



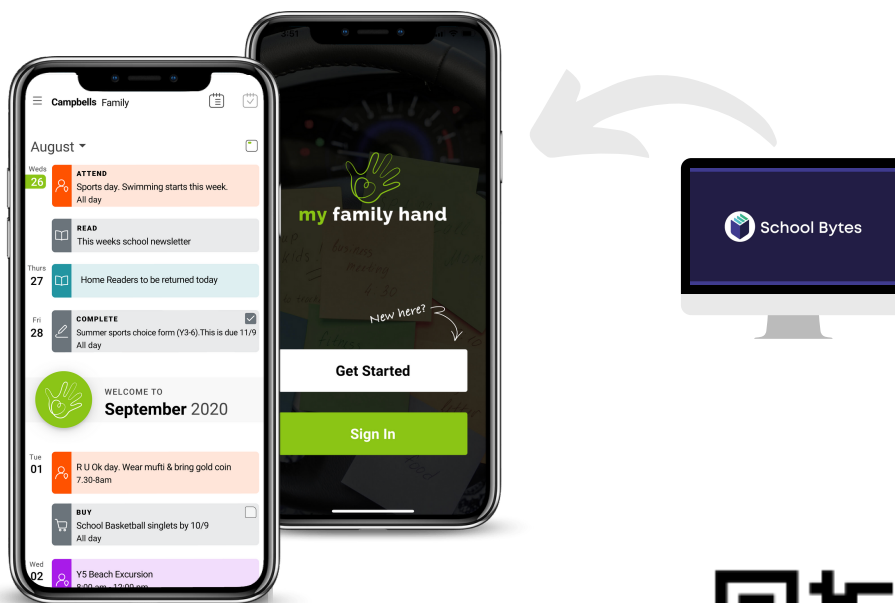
Term 1 Week 10

REMINDER: This will be our last paper newsletter for 2024. Please ensure that you have registered and downloaded the My Family Hand and School Bytes Apps so that you continue to receive all communication in Term 2. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. 😊

How we communicate



Our parent app is My Family Hand. My Family Hand is your personalised school calendar organiser.



REGISTER FOR MY FAMILY HAND

TAP OR SCAN HERE



My Family Hand works with School Bytes



School Bytes is for absences, payments & permission
You must have a School Bytes Parent Portal account to access My Family Hand.

No School Bytes account? - register here
<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/register>

Once registered with School Bytes, wait 24 hours to register for My Family Hand

Need Help?
Come to the School office
or email care@myfamilyhand.com.au

Dear Parents and Carers,



Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised for their achievements in Week 9 at our Easter/ Crazy Hat Parade.

KB- Zara, Jaxon, Lara	K-6C- Dustin, Liam P P, Liam E	5/6L- Jakob, Shianne, Rihanna
KH- Bryan, Heavenly, Jayden	3/4D- Aaliyah, Georgina, Cruz	5/6M- Jayleigh, Bayden, Minh
1K- Chelsea, Bailey, Azariah	3/4H- Diezel, Ameena, Kenneth	5/6S- Kaiden, Rhythm, Lua
1R- Truth, Izac, Mason	3/4L- Solaua, Brandon, Rhianna	K-6T- Jared
1/2S- Ace, Caleb, Tekira	3/4M- Razeel, Rhiannon, Horia	3-6B- Kingston, Jahmarl, Paige
2A- Mason, Sharntay, Tayif	5/6B- Chase, Adyan, Hayley	
2V- Melba-Jane, Lisaki, Hazel	K-6L- Gabriel	

Parents are invited to attend our next award assemblies in Term 2 Week 3.
K-2 Award Assembly- Thursday 2:15 in the Hall, 3-6 Award Assembly- Friday 2:15 under Area A COLA

Just a reminder...

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday 8 April

Tuesday 9 April

K-6 Morning Assembly

Wednesday 10 April

Term 1 Pinning Assembly

Cross Country

Thursday 11 April

ANZAC Day Assembly

Term 1 Icecream Attendance reward

Parent information session- Intervention program

Friday 12 April

Last day of Term 1 for students

Tuesday 30 April

First day of Term 2 for students



Term 1 attendance

Currently we have **196 out of 358 students** achieving the goal of 85% or above attendance. Our focus is to increase the number of students maintaining the 85% attendance target next term. This term we currently sit at 81% overall attendance and endeavour to get closer to 85% as the term progresses.



Please ensure your child does not miss out on their reward on Thursday in Week 11 by ensuring ALL absences are explained.

Everyday Matters!



Term 1 Tiger Pinning Ceremony

Our Term 1 Tiger Pinning Ceremony will be held during Week 11 **Wednesday 10 April**. This assembly will take place in our school hall. Parents and carers of students receiving a Tiger Pins this term should have received their invitation on Wednesday this week.

2024 Cross Country

A note will be sent home today about our Cross Country Carnival scheduled for next week **Wednesday 10 April at 11:30**. Back-up dates have also been listed for Term 2. This event is for students in Years 3-6 only and students in Year 2 who are turning 8 in 2024. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Please note: The Cross Country Note is an opt out note and only needs to be returned if you do not want your child to participate.

Parent/ Carer Information Session- Intervention program

Next **Thursday 11 April**, Mrs Marszal and Miss Booth will hold an information session for parents and carers of children receiving MiniLit and MacqLit Intervention this year. The session will be held in the Library at 3:10 and run for approximately 20 minutes. Light refreshments will be served. A flyer will be sent home as a reminder, with the children who participate in these lessons.

School Photos are happening Term 2 Week 1

Attached to this week's newsletter is our School Photo information. The school photos are being held **WEEK 1 Thursday 2 May**. Please note: Photo envelopes are separate.

Canteen staff needed

Yvonne in our canteen is looking for interested or experienced canteen staff for schools in the Mt Druitt and Blacktown area. If you would like more information, please leave your name and number at the school canteen.



OC Year 5 entry in 2025: Applications are NOW OPEN 4 April-20 May 2024

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. The classes help students learn by: Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning with peers who have similar abilities and interests. Opportunity classes are **not** zoned.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5.

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Equity provisions

The [Equity Placement Model](#) helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability.

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to support an increase in their participation.

Students from these groups may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school. Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at [Opportunity classes \(Year 5 – 6\)](#).

Ready to apply?

Apply online at: education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Yours faithfully,
Olivia Tredoux
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTO INFORMATION **FOR PARENTS**

MANAGING ANXIETY
TUESDAY APRIL 9 TH 10:30 AM - 1 PM

Join us for
• TIPS • TECHNIQUES • TOOLS

MT DRUITT LEARNING GROUND, BIDWILL SQUARE
BIDWILL NSW 2770

ARE YOU LIVING OR WORKING WITH AN ANXIOUS CHILD?

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF IT'S ANXIETY OR NORMAL WORRIES?

In this workshop you will develop a clearer understanding of anxiety and learn how to assist kids to manage anxiety well

CALL: 02 8319 1809, TEXT: 0438 187 611 OR
EMAIL: ISABEL@CHAINREACTION.ORG.AU



School Photos will be taken on Thursday 02 May 2024 – the first week of Term 2!

Please find attached an envelope and information about how to order school photos. If you are ordering online then please use the code **X1769PC51T**.

Please note:

- The school does not give change nor do the photographers. **PLEASE** ensure the correct money is enclosed.
- Ordering online is highly recommended. It is the safest way to order and record your purchase. Online is the only way you can pay using your credit card. Please visit <https://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au/> and use the code X1769PC51T.
- If you are interested in sibling/family photos, a separate envelope can be collected from the office.
- Students **MUST** wear full school uniform on the day.
- Each student must hand in their own completed envelope.
- To ensure a smooth-running day, payment envelopes must be returned to the office Wednesday 1 May 2024

Miss Booth
Assistant Principal

Olivia Tredoux
Principal

KIDS FUN DAY



HAVE SOME FUN &
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WEDNESDAY
17TH APRIL
11AM-2PM

SPORT, GARDENING, CRAFT,
FACE PAINTING, TOYS, FREE
BBQ, AND A GUESSING
COMPETITION

Tregear Community
Centre
108 Ellsworth Dr, Tregear





PLAYGROUPS IN 2770!



MONDAY

Mission Australia Playgroup (0-5yrs)

9:30AM-11:00AM

Location: **28 Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt**

Hellene: **0475 975 631**

Donna: **0475 802 216**

Gulyangarri Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9AM - 11AM

Location: **Willmot Community Hub**

Aboriginal Play Sessions for families with children prior to school

Contact Linda: **0419 098 034**

School Readiness

10:30AM - 12:00PM

Location: **Yenu Allowah Mt Druitt**

Must be going to Kindy next year to attend

Contact: **0429 623 159 or 02 8805 4800**

Story Time for Preschoolers (3-5yrs)

10:30AM-11:00AM *School terms only*

Location: **Mt Druitt Library**

Contact Jaspinder: **8886 2000**

WEDNESDAY

Mission Australia Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9AM - 11AM

Location: **Noumea Public School**

Hellene: **0475 975 631**

Donna: **0475 802 216**

Stories Around the World (3-5yrs)

10:30AM-11:30AM

School terms only

Location: **Mt Druitt Library**

Contact Jaspinder: **8886 2000**

Bidwill Busy Bees (0-5yrs)

9:30AM-10:30AM

Location: **Bidwill Uniting**

School terms only

Contact The Hive: **9628 8262**

Young Mums and Bubs Group (0-5yrs)

10AM-2PM

Location: **Babaayn Aboriginal Corporation Emerton**

Open to young Aboriginal mums aged 16-25, pick up + drop off available depending on location.

Lunch provided

Contact Janaya: **0490 807 673**

FRIDAY

Connected Beginnings Playgroup (GWAHS) (0-5yrs)

Location: **Kimberwalli Whalan**

Last Friday of every Month, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Morning tea provided, Child Health nurse onsite

Contact: **0439 092 446 to RSVP**

Sing and Grow

10 AM - 11:30AM

Location: **Mission Australia**

28 Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt

10 AM - 11:30AM

Contact: **1800 436 436**



FREE MONTHLY BOOK

For children aged 0-4.5 living in Bidwill, Lethbridge Park, Tregear and Willmot

Message The Hive on Facebook to register!



TUESDAY

Gulyangarri Playgroup (3-5 yrs)

9AM - 2:30PM

Location: **Shalvey Public School**

Gulyangarri is FREE for all

Indigenous kids

*Parents need to stay at least 1/2 hour

with the child & attend 'Yarning

Circle** held twice a term

Contact Vickilee:

0419 098 034

Messy Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9:30AM - 10:30AM

Location: **Bidwill Uniting Hall**

(Mission Australia)

Hellene:

0475 975 631

Donna:

0475 802 216

Baby Rhyme Time (0-2 yrs)

10:30AM - 11:00AM

School terms only

Location: **Mt Druitt Library**

Contact Jaspinder: **8886 2000**

Tiny Teddies Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9AM - 10:00AM

Location: **Emerton Public School**

Contact: **9268 6367**



THURSDAY

Community Junction Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9AM - 11AM

Location: **Lethbridge Park Public School**

*Aboriginal Play sessions for families

Contact Linda: **0419 098 034** or

lindah@communityjunction.org.au

Sing and Grow

9AM - 10:30AM

Location: **Hebersham Public School**

*Bookings required, program is 8 weeks long

Contact Family Links: **0434 086 887**

Playgroup in the Park (0-5 yrs)

9:30AM - 11:30AM

Location: **Heber Park, Hebersham**

School terms only

Contact: Kelly at **0409 187 516**

Baby Rhyme Time (0-2 yrs)

10:30AM-11:00AM

School terms only

Location: **Mt Druitt Library**

Contact Jaspinder: **8886 2000**

Family Connections

10:30AM - 12:00PM

Location: **Yenu Allowah Mt Druitt**

Contact: **0434 086 887, BOOKING**

REQUIRED

Tiny Teddies Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

9AM - 10:00AM

Location: **Emerton Public School**

Contact: **9268 6367**

KU Starting Points

9:30AM - 11:30 AM

*For families with a 0-5

child with additional

needs*

Location: **KU Shalvey**

Preschool

Booking required, contact

Sara: **0406 808 993**



To the best of our knowledge, this information is up to date and correct.

- If you are aware of any mistakes or would like to share info on a new playgroup, please let us know
- Most playgroups do not operate within the school holidays
- If you would like any more information, or to generally chat about other early learning options in the community, call or text the Hive: **0406 579 297, Facebook Message: @thehivemtdruitt**