



NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 WEEK 4: NOVEMBER 2020



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2020

- 11 Remembrance Day
- 11 Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Day : 9:25am
- 13 Athletics Carnival Mingara Years 3-6
- 18 OC Class Placement Test on site at EHPS

December 2020

- 1 Terrigal HS Year 7 2021 Orientation Day
- 7 Year 6 Farewell
- 11 PBL Rewards Day
- 16 Year 6 Graduation Day
- 16 Last Day of School 2020

PAYMENTS DUE

- \$10.50 Stage 3 Katandra
- \$15.00 Athletics Carnival
- \$26.00 Sports in Schools Australia Stage 3
- \$40.00 Voluntary School Contribution



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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Stage 3 Big Day Out

What a fabulous time Stage 3 students and staff had at the Big Day Out at Camp Toukley. Thank you to all of the teaching staff; Miss Faulks, Mrs Richardson, Mr Barron, Ms Bailey and our SLSO's; Corey and Deb for attending and making this such a great day. It was wonderful to see students and staff challenging themselves and facing their fears, especially on the flying fox and the big swing. All students made me so proud, encouraging, supporting and cheering on their peers when nerves and fear took over. I thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors with Stage 3, it was a great day all round.



P&C Meeting

Last Tuesday our P&C executive organised our first virtual P&C Meeting. Thank you to all who attended, it was certainly productive. We look forward to welcoming everyone back face to face when we meet again in Week 9. A big thank you to the P&C for their donation of \$12000 towards educational resources that were purchased earlier in the year and have been supporting the teaching and learning happening in classrooms.



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World Teacher's Day

Last Friday we celebrated World Teacher's Day. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful staff we have at Erina Heights. Their passion, commitment and dedication to providing our students with high quality teaching and learning opportunities as well as a supportive and welcoming environment to learn. Thank you to all of our wonderful community for your kind words and to our P&C who provided a delicious morning tea for staff.



Kindergarten Orientation

This week we had our very first Kindergarten Orientation for 2020. Although this was run differently due to current COVID restrictions, it was a wonderful morning. It was great to meet all of our kindergarten students who will be joining us next year. We were so impressed with the fact that there were no tears; from the students anyway. We enjoyed sharing stories and completing some fun activities before going on a tour of the school. For those who have older siblings at school, this wasn't such a big deal, but for some this was their first time making their way around the school. We look forward to our second visit next week.



School Dojo Notifications

A lot of information regarding school events is sent through School Dojo. This information is sent to every parent who is linked to a Class Dojo account. Please ensure that you have notifications turned on for both your child's Class Dojo as well as School Dojo so that you don't miss important information relating to school events.

Tell Them From Me - Parent Survey

Thank you to the 78 parents who participated in our Tell Them From Me Survey. We are awaiting these reports, but look forward to reviewing your feedback and using this to inform our new school plan. This was a great response and we are very grateful to everyone who took the time to complete this.

thank you

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STAGE 3 BIG DAY OUT

On Friday October 23, Stage 3 had the opportunity to get a taste of what camp was like, as we embarked on a full day of fun and adventure at Camp Toukley. We all had an amazing day, with the Year 5 students participating in bush cooking, flying fox and archery, while the Year 6 students had great fun BMX riding, orienteering and swinging on the giant swing.

The students of Erina Heights Public School demonstrated exemplary behaviour, teamwork and encouragement towards each other, particularly during activities that pushed students (and staff!) past their comfort zones. What a fantastic day! Well done Stage 3!

Stage 3 Teachers



"Don't look down! Don't look down! But then I looked down. I found myself dangling in fear. The sounds of my surroundings echoed through my empty mind.

Little tug, little tug. Big Tug! Then I was falling through the sky with a gut-wrenching scream. It seemed to be that I left my stomach behind. Ground? No, up again! How did I not hit that tree?"

- Giselle B



"Higher and higher. Suspended in my own fear. My heart was beating out of my chest. Almost at the top.

I glanced down. Stupid idea. I could see the whole campground, dotted with squinting, sneering faces.

"3,2,1!" Already? I'm not ready for this. With one small, shaking hand, I held the small rope that would change my life forever.

Tug.....

Down, down and then more down I went. I almost didn't notice how close to the ground I went. Emotions tumbled and rolled in my stomach. Fear, exhilaration, worry and then glee.

I did it!

After fear and shaking subsided, the feeling of gliding flowed through my body. Cheers came from below.

I did it! I had faced my fear. I did it!"

- Carmen M



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STAGE 3 BIG DAY OUT

"Time stood still. I was suspended in my own fear, dreading every second. I felt corn chips and mince churning through my tummy. Then the 'Silly Salman' chapter began. My legs jiggled and my arms held on tight as my body started to freefall.

It was over so quickly, but it felt like eternity. Then I relaxed into the smooth, repetitive swing that slowly lowered me back to the ground. Reality suddenly hit me again, as I heard my team members laughing and cheering, "That was high!"

- Maia A



"I gulped in fear as I was elevated up into the sky by 2 large ropes that were pulled by my teammates. I was putting my life in their hands. When I was finally at full elevation, my instructor gave me the signal. My fear began to overcome me. I wanted to go lower. With little knowledge on how long the freefall was, I knew I was STUCK! I was the first in my group to do this, and I had no idea what to expect. Thankfully, my instructor and teammates encouraged me. TUG! Nothing happened. "Use both hands!", They all shouted. TUG, TUG, CLICK! I was released. I flew."

- Gabriel P



"ZIIIIIPPPPPP! I flew past the tress about 8 metres high from the ground. In the corner of my eye, people were chasing me. This was the Flying Fox.

"Yay!" I screamed in mid-air. The flying fox slowed and I ended up on the awaiting sand. I walked back up to the start a happy kid."

- Harvey B



"Tug, Tug, Tug! Higher and higher, and with each yank, a lurch erupts from my unsettled stomach. Up, Up, Up. Higher again. Air flowed over me, under me, left of me, right of me. Through me. My stomach now at a dizzying – detached from my body it seemed.

Then I pull.

Down, down, down. Horror turned to excitement and then to wonder as the giant swing went up and down."

- Baxton C

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KINDERGARTEN OAKVALE FARM

On Thursday 6th November, Kindergarten braved the wet weather and visited Oakvale Farm. When we arrived, we quickly headed in to have recess while we were introduced to our education guide who showed us through the park.



Our first adventure was on the tractor where all of us were shown around the farm. We saw lots of animals on the tour such as camels, donkeys and lots of kangaroos and wallabies. Did you know that even though Camels are not native to Australia, we have the highest population in the world? The dingoes were a highlight for the students as when the students howled, so did the dingoes! After our tour we went to the farmyard nursery where we visited lots of baby goats and fed them milk with a bottle. Lots of students tried their hand at milking a cow. The goats were very passionate about their milk and chased lots of us around the barn. We visited the reptile show and met lots of creatures such as a python, a bearded dragon and a shingleback lizard. We also got to meet a koala and a joey which the students were able to pat.



After lunch, we went on a self guided tour around the park and that is when the rain really came down. We fed lots of animals like the ducks and the kangaroos. The miniature horses were so keen to be fed, they galloped from their shelter in the rain to be fed by all of us. They were very friendly and fed directly from our hands. The bull was also a favourite for the students as they were able to get up so close and say hello.



Despite the rain, the students were all so excited and grateful that they were asking if we can go on excursions everyday. They definitely enjoyed themselves and were buzzing about it the next day. Mrs Conroy and I are very grateful to our parent helpers who came out on a wild and windy day to help out the teachers. Having parents involved with school activities is something we have definitely missed! Kindergarten will be looking forward to their next excursion, I'm sure.



I liked feeding the sheep- Summer KC
I liked the alligators because they were super cool and dangerous. Chase
I liked milking the cow. It was kind of squishy. Me too!! Lily and Leila
I liked the reptile show the best.- Harrison

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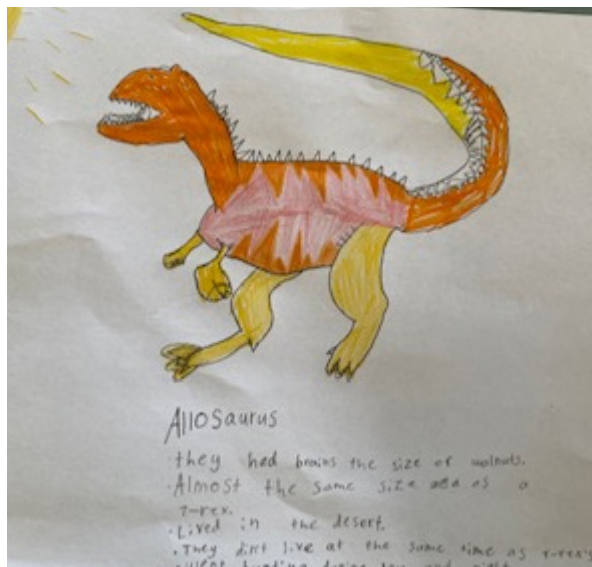
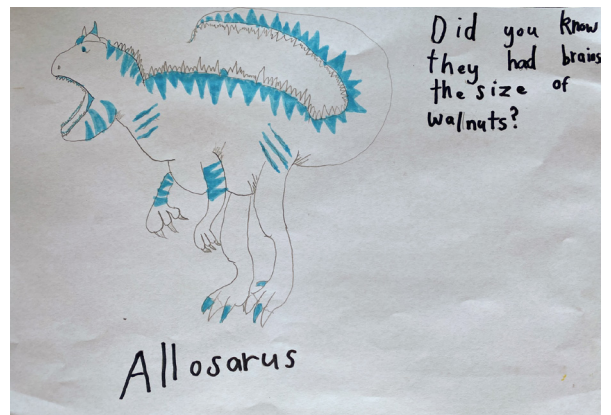
Class Update - S1J

S1J are having a fantastic final term! We have really loved getting stuck into our dinosaur unit, especially because something scary has started to hatch in our room...

We have been learning all about dinosaurs by researching online and in books, as well as consulting our top dinosaur experts, Max and Charlotte! Here are some interesting facts written in some of our information reports:

- People thought that the Brontosaurus didn't exist because it was mixed up with another dinosaur with similar bones. – Rachel
- The Tyrannosaurus Rex is taller than a double decker bus! – Annabella
- Brontosaurus lived in North America 163 million years ago. They were 22 metres tall and had an extremely long neck. – Kaden
- The Tyrannosaurus Rex is a carnivore which means it only eats meat. It has sharp teeth to eat this meat but herbivores have small blunt teeth to munch leaves. – Charlotte
- [The T-Rex] was a carnivore and sometimes when eating, their teeth would fall out for sharper teeth. – Tahli
- Brontosaurus means Thunder Lizard! It's called that because when it walks it shakes the ground. Guess how many leaves and plants it ate each day... 45kg!!! – Milly
- Scientists believe that some dinosaurs had feathers. – Max

Miss Bradbury



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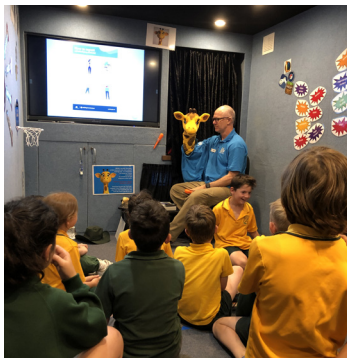
Class Update - S1/2D

We have had a fantastic start to Term 4 in S1/2D.

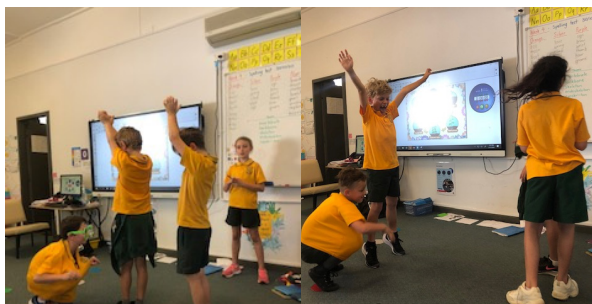
Year 3 visited Rumbalara as part of our Science study of Living Worlds. Students enjoyed a bushwalk while keeping an eye out for different animal species in our local environment. A highlight was the "Bug Hunt" where we had to search for bugs and classify them according to their features.



In the same week, we were entertained (and educated) by our friend, Healthy Harold. Year 2 participated in a program about growing good friends while Year 3 learnt all about being cyberwise.



In our Science study of living things, we have learnt about pollination and investigated the lifecycle of flowering plants. We showed our understanding of this through drama, where in groups, we created a performance to explain the lifecycle of flowering plants.



We are keeping active in S1/2D. While our Year 3s have been attending SiSA, Year 2 students have enjoyed P.E. lessons focusing on fundamental movement skills and teamwork. We are also participating in the Australian Cricket's Mascot Challenge. This is a 4-week challenge with a focus on developing throwing, catching and bouncing skills in a fun and inclusive manner. The recent rainy weather hasn't stopped us from being active. Students have loved doing workouts indoors using the online resource, Go Noodle.



As Halloween approached, there were many students expressing their excitement about the day, so out came the craft materials! Students transformed their handprints into all sorts of imaginative characters and enjoyed the challenge of making a paper jack-o-lantern.



This week, we have been reading "Emu" by Claire Saxby. We have learnt so many interesting things about emus. Students did a fantastic job at drawing and creating their own colourful emus.

We have had a lot of fun together over the past four weeks.

Mrs Diggins

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LIFE EDUCATION

We were very lucky to have Healthy Harold drop into Erina Heights for a visit and teach our students. Harold made quite an impression on the Kindergarten and Year 1 students who met him for the first time. Each stage engaged in different modules related to the PDHPE syllabus.

Kindergarten- Harold's Friendship

Stage 1- Growing Good Friends

Stage 2- Bcyberwise

Stage 3- Relate, Respect, Connect

Two of our wonderful Stage 3 students asked for feedback from their peers on their visit to the Life Education van and these were their responses;

Kindergarten

Logan – Healthy Harold bit Chris on the nose. He was so funny.

Dorothy – We explored the heart. I learnt that the heart pumps blood around our body.

Gus – I loved when the lights were turned off and you could see the stars on the roof. It was relaxing.

Stage 1

Jillian – Harold kept trying to steal the carrot.

Jude – Harold was funny, he made me laugh but I also learnt things.

Aaliyah – Healthy Harold told me that I should eat healthy food.

Stage 2

Logan – I learnt that we shouldn't call people bad names.

Ruby – Harold wouldn't stop dancing, he was so funny.

Isla – I learnt that it is very important for our safety not to share private information or details with anyone on devices.

Stage 3

Immy – I loved Harold's Yr 6 farewell slide. I learnt that from the age of 10 that you are responsible for photos on your phone.

Caragh – I enjoyed the discussions that we had. They really made you think.

Daisy – The interactive activities were heaps of fun and the discussions around the scenarios Chris gave us were really interesting.

Brayden – Harold told us that smoking is bad for us, it damages our lungs.

Chris and Michelle both commented on the wonderful behaviour of our students and their thoughtful contributions to discussions held. Well done Erina Heights!



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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.

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 the athletics carnival.

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

CREATIVE KIDS

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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):
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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GOSFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Consider public education at the No.1 High School on the Central Coast.

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>

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