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**Dates for your Diary**

**16 December**

Last Day of Term 4  
Year 6 Graduation  
At 6pm

**29 January**

First Day of Term 1  
Year 1-6

**4 February**

Kindergarten  
First Day of Term 1



**From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your tremendous support of our school in what has been a very challenging year. Together with the high-level commitment and dedication of all school staff, we have made 2020 a successful year of learning for all of our students. Our strong partnerships have allowed our school to continue to provide high quality learning experiences and opportunities for all. Well done to everyone! What a tremendous team effort from our Ringrose Public School community!

On our last day of school together, I would like to outline some of our accomplishments this past week:

- Presentation Day – Congratulations to all of our award recipients whose efforts and accomplishments were recognised last week. We are very proud of you all! A big thank you to Mrs Zugna and her magnificent team for their organisation and coordination of both award sessions under very trying circumstances.
- Year 6 Farewell and Graduation Ceremony – I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 students on your commitment to your school work and contribution to school life this year. You have remained focussed and engaged with your learning. We had a lovely evening at the Year 6 Farewell on Monday night and a wonderful celebration together at today's Graduation Ceremony. We wish you all every success in future years and look forward to hearing about your accomplishments. A special thank you to Mrs Willis, Mrs Munari, Miss Russell and Mrs Cullen for your high-level dedication to our senior school students!
- At last week's Presentation Day, we announced the Captains and Vice Captains for 2021:
  - o Lily - Girl School Captain
  - o Sebastian - Boy School Captain
  - o Kira - Girl Vice Captain
  - o Michael - Boy Vice Captain

**2021**  
**Kindergarten**  
**Enrolments**  
**Still Accepting!**

Please see the office for the enrolment forms.

We would remind all parents / carers that use of the school staff carpark (Ringrose Avenue) is strictly out of bounds and not to be used between the hours of 8am until 3:30pm. It is crucial that if you are using this carpark outside of those hours for OOSH drop off and pick up, that your children are well supervised by you and by your side. **NO CHILDREN ARE TO BE IN THE CARPARK WITHOUT STRICT PARENT/CARER SUPERVISION.**



- Our Kindergarten 'KindiFarm' excursion was a tremendous success and greatly enjoyed by all. Thank you to our magnificent Kindergarten teachers who organised this event. I know all of our Kindy 'Farmers' learnt a great deal from their day.
- Today marks our final day for all students. I would like to wish them and all families a safe and restful break and a chance to catch up on some well-deserved family time after a very complex year!

I would like to announce and congratulate Mrs O'Neill who has been successful in gaining a three-year placement at Region Office in the Student Learning Wellbeing Officer role. Mrs O'Neill is an outstanding educator and we wish her well in her future role commencing 2021. Mrs O'Neill's replacement will be finalised early in 2021.

School resumes in 2021 for all students (Years 1-6) on Friday 29 January, 2021. Our new 2021 Kindergarten students commence with their Best Start sessions with teachers before commencing the following week. A letter to all 2021 Kindergarten families have been sent home this week with further information.

It was my great pleasure at our Presentation Day ceremonies to reflect on this past year and to acknowledge our combined efforts to keep 2020 as normal as possible for all students and their learning. Below, I have included a copy of this speech.

Have a safe, restful and wonderful festive season and family break and we look forward to seeing you all again at the start of the 2021 school year!

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Loughhead

## **Principal's Message – 2020 Presentation Day Ceremonies**

Dear Students, Parents, Carers, Family Members and Teachers,

What a year it's been!

The run into 2020 started this time last year when the bush fires down on our South Coast affected many of our coastal areas and their school communities and caused great destruction and disruption to families. Many of you may have been directly affected or may have known of others who were. This need soon saw other states across Australia face similar trials.

Unfortunately, this scenario would be the lead into 2020 where we faced our greatest challenges across our world collectively due to the once in a lifetime world wide spread of Covid19.

As far as the education sector stood, Covid19 presented us with obstacles and complications that we had never faced before. As a teacher of thirty years myself, I had never in my career seen so many obstacles and hurdles that we faced together. The problems and difficulties we confronted daily and overcame displayed strong commitment and dedication from our whole school community. Our combined efforts together kept schooling calm and structured. What we achieved together will be long remembered by all!

Our executive, teachers, support staff, teacher aides and office staff in a matter of days had completely flipped the notion of teaching from face to face in classrooms to the online learning delivery. We sought out solutions quickly and listened carefully to you to ensure that we knew our students and families were safe, and wherever possible that our students were connected to their learning.

In a matter of days, we rolled out online learning activities and programs both suited to home and at school through the technology platform of G Suite – Google Classrooms. This was no simple task considering that under normal circumstances we would slowly roll this out between a period of 6-12 months. For example, in the first week alone, 70 laptops were correctly configured and sent home to support learning. What a tremendous feat by all!

To this day, this Herculean effort across our school has been inspirational and continues to be a mighty rousing effort as we returned to a new way of schooling, with new precautions and new procedures to keep everyone safe. In effect, a new way of schooling for all.

I want to thank you all for your support of our endeavours to keep school life as close to a new normal as possible. We achieved much with your support.

Importantly, I want to recognise the efforts, energy, dedication and commitment of our entire school staff in keeping boys and girls connected to school and their learning. I know many of you have expressed your great thanks and acknowledgement of our amazing staff, going far and beyond to ensure that our children were safe and still learning despite the tumultuous times we live in. And they continue to do so. Our staff are inspirational!

Finally, today we recognise the efforts and accomplishments of our students. Their resilience, determination and drive has been highly commendable. It was only last week when I was reading through the progress and accomplishments in student reports, did it reinforce the tremendous achievements they've all made this year. I believe that despite the year it's been, despite the challenges of online learning and the disruptions to lessons, I believe that our boys and girls have made one school years' worth of learning! An astonishing accomplishment by all!

So, lastly, I thank you for your support and recognition of the tremendous school we have! 2021 promises to be a fruitful one as we commence our new 2021-2024 School Plan centred on student and school wide improvement. I look forward to the new year ahead and to new accomplishments and successes at the mighty Ringrose PS!

**LEAVING RINGROSE / STARTING LATE 2021**

If your child is leaving Ringrose Public School at the end of 2020, or starting after **Friday 29th January 2021**, please complete the slip below and return to the School Office **before Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

will either be: (please tick appropriate box)

- Leaving Ringrose Public School at the end of 2020. The child will be going to either of the following:-
  - NSW Government School (**New School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_)
  - NSW Non-Government School
  - Interstate School
  - Overseas School

**OR**

Starting after Friday 29th January 2021, returning on \_\_\_\_\_

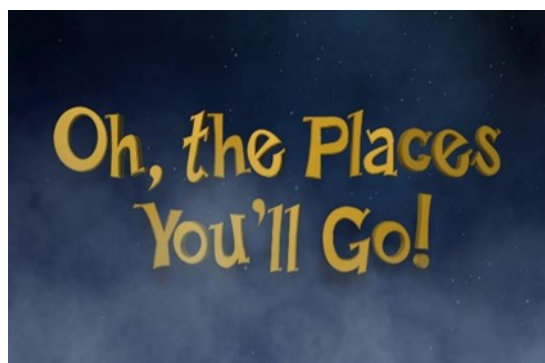
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for the year! And what a year it has been. When I reflect upon the year that we have had I am proud of our students and the way that they have responded to the challenges they have faced this year. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the teachers who have had to respond very quickly and adapt their teaching delivery in order to ensure that our students continue to receive a quality education. Lastly, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for all the hard work you have put in during remote learning and for working closely with the school to ensure we all stay safe. It has been such a pleasure to be a part of the Ringrose Public School community.

As the year approaches to an end I wanted to wish all of our students and families a safe and happy holiday. I wanted to also take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 students all the best for the next chapter in their lives. After 7 years of primary school a new journey waits for you all. Remember 'If you work really hard and you're kind, amazing things will happen' (Conan O'Brien).



### Important dates for 2021

Students in Years 1 - 6 return to school on **Friday 29 January 2021**. The first day for all of Kindergarten 2021 students will be **Thursday 4 February 2021**. All families who have a child enrolling in Kindergarten 2021 should have received a letter with your child's Best Start Interview date and time. If you have not received this letter please contact the school.

Stay safe,

Mrs Zugna  
Deputy Principal



**KindiFarm Incursion**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, Kindergarten had a very exciting incursion. The KindiFarm came to visit our school! We were all so excited to see lots of different farm animals, as we have all been learning about Living Things in Science this term. On the day of the incursion we were dressed up as farmers and did lots of farm arts and crafts while we waited for our turn. When it was time, we headed down to the grass area to meet the animals and Farmer Will. First we held a baby duckling, guinea pigs named Nutella and Fuzz, and cuddled big fluffy rabbits. We met a Duck named Daddles and some of us were a little bit scared because he was big! Next, Farmer Will gave us pellets to feed the sheep, calf and goats in the pen, we laughed so hard when they tickled our hands eating the pellets. We each had a turn bottle feeding a baby goat, he was very thirsty and drank the milk so fast. Lastly, we met a piglet only 5 weeks old, her squealing when Farm Will picked her up was so loud! The funniest part was when a sheep escaped from the pen and Farm Will and Mr Stuccio had to catch him! It was a great experience and we had so much fun on the KindiFarm incursion.



## Gold Awards

Trisha KA  
 Jai KA  
 Ata KB  
 Talia KB  
 Adam KB  
 Lavinya KB  
 Callum KB  
 Anatasia KB  
 Esila KB  
 Mardiros KB  
 Viraj KB  
 Mohammad KB  
 Fatima KB  
 Charli-Rose KB  
 Imogen KM  
 Pragyan 1H  
 Sabrina 1H  
 Alya 1H  
 Leylah 1H  
 Najam 1H  
 Oshin 1H  
 Savanna 1H  
 Puneesh 1/2E  
 Samet 1/2E  
 Bovindee 1/2E  
 Mohammed 1/2E  
 Liani 1/2E  
 Zeenat 1/2E  
 Lucas 1/2E  
 Victoria 1/2E  
 Aaryan 1/2E  
 Aaliyah 1/2E  
 Adam 1/2E  
 Dimitra 1/2E  
 Frzannah 2N  
 Jayden 2N  
 Taim 2N  
 Callum 2/3R  
 Baran 2/3R  
 Mohammad 2/3R  
 Sophi 2/3R  
 Laura 3M  
 Cheyse 3M  
 Angel 3M  
 Isla 3M  
 Jesi 3M  
 Aarni 3M  
 Charbel 3M  
 Alicia 4S  
 Filip 4S



Timothy 5/6C  
 Zac 5/6C  
 Jordan 5/6C  
 Dritha 5/6M  
 Peter 5/6M  
 Bailey 5/6M  
 Ayman 5/6M  
 Taleirah 5/6M  
 Danielle 5/6M  
 Megan 5/6M  
 Luca 5/6M  
 Jacinta 5/6M  
 Jacob 5/6M  
 Layalli 5/6M  
 Tarek 5/6M  
 Kharliah 5/6M  
 John Paul 5/6R  
 Emelene 5/6R  
 Michael 5/6R  
 Lucelle 5/6W  
 Antonio 5/6W  
 Kirah 5/6W  
 Tiana 5/6W  
 George 5/6W  
 Zack 5/6W  
 Tiana 5/6W  
 Oliver 5/6W  
 Lara 5/6W  
 Azaan 5/6W

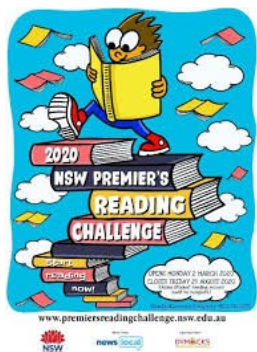
## Silver Awards

Drishya KA  
 Ziva KA  
 Anthony KA  
 Omar KA  
 Manraj KA  
 Mahdia KB  
 Kody KB  
 Sara KM  
 Adalyn KM  
 Faaee KM  
 Talia KM  
 Kaiden KM  
 Lucinda KM  
 Julie 1/2E  
 Paul 1/2E  
 Fatema 1/2E  
 Christian 1/2E  
 Yehya 1/2E  
 Indyana 1/2E  
 Katherine 2N  
 Deema 2N  
 Khadijah 2N  
 Arian 2N  
 Anthony 2N  
 Bryan 2N  
 Taim 2N  
 Enna 2N  
 Maya 2P  
 Misha 2P  
 Cassius 2/3R  
 Patrick 2/3R  
 James 2/3R  
 Sehr 2/3R  
 Kian 3M  
 Yannah 3M  
 Cassandra 3M  
 Inoke 3M  
 Dunya 3M  
 Eve 3M  
 Marcus 3M  
 Aarni 3M  
 Pranshu 3M  
 Muhammad 3M  
 Rzan 4S  
 Zac 5/6C  
 Shalyar 5/6C  
 Timothy 5/6C  
 Vijay 5/6C  
 Emma 5/6C  
 Madison 5/6C  
 Samuel 5/6C  
 Rita 5/6C  
 Flynn 5/6C  
 Joel 5/6C  
 Niyati 5/6C  
 Alisa 5/6C  
 Musksaan 5/6C  
 Christina 5/6C  
 Kayla 5/6C  
 Peter 5/6M  
 Roxanna 5/6M  
 Alanah 5/6M  
 David 5/6M  
 Luca 5/6M  
 Jacob 5/6M  
 Taleirah 5/6M  
 Tarek 5/6M  
 Layalli 5/6M  
 Madison 5/6M  
 Kharliah 5/6M  
 Jesiah 5/6M  
 Alexander 5/6M  
 Jamie 5/6R  
 Leah 5/6R  
 Senay 5/6R  
 Reece 5/6R  
 Sierra 5/6R  
 Ayaan 5/6R  
 Aya 5/6W  
 Marcus 5/6W  
 Briella 5/6W



## Library News

### Premier’s Reading Challenge 2020



Yesterday we had a special presentation of the special awards from the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Normal challenge certificates were sent home in the last fortnight also.

Overall we had 199 students complete the PRC this year. K-2 completed their challenge in class and library. Fourteen of these were students from Year 2-6 who completed the challenge independently. Six of these students also achieved Gold (4 years) or Platinum (7 years) for having completed the challenge for a number of years.

- Tyson
- Tristan
- Kaitlyn
- Aadya
- Isla (Gold award)
- Munazza (Gold award)
- Riley (Gold award)
- Mikayla
- Kayla
- Sebastian
- Dritha
- Marcus (Platinum award)
- Ava (Platinum award)
- Timothy (Platinum award)

**Book Club LOOP**  
The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

**Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?**  
**LOOP** is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child’s Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don’t miss out!

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

Congratulations and well done everyone!

### eBooks

eBooks will be available to borrow over the school holidays. Please ensure you know your child’s log in details if you are interested in keeping their reading up over the holiday period. This service is available to all students (K-6) and includes a great range of picture books and other primary aged readers.

Access to the eBooks is available through Wheelers (<https://ringrose.wheelers.co/>), which you can also access through Oliver Library (via the student portal).



### Star Readers

The Star Reader packs were handed this week to the students who were Star Readers for Term 1-4. Well done to our Term 3 winners, Isla and Yaseen and our Term 4 winners, Hardik and Cassandra.

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has been returning their books to the special quarantine tubs in the Library.

Mrs Kranenburg  
Teacher Librarian



## **Pssst... It's a P & C Update!**

### **OUTSTANDING TEACHER 2020**

We would like to congratulate this year's recipient of the Ringrose P&C's Outstanding Teacher Award – Mrs Willis. Mrs Willis was recognised for going the extra mile to challenge and support her students, especially during remote learning. Her passion for learning and her commitment to her students is inspiring and students who have been taught by Mrs Willis say they will always remember their days in her classroom fondly.

It was wonderful to read all the praise parents and teachers had for all the nominees. We are very lucky at Ringrose to have so many dedicated, caring and talented teachers.

**Congratulations Mrs Willis** and thank you for all you do for our students and the wider school community. We appreciate you!

Mrs Willis will receive her trophy and certificate at the staff development day tomorrow.

### **P&C SECRETARY – POSITION VACANT**

We are still seeking a volunteer to join us on the P&C Executive and fill the role of Secretary. Over the holidays, we ask parents to please consider taking on this important role. Full training and support will be provided. We would love to have a new parent on board!

### **UNIFORM SHOP OPEN FOR BACK TO SCHOOL**

Our shop is now closed for the year and will be OPEN for in person sales on the first day back **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan**. It will also be OPEN on **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** and **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb**. After this time, we return to our usual Thursday morning weekly opening time.

We will be asking all visitors to the shop to sanitise hands before entering and to sign in for Covid tracking purposes. We will be monitoring how many people are in the shop at once and you may be asked to wait outside if it gets too busy.

### **CANTEEN**

The canteen will be open for lunch orders on the first day back at school, Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, and we will let the community know which days it will be open after that. We are currently re-assessing our situation.

### **WISHING ALL OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES A SAFE, RELAXING AND HAPPY HOLIDAY**

Thank you for your support of our services over the last year and we look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

Ringrose P&C

## **Kindergarten 2021** **Enrolments now open**

Enrolment forms for next year's Kindergarten students can be collected from the School Office. Please complete the form and return it with your child's:

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residential Address (Rates notice, lease agreement etc)
- Visa or Permanent Resident Documentation (if applicable)
- Immunisation records (Medicare Immunisation History Statement or Blue Book)
- Passport (Parents must also provide proof of citizenship if born overseas)
- Health / Medical Needs / Medication Documentation (if applicable)

All original documents can be photocopied in the School Office.

Please refer to school website for further information.



We are excited to announce the new Online Enrolment System which started Monday, 14 September 2020.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website.

# School Travel - Term 4 2020

Stay up to date with Opal and ticketing changes for school travel



## 2021 school travel applications are now open

To assist with any enquiries schools may receive about student travel applications, we have provided some Information below. We have also attached an information sheet on School Travel for 2021 if you wish to share this in your school newsletter.

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened on Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

## School travel application endorsements

It is not uncommon for applicants completing the online form to make mistakes, particularly entering their name or date of birth instead of the students. This may be due to an auto-fill function on a device or just human error. We ask that school administrators be cautious of this and do not endorse applications with incorrect information.

If you are aware of or see an obvious error, you can amend the first name, date of birth or grade of a student's travel application by clicking in the relevant row on the portal. Please ensure you have confirmed the information before making any changes. Refer to page 16 of the *School Portal User Guide* for further instructions. The latest version of the user guide is accessible within the School Portal by clicking the arrow next to your username.

If a student's details cannot be confirmed or they are not yet enrolled, please do not endorse the application. By selecting 'no' the application will be rejected and the applicant will be informed. They will then need to submit a new application.

In the event that school administrators endorse an application in error, it would be appreciated if you could advise our SSTS team as soon as possible so the application can be intercepted before an Opal card or travel pass is issued.

To contact us about an endorsement error, please go to:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback> and select feedback about: 'school student transport scheme' and then select 'application updates'.

If school administrators require access to the School Portal, please request an account at

<https://apln.transport.nsw.gov.au/portal/requests/account/school>

If you have staff that have left the school recently and had access to the school portal, please let us know at <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback> and select 'school/operator portal' and then 'remove existing user access' so their access can be removed.

## New Concession Entitlement Cards

You can now order the new Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) through the Transport for NSW School Portal.

The Transport Concession Entitlement Card will replace the following cards:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

Refer to the information pack provided by email on 21 September 2020 for guidance and frequently asked questions. If you have any issues please [contact us](#).

Mail sent from the Stakeholder Liaison Team, Information and Ticketing Services - Transport for NSW.

Please do not reply to this email. Enquiries can be submitted at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>



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CITY COUNCIL

### January 2021 School Holiday Program

Centre	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January
RROOSH 5-12 Years	A World Of Games	Nurture Nature	Boho, Bohemian and Hipster Day	The Great Quest	Water Olympics
SGOOSH 5-12 Years	Get WILD!	Play with Clay	Aerodynamics Adventures	A World Of Games	Nurture Nature
GWOOSH 5-9 Years	The Great Quest	Boho, Bohemian and Hipster Day	Water Olympics	Get WILD!	Play with Clay
GWOOSH 10-13 years	Safer Internet Day	B-I-N-G-O	Water Olympics	The Fantastic Photo Challenge	The Right Byte
Centre	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
RROOSH 5-12 Years	Get WILD!	Play with Clay	Earth Day Every Day	Aerodynamics Adventures	We are One, But we are Many
SGOOSH 5-12 Years	Boho, Bohemian and Hipster Day	Water Olympics	The Great Quest	Earth Day Every Day	We are One, But we are Many
GWOOSH 5-9 Years	Earth Day Every Day	Nurture Nature	Aerodynamics Adventures	A World Of Games	We are One, But we are Many
GWOOSH 10-13 years	Nailing String Art	Beautiful Minds: Unique Bodies	A World Of Games	Play with Clay	We are One, But we are Many

Cumberland Council Children's Services fees are charged per day. Bookings close Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Register and book online via the SmartCentral website.