



## Coming Events and Dates for your Diary – TERM 4 2023

Week 10	
Tuesday 12 December	Year 6 Mini Fete Band END OF YEAR Concert
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Stage 1 Party Day P&C Meeting - 7.30pm
Thursday 14 December 2023	Early Stage 1 - Party Day Stage 2 and 3 Movie Day/Party Day
Friday 15 December 2023	Talent Quest Farewell Arch for school 2023 leavers - assemble at 2.45pm Last Day of Term 4 for all students
2024	
Week 1	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	School Development Day - Staff Only
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	First day of school years 1 to 6 Kindergarten Best Start - Day 1
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Kindergarten Best Start - Day 2
Week 2	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Kindergarten Best Start - Day 3
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Kindergarten first day of school
Week 3	
Friday 16 February	Swimming Carnival

### Acknowledgement of Country

*Epping North Public School  
acknowledges the traditional owners  
of this land, the Darug and Guringai people.*

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which our school is located and where we teach, lead and learn. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past, present, and emerging. Epping North PS is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.*

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

## Presentation Day

It feels like a long time ago that we had our presentation day even though it was only last Wednesday. I have received some feedback that at 2½ hours the 3-6 assembly it was a bit long. However, thinking about the day, I can't think of what we would take out to make it shorter. I really enjoyed the speakers, especially our 2017 school captain, Lachlan, who spoke extremely well with a great message. The band and choir also were a joy to listen too. Luckily, the weather was kind, and it wasn't too hot in the hall. I would like to thank Ms Harbridge for her outstanding organisation for both assemblies and congratulations to all the award winners.

## Staffing

I would like to congratulate Mr Van Vliet on his new appointment to ANZAC Park Public School for 2024. It's been wonderful to have this fine young teacher on our staff this year and we would like to wish him all the best for his teaching future.

Also on staffing, we are lucky to secure the services of Ms Chui and Ms Kim for 2024. These 2 teachers are a great addition to our staff and we are looking forward to having them at ENPS for another year.

It also gives me great pleasure to welcome Mrs Goldhagen back into the principal's chair for 2024. Her experience and educational knowledge have been missed and it will be great to have her back. Please see her contribution to the newsletter below.

## 2024 Enrolment

Thanks to everyone who has let the school know about any enrolment changes for next year. Please also remember that sometimes plans change during the holidays. If your child will not be returning on day 1 next year, please let us know as soon as possible, as we would like to get our new classes formed, hopefully, as early as the student's first day back.

## Year 6 Farewell

A great night was had last night as we celebrated the end of primary school for our Year 6 students. They ate, danced, and took a million photos. Thanks to the Year 6 teachers and especially Mrs Ekers and Mrs Baines for all their organisational work for the night.

As a parting gift from year 6 the school was presented with a gift, a defibrillator, which will be hung on the brick wall outside the office early next year. Thank you, year 6, for a very important gift.



I would also like to wish our Year 6 cohort the very best for their bright future and a great start to high school in 2024.

### **Reports and SENTRAL**

It was only last week that I was writing about an issue with our SENTRAL software and we had another one on Monday with some of our reports with incorrect teacher names as well as further issues with some signatures not attaching to the reports properly. It goes without saying that the people at SENTRAL are extremely apologetic, especially as the school pays for this to make the administration of the school easier, not more difficult.

### **Long Serving Parents**

As is the case with any Year 6 group that leaves, there are always parents who will also be moving on as their children move to high school. Mrs Grauds, Mr Smith and Ms Pringle have all given fantastic service to our school and the community and our school will struggle to replace them. We would like to wish you all the best for the future.

And that's it from me. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me when I have been relieving principal. Over the last couple of weeks, I have valued the many people who have told me how much they appreciate the school. I have been very, very lucky to work with such a great staff that are always thinking of ways to support the students and each other.

I would like to wish you all the very best over the holiday season and when I have had a little rest, looking forward to being back for another great year in 2024.

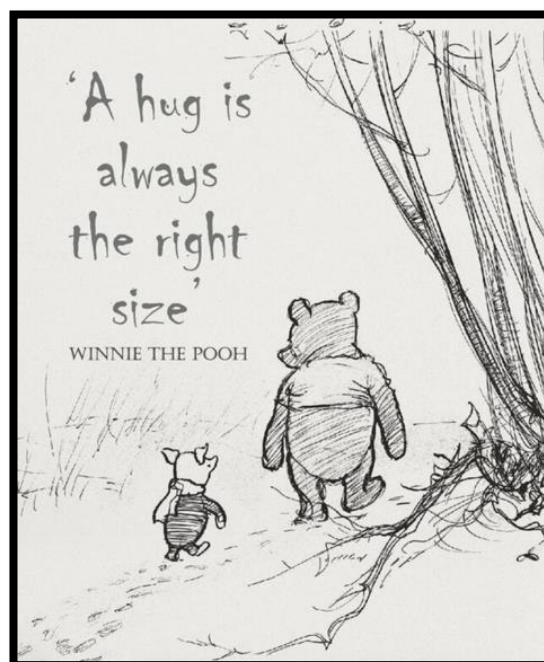
Michael Taylor  
Relieving Principal

And that's a wrap! 2023 school year in the bag, and what a year it's been!

Whilst it hasn't ended how I would have liked, I am grateful for the unending support from our incredible school community. I am thankful for the outstanding leadership of our school executive team, teachers and support staff – capably led by Michael Taylor – keeping everything steaming along at breakneck speed. Our students have risen to the year's challenges and have made incredible gains in their learning. I had a lovely conversation with Stacey Exner, Director of Educational Leadership Gordon Principal Network, where she spoke about the impressive progress of our students and their strong performance in relation to educational growth and high achievement – with a noticeable upward trajectory in school performance. This is despite the many challenges, including the pandemic, new curriculum implementation, staffing issues and an ever-evolving teaching and learning landscape. Thank you to our parent community for your support of your child's learning and the school – we appreciate it.

As we head into the end of year holiday break, I'd like to wish you all a merry Christmas. Have a safe holiday with your family and friends and give those you love an extra hug (or 3). We have a saying in our family when we need a hug – come here, we have to 'release the orphans'. It came about when my youngest daughter misheard a conversation about how hugging others leads to the release of 'endorphins'. Take care and I'll see you in the new year.

Kerry Goldhagen  
Principal



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Highlights of Presentation Day

K-2







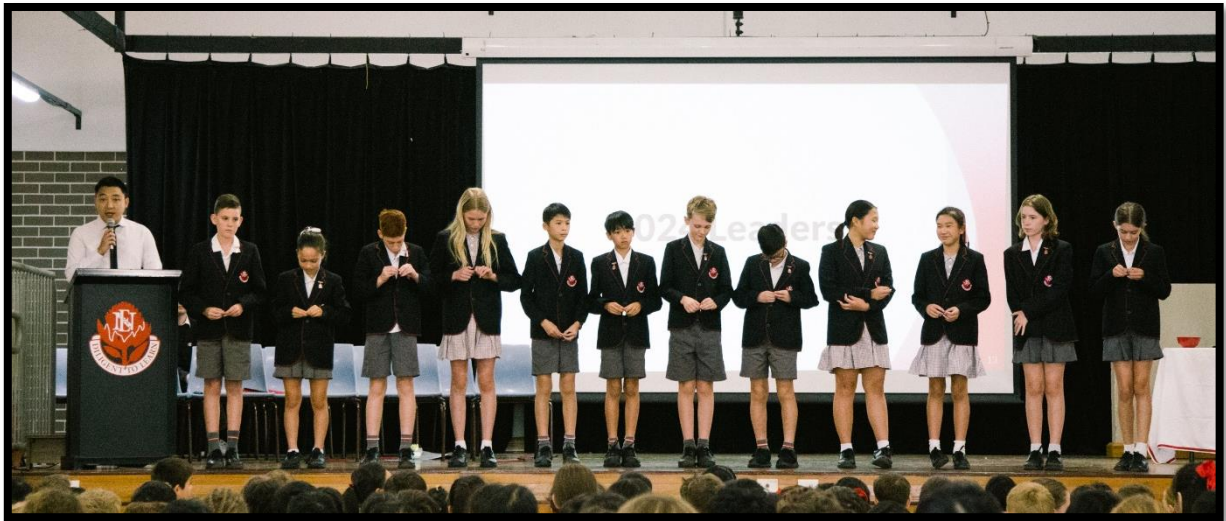




Years 3 - 6























**Congratulations to Year 6 2023**





#### NON-RETURN/LATE RETURN IN 2024

If you know that your child/children are not return to ENPS next year or will be returning after the commencement of the 2024 school year on 1 February 2024. Please complete the proforma below and return it to Mrs Mahieu in an envelope marked Leave or Late Return.

#### NON RETURN IN 2024

The following child/children will not be returning to ENPS in 2024.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Destination School: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Caregiver) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LATE RETURN IN 2024** The following child/children will be returning to ENPS in 2024 after the commencement of the 2024 school year. Please count them as returning to ENPS.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for late return: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Caregiver) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## P&C NEWS

Please join us for our final P&C meeting for the year this Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm online or via zoom. If you would like to read a copy of our last minutes, [please click here](#).

Here is the link to join Wednesdays

meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89225927408?pwd=zq5qBNXCEKJ6U9mZafVjYNgrhRI3cs.1>

On behalf of the P&C committee we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

Best of luck to the year 6 kids and their families as they embark on their high school journey.

Merry Christmas

Sarah Black

(Harriett's mum 2/1N)

## BOOK CLUB

Bookclub orders for Issue 8 have been delivered to classrooms.

Any queries please feel free to email me at [larellegraham@gmail.com](mailto:larellegraham@gmail.com)

Thank you to those who have made bookclub purchases throughout the year and have helped the school earn \$1158 in rewards for the school. These rewards have been used to purchase resources for the classrooms and new books for the library.

Happy reading

Larelle Ekers

Book Club Co-ordinator

## BAND NEWS

### **A Heartfelt Thank You to Band Parents and Carers!**

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the dedicated band parents and carers for yet another incredible year filled with outstanding performances, musical progress, and the joyous camaraderie that comes with being a part of our school band program.

### **End-of-Year Concert and Instrument Return:**

- The world-renowned end-of-year concert on Tuesday, December 12, starting promptly at 5 pm. Find all the details in the attached flyer.
- Following the concert, all band members are required to return their Band Folder (containing music sheets) and Hired Instrument in the Hall.
- Volunteers Needed! We are seeking volunteers from 4:30 pm to assist with setup and post-concert pack-up.

### **Band Convenor Position Vacancy:**

As this marks my final year as the Band Convenor, we are **STILL** actively searching for a successor—or perhaps even a dynamic duo or terrific trio! If you are interested in any way by the idea of taking on the Band Convenor role, I'd love to have an informal chat over a cup of coffee.



Currently, the Convenor oversees most band activities, but we're exploring a more efficient structure with 2 or 3 individuals sharing key tasks:

- **Admin Pro:** Manages the email inbox, school relationships, and day-to-day band matters. Anticipate about 1 hour per typical week.
- **Fabulous Events Person:** Takes charge of the three major events each year, requiring a maximum of 10 hours of work per event.
- **Enthusiastic Training Band Recruiter:** Active for about 4 weeks at the end of the year, dedicating 2-3 hours per week.

Please reach out if you're interested or would like more information.

**The Band Program Relies on Volunteers!** Without volunteers, the future of our program is uncertain. Your involvement is crucial in ensuring the continued success of our band.

#### Looking Ahead to 2024:

Your Band Committee will be in touch early next year with details about instrument collection, rehearsal schedules, and tutor lessons. Stay tuned for these important updates!

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to another massive year ahead!

Signing off (for the last time)

David Smith  
Band Convenor  
M: 0400 830 939  
email: [band@enpspc.org](mailto:band@enpspc.org)

A festive poster for the ENPS Bands' End of Year Concert. It features a decorated Christmas tree with gold and red ornaments and a star on top, surrounded by red gift boxes. The text is set against a white background with a black border decorated with musical notes. The title 'Get ready to deck the halls and get your jingle on at the annual ENPS Bands' END OF YEAR Concert' is prominently displayed. The date and time are 'Tuesday 12 December | 5 - 6pm'. The location is 'Join us in the COLA outside the office.' The program includes a farewell presentation to Year 6 band members and a special farewell to Ms Pringle. All hired instruments and band folders will be collected in the School Hall following the concert. The Epping North Public School logo is at the bottom left.

**Get ready to deck the halls and  
get your jingle on at the annual  
ENPS Bands' END OF YEAR Concert**

 **Tuesday 12 December | 5 - 6pm**  
Join us in the COLA outside the office.

 **On the program**  
Training Band | Concert Band | Senior Band

Farewell presentation to our  
fantastic Year 6 band members

A special farewell to Ms Pringle  
after an incredible 19 years of  
dedication to the ENPS Band Program

 All hired instruments and  
everyone's band folders will be collected  
in the School Hall following the concert.

 **EPPING  
NORTH**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

## CANTEEN NEWS

### Canteen News

**LAST DAY OF CATNEEN FOR 2023 is THIS WEDNESDAY!!!**

**WED MOTW – Chicken Nachos**

A massive shout out to all our wonderful volunteers this year myself and my team cannot do it without you!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holidays! Hope to see you all again and some new faces too next year!

On days when we do not have volunteers unfortunately the canteen will be unable to open.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is a Department of education regulation that all volunteers complete a Declaration for Volunteers & Non Child related contractors form and present with ID to the office.

Thankyou

Canteen Committee

## MODERN JAZZ AND BOYS' DANCE GROUP

What a wonderful year of dance we've had! It wouldn't be possible without you! All dance classes have ended for the year. Start date for 2024 will be confirmed at the end of January.

### 2024 Dance Registration

A fee of \$50 for registration will be available on Qkr tonight. This fee will be deducted from Term 1&3 fees. Timetable to follow soon.

### 2024 Dance Committee

Dance Convenors – There will be 2 of us next year. Jennifer Hayden will be joining me. Thank you Jen!

Treasurer – Ronda Malek will remain as treasure next year and it will be her last in the ENPS community.

Costume Coordinator – Kylie Donaldson

### Semester 2 Fees

Term 3&4 fees are overdue. You would have received an email if you have outstanding fees. Please attend to this promptly!

If you have any questions, email [dance@enpspc.org](mailto:dance@enpspc.org)

Nojor Mode

P&C Dance Convenor

## UNIFORM SHOP

What is every parent's favourite Christmas song? (Answer at the end of this message!)

Please consider donating pre loved uniforms back to the shop. During the school holidays they can be dropped off at the front of 81 Devon St Nth Epping (\*\*new location\*\* - please do not drop off at no. 4). With these generous donations we will be able to sell them and earn funds to give back to the school.



**Volunteers needed:**

If you are able to spare some time (an hour or two) on the 27th Jan (packing orders) or the 28th Jan (2nd hand stall/hand out orders) then we would love to hear from you! Please email [uniformshop@enpspc.org](mailto:uniformshop@enpspc.org) and someone will be in touch to confirm details.

\*\* Uniform prices will be increasing slightly in the new year due to increased costs from our suppliers. Take advantage of the current prices by purchasing uniforms by the 14th December 2023. \*\*

**Important dates to remember:**

Thursday 14th Dec 2023:

The uniform shop will be open for the final time this year between 8:45 - 9:30am.

Sunday 28th January 2024:

Between 9am - 12pm the uniform shop will be open for new purchases, we will be holding a 2nd hand stall, and you will be able to pick up your Qkr orders bought during the school holidays. If you would like to book a uniform fitting, appointments will be made available on Qkr from the 15/12/23.

If you have any uniform shop queries, please email [uniformshop@enpspc.org](mailto:uniformshop@enpspc.org)

🌲 Wishing you all a wonderful and safe holiday! 🌲

Answer: Silent Night!

Jenny Choi  
Uniform Shop co-ordinator





## **ENOSHCP WORKING BEE**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO REFURBISH  
AND REFRESH THE CENTRE  
PLEASE VOTE FOR A DATE & RSVP IF  
YOU CAN HELP US.**

**OPTION 1: FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY**

**12 AM - 3 PM AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED**

**OPTION 2: SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY**

**10AM-1PM MORNING TEA PROVIDED**

**WE NEED HELPERS FOR:**

**CLEANING**

**FLAT PACK CONSTRUCTION**

**RUBBISH REMOVAL**

**ORGANISING AND SETTING UP RESOURCES**



**PLEASE VOTE FOR  
A DATE BY  
SCANNING THE  
QR CODE**



## Welcome to the start of 2024!

We welcome our newest families to attend the centre this year and can't wait to begin an amazing Vacation Care to kick off 2024!

## Ready for 2024?

Please make sure when booking into year groups, you book your children into year groups for 2024, so our Year 3s this year, will be able to attend SMASH activities in 2024.



## Tips for Summer 2023/24

- Reminder that no refunded cancellations can be made after the Early Bird cut off date of Friday 8th December without a medical certificate.
- Please pay close attention to the excursion times on excursion days and ensure you arrive before these times. Unfortunately due to time constraints we cannot wait for late families when we are scheduled to board our buses.
- For our outdoor excursions, please ensure you pack appropriate wet weather gear, enclosed shoes and a yellow hat.
- New Kindergarten children are able to attend from the first day of 2024, which is Monday 8th January.
- This program we have several water themed days to stay cool in the heat. Please make sure you bring swimmers or a change of clothes and a towel to get changed afterwards.
- For the excursion to Peak Pursuits, please ensure you complete the online waiver when making the booking and forward the confirmation to the centre, so we're able to track who has completed a waiver form.

## Teppanyaki

We're super excited to go out for lunch to Osaka Teppanyaki on Friday 12th January! For those that haven't been, teppanyaki is a type of cuisine cooked on a large metal plate or a Teppan often involving the chef putting on a show using their culinary skills! Be prepared to catch eggs, watch a fire volcano and see impressive knife skills all whilst enjoying a delicious meal.

Vegetarian options and allergen free meals are available.



## Check out some of our Activity Providers and Excursion Venues here!

[Bounce Inc - Trampoline fun!](#)

[SD Cinema - Interactive Amusement Rides for children](#)

[Australian Reptile Park - Reptiles galore!](#)

[Osaka Teppanyaki - St Leonards](#)

[World Ju Jitsu Federation West Ryde - Learn Martial Arts](#)

[Peak Pursuits - Rock Climbing, High Ropes and more!](#)

[Entertainment Sydney - Virtual Reality and Video Game fun!](#)

[Messy Makers Ryde and Lower North Shore - Slime Parties!](#)



## Ideas for future programs? Have your say!

We'd love to hear from you and your children! Each program we make is based off suggestions from our children and families. A bunch of our activities this program are suggested by you, including bowling, rock climbing, fine arts, trampolining and seeing animals at the zoo.

Let us know on our most recent program's survey here - <https://forms.gle/3ywdPF51N5wdNmW8>





**Monday**  
18th  
December

Excursion

## 9D Cinema

Embark on an extraordinary cinematic adventure as 9D Cinema Incursion brings an engaging interactive experience directly to us. Wear VR glasses to step into a world of captivating short movies. This one-of-a-kind event promises thrills and laughter. Join us for a day of cinematic wonder that's sure to leave everyone buzzing with excitement!

### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$71

Normal Price \$81

**Tuesday**  
19th  
December

Excursion

## BOUNCE Inc.

Love to Bounce? This is the excursion for you! Join us at Bounce Inc in Homebush for hours of trampoline fun! Need to work on your balance, coordination and agility? Learn through play at Bounce Inc! Don't forget your enclosed shoes and socks for today!

Excursion time: 9:45am - 2:00pm

### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



RECESS



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$81

Normal Price \$91

**Wednesday**  
20th  
December

In-Centre theme

## Christmas Party

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house everyone was panicking! Santa's gone missing! Team up with your friends to rescue Santa and save Christmas with our DIY Christmas escape room! We'll also be decorating gingerbread cookies and competing in a series of Christmas themed games such as wreath toss, pass the present and candy cane fishing!

Lunch provided

### WHAT TO BRING:



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$81

Normal Price \$71

**Thursday**  
21st  
December

Excursion

## Thursday 21st December - Closed for the Year



### Bookings are open from:

Bookings open on **Monday 20th November (Week 7)** for Epping North Families  
Bookings open on **Monday 27th November (Week 8)** for all other families.

### Closing Date for Bookings

All bookings must be made through our portal by **Friday 8th December (Week 9)** to receive the **Early Bird Special** prices.  
No cancellations can be made after **Friday 8th December (Week 9)**.



## Monday

8th January

Inclusion

### Splash Party

Grab your swimmers, towel and sunscreen and join us for the biggest Splash Party in North Epping! With a giant slip and slide on the oval, splash tower, ultimate water balloon battle and a snow cone machine it's sure to be a splashtastic day! Don't forget your sandals or thongs as the bees are sure to join us as well!



#### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



TOWEL



SWIMMERS



HAT

Early Bird \$71

Normal Price \$81

## Tuesday

9th January

Excursion

### Australian Reptile Park

Take a wild adventure with us today to the Australian Reptile Park! Check out Australia's impressive animal diversity with over 2500 animals to see including snakes, kangaroos, koalas and more! Learn about the park's success in antivenom programs and also keep an eye out for the famous Ploddy the Dinosaur on the way there!



Excursion time: 9:15am - 2:45pm

#### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



RECESS



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT

Early Bird \$81

Normal Price \$91

## Wednesday

10th January

Inclusion

### Mega Lego Build

After our success with the Lego Bowser last year we are keen to don our hard hats once again as we challenge ourselves to the Lego Pacman Arcade Machine featuring over 2650 pieces! We will also have a Pacman Tournament with the original computer game, play pacman tag at the COLA and get to know Blinky, Inky, Pinky and Clyde with a pixelated craft challenge! We will also be making Nachos for lunch today.

Lunch Provided

#### WHAT TO BRING:



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$71

Normal Price \$81

## Thursday

11th January

In-Centre theme

### It's Opposite Day

Topsey turvey, inside out, back to front, opposite day! Come dressed up with your clothes inside out or even back to front! We will be holding a back to front olympics with challenges such as backwards races, pin the donkey on the tail and the not my hands challenge. Breakfast for afternoon tea! We're all over the place today!

SMASH Excursion 2:00pm - 4:00pm to Ron Payne Park for Drip Drip Drench

#### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$81

Normal Price \$71

## Friday

12th January

Excursion

### Teppanyaki

Lunch and a show?! Sign me up! Watch as your lunch is prepared in front of your eyes by a professional chef! Try some Japanese cuisine with Chicken Teriyaki, Fillet Steak and Fried Rice and a choice of Lemonade or Juice. Don't forget the ice cream for dessert! Back at the centre we will also be challenging ourselves with some ikebana, origami and Sumo wrestling.

Excursion time: 11:00am - 2:30pm

#### WHAT TO BRING:



RECESS



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$81

Normal Price \$91



## Monday

15th January

Excursion

### West Ryde Ju-Jitsu

Learn to be a Martial Arts expert with our excursion today to World Ju-Jitsu Federation at West Ryde! Can you take on the challenge to break a martial arts board? Participate in fitness and strength challenges to learn discipline and become a Ju-Jitsu Master!

Excursion time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

#### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



RECESS



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$81

Normal Price \$91

## Tuesday

16th January

Excursion

### Little Builders' Marble Run

Join us for a day of hands-on fun with Little Builders' kits. The children can craft their very own wooden marble run to take home, complete with personalized artwork at the back of the run. It's a day of craftsmanship, innovation, & artistic expression!

SMASH Excursion to the Bakery from 2:00pm - 4:00pm

#### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$71

Normal Price \$81

## Wednesday

17th January

Excursion

### Elite Soccer

Still buzzing from the Fifa World Cup last year? Come along today to tune up your soccer skills with Elite Soccer! This excursion is perfect for young soccer enthusiasts looking to take their skills to the next level. Get ready to score goals, make new friends, and have a blast as we blend soccer training with exciting outdoor adventures. Lace up your boots and join the elite today!

Lunch provided

#### WHAT TO BRING:



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$71

Normal Price \$81

## Thursday

18th January

Excursion

### Top Ryde Cinema

We're off to the movies! Today we will be seeing 'Wish' the new Disney Pixar movie. Join Asha as she learns about the power of making wishes come true! With popcorn in hand and juice poppers at the ready, this promises to be an day filled with laughter and excitement.

Excursion time: 9:45am - 1:30pm

#### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



RECESS



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$81

Normal Price \$91

## Friday

19th January

In-Centre theme

### Yes Day

Yes Day is back by popular demand! Today the children make the plans for the day! Come along with your best ideas and the educators will ensure to say Yes! Slime, Nintendo, sports, crafts, games - what else do you want to see happen today?

#### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$81

Normal Price \$71



**Monday**  
22nd January

Excursion

## Peak Pursuits

Get ready to scale new heights and conquer the high ropes with Peak Pursuits' thrilling climbing excursion! Today is all about harnessing your inner climbers and reaching for the sky. Conquer the vertical world of rock walls and high ropes and combine fun, fitness, teamwork and let your confidence and courage soar to new peaks!

Excursion time: 9:15am - 1:00pm. Waiver form required.

### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



RECESS



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$81

Normal Price \$91

**Tuesday**  
23rd January

Incursion

## Splashtastic Slow-Mo Movie Making

Gav from OOSH TV is back by popular demand for another movie making incursion, this time with all things slow motion! Experiment with water balloons, bubbles, bottle rockets and more and best of all, watch it all over again in film once the day has finished!

Waiver form required to be read

### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



TOWEL



SWIMMERS



HAT



Early Bird \$71

Normal Price \$81

**Wednesday**  
24th January

Incursion

## Slime Lab

Join us today with Messy Makers for a Slime Lab incursion! Learn from the experts on how to make the perfect slime and bath bombs, both of which you can take home. To continue the messy theme we will also be making our own mini pizzas at the centre today!

Lunch provided

### WHAT TO BRING:



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$71

Normal Price \$81

**Thursday**  
25th January

Excursion

## Teddy Bears' Picnic

Today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic! Make your own cuddly friend today whether it be a bear, dog, elephant with plenty more to choose from! We'll be walking down to Steamroller Park today for a picnic lunch and play on the oval and equipment.

Excursion time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

### WHAT TO BRING:



LUNCH



DRINK BOTTLE



HAT



Early Bird \$71

Normal Price \$81

**Friday**  
26th January

Excursion

## Public Holiday - Australia Day



**Monday**  
29th January

Incursion

### Fine Art Day

Pull out your paint brushes and dust off your costumes you'll need them today as we explore all 7 types of fine arts - music, sculpting, painting, literature, architecture, performing, film making. We will be creating our own clay sculptures, making our own stop motion videos, designing and building paddlepop stick houses and much more! We also have OOSH made Sausage rolls on the menu for lunch today!

**Lunch Provided**

**WHAT TO BRING:**



DRINK BOTTLE HAT



Early Bird \$71

Normal Price \$81

**Tuesday**  
30th January

Excursion

### K-3 Strike & SMASH 4/5/6 Entermession

Get ready for a trip to the big city with this mega double excursion! K-3 will be off to Strike Bowling Darling Harbour for ten pin bowling. Years 4,5 and 6 will be going to Entermession Sydney for an incredible Virtual Reality Escape Room experience!

Excursion time: 9:45am - 3:15pm

**WHAT TO BRING:**



LUNCH RECESS DRINK BOTTLE HAT



Early Bird \$81

Normal Price \$81

**Wednesday**  
31st January

Incursion

### OOSH Carnival

Roll up Roll up! Come on down to the OOSH Carnival! Try your luck at giant connect 4, plinko and tennis darts. Go head to head with a friend in pie face, cookie face and make your own candy bracelet. We'll also have face paints, balloon animals and temporary tattoos!

**WHAT TO BRING:**



LUNCH DRINK BOTTLE HAT



Early Bird \$71

Normal Price \$81

**Thursday**  
1st February

Incursion

### Term 1 Begins



### Tips for Term 1

- Have you checked your Term 1 bookings yet? Don't forget to mark your child away or email the centre to advise of absences
- Don't forget to label all belongings! Jumpers, hats, shoes and anything else!
- For our younger children, don't forget to pack spare clothes in case of accidents!
- For our new families, don't forget to bring ID for your first drop off or pick up.
- Have a terrific 2024 from the team!





## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disclaimer: Epping North Public School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news, events and services which may be of interest. ENPS does not necessarily endorse the events and services and accepts no responsibility for their management, organisation or quality.



The poster features a green background with illustrations of children in various yoga poses: a boy in a wide-legged stance at the top left, a girl in a seated pose at the top right, a girl in a cobra pose at the bottom left, and a boy in a seated pose at the bottom right. A rolled-up blue mat is shown in the top center. At the bottom center, a sloth is depicted in a meditative pose on a leaf. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif fonts in yellow and white. A decorative horizontal line with a central diamond shape separates the date and time from the description. The bottom of the poster includes contact information and a logo for 'Qualia Occupational Therapy'.

# YOGA & MINDFULNESS

## JUNIOR (K - 2)

**11 & 12 JAN 2024**  
**12:30-3:30PM**

Children are invited to join us for a fun and interactive workshop focusing on building flexibility in mind and body.

yoga poses | breathing techniques | games  
mindfulness activities | story yoga

**COST \$450**

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# GET FIT AND MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE!



## Play netball for North Epping Rangers in 2024.

For the first time in 2024, we're offering **FREE REGISTRATION** for all NetSetGo Players aged from 6 to 10 years old.

We're excited to welcome returning NER netballers – and we warmly invite new players of all ages to join the 2024 Saturday winter netball season April to August.

Training starting in March 2024.

While you're registering your child, get a group of mums together to create a ladies team! Otherwise, you're welcome to register as an individual and we'll find a team for you.

**Registrations open on 17 December 2023 for the 2024 season.**

For any enquiries contact NER Netball Convenor Katrina Barnett:  
[netball.convenor@ner.org.au](mailto:netball.convenor@ner.org.au).

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### About NetSetGo

NetSetGo is a skill development-focused, non-competitive program for players who are turning 6-10 years old in 2024. It is designed to be a fun way to learn the basic skills and rules of netball.

Games are held on Saturday mornings at Brush Farm and training is held locally at North Epping Oval. Please note, U11's through to seniors play at Meadowbank Park.

**Register at: [www.ner.org.au/netball](http://www.ner.org.au/netball)**





EARLY BIRD  
DISCOUNT  
USE CODE **CAMP15**  
EXPIRES DEC 15

# JAN'24 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Mon Jan 22nd - Wed Jan 24th - 9am - 1pm

ELS Hall Synthetic Field, 109A Kent Rd, North Ryde  
BOYS & GIRLS 4-15 YEARS \$260 EX GST | New players will receive a complimentary camp kit  
Register at [justfootballacademy.com.au/register](https://justfootballacademy.com.au/register) | Enquiries can be made on 1300 724 189

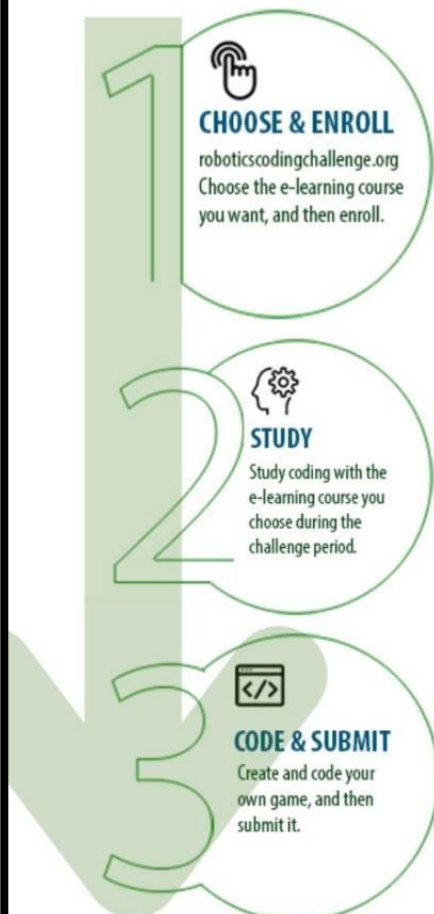


# UNSW 2024 Coding Challenge Invites You All



Immerse yourself into this **dangerous zombie world** to save people!

## How to Participate



UNSW Associate Professor Riza Yosia Sunindijo

The 2024 UNSW Robotics Coding Challenge is an initiative supported by the NSW government. It offers online coding courses to students in Australia, aiming to reach many Australian students especially girls and students in remote areas.

This coding challenge helps students learn STEM, Robotics, Coding, and Construction Engineering to inspire students to be future engineers.

## Coding Challenge Details



Scan the QR code to get more details

Homepage: [roboticscodingchallenge.org](https://roboticscodingchallenge.org)

Participants Fee: \$30

Target: K-Y12

(This coding challenge is suitable to all levels including beginners)

**Challenge Preparation Period:** From Summer Holiday 2023 till the end of Term 1 2024

**Challenge Submission Deadline:** By 10 PM 12 April 2024

**Award Ceremony:** 24 April 2024 At UNSW

**Coding Theme:** Save the world from the dangerous zombies

**Coding Software:** Scratch Junior, Scratch, Entry, and Python

**Code Building Guidelines:**

1. Material collection: The more interesting the enemies or obstacles you create, the higher your score increases.
2. Code to build various buildings and elements (weapons) when enough materials are collected.
3. Create an engaging story to make the game fun to play.



**Certificate, Trophies, medals, and gifts** are prepared for eligible students.



**Participants**  
All students in Australia are invited.



**You Are a Great Gem**  
You can be anything you want to be. Use this opportunity to push your limits.





# Northern Sydney Holiday Programs

22 DEC

EPHING BOYS HIGH SCHOOL  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

15 JAN

EPHING BOYS HIGH SCHOOL  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

24 JAN

MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL (GIRLS)  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER ONE  
OF THE FREE PROGRAMS ABOVE



QUESTIONS? EMAIL [DANIELLE.CHIVERS@CRICKETNSW.COM.AU](mailto:DANIELLE.CHIVERS@CRICKETNSW.COM.AU)





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# HORNSBY SHIRE LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CLUB



## THE BIG Summer READ



6 December 2023 – 23 January 2024

The Summer Reading Club is a free program run by Hornsby Shire Libraries designed to encourage children to read and explore the amazing world of books over the summer school holidays in December and January.

Participants can join us on **Wednesday 6 December for the Summer Reading Club Launch** with an exciting Drop In and Discover event at Hornsby Library.

There are great prizes to be won!

Hornsby, Pennant Hills, Berowra and Galston libraries will each have their own weekly prize draws and there will be an opportunity to win one of four major prizes of a \$50 book voucher at the end of the program.

Participate in this year's program using the Beanstack app or logbook.

**Registrations open Wednesday 6 December.** If you have not registered previously with Beanstack simply visit the Resources for Kids page on the Hornsby Shire Libraries website and click on the Beanstack link to fill out the registration form. Log books will be available for collection at all Hornsby Shire Libraries after the launch on Wednesday 6 December. Participants must register with a child's card to be eligible to win.

For more information on this event  
and more events in your library visit  
[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

HORNSBY SHIRE  
LIBRARIES



# HORNSBY SHIRE LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH



## THE BIG Summer READ

Come and join us for the launch of the Summer Reading Club with an exciting Drop In and Discover event at Hornsby Library.

Explore your creativity, construction skills and have fun with STEM in this interactive session. Activities include craft kits, colouring in with Quiver, Sphero Minis and more!

Bring your child's library card to register for the club and pick up your log book bag. All attendees who register on the night will go into the draw to win a \$50 book voucher.

### HORNSBY CENTRAL LIBRARY

Wednesday 6 December, 4.30pm-6pm

**Cost:** Free to Summer Reading Club participants

**Ages:** 0-12

**Bookings:** Bookings not required.

Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information on this event  
and more events in your library visit  
[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

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LIBRARIES







## Harry Potter Trivia

**\$200 CASH PRIZE**

**Saturday 13 January | 7pm**  
**\$10 per person, redeemable on the night**  
**for food or beverage purchases in 45 on Rawson**

Calling all Wizards & Witches, Muggles and Half-bloods! Think you're a Harry Potter buff? Join us for a night of spellbinding fun as Trivia Master Jason Montgomery delivers Potter-themed questions that would stump Hermione herself! Children over 10 years are welcome but must hold a ticket and be accompanied by an adult. Maximum table size 8 people. Please book as a team where possible.

**Bookings are essential via Customer Service on 9876 4357 or online at [www.eppingclub.com](http://www.eppingclub.com)**



**FREE KIDS EVENT**

## MiniFit Fitness Clinic with Anthony Minichiello

**Monday 29 January**  
**Session One 10am to 12pm (5 - 8 years)**  
**Session Two 1pm to 3pm (9 - 12 years)**

Led by NRL legend Anthony Minichiello, MiniFit is a fun-filled session of activities for all abilities encouraging health, fitness and wellbeing in kids! Sponsored by your Club this is a free kids' activity! Please note, a parent or guardian must attend the session and children cannot attend unsupervised.

**Bookings are essential via Customer Service on 9876 4357 or online at [www.eppingclub.com](http://www.eppingclub.com)**

## Kids Eat Free in Rawsons in January

This January, purchase any adult's main meal weekdays in Rawsons to receive a complimentary child's main meal free! It's great value dining for the whole family.

**See the website for more information.**

\*Terms & Conditions apply. Dine in only. No takeaways. Not available on public holidays. Not valid with any other promotional offer.



## Mr Snot Bottom Family Comedy Show

**Sunday 14 January | 3pm**  
**Grand Ballroom | \$13.50 plus booking fee per person**

Get ready for the most hilarious, snot-rific afternoon of fun with Mr Snot Bottom! Full of gross gags and the best type of humour: toilet humour... this live, interactive stand-up show is sure to delight kids and adults alike. Suitable for all ages and appealing to all!

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