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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### October 2020

- 28 Stage 2 Rumbalara Excursion S2L and S2/3A
- 30 Kindergarten Oakvale Farm Excursion

### November 2020

- 4 Stage 3 Katandra- Year 6
- 4 Kindergarten 2021 Orientation I 9:25am
- 5 Stage 3 Katandra- Year 5
- 6 Touch Football Gala Day
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 11 Kindergarten 2021 Orientation I 9:25am
- 13 Athletics Carnival Mingara Years 3-6
- 18 OC Class Placement Test on site at EHPS

### PAYMENTS DUE

- \$12.00 Stage 2 Rumbalara
- \$10.50 Stage 3 Katandra
- \$26.00 Sports in Schools Australia Stage 3
- \$40.00 Voluntary School Contribution

## Thank You!

Thank you to our Canteen Manager Jo who has her last day with us today. Jo has been an amazing asset to our school and will be very missed by students, families and staff!



*Happy, Healthy, Successful, Lifelong Learners*

# Principal Update



## **Welcome back to Term 4**

We have had a great start to term 4 enjoying some activities that we haven't been able to enjoy throughout 2020. It was exciting having the Life Education van here and meeting Healthy Harold this week. Some of our Stage 2 students have enjoyed an excursion to Rumbalara with the rest of Stage 2 visiting next week. Stage 3 students enjoyed their 'Big Day Out' at Toukley today. Kindergarten students are looking forward to their excursion next week.

We look forward to other activities this term that include excursions, Athletics Carnival, Kindergarten Orientation and Year 6 to 7 Transition.

Please understand that although these events can go ahead, there are still restrictions that must be followed.

## **If your child is unwell**

If your child is unwell with flu like symptoms it is still a requirement that you have them COVID tested and that the negative result is sent through to the school prior to their return. Any student who presents with flu like symptoms at school will be sent to the office and parents will be contacted to collect them as soon as possible.

## **Munch and Crunch fruit/vegetable break**

Each day students across K-6 are offered a fruit break during the morning session of learning. Teachers take a 10minute break where they might go outside for some movement or sit and listen to a book or student news. During this time students can enjoy some fruit or vegetables; all other foods should be saved for recess and lunch breaks. Please ensure that you pack fruit or vegetables in your child's lunchbox.

## **Class structures for 2021**

We are currently in the process of looking into class structures for 2021. If for any reason your child will be leaving Erina Heights at the end of 2020 could you kindly notify the school office either by phone or email as this will assist greatly with class numbers and formations.

Also, if you know anyone enrolling for 2021 who hasn't already contacted the school, could you please encourage them to do so.

## **Morning play on the backfield**

You may have noticed at morning drop off last week that some days the backfield was a hive of activity with students enjoying some active play before school. As stated last term we don't have the staffing numbers to make this a scheduled duty. We have been able to make some changes to structures that will enable us to have the backfield open a number of mornings each week.

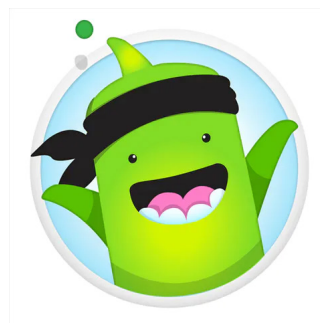
## **Reports – consistency**

This term we are having a strong Professional Learning focus on the way we report to parents. We are introducing a more consistent and structured approach to the way teachers write comments to ensure that the information that is provided reflects student strengths and areas for development.

## **Class Dojo**

We receive a lot of positive feedback about Class Dojo and the regular communication and updates that parents receive from classroom teachers. I would like to remind all parents that Class Dojo is a platform for communication regarding teaching and learning within your child's classroom.

If you wish to raise anything that does not relate to classroom teaching or learning, please email the school so that this can be passed onto the relevant staff member to follow up.





# Principal Update

## Uniform

We were very excited to see a sample of our new school uniform this week. The lovely Ava did a great job being our model and trying the samples on. They looked great and were very comfortable. There was a lot of excitement from a group of students who were in the office when Ava had the new uniform on, with them asking if they could get it now and start wearing it.

As is currently the case, the new uniforms will be available from Lowes at Erina Fair. Lowes hope to have our uniforms ready for purchase early January and are looking at an online system that would allow parents to pre-order for collection once they arrive in store.

In terms of sizing, all of the items that Ava is wearing in the photos are Size 8.



## Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell

At this stage we have locked in dates for these events. The Year 6 farewell is being held on Monday 7 December and our Presentation Day Thursday 10 December.

The details of both of these events and how they will run are still not determined as we are awaiting updated Departmental guidelines that will outline this. Once these guidelines are released, schools across our network will be working through these together, to ensure that there is consistency across all school communities.

## Adam Crouch Visit

It was great to have our local member Adam Crouch visit us last Friday to present some lovely books to our student leaders on behalf of the Honourable Sarah Mitchell Minister for Education and Early Childhood. After visiting Erina Heights last term, Sarah was most impressed with the students, staff and the wonderful opportunities and initiatives offered across the school.

It is great to have such an active and supportive local member in Adam Crouch, who connects with our school community and is a positive advocate for our school and public education.





# Class Updates

## What's been happening in S1B

This term has been busy with many great learning experiences happening within our brightly coloured four walls.

In mathematics we have explored fractions and length. We designed our very own whole, halves, quarter and three-quarter pizzas. There were some great flavours and designs. In length, we had fun using a range of resources to find the length of different objects within the classroom.

I was amazed at the many great things S1B got up to in the holidays and was impressed with how phenomenal their writing was after two weeks away from school.

We are participating in the Sydney Sixers Mascot challenge and are improving our catching, throwing and bouncing skills.

Our mythical sea creatures look incredible. What do you think?

Mr Beames



## KE have had a fantastic start to Term 4

We loved visiting the Life Education van this week. Healthy Harold was very funny and we learnt all about how to be good friends and look after our bodies. It was a great experience.

In Science KE have started learning about weather and made beautiful rainy-day artworks. One of the interesting things we have learnt about is why the wind blows and the difference between warm and cool air.

KE have also been measuring the mass of different objects using equal arm balances. We investigated what things are lighter and heavier than our drink bottles.

We can't wait to go on our excursion next week to Oakvale farm and learn more about how farms help food get from the paddock to the plate which we are learning about in English.

Mrs Conroy





# School News

## Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition encourages primary school students to explore ideas of multiculturalism in Australia, as well as giving them a place to practice their public speaking skills and improve their confidence.

Last term, students in Stage 2 and 3 wrote some wonderful speeches and presented them to their classes, where two students from each class were selected to represent their class in the Erina Heights Public School Finals. At the end of the term four students, two from Stage 2 and two from Stage 3, participated in an online version of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. They did an outstanding job presenting their speeches and clearly showcased the role of multiculturalism in Australian society.

We were very pleased to announce that Albi E made it through to the Regional Finals for the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. This year speeches were conducted online with students participating in zoom meetings where they competed against students from all over the state. Part of the regional finals this year was to complete an impromptu speech. This year's topic was 'distractions' which was tricky. Albi did a fabulous job, with the online adjudicator describing the speeches in the competition this year as being 'spectacular'. We are so proud of Albi's efforts in the competition and look forward to seeing how much further she will go in the competition next year. Well done, Albi!

Miss Faulks



## Home Reading Awards Afternoon

K-2 held their Home Reading Awards for Term 3 last week. It was great to see so many students reaching 20, 60 or 100 nights reading for the year. Teachers will be handing out awards again later this term for students who achieved more nights reading at home. Just a reminder, home reading is a K-2 commitment and is about developing strong skills to enable children to enjoy reading and be a competent, lifelong reader. Home reading is a time to read books from school, the local library or home. Magazines, graphic novels, newspapers or any appropriate reading material of interest to students may also be used. Children are encouraged to read aloud to an adult, sibling or peer. A combination could be used throughout the week.

Mr Beames



# School News

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to the parents who volunteered to contact our new reading books. Gail, Nicole, Rebecca, Tina and Yvette each took a huge box of reading books home over the holidays to reinforce the covers and spines with strips of contact. This will ensure the books stay in good condition for a longer period of time.

Mrs Lewis

## A Message from The P&C

We are sad to farewell our beloved Jo Kelly, who has recently resigned from her position of Canteen Manager at our school. We thank you, Jo, for all your hard work and dedication in making the Canteen a fun and exciting part of the School community. We wish you every happiness and success in your future endeavours.

As a result, EHPS P&C Association are seeking applicants for the position of Canteen Manager, to operate the school canteen three days per week throughout the NSW government school term. If you are interested in applying for the position, please forward your resume to: secretaryehps@gmail.com by Monday, 26 October.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Katherine Wilton (P&C Secretary)  
(On behalf of the P&C Executive)

## Athletics Carnival

The school Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, November 13, 2020 at Mingara Athletics Track for all our students in **years 3-6 and any of our competitive students in year 2 who have turned/are turning 8 this year**.

All heats will be timed and there will be no finals. There will be no Tuggerah Lakes, Sydney North and NSW State PSSA Athletics or Cross country carnivals this year. This decision was made by the TLPSSA and NSW PSSA. Unfortunately parents will not be able to spectate at this sport carnival.

Mr Beames

## 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.

# Student Permissions Form



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## STUDENT PERMISSION FORM

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):
<b>PUBLISH PHOTOS PRINT/DGITAL MEDIA</b>	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)		
<b>PUBLISH NAME PRINT/DIGITAL MEDIA</b>	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)		
<b>PG RATED PROGRAMS</b>	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.		
<b>SUNSCREEN</b>	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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Principal: Mrs. Natalie MacDonald





### **Position Vacant – Canteen Manager**

Erina Heights Public School P&C Association are seeking enthusiastic, community-focused applicants for the position of Canteen Manager, to operate the school canteen three days per week throughout the NSW government school term. We are keen to hear from candidates with good interpersonal and organizational skills, who can work autonomously and as part of a team. Experience in canteen management or hospitality is highly regarded but not essential. The position is available to commence immediately.

The Erina Heights Public School Canteen aims to deliver healthy, wholesome, hygienically prepared food at a reasonable price to our school students. Our Canteen Manager will continue to support and adhere to the Department of Education 'Nutrition in Schools Policy' and the Healthy School Canteen Strategy and develop exciting menu options to promote and inspire healthy eating.

#### **Key responsibilities:**

- Be able to work independently and as part of a team (including volunteers, teachers, school staff and students) and in collaboration with EHPS P&C Association.
- Organise, manage and conduct the daily operation of the canteen, including safe and hygienic food preparation and service, the rostering of voluntary helpers and appropriate record-keeping.
- Ensure safe work practices are undertaken, in accordance with WH&S and relevant safe food handling legislation
- Induct and train volunteers in correct food handling and hygiene practices in line with relevant legislation.
- Order and manage stock at appropriate levels
- Cash management, including counting, recording and reconciling the daily takings according to EHPS policy for safe handling of money.
- Communicate and report to EHPS P&C Association executive and members
- Ensure that students are treated respectfully, and the Canteen operates in a manner that aligns with the values of the EHPS community.

If you are interested in this position, please forward all resumes to:  
[secretaryehps@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryehps@gmail.com).

Applications close: Monday 26th October



## Community News

*Fun Languages!* 



**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](mailto:nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au)  
[www.lcclubs.com.au](http://www.lcclubs.com.au)



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### Applications open NOW for 2022



#### Key Dates

Application website opens  
13th October 2020

Application website closes  
16th November 2020

**You must apply before this date.**

Test centre and test authority advice  
released 25th February 2021.

Selective High School Placement Test  
11th March 2021

Placement outcome information  
released 2nd July

For any enquiries, call GHS on  
(02) 4325 2048

Virtual tours will be available on the  
GHS website soon.



**Application website:**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>