



# NEWSLETTER



We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning School. Our values are Honesty, Pride and Respect.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Upcoming Secondary Assessments**  
**Monday 12 December** - English Studies

### Week 10

**Wednesday 12 December**

Whole School Assembly

**Thursday December 15**

Christmas Dress Up Day

**Friday 16 December**

Last day of school for all students

## 2023

### WEEK 1 TERM 1

**Tuesday 31 January**

First day of school for Year 1-12 Students

### WEEK 2 TERM 1

**Monday 6 February**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page (Rachel Anders). But there have been so many things that you have had to learn before you can even start to think about turning that first page!

First you must learn your single sounds, blending of three and four sound words, we then like to test you a little and introduce you to some decodable texts. But we also like to mix it up a bit, just to keep you interested and as you know we don't just stop at single sounds! You have to learn two letter sounds, double vowels, the bossy 'e' and split diagraphs followed by some harder decodable texts. But once you have these foundations you are well on your way to turning those pages and beginning that journey.

## GET IN TOUCH

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# SCHOOL NEWS

The skill of reading gives wings to your children's mind, flight to their imagination and life to everything (Plato). As an educator and a parent, you will hear me say this over and over again. Learning to read is the greatest skill that any child can possess. Reading provides the building of your child's self-confidence at school, their entry point into learning in all other subjects and their first opportunity to become an independent learner.

Over the past three years, getting a head start on transitioning our students to school has been a focus. We all know that a smoother transition for our students kick starts the learning process and also reduces the anxiety that many of our students and families may experience, particularly on that first day! Our Kindy Gritters Transition Program has gone from strength to strength. We have continued to work closely with the Bingara Preschool and have our students introduced to their teacher from the beginning of Term 2. Our focus for this year was introducing single sounds and number identification into the program. Working alongside the preschool staff, Miss Schmidt would introduce a sound and a number which would form the focus for the week. We also introduced our parents to 3 lesson plans and associated resources to help build their skills around teaching sounds at home. If we can get our students coming into school already knowing 5-10 sounds then they already have a jump start on their learning. In 2023, Miss Schmidt will be taking on a leadership project to focus on the Kindy Gritter's program and other key transition points throughout the early years of school. Bingara Central is certainly ahead of its time as this strategy has also become a focus for the Department of Education recently.

Popcorn is prepared in the same pot, in the same heat, in the same oil and yet... the kernels do not pop at the same time. Don't

compare your child to others. Their turn to pop is coming! (unknown). This theory is also backed up by research and besides the Kindy Gritter's program, we are also extremely proud of our early intervention programs. We all know that students learn differently and they all pop at different times. Miss Withers plays a huge role in this, she makes sure that every kid in the infant's school has their opportunity to pop. She works with the classroom teachers to identify if students need a little help grasping the key concepts of reading in particular. We are thankful to have the skills of, as the kids say, the 'other' Miss Withers and Miss Lucie Boyle. Their ability to teach intensive learning and speech strategies as a part of early intervention is impeccable. We have seen many of our students pop this year and they have been rewarded with the gift of reading.

Our infant's team is a huge part of the great results we are seeing in both the upper primary and secondary school. Our K-2 students have achieved growth rates well above the state average for both literacy and numeracy. We are only 1 of 3 schools in our area that has seen these results and for our students who have only known schooling interrupted by COVID, this is a very pleasing result. One that I can only attest to the classroom teachers who never selected to teach the generic COVID units of work or let COVID interfere with reading and numeracy instruction whilst learning from home, and to the parents who took the last 3 years in their stride, whilst minimising the impact on their child's learning by providing support for them at home. Particularly our Year 2 kids who have not had one year at school that has not had interruptions due to COVID.

All I can say is that with these growth results, our students must be the most resilient and technologically savvy students who have ever passed through

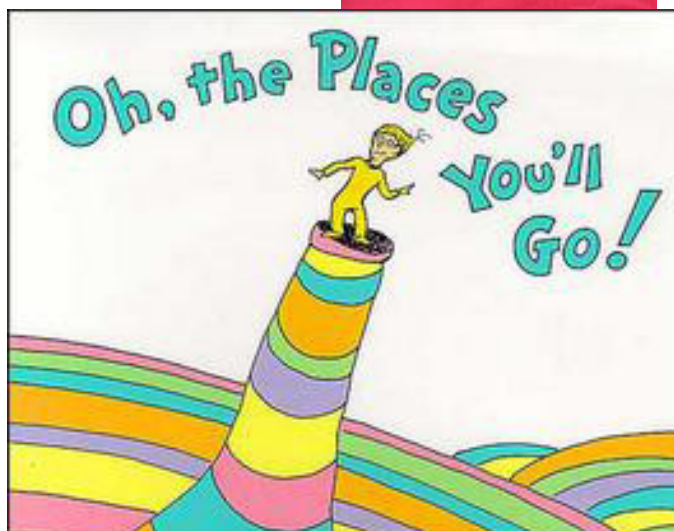
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our doors – no offence past students who are now parents!

Next Year Miss Withers will be moving into the Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction roll, we will have a new Year 1 teacher - Miss Azara and Mrs Boughen will be welcoming a new little BCS Gritter! These are a few changes but with them come a new skill set entering the school, more time being dedicated to our students and greater support for our staff with curriculum delivery.

The staff, students and I will continue to stand proudly by our small rural school and the exceptional results our students are receiving. We look forward to a 'cracker' 2023 whilst we continue to deliver quality education to our students. Congratulations to all our students today, we are all very proud of your achievements. Always remember, the more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go! (Dr. Seuss).

**Brooke Wall  
Principal**



## INFANTS PRESENTATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to all students who received awards at the Infants presentation this week.

### **Kindergarten**

Overall Academic Achievement  
Jett Collins

Achievement in Mathematics  
Willow Reddan

Achievement in English  
Reeve Pleffer

GRIT in Kindergarten  
Sophie Latham

Achievement in all Key Learning Areas  
Lani Andrews

Achievement in all Key Learning Areas  
Alora Austin

Application in all Key Learning Areas  
Braxton Austin

Achievement in Science and application  
in all Key Learning Areas  
Timothy Chorley

Achievement in all Key Learning Areas  
Mia Coleman

Application in all Key Learning Areas  
Jacob Cox

Effort in all Key Learning Areas  
Wyatt Fenton

Achievement in all Key Learning Areas  
Jackson Foster

Achievement in all Key Learning Areas  
Shai-Lea Kerrigan

Application in all Key Learning Areas  
Lincoln King

Effort in all Key Learning Areas  
Robert King

Achievement in all Key Learning Areas  
Anna Li

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Achievement in Creative Arts and effort in all Key Learning Areas

Willow Meeks

Achievement in History and effort in all Key Learning Areas

Mahaley Munro-Davies

Achievement in all Key Learning Areas

Summer Rowleson

Application in all Key Learning Areas

Connor South

Achievement in Physical Education and application in all Key Learning Areas

Fletcher Turner

Citizenship Award for Kindergarten

Alora Austin

## Year 1

Overall Academic Achievement

Abbi O'Grady

Achievement in Mathematics

Sacha Parsons

Achievement in English

Solomon Petrus

Grit Award in Year 1

Saffin Wall

Effort in all Key Learning Areas

Ey'lla Andrews

Achievement in Mathematics

Hunter Brazier

Achievement in English Thomas Crump

Achievement in Creative Arts

Peyton Meeks

Effort in all Key Learning Areas

Eboni Miggins

Effort in all Key Learning Areas

Paul Turnbull

Effort in all Key Learning Areas

Brax Wheeler

Citizenship Award for Year 1

Bexley McCouat

## Year 2

Overall Academic Achievement

Milan Barac

Achievement Mathematics

Koen Sullivan

Achievement in English

Finn Miller

Grit Award in Year 2

Jed Latham

Excellence in Visual Arts

Eden Abra

Persistence in all Key Learning Areas

Josef Chorley

Achievement in Spelling

William Crump

Achievement in Number and Algebra

Hayden Dawson

Achievement in Reading

Gavin Fullerton

Effort and Improvement in all Key Learning Areas

Matilda Green

Achievement in English

Eva Hodgkinson

Improvement in Reading

Jahkairan Munro-Davies

Excellence in Drama

Nathan Rowleson

Sound Achievement in all areas

Lance Thompson

Most improved in Year 2

Annabella Turnbull

Interest and Achievement in Science

Jaggar Wall

Achievement in PDHPE Torah Walton

Achievement in Geography Mason White

Achievement in English

Ozan Yildiz

Citizenship Award for Year 2

Finn Miller

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Class Of The Week - Year 5

Year 5 have been enjoying learning how to use watercolour. They recently completed some Christmas art by identifying analogue colours on the colour wheel to paint their Christmas Baubles. Students really enjoyed using this medium and how to manipulate the colours they chose, by blending and adding water. They turned out beautifully and have added some Christmas spirit to the classroom. Well done Year 5!



# Student of the Week

## HUNTER C

Hunter has shown true BCS GRIT in his application to learning since he has moved up into Year 4! He has been diligent in the classroom and been achieving pleasing growth as a result. Hunter has already had great improvement in Mathematics and his times table knowledge has doubled! He has been taking on feedback from his teacher when working on his additive strategies to find the strategy that works best for him. During our 10 days intensive swimming program Hunter developed some amazing skills. He worked hard and displayed determination and now has the ability to concentrate on stroke development in the future!



# Student of the Week

## KAITLYN S

Kaitlyn has had a fantastic start toward her studies. She has been highly motivated and reflective, ensuring that all assessments and class work are completed at a high standard. She has continually sought teacher feedback on recent assessment tasks and grasps any opportunity to expand her knowledge in all areas. She is a helpful, polite and well organised student.



Educational Pathways Program

### School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT)

- Are you in Year 10 at school?
- Are you interested in taking a step ahead in your career?
- Do you want to earn some money, and a qualification, while you complete your HSC?

Please talk to your Careers Advisor, or get in contact with Jacinta, to find out more!

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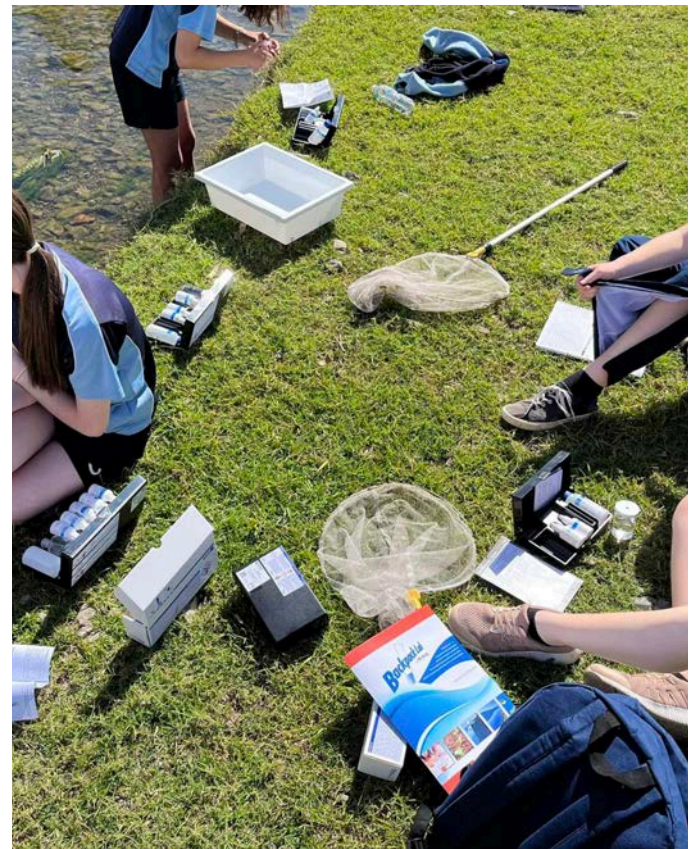
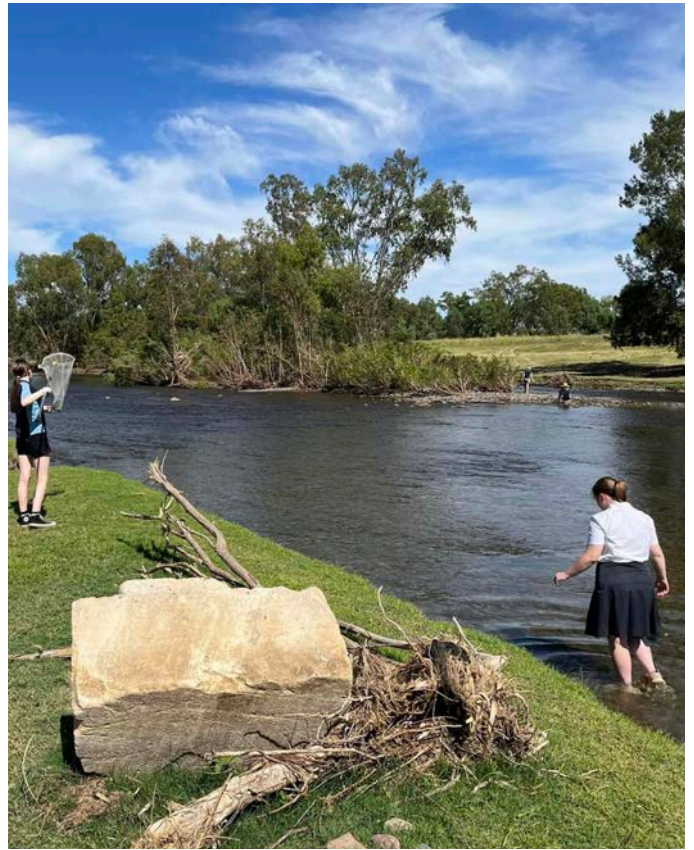


# POOL PARTY



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Stage 6 Biology conducted a field study at the junction this morning as part of the Ecology depth study. We measured many abiotic factors and observed some of the organisms present.







Christmas

Dress-Up

Day



Date: Thursday December 15

Gold coin donation



## supporting young people in school holidays: practical tips for parents and carers

headspace National are hosting education sessions for parents and carers across NSW who are supporting young people during school holidays.

These sessions aim to:

- Identify challenges and opportunities of the school holiday period
- Offer practical ideas for parents and carers
- Provide information about additional support services
- Highlight the importance of self-care

### Where:

Online webinars.

### When:

We will be offering this session multiple times around the school holiday period. Sessions will be held at 12 - 1pm AEDT or 6 - 7pm AEDT.

Session dates will be listed on Eventbrite.

### How do I register?

Click the link to register for a session via Eventbrite: [bit.ly/3UVkYQM](https://bit.ly/3UVkYQM), or copy the URL into your web browser. Alternatively you can scan the QR code:



After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email which will include the Zoom webinar link.

You will receive a digital information pack after the session that includes key messages and links to resources and support services.

### Need more information?

Email us: [programsupport@headspace.org.au](mailto:programsupport@headspace.org.au).

**The first 5 session dates are live on Eventbrite:**

**Monday 12 December, 12-1pm**

**Tuesday 13 December, 6-7pm**

**Wednesday 14 December, 12-1pm**

**Monday 19 December, 6-7pm**

**Tuesday 20 December, 6-7pm**

# THOUGHTS 'N' DREAMS '23

**ENTER  
NOW!**

The Friends of Myall Creek Committee invite all school children from Years K to 12 to participate in the 14th annual Thoughts 'n' Dreams student art, writing and song competition.

Join hundreds of other school kids from across Australia to say NO to racism and YES to treating everyone with respect and understanding. ENTRY DETAILS OVERLEAF.

[www.myallcreek.org](http://www.myallcreek.org)

**GREAT  
PRIZES  
TO BE WON**

## SPEAK? LISTEN?

When it comes to truth-telling,  
which is more important?

2023 MYALL CREEK MEMORIAL STUDENT ART, WRITING AND SONG COMPETITION

# PRIZE CATEGORIES

**CATEGORY 1** KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 3

**CATEGORY 2** YEAR 4 – YEAR 6

**CATEGORY 3** YEAR 7 – YEAR 9

**CATEGORY 4** YEAR 10 – YEAR 12

Three (3) prizes will be awarded in each category.

FIRST PRIZE: \$50 and a book

1ST & 2ND HIGHLY COMMENDED: \$25 and a book

**ENTRY FEE** Free

**NO. OF ENTRIES** You may enter into one or more of the writing, art and/or song sections as many times as you like.

**SIZE** Written work – maximum one (1) x A4 page. Artwork – any size. Songs or dances – one (1) x four (4) minutes or less.

## THEME

Best written work (essays/poems/short stories etc) or artworks (any medium), songs or dance routines depicting the theme of:

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## DEADLINE

Closing date for entries:

**5.00pm, Friday 19th May, 2023**

NO late online entries will be accepted.

## ENTRIES

Due to the relaxing of Covid-19 restrictions, the 2023 competition will be accepting both physical and digital entries this year.

We encourage all group entries to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

**PHYSICAL ENTRIES** – Written work and/or artwork to be sent to:  
**2023 Thoughts 'n' Dreams Competition**

Att: Jo Miller

c/o- 5 Junction Street,  
Bingara NSW 2404

For the return of written work and artworks, please supply a stamped self-addressed envelope (in the correct size). If this is not provided please see officials for alternate collection arrangements. Any items not collected will remain the property of the Friends of Myall Creek Memorial.

**DIGITAL ENTRIES** – Emailed to:  
jo@hopwoodmiller.com

ALL entries or emails must include the following information:

- i) Name of student
- ii) Age
- iii) Email address and/or phone number
- iv) Year of student/class and school

## JUDGING

Judges will choose three (3) finalists in each of the four (4) categories. These finalists will be notified by phone by **Monday 5th June 2023**.

**The judges' decision will be final.**

## THE CEREMONY

**Sunday June 11th, 2023**

**9.00am** – Morning tea at the Myall Creek Memorial Hall.

**9.45am** – Short walk to the Memorial site for the ceremony, returning to the hall around midday.

**1.00pm** – Announcement of winners and awarding of prizes of the 14th Annual Thoughts 'n' Dreams Competition.

For more information please contact:

Jo Miller on 0414 418 600 or

jo@hopwoodmiller.com

or go to: [www.myallcreek.org](http://www.myallcreek.org)



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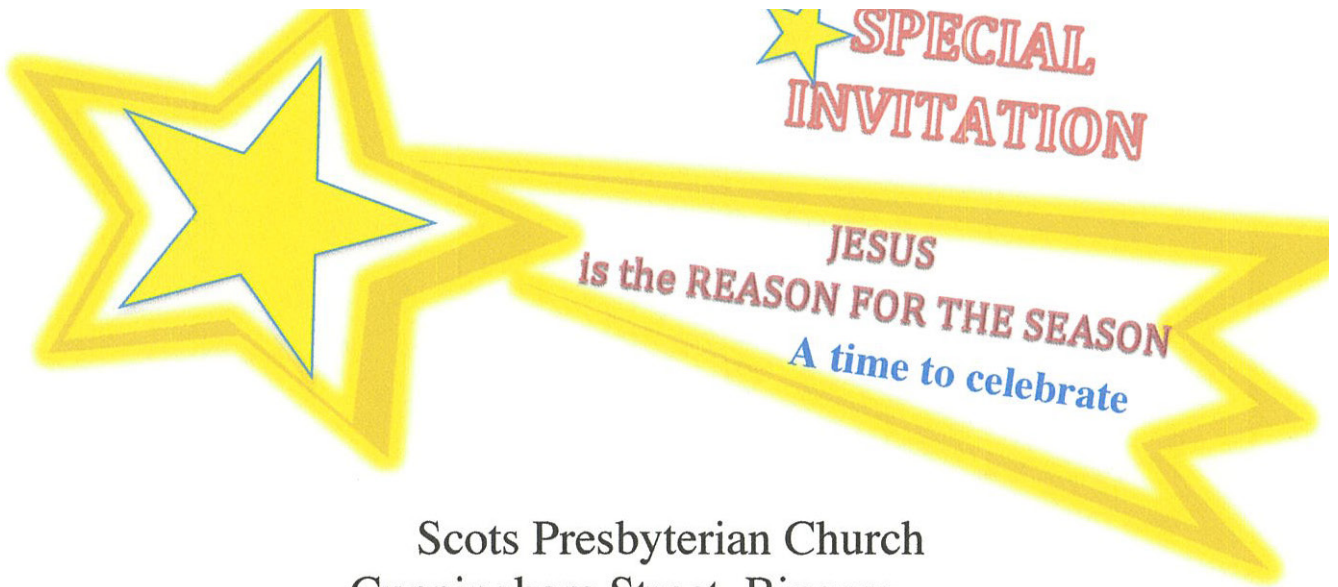


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myall creek



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Scots Presbyterian Church  
Cunningham Street, Bingara  
**CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
*Sunday, December 18, 2022*  
*At 10 am*

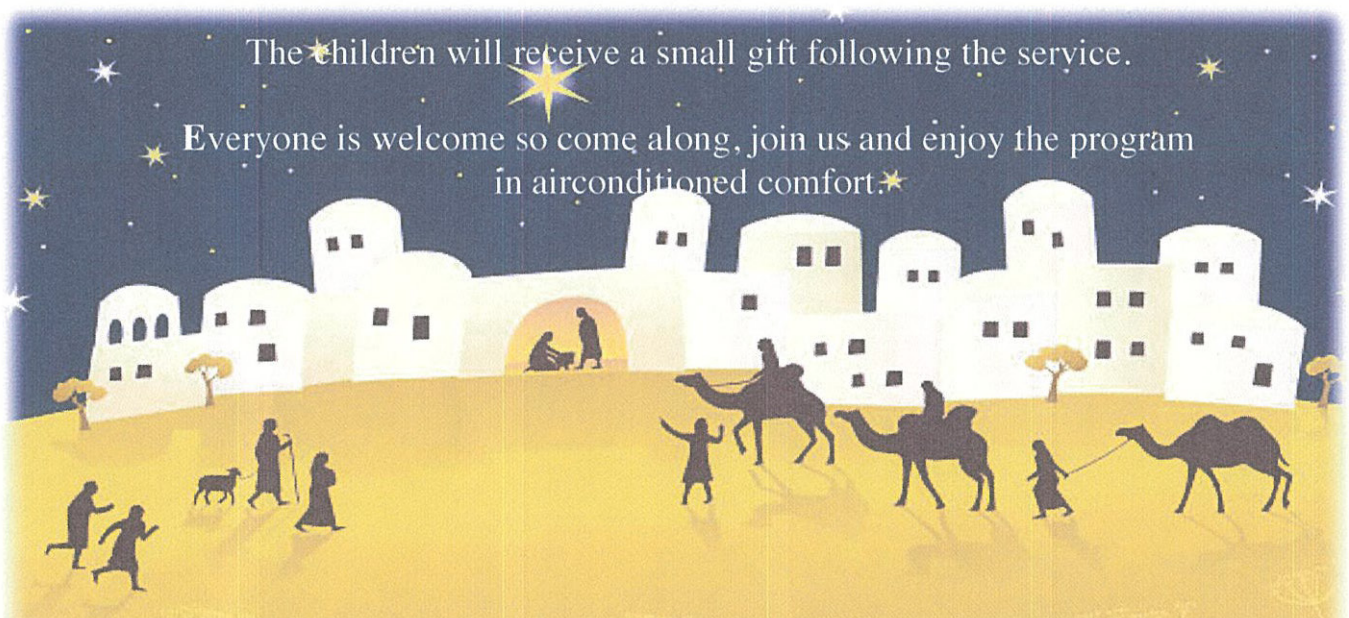
This is a Special Invitation to Children of all ages to come and bring their parents, grandparents and friends to this Christmas Program which has been designed for you.

At this time each year we come together to celebrate the birth of a very special person, **JESUS**.

If younger children would like to come dressed as an Angel, a Shepherd, a Wiseman or the way people dressed back in the days of Jesus it would be fun (but is completely optional).

The children will receive a small gift following the service.

Everyone is welcome so come along, join us and enjoy the program in airconditioned comfort.



★ **SPECIAL  
INVITATION**

**JESUS**  
*Is the REASON FOR THE SEASON*  
*A time to celebrate*

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So we are inviting Children of all ages to come and bring their parents, grandparents and friends to this Christmas Program which has been designed for you. If younger children wish they can come dressed as an Angel, a Shepherd, a Wiseman or the way people dressed back in the days of Jesus (this is completely optional).

Where is this being held, you ask?:

At: Scots Presbyterian Church  
in Cunningham Street

On: *Sunday, December 18, 2022*  
*At 10 am*

The children will receive a small gift following the service.

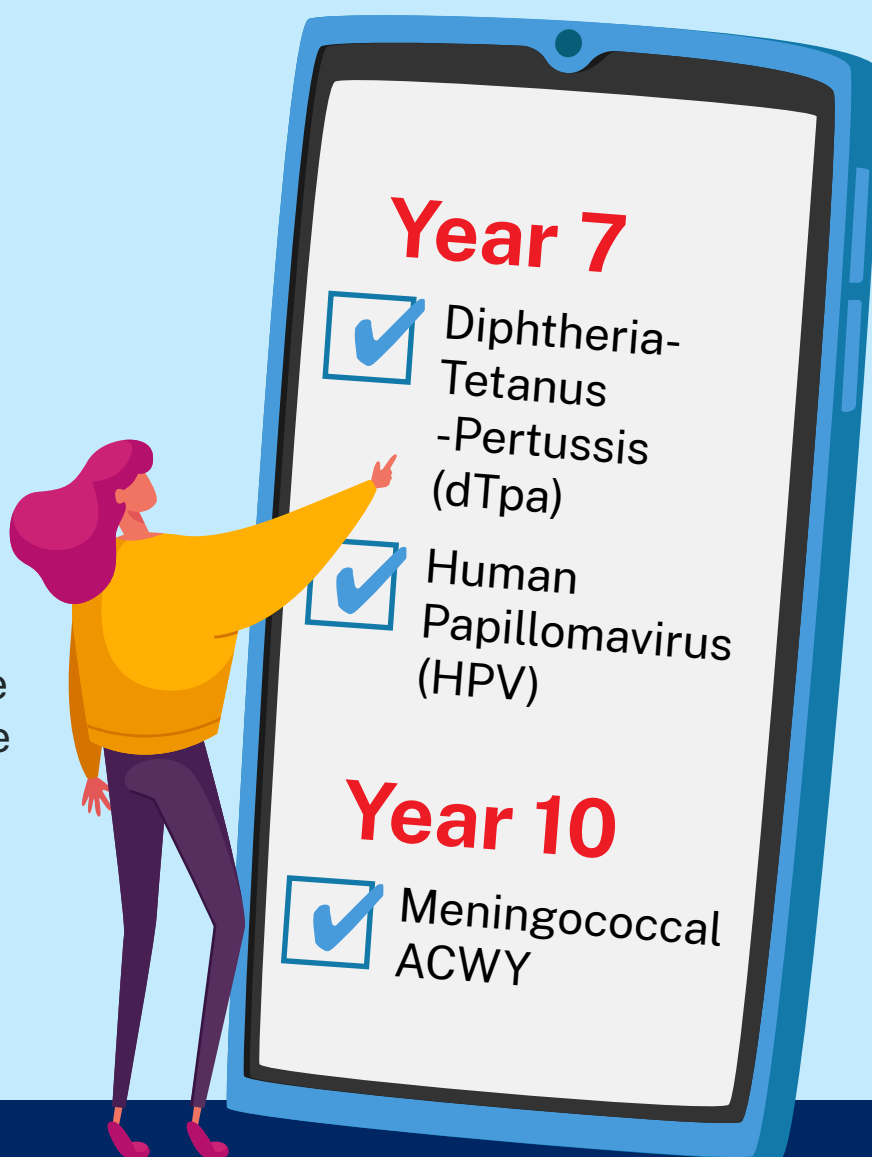
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# Will your child be in year 7 or 10 next year?

You can provide  
consent for  
your child's  
routine school  
vaccinations  
online in 2023.

At the beginning of  
the school year, your  
child's school will share  
the link to complete the  
online consent form.



More information on the school vaccination program:  
[health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](https://health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination)