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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 2020

- | | |
|----|---------------------------|
| 9 | Last Day of Term |
| 28 | Students Return to School |

PAYMENTS DUE

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|---------|-------------------------------|
| \$38.00 | K-2 Education Pack |
| \$35.00 | 3-6 Education Pack |
| \$40.00 | Voluntary School Contribution |

Congratulations

Swimming Update

Congratulations to all the swimmers who competed in the Tuggerah Lakes Zone Swimming Championships at Mingara on the 3 March. Erina Heights has just been announced the winner of the 'Handicap' trophy for 2020. This is awarded to the school with the highest results based on the percentage of students in years 3 to 6. In other words, even though we are a smaller school, we achieved excellent results on the day of the carnival. A trophy will soon be delivered to the school and be proudly displayed for the year.

Tuggerah Lakes Zone Swimming Championships school team results
Handicap Trophy – Erina Heights Public School
Erina Heights – 4th overall (1st-Wamberal, 2nd - Bateau Bay, 3rd-Terrigal)
Erina Heights Boys – 7th overall
Erina Heights Girls – 3rd overall

Principal Update



Something to consider - KINDNESS

I have heard some beautiful stories from our students of acts of kindness they have been carrying out across the school and the community as part of their school kindness projects in Stage 3, but also just as a way of supporting their community during these tough times. I have also had a number of parents contact the school and offer support to other families within our school who may be finding things a little tougher in the current situation. I would like to say that hearing of these acts of kindness bring tears to my eyes, put a smile on my face, fill my heart and make me so amazingly proud to be part of such a thoughtful, caring, kind and inspiring community.

Whilst we reinforce for students (and families) the importance of considering safe physical distancing (eg out of range of cough or sneezes, no hugs, high-fives etc), we urge our school community to consider a counter-cultural approach to social distancing: this is the time to be even more focused on being socially connected supportive of others and actively caring for one another. We just need to be a little more creative in how we do this! So make a phone call, use face-time, leave a care package at a neighbour's door step: let others know we will be stronger and closer as a community, despite the current context. Thank you in advance for taking care of each other."

NAPLAN cancelled for 2020

You may have heard the media release that was released today in relation to NAPLAN 2020. The Education Council today decided that NAPLAN 2020 will not proceed to ensure that there are no added pressures to students or teachers during the outbreak of COVID-19.

Harmony Day - **ORANGE** mufti

Students and staff are still encouraged to wear orange next Thursday as we celebrate Harmony Day. Lessons and activities that recognise and celebrate different cultures will still continue in classrooms.

COVID-19

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for your understanding this past week as we navigate the current COVID-19 situation. There have been many changes to the programs and events that were planned for the week and the term ahead and I would like to reassure you that all decisions are made with the best interests and safety of our students at the heart.

I would also like to recognise our wonderful teachers, office staff, executive, SLSO's, cleaner and General Assistant who are going above and beyond at this current point in time to maintain excellent standards of hygiene in classrooms and around the school, and being vigilant in reinforcing safe hygiene practices for students.

Stage Three

What's happening in S3R

It has been a very exciting start to the school year in S3R!

Our theme for this term is Sustainability and Climate Change. In our science lesson each week, we have been exploring the importance of creating sustainable futures and using our inquiry skills to discover how the Earth's energy forces can impact climate change. These skills help to encourage us to become more aware of the choices they make and how these can impact our environment. This theme also inspired our recent Australian bushfire artworks.

Kindness is another big focus for S3R this term. We have been reading the popular book *Wonder* in class and setting a different Kindness Challenge each week for both the students and Mrs Richardson to aim to achieve.

S3R have been loving technology with Mrs Thaler this term, showcasing some very creative virtual reality classroom designs. We have also been discussing in class how we can become active Digital Citizens and leave a positive digital footprint by being aware, responsible and respectful online.

We have been focusing on Fundamental Movement skills and Modified Games in P.E with Mr Gordon and have showcased some of these during cricket for Sport in Schools. Last Friday, we were also lucky enough to have a player from the Sydney Roosters (Mrs Richardson's favourite team) visit and talk to us about how we can show respect to ourselves and the people around us.

S3R are off to a great start and we can't wait to see what we accomplish throughout the year!



Creative Writing S3S

Flood or Fire?

After the flood
Out my saturated window
In a soggy city
They stock up everything in its path
The wind blows
The rain thrashes to the ground
Lightning sparks to the ground here and there
Here comes the fire be aware
Cold here
Hot there
Thunder crashing everywhere
The sky lights up through the air
Water low
Fire high
Near and far
Where do we go?

Olivia K



Still we rise

Fire screams,
Fire roars,
Don't get caught in its big red jaws.
Instant fear
Is the fire near?
The smoke layered as thick as can be
You will find it hard to see.
Driving through the mighty blaze
Little children trapped in a gaze.
It flickered and it snickered.
The trees filled with specks of ash.
The almighty evil has arrived.
Hoping loved ones are healthy and well
As you are driving through deathtron hell.
Fighting back this mighty creature
While Satan is saying nice to meet ya.
It's been five weeks
We can say see ya satan.
We will rise again.

Imogen R

Fire

Flames are Ticking.
Fire is coming.
Is the fire near or far?
Our water is draining.
Our crops are Burning.
Is this a good start?
Bushfires are raging
As good enough to be on a Fitzy and Whipper
Show.

Our shops are working 24 hours straight
And the coronavirus has gone too far.
Our brave Firefighters are not having a good year.
Native animals are dying almost because of us.
Is Australia safe or not?
R.I.P to Geoffery Keaton and Andrew O'Dwyer.
Is this going to be recorded in history?

Air is polluted.
I can see masks on people's faces.
Why does Mother Nature have to be so mad?
2000 homes are destroyed.

Memories are fading
There are 43,000 koloas left in this world.
Not to worry...
The blaze is almost gone.
Almost 800 fires have been put out.
Be safe NSW.

Aymee E

Fires

On the trees behind the cliff.
A roar comes by with a single wif.
A rich golden smell comes from the cliff.
The waves crash with fear.
Pounding with noise
it's like an atomic bomb hit the ground
With nuclear spit the fires spread with a single hit .
The wind blows it further and further
It destroys everything in its path.
It starts to creep away to the point
All you could see is its leftover destruction.







Jason R

The Smith Family SaverPlus



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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|  laptops & tablets |  lessons & activities |
|  uniforms & shoes |  books & supplies |
|  sports fees & gear |  camps & excursions |

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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Premiers Reading Challenge

The 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge began on Monday 2 March. Students who have participated in previous years can start accessing their account from this date. The Challenge closes on August 28. New students to the program need to log in using their school username and password. Your Co-ordinator Mrs Kent is available on Monday and Tuesday's at school. Please familiarise yourself with the rules for the challenge and have fun reading!

Mrs Kent



Premier's Reading Challenge

Tips for parents and carers for participating in the Challenge

- D Find out the name(s) of your school's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) coordinator(s) and how they plan to administer the Challenge.
- D Familiarise yourself with the new [PRC student website](#). There is a video on the [PRC Support site that you can watch that demonstrates how login, search for books and add them to a Student Reading Record \(SRR\)](#).
- D Visit the [Premier's Reading Challenge Support website](#). It allows you to search for information about the PRC and how to use the PRC website and also how to [contact the PRC team](#).
- D Set reminders for Challenge [opening and closing dates](#) in your and your child's calendar.
- D Find out your [child's logon details](#). For public schools, students' logon will be the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school. Non-government students will need to contact the PRC Coordinator at their school if they cannot remember their login details.
- D Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/ characters/ information. Read to or with your child if she/he is participating in the K-2 Challenge.
- D Help your child to add books to her/his Student Reading Record **regularly**.
- D Follow The Arts Unit on Facebook and the NSW PRC on Instagram to keep up to date about information about the Challenge throughout the year. We regularly run contests and Author events your child may be interested in taking part in.
- D Contact your child's **PRC coordinator** if:
 - Your child has any difficulty using her/his logon details to access the PRC website.
 - You are concerned that your child's name is spelt incorrectly in the PRC website.
 - If you need to check your child's Challenge history, please contact your child's PRC coordinator.
- D Your child's online Student Reading Record must have the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by the [student closing date](#). School PRC coordinators have an extra two weeks to validate the SRR. **Only students with a validated SRR are eligible for a certificate.**
- D **In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child's SRR.** Contact your child's PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child's SRR has not been validated.

Visit our website: www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/reading-challenge



Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheArtsUnit

Premiers Reading Challenge

Rules

PLEASE NOTE: There have been updates to Challenge Rules 2, 5, 7 and 14 effective for the 2020 Challenge onwards. Please make sure you have familiarised yourself with these rule changes.

1. The Challenge opens on 2 March 2020. You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 28 August 2020 (11:59 pm) to complete the Challenge.
2. You must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

| Challenge | Number of books you must read | Minimum number of PRC books | Maximum number of Personal Choice Books | PRC booklists you can read from |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| K-2 | 30 | 25 | 5 | K-2; 3-4; 5-6 |
| 3-4 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 3-4; 5-6; 7-9 |
| 5-6 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 5-6; 7-9 |

3. Books you read after the Challenge closes can count towards the next year's Challenge.
- 4a. K-2 Challenge: you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.
- 4b. 3-4, 5-6 and 7-9 Challenges: you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.
5. In an approved series on the PRC booklist, you can read any three books as PRC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.
- 6a. K-2 Challenge: you can read books or have them read to you in your home language.
- 6b. 3-4, 5-6 and 7-9 Challenges: you must read all PRC books in English. You may read Personal Choice books in your home language.
- 7a. K-2 students only- If you can read simple chapter books on your own, you can attempt the 3-4 Challenge. You need to get your Student Reading Record changed to Challenge level 3-4. See your PRC coordinator for help with this.
- 7b. 3-4, 5-6 and 7-9 students only: students with special needs who would experience difficulty completing the challenge at their grade-appropriate level can take part in the 3-9 Challenge. Students on the 3-9 Challenge level will complete the challenge by reading 20 books from any challenge level (including K-2) with whatever levels of support are appropriate to their needs. PRC coordinators should submit requests for changes to the 3-9 challenge by 31 July.
8. 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 students only- If your teacher thinks you need extra help, you can listen to unabridged audio versions of the books as long as you read along.
9. If you complete your online Student Reading Record by 28 August 2020, and it is validated by your school by 11 September (11:59 pm), you will be eligible for a PRC certificate in Term 4.

Premiers Reading Challenge

10. The certificates you can receive for completing the Challenge are:

| Year of completing PRC | Award Received |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| First Year | Challenge completion certificate |
| Second Year | Challenge completion certificate |
| Third Year | Challenge completion certificate |
| Fourth Year | Gold Certificate |
| Fifth Year | Challenge completion certificate |
| Sixth Year | Challenge completion certificate |
| Seventh Year | Platinum Certificate |

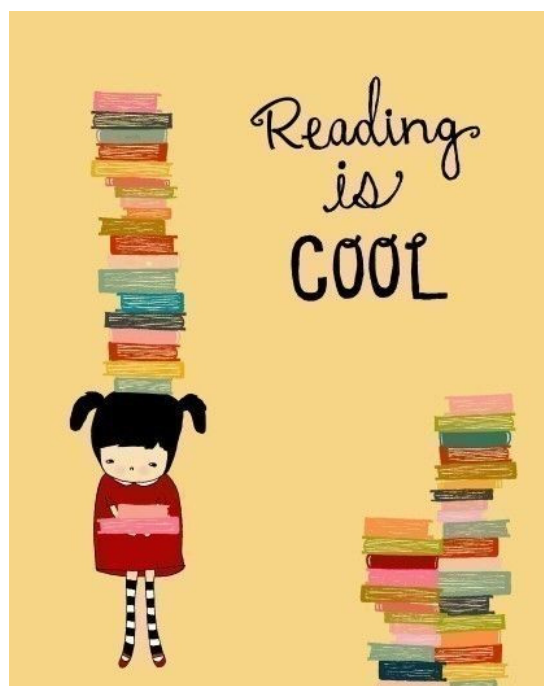
11. You can only receive one certificate each year.

12. Gold and Platinum certificates will be sent to your school in Term 4 with students' names printed. Your school is responsible for downloading and printing your Challenge Completion Certificate from the PRC website.

13. Your school needs to make sure your parent or carer knows that by entering the Challenge, you may receive a PRC certificate with your name and school printed. The Premier's Reading Challenge no longer lists student names on an Honour Roll, however there may be opportunities for students to be recognised through media publications or through the school's own newsletters and communications. No student names and/or details will be published publicly without prior consent from parents/ carers.

14a. If you attend a NSW school and your school does not have a PRC coordinator and does not wish to participate in the Challenge, you can take part as an independent student. Your Challenge participation will be managed by the PRC team. You must inform the PRC team of your completion of the challenge by 28 August so that your record can be validated.

14b. If you are home schooled, you can participate in the PRC once registered with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) or granted an exemption from registration. You must register with the PRC before 31 July.



School Bytes

School Bytes

We are actively seeking ways to minimise the number of notes being sent home and have launched a new online statement of accounts and payment reminder system called **School Bytes**.

Please ensure your email address is kept current and update the school record if it changes.

Please see the information below. We are happy to help with any questions you may have.

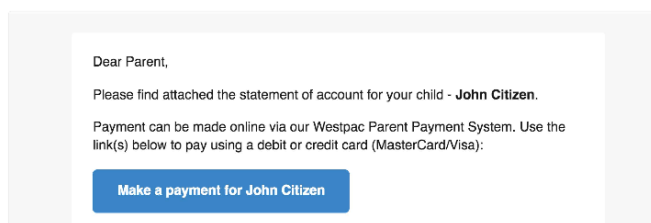


Statements of Account - Online Payment Guide

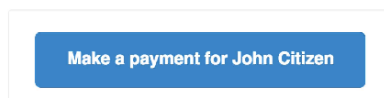
Erina Heights Public School will be sending student statements of account & payment reminders directly to parents/caregivers via email using a system called School Bytes. These statements include a link to make secure payment online through the Westpac Parent Online Payment (POP) system (Visa & Mastercard credit/debit cards accepted).

To make an online payment for your child(ren)'s school contributions, please follow the steps below:

1. You will receive an email from the school's email address (erinahts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with the subject 'Student Statement of Account' or 'Payment Reminder'.



2. To make an online credit card payment, click the secure payment button in the email.



3. Once this button is clicked, you will be taken to a webpage on www.parentpayments.com.au. On this page, you will see a list of all currently outstanding items for your child. By default, all items are selected/ticked for payment.

Parent Online Payment Portal
Sample High School

Student Details

Name: CITIZEN, John
Number: 4444444444

Family Details

Opening Balance: \$0.00
Unallocated Credit: \$0.00

School Details

Downloads

Invoice.pdf
Online Payment Instructions

Grand Total: \$463.00

Statement of Account for John Citizen
Current as of: 15/07/2017 14:53pm

Linked in the table below are the items currently owing on the statement of account for your child. Use the checkboxes to select what items you wish to pay at this time.

Once completed, fill out the 'Payment Details' and press 'Next' at the bottom of the page.

N.B. Payments made online can take up to 48 hours to be processed by the school and reflected on this payment page.

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Date | Due | Fee Name | Amount | Paid | Balance Owing (\$) |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----|--|---------|--------|--------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 05/04/2017 | | Gymnastics for Gymnastics | \$40.00 | \$0.00 | 40.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 05/04/2017 | | Japanese Drum for Japanese Drumming | \$5.00 | \$0.00 | 5.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 05/04/2017 | | Literacy Levy for Yr 6 Literature Levy Nat. DC | \$18.75 | \$0.00 | 18.75 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 05/04/2017 | | Paper for Paper Levy 2017 | \$18.75 | \$0.00 | 18.75 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 05/04/2017 | | Science Levy for Science Levy | \$5.00 | \$0.00 | 5.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 05/04/2017 | | Tech Levy for Technology | \$22.50 | \$0.00 | 22.50 |

School Bytes

4. If you wish to change the amount you would like to pay for an item, enter the desired amount in the number field under the 'Balance Owning' column.

To not pay for a certain item, untick the checkbox in the left-hand column of the table next to the item you wish to remove.

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 27/01/2017 | Yr10 Technology Support | \$30.00 | \$0.00 | 30.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 01/02/2017 | Yr10 Maths - online programs | \$24.00 | \$0.00 | 24.00 |

5. Once you have selected what items you wish to pay, enter your name, phone number and email address under 'Payer Details'. This allows the school to identify which parent/caregiver is making the payment.

Now, press the 'Next' button to be redirected to a secure Westpac site to finalise your online payment.

The screenshot shows a payment summary table with columns for checkboxes, dates, item names, and amounts. Below the table are buttons for 'Add New Item to Pay' and 'Add Other Fee'. A 'Grand Total' of \$1,028.00 is displayed. The 'Payer Details' section includes fields for 'Your Name', 'Contact Phone Number', and 'Contact Email', each with a red asterisk indicating it is mandatory. A 'Next' button is highlighted with a red box at the bottom right.

6. Once redirected to Westpac, you will see the following screen. Enter your credit card details into the appropriate text fields on this screen. Once completed, press the 'Proceed to Confirmation' button.

The screenshot shows the 'Make a Payment' page with a heading and a sub-heading 'Enter your payment details below. Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.' Below this is a 'Card Details' section with fields for 'Cardholder Name', 'Credit Card Number', 'Expiry Date', and 'Card Verification Number (CVN)'. There are also logos for VISA and Mastercard. At the bottom, there are 'Cancel Payment' and 'Proceed to Confirmation' buttons.

IF YOU REALISE YOU HAVE MADE A MISTAKE IN SELECTING WHAT ITEMS YOU WISH TO PAY ON THE PREVIOUS PAYMENT PORTAL SCREEN, PLEASE CLICK THE 'Cancel Payment' BUTTON.

Erina Heights Public School: Online Payment Guide

7. Once you have entered your payment details, you will be redirected to a secure Westpac site to finalise your payment. Once redirected to the Westpac site, you will see the following screen. Enter your credit card details into the appropriate text fields on this screen. Once completed, press the 'Proceed to Confirmation' button.

NOTE: To pay for another child in the family, return to the original email you received and click the 'payment button with the correct child name'.

The payment button is located within the email you will receive for 15 minutes. This payment button is only valid for this time period. You can use this link to see what debts are currently owing for your family:

For information relating to the security & safety of this service, please refer to the following webpage:

<https://www.gov.au/public-consultation/secure-payment-service/whats-new/secure-payment-service-what-is-it>

TASK Vacation Care Program

ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

APRIL 2020 - WEEK 1

| MONDAY 13 APR | TUESDAY 14 APR | WEDNESDAY 15 APR | THURSDAY 16 APR | FRIDAY 17 APR |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday TASK closed  | Easter Hat Parade & Egg Hunt Join us today to finish off the Easter long weekend celebrations with Easter hat creating and an egg hunt followed by a parade to finish off the day.  Daily fee + \$10 | Movie Day Tuggerah Today Ourimbah and Erina Heights will be joining forces to enjoy a private viewing with popcorn of the new Pixar film "Onward".  Daily fee + \$32 | Mad Science Day @ EHPS Today we will be undertaking a series science experiments at Erina Heights. Experiments will include DIY lava lamps, edible chocolate playdough and everyone's favourite the Coke and Mentos explosion!  Daily fee + \$10 | Networld TreeTops  Today we will be heading to NetWorld Ourimbah! Experience a whole new sense of gravity as you bounce around while enjoying a variety of fun games with gigantic inflatable balls. Waiver to be completed. Daily fee + \$35 |

• Charter bus for all excursions • Afternoon tea provided • Daily fee: \$55 plus incursion or excursion cost •
Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labeled.

THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB—

Hours: Mon - Fri
7am - 6pm

BOOKING:
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T: 1300 827 500

ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

APRIL 2020 - WEEK 2

| MONDAY 20 APR | TUESDAY 21 APR | WEDNESDAY 22 APR | THURSDAY 23 APR | FRIDAY 24 APR | MONDAY 27 APR |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| Ourimbah Dino Park with Sausage Sizzle Lunch We are off to the Ourimbah Dinosaur park to enjoy their flying fox, playground and massive oval! To top it off we will be enjoying a sausage sizzle lunch with our friends from Ourimbah.  Daily fee + \$20 | PJ and Movie Day  Wear your comfiest PJ's, bring along your pillow and enjoy a chilled-out day enjoying movies, cool craft and secret snacks.  Daily fee + \$5 | Laserblast Charmhaven  Today it's time for some Lasertag! We will be heading off to Laserblast Charmhaven to participate in three games of lasertag.  Daily fee + \$30 | bricks 4 kidz @ EHPS  We will be having Brad and his team from Bricks 4 Kids come and teach us all there is to know about LEGO, we will be creating different characters, ships and items from lots of different movies.  Daily fee + \$15 | Intencity Erina Fair  Join us for a two hour session of unlimited gaming complete with 200 tokens at Intencity Erina Fair!  Daily fee + \$30 | Monkey Mania K-2  Today we are off to Central Coast Leagues Club. Children in years K-2 will be heading off to Monkey Mania and years 3-6 children will be off to Clip 'n Climb. Clip 'n Climb waiver to be completed.  Daily fee + \$30 |

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