour Support and Management Plan](#).



Extra Curricula

At Ropes Crossing Public School we offer a range of extra curricula opportunities for our students to participate in across Kindergarten to Year 6.

Sport:

Sports Gala Days each term that consists of students representing our school in teams and competing against other schools in the St Marys District. The sports included in this are:
Oz Tag, Netball, Soccer and Cricket.

Sydney West Sport and State Knockout Sport:

We offer the opportunity for our students to compete in various sports against other teams in the state. These sports can include: Netball, Cricket, Rugby League, Oz Tag, Basketball, Softball, etc.

Academic:

Ropes Crossing Public School also offers opportunities for students to evolve their academic skills in the following programs:

- Debating
- Public Speaking
- Chess Club
- Game Changer Challenge
- Spelling Bee

Creative Arts

Our students are invited to be involved in dance group and choir. We provide the opportunity for students to perform on stage and at various school events throughout the year. The creative art groups we currently have available are:

- Dance Group -Stage 1, 2 and 3
- Aboriginal Dance Group
- Bollywood Dance
- Polynesian Dance
- Choir - Infants and Primary

About Ropes Crossing Public School

Officially opened in 2008, our school caters for the Ropes Crossing community providing quality teaching and learning programs for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Enrolments are predominantly from English-speaking backgrounds with an increasing number of students from such countries as the Philippines, Samoa, Vietnam, Germany, India and Indonesia. Our school is well-supported by our local community of parents, careers, families and friends.

Our school strives to provide a well-balanced academic curriculum across all key learning areas, promoting the highest of expectations for the very best in student learning outcomes. Having the school motto of 'growth through learning', positive behaviour for learning is also promoted with our universal values encouraging all in the school community to be safe and sensible, respectful, excellent learners.

Before and After School Care

Our school partners with Camp Australia and Go Bananas, who provide before and after school care. Camp Australia is located on our school grounds. Go Bananas is located on Forrester Road, North St Marys, inside the St Marys Leagues Club.



Road safety



Driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times around schools. That is why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

Drive safely

- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- At a supervised crossing, follow the directions of the School Crossing Supervisor. They help manage traffic and assist children to use the crossings on roads near and outside of schools.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Park legally and safely

- Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Always park and turn legally around the school. U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.

- Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
- Make sure your child uses the 'Safety Door' (rear kerb side door) to get in and out of the vehicle.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they learn from you.
- It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them when they are old enough to travel alone.



For more information on keeping children safe in the road environment visit the families section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)

Road safety

Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – **it is the law**. The helmet must be standards approved, securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they are playing or riding on wheels, including:

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although your child may quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road, away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. A child aged between 10 and at least 12 should ride away from busy roads.

Children under 16 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

On shared paths, riders are encouraged to leave a metre of space from pedestrians, where possible.

When crossing the road, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian.

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Key road safety messages to share with your child in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the road

Key road safety messages to share with your child in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads

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	12	13 Australiana Pioneer Village Year 3	14 K-2 Athletics Carnival	15 SISA – Stage 2
5	18 School Photos	19 Group Photos	20	21 Limelight Rehearsal Day Limelight Concert Night	22 SISA – Kindy / Stage 3
6	25 Athletics carnival	26	27	28	29 SISA – Stage 1
7 September	1	2	3	4 District Athletics - Field	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	19 SISA – Stage 1
	Year 5 Camp – Lake Macquarie				
10	22	23 Sydney West Athletics	24	25	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	17 SISA – Kindy / Stage 3
2	20	21	22	23	24 SISA – Stage 1
3	27	28	29	30	31 SISA – Stage 2
4	3	4	5	6	7 SISA – Kindy / Stage 3
5	10	11	12	13	14 SISA – Stage 1
6	17	18	19	20	21 SISA – Stage 2
7	24	25	26	27	28 SISA – Kindy / Stage 3
8 December	1	2	3	4	5 SISA – Stage 1
9	8	9	10	11	12 SISA – Stage 2
10	15	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					