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ELANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 1 | Friday 4th April 2025

Living to Learn - Learning to Live -We are Learning on Biripi Land

Dear Parents and Carers

Just a heads up for the school and wider community. We have just been informed that Elands School is no longer a polling place for State and Federal Elections- This is due to the low numbers of voters who use this as a polling place -less than 100 hundred voters. We had made an appeal, but the decision was made last year and we were not informed.

Residents have the following options to vote:

- Apply for a postal vote
- Vote at Marlee Hall or Comboyne
- Pre-polling Stations in Taree

This is quite a blow for our P&C committee as we had just had a meeting yesterday to organise a fundraising BBQ and cake stall for the upcoming election.

Last Thursday the students travelled down to Bobin School to participate in the annual visit from Happy Healthy Harold. Topics covered were Making Friends and Relationships.

Next Thursday the school will travel to Mt. George School to participate in this term's Discovery Day activities. Students have a choice to choose two activities out of four on offer. These are Escape Room, cooking, pottery and sewing. Travel will be by bus.

This will be our last newsletter for the term. Have a relaxing break and hope to see you at the Bobin Bazaar supporting our Koala Smart Fundraising stall on Sunday 13th April.

Regards

Jo Boland
Principal

TERM 1 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 11	7 Jo Andrina Vanessa Norm SLSO Panky GA	8 Jo Andrina Norm SLSO	9 Jo Andrina Norm SLSO Panky GA	10 Jo Mirjam Vanessa Norm SLSO	11 Jo Andrina Mirjam Vanessa Norm SLSO	12/13
Notes				Discovery Day @ MT George	Koala Smart Ranger Visit Last day for students	Bobin Bazaar Sun 13 th

TERM 2 2025



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 1	28 April Staff Development Day	29 Staff Development Day	30 Jo Andrina Vanessa Norm SLSO Panky GA	1 May Jo Mirjam Vanessa Norm SLSO	2 Jo Andrina Mirjam Vanessa Norm SLSO	3/4
Notes			1st day back for Students		Zone Cross Country	
WEEK 2	5 Jo Andrina Vanessa Norm SLSO Panky GA	6 Jo Andrina Norm SLSO	7 Jo Andrina Norm SLSO Panky GA	8 Jo Mirjam Vanessa Norm SLSO	9 Jo Andrina Mirjam Vanessa Norm SLSO	10/11
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WEEK 3	12 Jo Andrina Vanessa Norm SLSO Panky GA	13 Jo Andrina Norm SLSO	14 Jo Andrina Vanessa Norm SLSO Panky GA	15 Jo Mirjam Vanessa Norm SLSO	16 Jo Andrina Mirjam Vanessa Norm SLSO	17/18
Notes						

This week with Healthy Harold



Koala Smart Grant

Thank you to everyone who has submitted pre-orders for the fantastic shirts! They will be available for pickup at Bobin Bazaar Sunday 13th April.

If you didn't place an order, don't worry! We will have some shirts available for purchase at the Bobin Bazaar, and we will also reopen the order line for those unable to attend.

The t-shirts come in both white and black, with sizes available for children and adults. All profits from these sales will go directly toward the care of koalas.

We are still looking for parent volunteers to help at the stall and assist with baking cupcakes. We will provide all the necessary ingredients for the cupcakes.

Thank you for your support in making a difference for koalas!



Apply for a School Drive Subsidy

The School Drive Subsidy is available in areas where there is limited or no public transport. The subsidy is intended to partly offset the cost of using a private vehicle to drive the eligible student all or part of the way to school.

Note: The School Drive Subsidy is not intended for the following:

- Families that opt to drive their students to school during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Travel to before and after school care or child-minding premises
- Attending before and after-school activities (sporting, extracurricular)
- School excursions
- Sports events
- Work experience
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) at a location away from where the student is enrolled
- Multi-campus high schools, weekend schools, pre-schools

Things to know before applying

You only need to apply if you're applying for the School Drive Subsidy for the first time.

The student must:

- be a resident of NSW, or an overseas student eligible for free government education.
- be aged 4 years 6 months or older and enrolled full-time in school or TAFE (pre-school children are not eligible).
- live in an area where there is limited or no public transport.

Rural and regional school travel

Apply online for free school travel in rural and regional NSW. You only need to complete one form, even for journeys using more than one operator.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.

Who needs to apply

You only need to apply if the student has never been approved for free school travel before. Students in a shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody) should submit a separate application for both addresses.

How to update your details

You need to update student details online if the student is changing their name, address, school or campus, or their Transport operator. You can update them at transportnsw.info/ssts-update

Frequently asked questions

Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?

Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. So for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays, students will need to buy a ticket.

What if there's no public transport in my area?

In areas where there is no public transport, you may be able to get a subsidy for driving the student to school. For details, visit transportnsw.info/school-students

How do I apply if the student needs to travel from two addresses because the parents live separately?

Each parent (or the student if aged 16 or over) needs to apply separately for each address. The same minimum distances apply.

How to apply for free travel for the first time

You can apply for free school travel for next year from the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once you have enrolled your child at the new school, apply online by giving your home address and telling us which bus company the student needs to travel with between home and school. You can apply online at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school then confirms to us that your details are correct.

Step 3

We will then work on your application. You will get an email confirming if the student is approved for free travel. If so, we will tell your local bus company who may send a school travel pass (if needed) to your school or, in some cases, the bus company will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students aged 15 years and under. Students who are 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

What my card will look like



Want to know more?

For more information, visit transportnsw.info/school-students

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal-privacy-policy and the School Pass Terms transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms

- live more than the minimum distance to school (the minimum distance varies according to the year or grade the child is enrolled in).

Where public transport is available at the prescribed minimum distance from home, eligible students may also be entitled to a free [school travel pass](https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel/apply-for-school-drive-subsidy).

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Community News

🌟 Elands Markets! 🌟

Mark your calendars for our next Elands Market, happening on **Easter Sunday, April 20th!** This special event is not just a great day out; it's also a major fundraiser for our beloved hall.

🌟 Calling All Stallholders! 🌟

We're looking for creative and enthusiastic stallholders to join us! The stall fee is just **\$10**, and all proceeds go directly back to supporting the hall. Whether you have homemade goods, crafts, or delicious treats to share, we want to hear from you!

📺 Donations Welcome! 📺

We're also accepting donations of food to help make this event a success. Your generosity will play a vital role in our community.

📞 Get Involved!

If you're interested in securing a stall or have any questions, please contact Mel Morrow today! Come be a part of this wonderful community event, and let's make Easter Sunday memorable together!

See you at Elands Markets! 😊



APRIL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP
TUESDAY 15/04
WEDNESDAY 16/04
THURSDAY 17/04
TUESDAY 23/4
WEDNESDAY 24/4

AGES
4YRS+

LOCATION
OLD BAR TENNIS CLUB

TIME
8:00AM - 11:00AM

BRING
SNACKS, HAT & WATER
(RACQUETS AVAILABLE)

REGISTER ONLINE
**[HTTPS://PLAY.TENNIS.COM.AU/
ENHANCEDTENNISACADEMY](https://play.tennis.com.au/enhancedtennisacademy)**

DAILY PRIZES

ENHANCED TENNIS ACADEMY

SCHOOL BOWLS
STAGE 3 STUDENTS

Represent your School in
Competition - 2025

All Year 5 & 6 students have an opportunity to learn a new skill and represent their school in the inaugural Let's Play Bowls 'inter-school' Primary Competition. Exciting - 35 minute - max. 5 end sets to be played at the August Trials - Week 3 Term 3 (see format / rules docs.)
OPEN TO ALL GOVERNMENT, INDEPENDENT AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Training
Contact the Bowls President or Bowls Coordinator at your local club to arrange accredited 'Bowls Australia' coaches. Bowls is a sport where young players 'excel' and have 'fun'. Coaches will provide assistance in developing student skills and true sporting values, whilst playing as a team, in this fantastic outdoor sport.

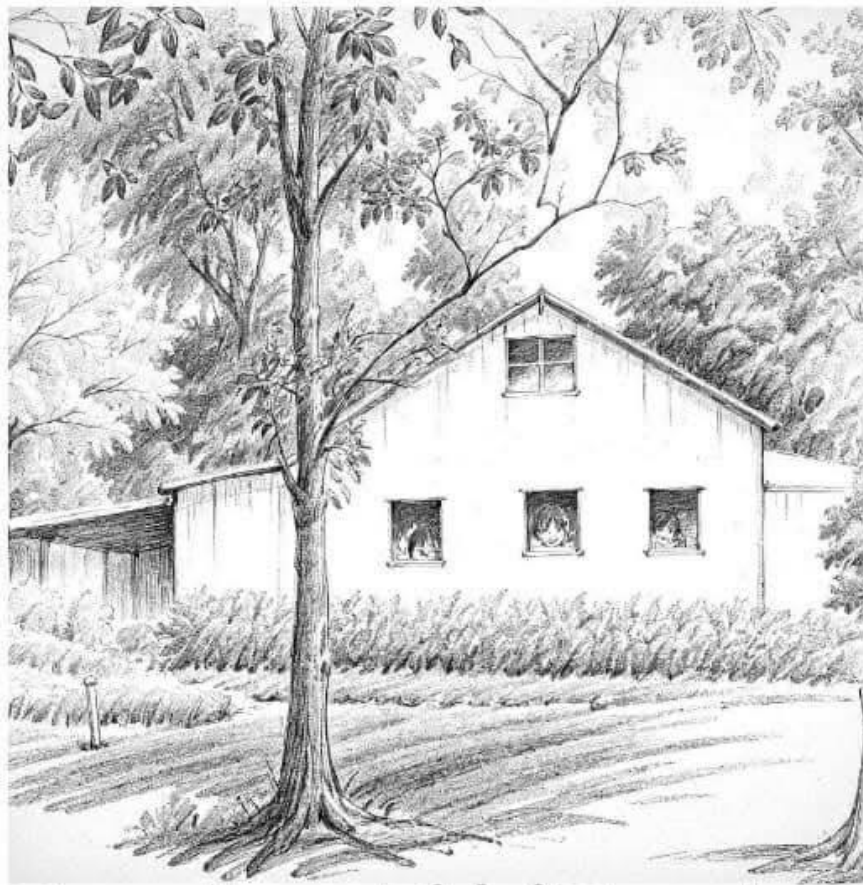
- Professional bowls coaching.
- Team with your friends.
- Playing in school colours against neighbouring schools in a friendly and skilful competition.
- When in high school - play in a similar 'inter-school' competition.

email: letsplaybowls@gmail.com
Request the competition 'pdf' docs
Region / School: flyer / format / rules



BOBIN ^{SUN} BAZAAR ¹³ APRIL

BSA HALL



Proudly on Biripi Country

8am-2pm



PRODUCE
BRICK A BRACK
ARTS
CRAFTS AND
MORE

COFFEE
FOOD
BBQ

FREE
ENTRY

Bobin Bazaar Stall Holders Form.

I _____ will be hosting a stall at The Bobin Bazaar 13th April 2025 at the Bobin School of Arts Hall.

I take full responsibility for my stall, my equipment, setting up and packing down.

What you need as a stall holder.

- To be set up before 8am
- All required equipment for your stall- Table, cash, gazebo, mats, tarps etc...
- \$10 stall holders fee payable on the day

On the day we will have a runner going stall to stall to take your food/ coffee order.

Breakfast:

All day \$10 Bacon & Egg Roll, \$5 Sausage Sandwich
\$4 Croissant

Lunch:

Mexican Bowl \$5 Loaded Bowl \$8
Rudi's Hot Dog \$5 Loaded Dog \$8

All Coffee's \$5, Tea \$2, Soft Drink \$2

Please specify your stall type:

- Brick a Brack
- Produce
- Crafts
- Trailer

FYI – We are a cash only event. We have limited powered sites, power required stall will have preference of stall positions. The Hall will be open from 6:30 to set up stalls.

Thank you for taking part in our annual bazaar, we look forward to having you onboard.

Regards,
The BSA.

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