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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MAY 2020

11 Phase 1 - Students Return to School one day per week

### PAYMENTS DUE

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

## Thank You

A special 'THANK YOU' to Amy at Erina North Bunnings Store for donating 25 terracotta pots, potting mix, paint and brushes for a special 'surprise' project for S1L class.

S1L and Mrs Lanning are very excited about their special 'surprise' project and look forward to painting their pots....and filling them with soil...and... something special...a 'surprise'!

We will post photos once the project is complete! Thanks again Amy at Bunnings. We really appreciate your support and generous donations.

S1L class and Mrs Lanning



# Principal Update

Welcome back to Term 2 to students continuing their learning journey from home and also those who have returned to school.

I hope that you have all made the most of your time in isolation. I've heard lots of stories from students and families of spending extra quality time together as a family, keeping active, going for bush walks, completing puzzles, lego creations, cooking and baking and lots of other stories of creative ways that families have spent their time.

It is certainly different times that we are all facing as a school and a community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of staff and the directions that we have gone in response to dealing with COVID-19.

It has been great to have some students back already and I certainly look forward to having most students back at least 1 day a week.

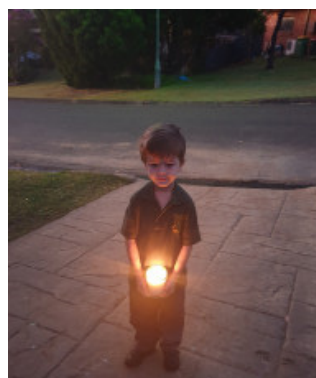
## Easter Egg Delivery

I hope that you all received and enjoyed your Easter Egg Delivery late last term when a number of Erina Heights Easter Bunnies hit the road and traveled our community to deliver eggs to all of our students. This was a big task, but it was certainly worth it to see the smiles on many of our students faces. Thank you to the families who shared photos and communicated your appreciation of this. We hope you all had a wonderful Easter together.



## ANZAC Day

In light of the current situation, we were unable to hold a school ANZAC service. We did encourage our students to take part in their own commemoration by lighting a candle or holding a torch in the driveway, on the balcony or porch or in the living rooms of their homes. Where possible we asked students to dress in their school uniform and send a photo to their classroom teachers. Thank you to those who took part in this.



## Moving Forward in Term 2

We look forward to having students back 1 day a week as we move into Phase 2 of the Department's Managed Return to School plan. We will continue to follow Government and Department advice in relation to this return to school and will continue to communicate this with you.

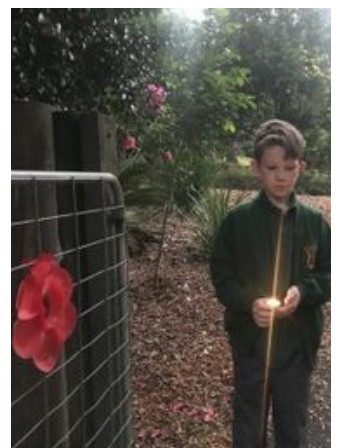


# Easter at Erina Heights Public School





## Anzac Day Light up the Dawn





## Stage 2 News

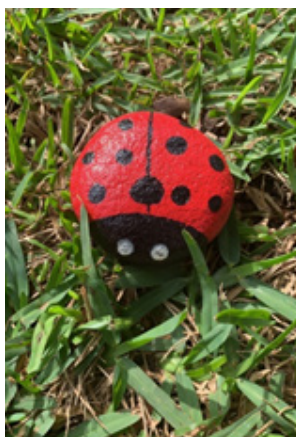
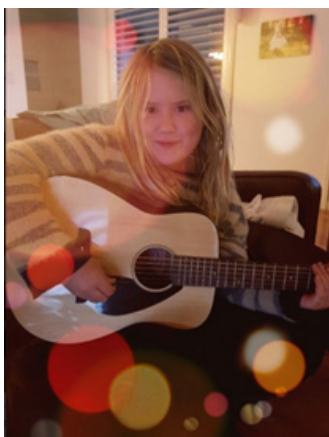
### S1/2D

It has been a great start to Term 2 in S1/2D and we are all really looking forward to our return to the classroom. Learning from home has had its positives but we are all missing each other and cannot wait to be able to laugh and learn together again.

Since beginning our Learning from home journey, we have had a number of students celebrate their birthdays. A huge HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Zahn, Elsie and Jude. It was lovely to see photos of how they celebrated at home.



Despite being keen to return to our classroom, it has been wonderful to see the things that students in S1/2D have been doing to keep themselves busy while at home. In the holidays, Dash made kumquat marmalade and a plaster cast of his hand. Ivy T painted a rock to make it look like a ladybug and has started an "iso art wall" at home to display all of her (and her sister's) artworks. Frankie has started to learn the guitar and began writing a book about herself titled "The Story About a Little Dancer."



We have all learnt a lot during this time we have spent at home. It may be very different to the learning we would normally do at school, however, every experience we go through in our lives shapes us and our futures. It becomes part of our story and all of these stories enrich our lives. We have been able to spend quality time with our families without feeling rushed or pressured to fulfil other commitments. I love the quote "The darkest of nights produce the brightest stars." While times have been tough, I have been so proud of the brilliant students in S1/2D, and their families, who have risen to the challenge. I would like to thank all of you for your endless support and positivity.



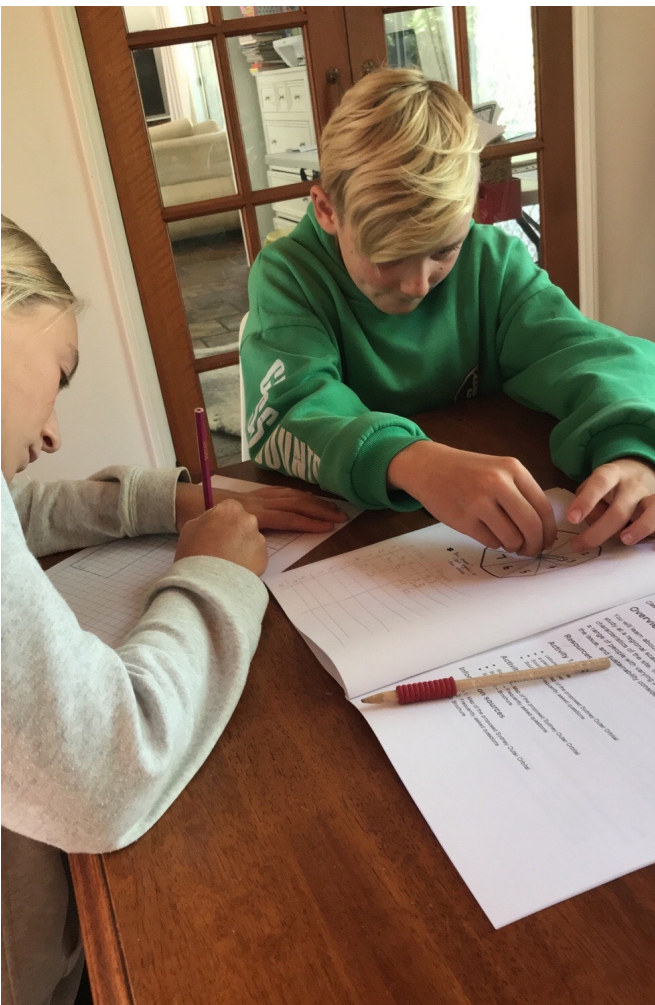


## Stage 2 News

### S2L

S2L have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with Learning from Home. They have completed all set tasks to a high standard. S2L have developed great technology skills using Google Classrooms, sharing documents and creating activities online, and I am so very proud of them. Keep up the awesome work S2L.

Miss Baldock

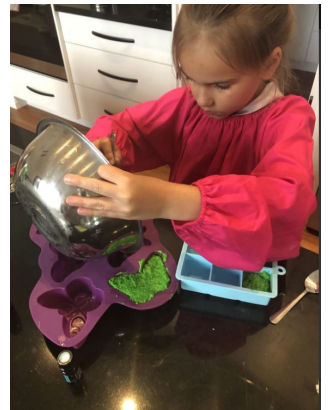
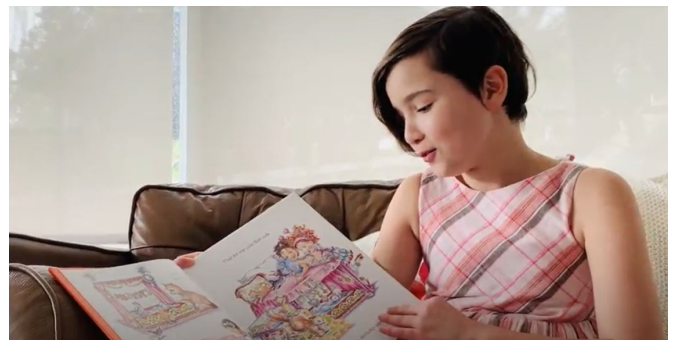


### S2B

S2B have used their time learning from home to learn creatively and build new skills. S2B have loved Lego challenges, had fun with science experiments, created awesome pillow forts, loved creating read-to videos (even with a big audience!), writing and creating stories. They baked their own bread and created amazing artworks.

We have loved band and drum corp practice, building our own desks, going on outdoor adventures and finding creative ways to showcase our learning too, some of us have even set up our own pop up restaurant/breakfast bar.

Miss Barker



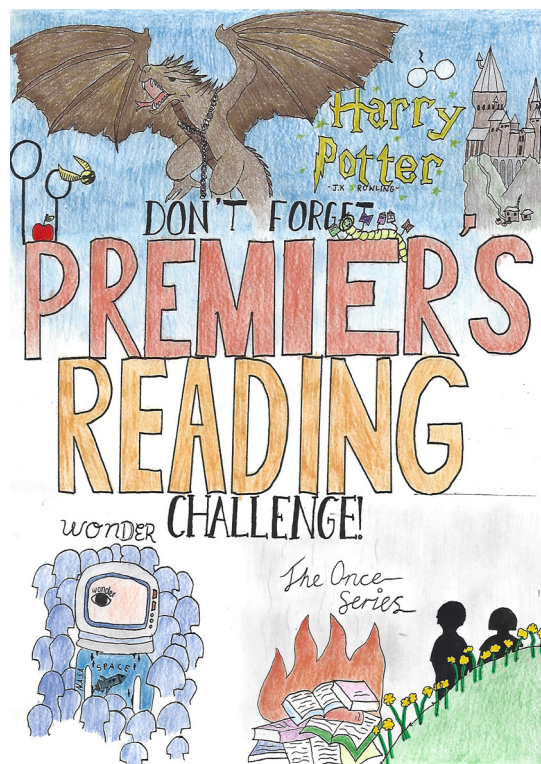


## Premiers Reading Challenge

We have four amazing students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for this year. Congratulations to Archie W KC, Carmen M S2/3A, Amelia R KC and Zoe Y S2/3A. Well done to all of you especially under these conditions!

Please remember that the books you add to the PRC must be age appropriate, even the personal choice books. I have had to remove some books from student reading records if they did not qualify. You have until August 28 to complete the challenge so keep on reading and adding your books.

Thanks Mrs Kent



### Welcome to Term 2!

How quickly things change! You're probably all working quite differently to how you would have expected this time last term, but some things don't change. Connecting with stories and ideas is still as important as ever, and the Premier's Reading Challenge will continue to provide support for students to be able to discover great stories and experience quality literature.

We recently sent an email about updates to the Challenge Rules for 2020 to help support students as their learning environment is changed during COVID-19. If you missed that, please refer to the following links for more information, including some support articles with suggestions about ways to access books whilst learning from home. If you have any questions about any of this, please feel free to email us.

What changes have been made to the PRC rules for 2020?

How do students add their BONUS choice books?

How can coordinators support students in accessing books from home?

How can parents/ carers and students find books to read from home?

If you have any great projects or activities running at your school to help students engage with the PRC, we'd love to see them! Please tag @nswprc in any posts on Instagram, or send through photos and information to [prc@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:prc@det.nsw.edu.au).

### KEY DATES

Monday March 2: Challenge opens for student entries

Friday August 28: Final date for entry of Student Reading Records by students

Friday September 11: Final date for validation of Student Reading Reading records by coordinators



## Premiers Reading Challenge

How can we help students engage with stories and creativity?

The PRC Authors and Illustrators Showcase galleries from previous years are still available for viewing. You'll find over 50 videos featuring interviews and workshops with some of the best children's authors and illustrators from both Australia and overseas!

The 2020 Gallery will be coming soon, but in the meantime we've prepared some special clips with fantastic author and illustrator Mick Elliott, who is responsible for the great 2020 PRC poster artwork!

So far you can view:

Mick Elliott intro to the PRC 2020

Mick Elliott guided illustration: PRC Poster

Mick Elliott guided illustration: Squidge Dibley

Mick Elliott tips on writing

We will be asking students and schools to send us the illustrations they create as part of the guided illustration clips, so get drawing, and keep an eye out for information about how you can submit your illustrations to win some great prizes for your school. This info will be posted on the PRC website, the PRC Instagram account, and the Arts Unit Facebook page soon.

The Arts Unit@Home provides a series of Creative Classes and Art Bites videos designed to support students, parents and teachers with remote learning. Check out these incredible resources, from the Arts Unit digital archives and drawing on the expertise of arts professionals ... you won't want to miss them! Make sure you're following The Arts Unit on Facebook for updates on other great creative opportunities over the coming weeks.

Everyone's an author is a fantastic new project from the T4L team. Available to all students, it's a 10 week digital writing program featuring 10 great Aussie authors! It kicks off this Friday with a chapter on creating characters presented by author, teacher, and great friend to the Premier's Reading Challenge, Yvette Poshoglian (Ella and Olivia, Puppy Diary). We've seen a sneak peek of the list of authors that are involved in this exciting project- you're not going to want to miss it!

### New Books

The latest update of new books on the PRC booklist was loaded to the website on April 27. You can find these on the BOOKLISTS page. There were over 130 new books added, including a number of classics that are easily accessible online, and free books from the Australian Children's Laureate Ursula Dubosarsky and the UK National Literary Trust. With a range of books available free online, and the increased number of choice books, all students should be able to access some great literature to complete the challenge this year!

We are constantly reviewing and evaluating new books for inclusion on the lists, and are planning a mid-term update of new books to the list this year to ensure that there are as wide a range as possible of easily accessible texts for students to read as part of their 2020 challenge. We would love to hear your suggestions either through our book suggestion form or by email.

### PRC Student Site







The PRC student site is a great way for students to add books to their reading records from wherever they are! Students can search for books to read, add books to their reading logs, and track their progress throughout the challenge. You can find the site at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/> and there is a useful help video available to demonstrate how the site works.





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### Story Box Library

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