



Education

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“LIVE & LEARN”

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### **Culburra Public School Mission Statement**

*We strive to walk together in developing strong learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed members of the community.*

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

➤ **FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**Whole school assembly – 2.30pm**

## **Principal's Report**

### **NAPLAN**

Congratulations to all students in Year 3 & 5 who completed the annual NAPLAN assessment, many thanks to Miss Fenn and the primary team for their organisation. The information from NAPLAN results is triangulated with check-in assessments and in-school data to inform key actions for Strategic Direction 1 - Student Growth and Attainment.

### **Harmony Day Mufti**

Congratulations to the SRC supported by Mrs Martin to organise the Harmony Day mufti last Friday as well as preparing in class activities - great job everyone!

### **School Cross Country**

A date has been added to our calendar for the Cross Country- Friday 2nd May (Week 1 Term 2). Due to a variety of constraints, we are unable to participate with Callala PS at Willandra and will therefore use our expansive school grounds. There will be the opportunity for students to purchase a sausage sandwich and a drink which will support fundraising for the Year 6 Farewell Dinner at the end of the year. The main purpose of holding the event is to qualify students for the next level of competition (District) and to have fun whilst participating in physical fitness.

Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 and 2 (under the age of 8) will have a special opportunity to run a lap on the oval after the main event.

### **Small Group Tuition**

The NSW Government has funded Small Group Tuition as a permanent, evidence informed literacy and numeracy program. This program provides targeted, short-term support for students Needing Additional Support (NAS), identified through NAPLAN, departmental and school-based assessments. It is implemented in all NSW public schools, ensuring equitable access for all students.

At our school, the executive team has been collaborating to use this funding effectively. We are refining our plan, recruiting and training staff and identifying students who will benefit most, with a continued focus on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes.

For more information about the program, visit the [Small Group Tuition website](#), contact our school's Small Group Tuition coordinator, or reach out to [culburra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:culburra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

### **Easter Information**

It's that time of year again when donations for the Easter hampers are sought from our families. Our hampers are amazing each year due to your generosity. Please send donations to the office, I look forward to the draw at the end of the Hat Parade.

The Easter Hat Parade will take place on Friday 11th April at 9:15am in the outdoor covered area. Should the weather be inclement it will be moved to the Hall.

Pre-school aged students are welcome to participate. All students will be provided with time to make their Easter hat at school (hats can also be made at home too).

All students are encouraged to bring their own materials for hat making in a bag with their name clearly marked on it to be given to the class teacher to store. Families are most welcome to make hats at home.

Many thanks to all families who have handed in their raffle tickets. *Please return all tickets (both sold or unsold) by Wednesday 9th April.*

A reminder that Hot Cross Buns order forms are due on Wednesday 2nd April - many thanks to Ness and the P&C for organising.

### **Burra**

Congratulations to all students who have achieved their bronze award. A reminder that student Burras are linked to both behaviour and attendance. Should a student be away for reasons such as family holidays they cannot earn their weekly burra in absentia.

Yours In Education,  
Mrs Day – Principal

### **Key events - claiming the dates**

The following dates below are for key events scheduled for the year. It is not an exhaustive list and dates may need to change, any changes will be communicated via the newsletter or Compass app.

- **Term 1:**
  - ANZAC Assembly - Week 11 - Thursday 10th April.
  - Easter Hat Parade - Week 11 - Friday 11th April.
- **Term 2:**
  - Cross Country – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
  - Tentative date for the athletics carnival - Thursday 8th May.
  - Stage 3 Canberra Excursion - Wednesday 21st May - Friday 23rd May.
  - Stage 2 Mogo excursion - Thursday 22nd May.
- **Term 3:**
  - Art Show - Thursday 25th September
  - Book Parade & Grandparents Day Celebration Assembly - Friday 26th September (last day of the term).
- **Term 4:**
  - Stage 1 Rock Platform Excursion - Thursday 13th November.
  - Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic - Thursday 20th November.
  - Thursday 4th December - Presentation Day.
  - Monday 8th December - Year 6 Farewell Dinner.
  - Monday 15th December - Silly Scientist Incursion.
  - Friday 19th December - Last day of the year.

#### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The Breakfast Program will run every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

#### **Burra Uniform Shop**

New & Preloved  
OPEN FRIDAY'S 8.45am – 9.15am



Celebrating a birthday in this fortnight:

**Noah**

**Amari**

**Lily**

**Trinity**

**Elena**

**Thomas**

We hope you have a great day!

**LIGHTHOUSE WINNERS**



Ellie, Liam, Lucas, Zack, Isabel, Josh, Talan, Tali, Isabel, Ava, Emily, Bodene, Dharraani, Makilah, Brodie, Alfie, Ivy, Chase, James, Esme, Robert, Sophie, Bodhi, Emily, Patrick, Josh, Sage, Oliver, Mason & Jayden

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR BURRA AWARD AT FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY:**

**BRONZE**

**KC** – India, Delilah, Aaliyah, Ellanora, Sophie, Ollie, Alfie, Leveah, Lucas, Marley, Soli & Isabella

**KW** – Ronyx, Henry, Lola, Sonny, Levi, Benjamin, River, Dharraani & Luca

**1/2D** – Ryley, Thomas, Talan, Piper, Bodhi, Damien, Mikaela, Muqassim, Ivy, Betsy, Miley, Isabella, Archie, Molly, Mackenzie, William, Levi & Alexis

**1/2H** – Elena, Piper, Patrick, Brodie, Linkin, Eve, Dallas, Charlotte, Levi, Scarlett, Georgia, Lily, Ziggy, Isabel, Evie, Luna, Vincent, Brenden, Lakey & Jackson.

**1/2P** – Evie, Vada, Myanna, Tali, Caleb, Alexandra, Jordy, Charlotte, Maui, Kruze, Ynarla, Ellie & Abigail.

**3/4C** – Finn, Aleisha, Olivia, Grace, Maddison, Ellie, Alex, Zahli, Theo, Emily, Heath, Jono, Bella, Makilah, Thaddeus & Dylan.

**3/4N** – Jack, Lachlan, Billie, Brody, Harper, Lilli, Ruby, Lucas, Ella, Chase, Kaito, Byron, Willow, Robert & Zachary.

**4-6C** – Jaxson

**4/5W** – Harry, Baylee, Hayden, Trinity, Samuel, Isla, Seth, Ayla, Tre', Isabel, Kai, Jordi, Josie, Pippa, Kawhi, Chelsea & Jayden

**5/6M** – Indi, Blake, Joshua, Kyron, Sophie, Jessica, Amelia, Jagger, Bella, Isobel, Beau, Kate, Ben, Esme & Ivy.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**Term 1 WEEK 7**

**KC**

Soli / Muzmaien

**KW**

Sage / Lucas

**1/2D**

Levi / Macey

**1/2H**

Dallas / Ziggy

**1/2P**

Emily / Charlotte

**4-6C**

Oliver

**3/4C**

Aleisha / Darci

**3/4N**

Lachlan / Brody

**4/5W**

Harry / Baylee

**5/6M**

Kate / Calai

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**Term 1 WEEK 8**

**KC**

Louis / Koda

**KW**

Jett / Brody

**1/2D**

Emmett / Betsy

**1/2H**

Lily / Georgia

**1/2P**

Abigail / Taya-Jane

**4-6C**

Lockhlan

**3/4C**

Maddy / James

**3/4N**

Kaito / Chase

**4/5W**

Josie / Kai

**5/6M**

Indi / Blake

**COMPASS EVENTS**

Please ensure consent and payment has been made on the Compass Parent Portal by the due date for the following future events:

Mogo Excursion – Stage 2 – due 13/5/25

Canberra Excursion – Stage 3 –

due 16/5/2025

### **PEER SUPPORT**

This week's Peer Support session focuses on positive self-talk. Children practise talking positively to themselves. Your child will also learn to persevere, which encourages them to keep trying in challenging situations. During the week encourage your child to use positive self-talk.

### **CANTEEN NEWS OPEN FRIDAY**

Orders can be made online at My School Connect - see below link.

[Login into My School Connect](#)

A few things to know....

- 1) sandwiches, hot food and drinks can be ordered online ONLY
- 2) counter sales are to be purchased at school canteen in breaks
- 3) all orders have a transaction fee of \$0.33 to process the order.

Please note any volunteers must complete a Declaration for Child Related Workers prior to commencing in the canteen. Please see the school office for the form.

### **EXTERNAL SPECIALISTS**

**Parent/carers seeking to have external specialists work on our site with their child need to contact the school via email or a phone call prior to making any arrangements with the service providers.**

Spaces at our school are limited, and our individual class and overall school timetables are the top priority. If service providers contact our school directly, we cannot discuss any arrangement with them as the school has not been provided with consent from parent/carers to discuss confidential student information, I appreciate your assistance managing this process.

### **Out of School Hours Care**

Monday – Thursday 3pm – 6pm

During the school term

Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm during the school holidays and pupil free days

Contact Jacinta on 4447 3069 and leave a message. Bookings are essential.





# Compulsory school attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)



Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

### My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

# Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



## More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

