

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 10 : DECEMBER 2021















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PRINCIPAL REPORT



Principal Wrap up for 2021

What a year it has been. As we come to the end of 2021, I would like to thank all our school community for your support and understanding throughout the challenges that this year has presented. I know that parents have missed out on a lot this year; attending sporting events, presentation day, helping in classrooms and being part of school events. I do believe that our students, your children will be walking out of 2021 with a whole new set of life skills. The resilience, persistence and adaptability they have shown is nothing short of amazing.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday break and hope that you enjoy some quality family time together with few restrictions and limitations to the activities you can all enjoy together.

Year 6 Farewell

Oh, what a night it was. It almost felt like we were in Hawaii. It was so wonderful to be able to celebrate this special occasion and to see students enjoying themselves and celebrating the wonderful milestone of reaching the end of their primary school years.

A very big thank you to Mrs Richardson for all of her efforts in organising this night for our students. Thank you to the parents who donated and contributed towards the night, we truly appreciate what a supportive community we have. It was great to see the collaboration between students, parents and staff to create such a memorable evening for Year 6.

ClassDojo

We will be archiving the 2021 ClassDojo Classes on Friday December 17. Please ensure that you have saved any photos or information that you wish to keep prior to this, as they will no longer be accessible after this point.













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Motiv8Sport Splash City

What a great way to celebrate the end of term with our K-2 and 3-6 water fun days with Motiv8 Sport. The backfield and basketball court were a hive of activity and there was some strong competition between teams. I'm not sure who had the most fun on either day, the teachers, the students or the coaches. These two days were made even better by the exemplary behaviour of our students and the fact that everyone got in and had a go. I would like to acknowledge Coach Ray and his wonderful team, they were full of energy, were encouraging of our students and made sure that everyone was having a great time. We look forward to more Motiv8 events with Coach Ray and his team in 2022.



Next year we say goodbye to Mrs Kaylee Richardson. Kaylee has made a significant contribution to Erina Heights over the past two years, and we are sad to be saying goodbye. Kaylee has been a wonderful addition to our staff, bringing warmth, positivity and a wiliness to go above and beyond for our students. She has successfully run our band program, coached the touch football team, led the student playground activities and initiative and organised many school and sporting events. We wish Kaylee all the best as she embarks on the next part of her teaching journey. She is an asset to education, and we know she will be a wonderful asset to her next school.

Transition into 2022 Classes

Our numbers are stable for 2022, so we can confirm we will head into 2022 with 11 straight classes as follows;

- 2 x Kindergarten
- 2 x Year 1
- 2 x Year 2
- 1 x Year 3
- 2 x Year 4
- 1 x Year 5
- 1 x Year 6

Next Tuesday, teachers will move into their 2022 classrooms.

On Wednesday morning, all students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will spend the morning session in their new class groups for 2022 with their class teacher and peers. After recess students will return to their current class and teacher, and some will return to a new classroom for the remainder of the year.

Our current Year 6 students will be involved in grade specific activities during this time.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact your child's teacher.







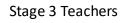
YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Oh, what a night! Our Year 6 students celebrated their time at Erina Heights PS in true Hawaiian style at Breakers Country Club, with colourful leis, a delicious dinner and dessert whilst listening to speeches from and the MacDonald Stage 3 teachers. Afterwards, the party really started! The students had a wonderful time, dancing the night away with the help of Year 5, who attended the disco and joined them and received a sweet surprise of Hawaiian-themed cupcakes and lolly bags to take home. After another year of ups and downs, lock downs and missing out on quite a number of special activities, it was amazing to see Year 6 come together for one final celebration. Special thanks to Monica Haines, Kirsty Hill, Lisa Evans and Trinity and Daniel Peacock who assisted Mrs Richardson in turning the room into a tropical paradise! A HUGE thank you to our parent Kirsty, who was our official photographer for the evening and captured some very special memories that will last forever. Also, a very special mention to Donna Bowers for her donations that ensured Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous night. We certainly appreciate it! We wish Year 6 students all the very best as they move onto high school and beyond.



















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YEAR 6 FAREWELL























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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.

Well done \triangle to everyone who participated and thank you \triangle 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 <u>apply</u> 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 <u>renew or update</u> 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 <u>eligibility criteria</u>, they willreceive 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 <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> 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 <u>local bus operator</u> 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 <u>Student</u> <u>code of conduct</u> and <u>Opal terms of use.</u>

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ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM (bookings close on 5/01/22)

JANUARY 2022 - WEEK 1







Fee - \$69







• Fruit provided • All HP subject to change dependent on Government advice / direction • Each day please bring: recess, snacks, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labeled.

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ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM (bookings close on 12/01/22)

JANUARY 2022 - WEEK 2



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ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM (bookings close on 19/01/22)

JANUARY 2022 - WEEK 3



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