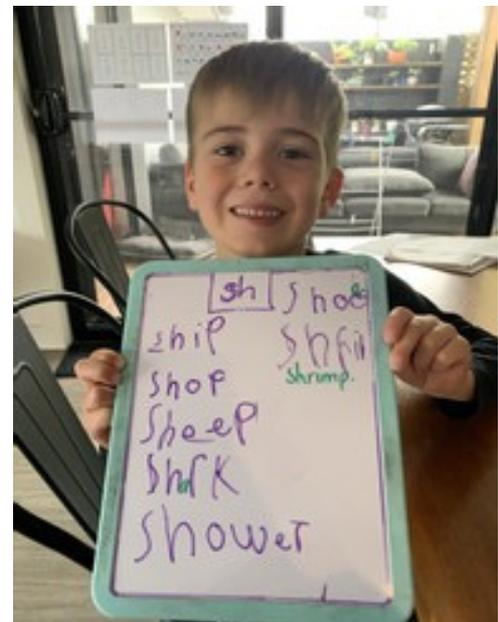
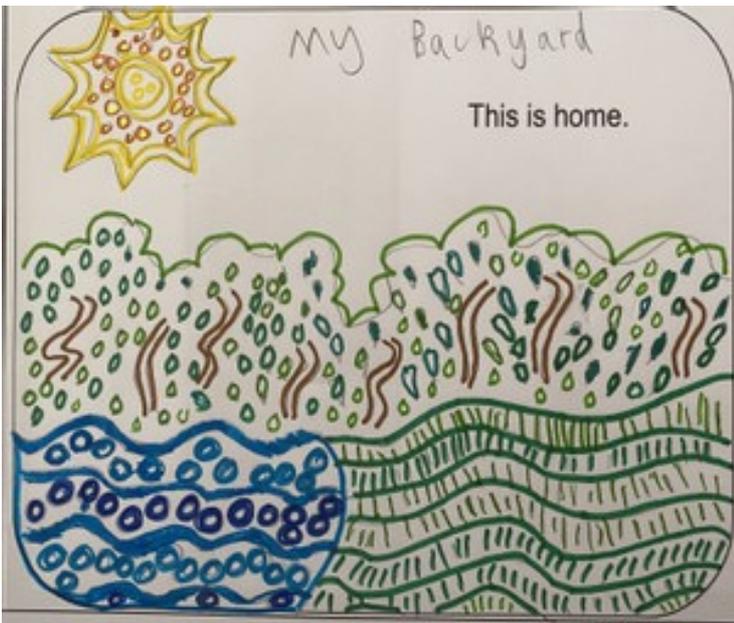


TERM 3 WEEK 3: JULY 2021





# PRINCIPAL REPORT

## Thank you

It hasn't been the start to Term 3 that we expected, but I am so grateful for how the whole school community have embraced and supported students, staff and each other. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for brightening our week with chocolate. It was such a lovely treat that we have all enjoyed. Thank you to our beautiful families for your support and generosity. We have enjoyed fresh oranges, coffees and many uplifting messages of support.

Thank you for your continued support, positivity and for doing your absolute best in navigating the challenges we are all facing.

We are all in this together and I am so thankful for our school community.

## Education Week 2021

We also start this week acknowledging the annual celebration of 'Education Week'. This year's theme is 'Lifelong learners' and this theme recognises that education is a journey – one which begins before a child begins Kindergarten and continues throughout their life. Sadly, like last year, we celebrate Education Week under difficult circumstances.

We know that learning looks different for every child and we create the learning conditions at Erina Heights that support every child to succeed and thrive. Our students are encouraged to set goals, work hard, dream big and to stand up for what they believe in. We believe there are no barriers to what individual students can achieve, and that anything is possible.

Never has it been more important to acknowledge that learning often takes place beyond the classroom and that we should value all types of learning - learning that occurs in all contexts and is delivered in a variety of ways. Although our planned celebrations have changed, we have every reason to celebrate the wonderful job our teachers and students are doing. We also celebrate the amazing support and kindness of our school community. The 'remote learning' environment has allowed us to see daily innovations in both teaching and learning and we have witnessed teachers, parents and students adapt to a completely different style of teaching and learning in an incredibly short time-frame – we have much to celebrate.

## Virtual Birthday celebrations for Mrs Lewis

Last week we celebrated Mrs Lewis' Birthday and in line with current restrictions it was a lovely opportunity for everyone to meet virtually and sing Happy Birthday.

## Learning from home

It has been so wonderful to see so many beautiful photos and smiling faces of students engaged in learning from home activities. Thank you for sharing these photos, they definitely brighten our days.



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# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Learning at School

Learning at school during Education Week looks a little bit different this year. Kindergarten and Stage 1 are enjoying their specialised booklets which include fun literacy activities as well as engaging with the 'hands on' math tasks. The students are also enjoying educational programs on iPads such as Reading Eggs and Manga High. It is wonderful to see cooperative learning opportunities between Kinder and Year 2 students as they assist younger students with their learning. After lunch, all students participate in physical activities to encourage active lifestyle choices supporting social and emotional development.

Stage 2 and 3 students are developing lifelong learning strategies as they are working hard to complete their online learning tasks at school. Students have been enjoying engaging with their teacher and classmates using Zoom in the morning. Stages 2 and 3 students then complete their online learning experiences through Google Classroom. Engaging with technology with assistance from their teacher is helping students to develop valuable skills that will help them to succeed for many years to come.

Working at school in blended stages, provides a platform to develop stronger connections with students from different years. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to widen their friendship circle. All this learning could not take place without the wonderful assistance of our dedicated and hardworking SLSO staff. We are very lucky to have them at EHPS.

While times have been tough, we are so proud of how our students are becoming increasingly adaptable and learning in different ways. This is key to developing our students as lifelong learners. We would like to thank all of you for your endless support.

**“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”**

— William Butler Yeats

Mrs Scofield



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# KT CLASSROOM NEWS

'Learning From Home' has certainly proved that saying wrong. As many students know, I am nearing 115 years of age, yet I still managed to independently and successfully, navigate different platforms for learning in a very short span of time. 'Learning form Home' supports the theory that we are 'Lifelong Learners'. Everyday, I learn something new from KT when they share their work with me.

KT are enjoying interacting with each other during our morning zooms and love the breakout rooms, so that they can connect with their friends. Many are having fun dressing up, introducing their pets to the class and displaying different backgrounds. It makes my day to see their smiling faces. Some student's are even face timing each other and doing tasks together.

Learning takes place in so many different forms. I am in awe of the creative ways parents are adapting the set tasks, to best suit their own child's preferred style of learning. And at the same time, I would like to thank them for providing me with some fantastic ideas. From making sight words with dough, to googling how to make a marionette puppet after reading a book, writing letters, words and measuring length in the sand, climbing ropes to reach the roof and reading and following recipes. These times, prove that learning certainly isn't confined to a classroom setting, rich discussions are an important part of the learning process and that the best learning comes when driven by the child's interests.

During these different times, parents need to take comfort in the fact that they were their child's first teacher. Parent's know how their child learns better than anyone, so even though your son/daughter isn't at school, they are still learning.

Mrs Tibbutt



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# KG CLASSROOM NEWS

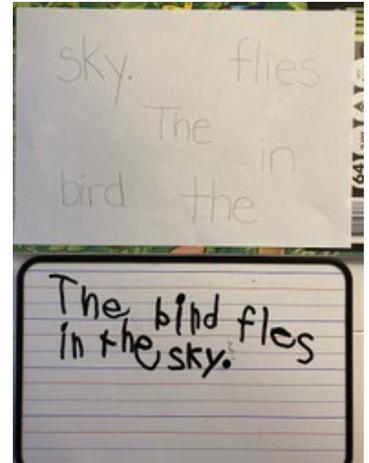
In KG I encourage all students to have a growth mindset to believe in themselves. I find myself saying before every lesson just to “have a go”. I believe that when we are comfortable and confident in doing this, that’s when the magic happens.

We set goals, we track our own progress, we try our personal best, we learn from our mistakes and we embrace change. These are the factors we strive to become competent in, to be lifelong learners.

Our ability to embrace change has been so evident in the way KG students and parents have adapted to learning from home. I can’t begin to explain how proud I am of the way everyone has shown their love and dedication for learning. One thing we have learnt in KG over this current lockdown is that learning happens in so many ways and it looks different for everyone.

Keep up the incredible work KG families. You continue to amaze me.

Mrs Grantham



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# 1B CLASSROOM NEWS

This quote is 1B during this Learning From Home period. Even though this is everyone's second round of Learning From Home, Year 1 think this is 'normal', as it has happened ever year they have been at school so far. I am blown away by the students attitude with online learning.

I have left all my Zoom sessions with 1B with a big smile and a warm heart after hearing what 1B are sharing between themselves. They are not only sharing on a topic but they are questioning other students with thoughtful or insightful questions. I have seen 1B share how to mute and touch the space bar when wanting to unmute to talk, show how to change backgrounds and filters to their cameras. One particular Zoom session stands out for me was when I was trying to describe how to do reactions, I had a student help me and then help the rest of the class. The sharing and acquisition of new skills has been a common theme during 1B zoom sessions, plus, it's been a great opportunity to maintain the social interaction between our amazing little class.

I have also thoroughly enjoyed the conversations I have had with the parents during my ring arounds. Each parent has commented on how focused 1B are and how diligently they are completing their work. I am constantly getting photo's of students completing work, having mindful breaks or learning something new.

I am especially blown away by a student in 1B who was so determined to join in on Zoom that she logged in all by herself with no assistance. This to me spells attitude. With the right attitude no matter your age or knowledge... a positive attitude will get you over the line.

I am one proud teacher during this Learning From Home period.

Mr Beames

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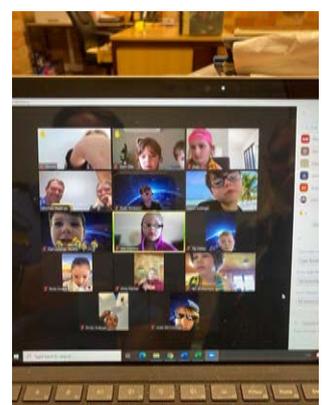
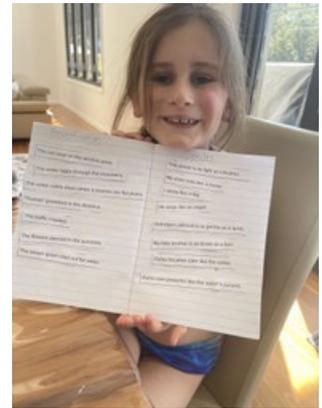
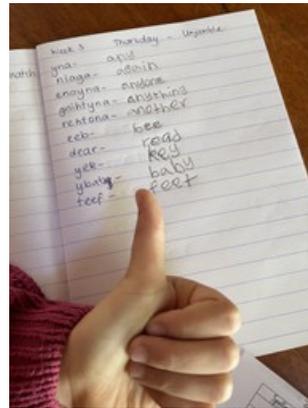
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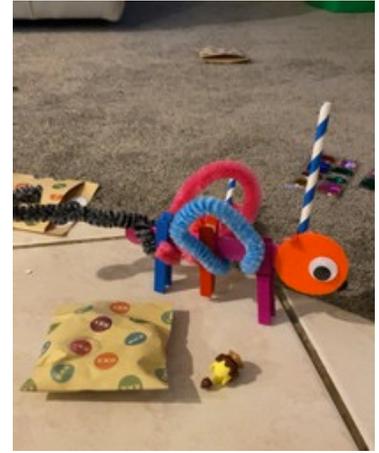
# 1J CLASSROOM NEWS

I always tell my students that I'm constantly learning from them or the other teachers around me.

Learning from home has allowed me to develop my skills in using new computer programs like Adobe. I have learned to use this program to put together the Stage 1 learning booklets that Stage 1 teachers have organised for our students.

I am also learning daily during our Zoom calls. I had to learn to apply backgrounds and also how to take off studio effects so I didn't have a highlighted eyebrows and goatee in my meetings.

Mr Barnes



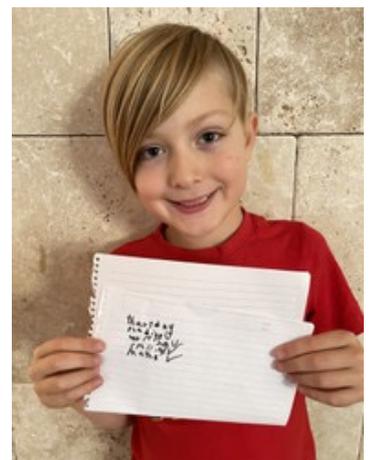
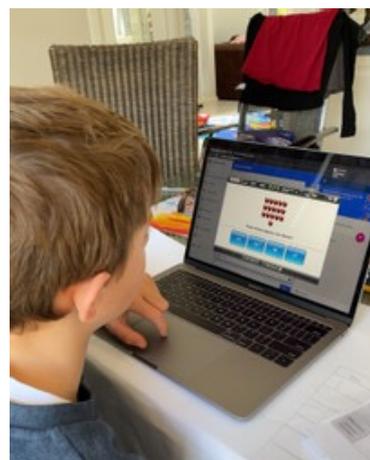
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# 2T CLASSROOM NEWS

As a teacher, celebrating Education Week, I could not be more proud of 2T students and their families and the way they have adjusted to learning from home this term. Our daily Zoom sessions are the highlight of my day and reminds me why I love teaching. I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the different ways students and families are learning and have chosen just a couple of the photos I have been so grateful to receive from 2T parents over the past couple of weeks. Remember, when life hands you lemons, make lemonade...

Take care and 'Happy Learning'.

Mrs Thaler



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# 2/3L CLASSROOM NEWS

2/3L students are now ZOOM experts. We love meeting every morning for a chat and a catch up. It is great to be able to see everyone every day and keep the connections during this lockdown. I am very proud of all the students in 2/3L for their effort and achievement while learning from home.

2/3L students have mastered the use of Google Classroom. They access their work every day...are learning how to insert text boxes onto the google slides and submit their work. We have had a fun quiz question every day on the topics of 'Australia' and 'The Olympics'.



Mrs Lanning



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# 3A CLASSROOM NEWS

We all know that this is not an easy time, but I am proud of 3A. Considering how young these children are, they have not complained, but instead have adapted so well.

Each morning we have a video where the children play a game called, "Guess That Country." Our class mascot visits a different country each day, but only gives clues to see if the children can work out where he is going. This motivates them to tune in every morning and then find out what lessons they will be doing.

I am so proud of the skills they are learning in our daily zoom chats. Their manners are beautiful as they wait patiently, listening to their classmates and taking turns to have their say, (and remembering to unmute themselves)!

3A have been getting their lessons done each day, but they are also taking some time to take a break and get some fresh air and exercise too. This is so important every day to help us stay motivated and focussed.

We don't know when we will be able to come out of lockdown, but in the meantime, my class is really showing tenacity, maturity, and kindness. Keep up this wonderful attitude 3A!

Mrs. Anderson



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# 3/4C CLASSROOM NEWS

Students in 3/4C have proven they are lifelong learners during our time at home. They have learnt many skills when using laptops and iPads and are capably using Zoom each morning with minimal help from their parents. We have delved into conducting polls and quizzes in our morning sessions as well as collaborating on ideas using Jamboards. The learning hasn't stopped with the work that has been sent home by teachers.

Students have been enjoying coding and Minecraft activities while also learning to bake treats for family members. The beach has been a regular theme for 3/4 students with many out surfing each day and others hunting for sea treasure washed up onshore. My favourite thing about the students in 3/4C is that they are always learning from each other and this hasn't stopped while we've been learning from home. Every morning we login to Zoom early and I hear the students teaching each other how to use the different features of Zoom and discussing the different things they have been getting up to each day. Our morning chats are definitely the highlight of my day.

Mrs Clarke



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# 4K CLASSROOM NEWS

In 4K we are passionate about lifelong learning. During remote learning we have mastered new skills and learnt to use technology. We have all learnt to use Zoom to meet as a class and improved our skills in using the google classroom.

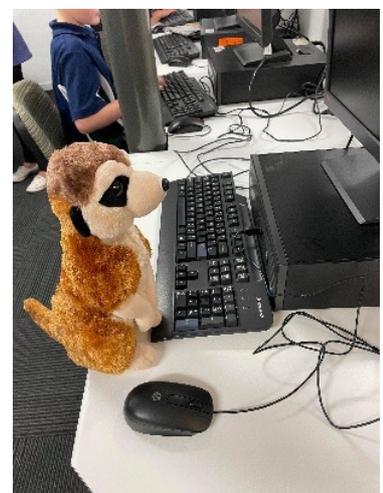
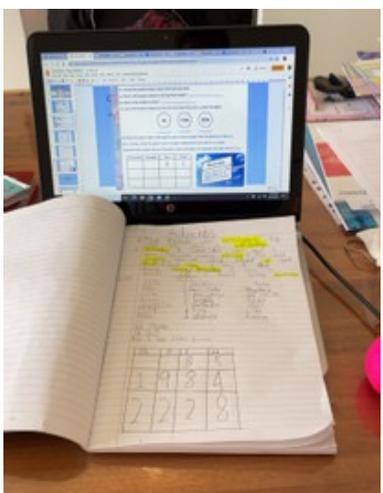
Through our google classroom, students have shared their thoughts on lifelong learning, which is summed up well by this statement from Bonnie. "I think we should all be learning because everyone deserves a good education and you can never learn everything." Bonnie C (4K)

During our morning Zooms we discussed why it is important to be a lifelong learner. Isla F shared that she felt that lifelong learning is important so that we do our best and have a great career.

Our 4K kids are very lucky to have great role models, with many of our students having parents and carers that demonstrate lifelong learning through acquiring new skills or undertaking learning within their field. 4K students view learning as an ongoing journey, even though it may look different at times with our students enjoying different opportunities and some family time during their breaks.

We look forward to continuing our learning journey at school together soon. Stay safe.

Mrs Kerry



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# 5B CLASSROOM NEWS

As teachers, lockdown and learning online strips us of all the things we love about teaching – the connection with our students.

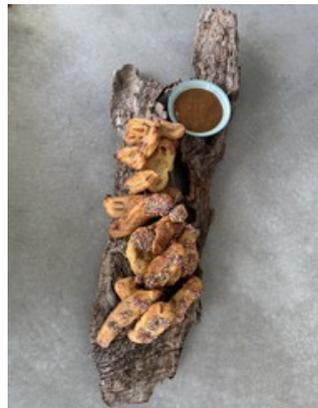
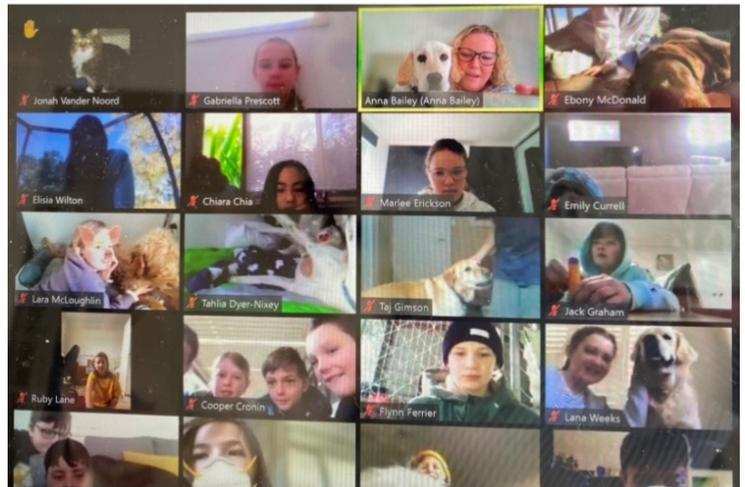
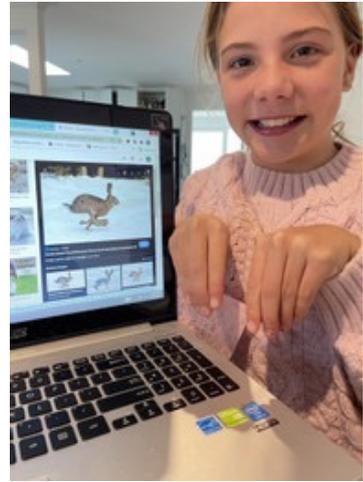
However, lockdown teaches us many things as well. I couldn't be prouder of the students in 5B. Their smiles and enthusiasm over morning Zoom meets and their resilience and encouragement of each other is overwhelming. They are learning to connect in new ways, to become more independent and to strive against adversity.

From Bake-offs, to 'Mad Hair Monday' and sharing our pets over Zoom, we are managing to find new ways to connect amidst all the crazy. I'm hearing wonderful stories of helping younger siblings, cooking for the family, exercise routines and have also been impressed with students' creating new ways to present their work.

The support from parents and community is most heart-warming. Thank you.

We are learning for life.

Ms Bailey



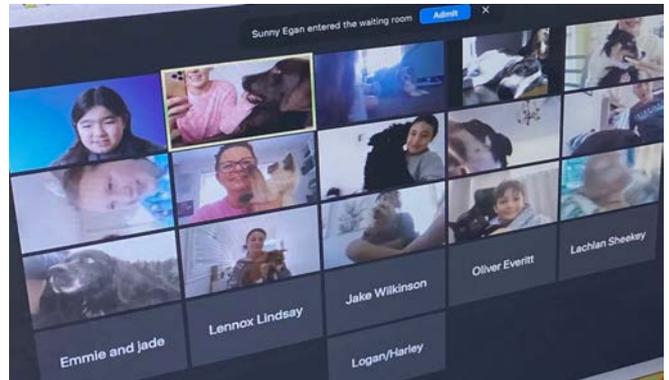
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# 5/6R CLASSROOM NEWS

In 5/6R we are lifelong learners because we are always seeking to further our knowledge and understanding in all aspects of our life. Lifelong learning is not just limited to our classroom (or Google Classroom) and it helps us to build awareness of the ever-changing world around us. Lifelong learning, nurtures our curious minds, helps us to build our skills or improve ones that we already have, develops our self-esteem and creates opportunities for our future. During learning from home, we have demonstrated lifelong learning by being resilient and adapting our skills to suit our current learning context. Learning from home has also meant that we can take the time to appreciate and value the small and simple things in our lives. We have worked on setting small, measurable and achievable goals each day to monitor our learning and celebrate our successes, not matter how small.



Whilst learning from home, we have been sharing our different experiences such as caring for our pets, exploring different flora and fauna on bush walks, cooking new recipes for loved ones and many more. Take a look at what 5/6R believes lifelong learning is to them and the ways they have demonstrated this during learning from home:



## In 5/6R we are lifelong learners

Lifelong learning means to me that everyday I can learn something new even when I leave school. By Jesse

I have learnt to make bread and used my knowledge of word facts to help me win a board game. I have also learnt a new piece of flute music. By Tehya

Lifelong learning to me means that you will grow and learn throughout your whole life. I have learnt how to use zoom and play with my sisters nicely.

I have learnt how to use zoom and I have learnt what the best times are to communicate with my friends.

Life long learning helps with not just academic skills but with life skills that will help you as you get older- By Luca

Life long learning enhances the understanding of the world around us- By Luca

Life long learning means that you can always do something that you can not already do

Lifelong learning means to me is that you are forever growing and gaining skills to better yourself. By Indi

Life long learning means to me that you learn all through your life. By Tehya

I have learnt to do tricks on a gymnastic balance beam-Immy

Lifelong learning inspires me, as a person, to learn more about different skills and helps to boost my confidence because I can share my knowledge and skills with other people. By Brayden

I have learnt to care for my new puppy, learnt to do Zoom and learnt how to bake a cake. By Indi

To me lifelong learning means to never give up-Immy

I have learnt to measure the g-force in a car, helped mum and dad cook a new meal and helped dad fix parts of his car when they have broken. By Brayden

To me it means bouncing back-Immy

I have learnt to replace an oil catch can on my dads car. Harley

Lifelong learning means to me never give up no matter what and to be better at some you what to do.

To me life long learning means being resilient and bouncing back when anything doesn't go how it was planned - Evie

I have learned how to do a (nearly) perfect hand stand and backbend. Evie

I have learnt how to use a lot of apps and have learnt a lot about vending machines also fishing is a great hobby I have learnt a load about by Andrew

Lifelong learning means to me that you learn how to work around you situations and never give up. Kaylea

Life long learning will help you in any way possible.

Mrs Richardson

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# 6S CLASSROOM NEWS

This is what learning from home looks like for some of our students in 6S. We miss them all so it's lovely to see their smiling faces on zoom every morning.

Mrs Hillman and Mrs Stahl



## Our Olympic Country Colours Dress Up



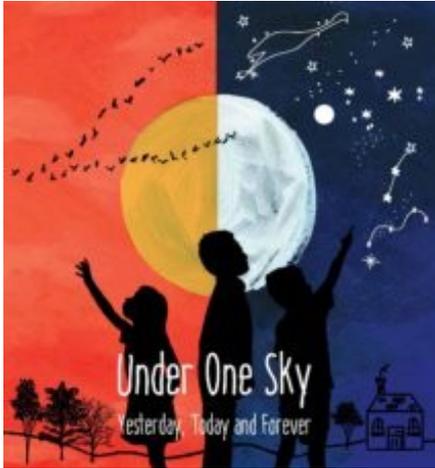
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# RECONCILIATION CHALLENGE 2021

Some of our Stage 3 students have submitted some amazing pieces of work for this year's Reconciliation Challenge. Years 3-6 have until 30<sup>th</sup> August to submit either a writing piece or an artwork that relates to this year's theme '*Under One Sky, Yesterday, Today and Forever.*' Teachers have put a document in Google Classroom on how to submit their pieces. For more information on this please check out the website <https://www.schoolsreconciliationchallenge.org.au/about/> . I look forward to seeing some more amazing work from our students.

Below are some of the amazing work that has already been submitted.

Mrs Hillmann



## Under One Sky

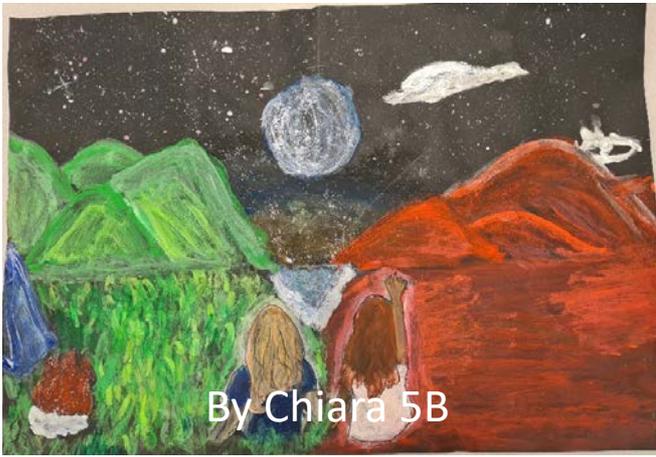
As the kids ran around playing with the ball,  
I thought about the past, and it was not like this at all.  
The past was not filled of joyful expression,  
It was filled with sadness, no hope and lots of depression.

I remember the men with weapons in their hands,  
Mum on her knees banging against the sands'.  
As the sun was setting, the trucks drove away,  
Kids in them were crying, along the whole way.  
Families praying, hoping they would come back,  
I knew they wouldn't, we all knew that.  
We gathered around the fire looking at the stars all night,  
There were no shooting stars, and no end in sight.

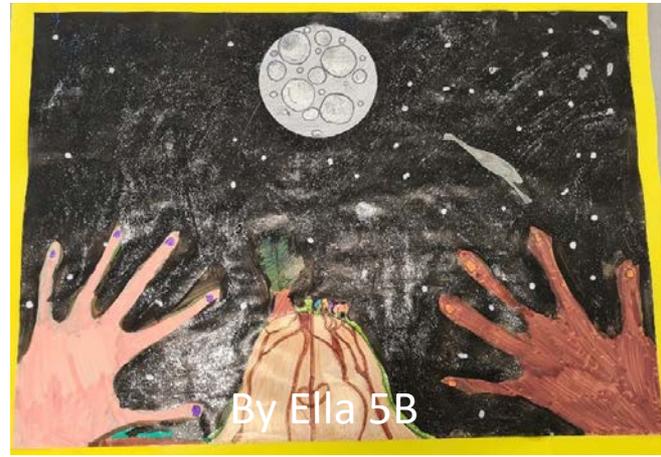
When I think of the past, I think of trauma and distress,  
I have changed my thoughts now and can see little progress.  
I know we still have a long way to go,  
But the past is important, even though it was a long time ago.  
I count on us all to change the circumstance,  
We need to take action now so we don't miss our chance.  
Under one sky, we stand together,  
Yesterday, today, and now forever.

By Emily- 6S

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By Chiara 5B



By Ella 5B

### Under One Sky

As I walked along my red country, I felt a spiritual connection rushing through my blood. I felt safe, I felt like I belonged.

My mother was calling me to the campsite where the fire was crackling and where my sisters were sitting. My mother was wearing a bright red jumpsuit and so were my sisters, but as I walked over I heard a noise that wasn't familiar.

Normally I hear the owls hooting, the wind swishing and the animals running by on a peaceful night. But all I heard was something rumbling and coming very near.

All I could see were men in black uniforms walking towards us with sunglasses on their faces. They weren't smiling or frowning. I could tell looking frightening was their aim.

My mum told me to run. I felt like a cheetah although the men were too fast for me. I ended up tripping over something on the ground and landing face up. The emu in the sky was saying something to me but my mind was too muffled to hear it.

Suddenly my mum started banging on the ground desperately telling the men to stop but the men ignored her. The men went to pick me up but they started to look up at the stars amazed at what they saw. I was stunned too.

The stars started to gather into a formation that has never been seen before. This was what the emu was telling me. The wise emu was telling me to be calm or if I wasn't, I would disturb Mother Earth.

The men started to yell at me as if I had caused this problem. Well they were right. I had. I looked back at my mum who had stopped crying and was also looking up at the stars. The men had stopped looking at the sky and went to pick me up again but something in the sky had made a noise which brought their attention back to the darkness above them.

This was my chance. I wriggled out of their grip and slithered away back into the so-called house. It was more like a tent with five sleeping bags inside and one candle that had almost run out. It didn't matter. It was my home. I nestled under all the sleeping bags and covered myself with leaves. I heard the men yelling at my mum and blaming her for my disappearance. I felt bad, but at the same time it was for my safety.

Was my family going to be taken away or will Mother Earth help my mother and my sisters show the dangerous men that even though we all have our differences, we will all stand under one sky. Yesterday, today and forever.

By Asha 6S

# SUPPORT DURING LOCKDOWN

As a community we have been experiencing Education Week's theme of "Lifelong Learning" over the past 2 years. Our understanding of how students learn and parents role in this process has changed dramatically. Parents run families, manage households and work, and now they have an additional role, they also teach. This can be a challenge to navigate.

We acknowledge the enormity of Learning from Home and the constant, sometimes stressful nature of it. These three fantastic links were shared with us by a parent in our community. They will connect you to information from the Blackdog Institute. The information they provide is easy to read, relevant and practical to our current situation.

Please jump on and check them out. One helpful tid-bit might change your world, and right now that is exactly what we need!

[How parents can cope with home schooling – again](#)

[Keeping kids safe on screens during lockdown](#)

[Long, lonely lockdown: dealing with separation anxiety](#)

Miss Baldock



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## How parents can cope with home schooling – again.



Many parents will be understandably struggling as they re-enter a time of home schooling and keeping the family unit at home for the entire day.

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# TOKYO OLYMPICS

## Karina Lee

Two of our beautiful students, Ivy and Tilly, are very proud of their aunty who is competing at the Olympics in the Marathon swimming, open water 10km event.

Kareena Lee is the current Australian title holder in the 10km Marathon Swim and has held this title 3 years in a row (2019 - 2021). Kareena grew up on the Central Coast, attending Wamberal Primary School and Terrigal High School, before heading north to the Sunshine Coast to pursue her swimming career. Kareena is also a primary school teacher in QLD.

Kareena is competing at 7:30am on Wednesday 4th August 2021 (Sydney Time) if you'd like to watch and show your support.

Erina Heights Public School staff and students wish Kareena the best of luck. Go Kareena!



## Lachlan Wales

Congratulations to former student, Lachlan Wales, on his selection in the Olyroos team, to represent Australia at the Tokyo Olympics.

From a very young age, Lachie excelled at many sports, winning three medals at State Surf Life Saving Carnivals from U8's - U11's. Lachie's dream though, was to be a professional soccer player. Due to his hard work and commitment he made that happen. Playing for the Central Coast Mariners, Melbourne City and currently for Western United. His selection in the Olympic Team proves that dreams can come true when you set goals and adopt a determined attitude to achieve them. Lachie acknowledges that it wasn't an easy road but all the sacrifices, he and his family made throughout his journey, have all been worth it. What an achievement to take the field as part of the starting team and score the first goal, in the amazing win against Argentina.

Erina Heights is so proud of Lachie. We wish him and the team the best of luck. Go the Olyroos!



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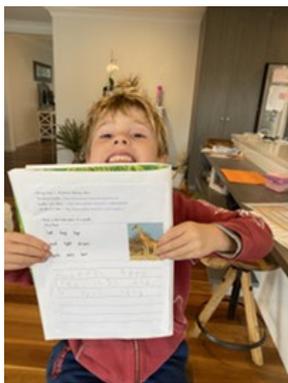
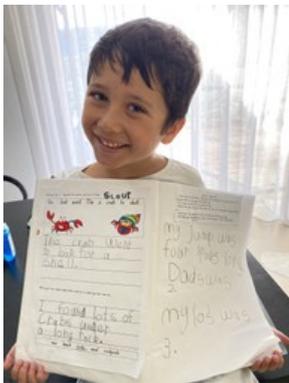
## 5B'S Great Breakfast Bake-off

We celebrated Lifelong Learning during Education Week by hosting a Breakfast Challenge over Zoom. I was so impressed with the delicious creations and the demonstration of skills for life. You continue to inspire and make me proud, 5B!



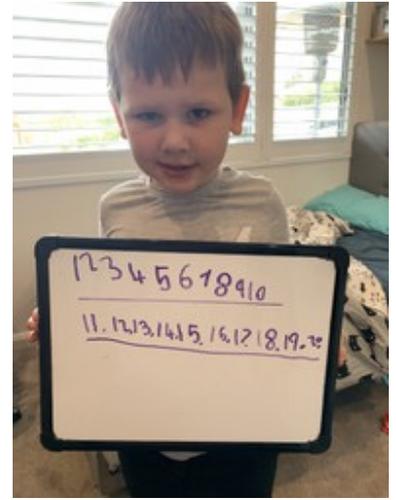
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# COMMUNICATION

## Central Coast Public Speaking 2021

Unfortunately, due to current Covid restrictions, the Central Coast Public Speaking Competition for 2021 has been cancelled. This is disappointing for our many talented public speakers. We apologise to those students who have already prepared speeches, however we will hold our own *in school* competition when restrictions allow. We look forward to hearing our students' speeches and celebrating their achievements.



**2 DAY EVENT**  
**ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**

2 DAYS ONLY - 5TH & 6TH AUGUST

**20% OFF**  
**SCHOOLWEAR**  
**& EVERYTHING ELSE**



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With current restrictions in place some stores may be inaccessible and some items may be unavailable to purchase online.

**WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO MISS OUT!**  
**A SECOND 20% OFF SALE WILL BE HELD FOR YOU WHEN RESTRICTIONS EASE.**

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