



THE WADALBA news

UNLOCKING THE BRILLIANCE IN EACH OF US

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 8 Assembly 2P & 6M
- 9 Photo catch up
- 11 PBL Rewards Day
- 12 ANZAC Service
- 12 Last Day of Term 1
- 30 First Day of Term 2

MAY

- 7 Cross Country
- 8 Mothers Day Stall
- 10 Mothers Day Breaky



Easter Hat Parade

On March 28th, Wadalba Primary School hosted its annual Easter Hat Parade. It was so wonderful to see so many families, including parents, grandparents and caregivers. It was an eggciting morning with students proudly showcasing their imaginative hat designs which impressed all our guests. Chocolate Easter eggs were awarded in each class for the best hat and one for the winners of our class colouring competition. Our student leaders were busy selling raffle tickets prior to the parade resulting in the opportunity for lots more prizes. Meanwhile, as the parade unfolded, the Easter Bunny made a surprise visit to each classroom, leaving behind a chocolate surprise for everyone. Thank you to all who attended our Easter hat parade or who contributed to the creation of the extraordinary hat designs that made this event possible. We hope you all had a happy Easter.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the lucky winners:

Colouring Competition

Giribil – Kyedan Wigham

Bibidja – Matthew Blunt

KJ – Marlia Green

KS - Bonnie Loane

1R – Emmett Small

1N – Alicia Hudspith

2M- Kaichi Fuste Torres

2P – Havana Morgan

3/4T – Aniwa Rickus

3W – Lilah Bidgood

4/5H – Aurora Sultana

5S – Owen Stephens

6M – Heidi Mileshekin

6K – Sophia Johnston-Trotsenko

Best Hat

Giribil – Harley Lister

Bibidja - Lilliana Chan Smit

KJ – Hunter Goldsworthy

KS – Lenny Breedon

1R – Phoebe Marshall

1N – Hugo Begg

2M – April Henry

2P – Chase Parry

3/4T – Elora Schmidt

3W – Imahli Poi

4/5H – Khloe Parry

5S – Lewis Peate

6M – Marcus Lock

6K – Liam Monaghan

Easter Hat Parade continued



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Debating

On the 27th Of March, our debating group made their way to Budgewoi Public School to learn the intricacies of debating. They were very much entertained by the very loud and very enigmatic Anthony who showed us how to argue our point effectively and politely while backing up our opinion with evidence. We also found out how important it is to know how to rebut the opinions and arguments of the other team.

We had students from years 4 – 6 chosen for this opportunity. Next week, they will share their knowledge with the rest of the group and a team will be chosen to represent our very successful school. The Wadalba Gliders successfully argued many topics in the Premier’s Debating Challenge for many years now. I am sure that doesn’t shock any parents at home. As we all know, our kids are very good at arguing their opinion! Now our debating team will be able to argue with extra style!



Visits to the Deputy Principal

Each week Ms Sanday and Mrs Malu welcome students into the Primary Deputy Principal's office who have been sent to show off their fantastic work. It is one of the biggest highlights of being a Deputy Principal. Here are some of the visitors from the last fortnight.



In The Spotlight - SLSO's

Name: Carole Beckley (Miss Carole)

My job is: School Learning Support Officer

What I like best about my job: Working with kids

My favourite colour is: Teal

My favourite subject when I was at school was: Sport

My passion is: Speech Pathology

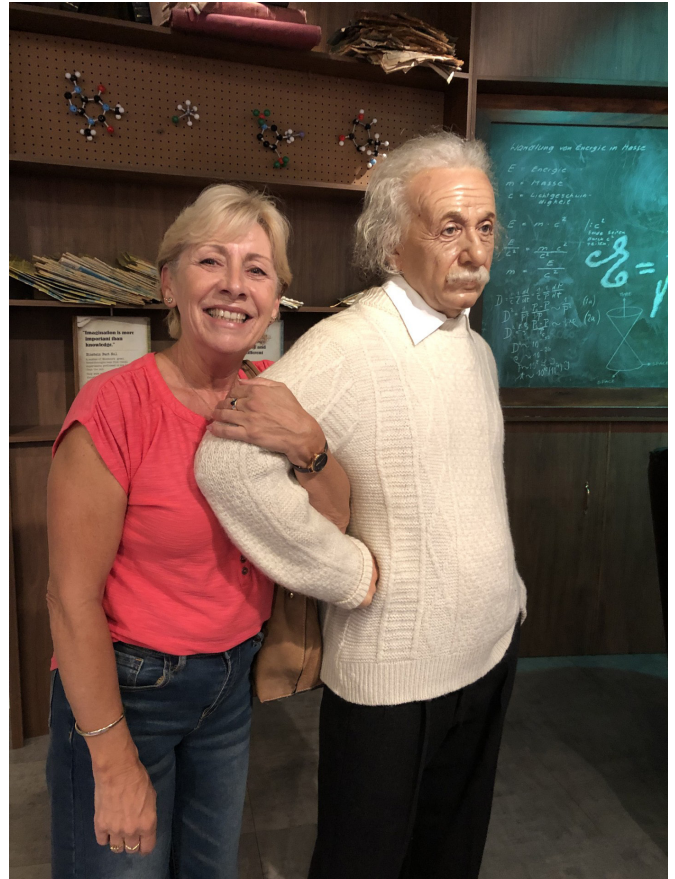
My favourite food is: Chicken Schnitzel

My favourite movie is: Under the Tuscan Sun

If I could travel anywhere in the world it would be: Amalfi Coast

In my free time I love: Beach walks

I love time with family and friends



Name: Lucie Vojtiskova (Miss Lucie)

My job is: School support learning officer (SLSO)

What I like best about my job: working with students individually or in small groups (you get to know students better and from different perspective)

My favourite colour is: green

My favourite subject when I was at school was:
Maths

My favourite subject to teach is: Maths

My favourite food is: cheesecake

My favourite book is: any book that has a mystery to solve

If I could travel anywhere in the world it would be:
anywhere in Europe

In my free time I love: reading, watching my kids doing their sport

I'm looking forward to: trip to Europe



In The Spotlight - SLSO's

Name: Rhiannon Fairman (Miss Rhi)

My job is: SLSO Primary

What I like best about my job: Supporting children with their learning and wellbeing.

My favourite colour is: Blue

My favourite subject when I was at school was: English

My favourite subject to teach is: Literacy

My favourite food is: Nachos

My favourite book is: Too many to name! I love reading! Re-reading the Outlander series at the moment.

My favourite movie is: Anything scary..

If I could travel anywhere in the world it would be: Around Australia

In my free time I love: Reading and spending time with friends and family.

I'm looking forward to: Doing up our bus and travelling.



Opportunity Class

Attention current Year 4 families Opportunity class (OC) applications opening

OC Year 5 entry in 2025: Applications are open 4 April-20 May 2024

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. The classes help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning with peers who have similar abilities and interests. Opportunity classes are **not** zoned.

Where are they located?

There are 86 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW each year.

- 54 schools are located in metropolitan Sydney
- 31 schools are located in rural or regional centres
- a virtual class, Aurora College, for rural and remote students is available in over 600 authorised host schools.

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school.

In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class. Our closest Opportunity Class is located at WYONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the

opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5.

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Equity provisions

The [Equity Placement Model](#) helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability.

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to support an increase in their participation.

Students from these groups may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school. Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at [Opportunity classes \(Year 5 – 6\)](#).

Ready to apply?

Apply online at: education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Road Safety

Staying Safe on the Roads During School Holidays

As the school holidays approach, many students across New South Wales eagerly anticipate a break from classes, homework, and early mornings. It's a time for relaxation, fun, and adventures with family and friends. However, amidst the excitement, it's crucial to remember the importance of road safety.

Whether you're heading on a road trip with your family or simply biking around your neighbourhood, observing road safety rules is paramount to ensure a happy and incident-free holiday.

Here are some essential tips to keep in mind:

- 1. Buckle Up:** Always wear your seatbelt when travelling in a car, regardless of how short the journey may be. Seatbelts significantly reduce the risk of injury or death in the event of a crash.
- 2. Stay Alert:** Whether you're walking, cycling, or skateboarding, it's vital to stay focused and aware of your surroundings. Avoid distractions such as using your phone or listening to loud music while on the road.
- 3. Look Both Ways:** Before crossing the road, remember to stop, look, and listen. Check for oncoming traffic from both directions, and only cross when it's safe to do so. Use designated crossings whenever possible.

4. Wear Protective Gear: If you're riding a bike, skateboard, or scooter, don't forget to wear a helmet. Helmets can prevent serious head injuries and even save lives in the event of a fall or collision.

5. Be Visible: If you're out and about during dawn, dusk, or at night, make sure you're visible to drivers. Wear bright or reflective clothing and use lights or reflectors on your bike or scooter to increase visibility.

6. Obey Traffic Laws: Whether you're a pedestrian, cyclist, or passenger in a vehicle, it's essential to obey all traffic laws and signals. This includes adhering to speed limits, traffic signs, and signals.

7. Speak Up: If you're travelling with friends or family, don't hesitate to speak up if you notice any unsafe behaviour. Encourage everyone to prioritise road safety and speak out if they see any potential risks or hazards.

By following these simple yet crucial tips, you can help ensure a safe and enjoyable school holiday for yourself and those around you. Remember, road safety is everyone's responsibility, so let's work together to make our roads safer for everyone.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe school holiday filled with unforgettable adventures!



School Holiday Activities

Friday 26 April

Lego Stop Motion

Where: Tuggerah Library, 11am-12.30pm
Cost: \$5.50
12-16 years
 Join us for a Lego inspired stop motion animation workshop.
 We'll look at how to capture images and turn them into animation.
 Bring your own device or use one of ours.
 Make sure you download LifeLapse (apple) or Stop Motion Studio (android) onto your own device before class.
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4350 1560



Ticket Information

Tickets are payable at time of booking via TryBooking.

Refund Information

Refunds are accepted up to 7 days before the event starts. No refunds will be accepted after this period.
 One parent/carer per child, there is no charge for a parent/carer to attend, unless stated. Children under 12 years must be supervised by an adult throughout the program.

Friday 26 April

Lego Boat Challenge

Where: Bateau Bay Library, 3.15-4.15pm
Cost: free
6-12 years
 Lego Bay is hiring master boat builders for it's new shipyard!
 Come along and test your Lego engineering skills by building an unsinkable boat that can withstand ocean waves and transport heavy cargo.
 After building your ship you can test if it floats or sinks!
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4350 1580

Central Coast Council
Library Service

School Holiday Activities

Bookings open
Monday 25 March, 8am

Central Coast Library Service
Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April 2024

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Mythical Creatures Scavenger Hunt

Where: Kariang Library, during branch opening hours
Cost: free
All ages
 Search the Library for pictures of mythical creatures, tick them off and bring your completed scavenger hunt sheet to staff for a special sticker.
 Which creature will be your favourite?
No bookings required
Enquiries: 4350 1578

Parker the Platypus Scavenger Hunt

Where: Lake Haven Library, during branch opening hours
Cost: free
All ages
 Can you find Parker the Platypus hidden throughout Lake Haven Library?
 Pop in during the holidays, tick off each Parker you can find on your scavenger hunt sheet, then bring it to staff to receive a reward.
No bookings required
Enquiries: 4350 1570

Book your place or view more events at librarians.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

Monday 15 April

Learn to Knit

Where: Umina Beach Library, 10am-12pm
Cost: free
6-12 years
 Learn to knit with Umina Beach Knitters.
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4304 7333



Warhammer - Mordheim!

Where: Tuggerah Library, 10.30am-12.30pm
Cost: free
All ages, parent/carers encouraged to play together. Game most suitable for 12+ years
 Take control of a warband of fantasy miniatures in this tabletop battle game. Compete for treasure, glory, or just the thrill of battle as you plunder Mordheim of all its riches!
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4350 1578

Tuesday 16 April

Creative Cricut

Where: Kincumber Library, Session 1: 10am-12pm, Session 2: 1-3pm
Cost: \$5.50
12-17 years
 Design and decorate your personal belongings using the Library's iPads and Cricut® machine.

Please bring your own belongings to decorate e.g. drink bottle, lunch box, folder or phone. All other resources and materials supplied.
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4350 5333 or 4350 1578

Glow Sensory

Where: Woy Woy Library, 10-11am
Cost: \$5.50
5-8 years
 This messy hands-on workshop in 'The Midnight Zone' glow room will ignite the senses. Squish, stretch and mould your way through each glowing activity. You will even get to make your own sensory creation to take home.
Bookings essential.
Enquiries: 4304 7087 or 4350 1578



Wednesday 24 April

Gentle Storytime

Where: Woy Woy Library, 9.30-10.15am
Cost: free
2-5 years
 Gentle Storytime is a quieter experience with low lighting, consistent format and a limited number of participants. This welcoming Storytime aims to provide a safe, secure space for families to enjoy books and reading and connect with other families. When booking please let us know what would make this experience work best for you and your child.
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4304 7555

Photo Frame Craft

Where: Toukley Library, 11am-12pm
Cost: \$5.50
6+ years
 Paint and decorate a photo frame, perfect to give a Mother's Day gift.
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4350 1540

Friday 26 April

Fishy Fun Aquarium Diorama

Where: Erina Library, 10-11am
Cost: \$5.50
5-10 years
 Join us for a fishy experience this school holidays and make your own aquarium diorama using recycled cardboard and other materials.
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4304 7650

Paint a Pot

Where: Umina Beach Library, 10am-12pm
Cost: free
6-12 years
 Paint a pot to plant a seed before Spring!
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4304 7333

Heishi Bead Jewellery

Where: Gosford Library, Session 1: 10.30-11.30am, Session 2: 1-2pm
Cost: \$5.50
6-12 years
 Express your creativity and personality with your very own bracelet or key chain using Heishi beads. What will you create?
Bookings essential
Enquiries: 4350 5724 or 4350 1578



School Holiday Activities

Tuesday 23 April

Mario Kart Gaming
Where: Kincumber Library, 10.30am-12pm
Cost: free
6-12 years
Challenge each other to a Mario Kart race on the Nintendo Switch! Test your racing skills and work as a team in a friendly tournament.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7641



Bookblasts Online Kids Book Chat
Where: Online via Zoom, 2.30-3.30pm
Cost: free
6-12 years
Join us online and chat about your favourite books, authors, movies, TV shows, music and more!
Link, meeting ID and password will be emailed to join upon booking.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 5333 or 4350 1578

Wednesday 24 April

Plaster Painting
Where: Gosford Library, 10-11.30am
Cost: free
6-12 years
Choose a plaster figurine, paint it and take it home to decorate your space.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7500



Tales at the Theatre
Where: Laycock Street Theatre, 10.30-11.30am
Cost: free
4-6 years
Join us at the Laycock Street Theatre for songs, stories and craft!
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4323 3233 or 4350 1578

Tuesday 16 April

Mystery Craft
Where: Erina Library, 10-11am
Cost: \$5.50
5+ years
Choose a surprise craft from our mystery craft box and make something fun to take home and share these school holidays.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7650

Plant and Grow
Where: Gosford Library, 10-11.30am
Cost: free
8-12 years
Create a biodegradable plant grow pot from recycled paper, plant some seeds and take home to nurture.

Once established, the seedling can be planted directly into the garden in its grow pot.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7500

Manga Beads
Where: Tuggerah Library, 11am-12pm
Cost: \$5.50
8-12 years
Use paper and fabric to create your own unique beaded jewellery.
No experience necessary.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 1560

Tuesday 16 April

Ready, Aim, Glow
Where: Woy Woy Library, 12.30-1.15pm
Cost: \$5.50
8-12 years
How's your aim?
Could you hit a ball hovering mid air?
Test your arm, eye and coordination in these glowing games held in 'The Midnight Zone' glow room.

Score points along the journey to add to the excitement! If you wear something white or fluorescent, you will glow too!
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7087 or 4350 1578

Glow Engineers
Where: Woy Woy Library, 2.30-3.30pm
Cost: \$5.50
6-9 years
If you enjoy building and hands-on construction, then you will love this workshop.
Unleash the engineer within and try your hand at challenges using glowing building materials in 'The Midnight Zone' glow room.

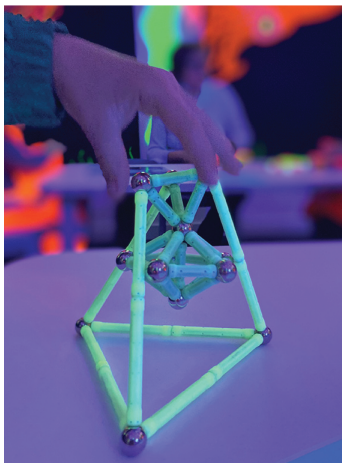
If you wear something white or fluorescent, you will also glow!
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7087 or 4350 1578

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Wednesday 17 April

Glow Engineers
Where: Woy Woy Library, 12-1pm
Cost: \$5.50
6-9 years
If you enjoy building and hands-on construction, then you will love this workshop.
Unleash the engineer within and try your hand at challenges using glowing building materials in 'The Midnight Zone' glow room.
If you wear something white or fluorescent, you will also glow!
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7087 or 4350 1578



Wednesday 17 April

Glow Sensory
Where: Woy Woy Library, 2.30-3.30pm
Cost: \$5.50
5-8 years
This messy hands-on workshop in 'The Midnight Zone' glow room will ignite the senses. Squish, stretch and mould your way through each glowing activity.
You will even get to make your own sensory creation to take home. If you wear something white or fluorescent, you will also glow!
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7087 or 4350 1578

Bingo for Kids
Where: Toukley Library, 10-11am
Cost: \$5.50
5-12 years
Come along for a friendly game of Bingo with lots of fun and laughter.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 1540

Funky Flowers
Where: Bateau Bay Library, 10am-12pm
Cost: \$5.50
8-12 years
Create a beautiful spray of bright, exotic paper flowers.
Place them on your desk or windowsill or use them to make a hanging garland to bring colour to any room.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 1580

Monday 22 April

Learn to Knit
Where: Umina Beach Library, 10am-12pm
Cost: free
6-12 years
Learn to knit with Umina Beach Knitters.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7333

Tuesday 23 April

Sharpie Tie Dye
Where: Erina Library, 10-11am
Cost: \$5.50
8+ years
Join us for a fun-filled activity where you can transform a pillowcase or t-shirt into a vibrant work of art.
Please note: If you are wanting to decorate a t-shirt you will need to provide your own white t-shirt.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7650

Tuesday 23 April

Create a Library Bag
Where: Lake Haven Library, 10am-12pm
Cost: \$5.50
5+ years
Come along to the library and decorate your very own library bag.
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 1570

Create a Plate
Where: Kariong Library, 10.30am-12pm
Cost: \$5.50
9-12 years
Unleash your creativity and decorate your own porcelain plate, then take it home and bake your design to set it in place!
Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 1578



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Friday 19 April

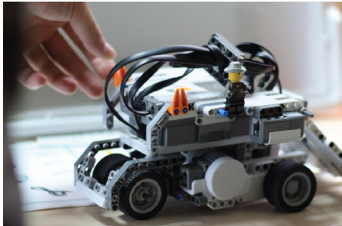
Lego Technic

Where: Erina Library, 10.30am-12pm
Cost: \$5.50
9-12 years

Come and get technical with Lego! Discover your inner engineer and build a battery powered car to race against others.

Each ticket includes 1 child and 1 adult, so you can build together in this cross-generational event.

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 1578



Lego Skyscraper Challenge

Where: Bateau Bay Library, 3.15-4.15pm
Cost: free
6-12 years

Lego Bay is over populated and there's not enough land to build on!

Can you build the tallest Lego skyscraper to solve this problem? Remember there are lots of earthquakes in Lego Bay and the skyscraper must withstand an earthquake (shake test).

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 1580

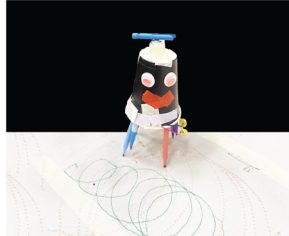
Monday 22 April

Scribblebots

Where: Lake Haven Library, 10.30am-12pm
Cost: \$5.50
10-14 years

Design and build your own motorised bot that can wriggle and scribble, using a DC motor, battery and simple circuitry.

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 5333 or 4350 1578



C.V and Cover Letter Writing for Teens

Where: Toukley Library, 1.30-3pm
Cost: \$5.50
14-18 years

This workshop will help you write a C.V and cover letter that will attract the attention of a prospective employer.

This workshop will include the following:

- Addressing Selection Criteria
- Essential ingredients of a Cover Letter
- Formatting

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 1540

Wednesday 17 April

Tales in the Glow Room

Where: Woy Woy Library, 10-11am
Cost: free
4-7 years

Have you ever read a book that was glowing? Now is your chance!

Come along to 'The Midnight Zone' glow room and enjoy some stories and craft that glow under the ultraviolet lights.

If you wear something white or fluorescent, you will glow too!

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7087 or 4350 1578

Manga Workshop

Where: Erina Library, 1-3pm
Cost: \$7.50
12-18 years

Dive into the vibrant world of Manga Art and Japanese comic culture with the Art Sparks - eMerge beginners' class.

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7650



Wednesday 17 April

Storytime and Craft

Where: The River Hub (Mooney Mooney Community Hall), 10.30-11.30am
Cost: free
2-8 years

Come and join us for a special story time and craft, and maybe a special visit from our library mascot Parker.

Bookings essential.
Enquires: 4350 5724 or 4350 1578

Sand Art

Where: Tuggerah Library, 11am-12pm
Cost: \$5.50
6-10 years

Use coloured sand to bring a picture to life!

Bookings essential.
Enquires: 4350 1560

Tangents Teen

Book Chat Online

Where: Online via Zoom, 2.30-3.30pm
Cost: free
12-17 years

Join us online and chat about what you've been reading, watching or listening to – from books and authors to movies and podcasts.

Link, meeting ID and password will be emailed to join upon booking.

Bookings essential.
Enquires: 4350 5333 or 4350 1578

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Thursday 18 April

Ready, Aim, Glow

Where: Woy Woy Library, 10-10.45am
Cost: \$5.50
8-12 years

How's your aim? Could you hit a ball hovering mid air?

Test your arm, eye and coordination in these glowing games held in 'The Midnight Zone' glow room. Score points along the way to add to the excitement!

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7087 or 4350 1578



Dungeons & Dragons

Where: Lake Haven Library, 10am-12pm
Cost: free
10-16 years

Join in a one-shot adventure and experience the three pillars of Dungeons & Dragons game-play: exploration, social interaction and combat.

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 1570



Ozobots

Where: Erina Library, 10-11am
Cost: \$5.50
8+ years

Join us for a screen-free robotics experience using Ozobots. Ozobots are tiny robots which can identify lines, colours and codes made on physical surfaces!

Draw lines and arrange colours to get these miniature robots zigging, zagging and zooming based on your commands.

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7650



Thursday 18 April

Lego Catapult and Zipline Adventure!

Where: Kincumber Library, 10.30am-12pm
Cost: free
6-12 years

Create your own Lego catapult or zipline and watch as we put them into action! All Lego supplied.

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7641

Monsters of the Deep Art

Where: Woy Woy Library, 12-1.30pm
Cost: \$5.50
10-15 years

Have you ever created an artwork using glowing mediums? This is the chance to have a unique creative experience for the budding artist in "The Midnight Zone" glow room.

Wear something that you don't mind getting paint on.

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4304 7087 or 4350 1578

Life Skills Money Managed

Where: Tuggerah Library, 3-4.15pm
Cost: free
15+ years

Learn financial tips and budgeting skills in this interactive workshop for young people.

A financial counsellor will explain how gambling is targeting youth and ways to set yourself up with good money habits for life.

Bookings essential
Enquires: 4350 1560

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