

TERM 4 WEEK 8 : NOVEMBER 2021



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# PRINCIPAL REPORT

**The start dates for Term 1, 2022 are:**

**Staff Return** - Friday 28 January 2022

**Primary students Years 1-6 return** - Tuesday 1 February 2022.

*This will be our school swimming carnival for students in Years 3-6 plus 8-year-old competitors from Year 2.*

**Kindergarten start** – Monday 7th February

## **Staff Development Day Dates for 2022**

- Term 1= Two Staff Development Days - 28/1 and 31/1
- Term 2= One Staff Development Day – 26/4
- Term 3= One Staff Development Day – 18/7
- Term 4= One Staff Development Day – 20/12

## **Reports**

Just a reminder that due to COVID and Learning from Home, Semester Two reports will be presented in a modified form. Parents will be provided with information about what their child can do as well as what their child is learning to do in English and mathematics. There will also be a general comment. Reports will be sent home on Friday of Week 10 – December 10.

## **Presentation Day – Please note changes to visitors on site**

As communicated unfortunately we are unable to have parents on site for the Presentation Day Assemblies. These ceremonies will be recorded and shared with the families of award recipients.

## **Kindergarten Orientation**

It was wonderful to welcome all our 2022 Kindergarten students to an on-site orientation visit. Whilst the Zoom lessons each week have been a huge success, they did not compare to the excitement of having students visit in person. There were lots of happy faces as students connected with each other and met some of our great staff. We can't wait to welcome them all back next year as they embark on the first year of their educational journey at Erina Heights.



## **Administration Upgrade**

A reminder to parents that our Administration upgrade begins next Friday. Temporary fencing will be installed and the entry to the school will be moved to the backfield gates. Kiss and drop and Kiss and Go will continue to operate as it currently is under teacher supervision. Further communication will be sent out next week



# CULTURAL NEWS

## Reconciliation Challenge Finalists

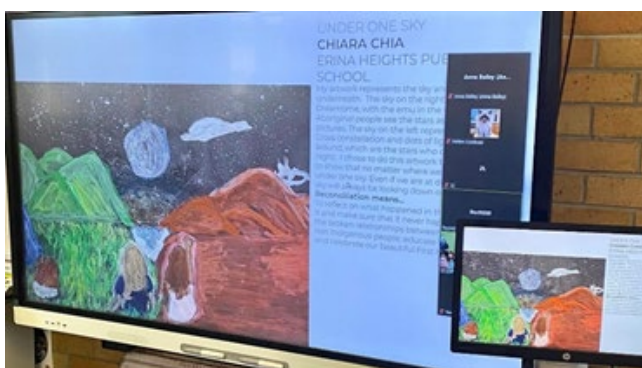
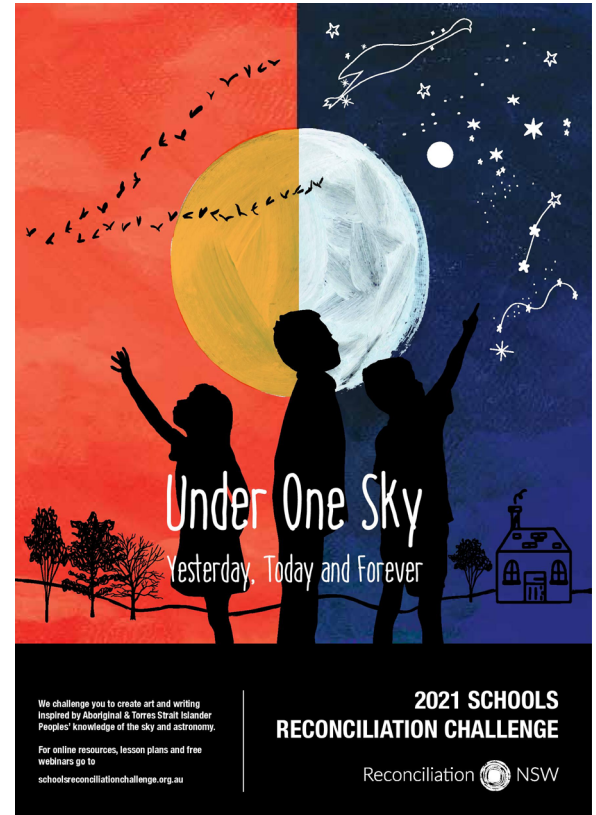
Our two finalists in the NSW Reconciliation Challenge, Chiara and Emily were invited to attend the online awards ceremony on Tuesday 23 November.

They got to see all the finalists who created entries for this years Under One Sky Yesterday, Today and Forever, the Schools Reconciliation Challenge theme. There were also some very special guests including **Uncle Bruce Pascoe** (Bunurong, Yuin, Tasmanian) who read from his book, **Young Dark Emu**.

The girls received their individual prize packs as well as an amazing prize pack for the school which included some books for the library, a 12 month subscription to Wingaru Kids and some educational posters.

Congratulations again girls. We are very proud of your efforts.

Mrs Hillman





# KINDERGARTEN 2022 ORIENTATION

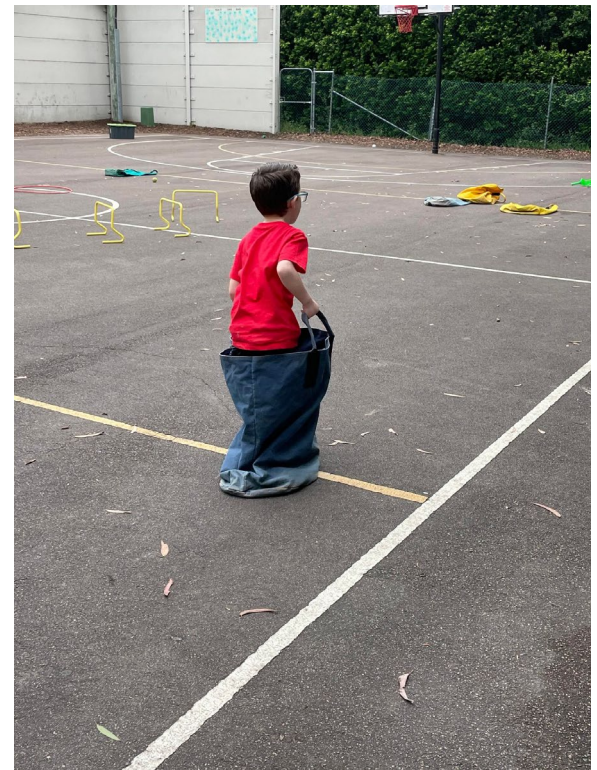
It was such a great experience being able to see our 2022 Kinders at school this week.

Mrs. Tibbutt, Mrs. Grantham and I loved being able to see and meet the kids on our zooms over the past few weeks, but there is nothing like being able to hang out and see their smiling faces in person.

The students were able to have a tour around the school, listen to a story, participate in some fun learning activities, and start forming some bonds with each other. They were on their best behavior and hopefully they enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed having them here.

Thank you for your patience and understanding through this Orientation period. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Mr Barnes





# CLASSROOM NEWS

## KG

KG have had a very busy and full of fun fortnight.

In English we have been reading 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'What the Ladybird Heard Next'. KG found this so entertaining as they predicted what might happen next to the thieves who tried to steal the fine prize cow and the hen. We put our 'writing wizard hats' on and wrote our predictions. Some students surprised me by writing 3 sentences!

In mathematics we have focused on place value and time. The favourite lessons seemed to be 'Race to 100' using MAB blocks (some students even experimenting with four-digit numbers!) and playing with mini clocks where students made the analogue time and matched it to the digital time. All students have become experts at telling the time on the hour.

During news we used different musical instruments to make a tune and the class had to repeat it. This was a huge success. I had music in my ears all night long!

During sport, we combined with KT and had two rotations. One group practised bumper hockey skills while the other had mini games of Bumper Hockey. This was super fun and had lots of Kinders laughing (and sweating)!

KT and KG combined again to experiment with Robotics. We had Blu-Bots spelling our names and dash-bots following our instructions. Some students even taught me a thing or two!

What an exciting fortnight we have had.

Mrs Grantham





# CLASSROOM NEWS

KT

Wow! It's hard to believe that the awesome KT students are close to graduating into Year 1.

Boy, have they been busy since our return to school. From celebrating their official 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with a Teddy Bears Picnic, learning about Child Safety and Diabetes, recognising our brave heroes on Remembrance Day, to playing with Blu-Bots in the library.

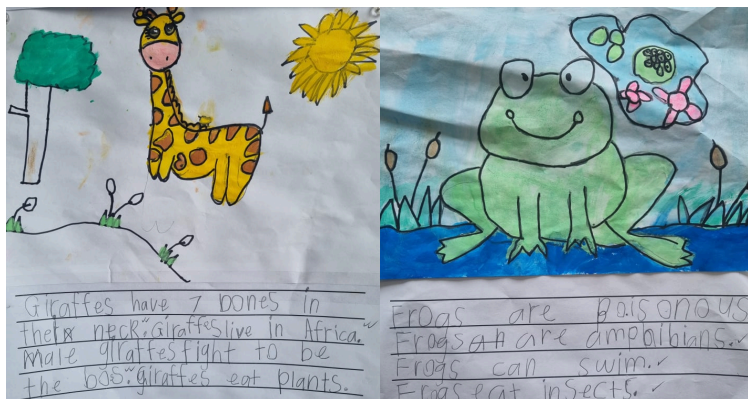
KT have been enjoying reading quality texts such as 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird', 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and 'Edward the Emu'. The rich conversations that generate from discussing the author's purpose, highlights just how wise they are. Wise beyond their years!

KT are learning to write informative texts. They have loved sharing and broadening their knowledge about frogs, ladybirds and giraffes. Look at their creative, colourful artworks that accompanies their writing. What amazing artists they are!

After 100 days at school with Mrs Tibbutt, some of the poor KT students have started looking 100 years old! As part of our '100 Days of School' celebration, the children were invited to dress up as an old person. Squeals of laughter filled the air as they helped one another choose what to wear. Who ever knew a walking stick could provide such entertainment.

I would like to thank KT for a fantastic year. What a beautiful group of children to have on my first year back on Kindy. They have inspired me each day, made me laugh out loud daily and are a class that I will hold in my heart for years to come.

Mrs Tibbutt



# SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

## School Visitor Check-in

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!

Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW [COVID-19 mandate.External link](#)

Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short [parent videoExternal link](#) to see how it works for parents or our [contractor videoExternal link](#).

### Who can use School Visitor check-in

Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.



### Canteen News

The Canteen needs your help.

Did you know, that Fridays are our busiest days, often with over 140 orders!

The canteen is looking for volunteers to help every Friday, for only 3 hours, from 10am- 1pm. Children love seeing Mum or Dad, or Grandma or Grandpa during the school day, and with only 5 Fridays left until the end of term, now is your chance!

Every volunteer will go into the monthly draw to win a \$5 voucher for your child to use at the canteen. Please email [ehpscanteen123@gmail.com](mailto:ehpscanteen123@gmail.com) with your availability or contact the office directly.



## Book Fair

Our annual Erina Heights Public School Book Fair will run from Monday 29 November to Friday 3 December. In light of the current COVID restrictions, the Book Fair will be different this year as parents are unable to be on-site.

Students will be allocated time throughout the week to view the books and complete a wish list to take home. If you would like to purchase a book/s, this can be done online. The receipt number must be written on the back of the Wishlist form and returned to their classroom teacher. Should you wish to make a cash purchase, the Wishlist and the exact amount of cash must be in a sealed envelope. This must be marked with your child's name, class and the total amount of money enclosed. Photographs of the books will be able to be viewed on our school Facebook page and via Class Dojo to assist with purchases.

Please see below for the link to the Book Fair Parent Payments page:

<https://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/BookFairs>

Thank you for supporting our school and encouraging reading.

Mrs Schofield



# BOOK FAIR

SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs

## You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR** Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!



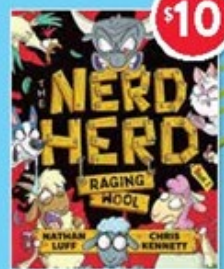
**\$12**

**PIG THE MONSTER**  
It's Halloween and Pig is pulling out all the tricks for maximum treats!  
100095590 | PICTURE BOOK |  
AGES 3+



**\$12**

**MACCA THE BACKPACKER**  
Macca has big dreams of conquering mountains, can he dig deep when it gets tough?  
100093627 | PICTURE BOOK |  
AGES 3+



**\$10**

**RAGING WOOL**  
Can Barney and his gang get an angry bull back in his pen or will it be a huge mistake?  
100094232 | CHAPTER BOOK |  
AGES 7+



**\$10**

**PARIS TAKES OVER THE WORLD**  
Paris travels the world making new friends!  
100093592 | CHAPTER BOOK |  
AGES 7+



**\$13**

**MOTHERING HEIGHTS**  
Dog Man and Petey face their biggest challenges yet with new villains arriving in town.  
100090577 | GRAPHIC NOVEL |  
AGES 7+



**\$12**

**HAM HELSING: VAMPIRE HUNTER**  
Ham is a gentle pig who enjoys poetry, but his family insist he become a vampire hunter like them!  
100095606 | GRAPHIC NOVEL |  
AGES 8+



**\$12**

**SKIN DEEP**  
Can Scarlett find her true self after the accident that permanently scarred her?  
100096141 | NOVEL |  
AGES 11+



**\$17**

**RED DRAGON DIARY**  
This diary has a soaly texture and includes a lock and two keys.  
100096567 | JOURNAL |  
AGES 8+

**EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**

Find these books and hundreds more at the fair!

 **SCHOLASTIC**







# COMMUNICATION



## Enrolling now for term 1 2022

We offer **60 minute classes** for 5 to 12 year olds.  
Children learn through a combination of **FUN Activities**, music, games, craft and drama. They rapidly acquire enough knowledge and confidence to enjoy using the language for communication and expression.

Unique online resources for members  
Experienced & enthusiastic native teachers



### Language Club @ Erina Heights PS

**Mandarin Club : Monday 3.15pm-4.15pm**

**Spanish Club : Tuesday 3.15pm-4.15pm**

**French Club : Wednesday 8am-8.50am**



To receive an Information Pack  
Call Alex 0421 473 202

or email: alexandra.vergereau-ducarme@lcclubs.com.au  
www.lcclubs.com.au



### 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=7xDTPCblkT4>



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](https://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](#).