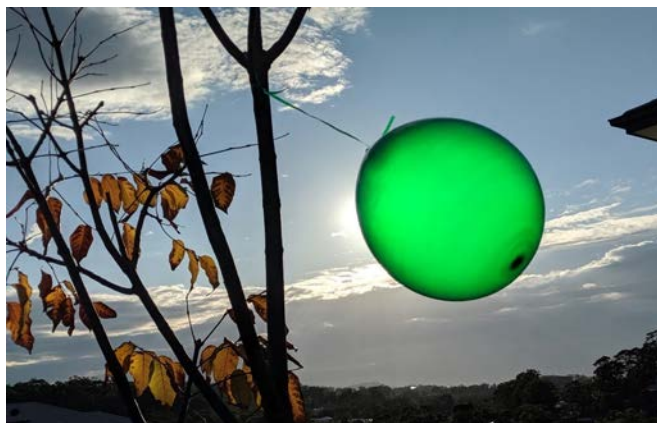




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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### June 2020

8 Queens Birthday Public Holiday

### July 2020

3 Last Day of School for Term 2

20 Staff Development Day

21 First Day of School Term 3

### PAYMENTS DUE

\$36.00 Year 6 Hoodies

\$50.00 Deposit for Stage 3 Camp

\$302.00 Stage 3 Camp

\$38.00 K-2 Education Pack

\$35.00 3-6 Education Pack

\$40.00 Voluntary School Contribution

### REMINDER

If you borrowed a school laptop during Isolation can you please return this to the school office.

## A NOTE FROM THE P&C

### Entertainment Book Purchases 2019 / 2020

For anyone who purchased the Entertainment Book or digital membership last year and has been unable to use it over the last couple of months due to the recent restrictions, please feel free to contact Entertainment Book to see if you may be granted an extension as your membership would now have expired.

Please email [mail@entertainmentbook.com.au](mailto:mail@entertainmentbook.com.au) with your registered email address

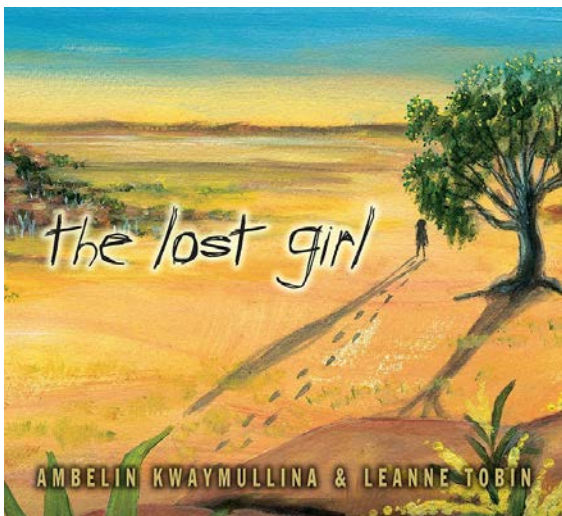
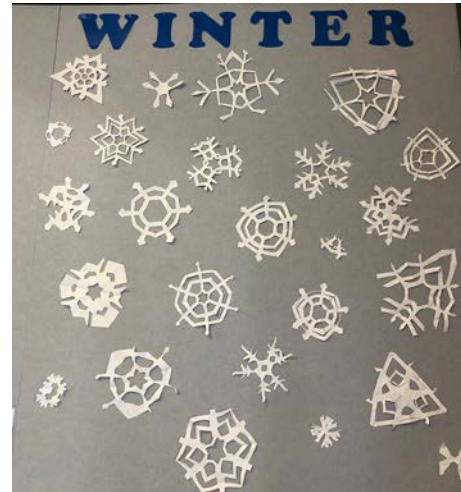
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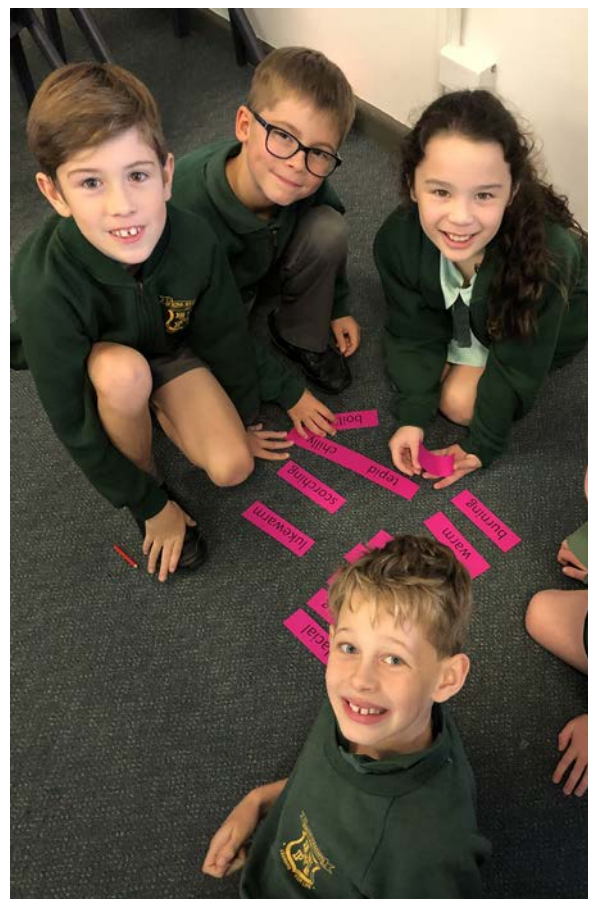
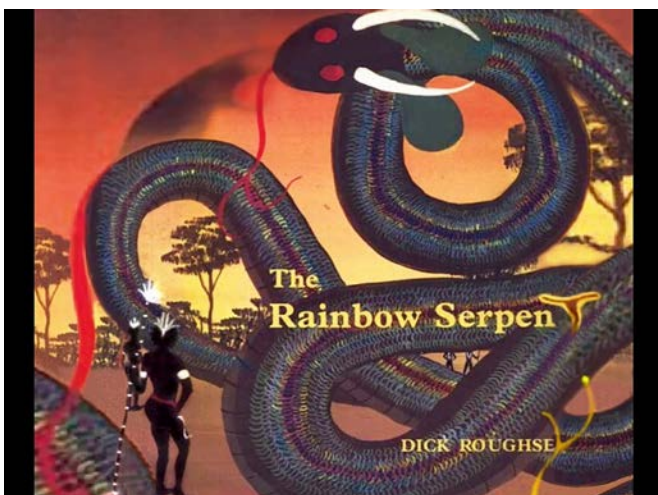
## S1/2D

S1/2D have celebrated National Reconciliation Week by discussing our Aboriginal history and reading Aboriginal picture books. We learnt about Aboriginal connection to the land by reading texts such as *The Lost Girl* and *The Rainbow Serpent*. We then created our own rainbow serpents.

To mark the beginning of winter, we talked about what we liked about each of the seasons. We enjoyed making snowflakes by folding and cutting paper. Many of our snowflakes didn't turn out as we had planned, but we soon realised that they still looked just as beautiful.



Since returning to our classroom, we have had a strong focus on building our vocabulary. We have been reading and talking about words every day and it has been fun to start using some interesting words that we've never heard before.





# Celebrating Awesome

On Monday 1 June, Erina Heights Public School came together to reflect on and celebrate awesome.

It was inspiring to witness the show of solidarity and support for our celebration, and feel the buzz in the air around our school. Being able to walk, ride and drive through our neighbourhoods and see our 'sea of green' made so many of us smile and brought joy to the day. The day reminded me again how very proud I am to be part of a strong, vibrant community.

Thank you to everyone who celebrated awesome with us!

**A special thanks to Mink Hair and Skin who collected our balloons to be recycled.** Mink Hair and Skin are a Sustainable Salon and recycle 95% of their waste and are able to help people in need. The balloons will go into the 'plastic bin' to be sent to be cleaned and made into outdoor furniture, landscape supplies and new product packaging, keeping it in circulation and out of our oceans. Thanks so much Raqueal and Mink Hair and Skin  
Ms Baldock





## Celebrating Awesome





# Student Permissions Form



ERINA HEIGHTS  
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):
<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.		

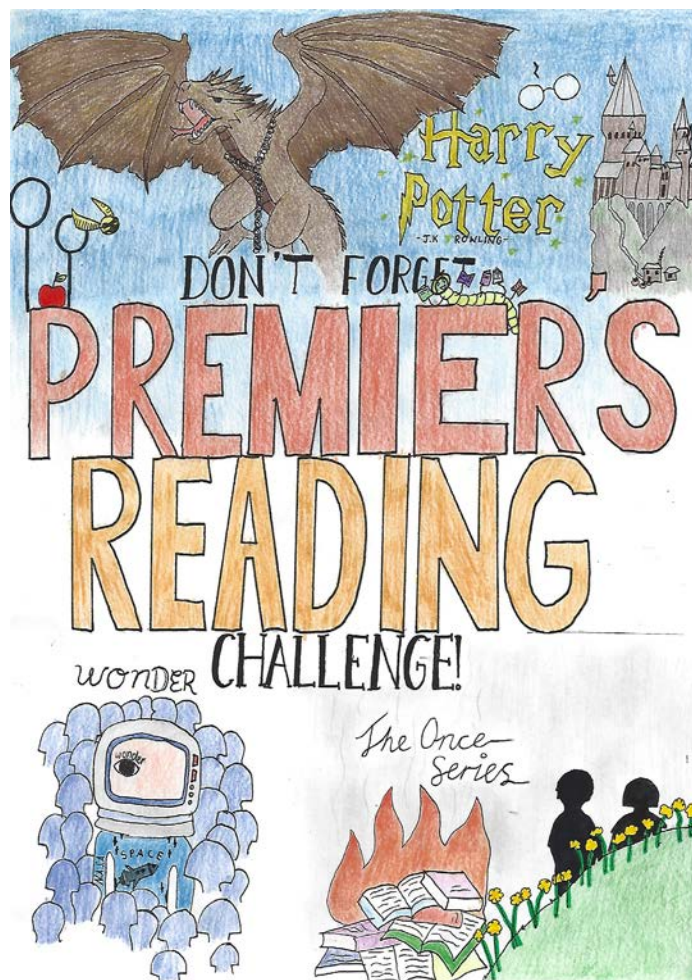
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Principal: Mrs. Natalie MacDonald

## Premiers Reading Challenge



### 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.



## 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 |
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|  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.

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### Story Box Library

Story Box Library is a great resource for all children to access a range of quality texts and stories. Many of these are read aloud by celebrities and well known Australians, they also have lots of great follow up resources and activities to complete once a text has been read. You can gain free access to this resource if you are a member of any Central Coast Library by simply entering your Library account details. We would encourage you to take advantage of this. [storyboxlibrary.com.au](http://storyboxlibrary.com.au)





## ***DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS DEAF OR HAS HEARING LOSS?***

***NSW Department of Education provides FREE  
support for children from time of diagnosis  
(including babies) through to primary and  
secondary schooling.***

### ***Want to know more?***

***Contact an Assistant Principal Hearing to see if  
your child meets criteria for this service.***



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***Assistant  
Principal  
Hearing can be  
contacted at***

***Ourimbah Public  
School***

***02 4362 1033***

***Or***

***Wyong Public  
School***

***02 4352 2077***

# Opportunity Class Year 5 2021

## Changes to the opportunity class placement process for 2020 Year 4 students

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We now have a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible.

The changes include:

- A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between 9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- A new test date- Wednesday 16 September 2020.

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores.

There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

For further detailed information I encourage you to visit (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>)

### Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes can provide intellectual stimulation by grouping together high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be isolated from a suitable peer group. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

#### **New for 2021 entry**

A Year 5 virtual opportunity class has been established at Aurora College for students in rural and remote NSW. Further information is available at <http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

#### **Testing and assessment**

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 16 September 2020**.

#### **How to apply**

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2021, you need to apply between **Tuesday 9 June 2020** and **Friday 26 June 2020**. You will need to access the online application at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. You must **not** use the child's email address.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the High Performing Students Team for assistance after **9 June 2020**. Contact details can be found on the web site shown below.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

**Important – the school cannot apply on your behalf.**

Yours sincerely

Principal

**THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS**

**You will need to register and then apply through the Department's website:**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below by next Friday.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for opportunity class placement in 2021.....Yes ☐ No ☐

**If Yes**

I have internet access and will be applying online ..... ☐

**OR**

I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application.... ☐

I understand that I need to register and then apply through the Department's website.

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Opportunity Class Year 5 2021

NSW Department of Education

## Changes to the opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry in 2021

### Information for parents/carers and students

The department is committed to the continued education of all students across NSW, including advanced learning programs for high potential and gifted students.

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We have now rescheduled and streamlined the application process. Please note the details of the changes below and assist parents and carers to understand these changes.

#### Why have changes been made to the 2020 opportunity class placement process?

Due to the shorter time frame available for the OC placement process, changes have been made to the process for this year. The department is committed to supporting the continuity of learning and transitions for each child, and the revised application and placement process will ensure students are placed in 2021 Year 5 opportunity classes as soon as possible.

#### What changes have been made?

The 2020 opportunity class placement process has been revised to accommodate the shorter timeline due to the postponement of the test.

To ensure the fair and consistent assessment of students across all schools and regions of NSW, this year students will be placed on test results only. Taking this approach reduces the effect of the disrupted start to the school year, which could compromise school assessment scores, and ensures that all students are placed using the same test performed under the same conditions. The test is created by an independent educational assessment provider and measures academic ability, not achievement, giving a reliable method for identifying highly gifted applicants which is not subject to the variable classroom conditions experienced this year.



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# Opportunity Class Year 5 2021



## What are the key dates I should be aware of?

The revised dates are listed below. Parents are advised to review the new dates carefully and ensure an application is submitted by the closing date for their child to be eligible to sit the placement test as, owing to the shorter timeline, late applications will not be accepted.

Action	Date
Applications open	9 June 2020
Applications close	26 June 2020
Opportunity Class Placement Test date	16 September 2020
Parents and schools advised of placement outcome information	From 1 December 2020
Parents accept or decline first round placement	By 15 December 2020
Principals arrange orientation day for successful candidates	December 2020
Reserve places offered	From mid-December 2020
Authority to attend an opportunity class letter sent to parents	Late January 2021
Successful candidates enrol in Year 5 at a school with an opportunity class	Late January 2021

A visual timeline showing the key dates is printed on the next page.

## Further information

Visit the department's website

**Opportunity classes** – Year 5 updates available on the website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/updates>

**Opportunity classes** – key dates on the website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/general-information>

Parents are encouraged to speak to the principal of their child's primary school for further information about the changes made to the opportunity class placement process this year.

## Contact

For further information or assistance contact:

**High Performing Students Team**

[ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)

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Follow us on Facebook for updates on the current and opportunity class placement process.

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# Opportunity Class Year 5 2021

## 2020 Opportunity class placement process - key dates

