



Newsletter

Port Kembla Public School

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Principal Report

Parent Teacher Interviews

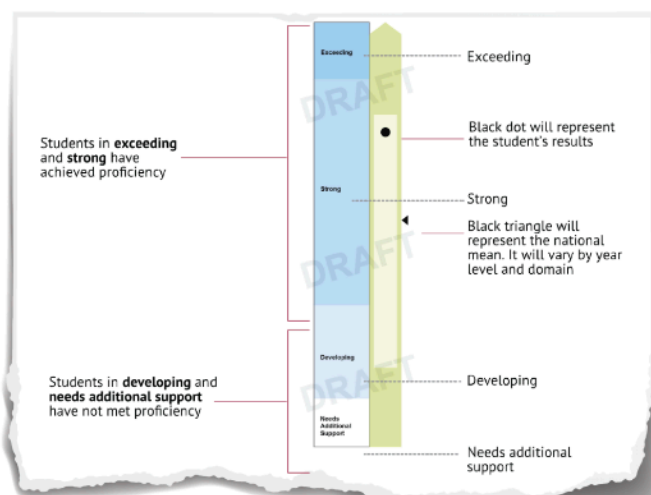
You should receive a link today inviting you to parent/teacher interviews for next week. If there are no suitable time slots available, please contact your child's class teacher to organise a mutually acceptable time. This year we are offering both face-to-face and phone interviews.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing commenced last week for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. As I had previously informed you there are changes to the way student results are reported on. Previously children were scored on a continuum of bands from 1 to 10. Now reporting will be on a year level and your child will be placed in either Exceeding, Strong, Developing or Needs Additional Support for each of the tests that they complete. I have included a screenshot of part of a sample report that was published in the Sydney Morning Herald last week. To date this is the only information that I have.

A sample of a new NAPLAN report

Report card with four new proficiency levels



Source: ACARA. A sample report only. National mean will not be known until the test results are collected.

Canteen

Despite having applied for the canteen tender for the Port Kembla Public School canteen at the end of last year, the owner of Fresh Start Canteens have now informed us that our canteen is not profitable for her and is therefore closing our canteen. The last day of trading will be this Friday 24th March. I am incredibly disappointed that this has happened and feel that the school has been let down by Fresh Start Canteens and apologise to you all for the inconvenience it will cause many and the disappointment it will cause our students. I am in discussion with Schools Infrastructure to see if we can find another canteen operator, but not feeling hopeful about that. I informed the P&C last Wednesday night and they will be discussing some possible alternatives at future meetings. If you have any unused credit in your QuickCliq account, please either spend it to order this week or see below on how to obtain a credit refund from QuickCliq.

Q. I have credit sitting on my account, how do I get that refunded?

You can obtain a refund of available credit at any time.

- Go to the PROFILE section of your account
- Go to Account Balance Refund and Close Account section
- Elect if you would like to close your account and receive a full balance refund OR request a refund from your existing account balance.

Notes:

Please allow up to 5 Business days for the refund to be completed.

QuickCliq aim to refund via the original means of payment. If this should not be possible, QuickCliq will contact you to arrange an alternative method

For Credit Card refunds users must allow funds to have settled on the account before a refund can be issued. This can take 24 hours.

Solar Panels

Over the school holidays, our school should be having new solar panels fitted. For this reason our school will not be participating in the Share our Space initiative in the April school holidays.

School photos

Don't forget that this Friday is School Photo Day. You should have received an email from MSP on how to order. Could you please ensure that all children come dressed in the sports uniform for the photos.

New P&C executive

Last Wednesday night the P&C held its Annual General Meeting where all executive positions were declared vacant and a new executive was elected. The new executive is:

President: Lyndal Scerri

Vice President: Smriti Jaswal

Vice President: Lisa Pylyp

Secretary: Amy Lazarevski

Treasurer: Steve Bell

I thank each of these parents for taking on the role to support the learning and wellbeing of the students at our school.

Retirements

At the end of this term Tania McDonald, our School Administration Manager and myself, will be taking leave leading into our retirements. Tania's last day will be Tuesday April 4, and my last day will be Thursday April 6.

Sophie Hartley and Robyn Jackson will be relieving in a job sharing arrangement in the School Administration Manager position and Lucie Robson was successful in an EOI process to relieve in the principal position. Both positions should be filled permanently later in the year. I will have more to say about Tania's and my retirement in the next newsletter. I wish Sophie, Robyn and Lucie all the best in their new roles.

Best wishes for the fortnight ahead

Tonia Reynolds

Coming up this week- Week 9

Monday 20 Mar	Stage 3 Dragons visit
Tuesday 21 Mar	
Wednesday 22 Mar	K-6 Assembly- 1.45pm
Thursday 23 Mar	Easter mufti day
Friday 24 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- School photos- Final day of the canteen

Coming up this week- Week 10

Monday 27 Mar	Parent teacher interviews
Tuesday 28 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cross country- Parent teacher interviews
Wednesday 29 Mar	Parent teacher interviews
Thursday 30 Mar	Parent teacher interviews
Friday 31 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Easter raffle tickets due- Parent teacher interviews

Whole School (K-6) assembly

This week, 22 March 1.45pm

Easter Mufti Day

Support the SRC's fundraiser by donating an Easter egg or other prize for our Easter hampers.

When: **Thursday 23.03.2023**

What: **Wear Mufti**

Donate: **A prize for our Easter hamper raffle.**

SATURDAY, 25 MARCH DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE AT PORT KEMBLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Support Port Kembla School P&C

Sausage Sizzle \$3.50

Vegetarian options

Cakes and Sweet treats from \$1.00

8am until sold out

Cash and Credit accepted

Thankyou for
your support



NSW Parent App

We would like to thank you for registering to our new School Bytes system. We would now like to invite you all to download the NSW Parent App if you haven't already. As you all know School Bytes does not have an App. This NSW Parent App is the only App you will require and everything is in the one place.

Please find below detailed instructions on how to download the NSW Parent App.

Get fast access to all school newsletters, see all upcoming school events on the calendar, make payments and gain access to School Bytes through the link, see all online forms.

We trust you are all enjoying our new system. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact us on the number below.

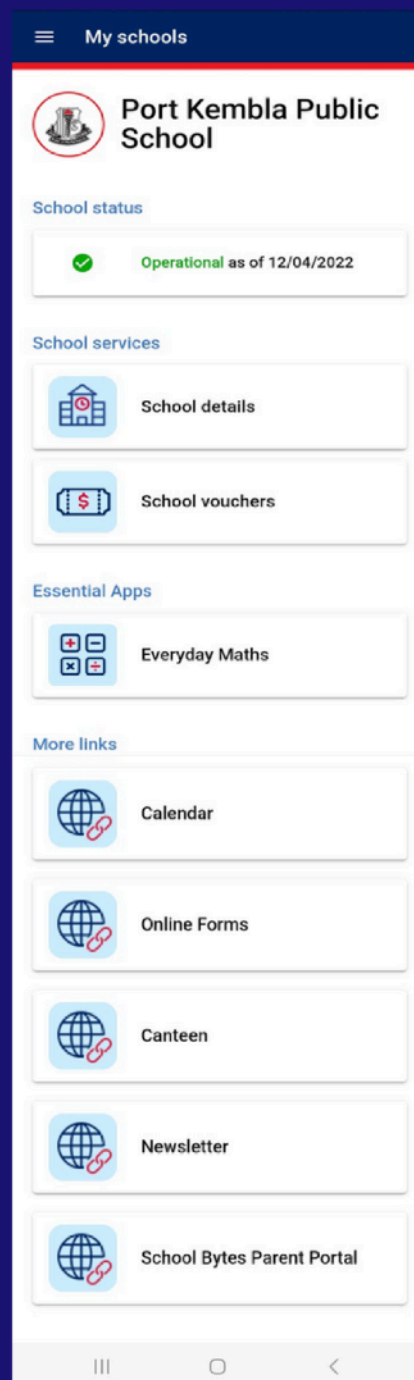
(02) 4274 1041

NSW Parent App



Steps to downloading your NSW Parent App

1. Go to your mobile phone play store or app store and search for NSW parent app.
 2. It will look like the image above with the red waratah.
 3. Download this app. **This will be the only app you will require.**
 4. When downloaded do a search for Port Kembla Public School.
 5. Click on My schools to see the screen on the right.
- As you can see our school calendar, online forms, canteen, newsletter and our School Bytes Parent Portal link



Meet the prefects



Pearl

- Favourite sport? **None**
- Favourite animal? **Tiger**
- Favourite colour? **Orange**
- Favourite food? **Spaghetti**
- Favourite holiday destination? **Lake Conjola**
- Biggest fear? **N/A**
- What do you want to be when you are older? **Entomologist**
- If you were stranded on an island and could only take one thing what would you take? **Food**



Finn

- Favourite sport? **Surfing**
- Favourite animal? **All animals**
- Favourite colour? **All colours**
- Favourite food? **Sushi**
- Favourite holiday destination? **Out West to see the stars**
- Biggest fear? **Strangers**
- What do you want to be when you are older? **Pro surfer**
- If you were stranded on an island and could only take one thing what would you take? **My Dad**



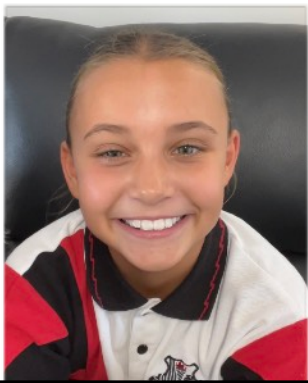
Sam

- Favourite sport? **Basketball**
- Favourite animal? **Sausage dog**
- Favourite colour? **Blue**
- Favourite food? **Tacos**
- Favourite holiday destination? **Gold Coast**
- Biggest fear? **Spiders**
- What do you want to be when you are older? **Pro basketball player**
- If you were stranded on an island and could only take one thing what would you take? **A spear**



Brax

- Favourite sport? **Swimming**
- Favourite animal? **Snake/ reptiles**
- Favourite colour? **Green**
- Favourite food? **Pasta**
- Favourite holiday destination? **Lake Conjola**
- Biggest fear? **The ocean**
- What do you want to be when you are older? **Chef**
- If you were stranded on an island and could only take one thing what would you take? **Boat**



Lilah

- Favourite sport? **Netball**
- Favourite animal? **Dogs and turtles**
- Favourite colour? **Blue**
- Favourite food? **All food**
- Favourite holiday destination? **Hawaii**
- Biggest fear? **Spiders**
- What do you want to be when you are older? **Hairdresser**
- If you were stranded on an island and could only take one thing what would you take? **A knife**

Pippa is our 6th prefect, but was absent

Easter Bunny Competition

Our school has entered the Wollongong Central School's Easter Bunny Decorating competition. Each participating school will receive a \$250 Wollongong Central gift card, with the winner, as determined by an in-centre QR voting code, will receive a \$2000 gift voucher. There is only one \$2000 gift voucher to be won. The winner will be announced on Wednesday 12th April. Our captains, vice captains and prefects and Ms Robson decorated our bunny last week. The SRC held a meeting to decide on how they should decorate the bunny. Voting can be done by scanning the QR code at the Easter Bunny Display outside David Jones on level one in the Gateway Building.



VOTE FOR US!

Wollongong Central Easter bunny decorating competition

Vote for our school for the chance of us winning \$2000!

All you have to do is scan the QR code in centre and the bunny with the highest number of votes wins.

***Voting can only be done in-centre and any votes made outside of centre will be deemed invalid.**

Wollongong
Central 



Harmony Day

Last Thursday we celebrated Harmony Day. Unfortunately the dance teacher for Footsteps was sick and unable to attend on the day for our final dance lesson. To make up for the missed lesson, Footsteps will be attending this Wednesday where students will participate in their final dance lesson and then showcase their dance to the rest of the school.

Last Thursday our students looked wonderful all dressed in orange. They participated in Harmony Day activities in class and learnt about what Harmony Day is and why we celebrate it.

What is Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Held every year in March, Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Why orange? Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.





Cross Country

On Tuesday 28th March (Week 10) we will be holding our school Cross Country Carnival. In case of wet weather, we will have a backup date of Tuesday, 4th April (Week 11).

This is a compulsory event and all students will be participating on the day. Our school focus for PE this term is Cross Country and all students have had the opportunity to practice leading up to our event.

Students from K-6 will be participating in rotational activities throughout the day, including visits from the Port Kembla Cricket Club, NRL and Wollongong City Lifeguards. Students will be completing these rotations in either their age group (8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13 year olds) or year group at school (Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students who are not 8 years old this year) and will remain in these groups throughout the day. Students who are 8, 9 or 10 years old this year will be running 4 laps of the cross country course and students who are 11 or 12/13 years old this year will be running 6 laps. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students who are not competing will be completing 1 lap of the course.

On the day we are inviting parents/carers to attend a picnic lunch with their child/ren. We will hold an extended lunch from 1:20-2:00pm.

K-2 Easter Hat Parade

We are excited to invite you to join us for the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 6 April 2023. The parade will begin at 2pm under the COLA (next to the canteen). The gates will be open at 1.50pm for you to enter the school. Please arrive as close to 1.50pm as possible, as it is the students' lunch break until 1.45pm.

During the parade, the children will have the opportunity to showcase the Easter hats/ crowns that they have made. We encourage students to make an Easter hat/ crown at home and bring it with them on the day (please label hats with your child's name). Easter hats/crowns can be simple and made from things around the home, such as cardboard. Old hats or cheap ones from a discount store are also a great option to use as a base and decorate. Some easy hat ideas/inspiration are included below.

At 2:00pm, Kindergarten students will compete in their Cross Country race and all students in Years 1-6 will return to their classrooms for the remainder of the day. Should you wish to take your child home after this time, can you please see your child's classroom teacher to sign them out, not the office.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours (Bass = Red, Flinders = Green, Oxley = Blue, Wentworth = Yellow) on the day and school hat and pack plenty of food and water.

Below is a guideline for the event schedule and times during the day. Please note we cannot guarantee exact timings for events and this should be used as a guide only.

9:20am - 12/13 years

10:00am - 11 years

10:30am RECESS

11:00am - 10 years

11:30am - 8/9 years girls

11:55 PLAY BREAK

12:25pm - 8/9 years boys

12:50pm - Years 1 and 2 students

1:20pm EXTENDED LUNCH

2:00pm - Kindergarten race, Years 1-6 students back to classrooms.

We look forward to a fantastic, fun filled day!

Students in Years 3-6 will be participating in an Easter colouring in competition on the day.

All students (K-6) are welcome to wear school appropriate mufti clothes on the day (sleeved shirts, no mid-driffs, enclosed shoes etc).

Our SRC Easter raffle winners will also be announced on the day.



Term 1 2023

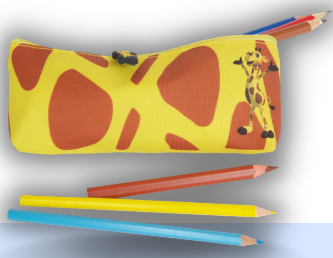
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24
	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	- Assembly	Easter mufti day	School photos
10	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31
	Parent teacher interviews	- Cross country - Parent teacher interviews	Parent teacher interviews	Parent teacher interviews	Parent teacher interviews Raffle tickets due
11	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
		Kindergarten STEPS vision screening program	State swimming carnival	Last day of Term 1 - K-2 Easter hat parade - State swimming carnival	Good Friday Public Holiday

Term 2 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
	Staff Development Day	ANZAC DAY	Students return Life Education	Life Education	Life Education
2	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
	Life Education		P&C meeting 6pm		
3	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
	District cross country				
4	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
			Assembly		
5	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
		Book Fair	Book Fair		

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Bring Healthy Harold home with you



Healthy Harold pencil case
*Pencils not included

\$8



Healthy Harold plush toy
small and large

\$8

\$15



Healthy Harold keyring

\$5



Healthy Harold
high bounce ball

\$3



Healthy Harold
temporary tattoo

50c



Healthy Harold
stikki note pad

\$1.50

Clothing apparel available online only:

Visit the Healthy Harold Online shop to purchase: www.life-education-australia.myshopify.com/



Healthy Harold beanie

\$29.50



Healthy Harold socks

\$21



Healthy Harold Vintage T-Shirt

\$49

Merchandise Order Form

Dear Parents,

Life Ed is a not for profit organisation that relies on the support of the community to assist us in reaching our fundraising goals. Every Healthy Harold product purchased helps us visit more children in NSW and ACT.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports our overall fundraising activities and helps cover the gap between the cost of delivery and what parents and schools pay for our program. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Ed session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Ed logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please DO NOT make online payments to your school. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit. You can also check out our NEW clothing apparel product range online by visiting www.life-education-australia.myshopify.com/



Name: _____ Class: _____

Product Description	Price Incl. GST	QTY	Product Description	Price Incl. GST	QTY
Healthy Harold hand ball	\$3.00		Healthy Harold pencil case	\$8.00	
Healthy Harold tattoo	\$0.50		SMALL Healthy Harold soft toy	\$8.00	
Healthy Harold Stikki note pad	\$1.50		LARGE Healthy Harold soft toy	\$15.00	
Healthy Harold key ring	\$5.00				

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Donations of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible

\$

Total Owing:

\$

 **NB Healthy Harold products are subject to availability.** Life Education NSW/ACT thanks you for your support.

Help support Life Ed

☐ I would like to donate \$ _____ to Life Ed NSW/ACT. Donations of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.

☐ I would like to hear more from Life Ed NSW/ACT

Parent/Carer

Name: _____

Email: _____

Postcode: _____





KEMBLAWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

ASPIRE OSHC provide high quality care and education to school aged children at Kemplawarra Public School. We aim to provide a fun and creative age appropriate program based on the "My Time, Our Place" National Framework for school aged children.

ASPIRE OSHC provide Before and After school care programs and Vacation Care. These programs develop and nurture children's minds. ASPIRE OSHC promotes a healthy lifestyle through various activities for children to discover, learn and play. We create healthy habits by providing nutritional foods and a variety of opportunities to participate in active play.

Transportation available for Cringila PS, Lake Height PS, Port Kembla PS, Berkeley PS and Berkeley West PS.



SESSION TIMES | MONDAY - FRIDAY

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

7:00am - 8:30am

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

2:30pm - 6:00pm

CONTACT US

For more information or to register your interest please contact Kemplawarra's program manager **Teagan**:



0447 880 697



kemplawarraps@aspire-oshc.com.au



www.aspire-oshc.com.au



Did you know?

WE ARE CHILDCARE SUBSIDY APPROVED

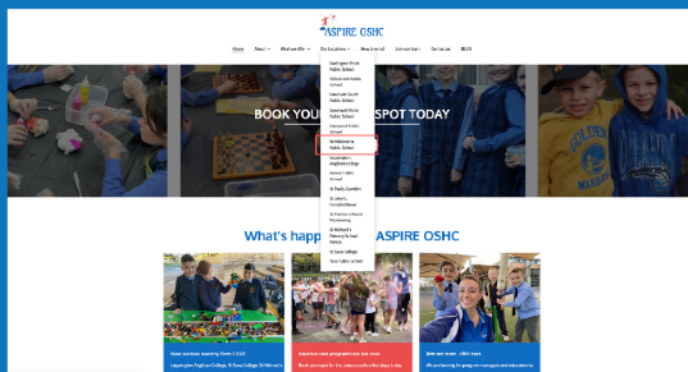
HOW TO ENROL

This is your guide on how to enrol in ASPIRE OSHC before school care, after school care and vacation care programs using Kidsoft.

Kidsoft is completely free to sign up and use.

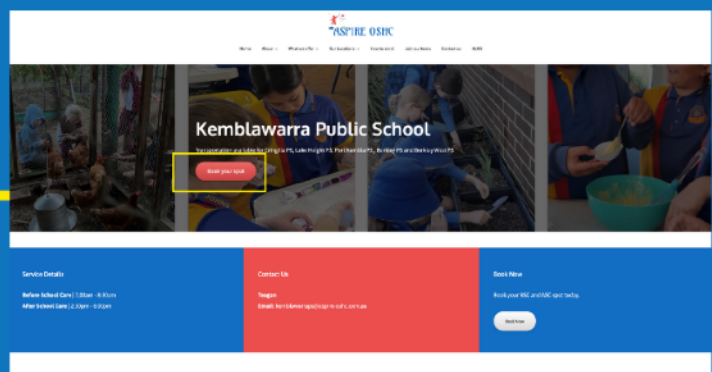
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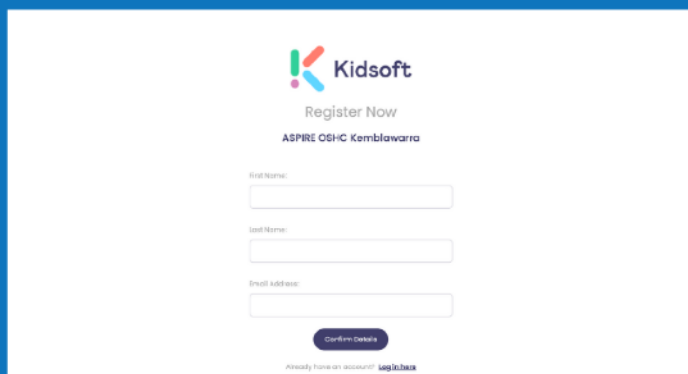
STEP TWO

GO TO OUR LOCATIONS AND
CLICK ON YOUR SCHOOL



STEP THREE

CLICK THE BOOK NOW
BUTTON.



STEP FOUR

CREATE A KIDSOFT ACCOUNT.
YOU ARE NOW ALL SET UP TO
USE OUR SERVICE.

Community News



Port Kembla Youth Project is conducting Splash Swim Program

*Water Babies, Water Confidence,
Learn to Swim and Stroke Correction*
Enrolment Essential
Program commencing Term 1
Thursday afternoons
\$14 a lesson



Active Kids Provider (up to \$100 paid for school aged children)

Phone our Swim Coordinator on 4276 1229
or email team@pkyp.org.au for enrolments



Port Kembla Youth Project is conducting Homework Hub

**Assisting students with
Tutoring and Homework Help**
*Small Group Programs open to:
Primary and High School Students
Tuesday Afternoons*
Enrolment Essential

8wk Program commencing 7th February.
Available online and in person.

FREE

Contact our Youth Team on 4276 1229 or email team@pkyp.org.au for bookings

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM CIRCUS ARTS

Kids learn everything from trapeze to
tumbling, tight-wire and juggling!

Active and Creative Kids Vouchers accepted



\$85/Day

Week 1 - \$320

Week 2 - \$400

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school holidays
and let us
take over the
JUGGLE!

EASTER 2023

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APRIL 2023 SOCCER HOLIDAY CLINIC

2 FULL
DAYS
\$180

9am-3pm

JJ KELLY PARK

APRIL 12TH & 13TH

- INFLATABLE FOOTBALL PITCH
- JUMPING CASTLE
- PLAYER REPORT AND CERTIFICATE ON COMPLETION



TO BOOK VISIT

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APRIL 2023



SOCCER HOLIDAY CLINIC

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 6-16 YEARS

- Inflatable football pitch
- Soccer dart board
- Player Report & Certificate on completion

2 FULL DAYS
9am-3pm
\$180

APRIL 17TH & 18TH

Harry Graham Park Figtree

SCAN TO BOOK



For more information visit www.everyseasonmyseason.com



Lake Illawarra

POLICE OPEN DAY



**Family friendly event
showcasing various
NSW Police Force units**

Saturday 25 March 2023
From 10am – 2pm
Lake Illawarra Police Station
6 Pioneer Drive, Oak Flats

BBQ (gold coin donation to a chosen charity
who will be cooking the BBQ)

Gold coin entry donation to a chosen charity who will be
working voluntarily at the event to collect donations

**Police units
in showcase:**

- Police Dog Unit
- Aviation Command: PolAir
landing, display and take off
- Mounted Police Unit
- Police Rescue
- Marine Area Command
- Traffic & Highway Patrol
- Police Band
- Police Recruitment
- Guided police station and
custody tours
- Cst Charlie Mascot



Event to be cancelled upon weather conditions.
For further information regarding this event, please check the official Facebook event via

 <https://www.facebook.com/LakeIllawarraPD>