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*On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people*

**NEWSLETTER NO. 5      TERM 1 WEEK 11      WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL, 2025**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 9 Apr	P&C AGM @ 5.00pm in the library	28-29 April	Staff Development Days—NO students
Fri 11 Apr	Easter Raffle Draw @ 9.30am	Wed 30 Apr	STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2
Fri 11 Apr	Easter Hat Parade @ 2.20pm	Fri 2 May	District Cross Country
Fri 11 Apr	LAST DAY OF TERM 1	Fri 9 May	Pirate Day Dress Up

## CROSS COUNTRY

After a weather-related delay, we were thrilled to finally enjoy some sun and watch our students shine at the school cross country. With determination in their stride, they not only tackled the challenging, hilly course around the school grounds, but they also beat the nerves that surfaced at the start line.

Congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding sportsmanship and perseverance. We couldn't be prouder of your efforts! You are all winners in our eyes and you all gained valuable participation points for your house. The winning house will be announced once the numbers are crunched!

All students who finished in the top ten of their age group will qualify to race at the District Cross Country which is scheduled to be held on Friday 2nd May.





## NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MRS JANE MARTYN



Giinagay Urunga Community,  
I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this Gumbaynggirr land on which we live and work and we pay our respects to the Elders both past and present. I would like to thank them for allowing us to live and learn on their lands.

### P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting for our P&C tonight at 5.00pm in our Library. We hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome.

### JUNIOR BASKETBALL HOOPS

We would like to thank Open Arms Care and our P&C for their generous funding of four new custom made basketball hoops designed for our younger (and shorter) students to use. They have become quite popular!



### ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE TUTOR

We are fortunate to have had Aunty Debbie Ballangarry each Thursday this term who has been working with K/1 Navy, 1/2 Red, 3/4 Blue and 5/6 Indigo to teach them Gumbaynggirr language. Our other four classes will get to engage in these cultural lessons next term. Welcome Aunty Debbie!

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHARTER

This is just a reminder that it is crucial that when parents and community members are in and around school grounds, at school functions, on social media or discussing school matters, that interactions need to be respectful. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school community. This includes when speaking to staff and in meetings with other adults.

Our children are constantly watching and learning from us and our interactions with others. Schools need to be a place where positive relationships are modelled, formed, and supported.

Please read the School Community Charter that I have included in this week's newsletter.

### PARENTING IDEAS/ HAPPY FAMILIES

This week's Happy Families article is titled '**Mind your language. How what you say creates your child's mindset**' which focuses on developing respectful relationships and reducing anxiety in our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support, take care,  
**Jane Martyn**



## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER LAURA McGRATH

### GARDEN CLUB NEWS – GROWING STRONGER EVERY DAY!

We've had some exciting updates in the garden—and it's all thanks to the amazing support from our school community!

A huge thank you goes to Nick, one of our awesome Garden Club parents, who kindly sourced and installed a brand-new watering system for our shade house. This clever system is set on a timer, which means our seedlings will be happily watered—even on weekends and during school holidays! No more sad, thirsty plants—just thriving, healthy seedlings ready to grow! This fantastic improvement was made possible by last year's P&C fundraising efforts—a big shoutout to our P&C for backing our fabulous Garden Club program and helping us keep things green and growing.

We've also had a bit of a tidy-up around the garden area, with branches trimmed from the big trees nearby. Now we're enjoying more sunshine and fresh air near the shed and pergola—perfect conditions for gardening fun!

### Term 2 Garden Club is going to be blooming amazing!

To get ready, we're holding a **Working Bee on Tuesday 22nd April at 9am**. If you can lend a hand, we'd love to see you there! For more info, please contact the school office and ask to speak to Laura, and don't forget to keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Let's get our hands dirty and grow something great together!



## GIRRAWA

KEEP ON GATHERING

FRIDAY 9TH MAY @ 8.30AM  
FRIDAY 23RD MAY @ 8.30AM  
FRIDAY 6TH JUNE @ 8.30AM  
FRIDAY 20TH JUNE @ 8.30AM

IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY. ALL WELCOME!

**NAIDOC WEEK: 30th June - 4th July**

# DAARI GUMBURR

## STRONG SPIRIT

DAARI GUMBURR IS A 3RD SPACE MOB FUNDED CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR YRS 5 & 6, CENTERED ON SHARE, CARE, REPAIR. THIS PROGRAM CONNECTS STUDENTS TO COUNTRY, BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM, LEADERSHIP, AND A STRONG SPIRIT. THROUGH CULTURAL PRACTICES, THEY DEVELOP A DEEP SENSE OF CONNECTION TO THE LAND AND EACH OTHER.

ARTWORK BY LISA KELLY

### SESSION 2 - MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY / DANCE WORKSHOP / AFTERNOON TEA



#### A DEADLY DAY OF CULTURE & DANCE!

THIS SESSION UNCLE RICKY PICKED US UP AGAIN FROM SCHOOL WITH ALONG WITH TWO FRIENDS FROM REPTON PS. WE ARRIVED AT BELLINGEN PS AND MET SOME OTHER NEW FRIENDS FROM ST MARYS THAT WILL PART OF OUR GROUP THIS YEAR.

♥ UNCLE RICKY TAUGHT US HOW TO PRACTICE A WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO COUNTRY IN GUMBAYNGGIRR LANGUAGE. EVERY STUDENT RECEIVED THEIR OWN PRINTED COPY TO TAKE HOME AND PRACTICE—SO GET READY TO WOW YOUR FAMILY!

🍓 AFTER THAT? SNACK TIME! A BIG THANK YOU TO AUNTY LISA FOR HER DELICIOUS SCONES AND AUNTY NICKY FOR THE FRESH FRUIT—YUM!

♥ NEXT UP: DANCE TIME! EVERYONE GOT MOVING IN IN A DANCE WORKSHOP WHERE

WE PRACTISED SIMPLE ABORIGINAL DANCE MOVES. THESE MOVES WILL BE USED IN A DANCE THAT THE STUDENTS WILL LEARN AND PERFORM IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE FROM EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL, IN FULL COSTUMES AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THE DANCE WORKSHOPS WILL BE COORDINATED BY TAHAHNI BERGER AND MICAH, WHO BOTH ARE SENIOR DANCERS OF THE ORIGINAL BUDDABANG BAARI DANCE GROUP, SPONSORED BY JENNI FARRANDS FROM 3RD SPACE MOB.

#### NEXT SESSION:

- MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025
- URUNGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

WHAT AN AWESOME START TO THIS JOURNEY—WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT ONE! ♥



DARRUNDANG AUNTY LISA, AUNTY NICKY, UNCLE RICKY & 3RD SPACE MOB

## COLOUR FUN RUN

Last year, the P&C hosted an incredible Colour Fun Run — a day many of us will remember as one of the highlights of 2024! Not only was it a fantastic celebration full of colour, energy and excitement, but it also raised an outstanding amount of money. These funds have helped the P&C continue their amazing support of our school, subsidising valuable resources for students and school.

To top it off, we recently received a special trophy in recognition of the event's success. Mrs Martyn proudly presented it to our 2025 School Captains, Harper and Maddi, and it now stands proudly in the school office — a shining reminder of what we can achieve when our school community comes together.



## PSSA SOCCER KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

On a fine Tuesday in the paradise that is Urunga, our PSSA Soccer teams headed down to the Urunga Recreation Grounds to play their round 1 matches against Bellingen PS. The girls were up first, many of whom were not regular soccer players. In spite of this, they put in a tremendous showing. With the score sitting at 0-0 at halftime, the game was on a knives edge. The girls came out in the second half and left everything on the field. With just one sub they played hard for each other and were unlucky to go down 2-0.

The boys were up second, and it was a game for the ages. One that resembled, both in skill and intensity, more of a final than a round 1 match. With silky passing and calm heads, our boys pulled together and demonstrated that they are a very talented group of players and an amazing team, running away 4-2 winners.

I am extremely proud of both teams, not only in regards to their effort with the ball, but the amazing sportsmanship and the manner in which they represented our school.

**Mr Narris - Soccer Coach**



## SCHOOL ANZAC CEREMONY

We held our annual ANZAC ceremony on Monday as ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays again this year. Our school leaders spoke very well and ran the assembly very smoothly.

We were honoured to have both Barb and John Piggott join us from the Urunga RSL Sub-Branch. Barb spoke about the significance and history of the ANZAC spirit and explained about various traditions that are observed on ANZAC Day. These include the dawn service, the gun fire breakfast, ANZAC march and wreath laying, the specifics of which side medals are worn on as well as the history behind ANZAC day biscuit.



Mrs Prior read The Ode and each class laid a wreath in remembrance. All in attendance turned to face east and our flag pole as the last post played. Our flag bearers raised the flags as the Rouse played.



## ANZAC DAY MARCH

As in previous years, our school will also be proudly marching in the community ANZAC Day March during the holidays. We hope many of you are able to join us and march to commemorate this special day. Our school leaders will also be playing a part in the ceremony at the Cenotaph at 11am on 25th April. Further details about the march will be sent out by the end of this week.

## TERM 1 PBL REWARD DAY

Last Friday, our entire school came together for a fantastic Reward Afternoon, celebrating the amazing efforts of all our students in being safe, respectful, and responsible learners throughout the term. Students had the chance to relax and enjoy one of three exciting movie options, topped off with a refreshing icy-pole treat!

A huge well done to all our incredible learners — we're so proud of the positive choices you've made. Keep up the great work!



## DISTRICT NETBALL TRIALS

Six of our keen netballers travelled to Macksville on Monday to trial for the girls district netball team.

They all had some good court time and played well against some very tough competition on what was an extremely hot morning.

Congratulations to Harper Kedzlie who was named in the district team. She will now continue on to the Mid North Coast Trials next term. Well done to the other five girls as well who gave it their best on the day and enjoyed the challenge.



## EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter Raffle will be drawn this Friday morning! You can still buy and sell tickets and drop them into the school office before Friday morning.

We are all looking forward to the arrival of the Easter Bunny.

## PIRATE DAY

Ahoy me hearties, Arrrr you ready for Pirate Day? After ye have all had yer holidays, ye will 'ave to come to school in yer pirate garb.

On **Friday 9th May**, (Term 2, Week 2) we will be helping to raise awareness for Kids Brain Cancer Research by joining in on Pirate Day.

Pirate Day is an annual national day of dressing up to raise awareness for childhood brain cancer research. We can't wait to see your pirate inspired outfits.

**Pirate Queen Kyle**



## PBL WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK

Congratulations to the PBL winners from Weeks 9 and 10, they have all displayed our positive behaviour expectations of being Responsible, Respectful and Safe learners in the past two weeks. They all receive their choice of either a voucher to spend at the canteen, or a small prize.

- Max
- Reuben
- Katey
- Zak
- Theo
- Zara
- Leo
- Aaliyah
- Brody
- Cara
- Jaylen
- Theo
- Skye
- Tully
- Isabella
- Laila



Positive Behaviour for Learning at Urunga Public School is for



EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY TIME



We are  
**responsible**

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# PBL CLASS OF THE WEEK

At Urunga Public School, we take pride in promoting our **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) values** of being **Safe, Respectful, and Responsible**. Each week, we recognise a **PBL Class of the Week**—a class that has demonstrated these values **as a team** throughout the week.

The selected class enjoys a special visit from **Percy, our PBL mascot**, who spends the week learning alongside them. Teachers also reward their class in their own unique way to celebrate their efforts.

Choosing a class each week is never easy, as all of our students consistently show **positive behaviour and teamwork**. Congratulations to all our students for their ongoing commitment to making Urunga Public School a safe, respectful, and responsible learning environment!

**Week 10**  
**K/1 Navy**



**Week 11**  
**K Lime**



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# School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

We treat each other with **respect**

## What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



## Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We **prioritise the wellbeing** of all students and staff

**Unsafe behaviour** is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

**Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.**



We create **collaborative** learning environments

We all play **our part**

We work **in partnership** to promote student learning

## Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

[education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students](https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students)

## Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

### Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



**Collaborative.**  
**Respectful.**  
**Communication.**

**School Community Charter**

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INSIGHTS

## Mind your language. How what you say creates your child's mindset.



One of the big ideas in education over the past 10 years has been Professor Carol Dweck's work on Growth Mindset. However, despite (or perhaps because of) the hype, much of Dweck's work has been misunderstood, or misapplied. Too often we've tried to teach about growth mindset, instead of teaching for a growth mindset. Importantly, the role parents play in helping develop a growth mindset in their child has been largely overlooked.

In this article I share a simple way you can help your child develop a more growth-oriented mindset.

### About Mindsets

Your child's mindset is how they view their most basic abilities, like their talents and intelligence, and it has a profound impact on their learning.

A child with a fixed mindset believes they are fundamentally limited. Who they are today, is pretty much who'll they be in the future. For them, school and learning is a way to discover those abilities. They'll ask if they are musical, or how smart they are. For these children, school becomes one long test to discover the answers to these questions.

A child with a growth mindset understands they have the capacity to develop their abilities. For them learning becomes a vehicle for creating and developing those abilities. You'll hear this child say things like "I want to become really good at maths, so I'm going to work hard to make that happen."

### Why parents matter

Contrary to what social media might say, you can't just tell your child to have a growth mindset. Their mindset is rooted in a lifetime of experiences.

As parents we play an important role in creating the experiences that develop our child's mindset. What we repeatedly say, value, and reward all shape our child's mindset. And I should know because I got it wrong.

### What I did wrong

When my daughter was young, I encouraged her to try lots of different activities. She tried music, art, gymnastics, singing, the Maths Olympics. You name it, we tried it. And that's fundamentally a good thing.

The problem wasn't what I was doing. It was the messages I attached to it. Sometimes when she wasn't keen to try a new activity, I'd say something like "Come on sweetheart, give it a go. You never know, you might be good at it!"

# parenting\*ideas

Can you hear the fixed message in there? “You might (already) be good at it.”

I turned trying something new into a test to find out if she was good at it. I promised her the possibility of instant success. To make things worse, if she didn't have instant success, I'd often console her with something like “Well, don't worry. You can't be good at everything.”

In other words, she'd failed that test. Now it was on to the next test to see if she was good at that instead. The unintended lesson: If you're not immediately good, give up.

## Why did I do that?

If you just had an “ouch” moment, you're not alone. Parents say these types of things all the time. We say them out of love, and with the best of intentions.

When we see our child upset or struggling, our natural reaction is to want to protect them from that discomfort. But what I did was to provide my daughter with an excuse for struggle by saying “you're not that type of person.”

Perhaps you've provided your child with a similar excuse by saying something similar like “I was never good at that either.” The underlying message being “we aren't the right type of person to be good at that—we don't have those abilities.”

## A nudge in the right direction

To help us be better parents and nurture a more growth-oriented mindset in our children, we need a little nudge. A reminder that helps us counter any unconscious bias and ensure we create more growth-oriented messages for our children.

I've created lots of these nudges, for all types of situations. The one relevant to this situation is to remember that “Learning is about creating, not discovering.”

## Learning is about creating, not discovering.

In the context of trying new things, this nudge reminds us that we're not trying to find out if my daughter has those abilities. We're trying to decide if she wants to develop those abilities. So, now I might say:

“Darling, getting good at something takes time and the right type of effort. You need to decide if this is something you're prepared to invest the time and effort into getting good at.”

The nudge helps us repeat this message over and over, slowly creating a more growth-oriented mindset. They become more empowered and see life as being in their control. They recognise they can become whoever they want, or need, to become.

It's like George Bernard Shaw said, “Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”



### James Anderson

James Anderson is an international speaker, author and educator. In an educational landscape focused on teachers, James' work focuses on learners. His signature work defines *Learnership™* – the skill of learning. He answers the question: What does it mean to be a *skillful* learner? For further information visit [www.jamesanderson.com.au](http://www.jamesanderson.com.au). You can also listen to James and Dr Justin Coulson discuss *Learnership™* on the *Happy Families* podcast episode [#529 \(The Growth Mindset\)](#) and [#559 \(How to Create Skillful Learners\)](#).

# Help us turn the tide on childhood brain cancer this Pirate Day.



Come to school dressed  
like a pirate, and help  
raise awareness for  
childhood brain cancer.

DATE

**Friday 9th May**



**THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT**  
**PIRATE DAY**

# School Exclusion Periods

If your child has an infectious condition, you may need to keep them home from day care or school to stop it from spreading. Here's a list of common childhood illnesses and their recommended exclusion periods.



## Chickenpox

Until all blisters have dried (usually 5 days).



## Colds

No exclusion period.



## Conjunctivitis

Until discharge (pus) from the eyes has stopped.



## COVID-19

If positive COVID-19 test, stay home until acute symptoms go.



## Diarrhoea

1 day after the last loose bowel motion (if no cause is identified).



## Gastroenteritis

1 day after the last loose bowel motion (if no cause is identified).



## Hand, foot and mouth disease

Until all blisters have dried.



## Head lice

No exclusion period (as long as effective treatment has started).



## Impetigo

Until 48 hours after treatment or once sores have dried and healed.



## Influenza (flu)

Until well.



## Measles

At least 4 days after the first rash.



## Mumps

9 days or until the swelling goes down.



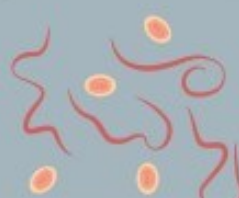
## Rubella

At least 4 days after the first rash or until they have recovered fully.



## Scabies

1 day after appropriate treatment has started.



## Threadworms

No exclusion period.

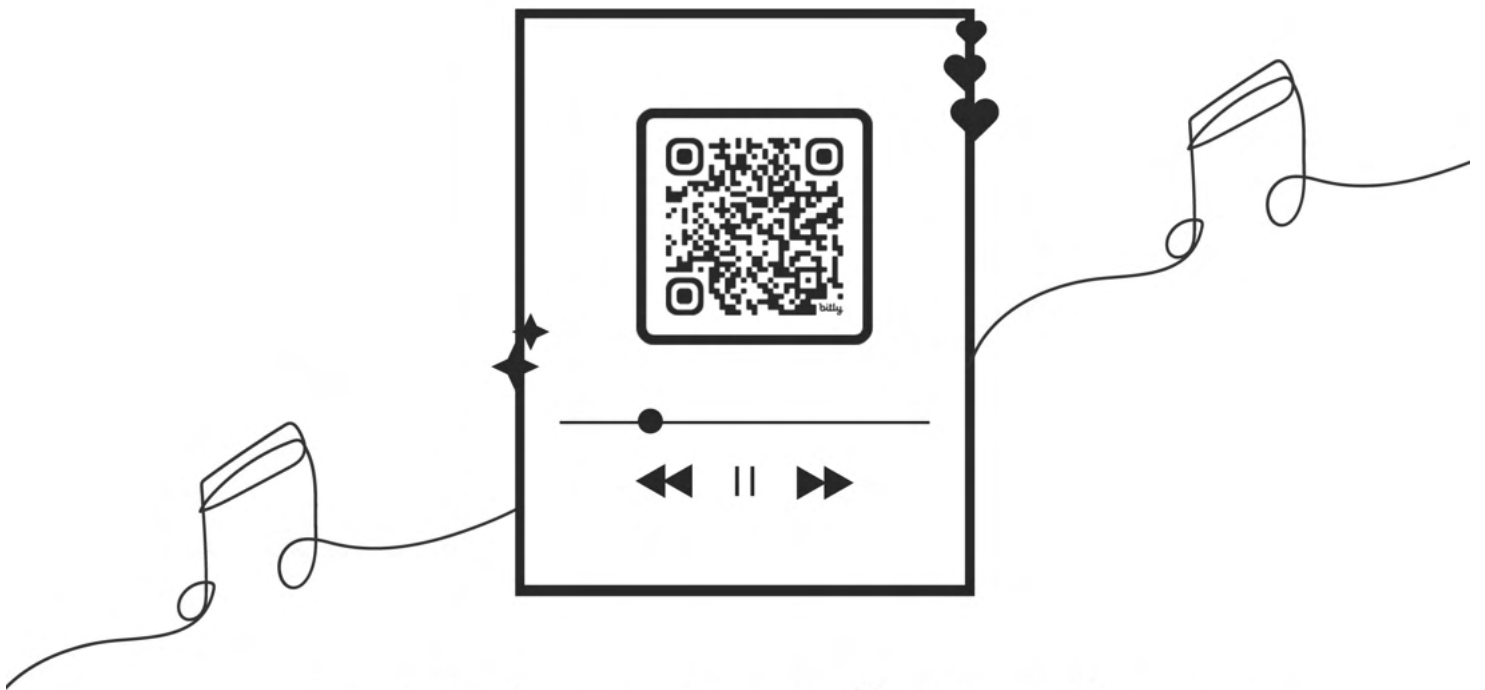


## Whooping cough

5 days after antibiotics started, or 21 days from the first cough.

# North Coast Music Camp

Sunday 25 - Wednesday 28 May 2025



Applications close: Friday 11 April



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# Forest Fantasy

## North Coast Creative Arts Camp

Welcome to the enchanted realm of Forest Fantasy!

Sunday 21 – Friday 26 September 2025  
Term 3, Week 10

### Tyalgum Ridge Retreat

This opportunity is open to talented, motivated and passionate creative and performing arts students in Years 4 to 6 who are currently enrolled in NSW public schools.



Applications close: Friday 30 May 2025

# VALLEY BRAVES BASKETBALL

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REGISTER

HERE



URUNGA PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS  
3.40PM to 4.30PM

RETURNING  
PARTICIPANTS

\$60

NEW PARTICIPANTS  
INCLUDING A PACK

\$95

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

7 WEEKS  
STARTING  
7TH MAY

ENQUIRIES: ADMIN@VALLEYBASKETBALL.COM.AU

# Easter Family Night

Bunnings Coffs Harbour

**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse

HAPPY  
Easter



**Thursday 10th of April**  
**5:00pm - 7:30pm**

**Activities and fun for the whole family**

Join us for a night of Easter celebrations.  
Free event including sausage sizzle, clowns,  
Easter craft, popcorn, facepainting, glitter tattoos,  
fire trucks, mini golf, games, community group  
stalls, Coffs critters, go kart display, chocolate &  
a visit from the Easter bunny.

**Don't miss out,  
register now!**



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**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse



**YOUTH WEEK 2025**

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**BASKETBALL**

**TOURNAMENT**



**REGISTER  
NOW!**



**BBQ  
LUNCH**

**11YRS-  
17YEARS**

**WEDNESDAY**

**61 WEST HIGH  
STREET, COFFS  
HARBOUR**

**11AM-  
3PM**

**16TH  
APRIL**

**LOADS  
OF  
PRIZES**



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# WE'RE LOOKING FOR ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS IN URUNGA

**Join the team who are prepared for anything**

Comprehensive training is provided for all on-call firefighters, covering all aspects of the work involved to keep your community safe. You'll need to:

- Hold a current NSW driver's licence.
- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia.
- Live or work within a reasonable distance from your local fire station.
- Have daytime availability to respond to emergencies.



For more information or to apply, visit [fire.nsw.gov.au/on-call](https://fire.nsw.gov.au/on-call) or call 1800 347 437



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# **Easter Vacation Care Program**

**14th -25th April 2025**

**Mon-Fri 7.00am-6.00pm**

## **Hey there, K-6 students**

Come and enjoy our vacation program where friendships are formed through fun games and exciting activities.



Contact Us:

Call the office number  
0266552650

Call OAC Urunga OOSH  
0408 025 093

Email

[childrensservices@openarms.org.au](mailto:childrensservices@openarms.org.au)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
 crafts	 <b>INCURSION</b> With local artist Tulli Stevens	 <b>Excursion</b>		<b>Good Friday Closed</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Easter Monday Closed</b>	 Incursion	 Dress up as your favourite book character and join us for a day of literary fun!	 <b>Note: devices are welcome</b>	<b>Anzac Day Closed</b>

**Please remember that everyday children must have enclosed shoes, a hat and water bottle.**

## URUNGA VACATION CARE Program Information

14th April 2025-25th April 2025

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Craft:** Join us for a fun-filled day of Easter crafts where children can create bunny ears, make personalized baskets, and more to celebrate the holiday!

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April: World Culture Day:** Today, we'll immerse ourselves in different cultures through learning and art, with a special guest guiding us in creating an Aboriginal painting to be displayed on our walls.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April: SES and RFS:** Join us today as we explore the important roles of SES and RFS volunteers, discovering how they support and protect our community.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April: World Creativity:** Today we will be getting our creativity on with some fun creative arts, crafts and activities. Children will have the opportunity to showcase their unique skills and imagination.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Closed**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Closed**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April First Aid:** Today we will have a first aid officer come in to teach the children on how to do first aid and what to do in emergency situations.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: World Book Day:** Come dressed as your favourite book character for a chance to win our best-dressed competition, plus create fun, book-inspired artworks

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April: Video Game Day:** Today is bring your own devices day. Children will have the opportunity to play Mario kart and race against their friends and educators. We will also be creative with outdoor play and engage in physical outdoor video game inspired games.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April: ANZAC DAY CENTRE CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

### BOOKINGS

*For existing enrolments please book by the Xplor app. For new enrolments please contact us on 0266552650 For existing enrolments please book by the Xplor app. For new enrolments please contact us on 0266552650*

### EXCURSION REMINDER

*PLEASE REMEMBER ON EXCURSION DAYS TO BE AT OSHC 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE DEPARTURE TIME TO FILL OUT PERMISSION NOTES, MEDICAL FORMS ETC*



## STANDARD FEES

Max of \$65.00 session. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to complete and lodge their Child Care Subsidy (CCS) application with Centrelink Human Services to gain access to fee reductions provided by the government **Invoices will be sent out weekly. Outstanding invoices will need to be paid before you book your child into vacation care.**  
**No charge if 24 hour advance notice of absence is given.**

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is a government subsidy offered to eligible families as a reduction on fees. Applications for the CCS are made through your Centrelink online account through **MyGov**. Please apply / update details for CCS if you haven't already done so. For more information on this process, visit [education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare)

**PLEASE NOTE:** If children have a break between care of more than 14 weeks (e.g. during the school term) their enrolment will be ceased. If your child has a break from care for more than 26 weeks then you will need to reapply for CCS. The Service will update enrolment details with Centrelink. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to check their child's enrolment status (notifications) in their MyGov account and confirm enrolment details where necessary to access CCS.

## Direct Deposit Instructions

Bank: Regional Australia Bank, Open Arms Care Incorporated

BSB: 932000

ACC: 100511161

You can also find bank account details on page 1 of your invoices.

Please reference with your child's name and Centre (Bellingen or Urunga)

. E.g. J Smith Urunga.

**(if this information is not included we have no way of identifying who made the payment)**

## OUR PROGRAM

Our program provides children with developmental opportunities that are focussed around the children's interests, abilities and needs. Our daily program also offers creative arts, life skills & physical activities, imaginative play, construction, individual, group activities and lots of fun.

## OUR EDUCATORS

The Educators at Open Arms Care Inc. OSHC Services provide a diverse and inclusive environment that fosters all children's developmental abilities and self-esteem. Educators are professional and strive for excellence within the service environment, whilst working together as a team. Our accredited services are supported by University and TAFE educated staff.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

**SUN SAFETY:** No Hat, No Play (or play in the shade). Educators will endeavour to ensure that all children apply sunscreen although...please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive, pack a long sleeved rash shirt or a long sleeved shirt for water activities and we recommend a wide brimmed hat for extra sun protection.

**FOOD:** Nutritious foods are essential for growing, playing and learning. Although we realise it's school holidays and that means the occasional special treats, we do ask that parents/carers please provide a healthy and nutritious morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for their children. Children do burn through a lot of energy in our active program so please ensure that your child has enough healthy food to last the whole day. We also ask that treats such as chocolates, fizzy drink or lollies be left at home until the evening or weekend.

**Please ensure you child/ren come packed with a water bottle.**

**CLOTHING GUIDELINES:** Children are encouraged to wear comfortable casual clothing when attending Vacation Care. We ask that children wear covered shoes. **Thongs**, strapless shoes, high heels, slip-ons, etc. are considered **unsafe**.

**SWIMMING:** Please notify the staff about your child's swimming ability if your child is attending on a swimming excursion  
**MOVIES/DVDS & VIDEO GAMES:** Please notify the staff if you do not want your child to view G&PG movies or play video games.

**MEDICATION:** If your child requires medication during sessions of care then the medication must be on premises with the child and if it is not then the child will not be able to attend care. If your child's medication requirements changes then written notification from the medical practitioner must be given to Open Arms Care Inc immediately.

OAC Urunga OSHC  
Program  
A space to



# Stay and Play

Where friendships can be made through fun, leisure based activities built on your child's interest.



available at  
Urunga Public School  
Monday - Friday  
BSC 7.00am-9.00am  
ASC 3.00pm-6.00pm  
VAC 7.00am-6.00pm



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# 2025 REGO'S ARE OPEN

Season  
starts  
5 April

REGISTER AT: <https://www.playrugbyleague.com/>

**TRAINING STARTS TUESDAY 18 MARCH  
AT BELLINGEN PARK - THE GRAVEYARD**

**PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED TO TRAIN**

KEEPING OUR JUNIOR MAGPIES SAFE IS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY

**PLACES STILL AVAILABLE IN OUR**

**MIXED UNDER 6'S, 7'S, 8'S | BOYS UNDER 13'S**

**GIRLS TACKLE UNDER 14'S**

**\$150**

**REGO INCLUDES**

- playing socks
- playing shorts
- club shirt



up to 2 x vouchers can be used  
on each registration



# Friday Nights Just Got Exciting Play Rugby with the Snappers!



**Calling  
All Kids  
Ages 6+**

**EMAIL US  
COFFSRUGBY  
@GMAIL.COM**

## Play AFL in 2025 for the Bulldogs



No registration fees for all players who join any of the Bellingen Bulldogs teams for the 2025 season (fees apply for Auskick programs).



Registration now open via PlayHq or scan the QR code.

Home ground : Burdett Park, Fernmount  
Email : [bellingenbulldogs@gmail.com](mailto:bellingenbulldogs@gmail.com)

Ages : 8 - 17

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Contact : via Facebook





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# REGISTRATIONS OPEN

## Netball



## HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration  
5-10yrs- \$100  
10-17yrs- \$125

1. GO TO PLAYHQ.COM
2. IF YOU HAVE PLAYED BEFORE GO TO LOGIN OR SEARCH FOR BELLINGHEN NETBALL
3. SELECT TAB - REGISTER
4. FILL IN YOUR DETAILS
5. WELCOME TO THE CLUB!!



## KEY DATES:

8TH MARCH	FUN DAY
TUESDAY 4-5PM 11TH MARCH	TRAINING BEGINS
22ND MARCH-	<b>FIRST GAME</b> 1:30PM- 5-12YRS 2:30PM 13-18 YRS/ WALKING 3:30PM MIXED ADULTS
9TH AUGUST	LAST GAME AND PRESENTATION DAY
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	NO GAMES

**CONTACT: BELLINGHENNETBALL@GMAIL.COM**

**FACEBOOK: BELLINGHEN NETBALL CLUB**

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Achieve a savings goal for 10 months,  
and **ANZ will match it up to \$500.**

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



18 years  
or older



A regular  
income  
(you or your  
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Attend  
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