

NEWSLETTER



















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PRINCIPAL REPORT



It has been a great few weeks having some normality back across the school. The playground is a hive of activity and classrooms have been very productive. We have had some new additions join our wildlife family with some new baby water dragons, 10 baby ducklings who have been seen wandering the school and the eggs in our magnolia trees hatched, so we now have 2 baby birds in the nest. An added feature of Erina Heights is the beautiful surroundings and wildlife that make our community their home.





It has been a highlight having students visit my office and showcase some of the great work they have been completing in classrooms and also some wonderful projects that were completed during Learning from Home.

Exciting school upgrades

We are very excited for our Administration upgrade, and in the coming weeks we will see works get underway. Last year we were successful in gaining significant funding under the Regional Renewal Program that has allowed these works to be undertaken. This will mean some changes to the front entry to the school, and information regarding alternative entry and exit points will be communicated closer to works commencing.

Our K-2 Playground works will also start over the Christmas period. This project has recently gone out to tender and once awarded we will work closely with the successful company to start work as soon as possible. This will see the installation of playground equipment and the creation of a beautiful play space for students.

Last year our P&C were successful in gaining a \$30,000 Community Building Partnership Grant from Adam Crouch, and this will be used towards the funding for this project.

Moving schools in 2022

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



PRINCIPAL REPORT

Afternoon Kiss and Go

Thank you for your cooperation in following the staggered afternoon pick up arrangements. We have had a number of afternoons where traffic is starting to bank up around the corner onto Central Coast Highway before 2:20pm. This causes added congestion and safety concerns and we recently had a small accident occur due to this. Can I please ask that parents follow the staggered timetable and be aware of the dangers that can be caused when the traffic line extends beyond our allocated Kiss and Go.

The staggered pick up times are:

K-2 students (plus siblings) collected from Kiss and Go between 2:30pm – 2:40pm

3-6 students collected from Kiss and Go between 2:40pm – 2:50pm

Motiv8 Sports – Sport and water fun day

This term we will be celebrating the end of year with an end of year Rewards Day for students. Coach Ray and the team from Motiv8 Sports will be running a K-2 and 3-6 sport and water fun day.

K-2 sport and water fun day will be on Monday 6 December.

3-6 sport and water fun day will be on Tuesday 7 December.

A permission note and costing will be sent out once finalised. These events will have a cost of about \$22 per student.

Tell Them From Me

Tell Them From Me Survey data is used as a measure of success against aspects of our current School Improvement Plan and to inform future directions.

We are particularly interested in your feedback and thoughts on Learning From Home, school communication channels and students feeling known, valued and cared for.

We appreciate your consideration and time in completing this. Please follow the link below to access the survey.

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/ehps21



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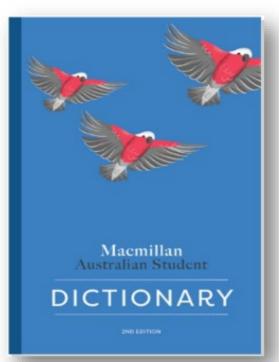
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

Reports

Since our return to school, teachers K-6 have been conducting a range of assessments with all students to determine their skills, particularly in English and mathematics. This information will be shared with students' 2022 teachers but is also being used to inform end of year reports. As most of this semester has been spent *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.

Dictionaries

From 2022, we will be asking parents to provide dictionaries for their children in Years 3 to 6. The school will be placing a bulk order, and these will be available to buy through the school <u>from the beginning of Term 1, 2022</u>. Alternatively, parents are free to source their own copy.



For practicality, it is important that <u>every</u> <u>student has the same dictionary</u> so teachers can teach dictionary skills effectively. The selected dictionary is the *Macmillan Australian Student Dictionary* **2**nd *Edition* (see left) which retails for approximately \$24.00.

Even in this electronic age, where there are many dictionary resources available online, print dictionaries still play a very important part in primary school classrooms. The ability to look up a word, phrase, concept, or idea using alphabetical order and then build upon what you've found is a developmental milestone that our children still need to learn and reach.

Anti-bullying Plan

The school has recently reviewed and updated their *Anti-bullying Plan*. This plan outlines the processes for preventing and responding to student bullying in our school and reflects the *Bullying: Preventing and Responding to Student Bullying in Schools Policy* of the New South Wales Department of Education.

Our Anti-bullying Plan defines the rights and responsibilities of students, staff and parents so that the whole school community is able to co-operate and support the policy guidelines. The Anti-bullying Plan is available on the school website to all families.

Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Procedure

The school has recently developed a *Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Procedure* which guides student use of digital devices and online services at our school. Our school acknowledges the educational value of digital devices and online services in supporting and enhancing educational outcomes and student wellbeing. We also recognise they may cause harm if used inappropriately and that we need to support our students to use them in safe, responsible and respectful ways.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

This document provides a consistent framework for the safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services by students in our school and sets out the shared responsibilities of school staff, students and parents and carers. It also includes a framework to manage potential risks to student safety and wellbeing. Our *Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Procedure* can be found on the school website.

Cyber Safety - support for parents

Recently we have had a number of incidents involving students and inappropriate use of technology. Whilst most incidents occurred outside of school hours, they all had an impact at school. Unfortunately many parents were unaware of their child's online activity. The <u>eSafetyCommissioner</u> site explores some of the key online safety issues for young people and provides parents with a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong. You can also find a list of important services that can offer extra support. Online Safety Book - a guide for parents and carers

5 tips to keep your family safe online

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eSafety parents

esafety.gov.au/parent

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KINDERGARTEN 2022

Welcome Kindergarten 2022!

What a fantastic start to our Kindergarten Orientation it has been.

I was lucky enough to meet our Kindergarten 2022 students and their families during small group zoom sessions last week.

We found out about who is in their family, what they like to do with their families and what they are looking forward to when they come to 'big school' next year.

We also visited the kindergarten rooms and saw this year's students hard at work.

We have two more sessions via zoom, before we are able to welcome the students onto our school grounds to have a look around and familiarise themselves with the school.

Mr Barnes





CLASSROOM NEWS

2Т

What a great start back to school we are having. 2T have settled back into the classroom so well, I could not be prouder. I look forward to all the fun and celebrations that Term 4 has to offer.

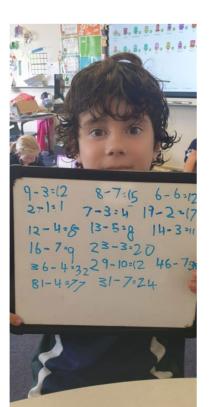
This term, 2T are focusing on an author study and reading books written by Anthony Browne. Anthony Browne loves to add extra information and messages in his illustrations. Last week we read *Ernest the Elephant* and started an information report about elephants that we are publishing using PowerPoint.

In maths we have been looking at ways to subtract numbers in our heads and by writing down number sentences.

On Thursday we talked about Remembrance Day, listened to the bugle playing of the "Last Post" and did some poppy artwork.

In Sport this week we learnt how to dance the *Heel and Toe Polka*. Mr Beames and I were so impressed with Stage 1 students who were so clever they could even swap partners throughout the dance.

Mrs Thaler













CLASSROOM NEWS

2/3L

We are all excited to be back at school with our friends and classmates. We have been studying the author Anthony Browne and we are currently reading "Into the Forest". Every time we read this book we discover something new. We have completed some silhouette 'tree artworks' inspired by the book.

In Geography we are learning about our continent, Australia. We have completed mapping activities and can name the States and Territories, capital cities as well as surrounding oceans and seas. We are currently learning about natural and man-made landmarks and features in Australia.

Our focus areas in mathematics have been telling the time on analog and digital clocks, addition and subtraction, and we practice our times tables every day.

2/3L students have been working hard with reading, spelling, and writing skills. We had a special class assembly last Friday to reward students for all their efforts. Lexi kindly offered to do the Acknowledgment of Country.

Congratulations to all 2/3L students for their amazing achievements, especially in reading, and for their genuine enthusiasm for learning. I am very proud of all the students for their effort and determination to improve and perform at their personal best.

Mrs Lanning













CLASSROOM NEWS

Kindergarten Students are Officially 100 Days Brighter

On Thursday 28 October, KG and KT were officially at school for 100 days and had a Teddy Bears Picnic to celebrate the significant occasion. The students were invited to bring along their favourite teddy or soft toy for the day. They had fun decorating a '100 Days Brighter' headband and necklace to wear throughout the day. After recess, they engaged in a range of activities around the number 100. Finally, the moment they were all looking forward to arrived, The Teddy Bears Picnic. We ventured to the backfield to enjoy having lunch together and showcasing all the creative, delicious teddy bear themed food. A fantastic day was had by all with lots of smiles, laughter and full bellies. By the end of the day, Mrs Grantham and Mrs Tibbutt felt like they were 100 years old!















SCHOOL NEWS

A Day for Daniel

Last Friday was our first 'Red Day'. We had a fantastic day embracing the red theme and building our awareness of safety. The initiative run by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation is an important event to raise the awareness of keeping kids safe and providing children with the understanding of why and how to keep themselves safe.

Throughout the day, the students participated in Personal Development and Health (PDH) lessons that saw them actively participate in discussions and work through strategies to expand their confidence and ability to transfer this knowledge to a real-life situation.

Keeping our kids safe is an important message to continue to promote with our young people.

Thank you to everyone in the community for getting behind such an important event.

Miss Baldock

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:

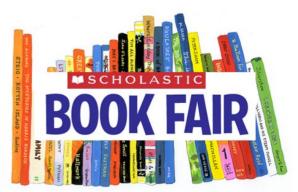
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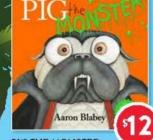


Mrs Schofield

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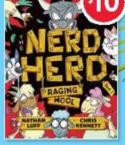
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SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

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 <u>parent videoExternal link</u> to see how it works for parents or our <u>contractor</u> <u>videoExternal link</u>.

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.



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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 <u>ehpscanteen123@gmail.com</u> with your availability or contact the office directly.

