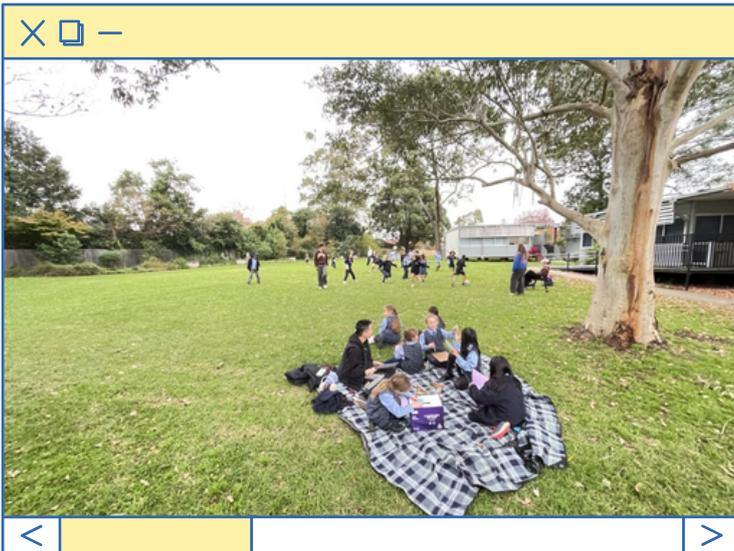


THE BASC TERM 1

TERM 2, 2025



WELCOME TO THE TERM 3 NEWSLETTER!

This issue is packed with exciting updates, including highlights from our recent staffing update and highlights of our Winter Vac Care of Term 2. We hope you enjoy the latest news and look forward to your continued support in our community!

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PEOPLE, WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL
OWNERS OF THIS LAND. THEY HAVE
WALKED UPON AND CARED FOR THE LAND
PHBASC LEARNS AND PLAYS ON.**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO
ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT, AND EXTEND THAT
RESPECT TO ALL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE.**

**PENNANT HILLS BASC COMMITS OURSELVES
TO AN ONGOING JOURNEY OF RECONCILIATION.**

Meet our PHBASC Leadership Team



Zunaira
Khan
.....
Centre
Director



Sue Watts
.....
Assistant
Director -
Finance Admin

Senior Educators



Lachie
Rosenblum
.....
Kindy Lead



Armelle
Kolton
.....
Educational
Leader



Megan
Rosenblum
.....
Sustainability



Harriette
Cusack
.....
Child
Engagement



Ella
Bayley
.....
Admin
Assistant



Lizzie
Boxwell
.....
Inclusion
Support



Ashton
He
.....
WHS
Officer



Astreia
Denby
.....
Vacation
Care

Meet our PHBASC Team



Grace T



Sophia



Tegan



Cerys



Tom



Grace N



Kasia



Johan



Lucy



James



Sareena



Arrow



Caleb



Jasmin



Kat



Rohan



Bec



Tommy



Ethan



Maddy



Eva



Zoe

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Hi BASC Families,

It's hard to believe it's already been almost two months since I stepped into the role of Director at PHBASC!

I've really enjoyed getting to know our children, families, and the wider community. There's such a warm and welcoming atmosphere here, and I'm grateful for how supportive everyone has been during this transition.

Over the past several weeks, I've been working closely with our amazing team to understand the daily flow of the service and to continue supporting the high-quality care and programs already in place. It's been inspiring to see the genuine relationships educators have built with the children and the creativity that goes into planning engaging, safe, and fun experiences each day.

As we move through Term 3, I'm looking forward to continuing to strengthen connections with families, team, and contribute to the continued growth and success of the service.

Thank you again for the warm welcome – please don't hesitate to chat or share any ideas or feedback you may have.

ZUNAIRA KHAN
CENTRE DIRECTOR



FROM THE EDUCATIONAL LEADER'S DESK

I've been part of the PHBASC team since 2019, starting as a casual and working my way up into a senior position. My first focus was on Research and Theory to support our programs. Along the way I took on other roles such as Vacation Care Coordinator, Responsible Person, and assisting with menu planning, rostering, and program planning.

Earlier this year, when Tim moved on, I stepped into the interim Director role with Sue, and it was wonderful to see our team work so well together.

Now, with Zunaira on board as Director, I'm excited to be in the Educational Leader role, where I can use my psychology and primary education background to make our morning and afternoon sessions meaningful, educational, and fun for the children.

It's been exciting to continue supporting the growth, learning, and enjoyment of all our PHBASC kids!

ARMELLE KOLTON
EDUCATIONAL LEADER



STAFF MOVEMENTS



We are excited to announce that our Finance Administrator, Sue Watts, has officially taken on the role of Full-Time Assistant Director at Pennant Hills BASC. Sue has been a valued member of PHBASC team, bringing with her a wealth of knowledge, dedication and a passion for supporting children and families. In her new role, alongside her financial and administrative responsibilities, Sue will be working closely with the Director and the wider PHBASC team to support the day-to-day operations of the service.



We are pleased to announce that Astreia Denby has been promoted to the Senior Team and will be taking on the Vacation Care Coordinator role. Astreia brings a strong passion for creating fun, safe and engaging programs which will be invaluable in leading our Vacation Care sessions. Her creativity and enthusiasm will ensure the continued success of the program and provide exciting experiences for the children in PHBASC.

STAFF MOVEMENTS



We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Armelle for the incredible work she has done as Vacation Care Coordinator. Her dedication and thoughtful planning have been greatly appreciated by our team and families at PHBASC. While Armelle is stepping away from the Vacation Care Coordinator position, she will continue her role as Educational Leader, continuing to support and guide our educators and learning programs of PHBASC.

SERVICE NEWS

Department of Education Spot Check

On 10th July 2025, Pennant Hills BASC was visited by an Authorised Officer from the NSW Department of Education's Regulatory Authority for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the National Law and Regulations.

We are proud to share that on 16th July 2025, we received written confirmation from the Department that our service demonstrated full compliance with all areas assessed during the visit.

We would like to thank our dedicated team for their continued commitment to maintaining the highest standards of care and safety for our children.

Transition to P&C

At the PHPS P&C meeting on Tuesday 5th August, the P&C voted yes to take on PHBASC under the P&C umbrella with two conditions – that we provide a budget and financial plan to return to profitability and have a succession plan for the Management Committee as Agnes will step down as President at the end of this year.

Carpet Cleaning Update

We would like to inform you that the school had all classroom and PHBASC carpets professionally steam cleaned on Friday 1st August. This helps us maintain a clean, fresh, and healthy environment for all children.

SERVICE NEWS

Emergency and Evacuation Drills

As part of our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all children and staff at Pennant Hills BASC, we are required by the Education and Care Services National Regulations and Laws to conduct regular emergency and evacuation drills. These drills are mandatory and must be rehearsed and documented every three months. Failure to do so would result in non-compliance with safety regulations.

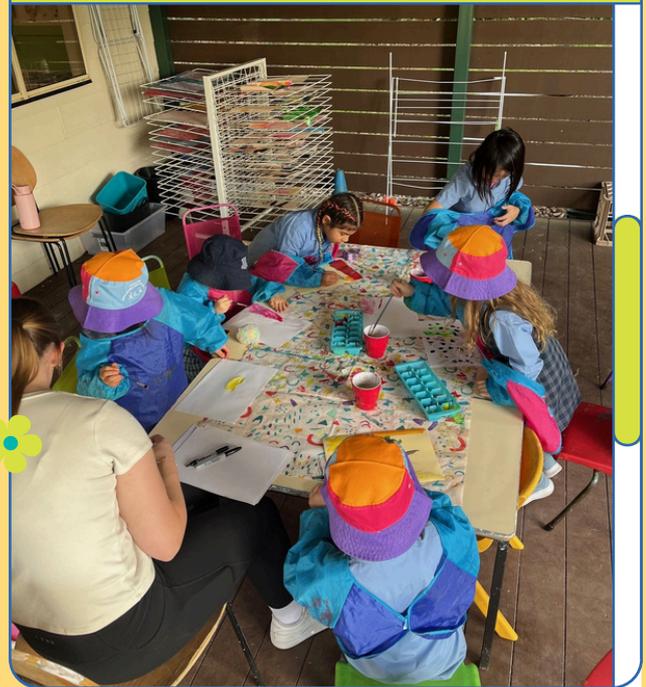
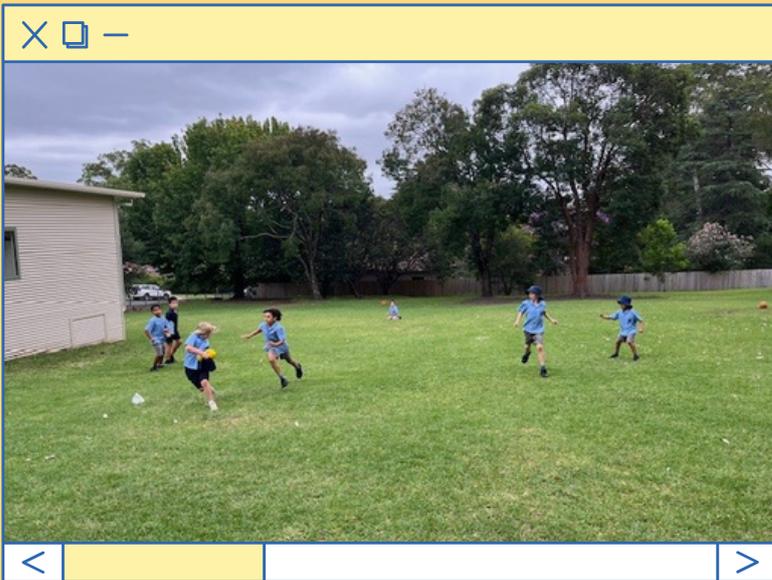
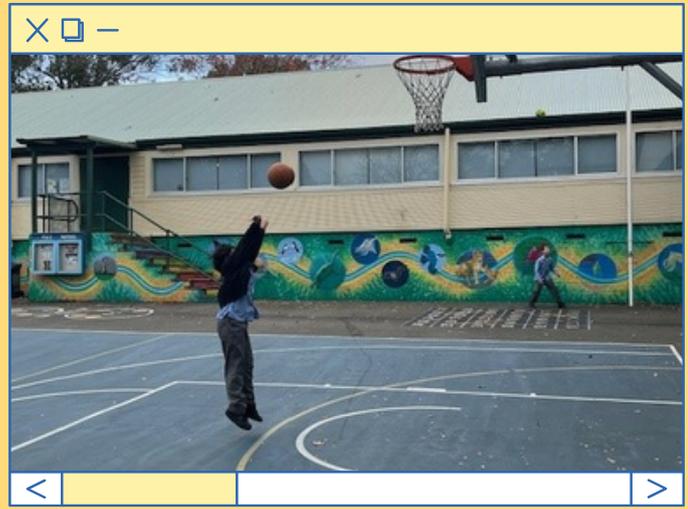
We conducted a Lockdown Drill on Wednesday 13th August 2025 and while we understand it may have caused some delays, especially for those waiting outside, we want to stress the importance of these drills. They are not only a obligatory requirement but also a vital opportunity to teach children how to respond calmly and appropriately in the event of a real emergency situation.

We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation as we prioritize the safety of everyone involved.

Please note:

We will be holding another evacuation and lockdown drill in Week 8 (8th to 12th September). We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for your children at PHBASC.

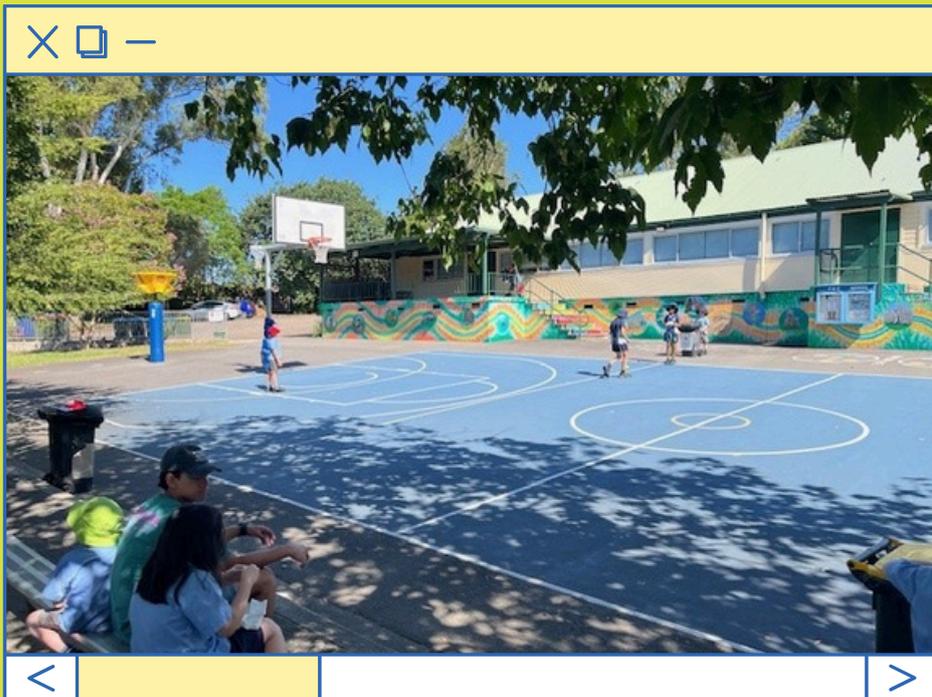
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out Pennant Hills BASC staff.



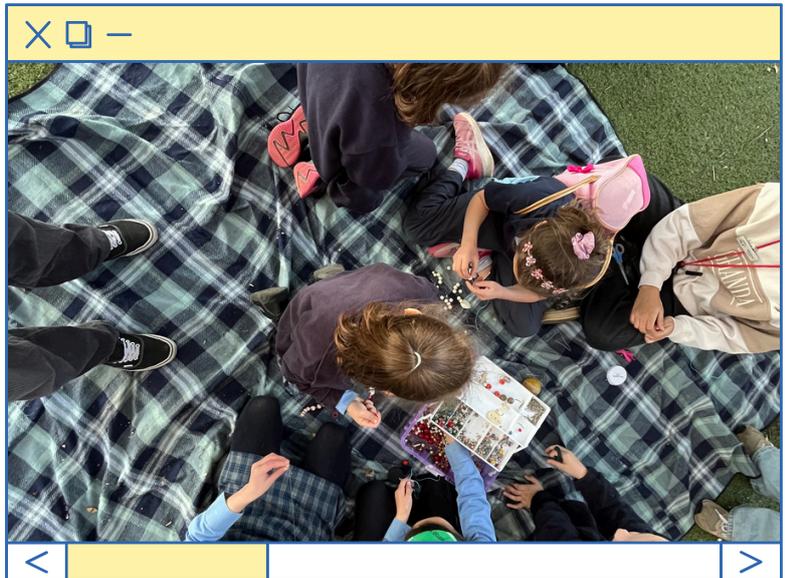
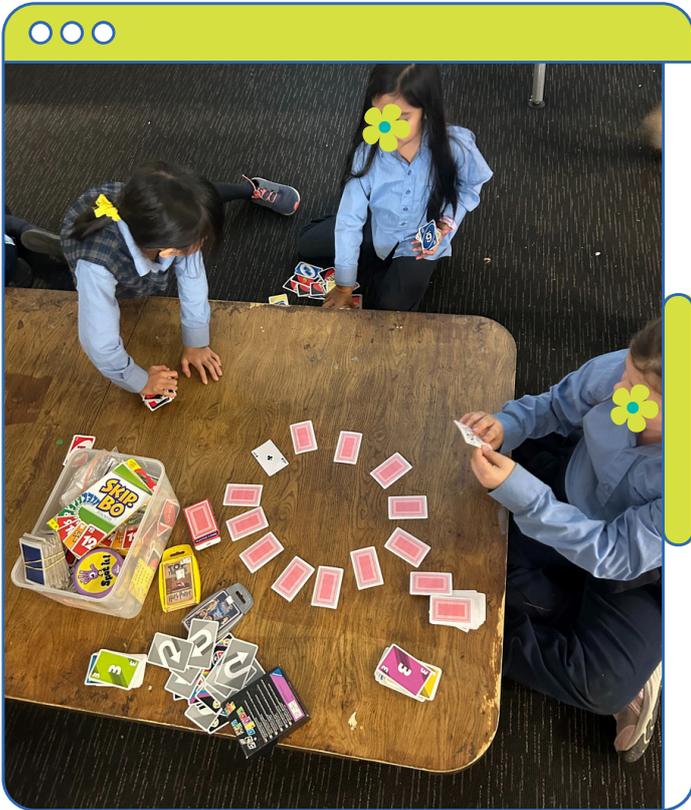
Despite the colder winter weather this term, outdoor play remained lively and engaging. The children embraced the season with exciting activities such as soccer, basketball, and handball, along with creative use of red equipment for various games. These winter-friendly activities offered wonderful opportunities for physical learning, teamwork, and social skill development, all while staying active and having fun in the crisp outdoor air.



Cooking continues to be one of the most popular activities at PHBASC, with a variety of engaging experiences offered each day. In Term 2, we thoughtfully integrated learning opportunities through creative recipes such as Choc Chip Cookies, Pizza Muffins, Cheese Twists and Oat Biscuits. These activities sparked creativity while also fostering important skills like measuring, following instructions, and exploring nutritious food choices in a fun, hands-on way.



This term, we explored a variety of creative activities and crafts, including our Creation Station where children could freely reuse recycled materials. In the main room, we worked on an array of collages, BASC murals, Hama Beads and Loom Bands were also a big hit in the mornings!



 The top oval was enjoyed by our children, especially the older boys who loved having a flat surface to kick the ball around.

They also explored with painting, showing their creativity and learning. This hands-on experience provided a unique opportunity for the children to engage in imaginative play.

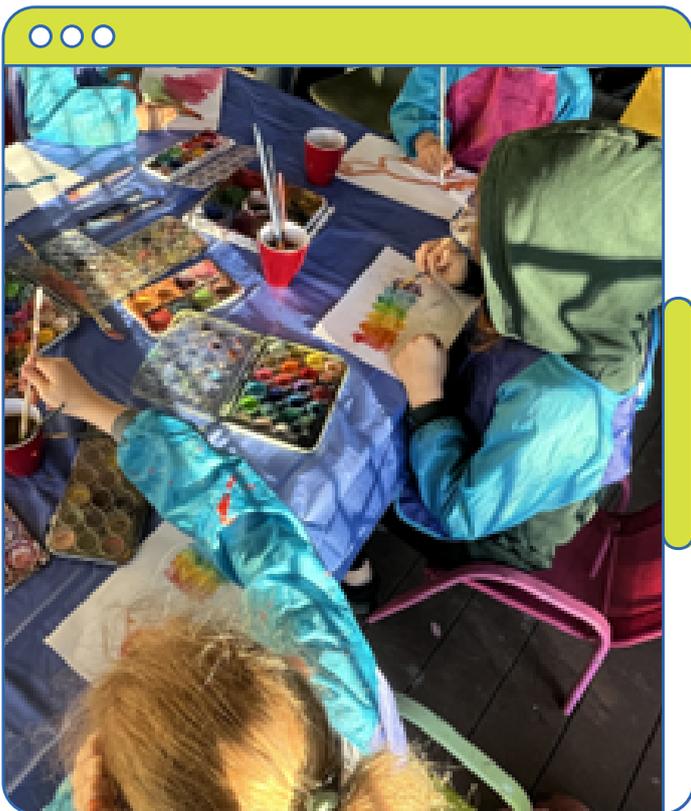
Card games were also a hit.

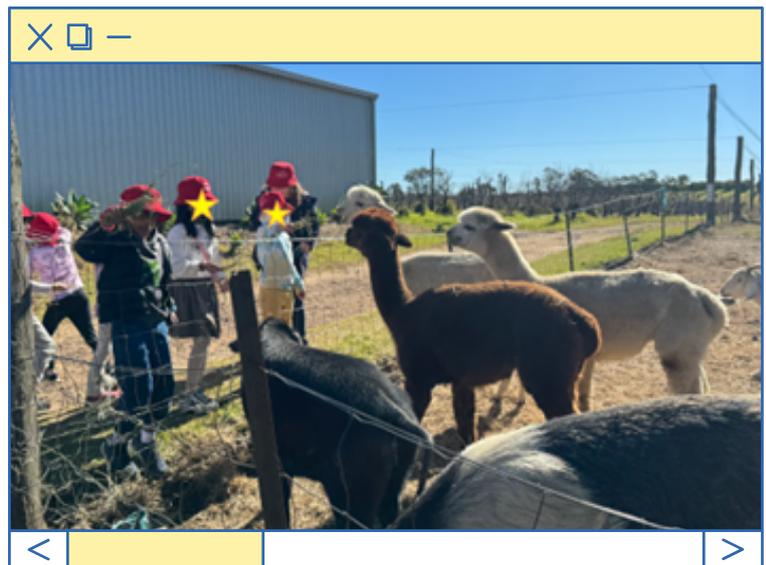




WINTER VACATION CARE HIGHLIGHTS

We've wrapped up a successful Vacation Care program during the winter holidays, filled with fun, learning, and unforgettable experiences! Our two exciting excursions were definite highlights. At Our Big Kitchen, the children decorated cookies and muffins, and put their creativity and compassion to work by making kindness boxes for those in need. At Canoelands Farm, they had a blast picking fresh fruit, riding a tractor, feeding animals, and learning all about bees and how honey is made. Our in-centre incursions were just as thrilling, the kids went head-to-head in action-packed Laser Tag games using special vests and laser shooters, and explored Aboriginal culture during Boomerangs and Bullroarers, where they learned to throw boomerangs, discovered traditional hunting tools, and crafted their own bullroarer to take home. We also had a range of themed in-centre days including Mad Scientist Mayhem, The Great Build-Off, and Disco Day, all of which were packed with laughter, creativity, and fun. A big thank you to all the families for your support. We can't wait to do it all again next holidays!





WINTER VACATION CARE HIGHLIGHTS



BABYSITTING LIST

Name	Phone Number	Current First Aid Training	Child Protection Training	Started at BASC
Lachie Rosenblum	Please contact the service for further information	✓	✓	Jan 1, 2020
Armelle Kolton		✓	✓	Sep 1, 2019
Lizzie Boxwell		✓	✓	May 1, 2022
Tegan Gravelle		✓		May 1, 2023
Bec Percival		✓	✓	Jan 1, 2022
Harriette Cusack		✓	✓	Jan 1, 2023
Cerys Howells		✓		Jan 1, 2023
Grace Tweed		✓		May 1, 2023
Eva Frith		✓	✓	Jul 1, 2024

All staff at PHBASC have current Working with Children Checks and experience working with children.

TERM 3 MENU

Breakfast	Wholemeal toast, raisin toast, porridge, cereal or yoghurt.	On occasion: Pancakes
Drinks	Water or milk available.	On occasion: Milo with milk in the mornings
Fruit	Fresh seasonal fruits available daily.	Carrots available from 4:45pm-5pm

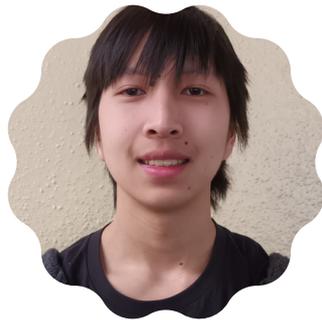
At PHBASC, our Term 3 menu is designed in accordance with the ACECQA food guidelines, ensuring a balanced inclusion of all food groups for our breakfast and afternoon tea. We prioritize inclusivity by listing all dietary requirements in our weekly menus, so every child can enjoy a safe and satisfying meal with us.

Afternoon Tea

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Block A					
Week 1	Corn thins and dip	Pikelets and Jam	Pizza Muffins	Pesto Pasta	Garlic Bread
Week 2	Wedges	Muesli and yoghurt	Cheese Twists	Corn Chips and salsa	Mini Quiches
Week 3	Pikelets and Jam	Pizza Scrolls	Mongolian Chicken	Apple Crumble	Garlic Bread
Week 4	Trail Mix	Chicken Wraps	Cheesy Twists	2-minute noodles	Spring Rolls
Block B					
Week 5	Sausage Rolls	Muesli and yoghurt	Garlic Bread	Apple Crumble	Corn Thins and Dip
Week 6	Cheesy Twists	Vegetable Fried Rice	Chicken Wraps	Pikelets and Jam	Spring Rolls
Week 7	Mongolian Chicken	Garlic Bread	Wedges	Corn chips and salsa	Mini Quiches
Week 8	Chicken Wraps	Pikelets and Jam	2-minute noodles	Cheesy Twists	Sausage Rolls
Block C					
Week 9	Corn Thins and Dip	Wedges	Pikelets and Jam	Muesli and yoghurt	Garlic Bread
Week 10	Garlic Bread	Cheesy Twists	Mongolian Chicken	Sausage Rolls	Fairy Bread

STARS OF TERM 2

Congratulations to these educators on their outstanding work. We are continually impressed by the results they produce! All our educators play a crucial role in our team and the wider PHBASC community and we are grateful to all of them! They make the centre the great place that it is!



TOMMY HOANG



CERYS HOWELLS



ASTREIA DENBY

A PLACE FOR FEEDBACK

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, if you have any input or feedback relating to the newsletter or anything else at PHBASC please feel free to approach staff, send us an email, give us a call or any other way you can think of to let us know. Parent feedback is highly encouraged regarding anything from routines to programming and suggestions are always welcome and appreciated!



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