



Important Dates

Term 1 February

Thursday 27

PSSA Zone
swimming carnival

March

Wednesday 5

ASC open evening
and BBQ

Friday 7

Armidale Show

Thursday 13

K, Year 1 & 2
Gymnastics - see
note that went
home

Thursday 20

Harmony Day

K, Year 1 & 2

Gymnastics

Friday 21 -

Cross Country
Carnival
P & C Sausage
Sandwich Meal
Deal

Thursday 27

K, Year 1 & 2
Gymnastics

April

Thursday 3

K, Year 1 & 2
Gymnastics

Daylight savings
finishes on Sunday 6

Friday 11

Easter Hat parade
and P & C Easter
Raffle

Meet the Teacher

THANK YOU to all families who attended the Meet the Teacher evening. It was a fabulous turnout, and our teachers appreciated your attendance. Thank you also to the P&C for another delicious BBQ.

Spike Playground Legends!

Today was exciting, as we had our first raffle prize draw for Spike Playground Legends! Students who win will receive a pie and popper. Well done to all the children in the draw. You have shown terrific PAX leadership!

Our winners for this fortnight were:

- Sarah (K-2)
- Ryan Armitage (3-6)



School Attendance – Attendance Stars!

We also celebrated two classes with the highest attendance over the past fortnight. We call them our Attendance Stars! Each child in the class receives an ice-block, and the class proudly displays the trophy for two weeks.

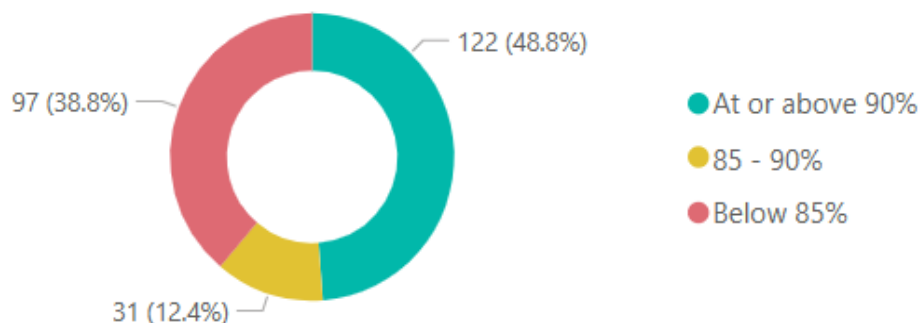
Congratulations to 1/2 Penguins, whose overall attendance was 89.5%, and 5/6 Dugongs, whose overall attendance was 93.4%! Well done!



Our start to the year with attendance has been positive as a whole school. Combined, student attendance is 84.3%.

Here is a chart so you can see where your child is:

Attendance Level



PAX Good Behaviour Game

Now we've settled into the year, you may have noticed your children talking about PAX. The PAX Game combines all the skills of self-regulation your child has been building with their teacher's use of PAX GBG strategies throughout the year. The PAX Game involves your child working as part of a team to create PAX (peace, productivity, health, and happiness) in the classroom. When their team and others achieve that PAX and avoid problematic or off-task behaviours, everyone wins a Granny's Wacky Prize of fun and celebration together. The PAX Game is the most proven classroom-based prevention strategy. Encouraging children to make good choices for themselves and everyone else while avoiding negative choices builds self-regulation that lasts a lifetime. Research has shown the self-regulation that comes from the PAX Game to improve test scores and graduation rates – and even reduce drug addiction, violence, and psychiatric disorders when children reach adulthood.

Here are some areas of growth you will notice in your child right away:

- They will work better as part of a team.
- They will improve their focus on the task at hand.
- They will avoid problematic choices and behaviour.

Here are some lifetime skills that your child will develop:

- They will make positive choices for their futures and the futures of others.
- They will actively avoid distracting, harmful, or dangerous behaviours.
- Here are some questions you can ask your child about the PAX Game:
- Where did you get to play the PAX Game today? How did it go?
- What prize did everyone get?

Visit www.paxis.org for more information about PAX as well as implementing PAX strategies at home!

Kind regards,

Miriam Treton
Principal



Our P & C are looking for donations for their Easter Egg Raffle being held at the end of this term.

Donations can be left at the school office.

Opportunity Class- Year 5 in 2026 & Selective High School- Year 7 in 2026

Are you planning on applying for a child to sit the Opportunity Class assessment for Year 5 in 2026 or for the Selective High School assessment for Year 7 in 2026? If so, please pay attention to the following and act with urgency. Applications for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2026 will remain open to THIS FRIDAY 21 February 2025. There will be no late applications due to the longer application period, and the application closing date being closer to the test dates and logistical constraints around organising test centres and devices. Parents and carers need to apply for opportunity class placement when their child is in Year 4. For selective high school placement, parents and carers will continue to apply when their child is Year 6 until the end of this week. Families can check out more information at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/application-process>

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