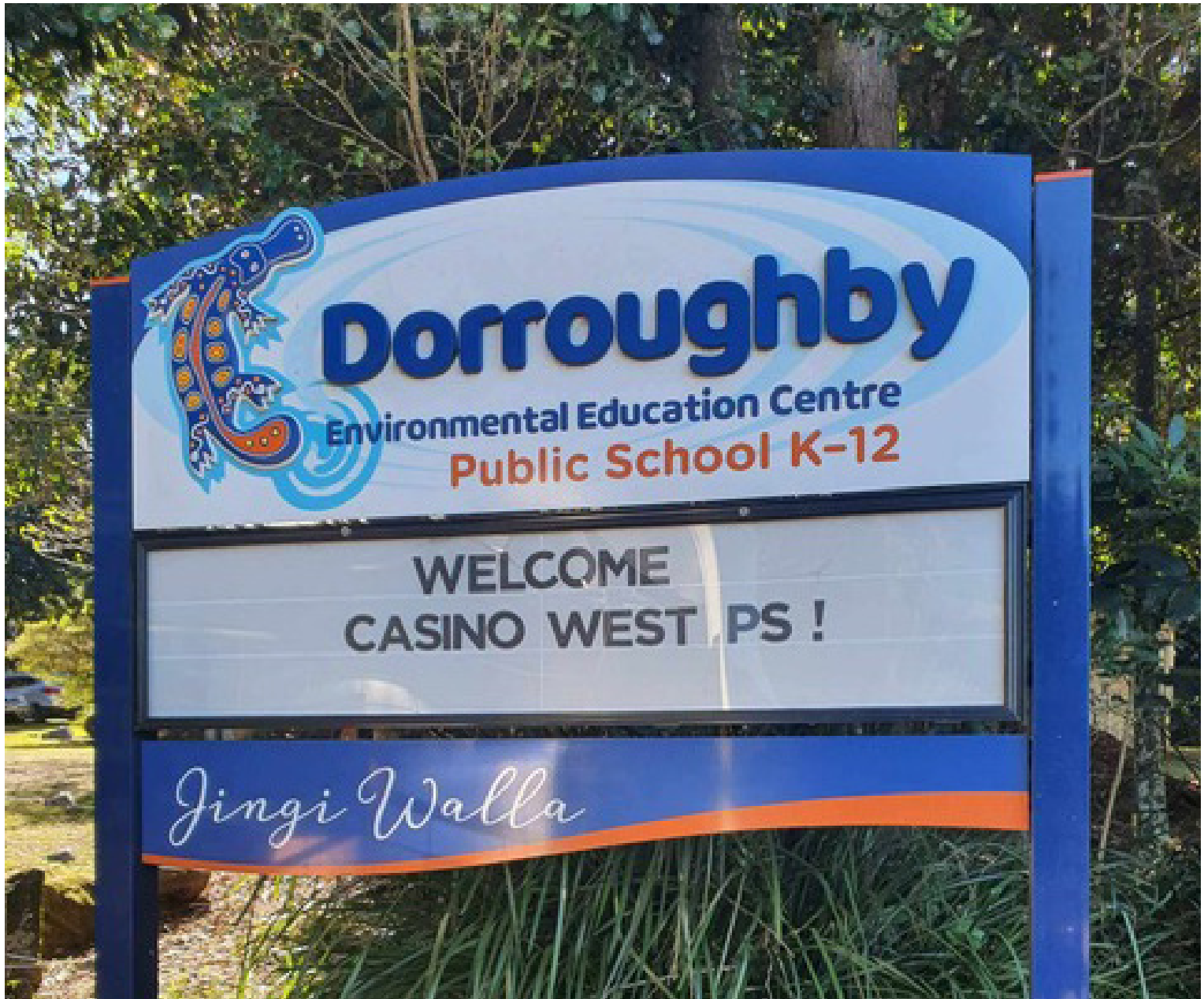




Casino West Public School

# NEWSLETTER

23 June 2025 Term 2 - Week 9



- **Healthy Harold arrives Wednesday!**
- **Wheelie Safe Kids**
- **NAIDOC Celebrations next week**
- **Hot Dogs for Gold Level achievers Week 10**



Casino West  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

# Principal Report

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## PRINCIPAL - LESLEY MILLS

Dear parents, carers and community members

### **Celebrating Our Dance Group's Success!**

I am thrilled to announce that our contemporary dance group has been accepted to perform at the prestigious 2025 Schools Spectacular in Sydney! This remarkable achievement is a testament to their hard work, talent, and passion for the creative arts. The students will travel to Sydney from November 25 to November 30 for this exciting opportunity. Let's cheer them on as they prepare to showcase their skills on a grand stage!

### **Kudos to Addison B!**

Congratulations to Addison B for being selected as a reserve for the Rugby League team after her outstanding performance at the recent tournament in Ballina! She will travel to Coffs Harbour on July 2, 2025, for the next stage of her rugby journey. We are incredibly proud of her accomplishment and wish her all the best in this exciting adventure!

### **Bike Safety Incursion This Thursday**

We are excited to host a Bike Safety Incursion this Thursday! The 'Wheelie Safe Kids' program encourages all students to bring their bikes to school for a free bike check, helmet fitting, and essential safety tips. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young riders to learn about safe cycling practices while ensuring their bikes are road-ready.

### **Primary Students Prepare for Athletics Carnival**

Our senior students have been diligently practicing their athletics field events in preparation for the School Athletics Carnival in Term 3. Their commitment and teamwork are truly inspiring, and we look forward to seeing them showcase their hard work in this exciting competition!

### **Healthy Harold's Visit**

We are delighted to welcome Healthy Harold this Wednesday! All students from Preschool to Year 6 will have the opportunity to participate in engaging sessions at the Life Education van. This program focuses on promoting healthy choices and positive relationships, empowering our students with valuable life skills.

### **Join Us for NAIDOC Celebrations!**

Mark your calendars for Monday of Week 10 as we kick off our NAIDOC celebrations! We invite all families and community members to join us for a special assembly at 9:45 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples together.

### **Nature on Our Grounds: Plover Eggs Discovery**

We are excited to share that plover eggs have been discovered on our school grounds! This unexpected find has sparked curiosity among our students and staff. We encourage everyone to observe this fascinating process while appreciating the importance of protecting our local wildlife.

### **Gold Level Rewards Celebration**

Next Tuesday, we will hold our Gold Level rewards to recognise the hard work and achievements of our students during Term 2. As a special treat, all Gold Level students will enjoy a free hot dog! We can't wait to celebrate their accomplishments together.

### **End of Term Reminder**

A reminder that Friday, July 4, is the last day of Term 2. I want to commend our students for their dedication and effort this term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday July 22 2025. Wishing you all a safe and happy break filled with quality time with family and friends!

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community. Together, we are creating a vibrant and nurturing environment for our students to thrive!

# Library Desk

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LIBRARIAN - GENEVIEVE GIBSON

## Geography

K-6R and K-6S students having been learning about the natural and built features of places. They have designed playgrounds which include both - trees, flower gardens, duck ponds, benches to sit on, bike tracks, slides, swings and even a skate park!

**Stage 2 students** have been learning about the countries that are Australia's neighbours. They watched videos featuring students from New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Philippines. And have even written letters inviting them to Casino!

**Stage 3 students** have been finding out about the Indigenous peoples of the world ,their histories and their cultures. They have been on a fascinating journey from Australia (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People), to Northern Europe (Sami) via New Zealand (Maori), Japan (Ainu), Thailand (Moken), Malaysia (Orang Asli), Canada (Inuit) and The U.S.A. (American Indians).

**Please return all library books before the end of term!**

## Coming Up!

Children's Book Week, which will involve a Book Character Parade and a Book Fair, will be celebrated next term on Thursday 20th August, Week 5.

This year's theme is 'Book an Adventure'. More details to follow.



# Stay healthy this winter

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Dear parents and carers,

As we enter the winter season, respiratory viruses such as influenza, also known as flu, are expected to rise.

NSW Health has a number of resources to support you and your family this winter:

Book your family's flu vaccination [External link](#) for the best protection from getting sick. Recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over. Stay informed about vaccinations [External link](#) and access translated vaccine information [External link](#).

Help stop the spread of cold and flu by practicing good general hygiene including:

- regular handwashing for at least 20 seconds (Need a timer? Get your child to hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice);
- using hand sanitiser;
- covering coughs and sneezes;
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces, particularly when people are sick; and
- not visiting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if you have cold or flu symptoms, especially babies and older people.
- call [healthdirect External link](#) on 1800 022 222 for free health advice, care and treatment for non-life threatening conditions from a registered nurse. They can find you a nearby doctor, pharmacist, urgent care service or connect you to specialist virtual care.

Your child will need to stay home, if they are sick with multiple or severe respiratory symptoms, symptoms that are worsening, or other signs like fever, rash, or tiredness.

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is sick, absent or needs to attend a medical appointment during school hours.

Our teachers are here to help your child's continued learning and return to school once they are well enough.

Take care this winter and thank you for supporting our school community.



# Attendance Matters

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## ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

Sometimes we will need to contact you, including on the day that your child is absent, or if you haven't notified the school with a reason for your child being away.

If your contact details are out of date or if you're not sure, please contact us on 6662 1916 so we can update our records and can contact you quickly when we need to.

Please include parent/carers name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change. This is particularly important so we can work together to protect the wellbeing of our students through the reporting and monitoring of student absences.

## LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

The wellbeing of our students is extremely important to us. One way we protect the wellbeing of your child is by fulfilling our responsibilities as both parents/carers and school staff by reporting and monitoring student absences.

Please remember to contact us on 6662 1916. This is best done early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly and we can provide appropriate support for you and your family.

For further information on the processes we use to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absences please read our School Attendance Policy.

## SUPPORTING REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attending school every day allows your child to get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options.

This includes attending school on rainy days, sports days and birthdays for example. Regular school attendance can help expand your child's learning and create positive relationships with their peers.

If you require support in getting your child ready and motivated for school, please reach out to us.

Read more about the benefits of regular attendance on the department website.

### **Attendance Term 2**

**Well done to the following classes:**

### **Week 8**

**3/4W 91% & K-6R 90%**

# Class Spotlight

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## K-6H - MELISSA HORNE

### Discover Nature at Dorroughby!

Recently, our support classes embarked on an exciting excursion to the Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre, where students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in nature and enhance their understanding of the environment.

The day began with a thrilling platypus session, where students observed these unique animals in their natural habitat. Next, students participated in a hands-on activity to assess water quality. Using net dipping techniques, they identified various macroinvertebrates, learning about their roles in the aquatic environment. This practical assessment provided valuable insights into the health of the local waterway.

In addition to exploring water quality, the students participated in an informative discussion about the significance of insects in our ecosystem. They learned how insects contribute to pollination, decomposition and maintaining ecological balance. They got to view the insects under microscopes and even created an insect.

Overall, the excursion to Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre was a resounding success, fostering curiosity and a greater understanding of environmental science among our students.





# Class Spotlight

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# Message from AEO



HALEY CONNORS

Jingee-Walla,

JINGEE WALLA!



## THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

*Parents, caregivers and community members are warmly invited to attend Casino West Public School's 2025 NAIDOC Assembly and Celebrations. Children are encouraged to wear the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.*

*After the assembly, we invite you and your child to join us for a picnic featuring kangaroo soup, chicken soup, johnny cakes and a barbecue.*

Casino West Public  
School Hall

JUNE  
30th



9:45  
AM



# Important Reminders

<b>WEEK 9</b>	Tuesday 24 June	STEPS - Eyesight Testing Preschool
	Wednesday 25 June	Healthy Harold Life Education Visit KM, 1C, 2R, K-6H & K-6M
	Thursday 26 June	Healthy Harold Life Education Visit 3/4S
		STEPS - Eyesight Testing Preschool Wheelie Safe Kids Incursion 3/4S, 3/4W, 5/6DG & 5/6K
<b>WEEK 10</b>	Monday 30 June	NAIDOC Celebrations
		Healthy Harold Life Education Visit Preschool
	Tuesday 1 July	NAIDOC class celebrations Infants
		Healthy Harold Life Education Visit 3/4W & 5/6DG
	Wednesday 2 July	Healthy Harold Life Education Visit 5/6K
		Gold Rewards - Hot Dogs
	Friday 4 July	Last day of term
<b>Permissions to be returned</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
	5/6DG & 5/6K	End of Year Brisbane Excursion
<b>Notices</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
	School community	- School Bytes APP is available Please download via the app store
		- Do you need to apply for bus travel in 2025? <a href="https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-school-travel-pass">https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-school-travel-pass</a>

Our value this week is

**POWER**

Power means being able to do things and make choices.

Here's how we can use our power:

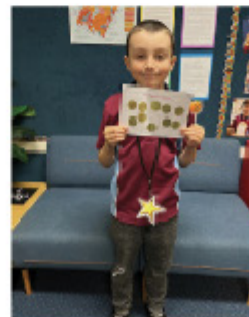
- Feeling confident and standing tall.
- Doing things that have a good effect on others.
- Making good choices and helping others do the same.
- Speaking up if someone is being unkind.
- Not using our power to hurt others.

**Remember, we all have power inside us to do good things!**

# Award Recipients

## PRINCIPAL AWARD T2 - 2025

Jaydan W	Jamaya B
Faviola R	Lacey C
Ksenia R	Miya W
Archie M	Piper H
Emberlily A	Alista B
Ruthy-Jane T	Angus H
Royce G-T	Amelia H
Jayce J	Ivy B
Riley P	Amity Mc
Lachlan S	Izaac B
Zayarah R-H	Orlando W
Daniel S	Ekeem W
Eli R	Adam R
Jaydan T	Owen Mc
Emberlily A	Emily S
Hunter H	Lachlan B
Tyga Mc	Scarlett M
Edward D	Deklyn F



## PLATTY AWARD T2 - WK 7 & 8 For being Safe, Respectful & Responsible

Lacy C	Rayne A-S
Annabelle Mc	Jesse F

## DIFFERENT TEACHER SAME RESPECT AWARD T2 - WK 7 & 8

Cooper M-M	Emberlily A
Riley P	Ryan C



# Award Recipients

## INFANTS ASSEMBLY

Class	Star of the Class	Sports Star
KM	Enzo L	Amelia K
1C	Angus H	Charlotte W
2R	Hunter H	Oliver M
Class Merit Awards		
KM	Alana D	<i>Class expectations &amp; being a kind friend.</i>
KM	Zach R	<i>Growing more confident.</i>
1C	Lachlan G	<i>Blending letter sounds.</i>
1C	Mia M	<i>Blending letter sounds.</i>
2R	Ariana C	<i>Enthusiasm for all learning.</i>
2R	Zahli R	<i>Improved reading fluency.</i>
Principals Award		Reason
KM	Steven D	<i>His enthusiasm for learning &amp; school, applying new maths concepts, learning his letter sounds. Improvement in reading.</i>
1C	Emberlily A	<i>A kind, considerate class member who always tries her best.</i>
2R	Skylar J	<i>An increased understanding of what it means to be a learner.</i>
Birthdays		
	Adrianne R	Tayleirah C
Playground Draw		Best Behaviour at Assembly Award
1.Tyga Mc	Charlotte W	1C



# Happenings

## Term 2

Term 2 - 2025	
Wednesday 25 June	Healthy Harold Life Education visit
Thursday 26 June	Bike Incursion - road rules, maintenance and safety
	Healthy Harold Life Education visit
Monday 30 June	NAIDOC Assembly 9:45am and Celebrations at Casino West. All Welcome.
	Healthy Harold Life Education visit
Tuesday 1 July	NAIDOC class celebrations Infants
	Healthy Harold Life Education visit
Wednesday 2 July	NAIDOC class celebrations Primary
	Gold Rewards - hot dogs
Friday 4 July	Last Day of Term 2

## Term 3

Term 3 - 2025	
Monday 21 July	Staff Development Day - staff only
Tuesday 22 July	Students return to school
Friday 25 July	Mitch Tambo 2:00pm - 2:45pm
Friday 1 August	School Athletics Carnival
	P&C Food Stall
Friday 8 August	Meerkat Performance 9:15am
Tuesday 12 August	Science Fair Casino West Public School
Wednesday 13 August	Science Fair Casino West Public School
Thursday 21 August	Casino West Public School Art Show
Tuesday 23 September	Gold Reward - ice cream van
Friday 26 September	Final day Term 3



# Community News



THE  
GREAT  
DECODING  
CHALLENGE

**national  
science  
week** 2025  
9 - 17 AUGUST

*Exploring the unknown with  
nature's hidden language*

AUSTRALIAN  
SCIENCE  
TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION

An Australian Government Initiative

Inspiring  
AUSTRALIA

# Community News

Primary School Aged Kids

**Bring-a-Friend  
'Come & Try'**

**HOOK In 2 HOCKEY**


Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June - 11am to 12.30pm  
Goonellabah Hockey Turf Fields - Oliver Ave

**Bring Your Bestie's**

Fun Hockey Games - Sausage Sizzle Lunch  
Drink - Zooper Dooper - Treats

Use Link to Register

NSW HOCKEY PRIZES  
PRIDE Merchandise,  
Event Tickets & Much More  
Use Link to register for prizes



## Playful Beginnings Supported Parenting Group

Are you looking for a supportive Community to help you navigate the joys and challenges of early parenting?  
Join our Parenting Group for Babies & Toddlers (6 weeks to 4 years)

Meeting every Thursday from 10.00 to 12.00  
Term time only | Morning tea provided



**Sensory Play Activities**  
Share ideas, gain skills to help develop your child's play skills, develop language and social skills.



**Parent support & Well-being**  
Connect with other parents, share experiences and build your support network.



**Safe Space**  
Build confidence and build skills to help manage your child's behaviour.



**Expert-led topics**  
Learn about, share experiences, build skills and knowledge to help you manage your child's behaviour.



At: West's Quay  
18 Simpson St, Casino



caspa.org.au



0800 6700  
0629 221 221

**The Centre**  
Northern Rivers  
Community Legal Centre

## Free Legal Advice

Come to our outreach clinic at Casino Library on the last Wednesday of each month from 12:30pm-3:30pm. This outreach is by appointment only so please call our centre to make a booking.

Our Centre provides free legal advice by telephone and in person on:

- Credit and debt issues
- Consumer complaints
- Disaster recovery related matters
- Discrimination
- Family violence
- Family law
- General civil matters
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Traffic matters
- Welfare services

We do not provide criminal law advice.

**The last Wednesday of each  
month at Casino Library**

Enquiries or to make an appointment:  
nrclc@northernriversclc.org.au or call 1800 689 889

## Casino West Public School Sports & Special Photos

can be viewed  
&  
ordered online

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

using the ordering code below:

**25S6063EC45C**

# Community News

**LifeEd.**  
Bring Healthy Harold home with you

Scan to shop 


				
Healthy Harold Plush Toy Small 20cm Large 35cm <b>\$8 \$15</b>	Healthy Harold Lunch Bag <b>\$14</b>	Healthy Harold Drink Bottle <b>\$10</b>	Healthy Harold Backpack <b>\$20</b>	Healthy Harold Value Pack <b>\$39.95</b>

				
Healthy Harold High Source Ball <b>\$3</b>	Healthy Harold Temporary Tattoos <b>50c</b>	Healthy Harold Pencil Case <b>\$5</b>	Healthy Harold Sticker Note Pad <b>\$1.50</b>	Healthy Harold Keyring <b>\$4</b>

#### How to order Healthy Harold merchandise online:

1. Visit the Healthy Harold Online Store: Go to <http://www.healthylifechoices.com.au> to access the store.
2. Select your customer type: Click on 'Parent/Carer' when ordering for child to have your child's items delivered during their Healthy Harold visit at school.
3. Place your order: Once you've selected the items you'd like to purchase, simply add them to your cart and proceed to checkout.
4. Important Dates: Orders for the school delivery opens a week before the Healthy Harold visit date, and close one day prior. Be sure to mark your calendar and place your orders in time!
5. Delivery: All orders will be conveniently delivered directly during your child's Healthy Harold visit at school.



## Otitis Media Awareness Day

### July 7th

**FREE**  
Ear health checks for children  
No appointment necessary

#### Free services on the day include:

- Information on Otitis Media (middle ear infections).
- Ear health checks for children.
- Information and resource pack.



#### Casino Plaza 10am-2pm

This event is initiated by the NSW Department of Education in conjunction with NSW Community Health and Kulgar Ngana Aboriginal Medical Service-Casino.



Education



Kulgar Ngana  
Aboriginal Medical Service-Casino



Health





# Winter Vacation Care

07-21 JULY / MON - FRI

#### Highlights:

- **Excursion** to Summerland Farm and Ballina Tenpin Bowling.
- Soccer and Tennis **Workshop** with professional Instructors on site.
- Outdoor and Indoor **activities** on site.

ALL KIDS ENROLLED IN PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE WELCOME

**Register now**

Call 0429 640 075 (9am-3pm Mon-Fri)  
Email [rrkassist@nrcg.org.au](mailto:rrkassist@nrcg.org.au)

*We are flexible, affordable (CCS-approved), and inclusive—where every child belongs.*

**Rainbow region kids**