



# Newling News

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

**Term 4 Week 10**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- **Students last day of school 2024 – Wednesday 18th December**

*Students are invited to wear casual clothes,  
Christmas colours are encouraged!*

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

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

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Community Members

Thanks to everyone who supported our Annual Presentation Assembly last Thursday. It was great to see our students presented so beautifully and to recognise the achievements of our students throughout the year. I was most impressed by the confidence displayed by our Year 6 leaders who did a great job in MCing the event. A huge thank you to Santa for taking some time out of his busy schedule to stop by and say hi to the kids as well.

Good luck to our Year 6 students heading off to high school next year. We know that you will look back on your time at Newling as a special time and hope that you take with you, fond memories and great friendships. We will be celebrating our final farewell of Year 6 with our annual volunteer/year 6 dinner on Monday night. I know the children have been really looking forward to this event.

Reports went home with students last week. For those students who were away, reports have been posted. I encourage you to read these reports with your child to reinforce the importance of working hard in class. I also encourage families to attend PLP meetings early in the new school year to explore how we can work together to help children improve in their learning. Continued growth is our focus and we are all works in progress, and together, we can achieve good things to help your children learn.

We are celebrating the last week of the year with some fun water play activities on Monday and a movie on Tuesday to beat the heat. This is a great time of the year to make fun memories and solidify friendships, before we take a break.

The last day of the year for students is this Wednesday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support of your child's learning throughout this year. Students return on Thursday, February 6. Staff return on 31st of January and will be participating in 4 staff development days at the beginning of the school year.

All of the staff of Newling PS wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Regards

Stephen Gadd  
Principal

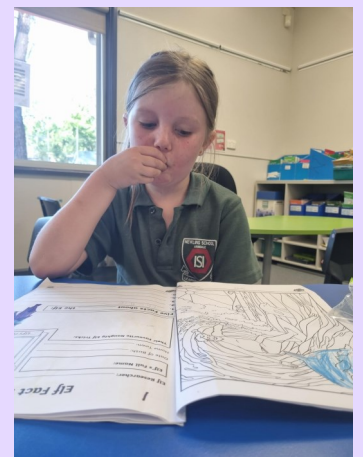
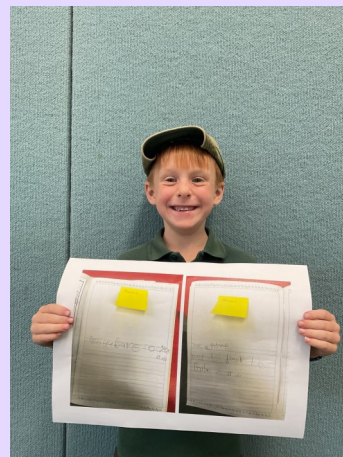
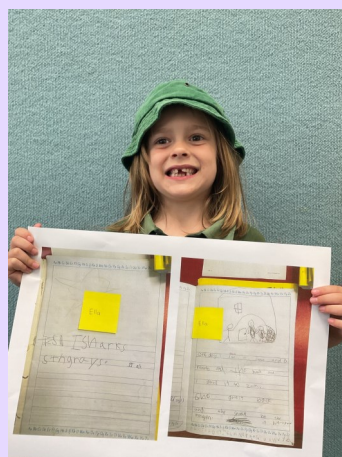
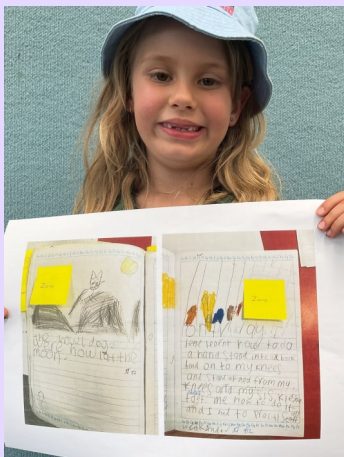
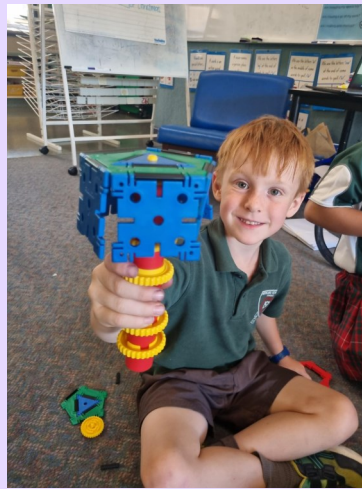
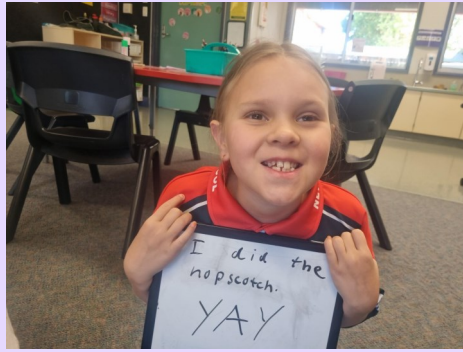
# 1T Class News

1T have had a productive end to the school year filled with fun as we revisit and consolidate our learning.

In Maths, the focus has been on exploring data, learning how to organise it and exploring the features of 2D shapes and 3D objects. We have been engaging in hands-on activities like creating graphs, conducting class surveys, and making models of 3D objects.

In English, we have been reading stories about inventors and have written about our own inventions that would make everyday tasks easier. We have been looking back at our writing from Term 1 and can see how far we have come this year!

Thank you to our families for your support this year and we wish you a safe and happy holiday!



# 2W Class News

What a year! Our latest class project was to create a collage using old magazines and books that represented a beachside landscape. We then created a descriptive paragraph using complex sentences, compound and simple sentences. Check out some of our creations and descriptions.



*The sunset made the mountain shine and glimmer.  
An eagle soared over the mountain peaks and dove into the sea. The waves smashed craters into the mountain. Then a wave that was 50 feet tall crashed into the mountain leaving an enormous gash in the landscape.*

*By Elliot*

**THE OCEAN SPARKLED AND THE WAVES CRASHED AGAINST THE SHORE AND TICKLED MY TOES. UNDER THE OCEAN A MUD HOPPER PROTECTED HIS YOUNG FROM PREDATORS. HE MET A CRAB SPRING WHO LIKED TO RACE THROUGH THE CORAL REEF.**

**BY LAUREN**



*The sound of a killer whale filled the air. The ocean sparkled from the light of the sun. A dolphin chattered in the sea. Penguins scattered on the beach to lay their eggs before dawn hoping people wouldn't find them. Colourful seahorses dashed here and there. The waves lashed against the shore. A man swimming by saw a colourful fish dart by. Sparkling water fell from the air from waves. The crashing water looked like sparkling diamonds galore. Beautiful blue water filled the sight of the eye.*

*By ENIE*

Finally, a huge thank you to our families for the support this year! Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!

# 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.**



## Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



### Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

## 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	

## January Birthdays

John- 3rd	Ezra- 8th	Tomas- 19th
Khyrel- 4th	Darius- 13th	Delonte- 28th
Zara P- 5th	Tallara D- 14th	Byron- 29th
James- 5th	Ashton- 15th	
Amaya- 5th	Hafsa- 17th	
Haniya- 7th	Alyssa- 19th	



## 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 9 winners Naila and Lindon.**  
**Congratulations to our week 10 winners Coby and Brielle.**

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

# 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

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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# Brushes for Biodiversity



Kids and Youth Art Competition for New England's  
Threatened Species is now open.

Children and Youth from ages 3-19 are invited to unleash their creativity through art while learning about our incredible plants and animals in the New England region and threats facing them.

Create a collage, paint a picture, draw or write a story!

Art kits available from the Southern New England Landcare office or use what you have at home.

Find out more at <https://snelandcare.org.au/events> or call 02 6772 9123.  
Email: [elizabeth.rosser@snelandcare.org.au](mailto:elizabeth.rosser@snelandcare.org.au)

Competition closes January 31 2025.



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Foundation



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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
DATE	ACTIVITY		
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.





# SHARE OUR SPACE



**FREE PROGRAM**

- ✓ Perfect for boys and girls aged 5-12
- ✓ Develop fundamental cricket skills in a fun and inclusive environment

📍 Martins Gully Public School, Bona Vista rd, Armidale

📅 Monday 13/01/2025

🕒 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Register here

Sydney Sixers are proud to be a Share Our Space activity provider.  
Share Our Space is an initiative of the NSW Department of Education.

For more information contact [hridit.jobanputra@cricketnsw.com.au](mailto:hridit.jobanputra@cricketnsw.com.au)

## Armidale War Memorial Library

- 6770 3636
- library@armidale.nsw.gov.au
- 1/182 Rusden Street, Armidale

Monday 6 January		<b>Bookmark competition</b> begins! Collect blank canvas and return to library by end of January
Tuesday 7 January	9:30am - 4:30pm (no booking required)	<b>LEGO free play</b> begins - all ages. EVERY Tuesday during January!
Thursday 9 January	10:30am - 11:30am (booking required)	<b>Craft morning:</b> paper and paint activities - all ages
Tuesday 14 January	9:30am - 4:30pm (no booking required)	<b>LEGO free play</b>
Wednesday 15 January	10am - 12noon (booking required)	<b>Learn acoustic guitar</b> with Sewa - ages 10+ years Library has limited supply of guitars - welcome to bring your own!
Thursday 16 January	11am start (booking required - limited numbers, and preference given to those who missed out last visit)	<b>Reptiles on the go</b> - zoo visit. Come along and you could meet live Australian reptiles, including pythons, crocodiles, frogs, turtles and lizards - all ages, but a (free!) library membership required.
Friday 17 January	10:30am - 11.15am (booking required) 12noon - 12:45pm (booking required) 1.30pm - 2.15pm (booking required)	<b>UNE Discovery 'Crime Scene Investigation'</b> - primary school age  <b>UNE Discovery 'Escape from the Museum'</b> - primary school age  <b>UNE Discovery 'Science of Art'</b> - primary school age
Saturday 18 January	1pm - 5pm (booking required. Library only open these hours for participants)	<b>Simple robotics with Sphero Bolt</b> Workshop - ages 8 - 16 years Learn what the Sphero Bolt is by playing a few simple games with and against other participants. Learn how to code the Sphero bolt to navigate an obstacle course.
Monday 20 - Sunday 26 January	9.30am start each day (no booking required)	<b>Build it with boxes</b> free play all week - all ages
Tuesday 21 January	9.30am - 4.30pm (no booking required)	<b>LEGO free play</b> - all ages
Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 January	12.30pm - 5.30pm (booking required)	<b>Game design workshop</b> (runs over 2 days) - all ages Learn the basics of the Unity game engine and build a game to share and learn the basics of animation and programming in a game engine!
Thursday 23 January	10.30am - 11.30am (booking required)	<b>Craft morning:</b> paper and paint activities - all ages
Friday 24 January	10.30am - 11.15am (booking required) 12noon - 12.45pm (booking required)	<b>UNE Discovery 'Palaeontology Puzzles - Fossils and Bones'</b> - primary school age  <b>UNE Discovery 'Creative Chemistry'</b> - primary school age
Tuesday 28 January	9.30am - 4.30pm (no booking)	<b>LEGO free play</b> - all ages
Wednesday 29 January	12.30pm - 5.30pm (no booking)	<b>Short Film Workshop: Creating Sound Effects</b> - ages 12+ years Create a short film concept. Learn the basics of Adobe Premiere Pro. Create sound effects for the film. (Only sound effect recordings will be complete, participants will need to complete filming and editing after the workshop)

## Guyra LT Starr Memorial Library

- 6770 7123
- [gsclibrary@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gsclibrary@armidale.nsw.gov.au)
- 158 Bradley Street, Guyra

Wednesday 8 January 10.30am to 11.30am (booking required)

**Children's bingo** - win chocolate prizes!

Thursday 9 January 10.15am to 4.30pm (booking required)

**Virtual reality** - ages 10+ years (with parental permission)

Tuesday 14 January 10.30am (booking required)

**Movie morning** - 'Despicable Me 4' (PG, 94 minutes)

Popcorn and water supplied. Children under school age **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult

Wednesday 15 January 10.30am - 11.30am; and 2.30pm - 3.30pm (booking required)

**Sand art** - create your own sand artwork

Thursday 16 January 1.30pm (booking required)

**Reptiles on the go** - come along and you could meet live Australian reptiles, including pythons, crocodiles, frogs, turtles, monitors, and lizards

Tuesday 21 January 10.30am - 12noon; and 2.30pm - 4pm (booking required)

**Spheros fun** - race your sphero around our maze or create your own artwork

Thursday 23 January 10.15am - 4.30pm (booking required)

**Virtual reality** - ages 10+ years (with parental permission)

Friday 24 January 10.30am - 11.30am; and 2.30pm - 3.30pm (booking required)

**Lego car challenge** - build a vehicle and see how far it can race

Tuesday 28 January 10.30am - 1.30pm weather permitting! (booking required)

**Giant games on the lawn** - bring along the family and join in the fun, challenge each other to a game or two!

Wednesday 29 January 10.30am - 11.30am; and 2.30pm - 3.30pm (booking required)

**Salt paint artworks** - create a unique salt paint artwork - ages 8+ years (younger children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult to assist)

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### Keep an eye on screentime

Screens have increasingly become part of children's lives and can often be helpful and enjoyable for families. They can offer children opportunities to connect with friends and extended family, express creativity and learn.

Children and young people aged 5-17 years should limit sedentary recreational screentime to no more than 2 hours per day (excluding schoolwork).

While screen time has many benefits, long periods of time spent in front of screens can impact a child's growth and development including:

- Physical health
- Mental wellbeing
- Ability to form social connections
- Sleep

Switch the screen for other activities:

- Games
- Sports
- Bike riding
- Dancing
- Puzzles
- Walking



Source: The Sydney Children's Hospital Network ([www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au))

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### Indoor activities to keep the body moving

**Did you know that children who are active are healthier, sleep better and perform better at school?**

It's important to encourage children to move their body in a range of ways and directions. It can be challenging to meet physical activity needs on days when children aren't able to be outside.

Why not try these indoor activities to keep children moving:

#### Balloon Volleyball

Using balloons, have kids hit the balloon back and forth over a "net" which can be outlined using string, tape or objects i.e. chairs. For an extra challenge, add more balloons or restrict body parts from touching balloon i.e. Only use left hand.



#### Laundry Basketball

Take turns throwing rolled-up socks into a laundry basket. Move back further each time to make it more challenging!



#### Obstacle Course

Set up an obstacle course around the house. You could use chairs, pillows, plastic cups etc that kids need to manoeuvre around (side to side, under and over). To increase difficulty, have kids crab crawl or bear walk the course.



#### Indoor Bowling

Use plastic or paper cups as the pins and a lightweight ball or rolled pair of socks as the bowling ball. Set the cups up in a triangle format. Bowl the ball towards the cups to knock them down.



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