

## 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)

17 December Choirs to sing at Beecroft House Nursing Home.

17 December Reports sent home via parent portal on school bytes

**18 December – Last Day for Students**

19 December – School Development Day  
**Office open until 12:30p.m only**

20 December – School Development Day-  
**Office closed**

**2025**

31 January – 5 February

School Development Days Staff only

The office will reopen on Friday 31 January 2025 **from 12.30pm to 3.15pm**. It will be closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February so staff can complete professional training. It will be open 10-3 on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**6 February – Students Return**

**Years 1-6 Start 9:05am**

**Kindergarten Start 10:00am**

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | Week 9 | December 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been an amazing fun-filled end to the 2024 year! We have held many events to celebrate our wonderful students and engage with our community. These have included Year 6 farewell, Choirs at Epping Club, Year 5 leadership process, Year 6 Bazaar Day, Community Carols Night, Presentation Day assemblies for Years 1-6 and Kinder graduation assembly, Year 6 high school rotations, Band breakfast and our volunteer's appreciation event. We hope you enjoy the photos later in this newsletter. Such events would not be possible without the combined efforts of our P & C and community volunteers and hardworking staff.

As we reach the end of another remarkable school year, I would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our school community.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment and passion for education. Your hard work and inspiration have made a lasting impact on our students, fostering a love for learning that will carry them forward.

To our wonderful students, congratulations on your achievements this year! Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and resilience have shone brightly, making our school a vibrant place of growth and discovery. We are so proud of each and every one of you and cannot wait to see what you will accomplish in the coming year. To our Year 6 students all the best! We are extremely proud of your efforts and the good, kind people you have become. We wish you every success in high school. Please be sure to come back and visit.

To our supportive community, your involvement and encouragement have been invaluable. Thank you for partnering with us in nurturing our students and creating a safe and enriching environment for all.

As we head into the holiday season, I wish you all a happy Christmas and a restful and joyful break. Please take a moment to check out the school holiday activity ideas and also the children and family support contacts later in this newsletter. Please reach out for support if you or your child need it. May the holidays be filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year ahead!

Kind regards

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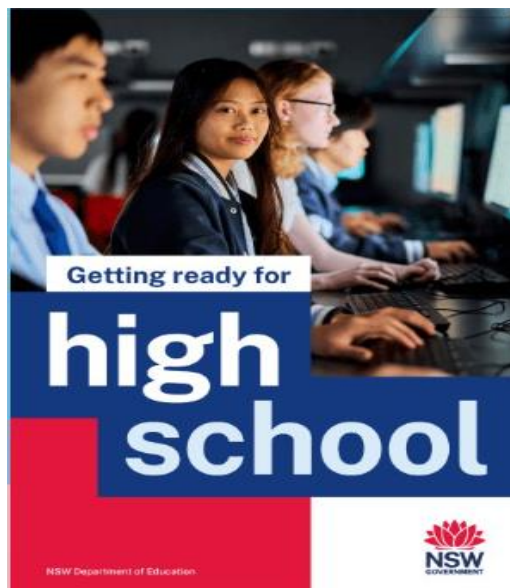


# NEWSLETTER

As part of our commitment to high school transition and student wellbeing, Year 6 students joined the KidsXpress team and their class teacher for two sessions to celebrate their time in Primary school. Together, the students created a group artwork to mark this special time. We also talked about the transition to High School and explored how students were feeling about this new chapter. This program was provided at no cost to parents as it was funded by the Federal Government Student Wellbeing boost [Student Wellbeing Boost](#)



Thank you to the 11 parents who joined Mr Buckman and I online Tuesday evening for an informative session for parents. The session focussed on supporting parents to help their child as they transition into being a teen and specifically into high school. We had hoped more parents would join us for this valuable free event. For more information on transition to high school, please visit [Getting ready for high school](#) [Ready for high school checklist](#)



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Opportunity Class and Selective High School 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.

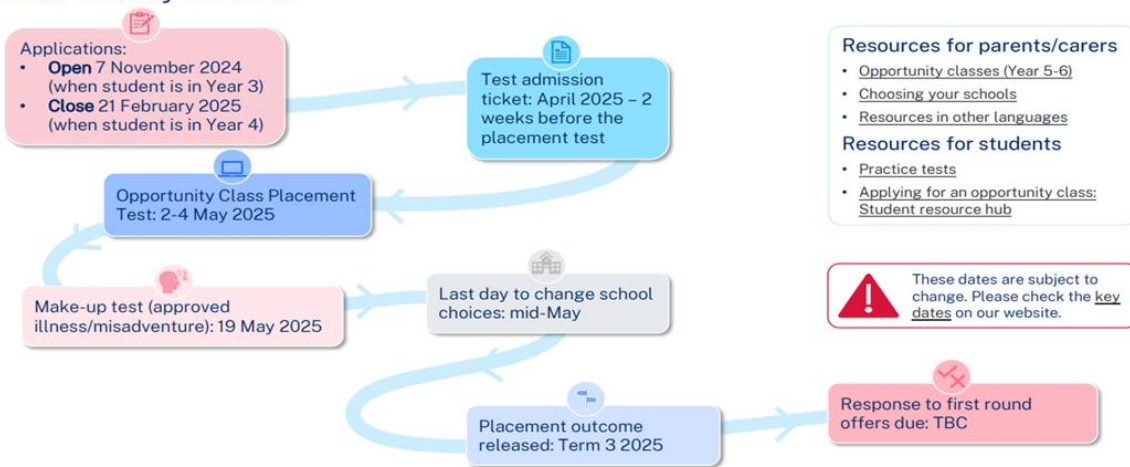
Please see attached and links for more information. Please visit [Selective high schools – Year 7 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-year-7) or [Opportunity Class \(Years 5 & 6\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/opportunity-classes-years-5-6)

Please note the school CANNOT apply on your behalf.

NSW Department of Education

### Opportunity class placement timeline

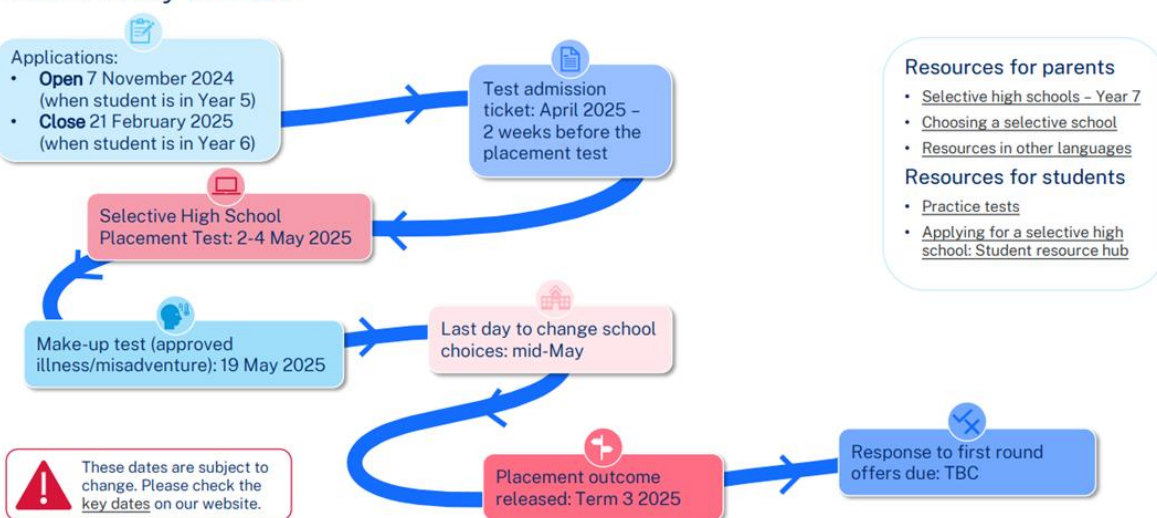
Year 5 entry in 2026



NSW Department of Education

### Selective high school placement timeline

Year 7 entry in 2026



**High Expectations for Attendance**

High Expectations = 95% = 10 days or less off a year

Improved attendance = Improved outcomes

EVERY DAY COUNTS  
Student Attendance guide

Understanding attendance  
Understanding attendance

**Start date for beginning of Term 1, 2025**

Next year, all students will be starting school on **Thursday 6 February**, following 4 school development days. These school development days provide our teachers time to be best prepared individually and collectively to implement curriculum.

**Students in Kindergarten in 2025** - the first day of Kindergarten for all Kindy students will be Thursday 6 February. **Students will start at 10am on this day only.** Further information about the first day of Kindergarten will be provided at Kinder orientation.

**Students in Years 1-6 in 2025** - all students in Years 1-6 will return to school on Thursday 6 February. Students will start at 9:05am on this day. Students will return to temporary classes. Further information about the organisation for the return to school will be provided.

**\*If your child will be returning/coming to our school but will not be returning on this date, please email our office.**

School development days will operate the way they always have. Students do not attend on these days as there are no timetabled lessons so staff can engage in professional development and planning.

An updated and public list of school development days for the next 3 years can also be found on the [department website](#).

We apologise for the inconvenience that the change of date may mean for your family and we thank you in advance for your understanding.

**Calendar 2025**  
Eastern division  
NSW GOVERNMENT

**January**  
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**Key dates**  
Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.

**First to last days for all students:**  
Term 1: 6 February to 11 April  
Term 2: 30 April to 4 July  
Term 3: 22 July to 26 September  
Term 4: 14 October to 19 December

**School development days:**  
Term 1: 31 January to 5 February

**School holidays:**  
Term 2: 28 April and 29 April  
Term 3: 21 July  
Term 4: 13 October

**Summer 2024-25: 22 December 2024 to 30 January 2025**  
**Autumn: 14 April to 24 April**  
**Winter: 7 July to 18 July**

**Spring: 29 September to 10 October**  
**Summer 2025 - 26: 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026**

**Public holidays**

**School development days**  
The dates are determined by the department. Always check with your local school as dates may change. Parents and carers should not send their children to school on school development days.  
education.nsw.gov.au/school-development-days

**Scan me for key dates**  
education.nsw.gov.au/calendars

## NAPLAN 2025

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is a nationwide assessment and provides information to parents/carers, teachers and schools about the development of literacy and numeracy skills in students.

Next year the NAPLAN test window runs from Wednesday 12 March 2025 to Monday 24 March 2025. Parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 in 2025 may like to note these days to ensure school attendance for the tests.

## Holiday ideas and support

[School holidays | City of Parramatta](#) [Sports and Recreation | Hornsby Shire Council](#) [Library | City of Parramatta](#)

## Summer holiday activities



Health  
Western Sydney  
Local Health District



NSW School-Link  
Health and Education Working Together



# Support over the holidays

A list of free support options over the holiday period.



### Kids helpline

24/7 online phone counselling service for young people aged 5-25. Call **1800 55 1800**, or visit [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)



### Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services. Call **13 11 14**, or visit [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au)



### Suicide Call Back Service

24/7 phone and online counselling to people affected by suicide. Call **1300 659 467** or visit [suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://suicidecallbackservice.org.au)



### Mental Health Line

24/7 phone service which links people with NSW Health mental health services. Call **1800 011 511**.



### Beyond Blue

24/7 support anxiety, depression and suicide prevention. Call **1300 224 636**, or visit [beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au)



Health  
Western Sydney  
Local Health District



NSW School-Link  
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### Safe Haven

A calm place to chat with trained peer workers and mental health professionals when you are experiencing suicidal distress. Open Sunday to Wednesday, 3:30pm - 9:30pm. Located at **26 Grand Avenue, Westmead**.



### SPOT

Suicide Prevention Outreach Teams provide mobile mental health support to people experiencing suicidal distress or crisis. To access, call the Mental Health Line **1800 011 511**.



### eheadspace

Online and phone mental health support for young people and their family. Available 9am - 1am. Call **1800 650 890** or visit [headspace.org.au/online-and-phone-support/](http://headspace.org.au/online-and-phone-support/)



### 13 Yarn

24/7 crisis support line for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping. Call **13 92 76**.



### QLife

Provides anonymous LGBTQI+ peer support for people wanting to talk about sexuality, gender, bodies, feelings, or relationships. Call **1800 184 527**, or visit [qlife.org.au](http://qlife.org.au)

## Share Our Space

**Term 4 School Holidays** The Share Our Space program is returning for the Term 4 school holidays. Our school grounds will be open to the public **on weekends only** from **Saturday, 21 December 2024, to Thursday, 30 January 2025** (closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Australia Day).

**Please note toilets are closed and parents must supervise their own children.**

### About the Program

Our schools are welcoming and inclusive spaces, and the Share Our Space program allows community members to enjoy quality outdoor facilities like playgrounds, multipurpose courts and ovals during the school holidays. By sharing our space, we can help create a sense of stewardship and responsibility for our schools and their role in building relationships, connections and resilience for all.

For more information please visit [Share Our Space](#)

### Composite classes

Next year students will return to temporary classes for the first few weeks. This will enable us to settle all Kinder students and review our enrolments. Our school is staffed based on student enrolment numbers.

As you are aware, according to the plan of Department of Education demographers, our school catchment area has reduced. As such our school enrolments are also reducing. This means, that like in many schools, we will have composite classes. Whilst we will hold our usual composite class information session next year, please take the time to be informed early. This will help alleviate any concerns you may have. [Many parents dislike composite classes but the evidence does not support their anxiety](#)

#### Staffing in public schools is based on a staffing formula.

The formula governs how many staff the Department of Education gives the school.

The formula is:

Kindergarten students	0.0513	e.g 66 Kinder students =3.39 teachers
Year 1 students	0.0435	
Year 2 students	0.0400	e.g 68 year 2 =2.72 teachers
Years 3-6 students	0.0333	

#### Why is this formula used?

The formula comes from a class size reduction program introduced a number of years ago.

- Kindergarten average class size of **20**
- Year 1 average class size of **22**
- Year 2 average class size of **24**
- Years 3-6 average class size of **30**



#### How are children selected for a composite class?

- Each class has the **correct number of students** based on DoE staffing formula and average class size numbers.
- There are **mixture of boys and girls** in each class.
- Each class has students with a **mixture of abilities**.

*Classes are formed at Epping Heights PS to ensure balanced groups.*

#### What does research say makes a difference and affects student learning?

Research suggests that:

- Class organisation "...will not determine either educational advantage or disadvantage..." (NSW DET 1997)
- The most important factors in determining student success are the quality of the teacher and his or her teaching. (Hattie, 2003)

## Helper Inductions 2025

Parents and community members are valued as an integral part of Epping Heights Public School. There are numerous roles that parent and community volunteers can be involved in to support the school in its core business of improving learning outcomes for students. This includes being a parent helper in classrooms, on excursions, at sports carnivals, at school events, for band etc.

**Our thorough helper induction process helps reassure all parents that everyone who volunteers in our school has been through a rigorous process and is safe, before working with our students.**

Helpers are required to:

1. Complete a school-based induction (approx 40 minutes). Planned sessions are on

14 February at 9a.m in-person at school

OR

18 February at 7p.m via zoom. <https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/63281018366?pwd=gzrf5WPnQQfhZbxtF8yq1LqZc8bHKq.1>

Meeting ID 632 8101 8366 Passcode 628028

OR

21 February at 8:30a.m in person at school.

**Note- there are no further inductions planned at this stage.**

2. Complete the Declaration for Child Related Workers. Parent volunteers are exempt from the Working with Children Check (WWCC) requirement and should complete all relevant sections in this form, including part 1, part 3 and part 4 (section C).

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/public/implementation-documents/pd-2024-0484-05-03.pdf>

3. Present photo identification to our office team to verify (e.g. drivers licence).

4. Complete the EHPS Helper Agreement- online at <https://forms.gle/mD5FkEBrQUvJbHpf8> or via hard copy at our office.

If you have any questions about this process, please call our friendly office staff on 029876 2791.

We look forward to working with you.

# Epping Heights Public School Student Leadership Team 2025



**Captain**

Albert



**Captain**

Madeline



**Vice Captain**

Evelyn



**Vice Captain**

Ian



**Prefect**

Jedediah



**Prefect**

Alice



**Prefect**

Lila



**Prefect**

Taj





## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Ian 1A	Matilda 3/4G	Alex 6KH
Sammy 1/2M	Jasmyne 4L	Helen 6S
Hailey 1/2M	Lukas 4EB	Anni KZ
Rick 1/2M	Beatrice 4/5S	
Louie 2/3T	David 4/5S	

### READ WITH ME AWARDS

Gabriel 1/2M	Eilionora 2S	Juwon 4L
Mivaan 1/2M	Lleyton 2S	Martin 4L
Benedicte 1/2M	Bevis 3/4G	Ariel 4L
Scarlett 1/2M	Andrew 3/4G	Irene 5/6B
Rick 1/2M	Matilda 3/4G	Taj 5P
Joshua 1/2M	Emma 3/4G	Ethan 6KH
Holly 1A	Isabella 3/4G	Martha KG
Blaire 1A	Harriet 3KP	James KG
Emilia 1A	Kiran 3KP	Ellie KG
Alyssa 1A	Sailesh 3KP	Daniel KG
Valerie 2/3T	Abdullah 4/5S	Fredrick KG
Joshua 2/3T	Sofia 4/5S	Fedor KG
Zoe 2/3T	Arietta 4/5S	Cadel KHF
Nathan 2/3T	Marielle 4/5S	Andrew KHF
Dev 2C	Eliana 4/5S	Bianca KHF
Kynthia 2C	Leana 4/5S	Aaron KHF
Daisy 2C	Scarlett 4EB	Anna KZ
Colin 2C	Grace 4EB	Anni KZ
Sarah 2C	Kerryn 4EB	Ruian KZ
Kay La 2C	Akshaya 4L	
Lachlan 2C	Franchesca 4L	



### P&C Team 2025

The 2025 P&C Executive team elections were held at the Annual General Meeting on 18th November 2024. We thank the outgoing team for their service and welcome the new office bearers for 2025:

1. President - Julia Yu
2. Vice-President 1 - Naila Mukhtar
3. Vice-President 2 - Francesca Padilla
4. Treasurer - Ray Tran
5. Secretary - **Open**

We are urgently seeking a parent to fill the role of Secretary and encourage everyone to consider taking on this important position. Below is a brief description of the responsibilities of the Secretary:

The Secretary's role is essential to the effective and efficient operation of the P&C by supporting the President and being responsible for communication and correspondence, and maintaining effective records. Duties include:

- Preparation of meeting agendas in conjunction with the executive team
- Sending notifications of meetings to communications officer for publication
- Taking minutes at P&C Association meetings
- Preparation of draft minutes
- Handling and tabling correspondence
- Dealing with administrative tasks related to the P&C meeting decisions
- Maintaining the official records of the P&C Association, including the constitution, by-laws, rules, policies and procedures, ABN details, register of members and meeting attendance

We also welcome our sub-committee leaders for 2025

- Canteen Coordinator - Julia Yu
- Uniform Shop Coordinators - Xinyuan Shui and Jennifer Ho
- Book Club Coordinator - Narae Song
- Fundraising Coordinator - **Open**
- Class Parent Coordinator - Naila Mukhtar
- Community Relations Coordinator - **Open**
- Communications Officer/Publicity and Promotions - Francesca Padilla

#### **Fundraising Coordinator**

The Fundraising Sub-committee assists the P&C in coordinating fundraising activities at the school and includes but is not limited to:

- Maintaining and publicising the events calendar
- Co-ordinating volunteers to assist with delivery of activities
- Providing leadership to event coordinators
- Discussing fundraising options and opportunities at P&C general meetings
- Investigating potential opportunities and new ideas for funding new school projects
- Presenting budgetary requirements for events requiring financial outlay for P&C committee approval
- Providing a Fundraising Report at P&C meetings and discuss options and opportunities

#### **Community Relations Committee Coordinator**

The Community Relations Coordinator plays a pivotal role as a robust link between parents, all community members, and the school. Serving as the "friendly faces" of the P&C, they actively contribute to organizing school events that engage visitors and integrate new community members. They will work with a team of volunteers to organizing these events with guidance and support from both the school and the P&C Leadership team.

Some of the noteworthy events the Community Relations team manages include Anzac Day (morning tea), Education Week (morning tea), Kindergarten Orientation Day, First Day ("tea and tissues" for parents), Education Week Open Day, World Teachers Day, and SASS acknowledgment.

Please consider signing up for the open positions to help us start 2025 with full strength. Note that sub-committee roles can be shared between two or more people. We encourage all parents to review the role descriptions and consider volunteering. The current team is here to support you every step of the way. Feel free to reach out with any questions or for more information - talk to one of our coordinators or write to us at [ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com](mailto:ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com). You may also contact your class parent or the school to help you get connected to us.

### **Class parents**

Next year we will be looking for a class parent for each class. This process will occur once classes are settled. Please think about and consider taking this highly valued and key role on next year.



### **Class Parent 2025**

Parents are invited to take on the role of **Class Parent**.

This is a role that can be taken on by one parent, or can be a shared role between two parents.

The Class Parent role is mainly a 'communications' role – being a link between teacher, P & C and parents.

Responsibilities of Class Parent may include:

- managing a class Whats app group for parents
- welcoming and supporting new parents and families to the class
- seeking input and feedback from parents to share with the school
- helping the teacher and school with any reminders for school activities or events
- sending out requests for volunteers at a school or P & C events
- helping to organise a class social event (coffee morning, school holiday meet-up)
- attending a meeting of the class parent network once per term.
- organising a 'thank you' for teacher (World Teachers Day and/or end of year).

The P & C help organise and run whole school fundraising and social events. The P & C will ask the Class Parent to send out a message **requesting volunteers** to help at events and then return the list of confirmed volunteers to the P & C.

Children love their parents being involved and it's a great way to get to know other families.

## Family Camping Weekend: A Huge Success!

The EHPS families had an incredible weekend away at Hornsby Crosslands Reserve on November 16-17. Old and new friends came together under the stars for a night filled with fun, laughter, and unforgettable moments. The kids enjoyed roasting marshmallows over the bonfire and lighting up the night with sparkles and glow sticks. The excitement continued the next morning with a delicious BBQ breakfast, bringing everyone together one last time before packing up.

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who helped plan and run the event, especially on the day. A special shout-out to **Trent, Karen, Ella, Vineeth, Aiza, Thomas, Dean, Robert, Bruce, Ram, Dang, and Daniel** for organising the breakfast and bonfire — your hard work made it all possible! We are also thankful to **Chung and Pedram** for your guidance and support. A big thank you to **Naeem and Naila** for your exceptional leadership and coordination. You stepped up at short notice, and your efforts made this weekend unforgettable for everyone involved.



Year 6 Farewell



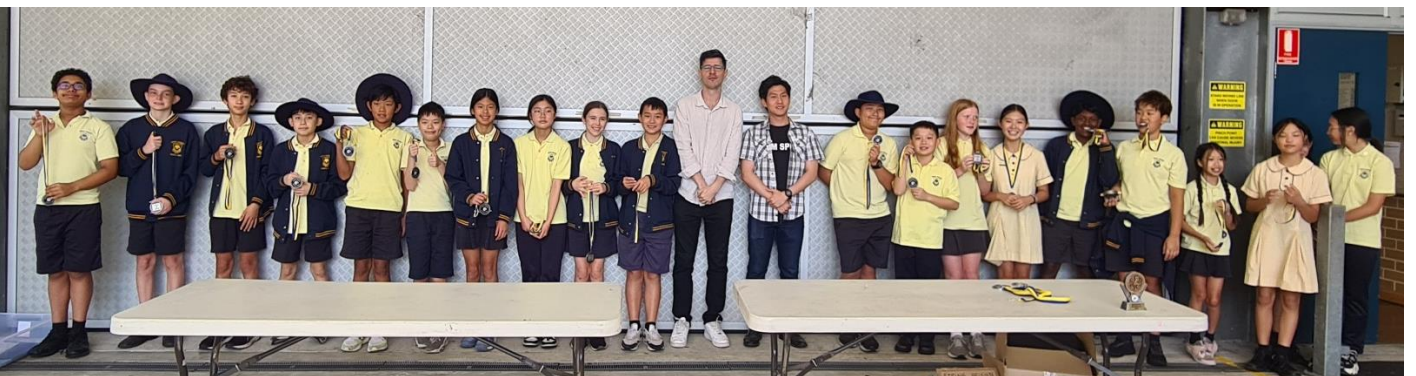
# Year 6 Bazaar Day



## Presentation Day



# Band Breakfast





Epping Club Carols



Volunteers' appreciation event



Carols



Lovely to meet our kindy students for 2025. Look at Chloes' beautiful picture! Looking forward to our future Kindergartens next year.

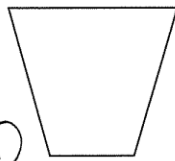
♥ Name: CHLOE ♥



♥ This is me. I am going to big school at Epping Heights Public School. ♥

*Best Wishes for a very happy Christmas and New Year  
from the staff of Epping Heights Public School*

AT  
CHRISTMAS  
mend a quarrel,  
Seek out a  
forgotten friend.  
Dismiss suspicion  
and replace it  
with trust. Write  
a love letter.  
Share some treasure.  
Give a soft answer.  
Encourage youth.  
Show your loyalty  
in word and deed.  
Keep a promise. Forget a grudge.  
Forgive an enemy. Listen.  
Apologise if you were wrong.  
Try to understand. Don't envy.  
Examine your demands on others.  
Think first of someone else.  
Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle.  
Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.  
Deserve confidence. Do not  
be complacent. Scorn malice  
Express your gratitude. Go to church.  
Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart  
of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty  
and wonder of the earth. Speak your love.  
Speak it again. Speak it still once again.  
Christmas is celebration, and there is no  
celebration that compares with the realisation  
of its true meaning - with the sudden stirring of  
the heart that has extended itself towards the core  
of life. Then, only then, is it possible to grasp  
the significance of that first Christmas.



Rose Lopes

Selena  
Goh

Clare  
Ienna

Rosemary  
Godwin

Heather  
Gerard

Shadun (Jo)

Melani  
Gravas

Megan  
Budekovic

Phillippa  
Moran

Melanie  
Henderson

Libby Armstrong

Shane Taverniti

Sarah Burke

Pete GA

Ania Porreca

Tracy Sammi D.

Eunice  
Hallett

Daisy  
Sullivan

Wendy Purdy

Ellen  
Hepburn

Sarah  
Moore

Kate Zucconi

Shelly  
Him

Mitchell Squiers

Risha  
Palakrishnan

Lauca Gómez

Melissa Walford

Boama Nagaujan

Kristal Crisley

Joanne Smith

Karen Swancott

Isabella Walker



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH

COME AND TRY CRICKET AT A SYDNEY THUNDER HOLIDAY BASH, PERFECT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-10. NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.

Location: Somerville Park, Eastwood  
Date: Monday 13th January  
Time: 9:00am-3:00pm  
Cost: \$49  
Contact: [danielle.chivers@cricketnsw.com.au](mailto:danielle.chivers@cricketnsw.com.au)  
Register using QR code, or contact Dani

**REGISTER NOW!**





**BOOKINGS OPEN  
JANUARY 8, 2025 AT 7PM**

# HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**REGISTER NOW**



Let's get the kids active and moving these holidays with Active Parramatta's free School Holiday Program.

Classes include Athletics, Netball, AFL, NRL Hip Hop, Skateboarding, Tennis plus more.

Spaces are limited so you don't want to miss out



Active Parramatta



<https://bitly.ws/HEXe>



Girls just want to  
**HAVE  
A BLAST**



**Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast**

Its a fun active program for girls, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

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### COST:

\$215 per student per camp



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Dear parents

Let me introduce to you a local resource available to the community. The Boys' Brigade is a **boy's club** (although girls are also welcome to join) that meets at the Epping Presbyterian Church hall on the corner of Rawson and Bridge Streets Epping.

If you want an activity for your child that gets them off the computer or phone and develops their leadership and adventure skills, whilst having fun with new friends, **Boys' Brigade is for you.**

Boys' Brigade has three age groups, Kinder to Year 3, Year 4 to Year 6 and High School and is run by trusted and vetted leaders who have designed a program that develops your child socially, physically, spiritually and educationally.



The NSW Government **Active Kids Vouchers** are accepted for payment of modest annual fees of: K-Y3 \$200; Y4-Y6 \$240; Y7-Y12 \$280

As a special introductory offer, we invite you and your children to come along on Monday nights during school term, free of charge, to check us out. Start time is 7pm.

For more information, please have a look at our website:

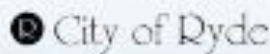
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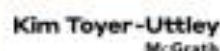
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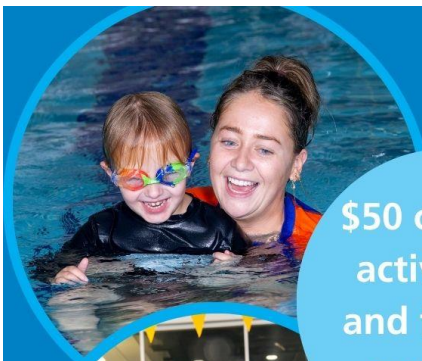
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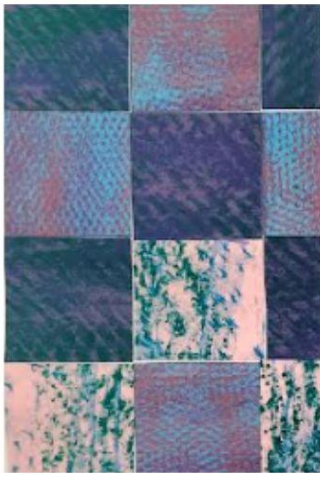


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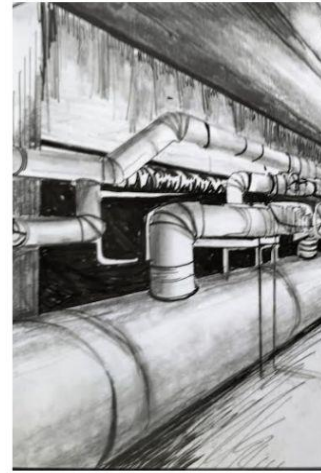
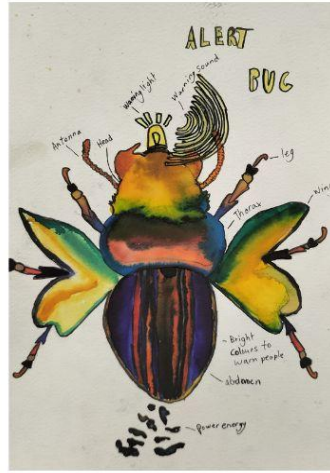
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- |             |          |             |            |
|-------------|----------|-------------|------------|
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