



# NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4 WEEK 4: NOVEMBER 2020



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### December 2020

1	Terrigal HS Year 7 2021 Orientation Day
7	Year 6 Farewell
10	Years K-4 Presentation Assemblies
11	PBL Rewards Day
16	Years 5 and 6 Presentation Assembly
16	Year 6 Graduation Day
16	Last Day of School 2020

### PAYMENTS DUE

\$26.00	Sports in Schools Australia Stage 3
\$40.00	Voluntary School Contribution



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# PRINCIPAL REPORT

## Kindy Orientation

I had a wonderful time meeting all of our kindergarten students who will be joining us in 2021. We had two very successful sessions which saw students engaging in a variety of activities that will form part of their daily Kindergarten routine. There was also a visit to the canteen and a tour of the school which was all very exciting.

They were such a great group of children who all showed they are very much ready to start Kindergarten. We look forward to welcoming them all back next year.



## Athletics Carnival

It was such a great day to be out enjoying the sunshine and seeing students participating in sporting events - something that we haven't been able to enjoy a lot of this year.

It was fabulous to see students supporting and encouraging each other, and showing such great sportsmanship. It was a very hot day and we were very grateful to all of our staff and helpers for their dedication in running events throughout the day.

Thank you to our families for understanding that we were unable to have parents attend this event. We did get lots of photos of the day, and these photos showcase what a great day it was for all.

## Katandra Excursion

All Stage 3 have now enjoyed a visit to Katandra Reserve. Some enjoyed the sights in the rain, meaning they were able to get up close and personal with many leeches, while others enjoyed the experience in the sunshine. It was a great opportunity for students to engage in real life experiences that connect to their classroom learning.



## Presentation Day and Graduation Ceremony

Presentation Day will be held on Thursday 10th December for students in Kindergarten – Year 4. Unfortunately, this event will only be for students and staff, as parents are not able to attend.

Separate sessions will be run for each stage group throughout the day starting with Kindergarten, Stage 1 and concluding with Stage 2.

Stage 3 Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday December 16 followed by the Year 6 Graduation ceremony.

Photos will be taken of all award recipients and will be shared with their parents via a PowerPoint presentation.

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# CLASS UPDATE S2L

S2L are having a wonderful end to the year! They have been learning all about 'Living Things' and developing their understanding of how all facets of the environment impact on each other.

We have also been fine-tuning our informative writing when learning about plants and animals. As authors we are going great guns and beginning to write quality pieces. Check out some of our opening statements:

## **Sunny**

Did you know that eels have really minuscule eyes? This is because they enhance eyes and they can see all around them. Talking about this interesting fish, eels have two layers of teeth, fascinating isn't it! I hope you use these awesome facts for school, if you get close up to this fishy.

## **Lily**

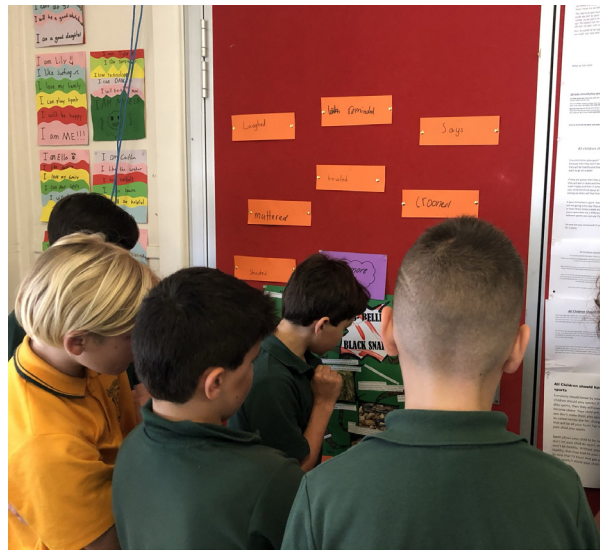
These domesticated canines have special skills to protect their owners. They are strong when it comes to predators and fierce but people think they are dangerous because they are just trying to protect their family. Once you earn their trust they are a loveable animal.

## **Caitlin**

Did you know that the meerkat only lives in the hot, continent of Africa? This means they are endangered animals this animal is very strange indeed, it stands on its hind legs, which would be very tiring, and walks on one paw at a time. Imagine that! It would be very lopsided. You have to read this report because you might catch a glimpse of one in Africa.

S2L thoroughly enjoyed getting sporty and participating in the Athletics Carnival last week after practising their skills in PE throughout the term.

Miss Baldock



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# NAIDOC WEEK



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**

**8-15 NOV 2020**

## Always Was Always Will Be

To celebrate our Indigenous heritage during NAIDOC week, we were very lucky to have a local Aboriginal man, Tim Selwyn from Girri Girra come to our school. Students engaged in many cultural activities throughout the day. To begin with, Tim acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land and welcomed us with a song about respect and the importance of listening which was carried throughout the day. Tim then shared some local dreamtime stories, songs and dances and Aboriginal artifacts with each stage. Students also engaged in many other activities including Indigenous games, artworks and stories in their own classrooms. Students are to be commended for their enthusiasm and positive behaviour on the day. Thank you to the teachers for organising some amazing activities to celebrate NAIDOC week.

Mrs Hillman



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Stage 1 Reptile Park Incursion

On Friday 6th November, Stage 1 had a special visit from The Reptile Park. The students and the teachers had a great time with hands-on experiences with all the reptiles and learning interesting facts about them. A special thank you to Kane and Alex for allowing us such a 'close up and personal' experience with these beautiful (and scary) reptiles. It was great to see students and teachers stepping out of their comfort zones and interacting with the amazing reptiles.

The Stage 1 Teachers



On Friday November 6, some of our Stage 3 students competed at a Tuggerah Lakes Touch Football Gala Day with 11 other local public schools. Both teams did a great job at representing our school, showing amazing teamwork and sportsmanship.

The boys team played exceptionally in two very close games and the girls team came away undefeated with a 6-0 win in the finals!

Overall, it was a fantastic day and the students loved being able to compete in inter-school sport again.

Mrs Richardson



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## STAGE 3 KATANDRA EXCURSION

Year 5 had a fabulous time at Katandra on Wednesday. We were excited to see many animals in their natural habitat including lizards, leeches, bush turkeys and the occasional wallaby.

Year 5 investigated the key features of rainforests and learned about the different adaptations plants make to allow them to thrive in this environment. We were fascinated to find out just how much of the Central Coast was once a rainforest. Year 5 had a great time using a variety of tools and iPads to record their observations about different parts of the rainforest.

Miss Faulks



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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](mailto:nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au)  
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# STUDENT PERMISSIONS FORM



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PUBLIC SCHOOL

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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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