



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2020

- 16 Years 5 and 6 Presentation Assembly
- 16 Year 6 Graduation Day
- 16 Last Day of School 2020

PAYMENTS DUE

Please note all payments must be settled prior to the end of the school year.
Office staff will be contacting any families with outstanding payments this week.

The new start dates for Term 1, 2021 are:

Staff Return- Wednesday 27 January 2021

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

What a year it has been. As we come to the end of 2020, I would like to thank all of our school community for their support and understanding throughout the challenges that this year has presented. I know that parents have missed out on a lot this year; attending sporting events, Presentation Day, helping in classrooms and being part of school events. I do believe that our students, your children will be walking out of 2020 with a whole new set of life skills. The resilience, persistence and adaptability they have shown is nothing short of amazing.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday break and hope that you get to enjoy some quality family time together with fewer restrictions and limitations.

Staffing in 2021

Next year we say goodbye to a number of staff who have made a significant contribution to Erina Heights.

Mrs Emma Conroy – Emma has been a staff member at Erina Heights since Term 3 2018. She has been a wonderful classroom teacher on Stage 1 last year and Kindergarten this year. Emma has run our 3-6 choir and introduced a K-2 choir last year. Although we haven't been able to enjoy choir this year, we certainly appreciate the enjoyment this provided students and brought to our community. Emma has also been a valuable member of our PBL team.

Emma has accepted a role in another school and we wish her all the very best in her new role.



Miss Briarna Faulks – Bri has been a permanent staff member at Erina Heights since 2016 when she was appointed as a targeted graduate. She has taught across Stages 1-3 in her time here. Bri has led our senior debating team, coordinated public speaking, coached many sporting teams and been an integral member of our PBL team.

Bri has made the decision to take leave from Erina Heights so that she can return to Wollongong and be with her family. We know that Bri will enjoy being back home with loved ones, and wish her all the best.



New staff

Mrs Kerri Kerry – Kerri has been a classroom teacher at Gosford Public School since 2016. She brings with her a wealth of experience in Learning Support, English as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D) and classroom teaching.

Kerri came in for a visit on Thursday to meet students and will also be back to visit again before the end of the year. We look forward to working with Kerri next year.



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Mrs Krystal Grantham – Krystal has been a teacher on the Central Coast since 2009. She has taught at Terrigal and Wamberal Public Schools and most recently this year as a regular casual here at Erina Heights. Krystal brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in teaching Kindergarten, including being trained in a number of literacy and numeracy initiatives that support teaching and learning in the classroom. We look forward to welcoming Krystal as a Kindergarten teacher next year. She was part of our Kindergarten Orientation program this year so will be a familiar face to all of our new kindy students.



Year 6 Farewell

Oh, what a fabulous night it was! It did feel like we were living it up on the red carpet in Hollywood. It was so wonderful to be able to celebrate this special occasion and to see students enjoying themselves and celebrating the wonderful milestone of reaching the end of their primary school years.

A very big thank you to Ms Anna Bailey for leading a great team of the Stage 3 staff to bring her vision for the night to life. Thank you to our amazing mums who spent the day decorating, painting and contributing decorations to make the room look spectacular. Thank you to the parents who donated and contributed towards the night. We have a wonderful school community and it is great to see the collaboration between students, parents and staff to create such a memorable evening for our year 6 students.



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Important Dates

Staff Development Day (SDD) Changes:

Over the last few years, two Staff Development Days at the end of Term 4 each year. From 2021, the Department has moved one of these Staff Development Days (SDD) to the beginning of Term 1.

In 2021 it will now be the following:

Term 1 = Two SDD's (first two days of term)

Term 2 = One SDD (first day of term)

Term 3 = One SDD (first day of term)

Term 4 = One SDD (last day of term)

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****Kindergarten will be completing their BEST START assessment prior to their first day. This information will be sent out to families this week.****



Transition into new classes

Whilst very much focused on the academic work and range of co-curricular programs that are set down for the remainder of 2020, our staff are also planning carefully for the 2021 school year. One of the key areas that we begin to consider at this time of year are the strategies that we put into place to enable our students to have a smooth transition from their class this year to the grade that they will be in for 2021.

Heading into 2021 our enrolment numbers are right on the cusp of 11 or 12 classes. At the beginning of a school year we often return to find that some families have moved away and others have moved into the area over the Summer break. With our numbers being so close we can not confidently communicate to students or families who the class teachers will be for 2021. We have a strong plan for both 11 or 12 classes, but will need to wait until the start of the school year to determine what our class structures will look like.

There will be some classes that will not change regardless of whether we have 11 or 12 classes and in some circumstances this information will be shared with families.

A wonderful thing about our school is that we have a high-quality staff, all with their own strengths. Across the years, each teacher will add to the learning experience of your child.

As communicated earlier, children will return to the 2020 class and wherever possible their 2020 teacher. We will move into our new classes at the end of week 2.

Afternoon Kiss and Go

The Council Ranger was out monitoring our Kiss and Go earlier this week. He was having conversations and moving cars on as traffic started to bank up onto Central Coast highway. The Ranger asked the occupants of these cars to do a loop at the lights to keep traffic moving. In future this may not be the case and it is likely that fines will be imposed. Please be mindful of road signage and rules when using Kiss and Go for afternoon pick up.

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YEAR 6 FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Oh what a night! Our Year 6 students celebrated their time at EHPS in true Hollywood style. Year 6 walked the red carpet, dined on sushi, pizza and cupcakes, then danced the night away with the help of Year 5, who attended the disco and joined them for dessert.

After a year of ups and downs, lock downs and missing out on quite a number of special activities, it was amazing to see Year 6 come together for one final celebration.

Special thanks to the team of wonderful ladies – Kirsty, Siobhan, Mel, Kelly, Jo and Kylie, who assisted Ms Bailey and Mrs Richardson with decorating the hall. Mels' Hollywood banner was the star of the show! A HUGE thank you to our parent Kirsty, who was official photographer for the evening and captured some very special memories that will last forever. Also, a special mention to Siobhan and Racquel for their donations that ensured Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous night. We certainly appreciate it.

We wish Year 6 students all the very best as they move onto high school and beyond.

Ms Bailey



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PBL REWARDS DAY

Rewards Day was a great day. Students got to choose from a range of rewards and 'spend' their Hoots (Dojo Points) they had earned throughout the term. Some of the rewards includes; change your name for a day, wear mufti, throw sponges at teachers, art, science, cookie decorating and watch a movie. It was lovely to see so many happy smiling faces and to see the children celebrating their hard work. We are very proud to see so many responsible, respectful students who do their best.

Mrs Conroy



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SCHOOL NEWS

AFL Gala Day

Last Wednesday, 33 students from Stages 2 and 3 participated in an AFL Gala Day between Terrigal, Bateau Bay and Wamberal Public Schools. We had a wonderful day and I was so impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm the students displayed throughout each game, especially as many of our students had never played AFL before last week! Despite this, our girls team won half their matches and our boys put in a phenomenal effort against their competitors. We were having so much fun that they were still playing during their breaks, and a few of the boys asked if they could keep playing when we got back to school! I'm sure we'll be back next year for another amazing day.

Miss Bradbury



Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who received a place at the carnival. It was a surprise for many students this year as the track events were times and they didn't find out their final places until they received their ribbons after the carnival. Thank you to our parents Amy and Shona for their time and effort writing on the ribbons.

Mrs Tibbutt



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Online Enrolments

The new Online Enrolment System is now live for our school.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online at a 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.

Traffic issues on Serpentine Road

We are continuing to have significant traffic issues in the mornings and afternoons. We are working with Schools Infrastructure NSW and the Health and Safety directorate and Central Coast Council. They have asked that any complaints are put in writing to the following web based complaints system:

TfNSW Centre for Road Safety, feedback at the Contact Us button

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/index.html>

We will keep you updated on any progress that is made or feedback received.

Fun Languages

HELLO HOLA NǏ HǎO BONJOUR

REFER A FRIEND
WHO JOINS IN TERM 4
& YOU WILL BOTH RECEIVE A
10 % DISCOUNT ON YOUR TERM 4 FEES

Language Classes @ Erina Heights Public School

Mandarin Club : Monday 4.00pm - 5.00pm
French Club : Wednesday 8.00am - 8.45am
Spanish Club : Wednesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Places available for Term 4
To enrol: Call Nathalie Roy 0430 286 590
or email: nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au
www.lcclubs.com.au

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STUDENT PERMISSIONS FORM



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Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent/Carer's are asked to complete this form and return it to the school. The permission form will be kept on file and remain valid for the duration of your child's enrolment at Erina Heights Public School. If wish to change your permissions in the future please notify the school in writing.

		I GIVE PERMISSION (PLEASE TICK):	I DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION (PLEASE TICK):
PUBLISH PHOTOS PRINT/DIGITAL MEDIA	Permission for my child's photo to be published in all forms of print and digital media (including but not limited to the School Newsletter, School Website, Facebook, Dojo, Annual School Report, Electronic Sign)		
PUBLISH NAME PRINT/DIGITAL MEDIA	Permission for my child's first name to be published in all forms of print and digital media (including but not limited to the School Newsletter, School Website, Facebook, Dojo, Annual School Report, Electronic Sign)		
PG RATED PROGRAMS	Permission for my child to watch PG movies. During the school year students have the opportunity to watch programs or movies for various reasons, including being part of a literacy program, supporting classroom research, wet weather lunches and camps.		
SUNSCREEN	Permission for my child to apply sunscreen. We encourage students to be sun safe, which includes wearing a hat and applying sunscreen. Sunscreen will be kept in the school front office.		

Parent/Carer Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

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