



# STOKERS SIDING PUBLIC SCHOOL

Little School; Big Family

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Newsletter

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## Welcome to Week 4

As we come to the half way point in Term 4, I would like to draw your attention to the many events that will be coming up this term. Please read on and if you have any questions, please reach out. The school will no longer be using School Stream, however we have transitioned to School Bytes. Electronic notes will be sent home on this platform, as well as paper notes. Parents are welcome to respond using either method.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

- 13 Nov Kindergarten Orientation
- 13 Nov Healthy Harold
- 26-27 Nov High School Transition Days
- 6 Dec End of Year Concert and Assembly
- 13 Dec Carols in the Park
- 16 Craft Day
- 17 Student Reward Day K-6
- 18 December- Year 6 Farewell
- 18 Dec- Last Day Term 4

## Kindergarten Orientation

We will hold our final kinder orientation session for the year on Wednesday 13 November. If you know of a child who turns 5 before 31 July 2025, they are encouraged to enrol now. We look forward to welcoming our new kindergarten students to our beautiful school. Please contact the school office for further information.

**Kindergarten  
Orientation**

## Swimming School

Students in Years 1-6 Have been enjoying daily swimming lessons. Students have improved their skills and confidence over the course of the program.



## Swimming School



## End of Year Assembly

This year, our annual presentation assembly and concert will be held on Friday 6 December at 10am in the Stokers Dunbible Hall. All students will receive an award, for a range of achievements, and perform in our special drama performance. Mr Shaw has been busy writing a fun musical. Student costumes and props are being organised by our talented staff.

All parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend and share in this special event celebrating the individual achievement of each student.

## Attendance

As we pass the halfway point in the term, I would like to encourage all parents and caregivers to be mindful of ensuring your child arrives on time for school and remains at school for the whole school day. If a child misses afternoon classes, they can often miss a whole key learning area, which will impact their learning over time.



## Healthy Harold

We are excited to welcome Healthy Harold to our school on Wednesday 13 November. Students in K-2 will engage in fun interactive lessons about safe and unsafe environments, how to care for others and behaviours that can maintain friendships. Years 3-6 will be learning about friendship and feelings, including conflict resolution.



## Year 6 Graduation Picnic Day

Following discussion with our Year 6 students, it has been decided to continue with the tradition of holding a Year 6 Picnic Day to celebrate the completion of primary school for these amazing young people. As planning is complete, further updates will be sent home to parents.

Essentially, every child brings a special packed lunch to eat at the picnic. Parents and caregivers of Year 6 students will be invited to come along with their own packed picnic and share in the event. A free sausage sizzle will be available for those who wish it.



## Sun Safe Reminder

As the weather continues to warm up, please remember to send your child to school with a hat. We have noticed an increasing number of students who don't bring a hat to school. We only have a few spares left, so students who don't have a hat will need to play in the shade.



## World Teacher's Day

On Friday 25 October, we celebrated World Teacher's Day, recognising the wonderful contribution teachers make each and every day. Our teachers are dedicated to inspiring our young students to grow socially, culturally, academically and emotionally. I would like to acknowledge the contribution our teaching staff makes in creating the positive and supportive school culture that Stokers Siding Public School is renowned for.



## School Counsellor Day

Friday 8 November was School Counsellor Day. We have been privileged to have two special school counsellors this year. Ms Zoe Dimech has been supporting students, families and caregivers, at Stokers Siding Public School, over the past few years. Ms Dimech has taken leave and we are honoured to welcome Mr Martin Fraser. Our school would like to thank these amazing counsellors for all they do.

## 2025 School Dates

Please note that there are a number of changes to the school calendar for 2025. The new Teachers' Award, that was announced last week, has provided additional Staff Development Days each year to support teachers' transition to implement the four new Key Learning Syllabus documents.

### Term 1

- Friday 31 January- Staff Development Day
- Monday 3 February- Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 4 February- Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 5 February- Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 6 February- Students in K-6 commence school

### Term 2

- Monday 28 April- Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 29 April- Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 30 April- Students return

### Term 3

- Monday 21 July- Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 22 July- Students return

### Term 4

- Monday 13 October- Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 14 October- Students return

**The first day of Term 1 2025, for all K-6 students, is Thursday 6 February 2025.**

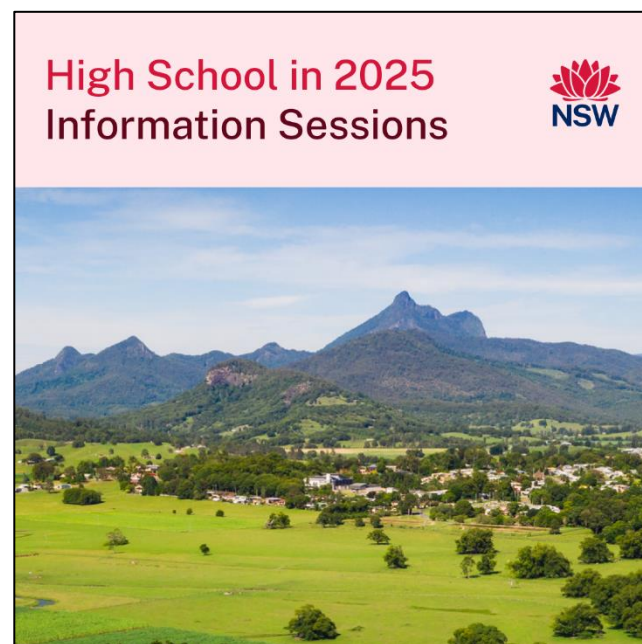


## Our Local High Schools 2025

The school community is invited to attend drop-in information sessions to find out more about the return to two high schools in 2025. Please see the attached flyer.

There will be two sessions held at the Murwillumbah Learning Community High School Hall.

Morning session: 8-9am Evening session: 5:30-7:30pm.



## Technology Fun

Each Thursday, students explore a range of robotics, coding and other exciting areas of technology.



## Robotics



## Tennis Fun



## Sport

Apart from enjoying time learning to swim this term, students have been developing their skills in tennis, as well as basic fundamental movement skills.



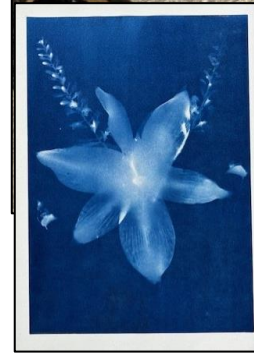
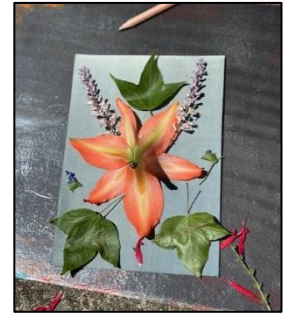
## Nature Explorers

Years 3-6 have been enjoying their time exploring, designing and creating in their natural environment.

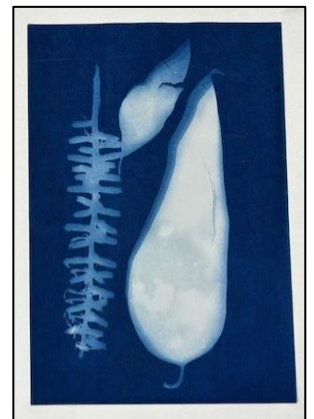


## Art

Students in K-2 have been experimenting with a variety of mediums in art this term. I love the creative way that they made these beautiful artworks.



As you can see, the students designed their artworks with natural materials and then sat them in the sun to react with the photographic paper.



## Remembrance Day

Today our Year 6 leaders, led us at our special Remembrance Day assembly. On this special day, we remember the men and women who stood for our freedom in war. We pay respect and pause for one minute to remember the service and sacrifice of all current and former members of our defence forces.



## Merit Awards



## K-2 Awards



## Year 3-6 Awards



## Principal Award



**PBL: BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL,  
BE A LEARNER**

**I am a Learner. I bring my reader  
back to school each day.**



## P&C UPDATE

Thank you to all that attended our annual AGM on Thursday 7 November 2024. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our outgoing committee, and offer our appreciation for all the work that you have put in. We are also pleased to announce our new Executive Committee:

*President - Kristy Papageorgiou*

*Vice President 1 - Jenny Burey*

*Vice President 2 - Nathan Keeley*

*Treasurer - John Papageorgiou*

*Secretary - Nicole Keeley*

The P&C are proud to have contributed the following to the school so far this year:

1. \$3000 towards purchasing items for the new canteen and also items for the kitchen garden.
2. \$500 towards the purchase of a snow cone machine and bubble blower.
3. A new BBQ

The P&C will be providing a free BBQ lunch to parents and families at our end of year assembly. We will also be holding an end of year fun event for the kids, with more information to come.

We welcome all parents and families to attend meetings. If you are unable to attend meetings, please feel free to talk to any of the committee about items that you may want raised with the P&C.

### Change to uniform

It has been discussed at the last meeting that we would like to open discussions about a possible change to our uniform. We are initially looking at updating the orange sports shirt. The P&C is in a position where we would be able to provide a new shirt to each student if the changes were to take place. This will limit any additional costs to families. Please note, this is only early stages, and we urge parents to have their say. Please reach out to the committee to express any ideas or opinions you have. A formal survey will be conducted in the coming weeks.

### End of year raffle

We are seeking items for our end of year raffle. If you own/run a business, or know someone who does, we would appreciate you reaching out to ask for any possible donations. Any items, large or small are greatly appreciated.

