



# Newling News

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

**Term 4 Week 8**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

◆ **Stage 3 Swimming Lessons–**

Each Thursday, from 24th October– 5th December

- ◆ **Transition Graduation– Thursday 5th December at 12.30pm**
- ◆ **Presentation Day– Thursday 12th December at 10.30am**
- ◆ **Students last day of school 2024– Wednesday 18th December**

*We wish all of our families a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year holiday period!*

- ◆ **Students first day of school 2025– Thursday 6th February**

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Good afternoon everyone,

As we approach the end of a busy school year, children are still engaged in valuable learning activities right up to the end of the school year. Students are participating in challenging activities that not only see them consolidating learning from this year, but preparing them for new learning experiences for next year. The job of the teacher is to find just the right level of challenge for each student to grow a little every day, and now is not the time to switch off.

Maintaining strong attendance is as crucial as ever. Our students have boosted their overall school attendance throughout term 4. Children enjoy the discussions about attendance on Fridays and the reward of regular attendance on a Monday. By being at school, our students develop strong social bonds with their teachers and students. They make great progress in their learning and they don't miss out on valuable pieces of information. We congratulate families on their continued attitude towards school attendance and encourage you to continue to grow.

A heartfelt thank you to those of you who came to our Major Awards Gathering and 50th Celebration. A special thanks to Former Principal, Mr Ian Reeves for sharing some of his fond memories of his time at Newling and to all of the past students, staff and community members who made our weekend of celebrations so successful. The children had a great time at the disco with exemplary behaviour and outstanding enthusiasm for all of the dances. A special thank you to our school staff and P&C who supported the celebrations, making it so memorable. Our students will be re-filling the time capsule ready for the next milestone birthday celebration in some years time. If you would like to purchase a commemorative tea towel or apron, they are still available at the school office.

Reports will be sent home during Week 9. Teachers have worked very hard, collating information about your children and how they are performing at school. We encourage you to take the time to discuss these with your children and if you have any questions, make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

This Thursday, we celebrate the end of the transition program our 'Little Stars' with a Graduation Assembly starting at 12:30pm. Children who have participated in this program will be well prepared for starting kindergarten next year. We can't wait to have them as part of our crew.

Our end of year Presentation Day Assembly is happening next week. This is our opportunity to recognise outstanding achievements of our students and celebrate as a community, the wonderful work they have done. We hope you can join us!

Have a great week

Stephen Gadd  
Principal

# Kindy Koalas Class News

Wow this term and year has just flown by. We can't believe it is nearly over. We have been working hard this term practicing all our sounds and starting to write words with these sounds and form these words into sentences. We have attached some photos of our writing.

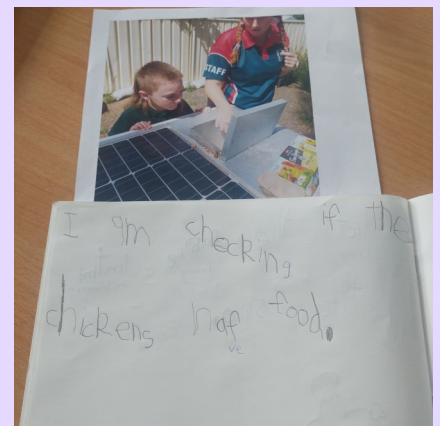
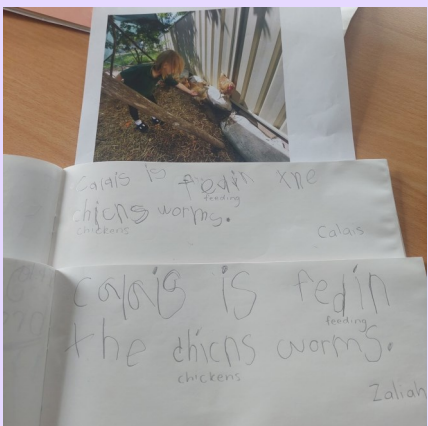
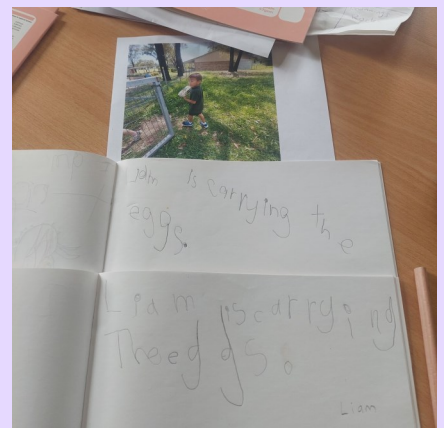
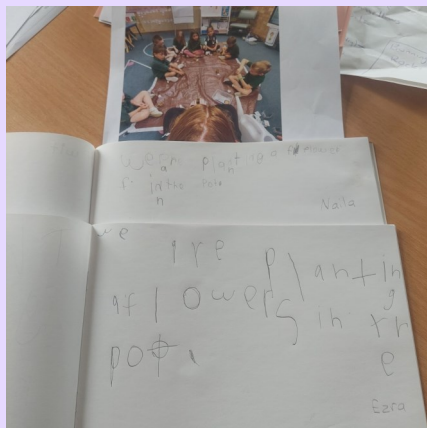
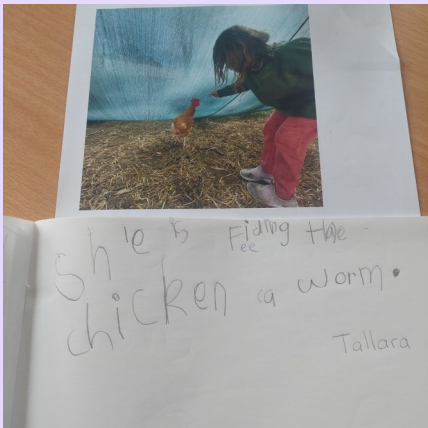
In the mornings, we have been visiting the chooks, collecting the eggs, planting seeds in the greenhouse and feeding worms to the hungry chooks. We can't wait to make some yummy food with all the spinach from the greenhouse and eggs from the chooks.

During Maths, we have been learning about 3D objects and position. We have enjoyed learning to code simple things and learn to make Scratch move on the computer.

A few weeks ago we went to the University to experiment with different robots. We had the best day.

On Tuesday we are off to Thalgarrah for our Teddy Bear's picnic, it will be so fun. We look forward to sharing our adventures with you.

Have a safe and happy holiday and we can't wait to see you next year! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Miss Laura, Miss Lennon and Mrs Waters





# K/1 Bunnies Class News

The Kindergarten/Year 1 Bunnies are having a very busy and productive end to the year. In Literacy lessons the students have been consolidating the single sounds, digraphs and consonant blends that they have learned through the year in the InitialLit program. They are also extending their learning in preparation for Year 1 and Year 2 by learning more complex letter combinations, applying this knowledge to their reading and writing and practising their letter formation in 'grown up' handwriting books.

In Mathematics, the students have been learning different strategies to add and subtract numbers and how to explain the strategies they use. They have been learning the possibility of different events happening and describing this possibility using chance words. The students have been collecting data and recording the data on tally charts, picture graphs and in column graphs.

In Science lessons, the students have become mini scientists, investigating the observable properties of materials and different things that everyday items are made of. They have learned to predict, test, analyse, conclude and reflect when investigating a scientific question.

In Visual Arts, the students have been rolling, pinching and manipulating clay to sculpt works of art.

The students are really looking forward to the Teddy Bears' Picnic at Thalgarrah on Tuesday.



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Important Dates 2025

- Term 1 Dates- Thursday 6th February— Friday 11th April
- Stage 3 Crew Camp, Thalgarrah—10th to 12th February
- Swimming Carnival– Thursday 13th February
- Yrs K-2 Water Fun Day– Thursday 13th February
- Term 2- Wednesday 30th April—Friday 4th July
- School Photo Day– Thursday 22nd May
- Dental Visit– 10th and 11th June
- Term 3- Tuesday 22nd July— Friday 26th September
- Book Fair– 18th to 22nd August
- Term 4- Tuesday 14th October— Friday 19th December
- Stage 2 Coffs Camp– Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th October
- Stage 3 Lake Ainsworth Camp– Monday 17th November to Friday 21st November

**Please return all borrowed library books to the school as soon as possible.**



## SPECIAL INVITATION



### 2024 Little Stars Graduation Assembly

Where: Newling Public School Hall

Time: 12:30pm

When: Thursday 5th December

**ALL WELCOME**



Please Note: This is the last day for Transition Students

## December Birthdays

Nero- 1st	Harlem- 17th	Samuel- 29th
Creed- 1st	Archer- 18th	Brielle- 31st
Kaitlyn- 2nd	Jayden- 19th	Ariah- 31st
Ross- 4th	Bailey M- 20th	
Ronan- 13th	Zedyth- 26th	
Dylan- 16th	Dallas- 28th	



## Attendance Awards

Each Monday we will be having a draw for any students' who had 100% attendance in the previous week. Two students will be randomly selected from our spinning wheel, and they will get to choose a book prize to keep.



**Congratulations to our week 7 winners Phoenix and Charles.  
Congratulations to our week 8 winners Daniel and Layla C.**

We are encouraging students to aim high– they need to be in it to win it!

## **Shout out to....**

### Week 7

**Tomas– because he makes me laugh every time. From Someone...**

**Elliot– because he plays with me when I don't have any friends. From Rupert**

**Brooklyn– because she makes me happy. From Kyshaun**

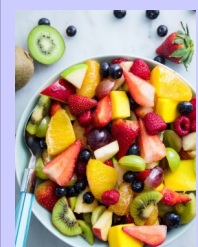
**Lilianna– because she is smart, hard working, really kind, a great friend and an amazing sister. From your big sis Maya**

### Week 8

**Adelaide– because she is a good friend. From Camilia**

**Jazzy– because she's the best friend to me and everyone. From Tomas**

**Charles– because he is always helping others without being asked. From Mr H**



**Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle to school each day.**

**A piece of fruit or veg is also needed each day for 'Crunch'n'Sip'.**







# 1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...



# Keep your child safe this summer

Scan the QR code to read the latest health and safety information at home and outdoors during the warm weather.



**Outdoor safety**

**Spider bites**



**Sea creature bites and stings**



**Snake bites**



**Water safety**

**Water safety**



**CPR for babies (under 12 months)**



**CPR for children (over 12 months)**



**Heat safety**

**Hot weather and sun safety**



**Heat and impact on mental health**



**Safety around cars**



These factsheets are for education purposes only. Please consult with your doctor or other health professional if you are worried about your child.



The Sydney children's Hospitals Network





## Summer lunchboxes

Summer is just around the corner! Ensuring lunchboxes stay cold helps keep your child safe and the food fresh.

Always include an ice brick in the lunchbox, and try these ideas:

- Freeze plain milk poppers or reduced fat yoghurt pouch- this will keep the lunchbox cold and make a healthy treat once defrosted
- Add frozen berries to reduced fat yoghurt
- Freeze sandwiches- fillings such as cheese, vegemite or roast meat are great for freezing. A frozen sandwich will defrost by lunchtime and help keep the lunchbox cool.
- Freeze snacks such as banana pikelets or zucchini slice
- Cut fruits into pieces and freeze for a delicious cold snack



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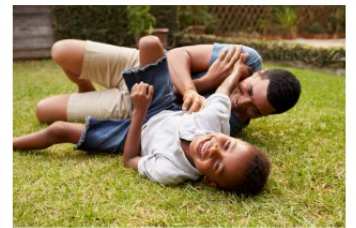
## TV-Free Tuesdays

**Taking a break from TV gives kids time to play, get outside, or enjoy family activities.**

TV-free Tuesdays are a fun way for kids to try new activities away from screens. This can help kids:

- Be more creative
- Develop and improve social skills
- Build healthier habits
- Enjoy more family time and strengthen family connections

Setting aside one day a week without TV helps kids find a better balance between screen time and active play, supporting their overall growth and development.



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## Happy, healthy role models

Parents and carers can be great role models for children's eating habits.

Why not try the following ideas:

- Pack your own lunchbox full of everyday foods while your child packs theirs
- Discuss the everyday foods you like to pack in the lunchbox and why you like them
- Do some taste testing of everyday foods such as vegetables and fruit



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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# CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY 7 DEC 2024  
4PM @ NEWLING SCHOOL HALL

Oh, joy.

ILLUMINATION PRESENTS  
The Dr. Seuss  
**GRINCH**

A fun night for the whole family! Join us from 4pm for

Face-painting  
Mini-golf & other games  
Christmas nibbles & more!

A family friendly Christmas movie to start at 5pm.



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# PCYC ARMIDALE JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

DATE	ACTIVITY	DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday 6 Jan	BRAIN BOOSTER DAY Cyanotype Printing, Trivia, Ball Skills, Science experiments	Thursday 16 Jan	PIRATE DAY Bullrush, Pirate games, Lasertag, Treasurehunt
Tuesday 7 Jan	SPORTS SKILLS AND DRILLS DAY Soccer Skills, Hockey Skills, Boxing skills, Dodgeball	Friday 17 Jan	HEALTHY HEART DAY Skipping Competition, Exercise Circuit, Cooking, Dodgeball
Wednesday 8 Jan	SUPERHERO DAY Frisbee games, Obstacle course, Mask making, Lasertag	Monday 20 Jan	MESSY MONDAY Courtyard Chalk, Seed planting, Slime, Obstacle course
Thursday 9 Jan	MEET MY SQUAD DAY Dodgeball, Team competitions, Tower building and Lasertag	Tuesday 21 Jan	SPORTS SKILLS AND DRILLS DAY Balloon volleyball, Drill circuit, Soccer drills, Pickleball
Friday 10 Jan	FUNKY FRIDAY Musical games, Collage craft, Exercise circuit, Dressup comp	Wednesday 22 Jan	YOUNG INVENTORS DAY Science Experiments, Sport games, Hieroglyphic writing
Monday 13 Jan	SPACE DAY Laser tag, Recycled rockets, Crab walk soccer, Bullrush	Thursday 23 Jan	CREATURE FEATURE Crab walk soccer, Animal guess who, Frog origami, Sports
Tuesday 14 Jan	SPORTS SKILLS AND DRILLS DAY Cricket Skills, Dodgeball, Volleyball Skills, Basketball Skills	Friday 24 Jan	ADVENTURER DAY Obstacle course, Lasertag, Treasure hunt, Fitness circuit
Wednesday 15 Jan	BOOTCAMP Training Circuit, Boxing, Obstacle Course, Lasertag	Monday 27 Jan	CLUB CLOSED
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Tuesday 28 Jan	SPORTS SKILLS AND DRILLS DAY Boxing skills, Soccer skills, Exercise circuit, Cricket skills		
Wednesday 29 Jan	FITNESS FUN DAY Obstacle Course, Boxing, Fitness circuit, Lasertag		
Thursday 30 Jan	MOVIE STAR DAY Laser tag, Photobooth, Exercise circuit, Costume competition		
Friday 31 Jan	HEALTHY HEART DAY Skipping Competition, Exercise Circuit, Cooking, Dodgeball		
Monday 3 Feb	BOOTCAMP DAY Training Circuit, Boxing, Obstacle Course, Lasertag		
Tuesday 4 Feb	SPORTS SKILLS AND DRILLS DAY Cricket Skills, Dodgeball, Volleyball Skills, Basketball Skills		
Wednesday 5 Feb	FITNESS FUN DAY Balloon volleyball, Drill circuit, Soccer drills, Pickleball		



**TIME:** 9:00am - 3:00pm | **AGES:** 5 - 12 yrs | **COST:** \$50 per day (Active PCYC Membership required)  
**BOOKINGS:** Scan the QR-code, E-mail [armidale@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:armidale@pcycnsw.org.au), Call 02 6772 1023, or Visit the club at 176 Rusden St.  
 Annual Junior Membership (\$15 per year) required for all activities. We accept Creative Kids vouchers. **WHAT TO BRING ON THE DAY:** Water bottle, lunch, enclosed shoes and comfortable clothes that may get stained.





# ARMIDALE ARCHERS OPEN DAY

**December 8th  
10am – 1pm  
Armidale Archers  
95 Rockvale Rd.**

All ages and experience welcome.



Visit Armidale Archers club to:

- Give archery a try.
- Tour the club's target and field archery facilities.
- Grab a sausage sandwich.
- Join in a novelty shoot to win free beginners coaching.

Details available at : <http://www.armidalearchers.com.au/>

**FREE**

## Practical Parenting

Practical Parenting offers strategies to nurture your child's mind and to take the stress out of parenting.

Sick of repeating yourself?  
Giving in to stop the whining?  
Stop shouting and start connecting!

**Yes?  
Come to the course**

Explore:

- 12 strategies to help your child
- Better ways to discipline
- Improving the relationship with your child
- Helping children with their emotions
- What gets in the way of parenting



**WHEN:** 2 Mondays - 9th & 16th December 2024

**TIME:** 10am - 1pm

**WHERE:** Centacare Armidale - 150 Rusden St, Armidale

*Registrations are essential*

*This course is subject to numbers*

For more information ring the Facilitator Pedro on **6738 7200** or to register, contact the Family Relationship Centre through Centacare NENW **1800 372 826**



**FREE**

# Surviving Your Adolescents

For more information or to REGISTER ring FACILITATOR on **6738 7200**

*Learn how to manage and let go of your 11-22 year old!*

The Surviving Your Adolescents course covers:

- What is normal adolescent behaviour, what is not
- How to manage teen risk-taking
- The Four Things Not To Do
- The Four Ways to improve your relationship
- Taking on a new role with your teen
- How to keep the communication channels open
- Helping your teen learn to manage their emotions
- How to help prevent behaviour problems in your teen



**WHEN:** 2 Tuesdays - 10th & 17th December 2024

**TIME:** 10am - 1pm

**WHERE:** Centacare Armidale, 150 Rusden Street, Armidale

**COST: FREE**



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