# Blue Haven Public School

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## Term 4 Week 7

### Dates for your diary

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|---|---|---|
| Book Fair | Monday 21st November - Thursday 24th November | |
| Book Parade | Thursday 24th November | |
| Slime Fundraiser | Friday 25th November | |
| Kindergarten Bus Safety Talk | Monday 28th November | |
| Northlakes High School Orientation Day | Tuesday 29th November | |
| K-2 Assembly | Tuesday 29th November | |
| Presentation Day | Thursday 8th December | |
| Coffee and Chat | Thursday 8th December | 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm |
| Year 6 Farewell | Thursday 8th December | |
| Year 6 Bowling Excursion | Thursday 15th December | |
| Last Day for students | Friday 16th December | |

**Notes for Parents:**

- Year 6 Bowling
- Book Club
- Northlakes Orientation Day
- Slime Fun Run
- Hunter Kids Vacation Care

2019 Australian Education Awards Winner – Primary School of the Year – Government

## School Vision 2021-2024

*To be a high performing school with a positive and inclusive school culture that promotes the wellbeing and success of all*

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# Blue Haven Public School - Principal's Message

Hi Parents/Caregivers,

**Additional Staff Development Day**
The Department of Education has made a change to the end of the school year, by adding an extra staff development day for teachers to undertake professional learning to support the implementation of the new English and mathematics curriculums.
This means that the students last day at school will now be **Friday 16th December** with the staff development day occurring on **Monday 19th December.**

**Muru Bulbi Buridjga**
On Thursday 10th November, I had the pleasure of being a part of the Muru Bulbi Buridjga. This was a fantastic evening that showcased the outstandingly talented Aboriginal students from across our local area. I was extremely proud to see our students perform in their chosen area of excellence. We were well represented by our students dancing for the audience. They performed a dance called Gulang (Star) to the song Yellow by King Stingray. We were also amazed by the drumming talents of Keisha S. Watching her take her place behind the drum kit and enter into her element was captivating as she went on to perform the song When I Come Around by Green Day.

We had many students receive awards on the night. Amongst them were;

**Maliga Gili Award (Shining Light)**
Aari H - 4V
Jakhiel H - 3F

**Barila Dhamura Award (Stand Up)**
Makayla G - 6S
Cooper M - 6P

**Ngara Yadha Award (Listens to well)**
Iyanna J - 2D
Sophia-Rose G - 4C

**Mgaruga Award (Helping Hand)**
Jimari H - 6P
Brayden S - 2A

It was also an opportunity for the Muru Bulbi principals to acknowledge and sign their name to the Department of Education and NSW AECG Partnership Agreement, committing to make improvements into outcomes for our Aboriginal students. A commitment that we don't take lightly at Blue Haven with many things already implemented and achieving great rewards for both or Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. Mrs Swannell has also provided information about this amazing event and has shared some photos in her section of the newsletter.

**LJ's Place and 1st Annual LJ's Art Exhibition**
Thank you to all the community members that came along to be a part of the memorial for LJ. What a beautiful event with the students making amazing contributions on the day. From the fantastic artworks to the Maori student performances. We have such a respectful and talented school community. The kindness and support shown to LJ's family remind me of why I went into education. The value of community and making a difference in the lives of our students and their families is worth more than anything else.

The official opening of LJ's Place also occurred on the same day as a special space dedicated to LJ. We created this beautiful space in his honour and classes have already started to utilise the space, by taking the classroom outdoors.

# Blue Haven Public School - Principal's Message

I would like to congratulate our grade winners of the Art competition.

**Kindergarten**
**1st** - Lilly P -KNT
**2nd** - Charlotte G -KK
**3rd** - Bobbie S -KMG
**Highly commended** - Georgia J -KT

**Year 1**
**1st** - Ashleigh S -1C
**2nd** - Terau W -1G
**3rd** - Tristyn M -1DA
**Highly commended** - Spencer D -1C

**Year 2**
**1st** - Alyssa B -1/2D
**2nd** - Alana D -2D
**3rd** - Cooper S -2H
**Highly commended** - Indianna W -2C

**Year 3**
**1st** - Max S -3C
**2nd** - Alyrah A -3F
**3rd** - Kylah K -3C
**Highly commended** - Claire G -3K

**Year 4**
**1st** - Indii Q -4V
**2nd** - Layla T -4B
**3rd** - Celine D -4C
**Highly commended** - Summa D -4B

**Year 5**
**1st** - Axel F -5S
**2nd** - Liam O -5W
**3rd** - Thomas M -5W
**Highly commended** - Charlie M -5M

**Year 6**
**1st** - Tamara G -6P
**2nd** - Jai S -6S
**3rd** - Kiarah C -6S
**Highly commended** - Isabella M -6P

*The overall winner will be announced on Presentation Day and are not amongst the winners listed above.*

**High School Transition**
Many years ago, the Department of Education aligned all high schools to have their **Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Days** on the same day. This year that date is **Tuesday 29th of November**. A note from Northlakes High School will be coming home today, providing information about the day. If you have enrolled into a different school, you should have received information from them about their day either through email or post. If you have not received anything as yet, please contact your child's enrolled high school and obtain the required information. We wouldn't want any child missing out.

# Blue Haven Public School - Principal's Message

**Playground Markings**
Last week we had our new markings installed in the playground. These bright and colourful additions have already been well used by our students, with the new handball markings being a particular favourite. Providing our students with opportunities to keep active is vital for their healthy life choices.

**Rapid Antigen Tests**
NSW Health has indicated that COVID-19 is making a resurgence on the Central Coast. Children are still required to not attend school when sick. We do have a supply of Rapid Antigen Tests that are available at the office, should you wish to collect some. Please drop by the office and request a box. You are able to collect one box for each child that you have at our school.

**Student Leaving BHPS**
Families that are not returning to Blue Haven in 2023, please take the time to complete the Student Leavers form to provide the school with the required information to prepare for their departure. It is very important that we are aware of the new school that children will be enrolling in.

As part of the requirements of the Department of Education, we need this information to follow up with your child's new school, irrespective of state/territory or if it is public, religious or independent.

**Assembly Performances**

| **Term 4** | | |
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| **Week No.** | **Infants** | **Primary** |
| **Week 7** | N/A | 5S |
| **Week 8** | 2H | N/A |
| **Week 9** | No Assembly due to Presentation Assembly | |
| **Week 10** | No Assembly due to complexity of the last week. | |

Please note, these may change depending on unforeseen circumstances.

**P&C Meeting**
P&C Meetings are a great opportunity to get involved at Blue Haven Public School. It allows you to share your thoughts, ideas and be involved in many decisions to make Blue Haven Public School a stronger and richer place for all of our students.
Please come along to make a real difference in the school. See you there.
**Venue: Blue Haven Public School**
**Date: 29th November 2022**
**Time: 5pm - 6pm**
**Location: School Library**

Stay safe Blue Haven,

*Dale Edwards*

**Principal**

Blue Haven Public School - Attendance Update

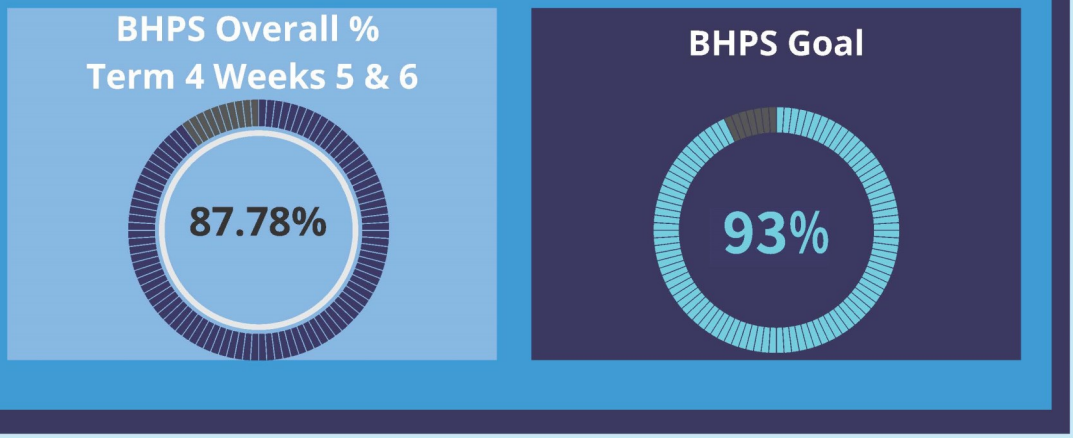
# BASE

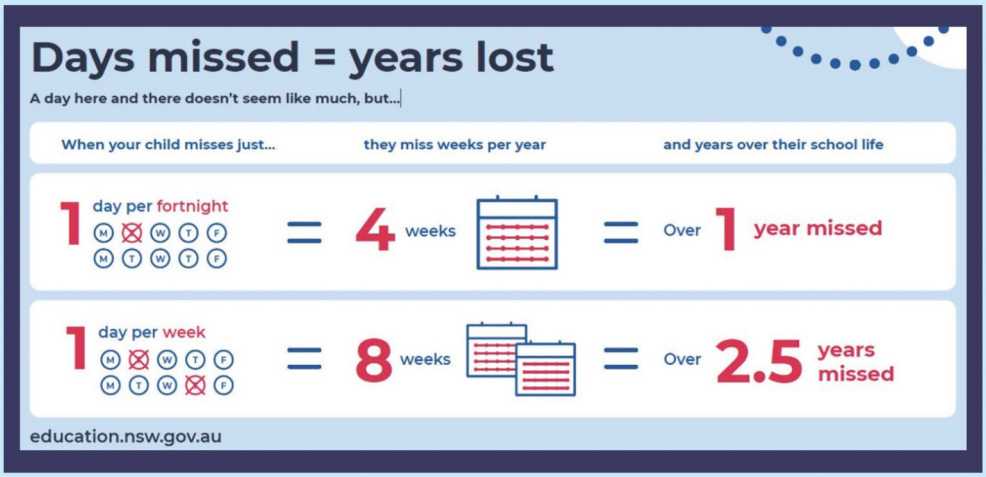
## Be At School Everyday

**The Department of Education has a goal of 95% attendance for every student. At Blue Haven Public our goal is 93%, as a starting point. For our school, this is an aspirational target. As much as we would like to achieve this, we recognise that children's health and wellbeing will have an impact.**

## Every Day Counts

Here are the attendance statistics for Term 4, Weeks 5 & 6.



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**Donny's Summer Reading Challenge**

Are you aware that some students can lose up to 25% of their reading skills during the summer holidays?

So we developed Donny's Summer Reading Challenge to combat the 'Summer Slide' in reading. Donny's Summer Reading Challenge is a fun program developed to encourage students in Years K-5 to do more reading over the summer school holidays.

Reading is the key to success in education, but reading is not just something that we do at school – what you learn at school needs to be used at home through reading for pleasure and interest. Reading every day will help keep your reading skills alive and prevent the loss of these important skills.

You will have the opportunity to earn prizes based on the number of days you spend reading in the holidays. Students that participate will be sent home with a Donny bag with books. You can also access a number of texts on Donny's website. This website will also list locations in the community to access books.
You can also read books that you have at home, magazines and any other reading materials you may have.

If you have not already registered your interest please click this link: https://forms.gle/axXn6HqfMWWo58dE7.

**Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)**

Students in Year 6 have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Warm regards,

Kristy West

Deputy Principal

# Blue Haven Public School - Community Corner

Hello Blue Haven, welcome back to another installment of our Community Corner. How quick this term is going? I can't believe we are thinking about Christmas Carols already! As we edge closer to the end of year please read below to all the exciting events we have coming up.

First of all we have an amazing Book Parade coming up this Thursday. I hope the students are as excited about dressing up as some of the teachers are. We are extremely excited and looking forward to having you all in and watching the students parade around Dolphin Cove. We have the coffee van coming, as well as our very talented preschool students. We look forward to seeing you this Thursday at 8:45 am.

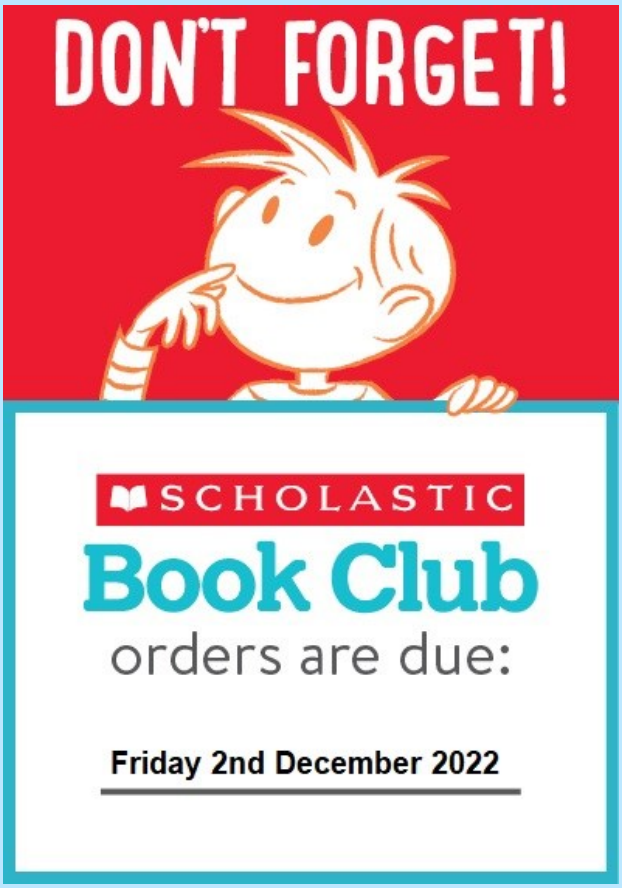
Our very last Coffee and Chat will be on the 8th of December at 1:30 pm. Next year we will be looking at moving to one a term and looking at different times. This will be the last one for the year and it's a great opportunity to chat with the school about your ideas.

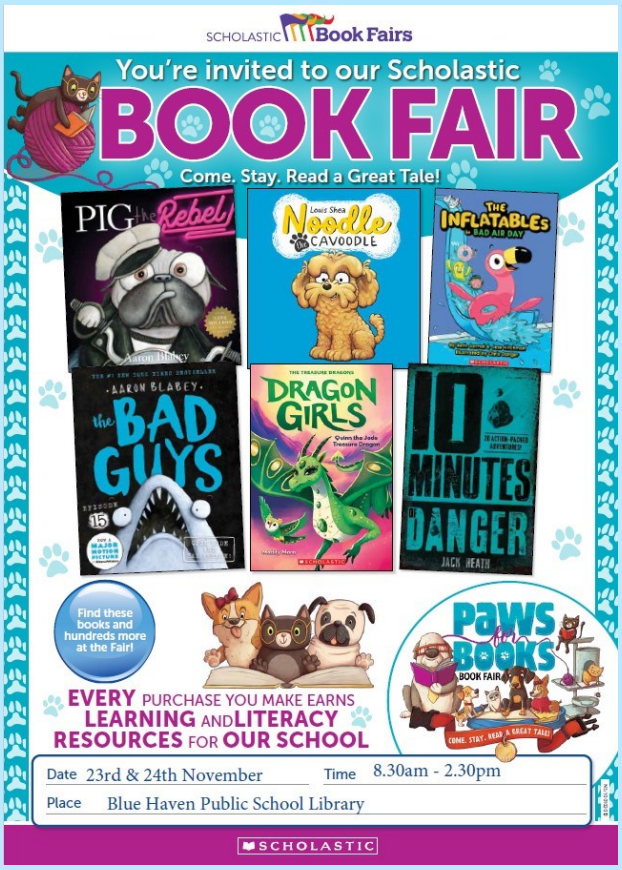
Looking ahead to next year, we are still looking for more second hand uniforms to fill up our community uniform stock. Our first drive in term 1 was a huge success with lots of second hand uniforms going into much needed homes. We are asking anyone with old second hand uniforms to place it into your child's bag and hand it to the teacher. We greatly appreciate your support.

On the 15th of December we will be having our annual Christmas Carols. Every class will get up and showcase their talents and sing a Christmas carol for our community. We have lots planned with our coffee van and an ice cream truck also attending and Lions Club cooking up a BBQ for dinner, as well as a very special visit from Santa. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Lastly, I wanted to share and thank some of our amazing agencies that help support our school and our community. Thank you to the following:
South Lakes Incorporated
Eat up Australia
Charmhaven Lions Club
Central Coast Health

Thanks again,
Chris Garbutt
School Learning Support Officer/
Community Partnerships



# Blue Haven Public School - Community Corner

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Thursday 10th November our Muru Bulbi showcase was held at Gorokan High School, it was a fantastic opportunity to come together, celebrate and connect with families, students, and teachers within our region.

Thank you to our performers you were amazing, you shone on the stage.

Our award recipients we congratulate you all.

As previously mentioned a special ceremony was held in San Remo recently to unveil an Aboriginal mural and totem poles to the community.

The art was designed and painted by Year 7 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Northlakes High School and local artists Matt Syron and Rachael Powell, as part of an initiative by the local schools and the Health Promotion Service, with support from Central Coast Council.

Hear from the students involved in the project and see how much their work meant to them and the community by scanning the QR code:

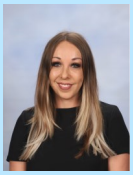
BHPS has been a part of the Aboriginal lunch box program, this project took a community approach and was an initiative between Central Coast Health, San Remo Epi Centre and 2 local schools, Blue Haven Public School and Northlakes Public School. We are looking to continuing this relationship into 2023.

The program was a finalist at the “Caring for the Coast” awards in the category “Excellence in Aboriginal Healthcare”, the award and category recognises exceptional health care that is responsive to the local Aboriginal community health needs.

We would like to extend our congratulations to Nunyara/Allied Health their program Healthy Jarjums that were the winners of the award.

BHPS was fortunate enough to attend Healthy Jarjums with this year’s Kindergarten students, the program is aimed to provide health information to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with screening and referral to services including speech pathology, dental, audiology, nutrition, physiotherapy, and OT.

We look forward to attending with our Kindergarten 2023 students in early term 1.



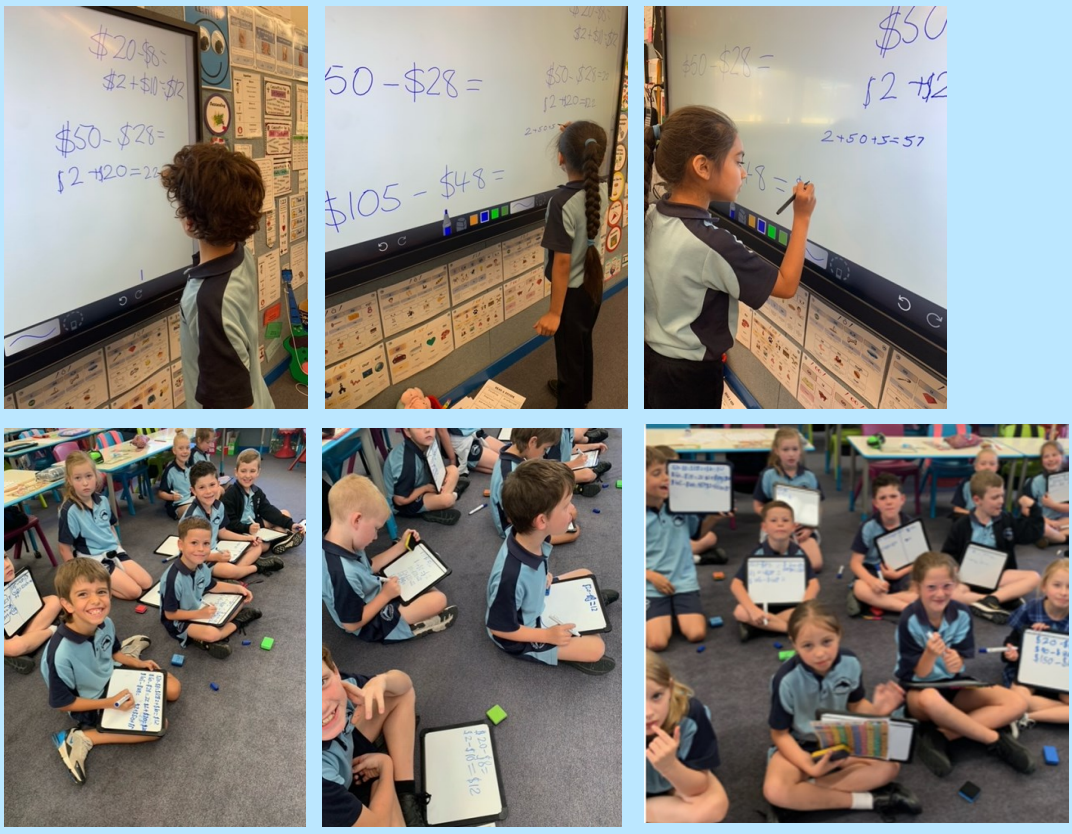
Thank you,
Ms Jodie Swannell**,** Aboriginal SLSO

## Kindergarten News

This week in Maths, KMG have been learning about repeating patterns. We had a lot of fun making repeating patterns with our construction materials. Maths is so much fun!

## Stage 1 News

2D are learning various ways to combine and separate numbers. Here they are doing the Shopkeeper's Method, where they solve the problem by turning a subtraction into an addition to work out the answer.



Blue Haven Public School - Student News

## Stage 2 News

3K have been reading a novel as a class called “The Fat and Juicy Place” which is about a young Aboriginal boy who is living in the city and making connections to his ancestors’ stories of the land. The confidence of the students in 3K has significantly increased as they volunteer to read pages to the class. We have made the most of our beautiful weather lately and took the book to L.J’s Place to read together.

## Stage 3 News

### Year 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp Kincumber

Recently, students in Year 5 went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber and participated in a range of exciting activities that encouraged them to develop their independence and self-confidence. They were challenged to take measured chances in a safe and supportive environment. Activities included – rock climbing, canoeing, giant fan, giant swing, mud run, county fair, pioneering, and high ropes.

**Stage 3 News**

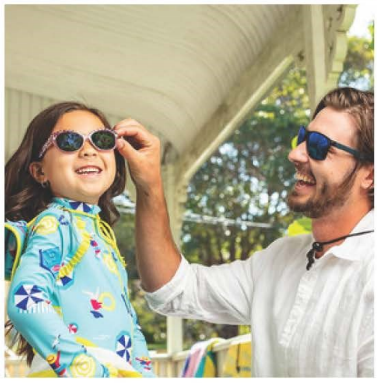
**City Country Alliance Student Leadership Summit**

A second camp supported and paid for by Blue Haven Public School was attended by our 2023 school student leadership team. They proudly presented our school at the City Country Alliance of Schools (CCAS) Leadership Summit at Camp Collaroy with 120 student leaders from other schools across the state. They engaged in numerous activities aimed at developing their multicultural and interpersonal understanding, communication and leadership skills.

# Sunsmart Snippet

## Don't forget your eyes.

**Sunglasses don't have to be expensive to be effective.**



Considerations when choosing sunglasses for best protection:

- Choose sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard AS/NZS 1067.1:2016 with a lens category of 2, 3 or 4.
- Some sunglasses are marked with an Eye Protection Factor (EPF). An EPF of 9 or 10 provides excellent protection.
- Wrap around, close fitting and large lenses help to reduce reflected UV radiation and glare that can pass around the edge of sunglasses.

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Cancer Council Healthy Lunch Box

# Nutrition Snippet

## EASY VEGIE CURRY

### Ingredients (serves 4)

2½ tablespoon sunflower oil
1 onion, peeled and diced
1 tablespoon traditional curry powder*
1 medium sweet potato, peeled & diced
1 425g tin chickpeas, drained
1 270ml tin lite coconut milk
1 cup water
1 cup broccoli, cut into small florets
Cooked rice to serve

### Method

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat.
2. Add the onion and cook until softened. Add curry powder and cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
3. Add the sweet potatoes, chickpeas, coconut milk, and water and stir. Cook for 10 minutes.
4. Add the broccoli and cook for a further 5 minutes or until tender. Serve with rice and top with coriander if desired.

*Gluten free if using gluten free curry powder

**For this recipe and more visit:**
healthylunchbox.com.au

Cancer Council Healthy Lunch Box

# Sunsmart Snippet

## It's never too late. Sun protection at any age will reduce your risk of skin cancer.

**Protect your skin in five ways.**

Remember to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE when the UV is 3 or above.

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Cancer Council Healthy Lunch Box

UNSW SYDNEY

GERRIC

# GERRIC for Gifted Students Program

## Helping bright young minds thrive

January 2023

Online & on-campus

9-13 January 2023

Online

UNSW Campus, Kensington

9:00am - 3:00pm

We are excited to announce that our GERRIC Student Programs will return in January 2023! Our Scientia programs will be run both online and on-campus to provide students with the choice of what works best for them. This is a school holiday program that expands the minds of bright, inquisitive individuals looking for an intellectual challenge that is more demanding and more fun than they may sometimes experience at school.

All courses are 3-day workshops. Registration will be available from 10 November 2022.

### Junior Scientia: Years 3 - 6

The Junior Scientia program is designed for gifted and talented primary school students in Years 3-6. To participate in the program, students will select one three-day workshop from a range of options.

All workshops are developed and presented by experienced teachers who are qualified or experienced in gifted education. They possess the expertise and skills to encourage the interests and pique the curiosity of gifted children.

### Scientia Challenge: Years 7 - 10

The Scientia Challenge program features a range of exciting workshops taught over three days designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10.

Developed and led by practising experts, the workshops follow a university-style investigative structure with intellectually-stimulating content. With the level of study aimed two years higher than the students' grade level, these dynamic workshops offer gifted students a rigorous and challenging program.

Follow the QR code for more information about our program

**Scholarships Available!**

**Contact us: gerric@unsw.edu.au**

# HUNTER KIDS

## Vacation Care Northlakes

**We have a NO REFUND or CANCELLATION policy once the program has commenced.**
**Note: This is just a general guide.**
**Activities are subject to change depending on numbers, weather, educator ratio, etc.**

**Hat, Lunch box with snacks, drink bottle, closed in shoes are required every day.**

**Service cost: $75.50 (Child Care Subsidy will apply to all fees)**
**Excursions and Incursions $85.50 (includes transport and entry fees)**

| Date | Activity Description | Cost | Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monday 19th December 2022 | **Tye Dye Santa Sacks** Today you will learn the art of Tye Dye by creating a Christmas Santa Sack to place under the Christmas tree | $85.50 | In Service |
| Tuesday 20th December 2022 | **Bricks 4 Kids Christmas Workshop** Christmas themed workshop with characters including elves, snowmen, and Santa. We also have moving Christmas trees, sleighs and much more. Craft station to build their own Christmas design. | $85.50 | Incursion |
| Wednesday 21st December 2022 | **Pyjama, Milkshake, Movie Day** Everything is better in pyjamas ! Come along and join us for our fantasic pyjama and milkshake party frenzy filled with group games of limbo, bingo, musical chairs and musical statues with prizes to be won! | $75.50 | In Service |
| Thursday 22nd December 2022 | **Nearly Christmas** Gingerbread baking, help construct a Gingerbread House, Get into the Christmas spirit | $75.50 | In Service |
| Friday 23rd December 2022 | **End of Year Celebration Party** Get into the Christmas spirit, a day of dancing, singing Christmas fun. | $75.50 | In Service |

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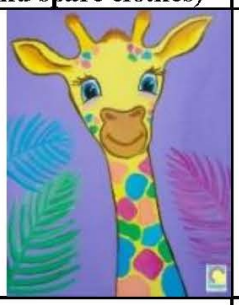
| Monday 9th January 2023 | **Hunter Kids Water world** Slip and Slide into the wet and wild. Bring your swimmers, towel, rashie and hat and enjoy a fun day cooling off. **(Please pack a plastic bag and spare clothes)** | $85.50 | In Service |
| Tuesday 10th January 2023 | **Paint and Sip Spiders** Find your creative side and paint a picture with your peers while you enjoy Fizzy Fruity spider drinks.  | $85.50 | In Service |
| Wednesday 11th January 2023 | **Australian Reptile Park** Today enjoy the day at your local reptile park, seeing all the unique and amazing animals. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the Reptile Park with your peers | $85.50 | Excursion to Australian Reptile Park Somersby |
| Thursday 12th January 2023 | **Fire Safety** Be Educated about Fire Safety, work together to keep yourself safe, put together a fire safety plan and watch out for the Fire Truck Rescue Service. | $85.50 | In Service |
| Friday 13th January 2023 | **Mini Olympics** Come along and join Hunter Kids Mini Olympics! A day where you can show off your talents and learn new skills. Create an obstacle that you and your peers can challenge each other with. | $75.50 | In Service |

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| Monday 16th January 20223 | **School Holiday Movies**<br>It's movie time, watch the newest releases with your Hunter Kids Peers. Please do not bring spending money snacks will be provided. **Movie to be advised closer to date.**<br> | $85.50 | Excursion to Events Cinemas Glendale |
| Tuesday 17th January 2023 | **Carnival Day**<br>The Carnival is in town, make fairy floss, snow cones, have your face painted and play carnival games. Guess the amount of jellybeans in the jar and you can take it home.<br> | $85.50 | In Service |
| Wednesday 18th January 2023 | <br>**Dullboys Warners Bay**<br>It's Bowling time at Dullboys Warners Bay. Time to put on your bowling shoes, challenge your peers and see who can get the first strike! | $85.50 | Excursion to Dullboys Warners Bay for bowling |
| Thursday 19th January 2023 | **Mini Golf**<br>Putt away with your peers and Educators. Create your own golf course and see how far you can Putt your ball.<br>Aim for that HOLE IN ONE.....<br> | $75.50 | In Service |
| Friday 20th January 2023 | <br>**Bike and Scooter Day**<br>Bring your helmet and your wheels for a fun filled day of riding.<br>**Helmets and closed in shoes are compulsory.** | $75.50 | In Service |

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| Monday 23rd January 2023 | **Hunter Kids Animal Farm**<br>Meet the Hunter Kids animals, Pet Mini Horses, chickens, guinea pigs, ferrets and more.<br> | $85.50 | Incursion |
| Tuesday 24th January 2023 | <br>**Rainbow Explosion**<br>Wear a white t-shirt that can get covered in colours of the rainbow. Create a colour run obstacle course. | $85.50 | In Service |
| Wednesday 25th January 2023 | **SLOT CAR RACING**<br>Hobby time. Encourages skill building, connection with automobiles, pick your car, pick your lane and enjoy the drive.<br> | $85.50 | Excursion to Sloties Charmhaven for Slot Car Racing |
| Thursday 26th January | **AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED!** | | Closed |
| Friday 27th January 2023 | <br>**PJ Disco**<br>Don't know what to wear to Vacation Care today? Well, no need to worry! Jump straight out of bed in your comfy pyjamas and come and join us for a fun filled day full of dancing. | $75.50 | In Service |
| Monday 30th January 2023 | **Let's Start 2023 with a Bang**<br>Today we will get ready for the new school year. Let's create new rules for OSHC, make new friends, let your educators know your menu ideas and activities to entertain you for the start of Term 1.<br> | $75.50 | In Service |

**CONTACT OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR ELAINE at**
**hunter20kids@gmail.com OR 0410647153**

Hunter Kids must have an enrolment form on file for each child to attend.
Includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea.
Hours of operation
6:30am-6.00pm
Excursion days there will be strict drop off times These will be made available.