



Central Mangrove Public School

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Newsletter Term 2 Week 5 2025

Up and coming events

Event	Year	Date	General Information
Basketball	K-6	Fridays Term 2	Sport In Schools Grant
Small Schools Football Gala Day	Selected Students	Wednesday 25 June	Note coming home ASAP
Mobile Dental Clinic	K-6	Thursday 26 June	Information to follow
Great Aussie Bush Camp	3-6	Wed 23 July – Fri 25 July	Notes and payments due
Last day of Term 2		Friday 4 July	



Principal's News

Dear Parents / Carers

After a week of rain, it's refreshing to see the sun shining again, just in time for the Zone Cross Country!

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to Annabella, Thomas, Adrian, Mason, Charlie, Relena and Sheng who represented Central Mangrove Public School as part of the Karion Mountains Small Schools team at Wyoming today. The students represented our school with pride and great sportsmanship. Well done kids!



Kindergarten Transition

Last week, I met with Louisa Foxford, Director of the Mangrove Community Children's Centre, to discuss enhancing transition to school programs at our school. Through collaboration with the centre, our school will provide a series of engaging themed days that will help our youngest learners become familiar with our school environment and community.

Throughout the remainder of the year, we will host four special themed days, which are open to children in the Mountains community starting Kindergarten at any school next year:

1. **NAIDOC Celebration: 30th June:** This morning will honour the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students will participate in various activities that promote understanding and respect for our First Nations cultures.
2. **Science Week Celebration: 11th August:** Our school will open its doors to preschoolers for a morning of exploration and discovery. Students will engage in hands-on science experiments and activities that spark curiosity and a love for learning.
3. **Sport Day: 17th September:** Physical activity is vital for young learners, and our Sport Day will introduce preschoolers to the fun of teamwork and sportsmanship through a variety of games and challenges.
4. **Christmas Craft: 8th December:** As the festive season approaches, we will host a Christmas Craft Day where preschoolers can explore their creativity through holiday-themed crafts, fostering their artistic skills and imagination.

To further strengthen connections, our students will also visit the preschool once this term (23rd June) and once next term (18th August). These visits will provide opportunities for our students to build friendships and establish meaningful connections with preschoolers, fostering a sense of community and support as they prepare for their transition to school.

In addition to these visits, we will conduct regular transition visits during Term 4 for children enrolling at Central Mangrove Public School in 2026. These visits will allow preschoolers to

explore our school, meet their future teachers, and engage in classroom activities, ensuring a smooth and positive transition to school life.

We believe that this partnership will provide invaluable experiences for our preschoolers and strengthen their connection to our school community. We look forward to welcoming our future students and working together to support their learning journey! A flyer will be available from next week to share with friends and family.

Academic Reports

This year, we're introducing updated school reports in line with Department of Education guidelines. The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand.

Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas. Teacher comments will appear in English, mathematics and the general comment section, in line with department policy. The general comment for Kindergarten also covers all other key learning areas including, creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, and science and technology.

A new achievement scale and descriptions are included to provide a clearer picture of your child's progress.

Reporting on Achievement:

Achievement	Description for parents/carers
Outstanding	A Your child's achievement in this subject is outstanding. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of new and complex situations.
High	B Your child's achievement in this subject is high. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of familiar and new situations.
Expected	C Your child's achievement in this subject is at the expected standard. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations.
Basic	D Your child's achievement in this subject is basic. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations with support.
Limited	E Your child's achievement in this subject is limited. They apply their knowledge and skills in some familiar situations with significant support.

Reporting on effort:

Effort	Description for parents/carers
High	Your child actively participates and engages in most learning activities. They always try to complete and present work to a high standard.
Satisfactory	Your child actively participates and engages in most learning activities. They regularly try to complete and present work to the required standard.
Low	Your child sometimes participates and engages in learning activities. They occasionally try to complete and present work to the required standard.

We welcome your feedback or questions about the new report format. Reports will be sent home in Week 10 of this term.

School Behaviour Management Plan

At our school, the wellbeing of our students is our top priority. We recognise the importance of creating a positive and supportive environment where all students can thrive. To this end, we are excited to announce that we are revamping our behaviour management and wellbeing systems to better support the needs of our students.

Our updated approach will focus on promoting positive behaviours through PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) programs, fostering respectful relationships, and providing tailored support for students facing challenges. We believe that by enhancing our behaviour management strategies, we can create a more inclusive and nurturing school environment that encourages all students to succeed both academically and socially.

As part of this process, we are committed to involving our school community in the development of our revised School Behaviour Management and Support Plan. Next week, we will be sending home the draft plan for your feedback. We value your insights and perspectives, as they are essential in shaping a system that works best for our students and families.

We encourage all parents and caregivers to take the time to review the plan and share your thoughts with us. Your feedback will help ensure that our approach is effective and reflective of the values and needs of our community.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to enhance the wellbeing of our students. We look forward to your valuable input and to building a positive school culture where every student feels safe, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Amy Ball
Central Mangrove PS Principal

Attendance News

At Central Mangrove Public School, we are aiming for 95% attendance for all our students, in line with NSW Department of Education targets.

At Central Mangrove Public School, our average attendance rate is currently: **84.6% for Term 2.**

This number is slightly down from the last fortnight due to factors such as adverse weather and seasonal illnesses. HOWEVER, we received a lovely email from the Department's head office

today congratulating us on our school's fantastic attendance this week – **90.6%!!**

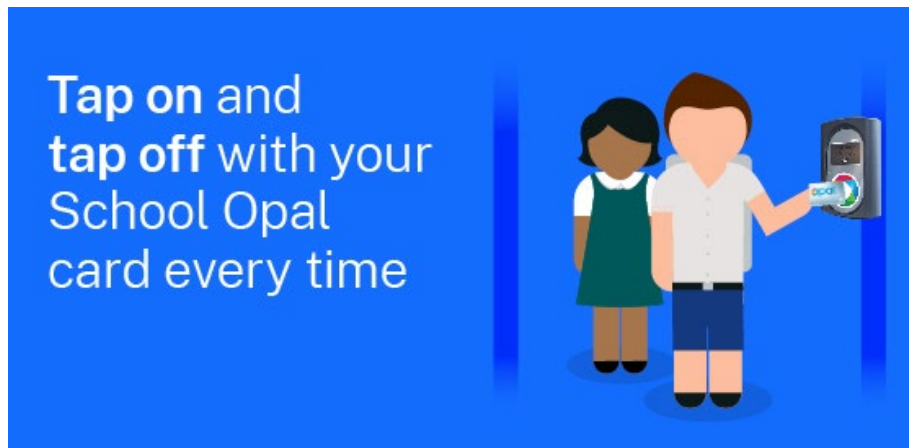
Great work everyone!!

Let's work together to encourage regular attendance and support our students in achieving their best this term!

Please remember to inform us every day your child is away – this is a legal requirement.



Administration News



Free travel by bus to school is great!

Thanks, Transport, for NSW! In return, students are reminded to always tap on with their Opal card when getting on the bus and tap off when leaving the bus - every time they travel.

This gives Transport for NSW data to help plan better bus services.

Apply for a school Opal card <https://transportnsw.info/school...>

#schoolbus #dotherightthing

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th of June at 2pm** in the staffroom. We encourage and welcome new members and hope to see you there!

