



ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Grapevine

Term 2 week 6

Dear families,

Thank you for a fabulous Term 2, it has been great to share the learning of our students with you. I take great pleasure in visiting all our classes on a regular basis and am constantly impressed with the way our students and staff embrace our school motto of *Truth Quality Care*. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to learning together in Term 3.

Jo Fair

Principal

Safety for Drop off and Pick up

Please be mindful of the road safety laws and courtesy to other drivers around the school. Parking or stopping in the bus zone is causing undue risks to students' safety and we ask all drivers to cease this behaviour.

Parents and carers are a child's first teacher and are responsible for modelling safe road user behaviours as children naturally imitate the adult's around them. Children should only be getting into and out of cars on the footpath side.

Together we can make arriving and departing school a happy and safe time for everyone.

School gates locked

To ensure all students remain safely within the school, the gates will be locked from 9:20am until 2:50pm. If you require access to the school during the day, please call the office on 9824 7111 and someone will meet you at the gate.

We thank you for your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Assembly week 9

Due to the Year 1 excursion on Wednesday, our assembly this week will be on Thursday 22 June.

Beanie, Pyjama & Movie Day Change of Date

To ensure that all students can participate in Beanie, Pyjama & Movie Day we have changed the date to Tuesday 27 June

Attendance

The school has been busy sending emails to parents whose children have unexplained absences for Semester One. Thank you to the parents who have already responded to these emails. If you have not yet responded, please do so, as you will continue to receive these autogenerated emails until we receive your explanations.

Please remember to explain any days your child is away from school as soon as they return. This can be done via a phone call, letter to the class teacher, email to the school or a message on the Audiri app (formerly known as the Skool Bag app). If your child is absent for three days a medical certificate will need to be presented to the school. Holidays need to be taken during school holidays.

Stage 3 Camp Payments

This is a reminder to Stage 3 parents, you can start paying off camp money either weekly, fortnightly or monthly.



Dates for your diary

June

21 Yr 1 Campbelltown Art Centre Excursion
22 Assemblies
23 Gala Day
27 Beanie, Pyjama & Movie Mufti Day
29 Yr 2 Campbelltown Art Centre Excursion
30 Last Day Term 2

July

18 Term 3 begins K-6

Dates for our assembly Term 2

K- 2 Assembly 9am
3-6 Assembly 2pm

Thursday 22 June

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EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**Check the time
your school
starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



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EVERY DAY COUNTS....

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

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Reconciliation Week

Our school has been observing Reconciliation Week this week. Reconciliation Week started Saturday 27th May and runs until Saturday 3rd June.

Lessons and activities have been occurring within each class to help all students understand the meaning and importance of Reconciliation Week and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, through discussion and voting, decided on the significant activities they wanted implemented. They were our "Sea of Flags" and to play traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander games.

We thank those families who were able to join us on Tuesday to take part in a Reconciliation Week activity with their child.

Lee Scales



BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS

NRW.RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

#NRW2023



Keep up the momentum for change: the theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023 is *Be a Voice for Generations*.

The theme encourages all Australians to be a **voice for reconciliation** in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we **live, work** and **socialise**.

For the work of **generations past**, and the benefit of **generations future**, act today for a more **just, equitable and reconciled country for all**.

National Reconciliation Week – **27 May to 3 June** – is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

This year we spoke to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students about how they would like to mark Reconciliation Week and put their ideas to a vote (as we could not do all the ideas). Here's what they decided.

1. Everyone in the school to please colour/ paint/ craft an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island flag to create a sea of flags around our school flag poles. The flags are now visible on the grassed area near the flag poles.
2. Classes play Traditional Indigenous games and sports or join with other classes to play these games.
3. All families within the school community were invited to the school to participate in a class Reconciliation Week activity on Tuesday, 30th May from 2pm -3pm.

Aboriginal Dance Workshop at Eagle Vale High School

Yesterday, 11 of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Years 3-6 attended an Aboriginal dance workshop at Eagle Vale High School. They joined students from four other schools to learn from experienced First Nation dancers the Brolga Dance Academy.

The first dance was a traditional dance that tells the story of how Dhinawan (meaning emu in the Gamilaraay language) went to the sky as told by Auntie Bronwyn. The students then learnt two contemporary dances choreographed and shared by the instructors. The students learnt the stories behind the dances, words from the Gamilaraay and Wiradjiri languages and ways to connect to country through dance. Everyone had a wonderful time and, as always, the students represented themselves, the school and their culture proudly.



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Does your child:

- get easily distracted
- not complete homework
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- rub their eyes
- blink excessively
- says that they do not like reading

We can help optimise the visual skills to promote learning.

Please scan this QR code
to access the consent form



For further information please call or email Andrea Eliastam info@mobileyes.com.au | 0424 097 559.

Please fill in the consent form found at <https://www.mobileyes.com.au/parent-guardian-consent> or scan the QR code above.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school is pleased to announce that it will be running a healthcare initiative called the **Student Eye care Program**. An optometrist will be onsite during school hours to provide students with a comprehensive eye examination.

Parents will receive a report regarding their child's eye health and a prescription will be provided if glasses are required. Suggestions will be made for spectacles with options to access very affordable frame and lens packages. Alternatively free glasses can be obtained through Vision Australia- Criteria apply.

The program's aim is to detect visual problems that may interfere with a student's learning abilities and subsequently hinder their academic potential. A significant number of students have visual problems that go undetected; these are mainly inadequate focusing and eye teaming abilities that could lead to symptoms such as poor concentration, fatigue, headaches and unwillingness to read.

This eye health service is available to all students and is covered by Medicare Australia – so there is no cost to the students with a valid Medicare number. Those students with no Medicare card who wish to be tested, will need to pre-pay \$50.00 to Mobileyes Commonwealth Bank BSB: 062 124 account: 11750716 (Use your Child's name as the reference) prior to the testing day.

The form that follows is to be completed by the parent or guardian. Please feel free to browse the MOBILEYES website (www.mobileyes.com.au) for further information about the eye check and our personnel.

Please contact the Mobileyes Optometrist on 0424 097 559 Or 0405734321 if you have any queries about this service.

Principal

HT Student Wellbeing

I hereby authorize and consent for **MOBILEYES** and their licensed Optometric staff to conduct a comprehensive eye examination on my child and, if needed, to prescribe and dispense eyewear. I am hereby authorizing **FULL** disclosure of the results of my child's vision exam, provided by MOBILEYES for Life and/or its partners. This information may be shared only with the following parties: **Myself, My child's school.** I give consent to MOBILEYES to see my child.

School Name:	
Year/Grade/Class:	Teacher:
Family Name-(as per medicare card)	First Name-(As per medicare card)
Gender:	Date of birth:
Parent/Guardian:	Contact Number:
Home Address:	

Email Address (Please print clearly):

Please circle all that apply:		Details:
Has your child ever had an eye exam?	Yes No	
Does your child wear glasses?	Yes No	
Are there any symptoms with his/her vision?	Yes No	
Has your child ever injured his/her eyes?	Yes No	
Do you give permission for your child to have their photograph taken to select glasses frames if they are required?	Yes No	
Does your child suffer from any medical conditions?	Yes No	
Does your child take any medication?	Yes No	
Is your child struggling to read/learn?	Yes No	
Is there a family history of eye disease (e.g. glaucoma or diabetes)	Yes No	(Specify)
MEDICARE DETAILS		
Medicare Card Number (10 digits): <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>		
Child individual Reference No. (single digit alongside child's name) <input type="text"/>		
Expiry Date: _____ / _____		

I agree that the above is a true and accurate record. I understand that this service is only free to students with a valid Medicare number. **NOTE:** Students with no Medicare card who wish to be tested will need to pre-pay \$50.00 to MobileyesCommonwealth Bank BSB: 062124Account: 11750716 Please use your Child's name as reference.

Parent/Guardian **SIGNATURE** _____

Parent/Guardian **Printed Name** _____

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MOUNT ANNAN
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Free family fun with the Parliament of NSW

MONDAY-FRIDAY 3-7 JULY 2023 ONLINE

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN UP TO 12 YEARS

- Mirri Mirri cultural education session
Monday 3 July, 1-2 pm
Wednesday 5 July, 1-2 pm
- Virtual guided visit of the Parliament of NSW
Tuesday 4 July, 9-10 am
Thursday 6 July, 9-10 am
- Storytelling session
Friday 7 July, 9-10 am
- Storytelling and drawing activity

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament via ZOOM this school holiday for free fun educational activities for children and families.

We have 5 days of fun events planned including storytelling, Aboriginal cultural session and a virtual guided visit through the newly refurbished chambers.

BOOK NOW

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
P: (02) 9230 2047
E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au

WHERE ONLINE

MORE INFORMATION
parliament.nsw.gov.au/events



**TALKING
SINGING
READING
WRITING
PLAYING**

Free Early Literacy Activity Packs

For Children aged 0 - 5yrs, not attending school

Early Literacy activity pack will include;

One book per household - "Pig the Pug" various fun titles, craft item and all art materials needed to complete the craft for each child registered.

To be eligible for this pack recipients must reside in Campbelltown and Camden LGA.

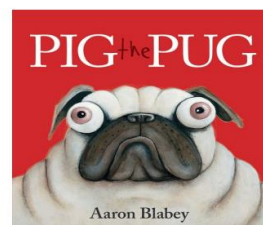
Registration for consideration

Email: manager@neighbourhoodhub.org.au or carepair@neighbourhoodhub.org.au or
Phone 4625 1254 by 10am Monday 26th June

Please email: your name, suburb, contact phone number, name and age of child.

Allocated packs are to be collected from Neighbourhood Hub Macarthur (NHM), on

Tuesday 27/06/23 time, 9am - 1pm or
Wednesday 28/06/23 time, 9am - 3pm



Address: NHM - 83A North Steyne Rd Woodbine 2560
Website: woodbinenc.org.au
Phone: 4625 1254
ABN: 82 325 680 916

