



# Term 1 Week 6 Newsletter

Karuah Public School Newsletter



**Monday 9 March**

**Tuesday 10 March**

- School Photos

**Wednesday 11 March**

- NAPLAN
- PLP afternoon at Karuah Local Aboriginal Lands Council - 4pm

**Thursday 12 March**

- KPS P&C AGM

#### **Friday 13 March**

- Zone Rugby League trials - Raymond Terrace
- Assembly 2:30pm



#### **Monday 16 March**

- Harmony Week
- NAPLAN
- Hunter Swimming Carnival
- Early Stage 1/Stage 1 Excursion deposit due

#### **Tuesday 17 March**

- Harmony Day - wear orange or cultural clothing/outfit
- NAPLAN

#### **Wednesday 18 March**

- Harmony Week
- NAPLAN
- Book Club Issue 2 orders close

#### **Thursday 19 March**

- National Close the Gap Day
- Harmony Week
- NAPLAN

#### **Friday 20 March**

- Harmony Week
- NAPLAN
- Stage 2 Excursion permission and payment due
- Stage 3 Excursion permission and payment due
- Assembly 2:30pm

## Principal's Report















What a fantastic week it has been at Karuah Public School.

It has been wonderful to see our **Kindergarten students really settling into school life**, and across the school there is a lovely sense of calm and routine developing as everyone finds their rhythm for the term. Classrooms are busy with learning and it is great to see students growing in confidence and independence each week. I am incredibly proud of all of our students and staff for the positive start to the year.

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*Today we enjoyed a wonderful **Karuah Public School Annual Cross Country Carnival at Aliceton Reserve**. It was certainly a very hot day, but also a fantastic one filled with encouragement, resilience and school spirit.*

***Super hot, super fun and full of super kids with super hearts!***

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Well done to every student who ran, supported their teammates and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the day. Events like this are always a highlight of the school

calendar and a wonderful opportunity to see our students encouraging one another and showing pride in their school..

Today's assembly also saw the presentation of our **Swimming Carnival ribbons** and the announcement of our **Swimming Champions**. Congratulations to all students who participated in the carnival and performed so well. A full list of our winners and champions will be published in next week's newsletter.

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*Looking ahead to next week, we have another busy week ahead. **School Photo Day** will take place on Tuesday, so please ensure students arrive in full school uniform and ready for their class photos. On Wednesday, our **Year 3 and Year 5 students will begin NAPLAN**, starting with the Writing assessment. We wish them all the very best and know they will approach the assessments with confidence and do their very best.*

*Next week we will also hold our annual **Personalised Learning Pathway (PLP) afternoon and BBQ** for our Aboriginal families at the **Karuah Aboriginal Land Council Hall**. This is always a wonderful opportunity for families and staff to connect, discuss student goals and continue strengthening the strong partnerships that support our Aboriginal students.*

*Our **P&C Annual General Meeting** will also take place next week. Our P&C plays an important role in supporting school events, fundraising and community connection, and we would love to see families join and support our wonderful little school.*

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Finally, this week we celebrated the upcoming International Women's Day by shining a light on the incredible potential of our girls. International Women's Day, observed each year on 8 March, is a time to recognise the achievements of women and girls and to continue working towards a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. We are proud to nurture confident, capable and compassionate young women who know their voices matter and their dreams are possible. Our girls are leaders, learners, athletes, artists and future change-makers. This year's theme, **Balance the Scales**, reminds us that every girl deserves the freedom to shape her own future. Through strong role models, supportive classrooms and a culture of respect and belonging, we are committed to ensuring every student feels empowered to succeed. We are so proud of the young women of Karuah. The future is bright. 💜

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

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*Warm Regards*

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Toni Lyle

Principal

## K-2 Fun Run

Our K–2 students weren't about to let the primary classes have all the fun this week. With plenty of excitement and cheering, our youngest runners took to the oval for their very own **K–2 Fun Run**. Students raced proudly in their house groups — **Pelican, Kingfisher and Swift** — showing determination, teamwork and lots of smiles along the way.

We are thrilled to congratulate our first-place runners:

- **Pelican:** *Alexandra Ginn*
- **Kingfisher:** *William Hood*
- **Swift:** *A tie between Leo Short and Kole Langford*

Well done to all our runners for giving it their best and showing wonderful sportsmanship. What a fantastic way to celebrate fitness, fun and house spirit across K–2.

Mrs Dibley

Infants' Sport Coordinator





## Coming Up

Monday March 9 - HRHS Year 7 2027 Information Evening 6pm - 7:30pm



**YEAR 7 2027  
INFORMATION EVENING**

**Monday 9 March 6-7:30PM**

**Considering a high school for your child's future?**  
Join us for an information session for Year 7 - 2027.  
We welcome parents and carers from other year groups to come along to learn more about our school, meet our staff and view our facilities.

Parents, carers, and students from Year 4 onwards are warmly invited to Hunter River High School's Year 7 2027 Information Evening on Monday 9 March 2026, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. This event provides a great opportunity to meet the school's dedicated staff, ask questions, and explore the modern facilities.

Hunter River High School offers a broad range of programs including sports, arts, STEM, and leadership opportunities, all designed to support students' growth and success. Strong community partnerships and a supportive environment help students build confidence and create clear pathways for their future.

This session is an ideal chance to learn more about how Hunter River High School supports students throughout their high school journey.

Tuesday March 10 - School Photos



	<b>Basic Pack</b> 1 x Class photo + 1 customisable portrait sheet	<b>\$38</b>
	<b>THE SHARE PACK</b> 1 Class photo + 2 x customisable portrait sheet	<b>\$42</b>
	<b>DIGITAL + CLASS ONLY</b> 1 x Printed class photo + all portrait digital portrait files <b>(Class photo is Print only)</b>	<b>\$49</b>
	<b>I WANT IT ALL PACK</b> 1 Class photo + 2 x customisable portrait sheet + all portrait digital files <b>(Class photo is Print only)</b>	<b>\$59</b>
	<b>Class Only Pack</b> 1 x Traditional Class photo	<b>\$32</b>

Sibling packs also Available  
**PLEASE NOTE : YOU MUST REGISTER  
FOR SIBLING PHOTOS  
24 HOURS PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY**

For enquires phone 40888199  
or email [gavin@photoworx.net.au](mailto:gavin@photoworx.net.au)

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday March 10, 2026.

**My name is Gavin I am the owner operator of Photoworx Photography. After 21 years photographing schools, childcare, dance and sports clubs I'm as passionate today as I was in the beginning and I guarantee it will show in the photos we produce. With a focus on customer needs our service is second to none and our services will go far beyond photo day, catering to all your organisations needs. "We are your photographers".**

**We believe school photos should be an enjoyable experience for all students and teachers alike.**

**We will always take the time and care needed to make it more than "Just a school photo".**

purchasing your child/ren's school photos.

See attached flyer regarding photo packages available.

**PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST REGISTER FOR SIBLING PHOTOS 24 HOURS PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY.**

Photoworx flyers will be sent home with your child/ren next week. The form will have a QR code and instructions on how to order online.

For more information or questions regarding school photos, please contact Gavin on 40888199 or email [gavin@photoworx.net.au](mailto:gavin@photoworx.net.au)

## NAPLAN Begins - Wednesday 11 March

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7			Year 3 and 5 Writing Test		
8	Year 3 and 5 Reading Test	Year 3 and 5 Conventions of Language Test	Year 3 and 5 Numeracy Test	Catch up tests	Catch up tests

NAPLAN begins on **Wednesday 11 March**, for Year 3 and Year 5 students. Students will sit the Writing test on Wednesday. The Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy tests will be held in week 8. Please see the timetable above.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Mrs Pappas

NAPLAN coordinator

PLP Afternoon - Wednesday 11 March @ 4pm



**Aboriginal Family PLP BBQ Afternoon -  
Wednesday 11 March @ 4pm**

**We are hosting our combined Parent/Teacher Interviews and Personalized Learning Pathway (PLP) for our Aboriginal students and their families at the Karuah Aboriginal Lands Council Community Hall on Wednesday, March 11, starting at 4:00 PM.**

We will be collaborating with the Hunter River High School Clontarf Team, Cultural Room Team, and high school executives to warmly welcome our Hunter River High School students to the event!

The wonderful afternoon will begin at approximately 4:00 PM with a BBQ and drinks provided. It will be a walk-in style parent/teacher/student three-way conference to identify, organize, and apply personal approaches to learning and engagement. This event is a fantastic opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have with your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you there!



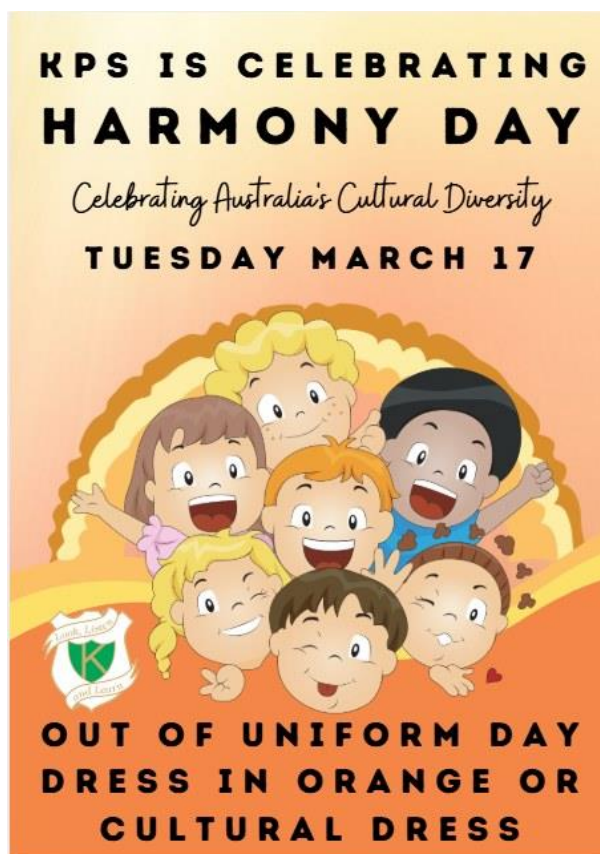
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The wonderful afternoon will kick off at approx. **4.00 pm** with a **BBQ and drinks** provided, and will be a walk-in style parent/teacher/student 3-way conference to identify, organise and apply personal approaches to learning and engagement. The afternoon is a fantastic opportunity to discuss any concerns that you may have with their class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Tuesday March 17 - Harmony Day



Harmony Week is the time to recognise our rich cultural history that makes Australia one of the most successful Multicultural Countries in the world. With the diverse backgrounds of some many people choosing Australia to be their home, it is important to acknowledge the different countries that these people come from. Students are able to wear orange coloured clothing or cultural dress on Tuesday 17th March 2026. Over this week students will participate in lessons and activities based on exploring cultural histories, facts and information of these diverse places. Mrs Henry has collated books that recognise cultural diversity for students from Kindergarten though to Year 6. These books will be located in the library. Mrs Henry is the ARCO (Anti Racism Contact Officer) to support students, staff and community at Karuah Public School.

## P & C EASTER RAFFLE



We are currently seeking donations of Easter eggs from local businesses, community members, and families to help make our Easter raffle a success.

If you are able to donate, please drop them off at the school canteen or to the egg basket in canteen. Any contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated and helps make these events possible for our school community.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with students very soon, so keep an eye out in school bags!

Thank you for supporting the Easter raffle!

## P & C AGM



### Karuah Public School P&C AGM

DATE: Wednesday March 12

TIME: 6:00pm start

VENUE: Karuah Public School

All parents, carers and community members are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting.

Come along to:

- Hear about upcoming plans and events for 2026
- Help shape future fundraising and school initiatives
- Support programs and resources that benefit our kids
- Join the P&C or take on a committee role
- Be part of making a positive difference for our students

Everyone is welcome — your involvement helps support our kids and school community!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ~ DUE WEDNESDAY MARCH 18



Book club orders can be made online via the Scholastic Book Club website following the below instructions:

How parents order from Book Club online

1. Log in, or create a new account at [LOOP](#)
2. New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
3. Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
4. Select your child's name
5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
6. Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous issues
7. Make a payment via credit card. Please note a 1% surcharge applies to all card payments.
8. Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned from the school!

\* Book Club orders can also be handed into the school office using cash as a payment.

## Early Stage 1/Stage 1 - Excursion - Thursday 26th March



**K-2 EXCURSION**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Hunter Valley Wildlife Park**

The excursion directly aligns with science units studied in class this term. Students are investigating 'The Living World' and this is a fantastic opportunity to consolidate classroom learning. Students will observe and classify living and non-living things and compare features of living and non-living things.

**What to bring:**

- Crunch 'n' sip, recess, lunch and water. Please be aware that there will be no opportunity to buy food and drinks on the day.
- Raincoat
- Students to wear KPS school uniform with comfortable, closed in shoes.
- A wide brimmed school hat is mandatory on the day.

School departure: 9am  
School return time: 3pm

Please use the Parent Sentral app to give permission and make payment.

**PARENTS**

## Aboriginal Education



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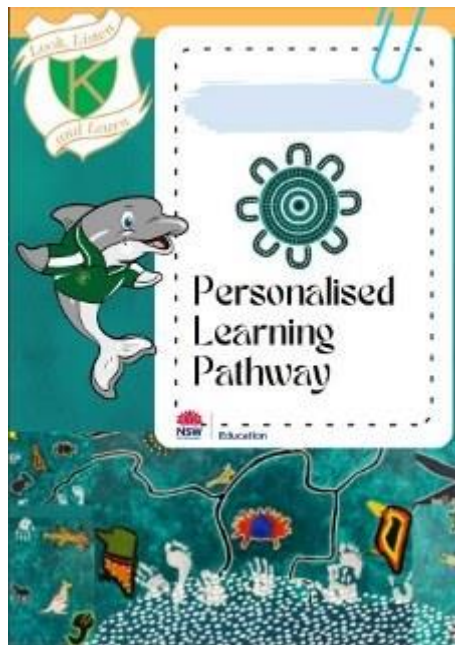
Just a reminder that we will be holding our Annual PLP Afternoon next Wednesday starting at 4pm.

Make sure you come along to have a chat to your child/s teacher and complete their PLP to continue to reach their goals and targets.

See you all there!!

Gapu

KPS Aboriginal Education Team



## Junior AECG Meeting Dates for 2026

Below are the dates for this years Junior AECG meetings. We will be holding one (1) meeting a term starting at 2pm.

### **Junior AECG meeting dates for 2026:**

**Term 1 - Tuesday March 10**

**Term 2 - Tuesday May 26**

**Term 3 - Tuesday September 1**

**Term 4 - Tuesday November 17**

If you have any questions regarding your child or would just like to have a yarn with the Aboriginal Education team, please contact the school and Aunty Nicki or Aunty Kellie will be in contact.

Gapu,  
Aboriginal Education Team

## Assembly Awards





*1 - Milana L: for always being an engaged and enthusiastic learner who challenges herself to do her best.*



2 - Ruby Shae M: for working hard to independently include adjectives in her writing.



*3 - Aleida P: for taking pride in her book work.*



*4 - Isaiah B: for always trying his best in all independent learning tasks*



*5 - Avarli R: for consistently participating in class discussions and offering insightful ideas*



*6 - Halifax M: For taking his time and showing effort during handwriting lessons*



7 - Letti R: For her determination during ninjas



*8 - Skyla M: for a calm and consistent approach to her learning.*



*9 - Billy P: for working hard in daily ninjas to solve division problems.*



*10 - Eedie R: for taking the initiative to ask for feedback in maths lessons*



*11 - Moriah M: for consistently giving her best effort in whiteboard sentence work*



*12 - Dakota P: for regularly contributing thoughtful ideas in class and producing work of a high standard*



*13 - Charlotte G: for applying herself to all areas of her learning with confidence and a positive attitude*



*14 - Jayden C: exceptional effort and personal best in the school cross country*



*15 - Colt M: persistence and effort in library lessons*



*16 - Zayne C: for his dedication to learning in RFF lessons*



*17 - Lowanna SC: for always following K.P.S values of 'Respect, Responsibility & Pride'*

**Congratulations to our Weekly Classroom Award Winners!**

## Weekly Bronze Award Winners



18 - Natalie C



19 - Koa C



20 - Bree M-M



21 - Annabella D



22 - Josh M



23 - Indi C



24 - Sailor F



25 - Kooper H



26 - Nils F



27 - Ava G



28 - Montana A



29 - Ella M



30 - Lauren C



31 - Mayara SC

## Weekly Silver Award Winners



32 - Mia TW



33 - Josh



34 - Leiana

## Weekly Gold Award Winners





35 - Saige C



36 - Zaylan H



37 - Leiana

## School Medallion



## Principal's Award



*38 - In recognition of outstanding effort in school Cross Country carnival - I am so proud of you!*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Karuah OSHC - 0476 454 037



**Karuah OSHC**  
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
AND VACATION CARE

**Where?**  
**Karuah Public School**  
78 Bundabah Street, Karuah

<b>Before School</b>	6:30am to 8:30am
<b>After School</b>	3:00pm to 6:00pm
<b>Vacation Care</b>	6:30am to 6:00pm

Each session can be booked separately

Operated by  
 **Karuah Preschool**

Contact us for more information

[karuahpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:karuahpreschool@gmail.com)  
Phone: 02 4997 5670

# Karuah Pearls Netball Club



The graphic features the club's logo 'KPNBC' in large white letters with a grey outline, set against a vibrant, colorful background of abstract patterns in shades of blue, purple, and pink. Below the logo are three circular photographs: the left one shows a full team in blue uniforms on a court; the middle one shows two young girls in blue jerseys; the right one shows a group of children with a yellow netball.

Category	Price
<i>Seniors</i>	<i>\$210</i>
<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>\$185</i>
<i>NetSetGo 5-10</i>	<i>\$175</i>

**WE PLAY AND TRAIN IN RAYMOND TERRACE**  
**PLAYING SEASON - 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY - 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
✦ **NSW ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED -  
APPLY BEFORE REGISTERING!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:**  
[karuahpearlsnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:karuahpearlsnetballclub@gmail.com)

# Tea Gardens Soccer Club



**TEA GARDENS SOCCER 2026**

**TEA GARDENS SOCCER CLUB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PAST AND NEW PLAYERS TO REGISTER FOR THE 2026 SEASON.**

**Trial Games**  
9am Saturday  
21st March & 28th March 2026  
Season commences: **2nd May 2026**

**Early Registration Bonus**  
Register by the 30<sup>th</sup> March to receive a free TGSC cap and bag and only pay a **\$50** registration fee.  
Registration fee after 30th of March: **\$100**

- ✓ Active Kids vouchers accepted
- ✓ No travel
- ✓ Unisex teams
- ✓ No games on Public Holidays or during School Holidays

MINIS	MIDIS	JUNIORS
5-7 years	8-10 years	11-15 years

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**

**MEMORIAL PARK SPORTS GROUND**  
Cnr Hough & Witt St, Tea Gardens

**REGISTER HERE**  
TEAGARDENSSC.COM



## Circle of Security

 Relationships and Parenting Courses

### CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Circle of Security is a program designed for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years who want to strengthen the bonds with their children and would like support to help their children to build secure relationships.

Participants are encouraged to look beyond their children's behaviour to identify and respond to the emotional needs to help prevent issues in the family.

Over the course of the program, participants gain a new understanding of how they can strengthen the bonds with their children, in turn helping them to feel secure.

**Throughout this program, participants will:**

- Understand their child's emotional world
- Learn to 'read' their child's emotional needs
- Support their child's ability to successfully manage their emotions
- Enhance the development of their child's self-esteem



**Bookings essential contact**  
Bianca Teixeira on 0448 122 845 or  
cfcnewcastle@interrelate.org.au

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**THURSDAYS**  
from 12th February to 2nd April  
10AM - 12PM  
8 sessions to be attended

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**VENUE**  
Port Stephens Family and  
Neighbourhood Service  
3 & 5 Phillip Street  
Raymond Terrace, NSW 2324

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**COST**  
FREE  
(for residents in the Port Stephens area)  
Limited child care available



Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Initiative Raymond Terrace & Karuah is funded by the Australian Government and Facilitated by The Smith Family

## Term Calendar 2026



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**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND  
SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL APP**

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## Term 1



### Monday 23 March

- NAPLAN

### Tuesday 24 March

### Wednesday 25 March

- Stage 2 excursion - Blackbutt Reserve
- Stage 3 excursion - Hunter Wetlands

### Thursday 26 March

- Early Stage 1/Stage 1 excursion - Hunter Valley Wildlife Park

### Friday 27 March

- Zone Cross Country - Lakeside
- Assembly 2.30pm



### Monday 30 March

### Tuesday 31 March

- Hunter NRL Trials - boys
- Newcastle Knights League Stars Challenge u/10's - Morpeth
- PBL Citizenship Awards - Council Chambers 3:30pm

### **Wednesday 1 April**

### **Thursday 2 April**

- Easter Hat Parade - 2pm
- Attendance Reward Day
- Last day of term

### **Friday 3 April**

- Good Friday

## **Term 2**



### **Monday 20 April**

- Staff Development Day (no students)

### **Tuesday 21 April**

- Staff Development Day (no students)

### **Wednesday 22 April**

- All students return to school for Term 2

### **Thursday 23 April**

### **Friday 24 April**

- ANZAC Day Ceremony 9.30am

- Assembly 2.30pm



**Monday 27 April**

- ANZAC Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday 28 April**

- PSSA Zone Netball trials

**Wednesday 29 April**

**Thursday 30 April**

- Red Cross - Pillowcase Program - Years 3 & 4

**Friday 1 May**

- Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement test
- Soccer trials Tomaree
- Assembly 2.30pm



**Monday 4 May**

**Tuesday 5 May**

**Wednesday 6 May**

- Deadly Science - Years 4, 5 & 6

**Thursday 7 May**

- Year 4 & 6 Interrelate lessons

**Friday 8 May**

- Assembly 2.30pm



**Monday 11 May**

**Tuesday 12 May**

**Wednesday 13 May**

**Thursday 14 May**

- Year 4 & 6 Interrelate lessons

**Friday 15 May**

- Assembly 2.30pm



**Monday 18 May**

**Tuesday 19 May**

**Wednesday 20 May**

### **Thursday 21 May**

- Year 4 & 6 Interrelate lessons

### **Friday 22 May**

- Attendance Reward Day
- Assembly 2.30pm



### **Monday 25 May**

- Jump Rope for Heart commences

### **Tuesday 26 May**

- National Sorry Day
- JAECG Meeting

### **Wednesday 27 May**

- National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June)

### **Thursday 28 May**

### **Friday 29 May**

- Assembly 2.30pm

## **Contact Us**

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