



Newsletter

#4 2026

◀ Term 2 Week 8 ▶

Good day everyone,

We had a busy 2 weeks with the Barking Gecko Artists, Sally and Mariah. We were fortunate that Barking Gecko secured funding so that we could be involved in the Creative Challenge 2026, called 'My Impact' with no cost to the school. This is down to Barking Geckos strong relationship with Healthway 'Crunch and Sip.' Thank you for coming along to the healthy afternoon tea and showcasing of the work on the final day.

Thank you for joining the teachers for the reporting day on Friday 29th May. It was wonderful that everyone could make it, and we really appreciate having you as partners in your child/children's learning journey. Your support of the school is absolutely vital, and we do not take it for granted.

School photos have been taken this week, and thankfully the weather held off enough for us to get these done. Thank you to Jake Meadley Imagery for facilitating the photography again this year. It is a more economical way of doing it for you all and the fact it is digital makes it a more streamlined process for us all.

The Kindergarten students are in for 3 days now and will be for the rest of the year. It is a big jump for the children, but they seem to be taking it in their stride. It is great to see their smiling faces when they arrive and they do seem to be growing into their 'big' bags a little!

It has been a busy term, the students have been learning, the teachers working hard and, in the office, we have completed an audit and I have had a review. In week ten we will be going to an Esperance region NAIDOC event, hosted by Esperance Primary School. Term 3 will not slow down as we have the School's Public-School Review, for further information please see below.

It is long term, but I know that the students will continue to be outstanding.

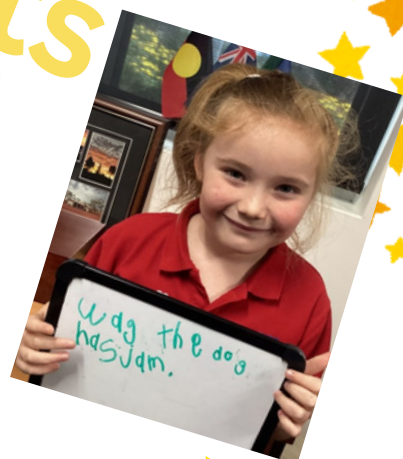
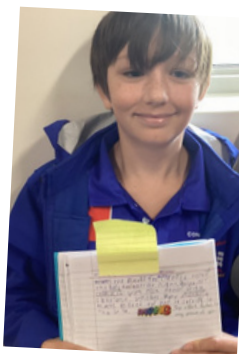
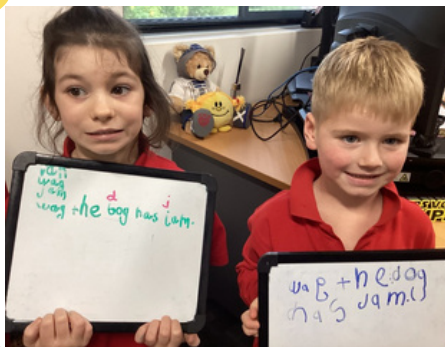


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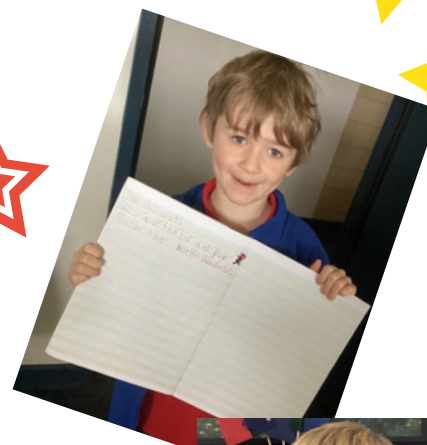
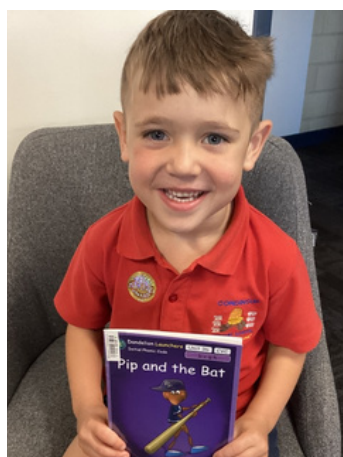
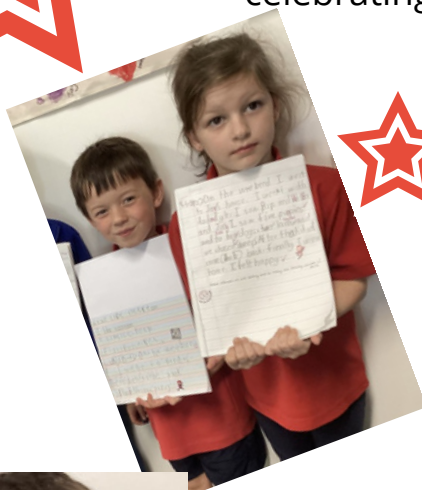
Sasha Vooght-Simpson



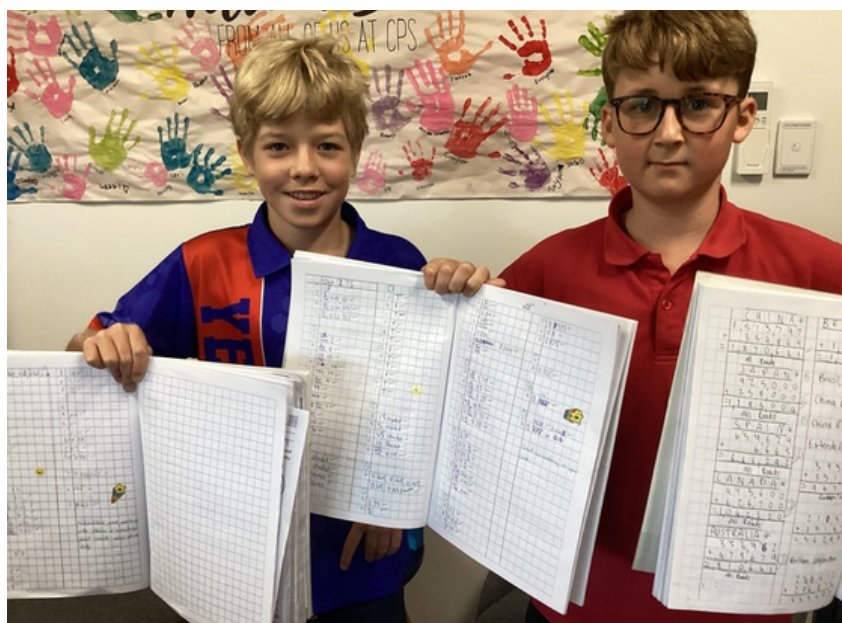
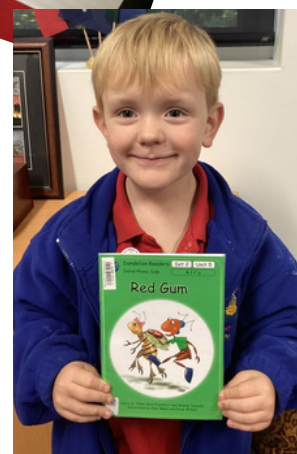
Star Students



Ruby, Henry, Harry, Ariya, Parker, Ted, Gabby and Zaskia have been proudly sharing their writing in the office. We love celebrating their creativity and fantastic work!



Our Reading Stars, **Harrison, Harry, and Monty**, have been popping into the office to share their books and reading achievements. Keep turning those pages and discovering new adventures – we are so proud of you!



Jonty and Beau have wowed us with their outstanding maths work and brilliant problem-solving skills. Keep up the amazing work, boys – our Mathematical Geniuses are adding up to success!



Week 9 -

Thursday 18th June

Pyjama Day

Week 10

Wednesday 24th June

NAIDOC - Hosted by Esperance Primary School
Esperance Indoor Stadium

Thursday 25th June

End of Term Assembly

Week 11

Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July

Year 5/6 Camp

Friday 3rd July

Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 20th July

School returns

Student Leader Report

This term, we have been very busy with exciting events. At Barking Gecko, we made puppets and learnt how to bring them to life. The student leaders attended Leaders' Day, where we visited Castletown Primary School and Bunnings. We answered questions and shared ideas with students from other schools about ways to make our school even better.

At Bunnings, we designed a pretend bedroom for a three-year-old. As we explored the store, we created a shopping list and had to make sure we stayed within our budget.

On 11 June, we will have our school photos taken by Mr Jake.

We hope everyone has a wonderful rest of the term!

P&C

Showbags are available from the front office for \$10 each. Please transfer funds to the P&C bank account.

Next Meeting: Friday 31st July 1pm

BARKING GECKO ARTS

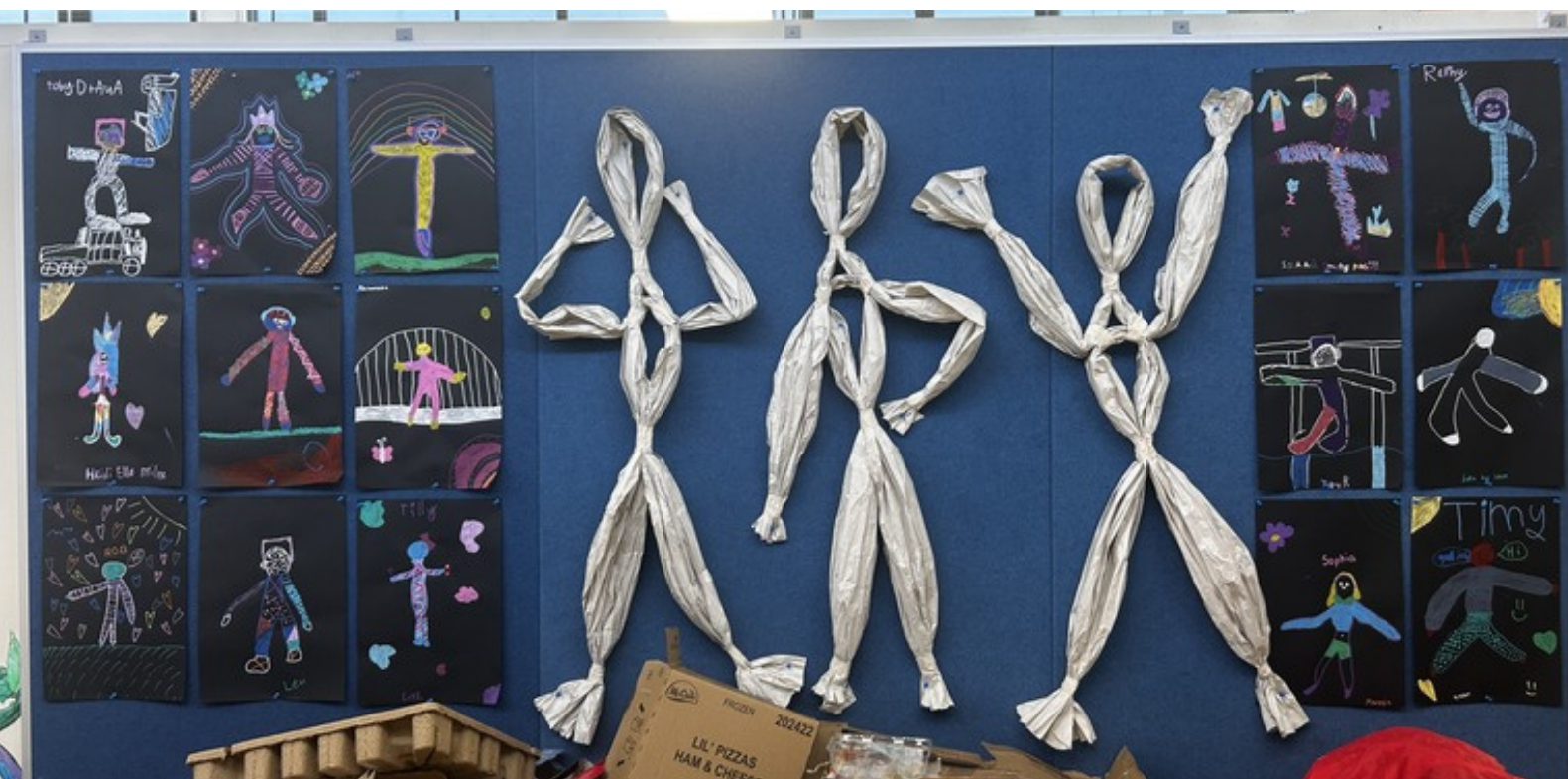
We were delighted to welcome Barking Gecko Artists, Mariah and Sally, to Condingup Primary School for a two-week residency focused on puppetry and creative expression.

Our students had an incredible opportunity to explore the art of puppets through a wide range of engaging, hands-on activities. The program began with younger students creating delightful mini snowmen, which later inspired the construction of an impressive giant snowman as a whole-group project. Meanwhile, older students developed their creative skills by designing and crafting their own mini puppets using felt and string, before progressing to building larger, more complex puppets from recycled materials.

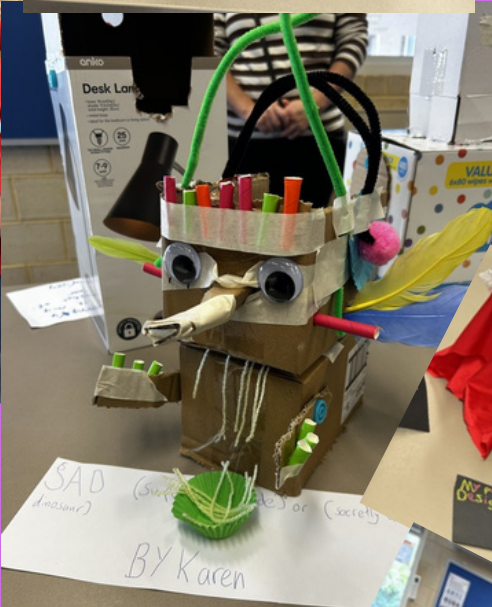
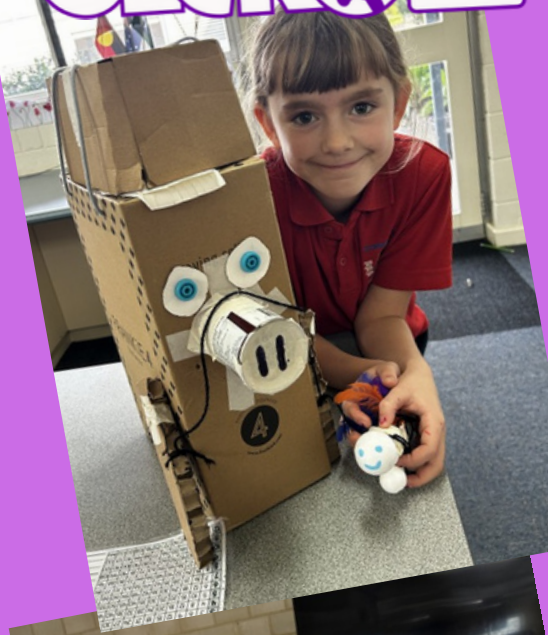
Throughout the residency, students were encouraged to experiment with movement and performance, learning how to bring their puppets to life. They explored how small actions and expressions can give personality and character to their creations, building confidence and creativity along the way.

Mariah and Sally also promoted healthy habits by highlighting the importance of Crunch and Sip, and kindly organised a wonderful afternoon tea, providing a delicious selection of fresh fruit and healthy snacks for everyone to enjoy.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mariah and Sally for sharing their expertise, enthusiasm, and creativity with our students. Their visit has left a lasting impression, inspiring imagination and joy across our school community.

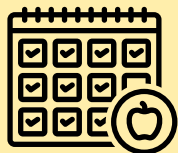


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Attendance Matters

Regular attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, grow and succeed. We understand that living remotely can make things more challenging and that appointments often require travel. If you are unsure whether an absence is appropriate, please contact the school.



Did you know?



- **Missing 5 days each term** can add up to almost one year of missed learning.
- **Missing 1 day a week** can mean missing almost two years of school over a child's education.
- **Missing 2 days a week** can add up to nearly four years of lost learning.

Every day counts, and being at school regularly helps children build strong friendships, routines and confidence. Thank you for supporting your child's learning journey.

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

Want to prepare your kids for a healthier future?

Is your child...

- 6-12yrs old?
- Above a healthy weight?
- In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

The *Better Health Program* is a **free**, flexible healthy lifestyle program for you and your child.

Meet regularly with a personal health coach to cover topics such as good nutrition, forming positive habits, becoming a healthier family and being physically active.

The program is available in **online** and **face-to-face** formats.

Both versions include a bunch of **great freebies**, and a **reward** at the end!



"The program was fantastic. So great that I didn't have to coax my daughter to come every week. She loved it and she couldn't wait to come. It's made a

huge difference in our life!"
- Better Health Program Parent

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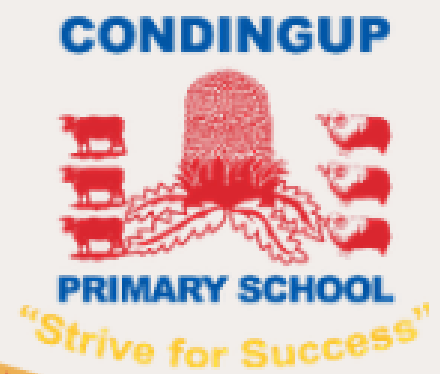
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Pyjama Day



**THURSDAY
WHOLE DAY IN PJ'S
WEEK 9 TERM 2**

2026

(18TH OF JUNE)

**\$1 GOLD COIN DONATION FOR
THE PYJAMA FOUNDATION THAT
SUPPORTS FOSTER KIDS AND
GIVES THEM A CHANCE TO
REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.**

*Please bring
appropriate Footwear
like sneakers or closed
in shoes.*





This Term at Esperance SHS

At ESHS, we rounded out last term with the Athletics Carnival! It was a full day of fun, with Dempster bringing home the victory by a landslide.

So far, we've had a great start to Term 2. Our Year 7's have pitched their fantastic business ideas in our own Shark Tank, our Stars students have been creating pottery as part of the upcoming "Ocean, Earth, and Weave" Community project, and we took time to acknowledge those who've served our countries during ANZAC Day.



2027 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING **YEAR 7** NEXT YEAR?
ENROL AT **ESPERANCE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**



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