



# Namalata

Woy Woy Public School



Edition 133:28 March 2025

## From the Principal

## Term 1 Week 9

As we approach the end of Term 1, we have a busy few weeks ahead filled with exciting events and important updates. Here's what's happening at our school:

### Completion of NAPLAN

We are pleased to announce that our students have successfully completed the NAPLAN assessments. Thank you for your support during this period. We are proud of our students for their hard work and dedication.

### Thank You for Attending Parent–Teacher Interviews

A heartfelt thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended the recent parent-teacher interviews. Your involvement is crucial in supporting your child's education, and we appreciate your commitment to their learning journey.

### Harmony Week Celebrations

Last week, we celebrated Harmony Week, a time to embrace and honour our cultural diversity. Everyone participated in activities to support the ongoing development of an inclusive school environment. It was wonderful to see the students represent the week by wearing traditional dress or adding a splash of orange to their outfits.



## **P & C Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 29th March**

Join us for a delicious BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday, 29th March! This is a fantastic opportunity to support our school while enjoying some great food. We hope to see many of you there! All volunteers are welcome.

## **Crazy Hair and Sock Day – Friday 28th March**

Get ready for some fun on Friday, 28th March, with our Crazy Hair and Sock Day! We encourage students to express their creativity with wild hairstyles and funky socks. Let's make it a colourful and entertaining day!

## **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Yarn-Up – Friday 29th March at 8 AM**

We invite all families to join us for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Yarn-Up on Friday, 29th March, at 8 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, share stories, and connect with our Indigenous community.

## **World's Greatest Shave – Jayden's Fundraiser**

We are proud to support Jayden, who shaved his hair for the World's Greatest Shave to raise funds for blood cancer research. If you would like to contribute, please make any donations to help support this great cause via the following QR code.



## **Old School Uniform Donations**

We are collecting old school uniforms that are still in good condition. If you have any items to donate, please send them in with your child. Your contributions will help other families in our community.

## **Survey for New School Shirts**

We are seeking your valuable input regarding the potential introduction of a new school shirt for our students. Our current supplier is an overseas company meaning orders are taking up to three months for delivery. The P&C have raised this concern, and your feedback will help us understand the community's perspective and preferences. Please take a moment to complete [this survey](https://forms.gle/xN4bt1RG92oos4c88) to share your thoughts and preferences. (if hyperlink doesn't work: <https://forms.gle/xN4bt1RG92oos4c88>)

## **Easter Raffle**

The P&C has organised an amazing Easter Raffle filled with lots of fun and chocolatey treats. Tickets will be available next week. Be sure to check our Facebook and social media channels for updates on how to get your tickets! Prizes will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

## **Important dates ahead:**

### **Week 10**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Stage 1 Cultural Continuum

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Stage 2 Excursion to The Rocks

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - PBL Rewards Day



## Week 11

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Director, Educational Leadership (Mrs Joanne Wilcher) and Executive Director from Regional North (Mr Tim McCallum) to visit Woy Woy PS

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Hat Parade

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Cross Country

## Holidays

During the upcoming school holidays, we will be making several exciting upgrades to enhance our school facilities. The playground will undergo significant improvements, including excavation work to install a new drainage system and resurfacing the asphalt from the preschool area to the car park. In addition, we will be installing new blinds in the Administration, B-Block, and D-Block to improve the comfort and aesthetics of these spaces. We will also replace the existing mismatched shelving with new cabinetry along the B-Block hallways, providing a more cohesive and functional environment. Furthermore, we will be adding three new wet areas in B-Block, ensuring our students have access to modern facilities that support their learning and play.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Let's make the next few weeks memorable!

*Mrs Sandy Knowles*

Principal

## PBL & Zones of Regulation

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

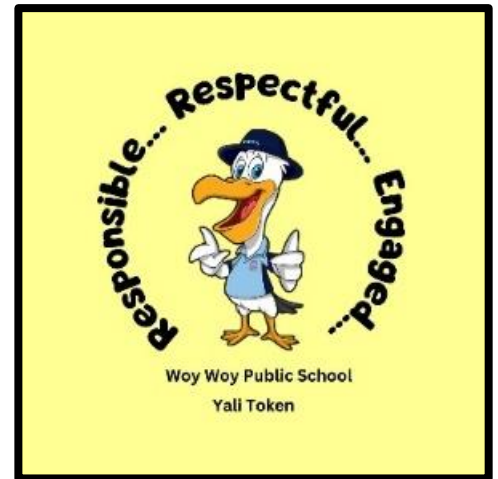
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole-school framework that promotes positive behaviour across our school. At Woy Woy Public School we strive to create safe classroom, playground, and online learning environments. Behavioural expectations are explicit, fair, consistently applied and jointly constructed. This enables the classrooms and playgrounds to be predictable and thus safe. Strategies used to support this include:

- having clear expectations, structures, routines, and accountability systems that promotes responsibility from all stakeholders.
- fostering positive language and inclusive play at recess and lunch.
- providing 'safe' places for students to go at recess and lunch.
- quality and active supervision of playground and common areas by teachers greeting students as they enter classrooms and checking in with them regularly.

This fortnight teachers and students have been discussing how to **'Be Responsible' on the playground**. Lessons and activities have focused on the importance of:

- only using the equipment when a teacher is present
- taking turns
- keeping your hands and feet to yourself

Students who are demonstrating positive behaviours are rewarded with 'Yali Tokens', which are accumulated throughout the term and traded in to receive a reward.



## PBL Rewards Day

On Friday 4 April, all students at Woy Woy Public School will celebrate their positive behaviour at our PBL Rewards Day. Each student will be able to select a reward which is based on the amount of Yali Tokens they have received throughout the term and linked to our school values of '**Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Engaged**'. Next week, information will be sent home showing which reward your child has selected. We look forward to seeing how our Rewards Day systems transform throughout the year. Check out the Rewards Menu below:

PBL Rewards Menu TERM 1	
5	Bring a soft pillow/toy
10	Wear mufti
15	Change your name for the day
15	Sport session on the oval
15	Sport session on the oval
20	K-2 Disco
20	3-6 Disco
25	Class swap- middle session
25	Free choice (30 minutes)
25	Free choice incl. technology (30 minutes)
30	Movie session with popcorn
30	Movie session with popcorn
35	Cooking in the kitchen
40	'Pizza Party' with Mrs Knowles

Whole school option	K-2 option	3-6 option
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## Attendance Matters

As we head into the end of Term 1, it remains important that your child attends school every single day. School is the best place for students to learn as well as to build social connections and life-long skills.

We understand that families are eager to see and reconnect with loved ones and take a well-deserved break, or simply avoid travelling during peak times, but please remember that planned travel should only be taken during scheduled school holidays.

Students should be at school every day during the school terms, until the end of term, unless they are sick or are absent for a justified reason.

Consistently going to school has countless benefits – from learning, to creating social connections and improving wellbeing through access to support and quality education.

Our staff are here to support you and your child to come to school every day. If you have any concerns or questions please talk to me, the front office staff or your class teacher.

Thank you for working with us to support regular attendance., and we look forward to a successful and enjoyable end of term.

NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Regular attendance has countless benefits for students' learning, wellbeing and development.

Talk to us about how we can work together to build positive attendance habits.

## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day = 3 days

30 mins per day = 18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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## Helplines for families

It can be hard to know where to start when supporting a child or young person experiencing a mental health challenge. Sometimes, families just need a little help.

These helplines offer information and advice.

- [13YARN](#) – crisis support helpline for First Nations Peoples.
- [Butterfly National Helpline](#) – for anyone concerned about eating disorders or body image issues.
- [Headspace](#) – for children aged 12 to 25 to chat, email or speak on the phone with a qualified youth mental health professional.
- [Kids Helpline](#) – telephone and online counselling service for children and young people aged between 5 and 25.
- [Lifeline](#) – crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health support services.



CLASS	NAME	CLASS	NAME
KW	Ofelia N & Rosie M	KL	Ella W & Alice J
K/1S	Hunter S & Leah J	1/2R	Tahlia A & Iona G
1/2B	Samuel C & Io S	1/2W	Elaina H & Lochlan B
3/4B	Mason P & Chase C	3/4M	Bhalendra Y & Oliver G
3/4L	Adam F & Knox O	5/6Y	Natalie M & Abigail G
5/6F	Alessandra P & Fynn M	5/6G	Savannah H & Sebastian M
5/6B	Giorgia P & Nixon Y	K-6W	Banjo J
K-6CE	No award this week	K-6PE	Tyson N
K-6N	Whyatt D	3-6G	No award this week
K-4J	Neo H	RFF Science K-2	Odette B
RFF Science 3-6	Dayna H	APC & I	No award this week
DP – Citizenship	Sophie C	Principal	Miley H

**Mr Blake Roseworn**

Deputy Principal Inclusion & Support

## Awards



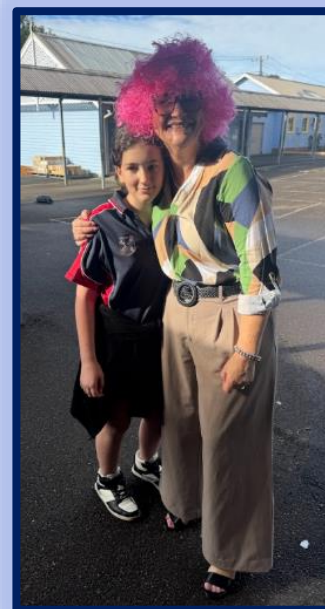
**Congratulations!**

Citizenship Award goes to:

**Sophie C – 3/4B**

Principals Award goes to:

**Miley H – 5/6B**

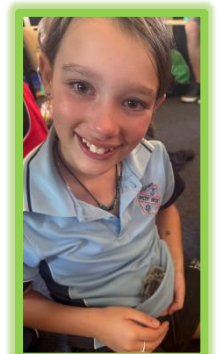
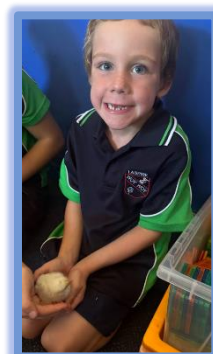


# 5/6Y Acknowledgement of Country



## Buddies

This year KW and 5/65Y are working together each Friday. A buddy program in schools pairs students together to promote friendship, support, and a sense of belonging, and fostering a positive school culture. Our students enjoyed spending time together and meeting the new chickens!!



**Michelle Young**

Classroom Teacher/Stage 3 Assistant Principal



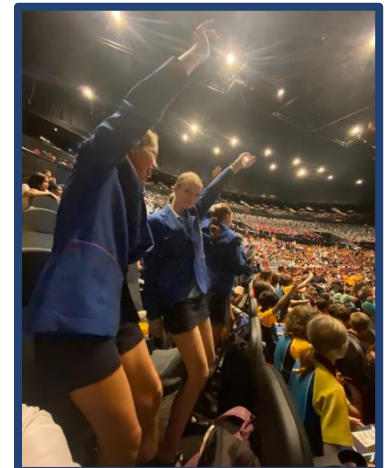
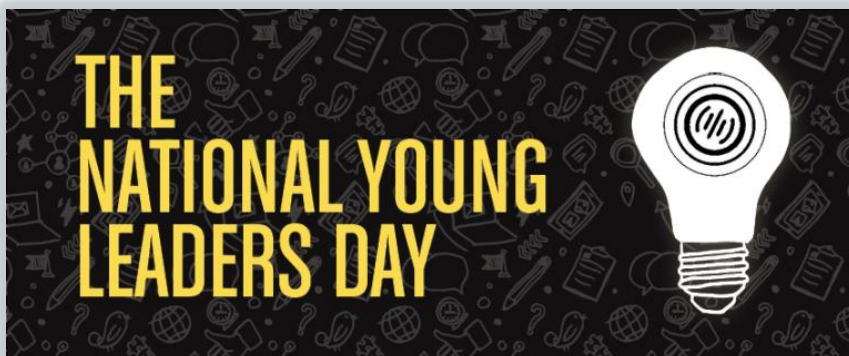
# The National Young Leaders Day 2025



Students from Woy Woy Public School travelled to Sydney and took part in The National Young Leaders Day with a number of primary schools. All students participated with enthusiasm and represented the school with pride.

The program is designed to benefit any student who shows an interest in developing their leadership potential.

Thank you, all of the students who attended and a special thank you to Mr Greig for taking our students on the day.



**Michelle Young**  
Classroom Teacher/Stage 3 Assistant Principal



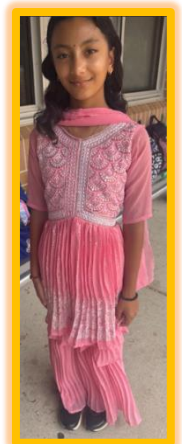
# Harmony Day



The school was a sea of orange and brightly coloured traditional dress from a variety of countries during our Harmony Day celebrations last Friday. Students received a passport and participated in stage-based rotational activities with a multicultural theme. Some classes were also very fortunate to have special presentations by parents and grandparents which involved sharing stories, songs and artefacts from their country of origin. A huge thank you to all family members who gave up their time to make Harmony Day extra special. A big thank you also goes to our canteen managers, Ann-Maree and Andrew, who provided delicious international meal deals every day of the week.



Harmony Day 2025



# Jayden did the big Chop!



Well done Jayden!

Woy Woy Public School is so proud of you.

# Crazy Hair & Sock Day



Thank you everyone for a crazy fun filled day!

## School Counsellor

No one said it would be easy – but no one said it would be this hard either!

Trying to parent a child in this emerging world can be tough. Each time we feel like we're breaking ground, some new app, or development, or expectation emerges that we have to learn to navigate our parenting around.

It can be overwhelming, confusing, isolating, and frustrating.

There *is* support out there though. **Free** support to help us understand and communicate with our kids, develop skills in how to apply parenting strategies, and reach out to others experiencing the same difficulties we might be facing ourselves.

**Triple P Online is a free course you can do at home and/or from your phone**

- Understand what's within your control to change and influence for your child's benefit
- Create the best environment for your child's development
- Know how to address child behaviours
- Promote new skills and help emotional self-regulation
- Improve your relationship with your children
- Enjoy family life more!



**Central Coast Family Support Services – 4340 1585** – provides community-based support for families on the NSW Central Coast.

They offer

- Family support programs
- Early intervention support: Young parent programs
- Child and family services: Grandparent support, and support for families with children with additional needs.



**Parent Line NSW – 1300 1300 52** - is a free telephone counselling and support service for parents with children 0-18 in NSW.

**Beth Russell**  
School Counsellor





## Guliyali Preschool (Woy Woy Public School) 2026 Enrolment Tours

Are you interested in enrolling at Guliyali for 2026?  
Come along and visit our beautiful preschool, meet  
our educators and ask any questions. We look  
forward to meeting new families and welcoming you  
to our environment

**When: Thursday May 8, 2025 10:00 am**

**Tuesday 3 June, 2025 10:00 am**

To register please scan the QR  
code below or contact the  
school on 4341 3555





# Uniform Shop



Uniform shop open  
next Tuesday  
1<sup>st</sup> April  
8:30am-9:30am

Update on blue polos:  
The order is expected to arrive  
within the next two weeks. All  
back orders will be filled first  
and delivered to student  
classrooms. Polos will then be  
available to be ordered  
through flexischools.

Take Our  
**SURVEY!**

We value your feedback and  
opinions on our uniform! Are there  
any changes you would like to see?  
Would you consider an update to  
our polo?  
Please take a moment to complete  
Mrs. Knowles' survey to help us  
gather your valuable insights.

Did you know the uniform shop sells  
second hand uniforms? All items are \$5  
each with sales going towards the  
students.

**WE NEED MORE STOCK**  
Do you have uniforms with life still left in  
them but too small? The Uniform Shop  
wants them!

Donations can be left at the office, or at  
the collection point outside the CA room.

# The Smiling Sandwich – Canteen



APP: FLEXISCHOOLS  
ONLINE ORDERING IS AVAILABLE  
[WWW.FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU](http://WWW.FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU)



We had a wonderful, successful Harmony week. We had lots of parents bringing in lots of traditional food which was very much enjoyed. Your kindness was very much appreciated, and we thank you all.



*Anne-Maree & Andrew*  
Canteen operators

# Message from the Office



## **Important Parking Message**

The staff parking area inside the school gates on both Park Road and Bowden Road is for **Staff Use Only**. Parents dropping off and collecting their children from school, Music Bus, or Cubbyhouse BASC are asked to park outside the school grounds. This is a Department of Education directive.

## **Office Hours**

School phones are manned from 8.30am until 3.15pm. The office window is opened at 8.30am and closed at 3.00pm however office staff are available until 3.15pm. There is a teacher on duty at the bus lines until 3.20pm.

## **Changes to Going Home Arrangements**

Could you please ensure that your child is aware of how they will be going home in the afternoon. If these arrangements change during the day, it would be appreciated if you could contact the office prior to 2.00pm to ensure that the message is passed on to your child.

## **Communications**

### ***Sentral Parent Portal***

You can download the Sentral Parent Portal APP to both iPhone and Android devices. Event updates and important information will be sent out via our Sentral Parent Portal APP, and you can record your child's absence from school here as well. Communications with teachers are also managed through this APP.

### ***Website, Facebook and Email***

You will find our school website <http://www.woywoy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> and Facebook page are regularly updated with events happening in our school. The school email address for correspondence is [woywoy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:woywoy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

## **Student Mobile Phones**

Students who bring their mobile phone to school are asked to leave them at the office on their arrival and collect it at the end of the school day. Students are not permitted to have their phone with them during the day. It is also helpful if their name is on their phone.

## **Late Arrival / Early Departure**

If your child is late arriving to school or needs to leave early for an appointment, a partial absence slip is to be collected from the school office prior to going to your child's classroom. This slip is given to the classroom teacher.

## **Change to Family Details**

To update any changes to family details like phone numbers, address etc. please use the form available from the school office, this booklet or send it in via the Sentral Parent Portal APP.

## **Payment of Money to the School**

Payments for any school fees or activities can be paid by EFTPOS at the school office or through our new payment system via the Sentral Parent Portal.

Our preferred method of payment is contactless however should it be necessary for payment to be made using cash, money should be placed in an envelope with your child's name, class and reason clearly noted. Thank you for your support in these matters.

**Linda Goldsmith**

School Administrative Manager

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Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers'  
& Peacemakers' Association of  
Australia  
(Central Coast Sub Branch)







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



Before entering,  
please email me  
for the full flyer

**Entry fee \$10**

For full entry details  
please email, not text:

Gary Losh

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

0432 453 726

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

Tuesday 22 April

**Must pre-enter by Sunday 20 April**

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.

## Central Coast Autumn Holiday Chess Comp

Minimum ability: Correctly move pieces  
and complete games independently.

Ages  
6 to 17

Tuesday 22 April

**Must pre-enter by Sunday 20 April**



**Where:** Erina Trust Hall  
Karalta Rd, into Ilya Ave, on left

**When:** Tuesday 22 April, 9.30am-4.00pm

**Late arrivals will miss the first round**

**Entry:** By Sunday 20 April, fee \$10

To enter, please email me, not text, the  
following info ...

Player's name and DOB  
Relevant medical information  
Parent emergency contact number  
Suburb if new player to this tournament  
**Results published Facebook: Opt out?**

**Lunch:** BYO food and drinks

**Trophies:** 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> plus age medals

**Format:** Swiss, everyone plays 7-8 rounds

**Time control:** 15 mins per player

**PLEASE DON'T PAY UNTIL YOUR ENTRY  
IS CONFIRMED BY EMAIL**

**Please give player's name as online  
payment reference.**

**IF YOU HAVE PRE-ENTERED  
CASH ON THE DAY IS QUITE OK**

**Payment options:**

- Pay me online 637000 713 826 707, or
- By PayPal to my email address, or
- Cash on the day.

**Contact for info and entries:**

Gary Losh 0432 453 726 or  
[glosh6090@gmail.com](mailto:glosh6090@gmail.com)

### NEW VENUE ARRANGEMENT

We set up, pack up, sweep, mop as necessary  
to leave the hall tidy as on arrival.

Hall open from about 8.30



For NSW Country players only, as  
defined at [nswjcl.org.au](http://nswjcl.org.au) (m'ship).  
**LIMIT 88 PLAYERS**

### Checkmate competition

Participation optional  
Find the checkmates and win prizes

### Rated by NSW Junior Chess League

All unrated players will be given a chess  
rating based on their results.

See all current JCL ratings at...

[www.chessratings.com.au](http://www.chessratings.com.au)

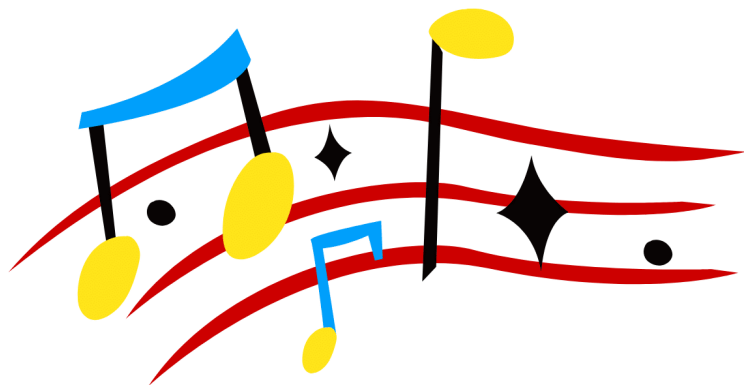
### Publication of results

Names and ages of players may be  
published on the NSWJCL website and its  
rating website cited above.

Re Facebook: Parents may opt out of their  
players' details being published on  
*CC Youth Chess* by notifying us on entry.

### Non-profit

Run by volunteers with the generous  
help of our host CC Grammar



The Music Bus has opened their term 2 enrolments and are inviting new students to apply. Classes offered are: · Keyboard (Prep-y6) · Ukulele (Prep-y6) · Drums (y1-y6) · Guitar (Y2-y6) Lessons are: \* be 30 minute duration - once per week \* held in the hi tech music classroom on wheels on our site \* cost \$22 per week (\$24 drums) payable by the term on commencement If you wish to take part please complete this expression of interest form. <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6>

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Kristie Simmonds

### The Music Bus Help Desk

[contactus@themusicbus.com.au](mailto:contactus@themusicbus.com.au)

[www.themusicbus.com.au](http://www.themusicbus.com.au)

**STEWART HOUSE**  
SCHOOL FUNDRAISING NEWS | Term 1, 2025

**NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice**

We depend on fundraising support from public schools to deliver our residential programme of care. Children receive vital physical, social, and emotional wellbeing support.

**SUPPORT STEWART HOUSE**

As the **NSW Department of Education's Charity of Choice**, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the schools that prioritised support for Stewart House in 2024.

Regular school-based fundraising and workplace giving from department staff, enables us to deliver our program free to public school children in need.

**Please consider Stewart House worthy of your school's support in 2025.** We provide some options below.

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISING OPTIONS – CHECKLIST**

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Charity Drive Envelopes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and staff are invited to enter</li> <li>Entry is \$2. Prize is a \$4,000 travel voucher</li> <li>Cashless entry available via a QR code</li> <li><b>Drawn at noon, Friday, 23 May 2025</b></li> <li><b>See overleaf for instructions /processing</b></li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Buy Merchandise</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stewart House-branded items are available for purchase</li> <li>Provide immediate financial support with your purchase</li> <li><a href="https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/merchandise-z/">https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/merchandise-z/</a></li> </ul>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Host an Event in School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise awareness of Stewart House and encourage children to support their peers</li> <li>Our Fundraising toolkit is a great resource for photos, logo and content.</li> <li><a href="https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/fundraising-toolkit/">https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/fundraising-toolkit/</a></li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Join Workplace Giving</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join with 8,000 colleagues with as little as \$7 per fortnight</li> <li>Pre-tax deduction via payroll</li> <li>Please share with your school staff</li> <li>Scan QR code for more</li> </ul>

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