

Edition Twenty One: 17th December, 2024

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 P&C Christmas Raffle. Many thanks to the community organisations who contributed to this year's fundraiser!

### And the winners are:

Prize: Family Pass to Irukandji Shark and Ray Encounters - Kaitlyn H (Green D48)

Prize: \$50 Bunnings & Voucher 2 for 1 Revolution Sports Voucher - Ronin S (Red D99)

Prize: Family Pass to the Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Light Spectacular- Ruby Mc (Purple E65)

Prize: \$100 Voucher for Mumms on the Myall- Carlie R [Jaxson / Liam] (Purple E35)

Prize: \$100 Voucher for Tea Gardens Hotel- Irene [Otto] (Green E74)

Prize: Return Tea Gardens Ferry Pass for 4- Tina L [Danyelle] (Purple E69)

Prize: 2 x 1 hour Quad Bike Sand Dune Adventure Tour - Nicole J [Aria and Stella] (Red C03)

## Calendar Updates

**Final Day for Students** - Wednesday 18th December, 2024

**All Students return to school for 2025** - Thursday 6th February, 2025

**School Swimming Carnival 7-13 year olds** - Wednesday 12th February (TBC)

**School Assembly**- Friday 14th February at 2:20pm

**SRE commences for Stage 2/3 students**- Tuesday 18th February

**Port Stephens Zone Swimming**- Wednesday 26th February, 2025

**School Photo Day 2025**- Tuesday 11th March, 2025

**Port Stephens Zone Cross Country** - Friday 16th May, 2025

**Port Stephens Zone Athletics** - Friday 22nd August, 2025

## TENTATIVE CLASSES

Students have been informed of their tentative class placement, however the actual classes will not be confirmed until the early part of the school year in 2025 when actual student numbers are confirmed.

### The current "tentative" plan for classes in 2025 is as follows:

- Kindergarten = Mrs Howard
- Year 1 = Mr McInnes
- Year 2 = Mrs Bryant
- Year 3 = Miss McFayden
- Year 4 = Mrs Howarth
- Year 4 / Year 5= Miss Dunford
- Year 5 / Year 6 = Miss Dodsworth



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# Photos

## K-2 Oakvale Farm excursion



## Presentation Day



## Year 6 Farewell and School Social

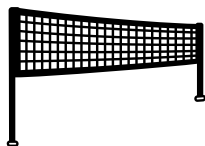


# 2025





# Kids Summer Golf Camps



## KIDS HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

**LOCATION**  
Myall Park Tennis Centre, Yamba St, Hawks Nest

**SPOTS AVAILABLE**  
There will be a limit of 24 kids per clinic

- INCLUSIONS**
- Tennis Coaching
  - Fun Games and Activities
  - Wet Weather Activities
  - An introduction to Pickleball

- WHAT TO EXPECT**
- Children will learn the basic co-ordination skills to get them used to hitting with a racquet.
  - Special tennis balls and games are used to help them achieve these skills.
  - Balance, catching and movement skills training which will help with all sports.
  - Children will be divided into groups in accordance with their age and standard

**REGISTRATION**  
A Booking Form is attached. To confirm your booking please return the form to [jdsports@bigpond.com](mailto:jdsports@bigpond.com).

Full payment must be received five days before the date of the clinic, unless otherwise arranged.

- IMPORTANT INFORMATION**
- No hat, no play
  - Nut FREE food only
  - The clinic will be cancelled only in extreme weather conditions.

- WHAT TO BRING/WEAR**
- Hat and Sunscreen
  - Water
  - Snack for morning tea (nut free)
  - Racquet (please advise if one is required)
  - Casual and comfortable clothing
  - Sports Shoes

- CODE OF CONDUCT**  
All players have a responsibility to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner:
- Respect other players, parents, and coaches
  - Play by the rules and encourage fair play
  - Engage in positive behaviour
  - Do not use abusive language
  - Be considerate of the safety and wellbeing of other players

**Children's Bookings Cancelled for Misbehaving**  
Parents please remind your child that they are to be on their best behaviour and that they and others are here to learn tennis and have fun. In the event of a child's position being cancelled due to misbehaving, the fees are non-refundable.

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**COVID-19** is still around. Please do not let your child attend if feeling unwell.

For bookings contact Samantha on 0499 981 411 or email [jdsports.com.au](mailto:jdsports.com.au)

\*\*All workers/volunteers have current Working with Children Check

Samantha is a current ATPCA (Australian Tennis Professionals Coaches Association) member and Level 1 Tennis Coach and a Tennis Australia Community Coach



### PRICING OPTIONS:

**PRIVATE - 15MINS FOR \$20 WEEKLY**

- OR SAVE WITH OUR UPFRONT PAYMENT OPTION: \$144 FOR 8 WEEKS (PRIVATE)

**GROUP/SQUAD - \$15 WEEKLY**

- OR SAVE WITH UPFRONT PAYMENT OPTION: \$104 FOR 8 WEEKS (GROUP/SQUAD)

- GATE ACCESS INCLUDED

Please ring us 4 hours before if you can't make it. We offer makeup lessons for missed classes.

### BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

Secure your spot by texting, Cathy at 0498 796 636 with the following details. Childs name, Private, Group, Squad, Preferred Day, Preferred Time



Learn New Skills & Fundamentals  
Fun Games  
Prizes

**PeeWees - 5-7yo**  
**\$37.50 - 8-9:30am**

**Fri 27 Dec**  
**Fri 3 Jan**  
**Mon 13 Jan**  
**Fri 24 Jan**  
**Mon 27 Jan**

**Cadets - 8-12yo**  
**\$75 3-6pm**  
**Mon 23 Dec**  
**Thu 2 Jan**  
**Wed 15 Jan**  
**Mon 20 Jan**  
**Wed 29 Jan**

**Teens - 13-17yo**  
**\$75 3-6pm**  
**Mon 30 Dec**  
**Thu 16 Jan**  
**Thu 23 Jan**



Book QR Code or at the Pro Shop  
02 4997 0740



Glen Haynes  
0401 923 883

## Ethics at Tea Gardens Public School volunteer facilitators needed

supporting children in developing thinking and discussion skills



Ethics (Special Education in Ethics) builds students' critical reasoning abilities, helping them identify strong and weak arguments and navigate ethical dilemmas.

In ethics lessons, students **develop reflective thinking, empathy, perspective-taking, and communication skills** - tools that prepare them to make informed choices.

The ethics classes run **every second Tuesday at 2 PM**.

The program is made possible by parents and community volunteers. **We are looking for 2 volunteers** to join the program in 2025. Teaching ethics is a great way to get involved in the classroom and support the school.

Ethics teachers receive free training from Primary Ethics. Primary Ethics is a not-for-profit organisation approved by the Department of Education to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training is available either face-to-face or through online workshops. Primary Ethics provides detailed lesson plans and materials.

If you would like to find out more or if teaching ethics is a possibility for you or someone you know (we'd love to hear from some grandparents!) or if you want more information, please get in touch with Julia, [julia.kosheleva@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:julia.kosheleva@primaryethics.com.au)

For more information about the ethics program and to volunteer, visit <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/>



*"In time, not very much time at all, it will be the decisions of the children we teach today that will shape the world."*  
Dr Simon Longstaff - The Ethics Centre