

# NLS News!

An update on everything at New Lambton South Public School

Term 1 Week 9 2024



## Term 1 Key Dates

### Week 10

Monday 1 April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Wednesday 3 April	Year 7 2025 Online EOI's Closes PSSA Newcastle City Netball Trials
Thursday 4 April	PSSA Newcastle City Boys and Girls Touch Football Trials

### Week 11

Monday 8 April	Mega Creatures – Hunter Valley Gardens
Friday 12 April	Anzac Day Service Last Day of Term 1

## Term 2 Key Dates

### Week 1

Monday 29 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30 April	Students Return to School
Thursday 2 May	Year 3 GABC Day Trip Year 4 GABC Overnight Trip Year 5 & 6 GABC overnight Trip
Friday 3 May	Year 4 GABC Overnight Trip Year 5 & 6 GABC overnight Trip Mega Creatures – Hunter Valley Gardens

### Week 7

Tuesday 11 June	K-2 Assembly
Thursday 13 June	3-6 Assembly



## CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all our competitors and fun runners who participated in this year's cross country! Lots of fun was had by all!

Those students will go on to represent the school at the Zone Cross Country event will be published at a later date.



## EASTER HAT PARADE

All of our Kindergarten to Year 2 students participated in the Easter Hat Parade today! What a wonderful day!



## HUNTER WATER PRESENTATION

Hunter Water gave a presentation to our school on why it is important to be water wise. There were lots of fun hands on activities with the kids being really engaged in this important environmental message.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PSSA BASKETBALL AND RUGBY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Tom M, Cooper P and Gus C who headed to Maitland this week for the Hunter Basketball Trials. All the students did the school proud with Gus C making the Hunter Basketball team. He will travel to Tamworth for the state later in the year.



Congratulations to Lenny B, Eddie B, Jayden T, Kalani A and Gus C who trialled this week for the Hunter Rugby League teams at Salamander Bay this week. In a long day of tough footy Lenny B made the Hunter under 11's team and Kalani A and Gus C made the Hunter Opens Team.



## PSSA ZONE TOUCH FOOTBALL AND NETBALL TRIALS

Next week, students from our school will be taking on the zones best as they vie for a position in the Zone Touch Football and Netball trials. We wish these competitors the best of luck!

## ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Our annual ANZAC day ceremony will be held on 12 April at 9:30 am in the school hall. Traditionally students from our school have made wreaths and posies from flowers that they have in their gardens to be laid on the day. We encourage as many students as possible to make a wreath or small posy to commemorate this significant day in our calendar.

## COMPUTER BASED TEST PILOT FOR SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT TESTS

You may have heard that the selective high school and opportunity class placement tests will become computer-based tests in 2025.

The Department of Education is calling for students to participate in a pilot of the computer-based placement tests to help them prepare for this change.

It's free and **open to students in Year 3** to sit the pilot opportunity class placement test and **students in Year 5** to sit the pilot selective high school placement test.

The pilot will be held on Saturday 22 June 2024 at test centres in Sydney, Newcastle and Bathurst.

Parents of eligible students are invited to submit **an [expression of interest](#)** for their child to participate in the pilot at the University of Newcastle, Callaghan.

Expressions of interest are open between **26 March – 12 April 2024**.

This is a good opportunity for students to take a practice test ahead of the computer-based placement tests in 2025.

Computers will be provided at the pilot test venues for all participating students. Students cannot use their own personal computers.

**As this is a pilot of the computer-based tests participating will not result in placement in a selective high school or opportunity class.**

For more information contact the department's Selective Education team by email to [SEpilotsupport@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:SEpilotsupport@det.nsw.edu.au)





## Selective education computer-based test pilot

Is your child in Year 3 or Year 5? Express your interest now to participate in our computer-based test pilot

The department is moving from paper to computer-based tests in 2025 for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2026.

To help with the change we are testing the use of computers in a test 'pilot'. We are seeking **expressions of interest** from parents and carers for their child to participate.

### When is the pilot?

Saturday 22 June 2024

- Pilot opportunity class test:  
7:30 am – 11:00 am
- Pilot selective high school test:  
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm

### Where are the test locations?

- International Convention Centre, Sydney
- University of Newcastle, Callaghan
- Mount Panorama, Bathurst

**Participating students get to experience sitting the computer-based test under test conditions**

**Important: Participation in the pilot will not result in placement in a selective high school or opportunity class.**

Year 3 students will sit a **pilot** Opportunity Class Placement Test. Year 5 students will sit a **pilot** Selective High School Placement Test.

Places are limited so express your interest by 12 April 2024 using the link below. There are no fees or charges for the pilot.

**Express your interest now**

Visit: [edu.nsw.link/sepilot](https://edu.nsw.link/sepilot)



For more information regarding the pilot visit: [edu.nsw.link/cbtpilot](https://edu.nsw.link/cbtpilot)

[education.nsw.gov.au](https://education.nsw.gov.au)

## APPLYING FOR OPPORTUNITY CLASS OR SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Opportunity classes are an important way for us to support high-potential and gifted students. It's important we let parents and carers know they need to apply for Year 5 opportunity class placement while their children are in Year 4. The tests will be held in designated government high school test centres or other facilities.

If you would like to apply please click on the below link for both Opportunity Class and Selective High School:

<https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/>



Parent/carer resource

NSW Department of Education

### Applying for my child to attend an opportunity class or selective high school

#### Why selective education?







Grouping high potential and gifted students together and using special teaching methods supports their:

- academic development
- emotional wellbeing
- friendships and social life.

Students tell us that they enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

#### Is it right for my child?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from selective education.

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|  learns quickly and easily |  goal-driven              |
|  asks complex questions    |  good memory              |
|  curious and creative      |  deeply explores passions |

Keep in mind, some children's high potential may be hidden. Being in an opportunity class or selective high school could help.



[education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc)



## How can I support my child through the application process?



Talk to your child about the **benefits** and **challenges** of selective education and address their questions and concerns.



Ask your **child's teacher** (or other staff who know them well) whether they think selective education will suit your child.



Apply for any required **reasonable adjustments** for disability or medical conditions.



Encourage your child to use the department's **free resources** to prepare for the test.



Remind your child they only need to do a **small amount** of **preparation** for the placement test, and **don't** need coaching.



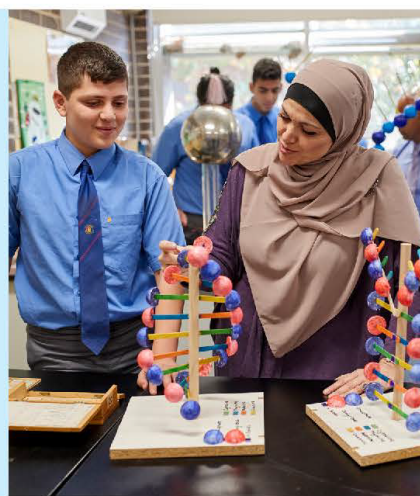
Support your child to continue **co-curricular activities**, see friends, eat healthily and sleep well in the lead-up to the test.

The **Equity Placement Model** reserves up to **20% of places** in opportunity classes and selective high schools for high potential and gifted:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability

Learn more: [edu.nsw.link/equity](https://edu.nsw.link/equity)

Resources in other languages: [edu.nsw.link/shsoc\\_languages](https://edu.nsw.link/shsoc_languages)



### Financial support

[edu.nsw.link/pubedu](https://edu.nsw.link/pubedu)

The [Public Education Foundation scholarships](#) offer financial support to help young people at NSW public schools to access opportunities and reach their potential.

*Please note there are no fees to apply and sit for the placement test, and there are no extra fees to enrol in a selective high school or opportunity class.*

### Get ready to apply

Learn more at our [website](#):



### Telephone interpreter service

If you need interpreter assistance to speak with your child's class teacher please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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## KOTARA HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 – 2025 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Kotara High School invites Year 6 parents/carers to attend the Year 7 - 2025 Information Evening.

### Event details:

Thursday 16 May 2024 at 6PM

Kotara High School – Lexington Parade, Adamstown Heights, NSW, 2289  
Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC)

Additional information regarding Year 7 2025 at Kotara High School can be found on the [Kotara High School website](#).



# Year 7 - 2025 Parent Information Evening

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THURSDAY 16 MAY @ 6.00PM  
MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE  
KOTARA HIGH SCHOOL

Meet the Kotara High School Staff & learn about the events that support the transition from Year 6 to Year 7





## CANTEEN NEWS

Ordering is available online and there will be treats available for purchase at specific breaks. If you are keen to volunteer, we would love to hear from you. Please follow the link below to self-nominate days for Term 2 2024. Volunteers can add their own names to the day that they would like.

Just a reminder the canteen carries a limited amount of change for Break 1 ice block sales. There has been a number of students bringing in large notes which our canteen manager has struggled to provide change.

<https://signup.zone/vFfxn8qXft8i87acL>

TERM 1	
<b>Week 10</b>	
Wednesday 3 Apr	Kathy Kelly
Thursday 4 Apr	Amanda Filipcevic
Friday 5 Apr	Mel Howard
<b>Week 11</b>	
Wednesday 10 Apr	Felicity Drexel
Thursday 11 Apr	
Friday 12 Apr	



SAVE THE DATE

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Love it <sup>20</sup><sub>24</sub>

Tickets on sale

Tuesday 30th April @10am

 TICKETEK

Performances

Friday 14 June @11am & 7pm

Saturday 15 June @1pm & 7pm



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# GEM MARKET

GRATITUDE  
EMPATHY  
MINDFULNESS

FUNDRAISER FOR WELLBEING INITIATIVES

**SAT 6 APRIL 2024 | 8:30AM-1:30PM**  
**KOTARA HIGH SCHOOL MPC**

**COFFEE VAN / LIVE MUSIC**



**PURCHASE A TABLE OR SITE - \$30**  
**SELL PRE-LOVED OR NEW GOODS**

PLEASE CONTACT MRS SHIELDS ON 4943 3044  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HIRING A TABLE.



# IGNITE FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

Ages: 5-12  
Dates: 16th, 17th & 18th of April  
Times: 9am-12pm  
Venue: Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale  
Cost: \$50 per day (\$40 for each child registered after the first)



IGNITE FOOTBALL

General Enquiries:  
[ignitefootballprogram@gmail.com](mailto:ignitefootballprogram@gmail.com)  
Or  
Aiden Halpin - 0423111451

Head to :  
[ignitefootball.com.au](http://ignitefootball.com.au)

Or scan the QR below to register!



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO OVER THE HOLIDAYS?  
LOOKING TO IMPROVE YOUR FOOTBALL SKILLS?  
LOOKING TO PLAY ALONGSIDE FRIENDS NEW & OLD?  
THEN COME ALONG TO IGNITE FOOTBALL'S HOLIDAY CAMP!

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE OR SKILL LEVEL REQUIREMENTS! JUST BRING BOOTS, WATER, AND YOU'LL BE READY TO GO!**

The Ignite Football Holiday Camps offer three days of fun football related activities. The games and activities will prioritise player development whilst encouraging participants to express their ability and enjoy themselves whilst doing so.

Overseen by Former Socceroo and Newcastle Captain Troy Halpin, participants will be given the opportunity to improve their game based on principles uncovered across a playing career at the nation's highest level, as well as two decades of coaching in Sydney's independent football academies and private education institutions.



# IGNITE FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Years: K-2 & 3-6  
Dates: May 8th- June 26<sup>th</sup>  
Times: 4:15-5:15pm (K-2) & 5:30-6:30pm (3-6).  
Venue: Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale  
Cost: \$20 per session (Eight session commitment).



IGNITE FOOTBALL

General Enquiries:  
[ignitefootballprogram@gmail.com](mailto:ignitefootballprogram@gmail.com)  
Or  
Aiden Halpin - 0423111451

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LOVE YOUR FOOTBALL?  
WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ABILITIES?  
WANT TO SOCIALISE WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW?  
THEN COME JOIN THE IGNITE FOOTBALL PROGRAM!

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE OR SKILL LEVEL REQUIREMENTS! JUST BRING BOOTS, WATER, AND YOU'LL BE READY TO GO!**

We believe football is the game for all. For just \$20 a session, you will participate in a program that encourages you to 'ignite' your passion for the beautiful game in a fun, socially rich environment! Led by Former Socceroo Troy Halpin, who has developed the program over 20 years in Sydney's private education institutions and football academies, we are fiercely dedicated to developing and empowering young people both on and off the pitch.

So come, take the journey with us!





# Whats on Week 10

1 APRIL - 5 APRIL 2024

## MONDAY 1 APRIL

**EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC  
HOLIDAY**

## TUESDAY 2 APRIL

## WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

- YEAR 7 2025 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CLOSES
- PSSA NETBALL TRIALS

## THURSDAY 4 APRIL

- PSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS - GIRLS 10AM
- PSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS - BOYS - 11.30AM

## FRIDAY 5 APRIL

## NEXT WEEK:

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

**Be Kind,  
Be Safe,  
Be Your Best.**

