

## IMPORTANT DATES

*Please check our planner on the website which is regularly updated.*

[Home - Epping Heights Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

You can also connect it with your google calendar

[Epping Heights Parent planner \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

11 November – Grandparents and Remembrance Day

11+12 – November – Yrs 1-6 Gymnastics

12 November - P&C meeting 7p.m

13 November – Yrs 2-6 assembly led by Band Captains

13 November – Band – Hot potatoes

14 November- High School Transition Program Yr 6 students

14 November - Gymnastics – Kindergarten

15 November – P&C Band Hands On Session

16 + 17 November – P&C Family Camping Weekend

19 November – High School Transition Parent Session Online

20 November – Kindergarten 2025 Orientation

20 November – Kindy 2025 Orientation Day

20 November – Band Auditions

21 November – High School Transition Session 2 Year 6 students

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | Week 4 | November 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last night I was thrilled to attend the Epping Music Festival, which showcased the incredible talent and dedication of our students. A heartfelt congratulations to our Senior Choir and Senior Dance groups for their outstanding performances, as well as to our School Captains for their leadership and support throughout the event. A special thank you to Mrs Kim, Miss Gravis and Miss Moore for their hard work and commitment in organising this wonderful celebration of music and the arts. Your efforts have truly made a difference in our school community!



Our Kindergarten students enjoyed their first excursion to Sydney Zoo today. They learnt about animals and their habitats as part of their learning about Living Things in Science. There were smiles all around as they boarded the double-decker bus! Congratulations Kinder students on being safe, respectful and responsible outside of school too. Thank you to our teachers and parent helpers for their efforts on such a hot day. More information will be shared in our next newsletter.



As we approach the end of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the important transition our students will experience as they move to the next year level. This time of year is filled with excitement and anticipation, as students look forward to new challenges, friendships, and opportunities for growth. Please rest assured over the coming weeks, our dedicated staff are planning for a smooth and supportive transition for each child, providing them with the resources and guidance they need to thrive.

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# NEWSLETTER

We encourage you to engage in conversations with your child about their hopes and goals for the upcoming year, and to foster a positive mindset as they prepare for this new chapter in their educational journey. Together, we can help make this transition a positive and enriching experience for all our students.

We are excited that our Year 6 students will be participating in a special high school transition program facilitated by KidsXpress over the coming weeks. Year 6 parents are also encouraged to join us online for an informative session (see school bytes email previously sent).

## Grandparents Day and Remembrance Day



This year we have chosen to combine two very important events, Grandparents Day and Remembrance Day.

NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the role grandparents and older people play in our society – both the things they have done, and the things they keep doing. The campaign recognises the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations.

Many children at our school are loved and supported by their grandparents or special older people. We hope they will join us to celebrate our Grandparents Morning.

Remembrance Day is a time when we pay respect and pause for one minute to remember the service and sacrifice of our armed forces veterans and current serving personnel. It is commemorated on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month each year as this was when World War 1 ended in 1918.

**Time:** Monday 11 November 10:15 am-11.30 am Join us in the hall for a special Remembrance Day Service. This service will be led by the School Leadership Team Prefects and involve the Concert Band and Senior Choir.

11.05-11.30am Picnic morning tea in the front playground or K-2 COLA with your grandchild

(Bring your own picnic. Tea and coffee provided for grandparents).

## [NAPLAN, School Excellence Plan and Student Behaviour Plan - Special P & C Presentation](#)

We hope you will join us for the P & C Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 12 November at 7p.m online. We really need parents to volunteer to take key roles in order to ensure our P & C remains highly functioning. At this meeting I will be presenting important information on:

\*2024 NAPLAN results

\*EHPS School Behaviour Management and Support Plan

\*EHPS 2025+ School Excellence Plan

Thank you to the 41 parents who completed our survey and gave valued input. We appreciate your time and thank you for your well considered and thought provoking responses.

## Presentation Day

**Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 10th December.** Years 1-6 will begin at 9:15a.m . Kinder assembly will begin at 12. If your child is receiving an award you will be notified by email. Please ensure your contact details are up to date with the office. **All Year 6 and Kinder students will receive their graduation awards (see below).** Year 6 student leaders for 2025 will also be announced on this day. The following provides information about the awards.

### **Class awards**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
Academic excellence <i>(*Note: 1 for each grade in a composite)</i>	The student from this class who demonstrates outstanding performance and effort across key learning areas consistently throughout the year.
Citizenship	The student from this class who demonstrates exemplary social and personal capability. They show care and respect for classmates, other students and our school. They respect difference and diversity.
Improvement	The student from this class who has made the greatest growth in one or more areas of learning.
Achievement	The student from this class who excels in one specific key learning area OR who demonstrates high performance and effort across key learning areas consistently throughout the year.

### **Year 6 special awards**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
Rotary Club Citizenship	The student from Year 6 who demonstrates exemplary social and personal capability. They show care and respect for classmates, other students and our school. They respect difference and diversity. They may have contributed significantly through a community event or extra curricula activity.
Excellence in Sport	The student from Year 6 who excels in Sport and has achieved outstanding results in one or more sporting domains throughout the year. This could include athletics, swimming, running, team or individual sports; representing the school, zone, area or state.
Excellence in the Arts	The student from Year 6 who excels in the Arts and has achieved outstanding results in one or more domains throughout the year. This could include music, visual art, creative art, dance or drama.
Excellence in Literacy	The student from Year 6 who demonstrates outstanding performance and effort across the key learning area of English and consistently demonstrates outstanding literacy skills throughout the year.
Excellence in Numeracy	The student from Year 6 who demonstrates outstanding performance and effort across the key learning area of Maths and consistently demonstrates outstanding numeracy skills throughout the year.
Excellence in Academia	The student from Year 6 who demonstrates outstanding performance and effort across key learning areas consistently throughout the year.
School Captains	Awarded to the school captains for leadership and school service throughout the year

Kinder and Year 6 all receive graduation certificates. Year 6 are presented at the Years 1-6 presentation assembly and Kinder at a special Early Stage 1 presentation assembly.

**EALD awards:** 1 award per grade for achievement or improvement

**Learning Support awards:** 1 award per grade for achievement or improvement

## Opportunity Class (For current Yr 4) and Selective High School (For current Year 5) for 2026

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2026 or OC 2026, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form are at the Selective high schools and Opportunity classes Year 7 website. **Applications are open now and close 21 February.** You must apply before the closing date.

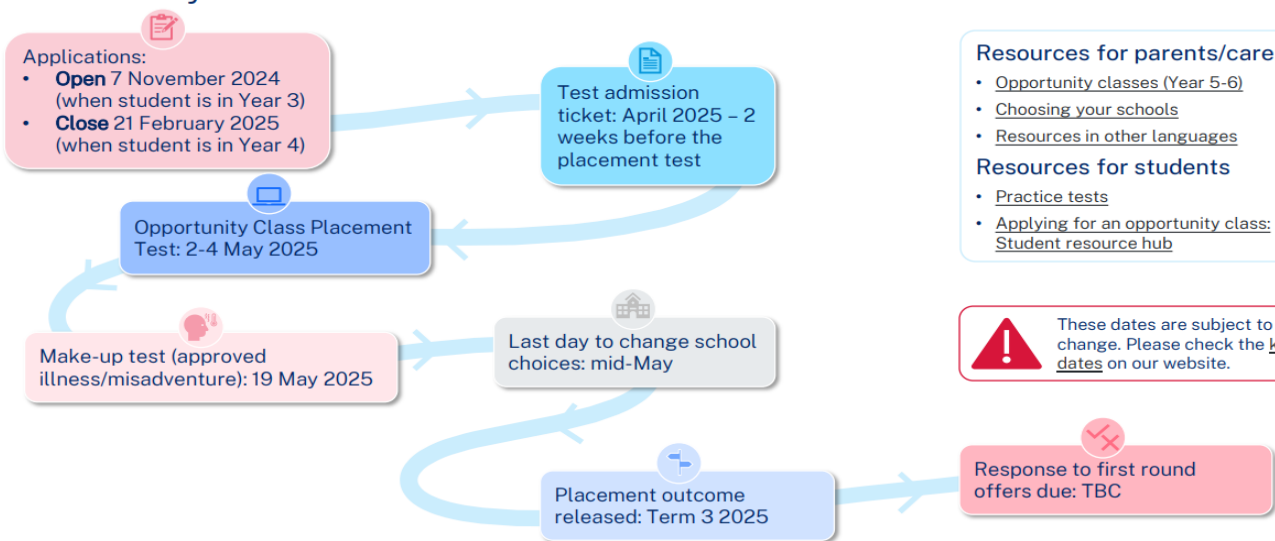
Please see attached and links for more information. Please visit [Selective high schools – Year 7 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-year-7)

Please note the school CANNOT apply on your behalf.

NSW Department of Education

### Opportunity class placement timeline Year 5 entry in 2026

Parent/carer resource



#### Resources for parents/carers

- [Opportunity classes \(Year 5-6\)](#)
- [Choosing your schools](#)
- [Resources in other languages](#)

#### Resources for students

- [Practice tests](#)
- [Applying for an opportunity class: Student resource hub](#)

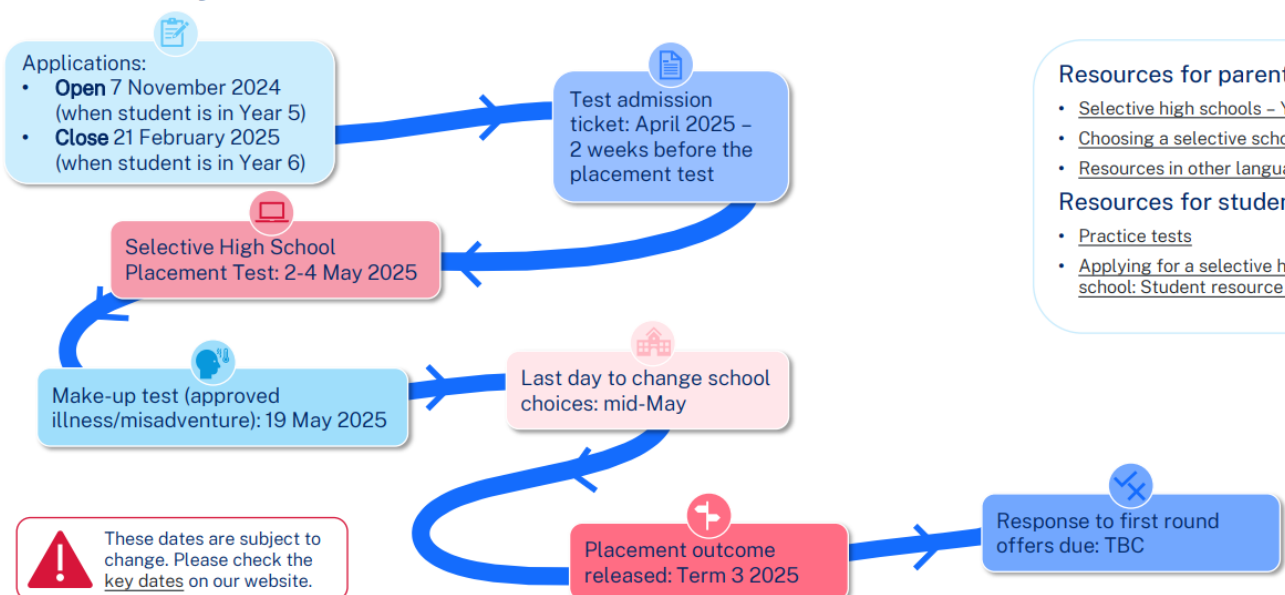
⚠ These dates are subject to change. Please check the [key dates](#) on our website.

✖ Response to first round offers due: TBC

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### Selective high school placement timeline Year 7 entry in 2026

Parent/carer resource



#### Resources for parents

- [Selective high schools – Year 7](#)
- [Choosing a selective school](#)
- [Resources in other languages](#)

#### Resources for students

- [Practice tests](#)
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## GIFTS FOR TEACHERS

The end of year is fast approaching. We know some of you may be thinking about purchasing a gift to say thank you to the staff. Whilst not expected, this is much appreciated. The Department of Education has very strict guidelines around the gifts teachers can and cannot accept. These are outlined in our Code of Conduct. To ensure our staff can accept the gift please make sure:

\*Gifts are valued at \$50 or less (per child). \*Combined/class gifts are best given in smaller amounts. The teacher must declare gifts over \$50 and provide a list of students from whom the gift was given. \*No cash is given \*No gift cards that can be redeemed for cash are given (e.g eftpos or Visa).

Thank you for understanding.

## Read With Me Program

The Read With Me Program is designed to encourage and reward children for regular reading at home. This program is proudly jointly sponsored by our school and through P & C Bookclub. It is important for children to be read to, read with and also to read independently.

Children enter the date, title of the book and parents then sign. If your child is reading a larger book over a period of time, pages read can be indicated. Children read books from home, library books or home-readers.

We ask that each parent signature represents 15 minutes of reading for Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 **OR** 20 minutes of reading for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. For each 25 entries the teacher signs. When your child has read on 100 occasions, he/she will select a book as a reward. **Note: Only one entry per day is allowed/ counted.**

Final dates for rewards will be as follows: **Day 300 = from 1 December. Last day for trade ups 4 December. After this the program will end and no more book prizes will be awarded. Please ensure you make a note of this final date to avoid disappointment.**

Regular home reading is very beneficial and we encourage your support of the program.

For great ideas to support reading at home visit [Parents and carers \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers) [Homework tips by subject \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/homework-tips-by-subject)



# Every Day Matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Strengthen friendships
- Build skills through fun



## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Lydia	1A	Andrew	3/4G	Kiran	3KP
Jackson	2S	Natalie	3/4G	Danny	5/6B

### READ WITH ME AWARDS

Zoran	1/2M	Abdul	2C	Jedediah	5/6B
Ethan	1/2M	Jackson	2S	Zeenia	KHF
Olivia	1A	Zoe	3KP	Robert	KHF

### MERIT AWARDS

Nomin	1/2M	Taewoo	2S	Arietta	4/5S
Joshua	1/2M	Hailey	2S	Hana	4/5S
Mousa	1A	Eilionora	2S	Marlon	4/5S
Ian	1A	Sean	3/4G	Akshaya	4/5S
Hannah	2/3T	Matias	3/4G	Shashank	4/5S
Thomas	2/3T	Matilda	3/4G	Aiden	4L
Tania	2/3T	Nathan	3/4G	Meha	4L
Juliana	2/3T	Jeremy	3/4G	Jasmyne	4L
Louie	2/3T	Lucas	3KP	Martin	4L
Tomas	2/3T	Stella	3KP	James	5P
Nathan	2/3T	Srikruthi	3KP	Jonathan	5P
Danny	2/3T	Rouning	3KP	Lucas	5P
Abdul	2C	Ryan	3KP	James	5P
Evan	2C	Ramsha	3KP	Helen	5P
Lachlan	2C	Lloyd	4EB	Zac	6S
Sebastian	2C	Akira	4EB	Maya	6S
Ayoung	2C	Demi	4EB	Olivia	6S
Dana	2S	Erin	4EB	Zhoulin	6S
Amelia	2S	Lukas	4EB		

# Transition to High School Resources for Parents/Carers

Population Health Promotion  
Northern Sydney Local Health District

October 2024

Northern Sydney Population Health Promotion has developed a new, free, electronic resource to assist parents and carers as their child transitions to high school. We encourage you to share this resource with your Year 6 parents and carers as you farewell them later this term.

## Topics covered include:

- Screen time, gaming and online safety
- Healthy eating and physical activity
- Sleep
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Teen disengagement and school refusal
- Healthy relationships
- Vaping

Resource: <https://nshp.com.au/TransitionToHighSchool>.



## Supporting your Child's TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

### Free Online Parent Information Session

Led by a child and family welfare professional, our workshop will help you to:

- Gain an understanding of the changes you and your child can expect
- Uncover strategies to support your child and help them prepare for the transition
- Discover ways to support your child with worries about starting high school

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your knowledge and gain practical strategies to support your child's wellbeing and ensure they are ready to learn!

ALL EPPING HEIGHTS PS PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME



**Tuesday 19th November 2024**  
7.00 - 8.00 PM

This is a 1-hr presentation with time for questions



**ONLINE**  
Scan to register



Delivered by Diana Roberts  
Senior Trauma Consultant  
and Practice Coach

**Register by  
November 15th!**



Over 1/3 of new Yr 7 students feel scared & unprepared for high school, leading to negative impacts on social and academic outcomes.\*



[training@kidspress.org.au](mailto:training@kidspress.org.au)

\*Life Ed, 2022





### [Final Reminder - Family Camping Weekend](#)

The registration deadline for the Family Camping Weekend has been extended to **Sunday, 10th November**. This will be the final opportunity to register, as event planning is well underway. Don't miss out — register today to secure your spot and we'll add you to our WhatsApp group for updates and important details.

#### **Register via Qkr!**

For any questions or further information, feel free to reach out at [ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com](mailto:ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com)



### [Joining Epping Heights School Band 2025](#)

Do you have a child who is interested in joining the Epping Heights Public School Band? We welcome any student who is in year 3 or above (2025) to join the school band, commencing Term 1 2025. Every year, we host a "Come and Try" Session for students who are interested in joining the Band Program. This year's Come and Try Session will be held at the school hall on Friday 15th November from 1:20-3:00 pm. This is strictly for students only.

All current year 2 students will have the opportunity to try out the various instruments that are on offer in our band program. Current students who are in years 3-5 who are interested in joining the band are also welcome to attend the session, but must submit an expression of interest. Please email [bandehps@gmail.com](mailto:bandehps@gmail.com) with your child's name, year group and class, as well as whether your child has had any previous musical background. Following this, there will be a parent information session via Zoom where you will hear from our band director Mr Endicott and have the opportunity to ask questions. Details are listed below:

#### **Topic: Joining the Band - Parent Information Session**

**Time: Nov 15, 2024 05:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3427930671?pwd=OU1Ya2xwUjVFQW14aWxhFbXI0dVJCdz09&omn=89110140320>

Meeting ID: 342 793 0671

Passcode: 2121

For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.ehpsband.com/>



## [Band Committee 2024 Annual General Meeting](#)

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the EHPS Band Committee will be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 19th November at 7:30pm.

On the evening of the AGM all current roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for a range of positions including Band Convenor, Band Coordinators and Event Coordinators.

If you are interested or would like more information, please email [bandehps@gmail.com](mailto:bandehps@gmail.com).

Please see the details below for the Zoom held on November 19th at 7:30pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3427930671?pwd=OU1Ya2xwUjVFQW14aWxFbXI0dVJCdz09&omn=85485435228>

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## [EHPS Carols 2024](#)

### Get Ready for Our Annual Carols Night!

Join us in celebrating the spirit of the season at the much-loved EHPS Carols Night! This festive event brings our community together for an evening of joy, music, and holiday cheer. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a wonderful night filled with carols, festive treats, and memorable moments. Sing along under the stars as we usher in the holiday season together. We promise it will be a night you will remember!



JOY TO THE WORLD  
**EPPING HEIGHTS**  
**CAROLS 2024**

Join us for a fabulous night of festive singing  
with our school bands, choirs, & year groups.

**DECEMBER 6 | 5PM**

CHRISTMAS MUSIC  
CHRISTMAS MARKETS  
BBQ & DINNER PACK  
FACE PAINTING

## Christmas Market Stalls: Call for Expressions of Interest

Thank you to everyone who have already submitted the Expressions of Interest form for the Christmas Markets. We're excited to share more details about what can be sold and invite more of our community to join in. This is a first-of-its-kind event at EHPS, and we're learning and adapting along the way. Your support and cooperation mean a lot to us as we make this event a success together!

**Date:** 6th December 2024

**Place:** Epping Heights School grounds

**Setup Time:** 4:30 PM

**Market Time:** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Stall fee:** Absolutely Free!

You get to keep all of your earnings—no fees, no commissions. It's a great chance to showcase your products, make sales, and take home every dollar you earn! Feel free to style and decorate your own stall to make it pop!

### **Here's what you can sell at the stall:**

We're open to a wide range of items, so bring your creativity! You're welcome to sell both festive and everyday products, whether they're homemade or store-bought. Here are a few ideas:

**Food:** There are no restrictions, so feel free to sell baked goods, snacks, or even specialty foods. We do ask that you specify if foods contain nuts, eggs or dairy for anyone with a food allergy.

**Art and Crafts:** Perfect for those with a creative touch! Handmade art, paintings, sculptures, and various crafts are welcome.

**Jewellery:** This could include handcrafted jewellery, trendy pieces, or any unique accessories.

**Home and Office Supplies:** Useful items such as notebooks, pens, planners, and organizational tools would be a great addition.

**Decor Items:** Think candles, vases, ornaments, wall hangings or any decor pieces that add a personal touch to spaces.

**Gift Sets:** Curated gift sets for any occasion are always popular and would make fantastic additions.

**Live Art:** Henna artists, makeup artists, hair braiders, balloon sculptors and other real-time artists to bring their skills to the market, adding a dynamic, interactive element that creates unique and memorable experiences for our visitors!

*\*\* Please Note: Alcohol, alcohol-based items, and tobacco products are not allowed*

To express your interest, please fill out the form, and we will get in touch with you soon: <https://forms.gle/fFN7NLJs2aLvQZB29>

For more information, feel free to reach out to us at [ehpscarols@gmail.com](mailto:ehpscarols@gmail.com)

We hope you'll join us for this special evening and help spread the holiday spirit!

## Christmas Art

Just like every year, your child will bring home a special Christmas art template to fill with their creativity and festive cheer! We encourage them to follow the simple instructions provided and submit their artwork to the Carols Committee at [ehpscarols@gmail.com](mailto:ehpscarols@gmail.com) by **25<sup>th</sup> November**. Keep an eye out for the template—they'll bring it home next week!

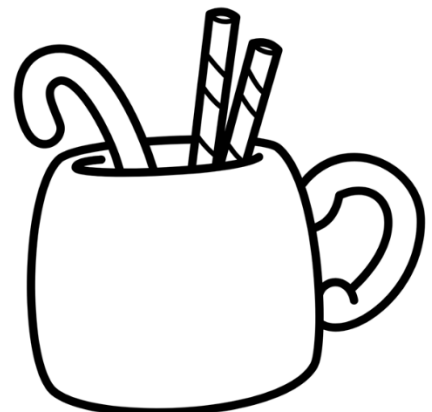
## CHRISTMAS MUG CLIP ART

The Carols committee is seeking submissions of Mug Clip Art to feature in our 2024 Carols Program.

Draw a Christmas or musical scene or pattern on the Christmas Mug below

Scan and Submit to:  
[ehpscarols@gmail.com](mailto:ehpscarols@gmail.com)  
**MUST be BLACK & WHITE!**

**Tip: use a black pen (not pencil)**



## [Calling All Volunteers for Carols Night 2024](#)

We're seeking volunteers to assist with setups and decorations, welcoming the guests and directing the participants, helping at refreshment and first aid stalls, and packing up after.

If you're interested in lending a hand and celebrating the season with us, please sign up using the link below. Any time that you can lend would make a difference! You don't have to volunteer for the whole slot, esp for setup. Just write the time you can come in the comments.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5A62EA5F4C16-51763108-christmas>

For questions or additional information, reach out to us at [ehpscarols@gmail.com](mailto:ehpscarols@gmail.com). Let's work together to create a magical night for everyone! Thank you for your support!

## [Volunteer Appreciation - Second Hand Uniform Sale](#)

The Uniform Shop held a wonderful second-hand sale on the afternoon of November 1st, offering parents the chance to stock up on uniforms at affordable prices. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated their children's uniforms for this great cause.

A special shoutout goes to our Uniform Shop coordinators, **Xin** and **Jennifer**, for their incredible effort in organizing the sale. From counting stock to planning, coordinating with stakeholders, and setting everything up, we deeply appreciate the time and commitment you invested. Your dedication does not go unnoticed!

We also want to extend our gratitude to our amazing parent volunteers, without whom this event wouldn't have been possible. Thank you, **Francesca**, **Kylie**, **Juok Jo**, and **Hani Kim**, for stepping up and giving your time and energy on the day. Your help made all the difference!

## [P&C Executive & Sub Committee Roles](#)

All current office bearer roles will be declared vacant at the P&C Annual General Meeting that will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and nominations will be called for the following executive positions and subcommittee heads/coordinators:

1. President
2. Vice-President x 2
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Canteen Coordinator
6. Uniform Shop Coordinator
7. Book Club Coordinator
8. Fundraising Coordinator
9. Class Parent Coordinator
10. Community Relations Coordinator
11. Communications Officer/Publicity and Promotions

To help everyone understand the responsibilities associated with these roles, we have prepared detailed role descriptions. You can access the document using the link provided below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lmtDRO0ytJVQdy0KYZZnAcZefNO9NunF/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111907732717774055479&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Please note, all sub committee roles can be shared between two or more people. We encourage all parents to take the time to review the descriptions and consider volunteering for any of these positions. The current team is here to support you every step of the way. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or would like to learn more!



ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

# HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2024

9.00am to 2.30pm

Students will be fully supervised by Asquith Girls HS teaching staff throughout the day. They should wear their school sports uniform and fully enclosed lace up sports shoes

Note: Asquith Boys High School will be hosting a similar event on the same day for Year 5 boys

See our website for further details and a [link](#) direct to our booking page at

[www.asquithgir-h.schools@nsw.gov.au](mailto:www.asquithgir-h.schools@nsw.gov.au)

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms Jaye Dunn or

Roselea Public School



# Twilight Fair

## Saturday, 9th November

### 2pm - 7pm

### Come Along And Join The Fun!



Scan to buy  
Tickets & Enter Raffle



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