

# Central Mangrove Public School

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# Newsletter Term 2 Week 9 2025

Up and coming events			
Event	Year	Date	General Information
Basketball	K-6	Thursday and Friday in Week 10	Sport In Schools Grant
Joeys Discovery Day and NAIDOC Celebration	K-6 Children starting Kinder in 2026	Monday 30 June	See information below
Great Aussie Bush Camp	3-6	Wed 23 July – Fri 25 July	Notes and payments due
Last day of Term 2		Friday 4 July	Happy Holidays!



# **Principal's News**

Dear Parents / Carers

#### Small Schools Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday, our students participated in the Small Schools Soccer Gala Day at Bloodtree Oval, showcasing their skills and teamwork. While the results saw us winning one game and losing three, the true victory was in the sportsmanship displayed by our players throughout the day. It was heartwarming to see them embody the spirit of teamwork and fair play, which is what sports are all about.

A special thank you to all the parents and carers who came out to support our teams. Your presence made the day even more enjoyable for our young athletes!

We look forward to more exciting sporting events in the future!

#### **NAIDOC Celebration**

We are excited for our upcoming Joey's Discovery Day and NAIDOC celebration on Monday. This special event will bring together all students from K-6, including our incoming 2026 Kindergarteners as part of their transition into our school community.



We are thrilled to welcome two special guests from the Department of Education's Aboriginal Education Team, Tracey Burraston and Kylie Saunders, who will lead engaging activities that celebrate Aboriginal culture and heritage. Our teachers will also be actively involved, ensuring a rich and meaningful experience for all students.

This celebration is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about and appreciate the diverse cultures that shape our community. We look forward to a day filled with discovery, connection, and joy as we come together to honour NAIDOC Week.

#### Preschool Visit

This week, our primary school students enjoyed a heartwarming visit to the Mountains Community Childcare Centre, fostering positive connections with younger students and strengthening community ties. Through engaging play-based activities, our students embraced the role of mentors, guiding the preschoolers in arts, crafts, and interactive games. It was delightful to see the joy and learning that took place as both groups explored and bonded.

Such visits are vital for promoting a sense of community and belonging. They offer our primary students the chance to develop leadership skills while giving preschoolers a glimpse of the exciting journey ahead in primary school. These interactions lay the groundwork for a supportive educational environment.

We are proud of our students for their kindness and enthusiasm during this visit and look forward to nurturing these positive relationships. Thank you for supporting our efforts to build a strong, connected community.

#### School Works

We are excited to share some fantastic updates regarding the ongoing asset works at our school aimed at enhancing our facilities for our students. These improvements reflect our commitment to providing a safe, functional, and engaging environment for all.

1. Repair of external lighting: The lights along the path to the basketball courts have been replaced This enhancement improves visibility and safety during after-school activities. The newly repaired lighting will ensure that students can enjoy the basketball courts safely, particularly during the evenings and in the winter months when daylight is limited.

2. Improved drainage on the COLA: New guttering is being installed this weekend to improve drainage on the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). This upgrade will help manage rainwater more effectively, ensuring that our students can enjoy this space without concerns about water pooling.

2. Sandpit enhancements: Our beloved sandpit has received some much-needed attention! We have repaired the edging and added fresh, high-quality sand, creating a safe and inviting play area for our younger students to explore their creativity and engage in sensory play. New sandpit toys have also been purchased.

3. Upgraded wash shed: The wash shed is undergoing a significant upgrade and refurbishment. This enhancement will provide our students with a cleaner and more efficient space for washing up after activities, promoting hygiene and well-being.

4. New bubbler for the COLA: To keep our students hydrated during play and learning, we have installed a new water bubbler in the COLA. This addition will make it easier for students to access fresh drinking water throughout the day.

5. Canteen refurbishment: We are also excited to announce that the refurbishment of our canteen is currently underway. This project aims to create a more inviting and functional space for students to enjoy their meals and snacks.

These improvements are just a few examples of our dedication to enhancing our school facilities. We believe these upgrades will significantly benefit our students and contribute to a more enjoyable school experience.

#### Enrolling now for 2026

Enrolments are now open for all grades for 2026. If you have a child starting at our school next year, or know someone who is starting, please complete an enrolment form online – the link can be found on our website through the Enrolments tab.



If you would prefer a paper copy of the enrolment form, please phone Mrs Quinlan in the office to arrange one – ph 4373 1156.

#### **Behaviour Notifications**

As the new principal of our school, I want to take a moment to address the recent introduction of behaviour notifications sent home to parents. I understand that some of you may have concerns about these letters, and I would like to clarify their purpose and importance.

The behaviour notifications are designed to foster open communication between the school and families regarding student behaviour. Our primary goal is to create a positive and safe learning environment for all students. By informing you when certain behaviours occur, we can work together to support your child in making better choices.

These notifications serve two main purposes:

- 1. Communication: We believe that keeping parents informed about their child's behaviour at school is essential. By sharing this information, we can collaborate to address any issues and reinforce positive behaviour.
- 2. Evidence Base: In cases where students may require additional support, these notifications help us build a comprehensive record of behaviours. This documentation is crucial if we need to involve external support services to ensure that your child receives the assistance they need to thrive.

Our intention is not to single out students but to create a supportive framework for their development. We deeply appreciate your understanding and partnership as we work together to promote a positive school culture.

If you have any questions or concerns about the behaviour notifications, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to support you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

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: 84.1% for Term 2.

Please remember to inform us every day your child is away – this is a legal requirement. You can let us know about your child's absence by:

- Responding to the message sent by the school in the Sentral Parent Portal when your child is absent – please ensure you have notifications turned ON
- 2) Responding to the email sent by the school when your child is absent
- 3) Phoning the school on 4373 1156 on the morning your child is away

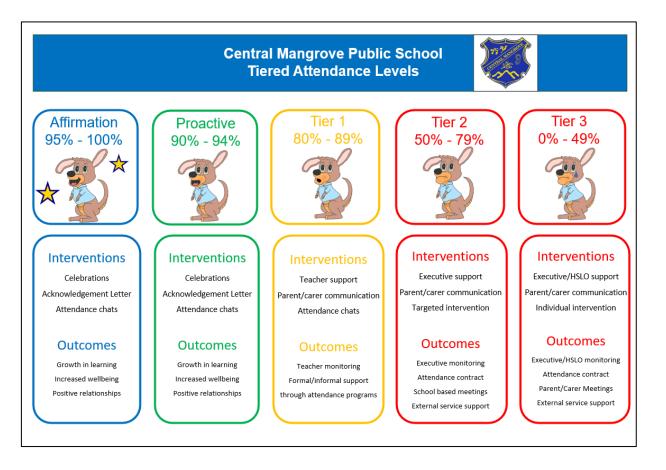


Every student. Every day.

#### 'Attendance Chats'

As part of our commitment to supporting positive attendance at school, each student will have the opportunity to meet with Miss Ball to review their attendance for Term 2. During these meetings, students will identify positive trends and set goals for their future attendance. The discussions held so far have been extremely positive and encouraging.

What do Attendance Levels look like at Central Mangrove PS?



## **Administration News**

#### Great Aussie Bush Camp Notes and Payments

#### **Permission Notes and Payments:**

It's important for parents to fill out and return the permission notes for their children to attend camp. These notes give consent for the child's participation and are usually required for safety and legal reasons. The final date for submitting the permission notes and payments is **Wednesday**, **July 2**, **2025**.



#### Information for Students:

For students who have not yet returned their permission notes, they will be given another copy today. This ensures that no one misses out on the opportunity to attend camp due to a lost or forgotten note. All students will also receive an information pack. This pack will include important details about the camp, such as:

**Final arrangements**: Information about the camp location, dates, and itinerary. **Packing list**: A list of items students should bring, such as clothing, toiletries, sleeping gear, and any special equipment needed for activities.

**Behaviour expectations**: Rules and expectations for students while at camp to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

If you have any further questions or need assistance with any specific part of the camp planning, please contact Mrs Quinlan in the school office.

What do you think these cool kids are talking about with Mrs Quinlan?...



