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*On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people*

**NEWSLETTER NO. 10**

**TERM 2 WEEK 10**

**WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY, 2025**

## IMPORTANT DATES

30 June - 4 July	NAIDOC Week	Fri 25 July	PJ Day - come dressed in your PJ's
Fri 4 July	NAIDOC Community BBQ	<b>28 July-1 Aug</b>	<b>Stage 3 Canberra Excursion</b>
<b>Fri 4 July</b>	<b>Last day of Term 2</b>	Wed 30 July	P&C Meeting @ 5.15pm - 6.15pm in Library
Mon 21 July	Staff Development Day (no students)	Thurs 31 July	Girrawa @ 8.30am in Library
<b>Tues 22 July</b>	<b>STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 3</b>	4-8 Aug	Public Education Week Book Fair
Thurs 24 July	Debate against Stuarts Point PS	Tues 5 Aug	Education Week Open Day & Art Show

## NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

We have been enjoying the first half of our NAIDOC Week celebrations. On Monday's assembly we congratulated four students from each stage for demonstrating a strong connection to culture. They each were presented with a special NAIDOC certificate.

Today our whole school enjoyed a NAIDOC walk around the Urunga Foreshore to appreciate our local and very beautiful Gumbaynggirr Country.

We look forward to learning more about the Gumbaynggirr lands from Matt Flanders tomorrow when he visits.

Everyone is invited to join us on Friday morning at 10.30am for a Welcome to Country including a smoking ceremony which will then lead onto an Elders and Community BBQ.

We hope to see you all there!







# 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.

## SCHOOL REPORTS AND PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

School reports will be available to view via **School Bytes** from Thursday afternoon, 3rd July.

In Term 3 Week 5, we will hold Parent-Teacher Meetings, with bookings available online through School Bytes. More information will be shared early next term.

## NAIDOC WEEK

This week, we are proudly celebrating NAIDOC Week across our school. Students are engaging in a range of cultural activities and discussions exploring this year's theme "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy".

There are also numerous community events during the school holidays that families are encouraged to attend to continue celebrating NAIDOC locally.

## LEADERSHIP DAY

On Friday 27th June, all Year 6 students from across the Bellingen Dorrig Community of Schools gathered at the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre for an unforgettable day of learning, connection, and leadership.

A major highlight of the day was a powerful talk from Barney Miller, whose inspiring life story encouraged students to stay strong, push through challenges, and never give up on their goals.

Students then participated in a range of collaborative team-building and leadership activities across two sessions, supported by staff from each school. The program not only strengthened friendships and networks across schools, but also helped students build confidence and leadership skills they can take back to their school communities.

We thank all participating schools and families for their support and look forward to seeing the positive impact of this experience as these students continue to grow into thoughtful, courageous leaders.





## NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MRS JANE MARTYN



### SAVE THE DATE - GRANDPARENTS DAY

We have set a date in Term 4 to invite all the wonderful grandparents and grandfriends to join us for the very popular Grandparents Day. Mark **Tuesday 4th November** in your calendar.

### KINDERGARTEN 2026 – ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

We are now accepting enrolments for **Kindergarten 2026** at Urunga Public School. We look forward to meeting our future Kindergarten students and their families. Information about our transition and orientation program will be shared soon.

If you have any questions, please contact the office on 6655 6393. Enrolment applications can be accessed and submitted through our school website: Urunga Public School

### BELLINGEN HIGH SCHOOL – ASPIRE CLASS

Families of our Year 6 students received detailed information last week about an exciting new opportunity for high potential and gifted students at Bellingen High School in 2026. Please refer to the flyer included in this week's newsletter for further details.

### LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

We have noticed a significant increase in students arriving after the 9:20am bell. Please note that we have a teacher on duty in the playground from 8:50am each morning.

The first 15 minutes of the school day is vital for setting up learning routines and sharing key information. Frequent lateness adds up quickly and impacts student learning. If your child arrives late, please ensure they sign in through the office to be marked present.

Thank you all for your continued support throughout a very busy term. From sporting events and excursions to performances, classroom learning, and special celebrations like NAIDOC Week, it has been a rich and rewarding term for our students. We deeply value the ongoing partnership between families and the school, which helps make these experiences possible.

Wishing all our families a safe, restful, and happy holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term of learning in Term 3.

Take care and stay safe.

**Jane Martyn**







## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER LAURA McGRATH

### Supporting Families Through The Urunga Food Pantry

With the rising cost of living placing extra pressure on families—particularly at the supermarket—we're incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from Annie and her amazing team at the Urunga Food Pantry.

Annie has been working tirelessly to support our local community by offering a wide range of affordable essentials, including pantry staples, toiletries, health and beauty products, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, pet food and even homemade frozen meals.

Did you know that fresh fruit, vegetables and bread are available for free every week (while stocks last)? This generous initiative is making a real difference in the lives of many families.

We hope that families who are feeling the pressure right now are reaching out to Annie and her team. You'll find them in the arcade next to the laundromat every Thursday from 10am to 3pm, and Friday from 10am to 12:30pm.

A heartfelt thank you to Annie and the Food Pantry team for their compassion, commitment and the vital service they provide to our community.



Open  
Hours:

Thursdays  
10am-3pm

Fridays  
10am-12:30pm







## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER LAURA McGRATH



### GIRRWAWA

Following our NAIDOC celebrations, we're looking forward to coming together at Girrwawa to reflect on what we've achieved so far this year and begin planning for future events, learning opportunities and stronger connections with our local Aboriginal community.

We warmly invite everyone to join us on this journey. Come along to our fortnightly yarns—to listen, to share, and to connect.



### GARDEN CLUB

Term 2 threw plenty of challenges our way, with wild weather sticking around for weeks! Unfortunately, that meant we had to miss several of our planned catch-ups. We're crossing our fingers that Term 3 brings more sunshine and just enough rain to keep our garden glowing and growing. We're aiming to return to fortnightly Garden Club sessions, especially early in the term. As spring starts to bloom, we may add a few extra sessions to make the most of the perfect growing season. Keep an eye on the newsletter for any additional dates, and please reach out if you'd like to get involved—we'd love to have you!

## SCHOOL PHOTOS - GROUPS

Unfortunately there was an error in the Group Ordering code that was in the last newsletter. The correct code is: **25S6051PR53R**

You can view and order the photos online at <https://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au/> Orders will be posted to the school and we will send them home with students when they arrive.

## NORTH COAST RUGBY UNION TRIALS

Hayden and Lachie Richardson strapped on the footy boots and headed off to Grafton for the North Coast Rugby Union Trials on 25th June.

Unfortunately after a heavy tackle near the beginning of the day Lachie was sidelined and unable to play the rest of the day. Hayden played on and helped their team win all but one of their games. While neither of the boys were selected in the North Coast team, it was a big day for them both and we are very proud of them for representing our school and the Mid North Coast region at this level.



## NORTH COAST SOCCER TRIALS

Nate Fitzgibbon also travelled to Grafton to trial for the North Coast Soccer Team last Monday. The rain didn't stop all day, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the players. They had a great time and played well. Nate wasn't selected in the North Coast team but it was a great experience for him competing at this level. Well done Nate.



## PYJAMA DAY - GOLD COIN DONATION

National Pyjama Day, held on Friday 25 July, is all about wearing your favourite pair of PJs to help **The Pyjama Foundation** raise much-needed awareness and funds for children in foster care.

With the money raised from National Pyjama Day, you'll be helping them offer learning skills to more than 800 children, fund educational resources and help provide stable, positive relationships.

It's hard to imagine the trauma a child goes through when they enter the foster care system. These children are removed from their original homes for their own health and safety.

Many have experienced trauma, neglect and instability at a young age. It impacts their confidence, their ability to trust others, and their core foundation for learning.

The Pyjama Foundation was created to provide children in care with a world full of unlimited opportunity, to create positive relationships, and instil a love of learning.

Through The Pyjama Foundation's [Love of Learning Program](#), volunteer 'Pyjama Angel' mentors provide one-on-one support to children in care by visiting them once a week to empower them with learning, life skills and confidence to reach their full potential.

Please wear a pair of PJ's on Friday 25th July and if possible, bring a gold coin donation. We look forward to seeing a lot of colourful pyjamas on the day





## K/1 NAVY ROARS INTO ART WITH THE LIONS CLUB

Our local Lions Club recently invited us to collaborate on a fun art project to be incorporated into Lions Club International meeting. K/1 Navy eagerly took up the challenge, creating a series of vibrant, teacher-led crayon drawings of lion heads.

Each student produced a unique and imaginative interpretation, showcasing their creativity and individual style. The finished artworks were laminated and collected by 2 Lions Club members who spoke to our students about what the Lions Club do and the varied projects they are involved in. The artworks were then proudly displayed at the recent Lions Club event.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect with the community and share their talents in a meaningful way.



## STAGE THREE MEGA RAFFLE DRAW

After a huge term of fundraising, last week we drew our Stage 3 Mega Raffle – and what an exciting moment it was! With over 30 incredible prizes up for grabs, many of our students and community members are walking away as very lucky winners.

We hope all the winners enjoy your prizes!

A massive thank you goes out to all the amazing local businesses who generously donated prizes, and to everyone who supported the raffle by selling or purchasing tickets. It was a big effort from our whole school community, and an even bigger success.





## CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN THE NSW PREMIERS SPELLING BEE!

What an incredible showcase of talent we experienced in Week 8 during the NSW Premiers Spelling Bee! Students from grades 3 to 6 who entered dazzled us with their impressive spelling abilities, bravely tackling some truly difficult words with skill and patience.

### Congratulations:

*Junior Winner:* Jed Simpson  
*Junior Runner-Up:* Khyrell Winderlich  
*Senior Winner:* Chilli Cameron  
*Senior Runner-Up:* Hannah Pollard

Multi-syllabic words with tricky spelling patterns challenged our participants, demonstrating their hard work and determination.

A huge congratulations to all participants for their dedication and effort. Good luck to Chilli and Jed at the reginal Spelling Bee!



## LEADERSHIP DAY

On Friday of Week 9, our Year 6 students embarked on an excursion to the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre for *Leadership Day*. Each student participated in two engaging activities designed to challenge themselves while also fostering teamwork, communication, and resilience. It was wonderful to see our students pushing their boundaries while building connections with peers from other local primary schools.

Adding to the excitement, students had the privilege of hearing from Bellingen High students, who shared valuable insights about transitioning to high school and answered many pressing questions.

A massive thank you goes out to Barney Miller, our inspirational speaker, for imparting important life lessons and sharing his challenges and successes with our young leaders. It was a fabulous day filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable experiences!







## 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 7**  
**K Lime**





## PBL WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK

Congratulations to the PBL winners from Weeks 9 & 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.

- **Sonny**
- **Tom**
- **Harvie**
- **Koha**
- **Hannah**
- **Myana**
- **Ethan**
- **Remy**
- **Cherry**
- **Evison**
- **Hazel**
- **Jarrah**
- **Harper**
- **Van**
- **Leo**
- **Tannan**
- **Sophie**
- **Sylvie**
- **Jeanie**



**Positive Behaviour for Learning at Urunga Public School is for**



**EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY TIME**



We are  
**responsible**

We are  
**respectful**

We are  
**safe**



# URUNGA PS



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

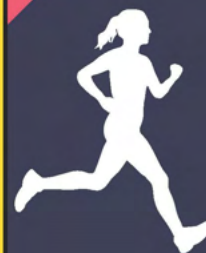
### 23RD JULY

K - 6 | URUNGA REC GROUNDS | 9.45AM



### 5, 6, 7 Yrs

**Age races and modified sport rotations  
plus novelty events**  
(returning to school approx 1.30pm)



### 8 Yrs and up

**Age races, track & field events**

### Relays

 (time dependant)

**Bellinger vs Kalang**  
Junior and Senior

## CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN AT THE GROUNDS - EFTPOS AVAILABLE

On the day, a variety of lunch items, treats and drinks will also  
be for sale at the canteen.

Sausage sanga - \$3.00	Steak sandwich - \$7.00	Cans of drink - \$3.00
Plain meat pie - \$5.00	Cheese & bacon pie - \$6.00	Poppers - \$2.00
Sausage roll - \$4.00	Chicken salad wrap - \$6.00	Bottle Water - \$2.00
	Chicken Salad Wrap (GF)- \$7.00	Tea/coffee - \$3.00

*Assorted cakes and slices, lolly bags, chocolate bars, packet chips and  
cold treats also available*







# UPS

## Art Competition

OUR WORLD IN COLOUR

**Are you a inspiring young artist? Do you love getting creative? Show off your skills now and submit an entry to the Urunga Public School Art Competition.**

**Eligibility:** All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 at Urunga Public School.

**Your artwork should be inspired by the theme 'Our World in Colour'.**

**All entries must be submitted to the front office by Wednesday 30th July 2025 by 3.20pm.**

**Students, teachers, and the community will have an opportunity to vote for their favourite artwork on day of art show. Winners will be announced on Tuesday afternoon.**

### **Media and Technique Requirements:**

**Any of the following media or techniques may be used:**

- Paint (watercolour, tempura, poster, acrylic, etc)
- Drawings (pencil, charcoal, coloured chalk, coloured pencils, markers ect)
- Collages (cut and glue materials such as construction paper, tissue paper, wrapping paper, aluminium foil etc)
- Prints (handmade stencils)
- Photography
- Three-dimensional pieces. (clay, origami)

### **Prizes:**

**First Prize-** Art Supplies to the value of \$100

**Second Prize-** Art Supplies to the value of \$50

**Third Prize-** Art Supplies to the value of \$25



# SNACK SHACK

## Lunch Menu

HOT MEALS		BURGERS	
BUTTER CHICKEN W/ RICE and naan bread	\$5.00	PLAIN BEEF BURGER (patty & sauce)	\$5.00
SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE W/ Parmesan cheese and garlic bread	\$5.00	BEEF BURGER & FULL SALAD (mayonnaise, lettuce, cucumber, tomato, carrot, beetroot, & avocado when available)	\$7.00
TOASTIES		CHEESEBURGER (patty, cheese, & sauce)	\$5.50
CHEESE	\$3.50	CHEESEBURGER & SALAD (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, & beetroot)	\$6.50
CHEESE & TOMATO	\$3.80		
CHEESE with CHICKEN or HAM	\$4.50	CHICKEN BURGER (w/lettuce & mayonnaise)	\$5.50
HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO	\$5.00	CHICKEN BURGER & FULL SALAD (mayonnaise, lettuce, cucumber, tomato, carrot, beetroot, & avocado when available)	\$7.00
ROLLS / WRAPS/ TUBS		PIZZA	
SUSHI ROLL (Chicken, Tuna or Veg) *Wednesdays & Thursdays Only*	\$7.00	CHEESE	\$4.50
MEXI WRAP	\$6.00	HAM & CHEESE	\$5.00
SALAD (ROLL/WRAP/TUB) (lettuce, cheese, tomato, carrot, cucumber, Beetroot & avocado)	\$7.00	HAM, CHEESE, & PINEAPPLE	\$5.50
SALAD & MEAT (chicken, ham or tuna)	\$7.00	BBQ CHICKEN	\$5.00
SANDWICHES		NUGGETS	
EGG & LETTUCE	\$4.50	CHICKEN NUGGETS	.80c
SALAD	\$4.50	G/F CHICKEN NUGGETS	\$1.00
SALAD & MEAT	\$5.50		
CHEESE	\$3.00	BAKERY	
VEGEMITE	\$2.50	JNR BEEF PIE	\$3.50
VEGEMITE + CHEESE	\$3.00	BEEF PIE	\$5.00
HAM	\$4.50	SAUSAGE ROLL	\$4.00
CHICKEN	\$4.50		
TUNA	\$4.50	SAUCES	
MEAT + CHEESE	\$5.00	TOMATO/ BBQ	.40
		SOY	.20

**Thank you for your support of Urunga Public School P&C Association**

For online orders go to <https://schoolshoponline.net.au> & type in "URUNGA PUBLIC SCHOOL".

**Online orders must be submitted by 8:30am.**



# SNACK SHACK

## Snack Menu

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NO LONGER BE SELLING BREAKFAST ITEMS. A SELECTION OF CEREALS WITH MILK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FREE FROM 9AM AT THE CANTEEN ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

### COLD DRINKS

WATER	\$1.50
JUICE POPPERS (apple/tropical/orange/apple-blackcurrant)	\$2.00
PLAIN MILK	\$2.00
FLAVOURED MILK (chocolate/strawberry)	\$2.80
UP & GO (choc /strawberry/banana/vanilla)	\$3.00

### SNACKS

FRESH FRUIT CUPS/CRUNCH & SIP (seasonal)	\$2.50
POPCORN	\$1.20
ANZAC BISCUITS	.50c
MUFFINS	\$1.20

### BIRTHDAY BUCKETS

A bucket of fun for every student in your child's class

QUELCH JUICE STICKS	\$15.00
SNAP STIX	\$20.00
ICE MONY'S	\$25.00
MOOSIES	\$30.00

### FROM THE FREEZER

QUELCH JUICE STICK	.80c
FROZEN JUICE CUPS	\$1.20
SNAP STIX	\$1.40
ICE MONY	\$1.40
CHOCOLATE MOOSIES	\$1.80
FROZEN YOGHURT (choc vanilla)	\$2.50

For all Dietary Information please contact the Snack Shack via email  
urungapubliccanteen@gmail.com



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**BELLINGEN HIGH SCHOOL**

# 2026 Year 7 ASPIRE Class

**APPLICATIONS OPEN**



Introducing the Year 7 2026 Aspire Class Program, designed for young people to explore and enhance their talents in High Potential and Gifted domains.

Selection for this class will be conducted by an Aspire Class Panel, which will consider applications, endorsements from current principals, learning portfolios, and interviews to determine the final selection.

Additionally, nominations can be made by the Bellingen High School Executive and Primary Principals

Our Panel is looking for;

- academic performance across a range of subjects
- well-developed literacy and numeracy skills
- high level of self-motivation
- positive attitude to school and learning, including homework
- ability to work collaboratively or independently



## 2025 Timeline

- Term 2: Applications open
- 9 August 2025: Applications close
- 18-22 Aug 2025: Interviews conducted
- 1 September 2025: Offers posted/emailed



[Bellingen High School](#)

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[Link to Application](#)

Year 7 2026 Aspire Class Program  
application





# Attendance Roadmap

Above 95% is our expected student attendance







# The Pyjama Foundation

Supporting Kids in Care with BIG Dreams

## About The Pyjama Foundation

- The Pyjama Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that supports the educational outcomes of children living in out of home care.
- We recruit volunteers, known as Pyjama Angels, who are carefully paired with a child in care with the goal of building a consistent relationship and ultimately helping change the direction of their life path.
- Pyjama Angels spend one hour a week visiting their Pyjama Child, playing educational games, reading aloud, and most importantly, having fun!
- Our volunteers are a mentor, friend and are sometimes the only consistent relationship in the child's life due to movement



## The Statistics

**45,000+**

Australian children are currently in out of home care

**92%**

of children are below the average reading level by age 7

**57%**

of young people who grow up in care manage to complete Year 12 or equivalent compared to the national average of 85%

## The Need For Our Support

- There are more than 45,000 children living in out-of-home care
- Many have experienced trauma, neglect and instability at a young age. It impacts their confidence, their ability to trust others, and their core foundation for learning.
- Children in care have lower educational attainment, lower employment prospects, higher criminal and arrest rates, and higher rates of teen pregnancy





# The Pyjama Foundation

How you can get involved

## Become a Volunteer

Volunteer as a Pyjama Angel mentor by dedicating an hour a week mentoring and empowering a child in care. To become a Pyjama Angel, a volunteer must:

- Be over the age of 18 years
- Be able to commit to a minimum of 12 months
- Have basic English language, literacy and numeracy skills
- Possess or be eligible for a Working with Children Check or Blue Card

To learn more about volunteering and to sign up, head to:

[www.thepyjamafoundation.com](http://www.thepyjamafoundation.com)



## Donate or Fundraise

Donations help to power the Love of Learning Program for children in care. It costs more than \$1,500 to cover the cost of recruiting, screening, training, and thoughtfully matching a Pyjama Angel mentor with a child for an entire year.

With your contribution, we can continue empowering these vulnerable children with the guidance and support they deserve.

## National Pyjama Day

National Pyjama Day is held in July (but can be held anytime between July - August) and is The Pyjama Foundation's flagship fundraising campaign. It involves supporters getting in their comfiest PJ's and help raise vital funds for children in foster care.

Get involved by registering for the comfiest day of the year and help to raise much-needed funds for kids in care  
[nationalpyjamaday.com](http://nationalpyjamaday.com)

## Looking for more info?



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# 2025 WINTER VACATION CARE PROGRAM



Mon 7th July to Mon 21st July

Before School, After School & Vacation Care  
for the Mid North Coast



In a world gone mad with rules & regulations, we help kids be kids

Phone: 0466 306 220  
Office Hours: 8:30am to 4:00pm  
Email: [admin@communityoosh.com.au](mailto:admin@communityoosh.com.au)  
Web: [www.communityoosh.com.au](http://www.communityoosh.com.au)

## VACATION CARE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday  
7.00am – 6.00pm

On all excursion days children are required to be at the centre no later than 8:45am and will return by approx. 4:00pm.

Transportation is provided in our bus or van depending on bookings. Risk Assessments available upon request.



## “WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY”

All Children are required to bring a hat, drink bottle, sunscreen, appropriate and healthy lunch / snacks.

In winter warm clothes and socks are required each day.

In summer swimmers, sun/rash shirts, swim aids (if required), towel and plastic bag are required each day.

Personal electronic devices are prohibited.

Please label all clothes.

Spending money is optional!



## BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR VACATION CARE

For existing families please use your **Xplor Home app** to book and select the days you require

For new families looking to enrol and join the fun, you can do so by visiting our website at [www.communityoosh.com.au](http://www.communityoosh.com.au) or scan this QR code to take you straight to our enrolment page



## OVERVIEW MATRIX OF ALL CENTRES

As many families are, at times, using multiple centres out of choice or necessity, we have decided to include our “Centre Overview Matrix” below to help guide you, if need be, to what any centre is doing on any one day. Just follow the coloured line across for each centre. An explanation of each day for your home centre appears over the page

Dates	7/7/25	8/7/25	9/7/25	10/7/25	11/7/25	14/7/25	15/7/25	16/7/25	17/7/25	18/7/25	21/7/25
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Fee Structure at Full Rate before the application of any CCS %		Example of Approx. out of pocket expenses at 85% CCS	
Vacation Care	\$76	Vacation Care	\$15.20
Sample Additional Excursion Cost	\$18	Sample Excursion CCS Applied	\$ 3.60



MONDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	TUESDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	WEDNESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	THURSDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	FRIDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> JULY
<p><b>INCUSSION +\$4</b></p> <p><b>AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST LIVING CULTURE</b></p> <p>Archaeological evidence and genetic studies support the claim that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are the oldest known continuing cultures in the world. Today we have the help of Matt Flanders from <b>Gumbaynggirr Creative</b> to share some of his local knowledge and guide us along for a great day of activities, games and fun associated with our home-grown culture.</p> 	<p><b>EXCURSION +\$20</b></p>  <p>Come with us today as we visit Tiga and the team and delve into the amazing world of wildlife to learn more about the lives of the beautiful creatures that inhabit the Coffs coast! We'll spend the day with the dolphins, turtles, seals, penguins and amazing birdlife on show. We'll also picnic in the park and take a discovery walk on the mangrove trail.</p>	<p><b>IN CENTRE- LEGO LEGENDS</b></p> <p>To celebrate the release of the latest Lego Masters TV sensation "Grand Masters of the Galaxy!" today we'll become a part of the worldwide obsession that had its humble beginnings over 80 years ago. As we see on the TV hit, there is no limit to what a good brain, nimble fingers and a vivid imagination can do! Whatever you do today, remember to have fun and, as the Danish say, <b>LEG GODT!</b> (play well)</p> 	<p><b>EXCURSION +\$15 MOVIES - "ELIO"</b></p>  <p>Elio, an 11-year-old boy with an active imagination, is inadvertently beamed up into space where he is mistakenly identified as Earth's ambassador to the universe! With the help of his new alien friends, he fights to avoid a crisis of intergalactic proportions <b>THEN...</b> a picnic in the park with your friends for some games and activities in the sun! (Optional \$7 Meal Deal pay on the day, cash only)</p>	<p><b>EXCURSION +\$8</b></p> <p><b>URUNGA WINTER PICNIC</b></p> <p>We're off to Urunga today to get "Under the Boardwalk, down by the sea." It's too cold to for us to go swimming but, funnily enough, not for the fish! They're still doing it! (well at least until we try and stop them!) So, grab your fishing gear, or just share ours as we head out for a picnic in the winter sun! We'll provide the chips for lunch BUT... you've gotta get the fish!!!</p> 
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<p><b>IN CENTRE - ANCIENT CULTURES OF THE WORLD</b></p> <p>Australia may be winning when it comes to the oldest culture in the world, but there's been some "geriatric doozies" in other countries as well dating back thousands &amp; thousands of years! From the Mayans, Aztecs &amp; Incas to the Egyptians, Greeks &amp; Romans, we'll have some fun today with the weird, wonderful, good and gory customs of old!</p> 	<p><b>EXCURSION +\$18</b></p> <p><b>BIG BANANA ICE SKATING</b></p> <p>Some slip/sliding fun with a few chills, thrills and spills to boot as we hit the rink today. <b>(NB</b> please bring long thick socks, warm clothes and wear pants) When not skating around, enjoy a local nature reserve with your friends for some games and activities in the winter sunshine! (Optional \$2 lolly bags available, cash only)</p> 	<p><b>EXCURSION +\$17</b></p> <p><b>SPRING LOADED</b></p> <p>Time to turn yourself into a human superball today and have you bouncing off the floor, walls and ceiling! (Please wear active clothes and socks!) When that's done, we'll head off for a picnic in the park with your friends to enjoy lots of games, activities and fun</p> 	<p><b>EXCURSION +\$15 MOVIES - "SMURFS"</b></p> <p>When evil wizards Razamel and Gargamel kidnap Papa Smurf, the Smurfs embark on a mission to the real world to save him. With help from some new friends, they must discover what defines their destiny to save the universe. <b>THEN...</b> a picnic in the park with your friends for some games and activities in the sun! (Optional \$7 Meal Deal, cash only).</p> 	<p><b>IN CENTRE - EINSTEIN'S BRAIN BUSTERS</b></p> <p>Today we're going to beef up your grey matter 'til it bursts!! An amazing array of brain busting activities, games and scientific experiments to blow you away! We'll also have a little delve into <b>"the Science of Stupid"</b> for some handy survival tips!</p> 
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## What to Pack Each Day for Vacation Care:

To help your child have the best possible *experience each day*, please ensure they bring the following items:

A change of weather-appropriate clothing

A lunchbox with enough food for the entire day (Morning Tea, Recess, and Lunch)

A refillable water bottle

A sun-safe hat (No Hat, No Play)

Covered shoes (no thongs or slides)

## PERMANENT FEE SCHEDULE – VACATION CARE 2025

**In-Centre Days:** \$63.68

**Incursions:** \$78.68

**Excursions:** \$85.68

Please note: Cancellations are not permitted for permanent bookings.

## CASUAL FEE SCHEDULE – VACATION CARE 2025

**In-Centre Days:** \$67.86

**Incursions:** \$82.86

**Excursions:** \$89.86

**Please note:** A minimum of 7 days' written notice is required for cancellations.

At MHOC OSHC, we celebrate diversity, foster inclusion, and strive to create a community where everyone belongs. We respectfully acknowledge the Gumbaynggirr people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn and play. We honour their continuing connection to the land, waters, and community. We pay our respects to their culture, Elders past and present, and are committed to learning from and walking alongside them as we embrace language, stories and wisdom in the shared journey.

## Welcome to MHOC OSHC – Vacation Care Program

If you're new to the area or school—welcome! We're excited to invite your family to be part of the fun these school holidays at **Mary Help of Christians Out of School Hours Care (MHOC OSHC)**.

Our **Vacation Care** program offers a safe, engaging, and inclusive environment where children can relax, play, learn, and connect with others during the school break. Each day includes a variety of exciting activities, including **incursions, excursions, creative experiences, sports, and wellbeing sessions**—there's something for everyone!

MHOC OSHC is conveniently located on the grounds of **Mary Help of Christians Primary School, Toormina**, and is open to **all primary school-aged children**, not just MHOC students.

### Here's how to join us:

- Complete an **enrolment form** via our online platform XAP (contact us if you need help with this).

[MHOC OSHC Enrolment Form](#)

- Check out our **Vacation Care Program**, which includes details of each day's activities.
- Submit your **bookings and authorisations** via the provided Google Forms.

Reach out if you have any questions—our team is always happy to help!

We're committed to ensuring each child feels safe, supported, and excited to come each day. Our friendly educators look forward to meeting you and your child soon!

**Contact us:** sawp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au

**Phone:** 0459 030 941



<b>MONDAY 7TH</b> <b>GAME TIME</b>  <b>In-Centre</b>	<b>TUESDAY 8TH</b>  <b>Incursion</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 9TH</b> <b>WELL BEING SUPPORT</b> <b>DOGS MID NORTH COAST</b>  <b>Incursion</b>	<b>THURSDAY 10TH</b> <b>COFFS HARBOUR DRIVING RANGE</b>  <b>Excursion</b>	<b>FRIDAY 11TH</b> <b>CRAZY SCIENCE</b>  <b>Incursion</b>
<b>MONDAY 14TH</b> <b>DRESS UP DAY</b> Fancy, Freaky or Footy!  <b>In-Centre</b>	<b>TUESDAY 15TH</b>  <b>BCC CINEMAS</b> <b>COFFS HARBOUR</b> <b>Excursion</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 16TH</b>  <b>Incursion</b>	<b>THURSDAY 17TH</b>  <b>Incursion</b>	<b>FRIDAY 18TH</b> <b>COOL KIDS</b>  <b>FIRST AID</b> <small>SMALL STEPS TO SAVING LIVES</small> <b>Incursion</b>
<b>MONDAY 21ST</b> <b>SPRINGLOADED</b>  <b>Excursion</b>	<p><b>Our Vacation Care program is thoughtfully designed to cater for all ages and interests, offering a wide variety of engaging experiences where children are empowered to choose their own adventures each day.</b></p> <p><b>For enquiries, please contact us at <a href="mailto:sawp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au">sawp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au</a>.</b></p>			

**Please pack your child's lunchbox just like you would for school:**

- Crunch & Sip, Lunch and Recess
- Extra snacks
- Water bottle



**MENU**

We are an allergy-aware service and provide substitutions for children with allergies.

Please ensure you inform us of any food allergies or dietary requirements.

Our menu includes a rotating selection of fresh fruits and veggies, such as: watermelon, orange, rockmelon, apple, pear, berries, grape, carrot, cucumber, capsicum, celery, and tomato (as available). We offer spreads like vegemite, cheese, strawberry and plum jam, as well as assorted sandwiches and wraps with options like ham, cheese, salad, and a variety of spreads.

<b>MONDAY 7TH</b> Sausage  & Fresh Fruit	<b>TUESDAY 8TH</b> Mini Noodle Cups with a Fresh Veggies	<b>WEDNESDAY 9TH</b> Rice Cakes with Cheese Cubes & Veggie Sticks	<b>THURSDAY 10TH</b> Popcorn with Fresh Fruit	<b>FRIDAY 11TH</b> Chicken Noodle Soup with mini bread rolls & Fresh Fruit
<b>MONDAY 14TH</b> Mini Banana or Blueberry Muffins with Fresh Fruit	<b>TUESDAY 15TH</b> Corn Chips, Salsa, Cheese & Fresh Veggies	<b>WEDNESDAY 216TH</b> Sausage  & Fresh Fruit	<b>THURSDAY 17TH</b> Rice Cakes with Cheese Cubes & Veggie Sticks	<b>FRIDAY 18TH</b> Mini Noodle Cups with a Fresh Veggies
<b>MONDAY 21ST</b> Crackers, Dips, Cheese, & Fresh Veggies				



# July

## VACATION CARE 2025

Open 7am until 6pm

We are Proudly located on Gumbayngirr Country



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connect.

**Monday**

**7/7/2025**



**Evolve Archery**  
Incursion

**Tuesday**

**8/7/2025**



**Bongil Bongil**  
Excursion

**Wednesday**

**9/7/2025**



**Beyond The Beanstalk**  
Incursion

**Thursday**

**10/7/2025**



**STEAM**  
Incentre

**Friday**

**11/7/2025**



**Wheels Day**  
Incentre

**Monday**

**14/7/2025**



**OOSH TV**  
Incursion

**Tuesday**

**15/7/2025**



**House Of Golf**  
Excursion

**Wednesday**

**16/7/2025**



**Cool Kids First Aid**  
Incursion

**Thursday**

**17/7/2025**



**Laser Tag**  
Excursion

**Friday**

**18/7/2025**



**Sportz Central**  
Excursion

**Monday**

**21/7/2025**



**Incentre**

Frank Partridge Public School, Centenary Parade, Nambucca Heads

Centre Mobile: 0431 233 594

Office: 6569 4222

[www.lifetimeconnect.org.au](http://www.lifetimeconnect.org.au)



# The Gallery



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## THREADS

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**NAIDOC  
2025**

STORIES IN THREADS - ABORIGINAL FABRIC DESIGN  
EXHIBITION // THE GALLERY

**OPENING EVENT**

**THURS 10 JULY** 4 - 6PM

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**05 JULY - 16 AUGUST**

THE GALLERY  
6 Park Avenue, Coffs Harbour

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school holidays at  
**Bellingen, Dorrigo &  
Urunga** libraries  
July 2025

all events at  
your library  
are FREE

## Bellingen

ages  
8+



**Wednesday 9 July**  
**Aviva Reed 'The Forest in the Tree'**  
2:00pm

Join one of the talented creators behind 'The Forest in the Tree', visual ecologist Aviva Reed, in a reading of the book and create your own watercolor artwork while discussing the science of fungi and forest ecology.

**Wednesday 16 July**  
**Creative Collage**

10:30am to 11:30am

Have fun creating a collage using your imagination.

ages  
5+

places are  
limited so book  
in quick

book now



## Urunga

ages  
8+

**Friday 11 July**  
**Aviva Reed 'The Forest in the Tree'**  
10:30am to 11:30am

Join one of the talented creators behind 'The Forest in the Tree', visual ecologist Aviva Reed, in a reading of the book and create your own watercolor artwork while discussing the science of fungi and forest ecology.

**Wednesday 16 July**  
**Nature weaving**

10:30am to 11:30am

Use natural materials found outdoors to create a beautiful and colourful woven artwork. All materials supplied, families are welcome to bring natural materials from your own backyards to weave into your frame.

ages  
5+



## Dorrigo

ages  
8+



**Thursday 10 July**  
**Aviva Reed 'The Forest in the Tree'**  
10:30am to 11:30am

Join one of the talented creators behind 'The Forest in the Tree', visual ecologist Aviva Reed, in a reading of the book and create your own watercolor artwork while discussing the science of fungi and forest ecology.

**Tuesday 15 July**  
**Snow wonderlands craft**

10:30am to 11:30am

Craft your very own snow wonderland these school holidays at Dorrigo Library with colourful clay.

ages  
5+



BELLINGEN  
SHIRE COUNCIL





# A blackout art adventure at your library

ages  
10+



Blackout poetry is part art, part puzzle, part poem. Start with a printed page, pulling out words until a new message, a quiet thought, a strange story reveals itself. What you leave behind becomes the poem, what you cover becomes the artwork.

Come play with language and turn old pages into art - zero pressure, max creativity, tasty snacks.

**Dorrigo Library**  
**Tuesday 8 July**  
Occurring all day



**Urunga Library**  
**Wednesday 9 July**  
Occurring all day

**Bellingen Library**  
**Thursday 10 July**  
Occurring all day



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your library - your place  
CLARENCE REGIONAL LIBRARY



# 3X3 BASKETBALL DEADLY MOB



**THE NEXT GENERATION:  
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**  
6-13 JULY 2025

## *3X3 Duumbay Guja Girrwaawa*

# EVERYONE'S GAME IT'S FUN & FREE



## *Coffs Harbour's 3x3 NAIDOC event is back!*

**WHO:** EVERYONE WELCOME

**DATE:** SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2025

**TIME:** 9AM - 3PM

**WHERE:** SPORTZ CENTRAL,  
COFFS HARBOUR

## INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY EVENT

**3X3 BASKETBALL** **SHOOTING COMPS** **FUN GAMES & PRIZES** **MUSIC** **FREE FEED**

**SKILLS SESSIONS FOR 5-10 YEAR OLDS**  
U12'S: BORN 2016, 2015, 2014  
U14'S: BORN 2013, 2012  
U16'S: BORN 2011, 2010  
OPENS: BORN 2009 & EARLIER

(We aim to provide single gender comps, however if numbers are low, we may combine genders)



SCAN TO REGISTER

[HTTPS://BNSW.INFO/BNSWNAIDOCGALA](https://bnsn.info/bnswnaidocgala)



**BASKETBALL NSW**



# 3X3 BASKETBALL DEADLY MOB



**THE NEXT GENERATION:  
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6-13 JULY 2025

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**COFFS HARBOUR  
SATURDAY 12 JULY 2025**

**Q - How do I register? Can I register as an individual or do I need a team ?**

**A - Everyone needs to register through Basketball Connect using link below:  
<https://bnsw.info/BNSWNAIDOCGala>**

**If you have a team sorted, please provide your team name when prompted.**

**If you haven't got a team organised, please write "NO TEAM" when prompted and we will find you a team on the day.**

**Q - Do I have to be Indigenous to register to play ?**

**A - No - everyone is welcome from all backgrounds**

**Q - Can I drop the kids off or do I need to stay with them during the event ?**

**A - A responsible adult is asked to remain with children under the age of 12. Organisers are not responsible for child supervision.**

**Q - My friends and I play Representative Basketball - can we register a team ?**

**A - You can register a team but there is a maximum of TWO div 1 or div 2 rep players per team to ensure we have fair play. Invite some of your school mates to join your team.**

**Q - What age groups are there?**

**A - Skills session for non-playing 5 to 11 year olds**

**U12s: Born 2014, 2015 or 2016**

**U14s: Born 2012 & 2013**

**U16s: Born 2011 & 2010**

**OPENS: Born 2009 & earlier**

**Q - Will there be food and drinks available?**

**A - Yes there is a free sausage sizzle for everyone!  
The canteen will also be open for purchases.**



**SCAN TO REGISTER**

**[HTTPS://BNSW.INFO/BNSWNAIDOCGALA](https://bnsw.info/BNSWNAIDOCGALA)**



**BASKETBALL NSW**



# COFFS HARBOUR RUNNING FESTIVAL!

JOIN THE 2025



SUNDAY  
**14**  
SEPT

COFFS HARBOUR  
SHOWGROUNDS



## FESTIVAL FUN AT THE SHOWGROUND

- Food stalls •
- face painting •
- jumping castle •
- Ice cream truck & snow cones •
- Kids' activities •
- community vibes! •

## Event Options for All Ages & Abilities:

- 3km Family Fun Run/Walk – 9:15am
- 5km Run/Walk – 9:00am
- 10km, Half Marathon & NEW Full Marathon – *earlier start times*

The course winds through the beautiful Coffs Creek Walkway and Botanic Gardens, making it a perfect day out for families, students, and keen runners alike.

## Supporting Local Kids Charities

In 2024, the event raised over \$62,000 for local causes - and we're aiming even higher this year!

Register or  
learn more:



[coffsrunfestival.com](http://coffsrunfestival.com)





# 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



# Get up to \$500 for education costs

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  
partner)



Attend  
free online  
financial  
education  
workshops



Are studying  
yourself or  
have a child  
at school, or  
starting next  
year



Current  
**Health Care**  
or **Pensioner**  
**Concession**  
**Card**



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