



Term 4, Week 8

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen on our Facebook page that our new playground equipment has finally been installed. Students watched as it all came together, and were eager to jump on and try it all out. We're hoping to open it for use in our last week of school. We're just waiting for safety measures to be completed on the ground before it's ready to go.

We are pleased to be able to support our families and local community by offering a range of pantry supplies for the holidays. Please use the order form on the final page of this newsletter to order your FREE food hamper, as well as any extras of each product that you could deliver to make the holiday expenses a little bit easier for your family or neighbours.

With reports scheduled to be sent home on Monday the 11th of December, teachers have been busy studying student workbooks and assessments. If you would like to discuss your child's progress, please contact the office so we can arrange a time to meet with you.

We are seeking responses from parents/ guardians of students attending our school with the following survey. **This provides us with data for our annual report.** Your feedback will be taken into consideration for our planning next year, so we would very much appreciate your time in filling it out for us -

<https://forms.office.com/r/J4Z8gihh3e>



Mrs. Khristyna Greenfield - Acting Principal
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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is one of THE most important contributors to academic success – All school days matter.

Our attendance goal for 2023 is 90 - 92%

2023 attendance so far- 81.4%

Term 4 attendance so far- 79.5%

Curriculum Corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week staff and students have been hard at work ensuring students are meeting their vocabulary goals to end the year.

Staff have already been working towards preparation for 2024 undertaking new professional learning on how we can better assess writing in our school. Our new system will allow us to track how our students are going and compare our data against other schools to help identify areas where students need to improve and achieve those learning goals.

Yours in Learning,

Mr Josh South
Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction

Weekly Student Awards

Congratulations Tyler and Erin
Term 4 week 6, and Term 4, week 7
Students of the Week



Congratulations Erin and Zac
Term 4, Week 6, and Term 4, week 7
Attendance awards



Student Spotlight

Harvey

Students are interviewing each other at our school so we can learn more about one another.

Scan the QR code to watch the interview!



Free Christmas Pantry Orders

We know that there are a lot of outgoing household expenses at Christmas time, and Euabalong West Public School would like to support your family as well as others in need in our community.

Please write a number next to the items pictured ***on the note attached to this newsletter***, and send it in as soon as possible. We will send a package home to provide you with a few basic staple pantry items to help out over the holidays. If we've run out of the number requested, we will send home as close an alternative or advise you if the items are all "sold out" (So get in with your orders as fast as possible). Please include orders for neighbours in need, or extended family with your numbers. You might want to use them for breakfast, or to cook some other yummy items such as Weet Bix Slice, Vegemite scrolls, Honey Joys...

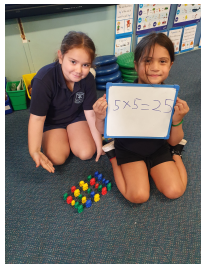
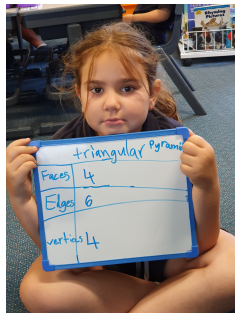
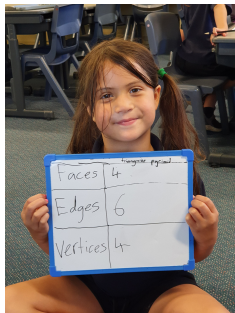


What's Happening in the Classrooms?

K,1,2 Kukaparra (Kookaburras)

Kukaparra students have been very busy participating in many learning activities during Maths. They are learning about time, and have also been revising shapes and their properties.

Ask your child how many faces, edges or vertices different shapes have, and you will see how hard they have been working to try to remember all these great facts.



3,4,5,6 Marrawuy (Kangaroos)

In Marrawuy, students have been “wrapping their heads around” idioms. Luckily there weren’t too many students “under the weather” this fortnight, so they “gave it a whirl” and no one was left feeling like a “fish out of water”. We’ve all “stepped up our game”, to enjoy our lessons. After spending some time understanding idioms, we know they’re a “piece of cake” and will be able to use them a lot more often.

Yesterday our class went to the pool. I said to Mrs Mac, "I think it will rain" she replied "When pigs fly." Sade tripped over Sonny's bag. The teacher said "no point crying over spilt milk." I told you not to go that way.

The teacher told us to jump in the pool. Then change of heart. We could play in the park instead. This was the cherry on top.

By Erin

The little boy started crying because he broke his toy car so his mum said don't cry over spilt milk.

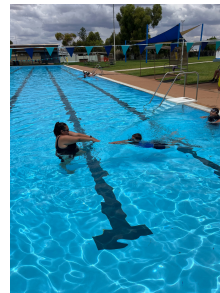
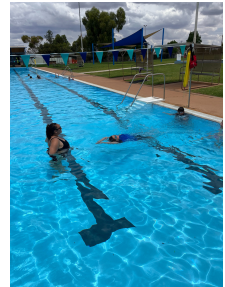
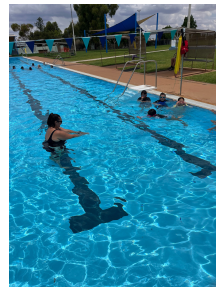
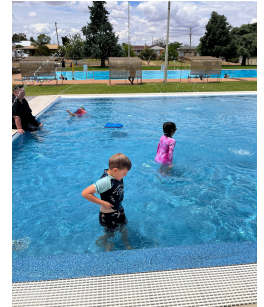
Mike was reading a book when he got a cold shankler from James.

Maya's day was going so good when they got to go to the water park but the cherry on top was the cake!

By Ana

Sport

All students have participated in intensive swimming lessons during Week 7 and Week 8 this term. They have been developing their skills through fun and engaging water activities, and it's been fantastic to see their progress over the two week course.



Helping your child with Learning

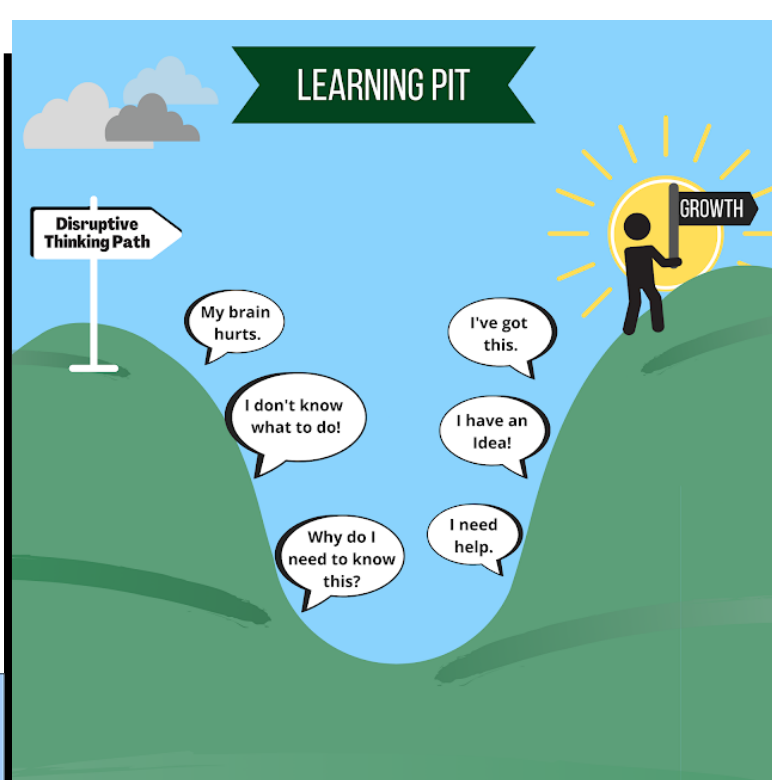
Parents serve as the first teacher of their children. However, you don't have to deliver a lecture to them from a textbook. By portraying the learning activities as a fun time, you may get your children engaged and excited about learning something new. Especially on days when schools are off, or you are on holiday, you can participate in learning with your kids. Home learning is not only helpful to develop value in education, but it is also beneficial for their mental health and social development.

You can select specific activities targeting the developmental areas specific to your children. If you're unsure where to start, give the school a call and the teachers can give you an idea or two that will make a difference. These activities are also a great way to teach life skills and self-confidence to your children.

Draw and colour your favourite vehicle. Label the parts.	Write a sentence about where you'd like to visit.	Look at holiday photographs. Talk about how you got there.	Where do the tins in your cupboard come from? Look at a world map online and find the countries.
'Are We There Yet?' Home Learning Menu Pick one task to complete each day.		Listen to a story and draw a story map of where your story takes place.	Look at holiday photos. Find where you went on a world map.
		Draw what you would wear on a sunny day if you were visiting the beach.	Draw what you would wear on a day when you were visiting a country with lots of snow.
What can you see from your bedroom window? Draw and label them.	Go for a walk around your garden. Measure how many steps long and wide it is.	Pack a suitcase for a day out. What will you need? Say why.	Write a list of things that Tedi Twit would need for a picnic.

Thinking About the Holidays Ahead

We know this time of year can involve a lot of planning, and deciding what to do to keep children busy in the holidays which are looming closer every day. We have come up with a couple of holiday checklists which might inject some fun into your preparations for Christmas. Take a look at the next page of the newsletter, and see if you can use all, or even just some of these ideas for a family challenge. We hope you have some fun with it!



A Growth Mindset Through The Learning Pit

In life, we often prefer the path of least resistance. This is human nature. While we avoid challenges for many reasons, our mindset often keeps us from pushing ourselves if we are comfortable where we are. Through fear of failure, mental blocks can occur to keep us in a safe place – free from dealing with potential adversity. This isn't always the case, but we have all been here. The way we think results from years of conditioning, struggles, or a lack of good feedback. Think about your experience as a student. Were you consistently empowered to think critically and apply what you had learned in authentic ways to solve real-world problems? While we can rely on YouTube now to help solve some of our problems, do we have the confidence to tackle more significant issues on our own?

Now think about the conditions where students today learn and live. There is a need to create the conditions in all classrooms to prepare our learners with the competencies required for success in a bold new world.

Getting kids into the learning pit for productive struggle is the best way to teach this. Preparing students by being explicit about learning expectations, questions, tasks, and assessments are designed to result in struggle is intentional. Being upfront with kids is vital. Otherwise, they will think the teacher is being hard on them. In the end, it is for their benefit. Please talk to your child/ren about the struggles of learning and support us in advising them that this is a normal feeling when learning is occurring.

Christmas Activity

Check list

- ☐ Decorate the Christmas tree
 ☐ Get a photo with Santa
- ☐ Look at lights
 ☐ Make a front door wreath
- ☐ Do some Christmas baking
 ☐ Put lights on house
- ☐ Have a night in watching a Christmas movie
 ☐ Kids read a Christmas book with their grandparents
- ☐ Attend a carols by candlelight
 ☐ Write a letter to Santa Claus
- ☐ Make gingerbread houses
 ☐ Have a Christmas photoshoot
- ☐ Write out Christmas cards
 ☐ Make eggnog (non alcoholic for kids)
- ☐ Listen to Christmas music
 ☐ Get comfy, Make some Christmas decorations. (hundreds online to choose from)
- ☐ Make Christmas stockings
 ☐ Have a big with the neighbours or friends you might not see on Christmas day
- ☐ Go Christmas shopping
 ☐ Check out local councils website for events on in your area
- ☐ Have a picnic dinner outside of Christmas lights
 ☐ _____
- ☐ Make a sand snowman at the beach
 ☐ _____

Merry Christmas

December Photo Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping presents | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating the tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Kids with Santa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A kiss under the mistletoe | <input type="checkbox"/> Baking Christmas cookies | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading a Christmas story |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A cup of hot cocoa | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing in the snow | <input type="checkbox"/> A wreath on the door |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advent calendar | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> PJ's on Christmas Eve |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoying a Holiday movie | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a Holiday craft | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas tree lit up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Favorite Holiday treat | <input type="checkbox"/> All dressed up | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family photo by the tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Star/Angel on top of tree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presents under the tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa's milk & cookies | <input type="checkbox"/> Wishing Santa hats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas stockings | <input type="checkbox"/> Opening up presents | <input type="checkbox"/> Motivity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas morning breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> A family tradition | <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing Christmas dinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Favorite Christmas ornament | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas magic | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing with new toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas candy | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday to-do list | <input type="checkbox"/> A snowman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |



Do you have a child entering or resuming tertiary or educational study in 2024?

If you answered Yes... then become a member of the
Isolated Children's Parents' Association – Rankins Springs Branch
This gives your child the opportunity to apply for our Tertiary Bursary

Membership Fee:

\$60 per family
Contact: Dee Wilkes –
Bowes
Phone: 0427 006 404

EDUCATIONAL BURSARY

A **\$500** Bursary to assist with Apprenticeship/Traineeship/University study costs is available for 2024.

This is made possible by the fundraising efforts of the Rankins Springs Branch of ICPA.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligibility Criteria:

- The Bursary is only available to students enrolled to study at a University, Country University Centre (CUC), TAFE or Agricultural College in 2024. **This includes Apprentices.**
- The applicant's parents **MUST** be current financial members of the Rankins Springs Branch of ICPA.
- Applicants must be undertaking a full time Degree, Diploma or working towards a Certificate IV through an Apprenticeship.

Application Criteria - Must include the following information:

- Cover page to include name and contact details – residential address, phone number and email address.
- Year 12 Results/ROSA Certificate.
- Proof of enrolment into chosen course of study.
- Two written references attesting to the students' character, only one can be school based.
- Resumé of interests and achievements other than academic (Eg. sporting, cultural, community etc.)
- Brief statement explaining career goals and personal/family circumstances demonstrating financial need.
- Brief explanation on how the Bursary will be spent. (Eg: University/CUC students may choose to pay for first semester books or fees, an apprentice may choose to pay for tools etc.)
- Students undertaking a gap year are also eligible to apply. However, the Bursary funding will commence in the year of study.
- Applications must be submitted in PDF format.
 - **Applications close on 30th January 2024.**
 - **Submit to:** The President, Rankins Springs Branch of ICPA
 - **Email:** akjohnston@esat.net.au
- Applications must be submitted (written or verbal via a 2min video) by email to the above address by the due date.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The Selection Process is based on, but not limited to, the above Eligibility and Application Criteria.
- An independent Selection Panel will be formed to assess all applications. The Panel has the right to privacy.
- Presentation of the Bursary will take place in March 2024 at a time to suit the recipient.
- Photos & articles of the award winner will be made available to the media and the ICPA.

SEE YOU THERE!



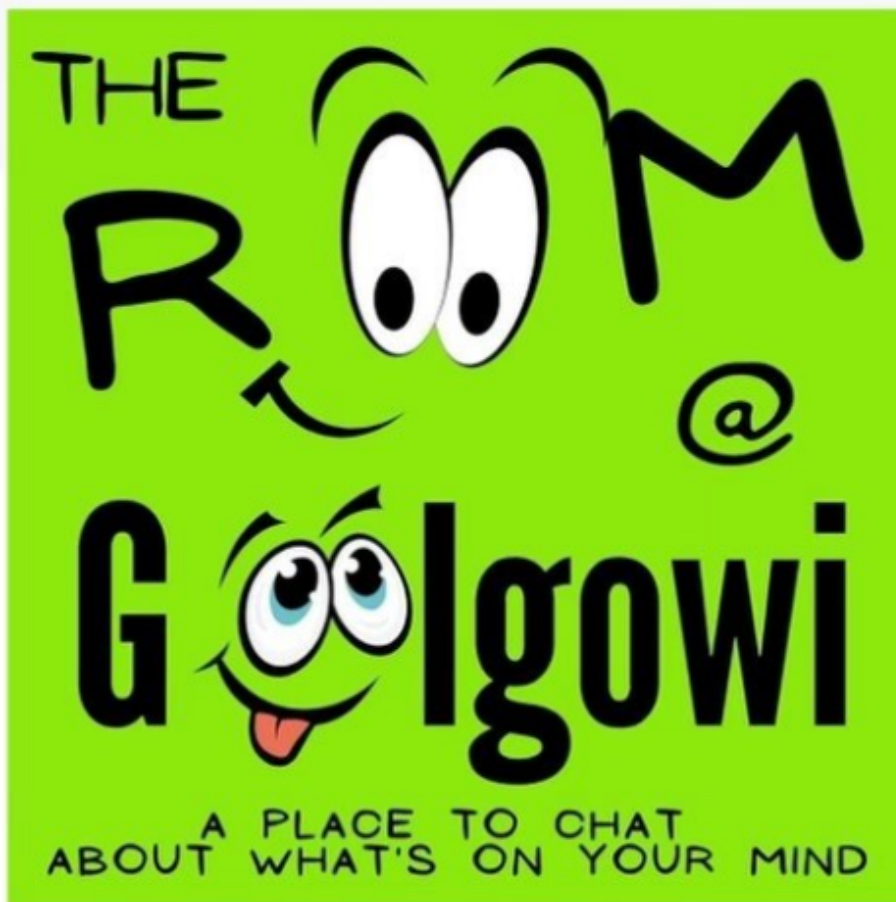
THE CREW FROM C3 CHURCH NARARA ARE COMING FOR OUR
ANNUAL CHRISTIAN HOLIDAY PROGRAM! 20 + YEARS OF FUN!

GAMES, SPORT, CRAFT, ARTS, JESUS, & MORE

2024- JANUARY 15- 21ST / 10AM AT THE LAKE

SEE YOU THERE!

COMMUNITY DAY @



EVERYONE WELCOME
SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

COME ALONG AND CATCH UP WITH MATES FOR A DAY OF
FAMILY FUN AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SERVICE PROVIDERS
AVAILABLE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY.

**FREE BBQ : WATER SLIDE : JUMPING CASTLE :
FACE PAINTING : AND MORE FROM!**

5 STIPA STREET GOOLGOWI

10 AM - 2 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT

MARIE:

0428 653 296



Mr Leech's New Adventure

Mr Leech has made the decision to move back east, and we would like to forward the message below to advise our school community of his new adventure as he moves home to be with his family. We are sorry to see him leave but wish him all the best for the future:

Since I first started teaching at Euabalong West Public School, I couldn't have asked for a better school. Whenever people ask me what it's like teaching out at Euabalong West, the students are the first thing I brag about. They have been a fantastic bunch of kids, and it was a privilege to teach them every day. They've put a smile on my face and impressed me with their creativity and efforts at school. I have particularly fond memories of the movies we made together. The students showed incredible focus and dedication when making these, which is something I am very proud of, and something that will always stay with me. So thank you to Seth, Brooklyn, Willo, Colin, Ryan, Tyler, Ayla, Riva, Dustin T, Halle, Sonny, Sade, Summer, Ally, Briseis, Dustin A, Anky, Macy, Layla, Reagan, Erin, Kelsey, Ana, Zac, Kayla, Riley, Kyla, Kiesha, Lexi, Jill, Josh, Dustin O, Angus, Janaya, Arna, Angus, Mitch, Maddie and Jacob.

I'm thankful to all the parents and extended family members who've been supportive and welcomed me as a new teacher at their school. I've always felt supported by parents who have trusted me to play a large role in their children's education.

I also want to thank the staff at EWPS who have supported me over the years, given me countless laughs, and helped me grow as a teacher. I've been very fortunate to work alongside people who have accepted me with open arms and adopted me into the EWPS family. Nobody could ask for better colleagues.

For personal reasons, I've decided to move closer to family back east. It has been a difficult decision, and not one that I have taken lightly. I believe in the students at EWPS, and know they can accomplish great things. I wish everybody the best out in the West.




Term 4, 2023 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
6	13.11.23	14.11.23	15.11.23 Y 6 Transition to L/Carg Spelling B	16.11.23 Final Kindergarten Transition	17.11.23 Newsletter	18/19
7	20.11.23 Swimming	21.11.23 Swimming	22.11.23 Y6 Transition to L/Carg Swimming	23.11.23 Swimming	24.11.23 Swimming	25/26
8	27.11.23 Swimming	28.11.23 Swimming	29.11.23 Swimming	30.11.23 Swimming Newsletter	1.12.23 Swimming Special lunch order at the pool	2/3
9	4.12.23	5.12.23	6.12.23 Small Schools Swimming Carnival	7.12.23 Year 6 Farewell at Bowling Club	8.12.23	9/10
10	11.12.23	12.12.23	13.12.23 School Presentation 6pm	14.12.23 Newsletter	15.12.23 Lake Talbot Water Park	16/17
11	18.12.23 S.D.D. Staff Only	19.12.23 S.D.D. Staff Only				

HAMPER REQUESTS

WRITE HOW MANY OF EACH ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE IN THE BOXES BESIDE THE PICTURES AND RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY 5TH DECEMBER 2023. ITEMS WILL BE PACKED AND SENT HOME ON THE DAY THIS ORDER IS RECEIVED.

PLEASE NOTE THE BEST-BEFORE DATES HAVE **PASSED** ON ITEMS WITH A 

Please write the name of family coordinating the distribution of items below



Vita Brits



Baked Beans



Weeties



Vegemite
Best Before 17/10/23



Weet Bix



1L Full Cream Milk
Best Before 26/1/24



Spaghetti



2L Lite Milk
Best Before 31/10/23



Cornflakes
Family size pack



Sultana Bran
Family size pack

Thank you & **Merry CHRISTMAS**