



NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 4 : OCTOBER 2021



Happy, Healthy, Successful, Lifelong Learners



PRINCIPAL REPORT

World Teachers' Day

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank all of the wonderful teaching staff at Erina Heights. Daily I am inspired by the dedication, passion and heart that teachers show in their teaching and learning and also in the relationships they build with students and families. These qualities have been highlighted throughout Learning from Home where teachers had to step outside their comfort zone, learn new things and adapt to a rapidly changing climate. They did this without hesitation, because they knew it was best for their students. Teachers remained positive and optimistic, turning up in Zoom meetings every day with a smile on their face and something great planned for their class.

As I visited classrooms today, students were very quick to tell me of all the great things they love about their teacher and the different things their teacher does to make them feel valued and cared for. I feel very grateful to work with such a strong, passionate and committed team of staff.

Happy World Teachers' Day!



Welcome Back

This week has been one of positivity, excitement and celebration. Welcoming all of our students back on Monday and seeing their big smiles and their excitement to see friends and teachers after such a long time. It was such a great feeling to visit classrooms and to hear the laughter and chatter in the playground. It felt like our school came back to life this week and we couldn't be happier. It has also been great to see parents again at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Thank you for your smiles, greetings and overall positivity, we are all very grateful. These small gestures all showcase the wonderful community we have at Erina Heights.

Restrictions

Thank you for all of your understanding in following our current Level 3 plus restrictions, including your cooperation with our staggered afternoon pick-up.

We are still unable to have parents on site, so please ensure you phone the school for any late arrivals or early pick up of students as required.

School Photos

We are very excited to have secured a date for school photos. This will be Wednesday 17th November. There will be no group photos, but individual students' photos will be used to create class photos for each class.

Kindergarten 2021

It was great to meet virtually with most of our families who have a kindergarten child starting at Erina Heights next year. We look forward to welcoming lots of new faces and many new families to our community.

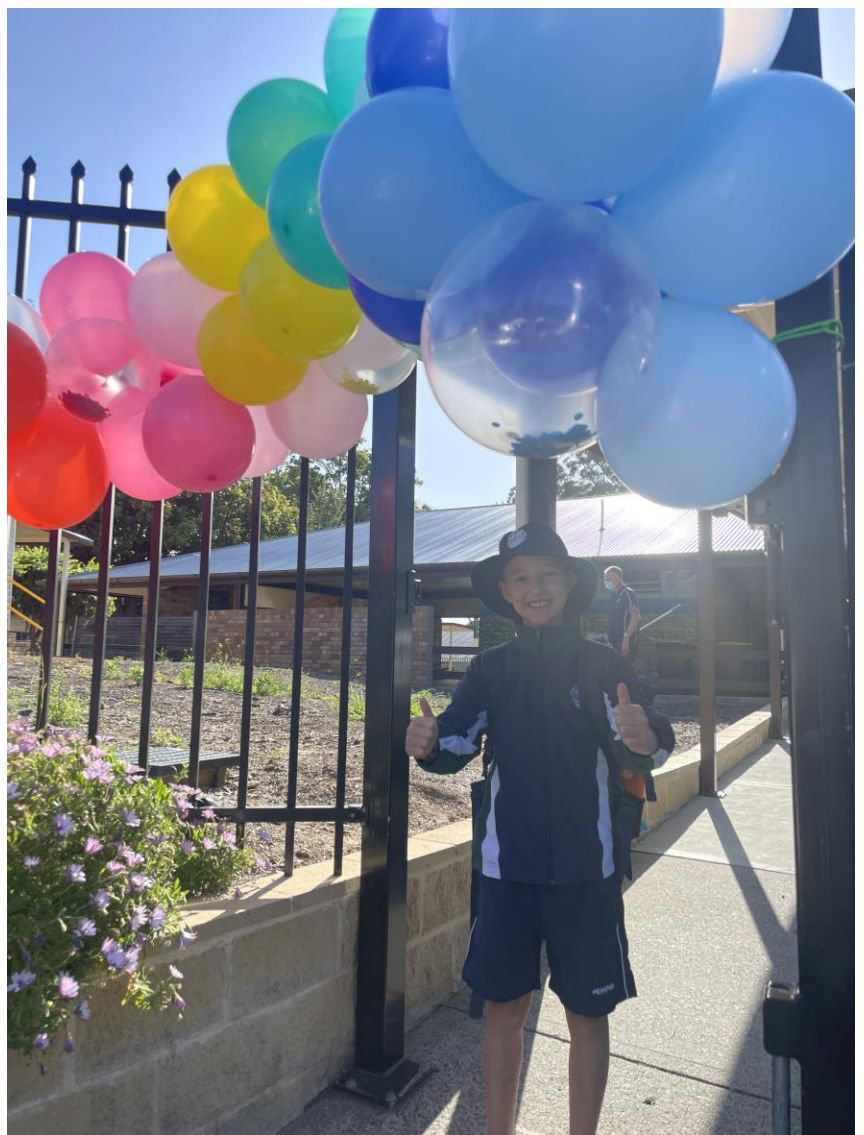
Moving in 2022

Can you please notify the school if your child/ren will be changing schools for 2022.

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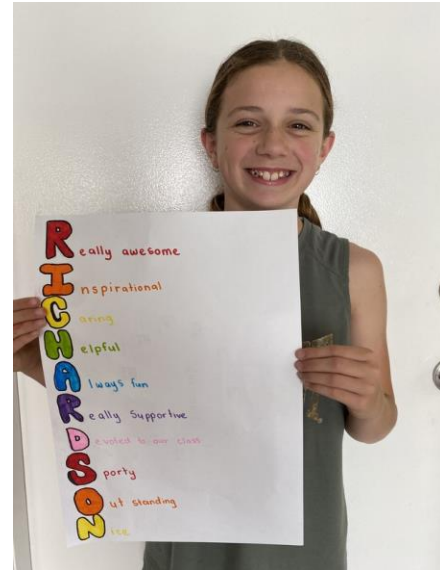
To all
our wonderful
teachers,
Happy World
Teachers Day!



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SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



High Performing Students Team

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in **2023** Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2023?

You must apply online at:

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



Key Dates

Application website opens:
19 October 2021

Application website closes:
17 November 2021
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:
24 February 2022

Selective High School placement test:
10 March 2022

Placement outcome expected to be released:
8 July 2022

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There may be changes to the procedures in this document.

Check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to change details and send and receive messages.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education

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Telephone: 1300 880 367

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



ERINA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten 2022



We very much look forward to welcoming our 2022 kindergarten students, however, we are unable to confirm Kindergarten Orientation session dates at this stage.

Updated information will be provided via the Kindergarten 2022 ClassDojo group. Parents can also access information from the Kindergarten 2022 website and school website using the QR codes below.



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Please access an online enrolment form from the school website or call the school on 4367 7608 if you have any questions.



Kindergarten 2022 website



Erina Heights Public School website

School Band

Did you know? Our school has a School Band Program! 🎵🎸

Students did a fantastic job advancing their music skills via online learning in Term 3. 📺

We are incredibly proud of their achievements ❤️ and wanted to share their online learning project video in celebration of their hard work: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xDTPCbIkT4>



Well done 👍 to everyone who participated and thank you 🙏 to the Central Coast Conservatorium teachers for making music so much fun! 😁👉

SCHOOL TRAVEL FOR 2022

2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021, the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).