



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The explicit teaching of reading remains a focus at our school. [2025-2028 Epping Heights Public School SIP](#) On Wednesday we reached 100 days of the Read with Me program! Students were very excited to come and pick their book reward.



Last Thursday, we welcomed 38 enthusiastic parents from Kindergarten to Year 6 to our *Helping Your Child with Learning to Read at Home* parent workshop. A huge thank you to Mrs Zucconi, Mrs Ienna and Mr Buckman for organising and delivering this valuable session. Parents engaged in a range of hands-on learning experiences that showcased practical strategies for supporting their child's reading at home. From exploring the differences between reading instruction at school and practice at home, to discovering techniques such as Pause, Prompt and Praise, the workshop provided clear and meaningful examples that parents can apply in everyday life. The session highlighted the importance of fostering a love of reading, building strong partnerships between home and school, and empowering parents with tools to support their child's literacy development. Please see below links to the resources that were shared in the session:

[Reading with your child at home - ideas for parents of young children](#)

[Helping your child with literacy and numeracy at home](#)

[NSW Student Learning Library](#)

[Storyline online](#)

As outlined in the stage newsletters, this term as part of [our School Behaviour Support and Management Plan](#), students are participating in fortnightly student led Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) activities with their buddies. Lessons focus on playing safely, identifying feelings, making friends, sharing and taking turns and self-esteem. We have already noticed a positive shift in our friendly school culture as children work together across grades.



At the end of this term we are introducing updated school reports. The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand. Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas. Teacher comments will appear in English, mathematics and the general comment section, in line with department policy\*. The general comment for Kindergarten also covers all other key learning areas including, creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, and science and technology. A new achievement scale and descriptors are included to provide a clearer picture of your child's progress. Parent-teacher interviews remain an important way to discuss your child's progress and achievement in more detail.

\*For more information on [how we assess](#) and [the new report format](#), please join us for a **special session at the next P & C meeting on Tuesday 10 June at 7p.m.**

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## Success for All



### Akshaya

This logo represents Harmony because it is three young children that are enjoying each other and they instead of thinking that they should be playing with their own culture. They are not fighting or being mean to each other and this shows other people that anyone can be with someone else that is a different culture.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

You can also connect it with your google calendar

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

26 May- National Sorry Day

27 May- National Reconciliation Week

28 May- Cross Country Ribbon Assembly

29 May- Kinder school tour

2 June – Stage 2 excursion

4 June – 3-6 Assembly led by 5BP

5 June – Class Parents Meeting

5 June – World Environment Day

**9 June – School closed- Public holiday**

10 June – P & C zoom meeting

11 June – K-2 Assembly led by 1C



# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Student Voice- Student Representative Council (SRC)

The SRC are excited to announce a whole school pyjama day to fundraise for Kids Helpline. Please save the date!

**When?** 23rd June, Week 9 Monday

**What to wear?** Pyjamas (including a hat and safe, enclosed shoes. No slippers)

**What to bring?** A gold coin



### Attendance and contact details

As part of our change to reports, this semester we will be including partial day attendance. Please ensure your child is on time for school each day. If you need help getting your child to school at any time, please reach out so we can help.

Sometimes we will need to contact you, including on the day that your child is absent, or if you haven't notified the school with a reason for your child being away.

**If your contact details or your emergency contact person's details are out of date** or if you're not sure, please contact us via email so we can update our records and can contact you quickly when we need to. Please ensure your emergency contact person knows you have them listed.

If you speak a language other than English and need help talking with our staff, please telephone the interpreter service on 131 450. This service is free. Click on these links to [Listen in your language](#) or see [How to contact the Telephone Interpreter Service](#).

Please include parent/carers name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. **Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.** This is particularly important so we can work together to protect the wellbeing of our students through the reporting and monitoring of student absences.

## Too Sick for School?

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| <b>Rash</b><br>Especially a body rash with a fever or itching.<br>Stay at home until your doctor says you are well again. | <b>Vomiting</b><br>Stay home until at least 24hrs after vomiting stops. | <b>Head Lice</b><br>Treat your hair for head lice and keep coming to school.<br>Check for new lice and eggs regularly. | <b>Diarrhoea</b><br>Stay at home until at least 24hrs after diarrhoea has stopped. | <b>Eye Infection</b><br>Stay at home until discharge has stopped, or your doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious cause. | <b>Sore Throat</b><br>If you have a sore throat or are coughing, sneezing or if you have a very runny nose, stay at home until you are feeling better. | <b>Not Feeling Well</b><br>Stay at home if you have a headache or are unusually tired. Rest until you are feeling better. | <b>Fever</b><br>Stay at home until your temperature is back to normal. |
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## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Principals Awards

Nomin 2B

Martha K/1S

Cadel 1A

### Merit Awards

Cosmo 1A

Sebastian 3S

Daniel 5G

Alirah 1A

Timofei 3/4K

Tammy 5G

Elina 1A

Gabriel 3/4K

Hayley 6D

Kai 1A

Bom 3/4K

Jackson 6D

Theodore 1A

Sailesh 3/4K

Karyn 6D

Zeenia 1C

Rouning 4/5L

Jasper 6D

Nathan 1C

Cayden 4/5L

Aiden K/1S

Jasmin 1C

Alex 4/5L

Lael K/1S

Haon 1C

Ramsha 4/5L

Ruby K/1S

Alap 2/3T

Alice 4/5L

Ian K/1S

Mousa 2/3T

Zayn 4EB

Owen K/1S

Irene 2/3T

Hayden 4EB

Kamila KM

Joshua 2/3T

Matilda 4EB

Akith KM

Abdul 2/3T

Zoe 4EB

Hajira KM

Damian 3S

Parisan 5BP

Amy KM

Hannah 3S

Harman 5BP

Jacob KZ

Austin 3S

Juwon 5BP

Kayleen KZ

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Meha 5BP

Naomi KZ

Nathan 3S

Shahzad 5BP

Chloe KZ

Kay La 3S

Arshia 5G

Nancy 3S

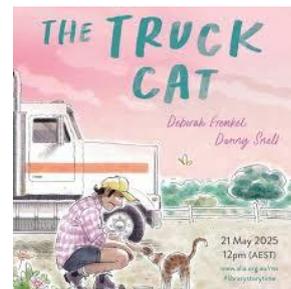
Boloro 5G

## National Simultaneous Storytime

### Kindergarten Celebrates National Simultaneous Storytime 2025 with *The Truck Cat*!

This week, our Kindergarten students took part in the National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) event. This event is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and is a wonderful event that unites children all over Australia in a shared reading experience.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, family day cares, childcare centres, bookshops, family homes and many other places around the country. The book chosen for 2025 is '*The Truck Cat*' written by Deborah Frenkel, illustrated by Danny Snell, and published by Hardie Grant Children's Publishing. It brought smiles, laughter, and plenty of curiosity to our classroom!



All of Kindergarten came into KZ to hear the picture book read aloud. *The Truck Cat* tells the story of a scruffy but spirited cat who finds an unlikely home in a noisy, bustling truck — a tale of friendship, adventure, and belonging that captured our students' imaginations.

This year was the 25th Anniversary of National Simultaneous Storytime and Kindergarten was one of the 2,204,658 participants to take part in reading *The Truck Cat*. We were proud to have been part of this national celebration of reading and can't wait to join in again next year! See below for some of the responses from our students.



Mrs Zuccochi  
read The Truck Cat  
and she said every  
kindergarten is reading  
this book. The  
characters are Yacoub  
Tinka and Mahi.  
It was super great!

-Yujin - KZ

All the kindergartens in Australia  
read this book called The Truck Cat. The  
characters were Tinka Yacoub Mahi.  
We draw a picture of each page we  
wanted. it was so much fun!

-Owen-K/1S

We went to KZ and did some  
some fun activities.

I had lots of fun listening  
to The Truck cat.

-Hajira - KM

Mrs Zuccochi had fancy clothes.



# Parent and Carer News

**Term 2 free webinars**

**for parent and carers**



## **-Recognising online coercive control in young people's lives**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/4471430562851568213>

It's not always easy to spot when a relationship becomes controlling, especially for young people. Coercive control is a pattern of abusive behaviours that uses manipulation, monitoring, surveillance, pressure, and fear to limit someone's freedom and independence. When technology is involved, it is called tech-based coercive control, and it can be even harder to recognise.

**6 August 12.30pm**

## **-Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5611584535644410976>

Parental controls can be a useful addition to the strategies you use to help protect your child online. [Parental controls](#) can help protect children and young people by preventing access to harmful content, as well as helping manage time spent online and who they communicate with.

**3 June 3.30pm**

## **- Sexual extortion: What parents and carers need to know**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/6282387783657476952>

Sexual extortion is a serious, growing online concern, especially for young people. But what exactly is it? What conversations may help prevent it and how can you support your child if they're targeted?

**28 May 12.30pm and 18 June 12.30pm**

## **-Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/3097197158603562592>

This presentation will share practical strategies to build critical thinking, challenge harmful narratives, and create open conversations that empower boys and young men to navigate the online world safely and respectfully.

**27 May 12.30pm and 30 July 12.30pm**



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# READY-SET-CONNECT

Make connections that **matter.**

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## FREE TO ATTEND!

'Ready-Set-Connect is a fun and engaging speed-networking event connecting disability service providers with the people who need them.

In this interactive format, service providers will showcase their products and services, while attendees discover local service options and make valuable connections, opening the door to greater choice and control.

## WHO?

- ✓ Support Coordinators / Navigators
- ✓ People with Disability
- ✓ Parents and Carers
- ✓ LACs
- ✓ Support Workers
- ✓ Social Workers
- ✓ Case Managers
- ✓ Teachers

**Register at: [onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect](https://onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect)**



## WHEN?

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Wed 25 Jun 2025



## WHERE?

Magpies Waitara 11-37 Alexandria Parade  
Hornsby NSW

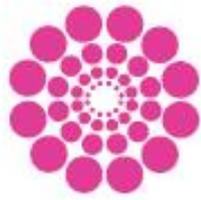
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**Epping Baptist Church**



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**Is this your daughter?**

Look no further than the **Australian Girls Choir** because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to **sing**, **dance** and **perform**.

**Join us at our  
JUNE OPEN DAY**



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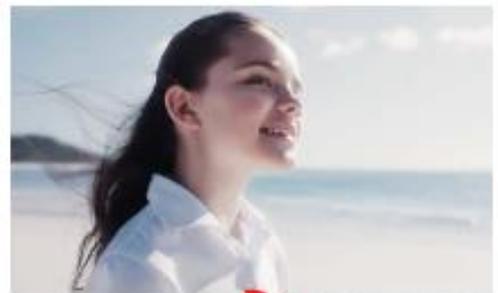


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Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, self-esteem, public speaking and presentation skills, all while gaining friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Kylie Minogue and have performed at dazzling events including the Australian Open, Prime Minister's Olympic Dinner, Carols by Candlelight and Carols in the Domain. We're proud to have represented Qantas in the iconic 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns for 26 years.

Now accepting enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Balgowlah, Beecroft, Castle Hill, Chatswood, Haberfield, Kellyville, North Parramatta, North Ryde, St Ives and Waverley.



## JOIN US AT OUR **JUNE** OPEN DAY

Register now at [ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc](http://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc) or phone 02 9922 6733



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**Sat-Sun 24–25 May**  
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