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Newsletter Week 10 Term 4 2024

# A message from the Principal

Dear School Community,

As we approach the end of another remarkable year at Richmond North, I want to take a moment to reflect on our achievements and express my heartfelt gratitude to each member of our school community.

This year, we have seen pleasing improvements in our NAPLAN and school assessment results, particularly in numeracy. Our students have demonstrated fantastic growth and resilience, and it is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated staff and the support of our parents. Our implementation of explicit instruction pedagogy, especially the regular and consistent use of warm-ups in classes, has played a critical role in enhancing student engagement and understanding, contributing to these positive student outcomes. Additionally, our results from the NSW Department of Education Check In assessments reflect the strong foundation we are building in our learning programs. It is truly inspiring to witness our students thrive and reach new heights.

In 2024, we have experienced strong growth in student enrolments, which has contributed to the increasing diversity of our school community. This diversity enriches our learning environment and fosters a culture of inclusivity and understanding. Our students have also excelled in extracurricular activities, with commendable performances at Zone sports carnivals and gala days. Our senior dance group delivered a memorable performance at the Hawkesbury Performing Arts Festival, showcasing their talent and hard work. Furthermore, we once again achieved excellent results in public speaking. highlighting our students' confidence communication skills.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to our Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association. Your tireless efforts in organising our school fete and various fundraising activities have made a profound impact on our school community. A particular highlight this year was the purchase of our new hydro station, which will enhance our students' wellbeing and promote

sustainability within our school. Thank you for your commitment and support!

To our parents, your involvement and encouragement have been invaluable in creating a positive and nurturing environment for our students. Thank you for your partnership and dedication to our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our incredible staff. Your dedication, passion, and hard work throughout the year have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our students and for going above and beyond to ensure their success.

Looking ahead, I am pleased to share that we will be upgrading our cabling and Wi-Fi systems over the holidays. This enhancement will provide our students with improved access to technology and support our learning initiatives in the coming years.

As we prepare for 2025, we find ourselves on the cusp of moving from a 12 class to a 13 class structure. Should we have the student numbers to form 13 classes, we will require the addition of a demountable classroom. Rest assured, we will keep you informed of any developments as we move forward. Final student numbers can not be confirmed until we return to school in 2025, at which time we will know whether we are going with the 12 class or 13 class plan.

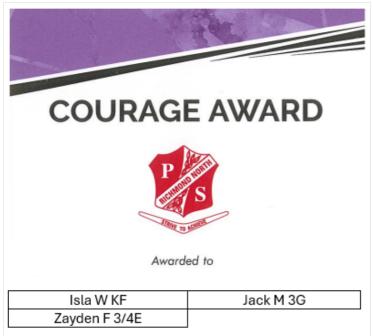
Looking ahead to 2025, we have some exciting initiatives on the horizon. For the first time, we will be participating in the Pulse Performing Arts event, where our talented dancers will showcase their skills. Additionally, we are excited to introduce a new Dharug language program across the school, with lessons delivered during library time, allowing our students to connect with the rich cultural heritage of our area. We will also be exploring new ways to strengthen our connection with parents and the broader community, ensuring that our partnerships are meaningful and impactful.

As we conclude the year, I wish each and every one of you a safe, joyful, and relaxing Christmas holiday. May this festive season bring you happiness and time to recharge for the exciting year ahead.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community, and I look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year! Warm regards,

# Assembly Awards 6 December











Awarded to

Chelsea Y 1M	Tobi B 1/2B
Harrison L 2S	Leo H 3G
William T 3G	Araiah T 4G







Awarded to

Bonnie G KZ	Jack E KZ
Raiden C KF	Harper T KF
Chizi N K/1A	Ethan N K/1A
Ellie G 1M	William M 1M
Tate F 1/2B	Benjamin A 1/2B
Floyd B 2S	Lachlan D 2S
Hudson M 3/4E	Elbi B 3/4E
Jaxx C 4G	Vihaan C 4G
Arnya J 4/5M	Manraj T 4/5M



Gabriel A KZ	Imy B KF
Ella G 1M	Harlow B 3/4E



# Thank you

The Year 6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students would like to express their sincere gratitude to KARI for providing us with backpacks to support us in starting the upcoming year. We also extend our thanks to Miss King for coordinating this generous initiative on our behalf.





# 2025 Classroom Requirements and School Expenses

School expense payments for 2025 can be accepted starting from 3 February, 2025. Payments can be made through School Bytes, or in person at the office via cash or EFT. Parents will receive classroom supply lists through School Bytes

# School Calendar

Last Day of Term 4 2024 18 December 2024

First Day of Term 1 2025 Thursday 6 February 2025 for all students

https://online.schoolbytes.education/calendar\_page/2238/5303/00a0a10b-ddc7-492b-8383-a4790e859f01

## Mobile Phones at School

Any mobile phones that need to come to school must be signed in at the office on arrival. All phones are kept safe and can be signed out after the bell at 3pm



# **School Gates**

### **Gate Times**

Gates will Open daily at 8:30am and close at 9:15am

Gates will reopen at 2:55pm to allow parents into the school for pick up.

All late students need to report to the office for a late note

Parents collecting students early need to come through the office to sign your child out.

When collecting students early please phone the office when you are on your way and we will get your child to the office

Please keep all children (toddlers and students) off the play equipment out of school hours.

All volunteers report to the office to QR code in.

# Go4Fun Create healthy habits - for life



Day: Wednesdays in Term 1, 2025 Dates: 12 February to 9 April Time: 4pm to 6pm

Location: PCYC Hawkesbury (16

Stewart St. South Windsor NSW 2756)

# To register:

- Visit: go4fun.com.au
- Call: 1800 780 900
- SMS: 0409 745 645 for a call back

Go4Fun is a free program for kids aged 7-13 and their families looking for support with healthy eating, physical activity and overall wellbeing

Fun prizes, weekly fun based games and spend quality time together and learn fun ways to create healthy habits - for life

Interpreter support available

Afternoon tea provided

A parent or carer is required to attend each session

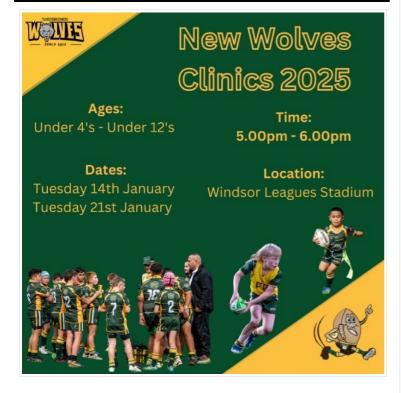








# Community Flyers



# What happens at **Go4Fun programs?**



Play fun games and activities



**Build self** confidence



Manage screen time



Make new friends



Get active and have fun



Go on a supermarket tour



Whole of family approach



Learn about healthy eating for kids and family



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# School Holiday Activities Summer 2025

### **LIBRARY**

und Floor) 300 George Street, dsor NSW 2756



SUMMER READING CLUB
1 December 2024 - 31 January 2025
Join the Summer Reading Club
(SRC) and be rewarded for reading.

Collect coupons for books you read between 1 Dec and 31 Jan, then redeem them at our SRC Shop on **Friday 7 February**.



YOU'VE GOT MAIL
Thursday 16 Jan 110.30AM - 12.30PM
Learn oil about the Hawkesbury's
fascinating postal service history,
while we create our own handwritten
letters and was seel stamps.
\$15 - For ages 6 - 19

DIV BUG HOTE!
Thursday 23 Jan | 10.30AM – 12.30PM
Build a fobluous bug home, mode
completely out of natural and
recycled materials, and learn about
all the fascinating bugs that call the
Howkesbury their home.
\$15 – For ages 5 – 12



### **GALLERY**

(First Floor) 300 George Street, Windsor NSW 2756 02 4560 4441 hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery



JUNK JEWELLERY
Wednesday 15 Jan | 10.30AM - 12.30PM
Create your own wearable art works,
made entirely from recycled materials.
You can create unique handmade
jewellery to wear or gift to someone
special.



special. \$15 – For ages 5 – 12



PLEASE NOTE: Children under the age of 10 MUST be accompanied by an adult for all advertised activiti

# Register at one of our Libraries, pick up a reading journal and start reading! FREE - REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL For ages 16 and under MAKING SLIME Friday 10 Jan | 2-3PM Learn how to make your own slime then investigate its behaviour and properties at this fun science workshop. \$5 - For ages 5 - 12 HOLIDAY MOVIES

HOLIDAY MOVIES
7, 13 & 24 January
2 - 3.30PM
Get out of the summer heat
and relax while watching a
moviel Bring your own
snacks and drinks.
FREE - All welcome

RECYCLED CRAFT:
THINGS THAT MOVE
Tuesday 14 Jan
10.MM - 12PM
Use you imagination to turn
different recycled material
such as bases, containers,
lids and paper into an
amazing form of transport.
\$2 - For ages 5+

Monday 20 Jan | 2 - 3PM
Conduct simple science
experiments using everyday
items found in the kitchen
cupboard. cupboard. \$5 - For ages 5 - 12

**GALLERY** 

Tuesday 21 Jan | 10AM - 12PM
Using beads, thread and
charms, learn how to create
a simple single-strand
keychain.
\$5 - For ages 10+

BEADED KEYCHAIN

GREAT BIG SCIENCE SHOW Friday 17 Jan | 10 - 11AM This interactive show is a celebration of science, invention and technology that will finish with a BANG! \$5 - For ages 5+



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