

# THE BAY NEWS



Term 2 Week 10

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025

## SAVE THE DATE

### Term 3

**21<sup>st</sup> July** - School Development Day  
**22<sup>nd</sup> July** - Students return  
**25<sup>th</sup> July** - School Athletics Carnival  
**29<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Photo Day  
**1<sup>st</sup> August** - Year 1 Excursion  
Rumbalara Kincumber  
**4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August** - Education Week  
**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August** - Book Fair  
**5<sup>th</sup> August** - Grandparents Day  
**5<sup>th</sup> August** - P&C Meeting  
**7<sup>th</sup> August** - Netball Gala Day  
**8<sup>th</sup> August** - Koorana Cup  
**8<sup>th</sup> August** - Year 2 Excursion  
Rumbalara Kincumber  
**11<sup>th</sup> August** - Books for Life  
Incursion  
**14<sup>th</sup> August** - CC Choral Festival  
Rehearsal  
**15<sup>th</sup> August** - Athletics Carnival  
Backup date  
**19<sup>th</sup> August** - Kinder Excursion to  
Laycock Theatre.

Please continue to check your  
Parent Portal Calendar for changes  
and updates.

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Education

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we close out Term 2, it's a great moment to pause and reflect on just how much our school community has accomplished over the past ten weeks. From deep learning in classrooms to exciting co-curricular experiences, it's been a term filled with growth, connection and a strong sense of purpose. I continue to be so proud of the way our students are engaging with their learning and of the commitment our staff show every day to making our school a place where everyone thrives. While I say this with pride, it's a view often echoed by visitors who comment on the strong sense of community and learning they observe.

### Public Speaking

Our students recently participated in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition final, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Each student spoke with confidence, clarity and passion—representing our school with pride. A special congratulations goes to Forrest who was awarded first place, a well-deserved recognition of her thoughtful speech and powerful delivery. All participants should be commended for the way they embraced the opportunity and demonstrated such maturity and respect for diverse perspectives.

### 'Resilient' Learner Disposition Morning Tea

This week we celebrated our 'Resilient' Learner Disposition with a special morning tea for students who consistently demonstrated perseverance, problem-solving and a positive mindset in their learning. It was a joy to acknowledge these students and the way they bounce back from challenges, show grit in the face of setbacks, and keep striving to improve. Their attitude sets a strong example for others and reflects the kind of learner we value at our school.



### Kindergarten Cultural Continuum Incursion

This term, our Kindergarten students took part in a special Cultural Continuum incursion held here at our school. We were honoured to welcome Aunty Elaine, who shared a beautiful story with the children that sparked rich conversations about culture, connection, and Country. We also hosted visiting Kindergarten groups from across the Peninsula schools, making the day a wonderful opportunity for shared learning and new friendships. It was a meaningful experience that helped lay important foundations for our students' cultural understanding and respect.

### Student Voice Ambassadors

Early in June, our Student Voice Ambassadors attended the Central Coast Student Voice Program at Lisarow High School. This inspiring day brought together students from across the region to explore leadership, agency and inclusion. Our ambassadors participated in workshops, collaborated with peers, and shared ideas they've since brought back to our own school. Their passion for student voice continues to shape a culture where every student feels heard, valued and empowered to contribute.

### Futures Academy - HPGE

In Week 8, our Brisbane Water Futures Academy focused on the *Physical Domain*, with our Year 3 students engaging in a range of sport-based activities designed to develop and strengthen foundational movement skills. Through team games, physical challenges, and reflective tasks, students explored the connection between physical learning and cognitive development—building coordination, resilience, and collaboration. These experiences not only supported skill development but also highlighted students' ability to think strategically and work effectively in teams. Next term, we look forward to welcoming five selected Year 3 students into the program, providing them with the opportunity to extend their learning through this dynamic, high-potential environment supported by experts in their sporting field.

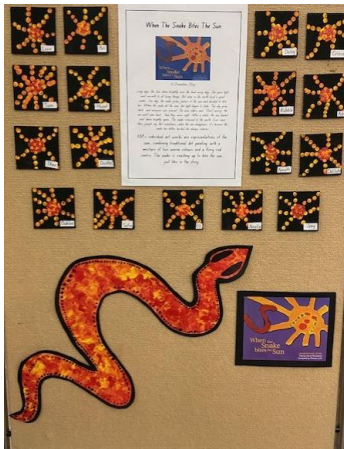


Not only do our students represent our school but also our teaching staff. Congratulations to both Mrs Davis – presenting all things HPGE and Mrs McGavin – presenting the Future Principal Leadership to other Directors, Principals and school leaders.

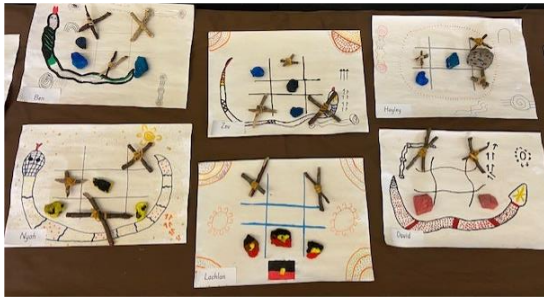




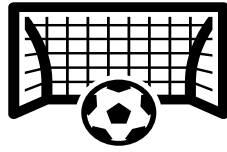
# MARRAMARRA 2025











Estelle, Olive, Sasha, Leia and Greta representing at Cheerleading.



## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Robbie, Alex and Chevy for being selected in the Combined Zone Soccer Team.

### Year 5 and 6 Touch Football



Our Stage 3 girls and boys proudly represented the school at the Touch Football Knockout Gala Day. Despite playing in pouring rain and strong winds, they showed incredible resilience and teamwork. The girls won their first game against Copacabana but narrowly missed out in their second match against Kincumber. The boys had a similar result in winning their first game also against Copacabana but going down in their match against Avoca. They should be proud of their efforts and great sportsmanship they displayed throughout the day.





	Merit Award		Recipients
<b>KA</b>	Jack A, Thea P, Kanoa J, Leo H, Winnie Mc, Nixon O, Sophie R, Cora B, Noah H, Willow W, Alice S	<b>3M</b>	Jesse G, Kai B
<b>KC</b>	Blythe, A Fynn S, Ruby S, Bobby R, Jaxson B, Caio F, Penny B, Lilah L, Luca G, Charlie G, April L, Vance F	<b>3/4R</b>	Jett B, Ruby C, Michael T, Rafael L
<b>KM</b>	Delilah G, Crixus T, Joey H, Daisy H, Amalfi V, Daisy H, Theo S, Crixus T, Hazel G, Ari L, Eli A, Adi W	<b>4D</b>	Harlem H, Aila F
<b>1B</b>	Marley L, Macie Mc, Sienna S, Mia P, Harlow Mc, Ryan B, Jonathon M, Willow M, Ivy K, Olive D, Xander N, Luna W	<b>4J</b>	Lleon LB, Felix R, Amelia W, Lennox G, River H, Cooper E, Radha C
<b>1H</b>	Louis W, Olivia MZ, Logan Mc, Tully L, Imogen K, Jovie B, Maise D, Ivy D, Hunter W, Freya S	<b>5C</b>	Leo M, Kalani R, Liam N, Arlo W
<b>2C</b>	Hazel S, Bailey G, Emil R, Isaac L, Emil R, Isaac L,	<b>5M</b>	Anna S, Amalee I, Oscar H, Sophie M, George K
<b>2K</b>	Daniel J, Coco P, LJ A, Hendrix T, Riley O, Zahli P, Anna B, Lincoln A, Hunter D	<b>5/6H</b>	Zac H, Daisy M, Indiana P, Oscar W
<b>2W</b>	James L, Amelia J, Dylan D, Willa F, James L, Amelia J, Dylan D, Willa F	<b>6S</b>	Sienna N, Harper T
<b>3L</b>	Grace C, Benjamin C, Cohen H, Hayley R	<b>6T</b>	Dylan R, Noah F, Robbie M, Ivy N





**Sustainability**



**At Empire Bay**

**EBPS Sustainability Leaders: Growing a Greener Future**

This term, our dedicated Sustainability Leaders have embarked on an exciting journey to plan their Leadership Project, with guidance from the Rumbalara Environment Education Centre. Their mission? To inspire change and enhance sustainability at our school while educating fellow students at EBPS.

The leaders initially focused on two key areas: Biodiversity and Water Conservation. Through brainstorming sessions and discussions, they investigated a range of innovative projects. After careful consideration, two standout ideas emerged: the creation of a wildflower meadow at the back of our school to boost biodiversity, and the installation of a water refill station to replace some of our existing bubblers. A recent water audit revealed that bubblers were significant contributors to water wastage

However, challenges arose during the planning stages. Unfortunately, budget constraints prevented the immediate installation of the water refill station. Additionally, ongoing excavation work at the proposed site for the wildflower meadow hindered access. In light of these obstacles, our leaders have adapted their plans and are now in the step-by-step planning stage to construct a large wicking bed. This innovative gardening method allows for efficient water usage, making it an ideal solution for our sustainability goals. The wicking bed will also provide a perfect environment for seeding wildflowers, further enhancing biodiversity at our school.

This project will require extensive preparation and collaboration, as our leaders seek support from their peers to bring their vision to life. We are excited to see how this wicking bed project unfolds and look forward to sharing updates on our progress. Stay tuned for more news as we work together towards a greener future at EBPS!



**REMEMBER – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL is Week 1 Term 3**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July





Empire Bay Public Speaking Team

Empire Bay  
Debating Team




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### *Positive Behaviour Learning Focus*

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## **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus: Term 3: Weeks 1-6**

### **Playground/Games, Classrooms/Assembly, Eating Time.**

Spatial Awareness – Hands off each other. Be careful when kicking the ball, NO jumping over silver seats. Buddy bench, NO equipment when a teacher is not there, good sportsmanship-speak respectfully to each other. NO hat, play in the shade. K-3 and 4-6 Ovals, Play fairly, honestly.

Use equipment properly and keep workspace tidy. Use your manners and support classmates. Have equipment ready, take pride in your work. Be GREEN in the classroom – brainstorm new ways.

Keep the aisle free, put your hand up if you need the teacher. Participate and respond when needed- sit and stand quietly for songs. Enter and exit the hall quietly, listen to all messages and support all award recipients.

Sit down while eating, eat your food only – NO SHARING – Allergy awareness

Use a quiet voice and eat without talking, put your hand up if you need the teacher. Place your belongings in your bag, put all rubbish in the correct bins.

Please reinforce the above expectation at home with your child

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**



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## CANTEEN

**As always:** Thanks to our wonderful community for supporting our school canteen. Without the support we have, we wouldn't be able to open.

**Volunteers:** Thank you to our wonderful volunteers! If you have some time to spare, come in and help out in the canteen! Even if it's 30 minutes at drop off, it is a huge help. Come in anytime from 8.30am – 11.30am. If you are thinking of volunteering in our canteen this year, new government legislation states that everyone must hold a 'Food Handler Basics Training' certificate from 8/12/24. This is a free course and can be found at <https://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/training/food-handler-basics-training> . If you could complete this course and either email or print out and bring the certificate in, we can add it on file. This only needs to be done once. Thanks again for your support!

**Special Order Days:** We had our last Sushi Day for the term on Wednesday 25/6/25. We will be having more Sushi days and a winter warmers day for term 3.

**Winter Treats:** We are trialling some new snacks and things for term 2 and 3! We will be having pizza scrolls, noodles, baked beans and spaghetti cups all coming up! Keep a lookout for the signs at the canteen and on Facebook for when these will be available!



**Late Orders/Cancelled Orders:** The cut off time for orders on Flexischools is 8.30. If you have missed the cut off time, please call the school before 9.00am to speak to the canteen. Orders cannot be taken after this time due to time frames with cooking and preparing for lunch at 11.00am. If your child has forgotten their lunch, they can see the office ladies who will give them a slip for the canteen with a choice of a vegemite sandwich, a cheese sandwich or a cheese and ham roll for lunch. You will then receive a note home with amount owed. If you have placed an order and your child is away, please contact the school and speak to the canteen before 9.00am. Due to time frames with cooking and preparing, it is not possible to cancel the order after this time, however, we can hold onto non-perishable drink/snack items for the next day. **Thanks, Michelle and the Canteen Team**



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## P & C NEWS

**Next Meeting:** Mark your calendars for **Tuesday 5th August, at 7PM!**

Join us at the school library. We'll be sharing exciting updates and new initiatives at the school. Everyone is welcome, so we hope to see you there!

**Athletics Carnival:** We will be running a canteen at the Athletics Carnival on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July**. A special order sausage sizzle will be available for students and parents through Flexischools. You can also order other hot foods and snacks via Flexischools.



**Father's Day Stall:** This year's Father's Day Stall will be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift with their class during their allocated timeslot. This is always a highly anticipated event for the kids.

**Trivia Night:** Save the date! We're planning a trivia night for parents and carers on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. Stay tuned for more details.

**How do you contact us?** To contact our P&C please email [ebps.pc@gmail.com](mailto:ebps.pc@gmail.com).



**Join us on Facebook!**

Like our Facebook Page - **Empire Bay Public School P&C** to keep up to date with all things P&C and Canteen.



### Medication at school

Parents/carers of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a **written request**, this can be obtained from the front office.

In some cases, a medical practitioner may not write a prescription for a medication because it may be available 'over the counter'. NSW Health advises that 'over the counter' medication may still be harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for non-prescribed medications as for prescribed medications, so we will require a written request and appropriate pharmacy packaging for this also.

### Holidays and Leave

If you are taking your family on a holiday outside of school holidays and it will be **5 school days or longer**, please be aware that as a government school we require a leave application to be completed including where you are going, the dates and any itinerary. This is Department of Education requirement. The principal will consider the application. If approved, we will issue your family with a certificate of extended leave.

### Safety around the School

School grounds must be safe for all students, staff and visitors.

Just a reminder, **please do not enter the staff parking areas to drop off or pick up your child after 7:30am or prior to 4pm**. There is signposting on the road along both sides of Empire Bay Drive for stopping and parking, please only stop or park in these locations.

The bus bays are for turning around safely, **please do not stop, drop off your child or park in that area**.



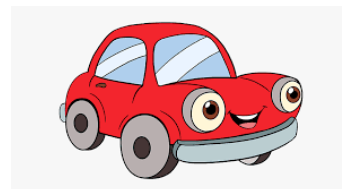
### Working with Children Check Declaration



If you are wishing to volunteer and assist in your own child's classroom or canteen, please see the office for a Working with Children declaration, these can now be completed electronically.

### Transporting Students

Parents or close relative volunteers who take student to school activities are required to have completed a WWCC Declaration. The school needs to submit a verification request through our DoE system and be verified in the system before the excursion date. This process is only if students are collected from school and driven to an activity or event. Students that are taken directly to the destination prior to coming to school do not need to complete these steps.



### Change of after school arrangements

If you require to change the after school arrangements for your child/ren, please ensure you contact the school **by phone prior to 2pm** by phone and we can ensure they receive your notification before the end of the school day. Please do not email the school with change of plan arrangements.

**Payments Due:** Please refer to School Bytes for consent form and payment.

**Stage 1** (Years 1 and 2) – Rumbalara Education Excursion - \$ 23.00

**Stage 2** (Years 3 and 4) - Scope It: \$49 – (Creative Kids Vouchers accepted)

**Year 6 Canberra** –Term 4 – Instalments can now be made

**Whole school** – Athletics Carnival \$13.50

**Whole school** – Books for Life Incursion- \$10.00

Kathy Rudd  
School Administration Manager



## Central Coast Dance Festival Performances



## Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp







**Umina Tennis & Soccer HOLIDAY CAMP**

(9am - 3pm)  
\$35 per day

**\$110wk**

**Tuesday 8th July- Friday 11th July**

UMINA SPORTS PRECINCT MELBOURNE AVE UMINA BEACH  
MSG KRISTY TO BOOK YOUR SPOT 0410828278

## STRENGTH CONFIDENCE COMMUNITY

### ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR TERM 3

Looking for a fun confidence-building activity for your child next term? Black Belt Martial Arts Kincumber is now enrolling for Term 3! Our classes help kids develop focus, resilience, and respect—all while staying active and having fun. Suitable for ages 18 months and up.

BBMA Kincumber has been teaching martial arts for over 17 years in a fun, supportive environment. With karate, kickboxing, and self defence programs for all ages book your free introductory lesson today!



0494 153 765

info@bbmakincumber.com.au

7/1 Kerta Rd Kincumber

blackbeltmartialartskincumber.com.au

**SkateTech**

## DISCOVER THE FUN OF

# SKATEBOARDING

Looking for an exciting holiday adventure? Join our Full Day Safe Skate Camp at **Umina Skatepark**. Perfect for complete beginner to intermediate riders aged 5-15. We provide all the gear and a whole lot of fun!

**Date: Wednesday July 9**

**Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

### LAST CHANCE DISCOUNT!

Save \$15 - Just \$105 for the day.

Booking closes Monday July 7



"Our kids didn't want to leave; they're hooked on skateboarding now!" - Dana, Parent

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Expert coaching from passionate local skaters
- Use of skateboards, protective gear and ramps
- Delicious lunch (pizza and snacks + dietary options)
- Fun games, team challenges, and prizes

## SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

### BOOK NOW:

[www.skate-tech.com](http://www.skate-tech.com)

0432 575 110

contact@skate-tech.com



Scan below to Secure Your Spot!



This isn't just about skateboarding—it's about building confidence, making friends, and creating amazing memories. Let's make this holiday unforgettable at Umina Skatepark!

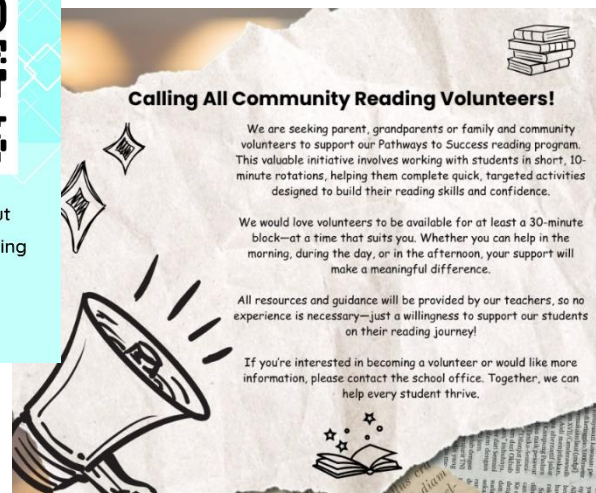
## Calling All Community Reading Volunteers!

We are seeking parent, grandparents or family and community volunteers to support our Pathways to Success reading program. This valuable initiative involves working with students in short, 10-minute rotations, helping them complete quick, targeted activities designed to build their reading skills and confidence.


We would love volunteers to be available for at least a 30-minute block—at a time that suits you. Whether you can help in the morning, during the day, or in the afternoon, your support will make a meaningful difference.

All resources and guidance will be provided by our teachers, so no experience is necessary—just a willingness to support our students on their reading journey!

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information, please contact the school office. Together, we can help every student thrive.







**SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH**


Come and try cricket at a Sydney Sixers holiday bash, perfect for boys and girls aged 5-10. No experience or equipment required.

**Two program options!**

Erina High School 8 July 9am-1pm	OR	Lisarow High School 17 July 8:30am-12:30pm
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**Only \$40 for 4 hours of fun!**

[REGISTER NOW!](#)




## **PENINSULA JUNIOR TOUCH 25/26 SEASON REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

ONLINE REGISTRATION can be done via our website 24/7  
[www.peninsulajuniortouch.com.au](http://www.peninsulajuniortouch.com.au)

- Online Registrations **OPEN** – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Online Registrations **CLOSE** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
**\$122 per player**

(includes playing top, TFA MEMBERSHIP (\$22) and NSWTA MEMBERSHIP (\$30))

- BOYS & GIRLS – Under 8'S - (DOB years 2020, 2019, 2018)
- BOYS & GIRLS – Under 10'S - (DOB years 2016 & 2017)
- BOYS & GIRLS – Under 12'S - (DOB years 2014 & 2015)
- BOYS & GIRLS – Under 14'S - (DOB years 2012 & 2013)
- BOYS & GIRLS – Under 16'S - (DOB years 2010 & 2011)

Watch our social pages for more information!!!

GET CREATIVE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT MAC!



July Hols. 2 Full Days of singing, dancing & drama. Kindy-Year 6 Kids.  
**BOOK YOUR CHILD'S SPOT TODAY.**  
[www.moveartscamp.com](http://www.moveartscamp.com)

2 full days of dancing, singing, drama & art, all for only \$140. PLUS we have a talent show (yes - with prizes up for grabs!) at the end of day 2! MAC is running from 8.30am-3.30pm on Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th July @ Central Coast Adventist School. You can rest assured that these two days will be a hit with your kids. They'll be begging to go back every school holidays. (Great news for your wallet and your sanity!)

As with all OOSH & Vacation Care Groups we anticipate to sell fast - so we recommend booking in now to avoid disappointment. Strictly limited spots. Bookings can be made on our

website [www.moveartscamp.com](http://www.moveartscamp.com)

### **Central Coast Winter Holiday Junior Chess Tournament (ages 6 to 17)**



**Before entering,  
please email me  
for the full flyer**

For NSW country players. Limited to 88.  
 Please don't pay until entry confirmed.

#### **Entry fee \$10**

For full entry details  
 please email, not text:

Gary Losh

[glosh6090@gmail.com](mailto:glosh6090@gmail.com)

0432 453 726

Tuesday 15 July

**Must pre-enter by Sunday 13 July**

Erina Trust Hall (enter via Ilya Ave off Karalta Rd)  
 9.30am – 4.00pm

**Minimum ability: Must know how to move the  
pieces and complete games independently.**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
9am-12:00 Naidoc Painting 1pm-4pm FreeG (parkour)	9am-12:00 STEM Gaga Ball 1pm-4pm Gymnastics	9am-12:00 Mini Olympics Origami/Beads 1pm-4pm Handstands, Cartwheels and rolls Friendship Day	9am-12:00 Basketball Oztag 1pm-4pm Tramp & Tumbling	9am-12:00 Ultimate Frisbee Pickleball 1pm-4pm Bars & Beam Workshop
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
9am-12:00 Netball Futsal 1pm-4pm Dodgeball Origami/Beads	9am-12:00 Disco Dance Party Nerf Tag 1pm-4pm Roundoff, Walkover & tumbling basics	9am-12:00 Basketball Athletics 1pm-4pm Gymnastics	9am-12:00 Floor Ball Newcombe Ball 1pm-4pm Tramp & Acro	9am-12:00 AFL Winterfest Crafts 1pm-4pm Gymnastics taster day
MON	Drop off from 8.30am and Pick up until 4.30pm Bring Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea. Canteen will be available after lunch for ice creams and lollies.		Join us this July for our Half Day Programs - A Fun Introduction to Mixed Activities in Safe and Friendly Environments! Ages 5-12 years	
9am-12:00 Gaga Ball Nerf Tag 1-3pm FreeG (parkour)				

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



## HSC & TRIAL INVIGILATORS Required

We are looking for qualified individuals to join our team and contribute to the smooth and fair administration of our HSC and Trial examinations. Training will be provided to the right applicants

If you would like more information, please contact BWSC Woy Woy Campus for a detailed job description.  
Email: [woywoy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:woywoy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



**AVOCA BEACHSIDE MARKETS**

**2025 DATES**

JANUARY 19TH	JULY 27TH
FEBRUARY 23RD	AUGUST 24TH
MARCH 23RD	SEPTEMBER 28TH
APRIL 27TH	OCTOBER 26TH
MAY 25TH	NOVEMBER 23RD
JUNE 22ND	DECEMBER 6TH TWILIGHT

**HEAZLETT PARK FORESHORE**  
9AM - 2PM

FAIRPLAY STAR104.5 COLOUR CONCEPT

[FIXXEVENTS.COM.AU](http://FIXXEVENTS.COM.AU)

Happy Holidays

STAY SAFE AND BE HEALTHY