

## NEWSLETTER

2025



Try Always'

## Principal's Message

Term 3 Week 10 | 25 September

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up a busy term 3, it is hard to not reflect on how much has been achieved this term. We have taken part in a huge range of extra-curricular activities, in addition to all of our regular classroom learning.

## Western Athletics Carnival

Well done to Lachlan, Bryce, Ari and Kyleesha for their efforts last Friday at the Western Athletics Carnival. While they may not have gained results to qualify for the next level, it is still a mighty accomplishment and something to be proud of. An extra congratulations also to Bryce for achieving a new personal best in shotput.



## Small School's NAIDOC at Ballimore



Last Thursday, we were fortunate to join with Geurie, Eumungerie, Ballimore, Cassilis and Goolma students and staff for our annual NAIDOC celebration. It was a tremendous day, where children worked with others to learn more about Aboriginal culture, and celebrated the theme *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy*. The day was well-organised by the staff of Ballimore and included a range of community organisations to assist in activities, such as traditional indigenous games, language learning, aboriginal tools, and aboriginal dance. It was so lovely to see our students learning alongside students from the other schools.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Breakfast Club operates from 8:15am - Monday – Friday**

## TERM 3

**Friday, 26 September**


-  **Last day of Term 3**
-  **P&C Raffles at Ploughman's Rest Tavern**

## TERM 4

**Monday, 13 October**

-  **School Development Day**

**Tuesday, 14 October**

-  **School resumes for all students**

**Friday, 24 October**

-  **Grandparents Day**




**Friday, 31 October**

-  **World Teachers Day**

**Thursday, 6 November**

-  **Kindergarten Transition 9 to 11:30am**

## Key Events Coming Up Next Term

-  **Swimming program commences - 17 Nov**
-  **Presentation Night - 16 Dec**
-  **Year 6 Farewell – 18 Dec**

Please note that while we aim to keep our school calendar accurate, sometimes dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. We will do our best to inform you of any updates as early as possible.

# Attendance Matters

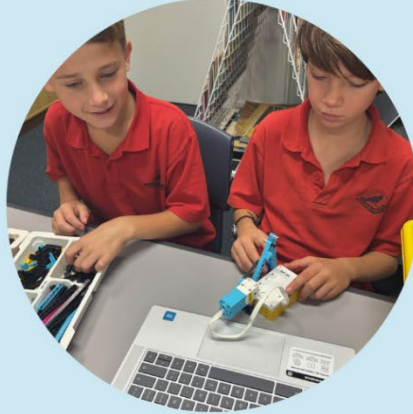
NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance Matters

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



Make friends



Learn



Build skills through fun



### TERM 3 - Week 8

Did we reach our class attendance



GOAL OF 95% ?



Kindergarten



97%

Year One

88%

Year Two

94%

Year Three

85%

Year Four

85%

Year Five

85%

Year Six

60%

### TERM 3 - Week 9

Did we reach our class attendance



GOAL OF 95% ?



Kindergarten

90%

Year One

90%

Year Two



96%

Year Three

85%

Year Four



93%

Year Five



95%

Year Six

73%



## See it & Bee it – Careers Expo Day

Earlier this week, Yrs 5 & 6 travelled to Geurie PS to visit this Careers Expo Day. This day was an opportunity to see just a small range of careers that are available to anyone, aiming to broaden and expand children's thinking about the opportunities that are available. While it may seem early to be thinking about jobs after high school, it is experiences such as this which might ignite a flame and encourage children to pursue a passion they didn't know was possible. Thank you to Mrs Darcy for her invitation to join them and the loan of their bus to reduce costs for families – it is greatly appreciated.

## Term 4

Term 4 looks already to be another big term when I look at the calendar – we have grandparents day, kinder transition, year 6-7 transition, swim school lessons, Healthy Harold and Life Education Van, and a visit from an Olympian athlete – and who knows what else will pop up? As such, I wish all staff and students a relaxing and safe holiday, to come back with enough energy for Term 4 and the lead up to end of year events. Remember, students are due back at school on Tuesday, 14 October, in full summer school uniform, including hats.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Regards,

*Paul Gray*

Paul Gray Principal (Relieving)



**School  
Administration  
Office Hours**  
**8:30 am – 3:30 pm**  
02 6887 8242 

## WHAT'S HAPPENING: SCHOOL | P&C | COMMUNITY

**26<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2025**

### FRIDAY NIGHT P&C MEAT RAFFLE

*at Ploughman's Rest Tavern*

**4X \$25 MEAT TRAYS FROM P&J MEATS**

**TICKETS ON SALE FROM 6PM**

*All money raised supports  
Wongarban Public School P&C*



## Daylight Savings

TIME TO SPRING FORWARD. ARE YOU READY?



**5 OCTOBER 2025 AT 2AM**



## JOIN THE RSL SWIM SCHOOL-

**Enrolments Open from  
September 15th for Term 4, 2025!  
- Come down to enrol!!**

### Why Choose Our Swim School?

- Lessons for all ages and abilities - from 4 mths old - to Squads
- Passionate about water safety and teaching lifelong skills
- Flexible lesson times: mornings, afternoons, and weekends

**SCAN & SAVE \$\$**



### Special Offer:

Scan the QR code, show it to our staff when enrolling to waive the \$30 sign-up fee!

Offer ends 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025



THERE'S  
MORE TO SAY  
AFTER  
**RUOK?**

What you're going  
through isn't easy.  
It's good we can  
talk about it.

That's tough.  
Keep talking,  
I'm listening.

Have you been  
feeling this way  
for a while?

**RUOK? DAY**<sup>TM</sup>  
10 September 2020



Our students joined in recognising R U OK? Day, reminding us all of the importance of checking in with each other.





# STUDENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS



## Term 3 - Week 9 Awards

**Wongarbon**  
Public School

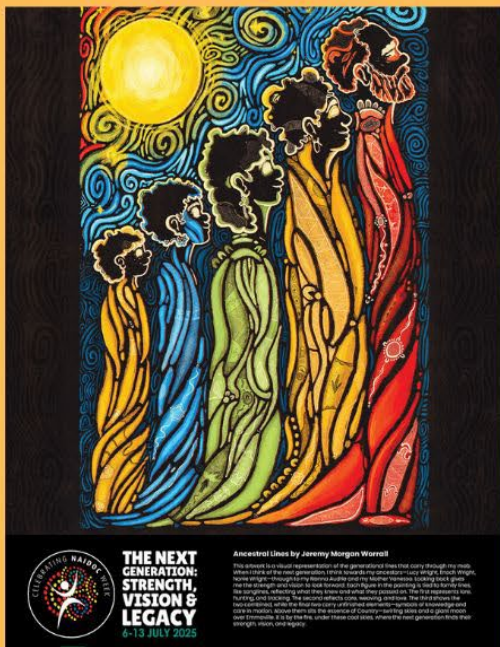
	Kindergarten/ Year One	Year Two/Three	Year Four/Five/Six
CLASS AWARD	Tahlia, Jack	Marion	Kahysie, Abigail, Beau, Sidney
PERFORMANCE AWARD	Aldo, Spencer	Imogen	Darcy, Albert, Charlotte
BOOK AWARD	Kohen	Amelia	Isabella, Ari
STUDENT OF THE WEEK	Darcy		
TIDIEST CLASSROOM	Year 4/5/6		
LIBRARY AWARD	Lucas, Audrey, Scarlett, Aldo		
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS			
Silver Award	Josie, Darcy L, Marion, Sidney, Sophie S (Yr2)		
Gold Award	Travette, Spencer, Amelia, Albert, Beau	Principals Award	Justin, Jack





## NAIDOC Celebrations at Ballimore

Our students travelled by bus to Ballimore Public School to join other small schools in celebrating NAIDOC Week under this year's theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy." It was a fantastic day filled with learning, connection, and fun activities that highlighted the rich culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. A big thank you to our host school for all their organisation and for making the day so special. The smiles say it all!









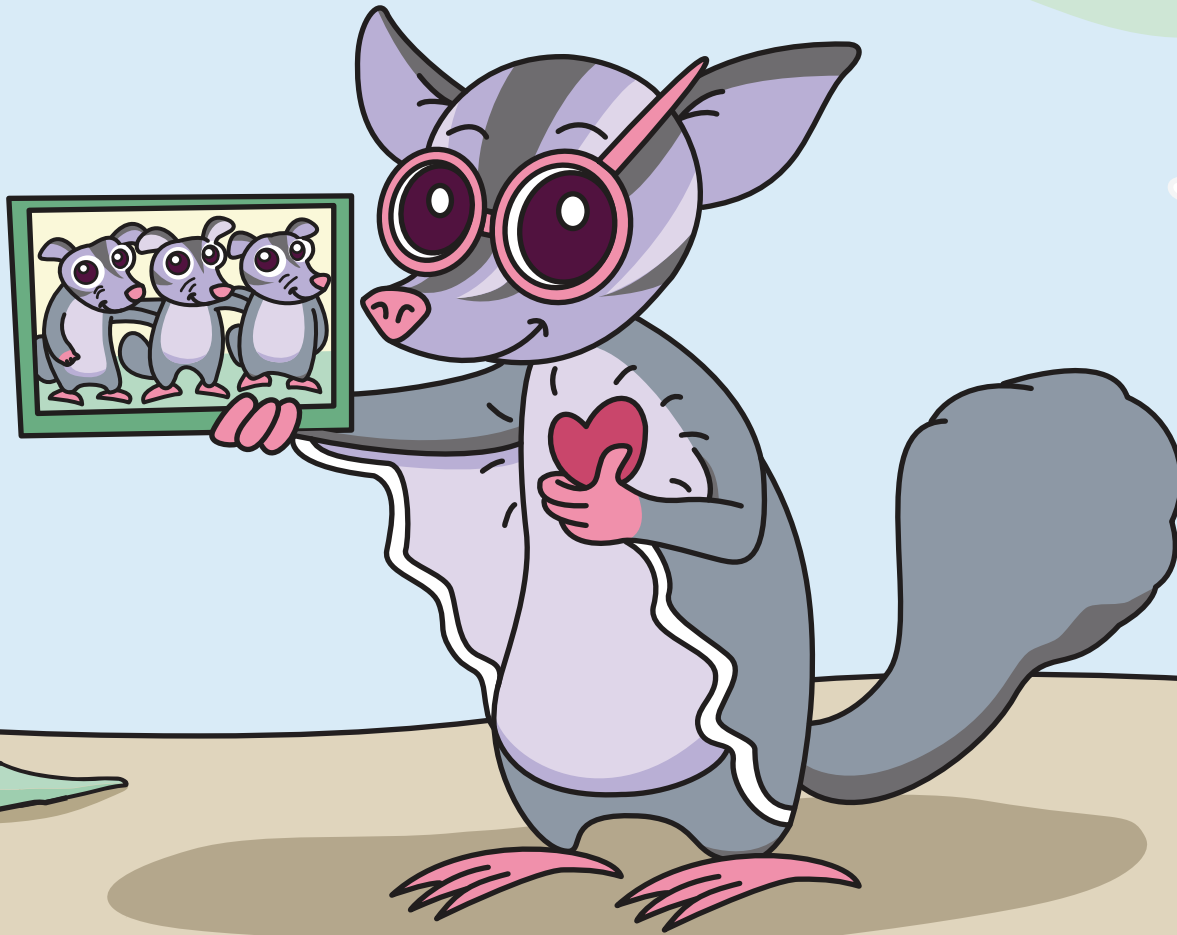








I show respect —  
I am kind and  
caring to others.



River the  
sugar glider

## Remember to:

Always show  
respect online.

Take turns and  
share when  
playing online.

Ask others before  
taking or sharing  
their photo or video.

### Meet River's friends

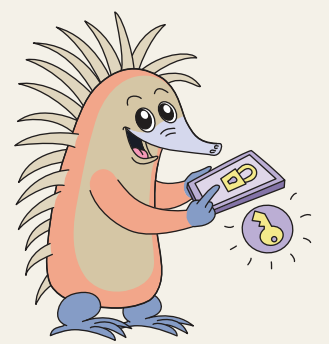
They have an important  
online safety message  
for you too!



Billie the bilby



Dusty the frilled neck lizard



Wanda the echidna





Australian  
Road Safety  
Foundation



Rural  
Road Safety  
Month

SEPTEMBER 2025

**820** people were killed on rural roads last year making up 63% of the 2024 road toll



439 drivers



71 pedestrians



147 passengers



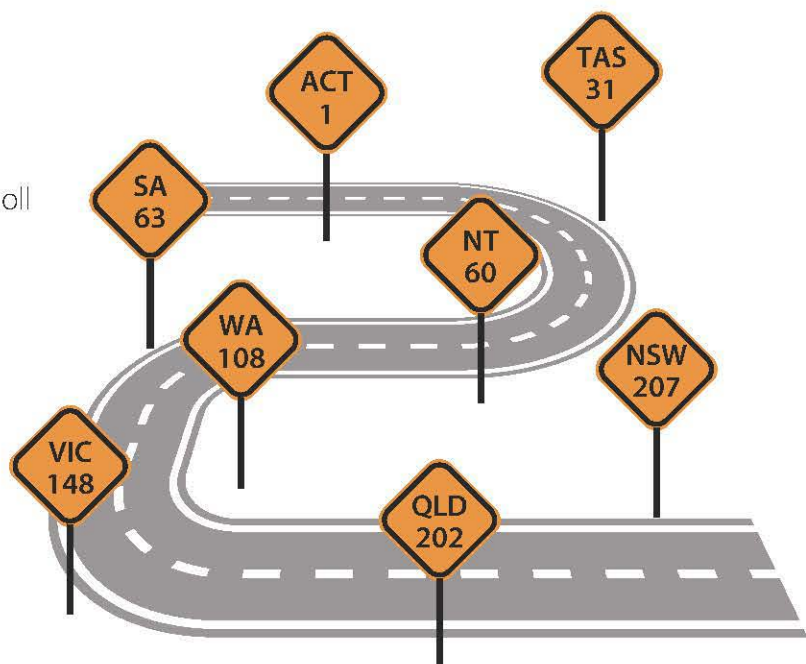
15 cyclists



142 motorcyclists



6 other road users

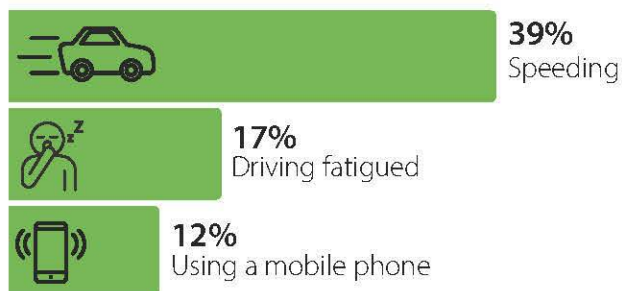


## NEW RESEARCH

**Rural road safety isn't just a regional issue, it's a national responsibility.**

- More than a quarter of drivers (27%) admit to relaxing their safety standards when outside city limits. This alarming trend is likely linked to the belief - held by nearly 1 in 3 Australians (29%) - that rural roads are safer than urban streets.
- More than a fifth (22%) of those who broke a rule said they did so because they believed it was safe.

**44%** of drivers admit to breaking road rules when travelling on rural roads:



**Australia's love for the open road is fuelling a dangerous lack of preparation for long journeys.**

**When it comes to trips longer than two hours:**

- 89%** don't check safety tips or guidelines
- 82%** don't consider rest breaks
- 62%** haven't shared their trip details with a contact
- 38%** forget to check they have enough fuel

Almost **8 in 10** drivers say road safety messaging prompts them to drive more responsibly. The most powerful motivators for change include:



Roadside signs encouraging care or empathy

News coverage of serious or fatal crashes



Real-life stories of those affected by road trauma

If you have been impacted by this information, we encourage you to seek support. Support services can be found at [www.arsf.com.au](http://www.arsf.com.au)

Research conducted by Pure Profile on behalf of Australian Road Safety Foundation between 26 June - 3 July 2025 with a sample size of n= 1516 adults aged 18+ years with a current drivers licence. Data sourced from: BIRL as at: June 2025.



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