

# NEWSLETTER



### Principal's Message

**TERM 3 WEEK 10 2024** 

As we wrap up another incredible term, I want to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to everyone for making this term such a success. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and support have made this a memorable time for our school community.

### **Celebrating Our Events**

where we celebrated the rich diversity of our school Outstanding (and staff!) to get creative with their costumes.

These events not only fostered a deep sense of Parking and Safety Reminder community and belonging, but they also showcased the talents, creativity, and teamwork that define our school. Thank you to all the families who attended and participated—you made these events truly special!



### **Fundraising Efforts**

A special thank you to everyone for your generous contributions and support of our fundraising events this term. Your efforts have helped raise funds for local charities and important school initiatives. It is inspiring to see the spirit of giving and community support in action, and we are so proud to be part of a community that cares so deeply about others. Your contributions have made a difference, and we are truly grateful for your generosity. Keep up the hard work as we fundraise through our colour run to have new hydration stations installed across the playground.

### **Public Education Awards Recognition**

This term, we've seen some wonderful initiatives This term, our school had the incredible honour of come to life, from our fabulous Multicultural Day, being recognised with a Public Education Award for Achievement. community, to Education Week, where we proudly recognition celebrates the outstanding work our opened our classrooms to showcase the incredible school has done in improving student outcomes and learning happening every day. The highlight of the our commitment to excellence. It is a testament to calendar as always was undoubtedly our beloved the hard work of our teachers, staff, students, and Book Character Parade, which brought our families. We are proud to share this achievement with favourite stories to life and allowed our students you all and look forward to continuing to build on this

As we move forward, I'd like to remind everyone about the importance of safe parking and stopping around the school during drop-off and pick-up times. We ask that you be mindful of our school community and neighbours by not blocking driveways and adhering to parking regulations. Please note that parking inspectors have been present around the school recently, so we encourage everyone to be extra cautious and follow the rules to ensure the safety of all students and families.

### **Spring Holiday Wishes**

Finally, I want to wish everyone a fantastic spring holiday! The warmer and longer days provide the perfect opportunity to get outside, enjoy time with family, and recharge for what promises to be a huge Term 4. I encourage everyone to take some welldeserved rest, reenergise, and come back ready to finish the year strong.

Thank you again for all of your efforts, support, and contributions this term. It's been an amazing journey, and I'm so proud of all we've accomplished

together. Have a safe, happy, and relaxing break, and we look forward to seeing you back for an exciting Term 4!

**Neil Bourke** Principal

### **Deputy Principal's Message**

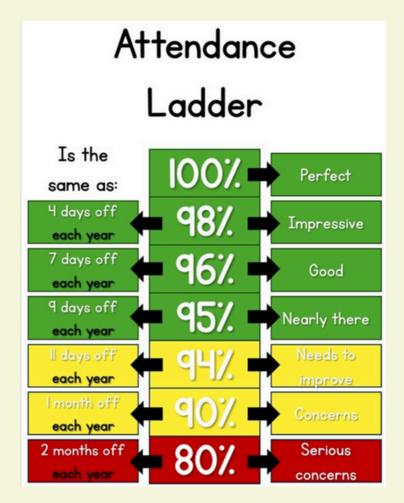
### What is an acceptable attendance rate?

Based on international research the NSW Department of Education sets an attendance rate of 95% or above as the ideal attendance rate for students. The absolute minimum acceptable rate is 90%. Even a 90% attendance rate means that your child has lost 20 days of learning.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing.

At Canley Heights PS we want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school.

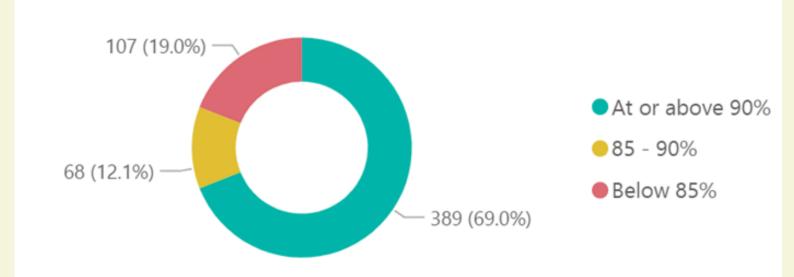
We know that school is the best place to learn. By attending school every day your child will get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options.



The donut chart shows that 175 children (1/3 of enrolments) at CHPS are currently sitting below the minimum acceptable standard of 90%.

What colour is your child?

### Attendance Level



Susan Langworthy Deputy Principal

### **Deputy Principal's Message**

### **Parents as Partners**

Recently, we had parent-teacher conferences, allowing time for you to talk with teachers about your child/ren. This is a powerful way for our teachers to build positive home/school partnerships and work with you to support students' learning goals.

We thank all those families who took the opportunity and set aside time to come up to the school. We had the highest number of bookings that we have had in several years, with 302 meetings across our P-6 classes.

We are always looking for ways to improve the way we do things, so if you attended the meetings and have not had the opportunity to complete the feedback survey, you can use the link https://forms.office.com/r/pRaULs3Rvy or the QR code on the right.

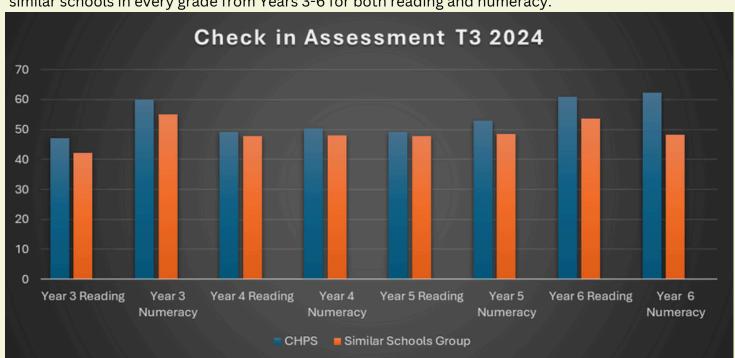


### **Check In Assessments**

In Term 3, students from grades 3-6 complete Check-in assessments in reading and numeracy. Year 6 also complete a writing Check-in assessment. These assessments are very similar to NAPLAN in how they are implemented, and the information that comes back to the school. The results come back to us very quickly, being available the next day.

The results for our Year 6 students are available to their high school as soon as parents have completed the enrolment process, and our high school neighbours have shared that they intend to use the results to help support them to make decisions about class placements in Year 7, so we advise our Year 6 families to complete enrolments with the high school ASAP.

We have had some pleasing results and continue to see the impact of our teaching on students' learning. As the graph below shows, CHPS students have achieved higher results than students in similar schools in every grade from Years 3-6 for both reading and numeracy.



# TARGETED PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS - T3 UPDATE



### STUDENT GROVVTH AND ATTAINMENT

- T3 Key success: Inclusion of Kindergarten students into the Student Representative Council, ensuring our youngest learners have a voice and are engaged in shaping their school experience. Playground PALs continued to create a positive playground experience for all students. SRC also supported an Australian charity, CANTEEN by selling bandanas.
- <u>T4 Priorities:</u> SRC leaders (years 4 and 5) supporting Kindergarten transition/orientation

### EFFECTIVE TEACHING PRACTICE

- T3 Key success: Teachers on this team have been incorporating rich mathematical tasks on a regular basis to enhance student learning through openended tasks. These tasks require students to collaborate and communicate to solve mathematical problems.
- <u>T4 Priorities:</u> Sharing examples of the changes in teaching and learning as a result of the introduction of rich tasks.



### HIGH EXPECTATIONS CULTURE

- T3 Key Success: Feel Good Fridays
   established in K-2, with positive feedback
   from students and staff. Teachers worked
   collaboratively to review an upcoming unit
   of work and plan for more opportunities for
   students to learn through using and creating
   with ICT applications.
- T4 Priority: Evaluating the impact of Wellbeing Wednesdays and Feel Good Fridays. Evaluating use of different ICT platforms across the school to support teaching and learning



### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- T3 Key Successes: Our Term 3 attendance sprint focused on 42 students and their families. As result of the collaboration between home and school, 74% of students held steady or improved their attendance. Attendance was a topic of discussion at Parent-Teacher conferences and new attendance visuals were shared with the community.
- T4 Priorities: Implementing our Term 4 sprint and educating our community about justified and unjustified absences

### ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

- T3 Key success: The CHPS
   Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was
   submitted through Narragunawali, with
   all 14 Actions planned out for
   implementation over 2024-25
- <u>T4 Priorities</u>: Sharing the RAP with the wider school community including parents, staff through PL and students through Kulture Klub



### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING/SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

- T3 Key Success: All teaching staff worked in teams to review current behaviour management procedures, and identify areas where communication and understanding may be improved.
- T4 Priority: Updating school procedures in line with DoE policies, to develop a revised School behaviour support and management plan for 2025.

### Support Unit Learning

Assistant Principal Erika Tsoi SPurple Teacher Erika Tsoi SLSO Karla Serna

Teacher Peter Bryson SLSO Samia Faraj Teacher Jessica Ear SLSO Sri Thodupunoora

#### **English**

Students have been engaging in shared reading and are learning to apply phonic knowledge to read decodable texts aloud. They are beginning to use descriptive language to respond to familiar objects, characters and actions from the stories they hear. Students also interact and share personal experiences and ideas with their peers through drawing, questioning, and speaking in short phrases to express their feelings and thoughts.

#### Mathematics

Through mathematical games, students have learned to divide a group of objects into two or more equal or unequal groups and identify whether the groups have the same amount or how many more or fewer they contain when compared, developing their understanding of division and equal grouping. Students have also been practising counting by 1s, as well as skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s.

#### Science

Students have shown great interest in learning about the human body, focusing specifically on its various parts and the five senses, including the eyes for sight, ears for hearing, nose for smell, tongue for taste, and skin for touch. They are continuing to learn how to distinguish between living and non-living things.

#### Geography

Students have demonstrated a growing awareness of their environmental surroundings. They have learned to identify common places in the community and recognised the importance of these places to people. Additionally, students are learning about different cultural backgrounds and the various celebrations within our community.

#### **PDHPE**

Students enjoyed participating in their weekly gymnastics lessons, where they have had the opportunity to develop a range of movement skills and sequences using different body parts. They are practising turn taking, sharing equipment safely, and following social rules in group games. All of these activities are helping them develop interpersonal skills, nurture the virtues of sportsmanship, and become good team players.

This term, our Support Unit students were actively involved in a variety of whole school events, each offering unique and enriching experiences. They took part in NAIDOC Week, celebrating and acknowledging the Aboriginal history and culture. During Olympics Day, they engaged in sports and activities that highlighted the spirit of competition and teamwork. Multicultural Day allowed them to explore and appreciate diverse cultures within our school community. At the Book Fair, they had the opportunity to browse and select books that sparked their interest and enthusiasm for reading. They also joined the Book Parade, showcasing their favourite books and characters. Each of these events contributed to their growth and learning, fostering a sense of belonging to our school community while broadening their horizons.























### Preschool Learning

Assistant Principal Miss S Egan Preschool Teacher - Ms R Donaldson

SLSO - Ms T Nguyen

SLSO - Ms S Shoaib

### Outcome 1 – Children have a strong sense of identity.

The children have been exploring different identities through play and have had detailed conversations about the roles of each of these people, such as palaeontologists, the police, ambulance officers, chefs and waiters.

### Outcome 2 – Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

We have been looking at how our actions can impact the world around us and have been talking about reusing to reduce waste. We have started with reusing boxes and the children have been creating different items like robots, cameras and baby beds.

### Outcome 3 – Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.

The children have loved continuing familiar games, like What's the Time Mr Wolf and Duck, Duck, Goose. We can follow the rules and are making sure that everyone gets a turn in our games.

### Outcome 4 - Children are confident and involved learners.

The children are becoming more independent and are using different strategies to solve problems. This includes trying again to see if it works, watching someone else solve the problem, saying aloud what is happening in their head or trying a new way to solve the problem. We are very proud of their persistence and willingness to learn new skills.

#### Outcome 5 - Children are effective communicators.

The children have done a wonderful job in developing their listening skills and drawing something from a story that we have read, building on their understanding of the story as well as becoming confident communicators through drawing.

Last Day of Term	First Day Back	Orientation Dates for Kindergarten 2025	Preschool Orientation for 2025	Colour Run	Preschool Graduation
Red Group: 24 <sup>th</sup> September Blue Group: 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Red Group: 14 <sup>th</sup> October Blue Group: 16 <sup>th</sup> October	16 <sup>th</sup> October 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 30 <sup>th</sup> October 6 <sup>th</sup> November 13 <sup>th</sup> November 20 <sup>th</sup> November	27 <sup>th</sup> November	28 <sup>th</sup> November	Red Group: 17 <sup>th</sup> December Blue Group: 13 <sup>th</sup> December









## Kindergarten Learning







Mathematics with hands on materials: Multiplication and addition strategies







Expressing our love of reading through Book Week and peer reading











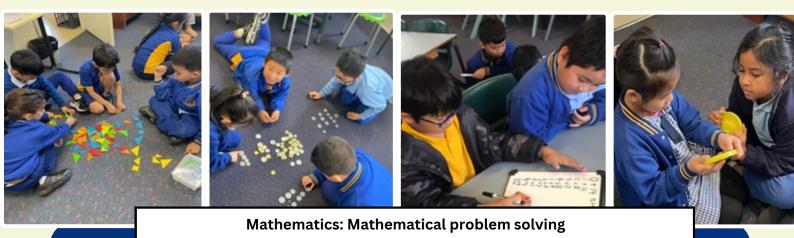


# Stage 1 Learning









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# Stage 2 Learning

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	3/4C Miss Tran		4S Miss Petrie	)		unah Slewa - Fridav		SLSO- Nadia Faisal Monday - Friday
English For reading this term, teachers reading and responding to visit Students are learning to use ket text to predict future events. Or guided by specific questioning deep thinking. Independent responded by a writing task that understanding of language, but connections and knowledge of the connections and knowledge of the connections are used. The stude respond to texts in detail and cactivities independently to externology to access new text material.  For our writing component this become familiar with writing cost similes and imagery, and type tables and timetables. Studenthow texts differ and what infor Students learn to plan, compopublish their writing.	ual and written texts. nown elements of a comprehension is that encourages ading of texts is develops uilds personal f writing structures.  It e variety of reading nts explore and complete reading end their dents use is and learning  sterm, students will conventions such as s of texts such as ts will understand mation is needed.	Students will learn the five demonstrate movement si and perform dances from Students will explore, selemovement using the elem communicate ideas, feelir will provide personal opini movement in their own an Students will explore and dance styles. Students will their own dance within a gacquired and provide opin others dance performance		Monday – ve Arts re elements of dance and skills, expressive qualities in a range of contexts. Rects and combine ments of dance to ings or moods. Students about dance and others dances. I move to a range of rill compose and perform group context using skills nions and feedback on				
History This was explored in semester 1			Geography Students explore the climate, natural vegetation and native animals of places in Australia and Asia. They examine the importance of natural vegetation and natural resources to the environment, animals and people and learn about the ways people value environments, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Students identify sustainable practices and recognise that there are differing views on how sustainability can be achieved					
Science- Digital Technology				Mathematics:				
This unit focuses on digital systems and how they transmit data. Students will gain an understanding of the peripheral devices needed to connect to a computer and how that information is used as an input, output or storage device. Students explore different types of data, have the opportunity to learn how to enter in data and the different ways information could be presented for different purposes.  PBL / Social Emotional Learning PBL stickers are awarded to students			Number and algebra- Whole number – Students manipulate and read four and five-digit numbers Chance and Data – Students experiment with chance situations and provide probabilities. Students also collect numeric information and organise it. Multiplication and Division – Students will be working on facts, multiples, and factors of numbers. They will continue revising skip counting and problem solving strategies.  Addition and Subtraction – Students learn addition and subtraction strategies and work with 3-4 digit numbers to solve problems.  Patterns and Algebra – involves creating simple and complex number patterns and number sentences. Fractions and Decimals – Students will model and compare common fractions and decimals using place value and decimal notation.  Measurement and Geometry- Volume and Capacity – Students will use a scale to measure capacity. They will also record and estimate volumes with formal units.  Mass – Students use grams and kilograms to estimate and measure masses of objects using scales.  Time – This topic focuses on recording time and converting between hours, minutes and seconds.  for being safe, responsible and respectful. These can be earned in class,					
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Fitness

Monday (Dance)

Scripture

Thursday

Sport Days

Friday

Library Days

Friday- 3H

Tuesday - 4H, 4P, 3P, 3/4C

# Stage 3 Learning



6H - Had a blast starting Magic maths this term.

### K-2 EAL/D Groups

Students have been busy building and applying their phonics knowledge to reading and writing. They have enjoyed exploring new stories and writing responses to them.

We have had a number of new students arrive at our school from overseas. We have made sure that they feel safe and welcomed at Canley Heights. Together we have explored the school and learnt familiar phrases that will help in the classroom and when making friends.

Our talking and listening experiences are fun and have helped our students to develop listening skills, turn-taking and the ability to ask and respond to questions.



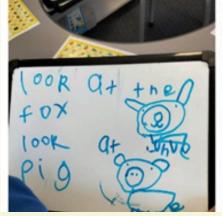


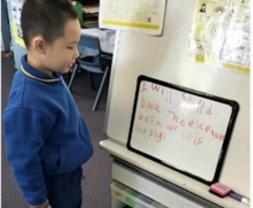














# Father's Day BBQ

In celebration of Father's Day, the school held it's annual Father's Day BBQ on Thursday 29

August. A great time was had by all.



# Library News

### What a thrilling time for the library this term has been!

### **Book Character Parade**

Thank you to all the parents who helped their children with our annual Character Parade. It was fantastic to see so many different literary characters come to life, celebrating the joy stories bring to us all. We have made a short video for families who couldn't attend so you can see the magic of the day, which you will find on our Facebook page.





### **Book Fair**

We held a Scholastic Book Fair at the start of this term. Book fairs are a fantastic opportunity to foster a love of reading and generate funds for our school library. Thank you to all the families who supported the Book Fair.

The fair's attendance, anticipation, and sales figures were just astounding. Your support has made a difference for our school library, and every dollar you spent at the fair has contributed to enhancing our book collections.

#### **Reminder to Return Books**

We have several books that are overdue in our library system. This is a friendly reminder to ensure all books are returned to the library weekly. If you have any books that belong to the school at home, please return them as soon as possible, as this will help the library with stocktaking at the end of the year.

Enjoy your well-deserved school holiday.

Mr Kelly Teacher Librarian

### News



On Friday 5 August, Canley Heights Public School was nominated for the **Secretary's Award for School Achievement** at the Public Education Awards.

This nomination recognized the outstanding work our school has done in improving student learning outcomes in English and Mathematics.

Our very own Vietnamese Dance Group performed at the awards ceremony!

Mr Bourke and Mrs Miles attended the Awards evening, representing our school.



### **SSW Primary Athletics Championships**

A number of our students were successful in qualifying for the SSW Primary Athletics Championships, held on 18 September.

Our girls relay team placed 11th out of 28 schools. This was an amazing sporting achievement! Congratulations to all our sporting stars!

**Entrants**: Ryan Huynh 6P, Jessica Sek 3/4C, Chelsea Tran 4P, Julivia It 6P, Chelsea Huynh 6P, Giezelle John 6P and Hanna Tran 6P.

Chelsea Tran of 4P came 1st in the Girls 9 Year 100 metre race. An amazing sporting achievement. Chelsea is now off to the State Athletics Championships. Well done Chelsea, we are all very proud of you!



### News

### **Spelling Bee Competition**

A huge congratulations to all the students who represented their class in the 2024 Spelling Bee. Congratulations to the following place winners.

### Kindergarten

**1st** Charlie KYellow **2nd** Catriona KGreen 3**rd** Phoebe KBlue

Year 2

**1st** Ellie 2H **2nd** William 2S 3**rd** Jayden 2P

Stage 3

**1st** Vinh 6P **2nd** Anthony 6P 3**rd** Jason 6H



Year 1

**1st** Amelia 1H **2nd** Leo 1S 3**rd** Elly 1P



1st Cayden 3/4C 2nd Zayan 4H 3rd Lucas 4S







Well done to the most improved speller and most consistent speller from each class.



Regional Premier's Spelling Bee Competition

In week 4, Cayden (3/4C) and Vinh (6P) took part in the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee.

Both students represented our school proudly in the challenging competition. Well done on all of your efforts in preparing for the competition and taking part!





### News



### **Lolly Jar Guessing Competition**

The Year 6 Fundraising Committee organised a Lolly Jar guessing competition.

Thank you everyone who had a guess and helped raise money for Year 6. Congratulations to Anthony from 6P who had the closest guess!

### Families play an important role in road safety

Parents and families play the most crucial role as a child's first teacher. Transport for NSW and the education sectors have developed key road safety messages to talk with your child when out and about.

Have a conversation with your child about road safety and the choices you make to keep them safe in traffic situations. This is the first step in teaching them to be safe road users both now and later in life.

### Key pedestrian safety messages

At school, your child will learn about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. Help them learn the pedestrian safety messages by using them and sharing them whenever you are out and about.

### Students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

Hold a grown-up's hand when you cross the road you're on the footpath you're in the car park

### Students in Stage 2

Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road Use a safe place to cross the road

### Students in Stage 3

Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road Use a safe place to cross the road



### 2025 Enrolments



# PRESCHOOL 2025

We are now accepting 2025 preschool applications for children who:

Turn 4 before 31st July, 2025

Are starting Kindergarten in 2026

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION







We are now taking
Kindergarten
Enrolments for 2025

Is your child turning 5 before the 31st July 2025?
Enrol now so you don't miss out on our orientation program in Term 4.

## Holiday Fun



### It's Free Family Fun at NSW Parliament!

This school holidays, our Family Fun Day will be on Friday 11th October. What will be happening? An open day packed with free, fun activities for families with children aged from 4 to 12 years.

- Vote for me! A voting exercise with the NSW Electoral Commission
- The Campaign Room! Become a future member of Parliament on the election trail
- An opportunity for you to have a say in our mock committee hearings
- Art, craft, chamber tours and much more
- Performers, artists, musicians. Stay tuned!
- Enjoy delicious drinks as well as sweet and savoury delights at our cafe on site
- Doors will be open from 9.30am to 3pm. Performances and activities will run all day, so book in for your activity sessions when you arrive!

A ticket is required for each person over 4 years who is attending and children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. All events are fully accessible.

Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite.com.au

## Holiday Fun

### Spring School Holiday Program

BOOK NOW

COST: \$45 per day , \$55 for Wednesday (3 days for \$110, additional \$10 for Wednesday bookings)
AGE: 4 - 12 YRS OLD TIME: 8:30 - 3:30 (8:30 drop off starts , 3:00 pick up starts)
PLEASE BRING: Recess/Lunch , Water bottle. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE CLUB MEMBERS

DATE	ACTIVITY
MON 30/09/2024	Big friends VS Lil friends , Giant Dodgeball , Friendship Bracelets , NERF: Zombie Survival
TUES 1/10/2024	Bunnings Warehouse Art Incursion , Volleyball , Parkour Obstacle Course , Giant Board Games
WED 2/10/2024	Laser Tag: Last Person Standing , Badminton , Chalk Mural , Hula Hoops , Craft Caddy Drawing
THURS 3/10/2024	Gymnastics , Pickleball , Boxing Beasts , Musical Statues , Origami
FRI 4/10/2024	Healthy Heart Day , Kinetic Sand , Mindful Yoga , Spikeball , Basketball
TUES 8/10/2024	Pickleball , Sand Painting , Ninja Training Obstacle Course , Firework Oil Pastels
WED 9/10/2024	Laser Tag: Capture the Flag, Table Tennis , Spikeball , Bullrush , Play Pretend : Tea Party!
THURS 10/10/2024	Hide and Seek , Basketball , Funky Bullrush , NERF: Target Practice , Scratch Paper Craft
FRI 11/10/2024	Science Experiments: Fun With Bubbles! , Catch A Cop Incursion , Floor is Lava
MON 14/10/2024	DIY Keychains , Musical Chairs , Coaster Painting , NERF: Free for All , Gymnastics
LUNCH ORDERS	AVAILABLE FOR \$7 CHOICE OF NUGGETS , PARTY PIES OR CHEESE TOASTIES W/ JUICE & FRUIT

CONTACT US: BOOKINGS GO FAST

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### Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event
27 September	Last Day of Term 3
14 October	First Day of Term 4
16-17 October	Public Speaking Competition
22 Cctober	Dance Group Performance at Premier's BBQ
31 October	TLC Digital Olympics
8 November	Year 2 & 4 Lizard Log Excursion
11-22 November	Swim School
12 November	Kindergarten Calmsley Hill Farm Excursion
28 November	School Colour run
5 December	Christmas Carols on the Oval
13 December	Year 6 Farewell
18 December	Last Day of Term 4
19 December	Staff Development Day
20 December	Staff Development Day

