



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2021

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| 2 | Zone Swimming Carnival |
| 4 | School Photos (TBC) |

April 2021

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| 1 | Last day of term |
| 19 | Staff Development Day |
| 20 | Students Return to School |

PAYMENTS DUE

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| \$11.00 | Swimming Carnival (Past Due) |
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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome back to Term 1 2021

A very big and warm welcome back to all students and parents. We have had such a positive start to the term and look forward to a great year ahead.

We began the year with two Staff Development Days where all staff engaged in collaborative planning and professional learning.

Staff were very pleased to welcome Years 1-6 students back on Friday and see the school a hive of activity once again. The playground was filled with excitement, laughter and many conversations about holiday adventures.

There was a great deal of excitement on Wednesday as our new Kindergarten students joined us. They have settled in well and have been enjoying lots of play activities, art and reading in their classrooms. It has been wonderful to see some beautiful friendships begin to develop as the students play and interact with one another and their buddies. Congratulations to all of our Kindergarten students on such a fantastic start to your educational journey at Erina Heights Public School.

Swimming carnival

Our Swimming Carnival was a highlight for staff and students and it was wonderful to see so many students attend the day and participate in events. There was a great atmosphere and although students were unable to do their usual house chants, they supported their peers by clapping from the stand.

It was really encouraging to see most students get in the water and have a go regardless of their swimming ability. We also had some experienced and serious competitors who provided very close race finishes and even broke a few records throughout the day. Congratulations to all students who attended. It really was a great day.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mitchell Beams and Amanda Schofield for their organisation and thank the wonderful parent helpers who were there on the day to help with the smooth running of the carnival.

2021 Class Structures

Students returned in a holding pattern for the first two weeks whilst we finalised enrolments and numbers and class structures. We are very happy to have maintained 12 classes and today students moved into their new class groupings and met their 2021 teacher/s. 2021 Staffing is as follows:

School Executive

Principal

Mrs Natalie MacDonald

Deputy Principal

Mrs Lisa Lewis

Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Mr Jason Barnes

Assistant Principal – Stage 2

Mrs. Chlole Clarke

Assistant Principal – Stage 3

Mrs. Dale Stahl

Assistant Principal – Learning & Support

Ms. Lee Baldock

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Class Teachers

Class	Teacher
KG	Mrs. Krystal Grantham
KT	Mrs. Jacqui Tibbutt
1J	Mr Jason Barnes
1B	Mr Mitchell Beames
2T	Mrs. Angela Thaler
2/3L	Mrs. La Verne Lanning
3A	Mrs. Deb Anderson
3/4C	Mrs. Chloe Clarke
4K	Mrs. Kerri Kerry
5B	Ms. Anna Bailey
5/6R	Mrs. Kaylee Richardson
6S	Mrs. Dale Stahl Monday – Thursday Mrs. Larelle Hillmann - Friday

Other Teaching Staff

Library	Mrs Amanda Schofield
RFF	Miss Jessica Bradbury (M-W)
RFF	Mrs Larell Hillman (Th)
Learning and Support	Ms Lee Baldock
Additional Support	Mrs Katherine Diggins
School Psychologist	Ms Siobhan Quinn

Administration Staff

School Administration Manager	Tara
School Administration Officer	Rachael
School Administration Officer	Sandy
General Assistant	Mr Craig Ward
Student Learning Support Officers	Mrs Deb McGregor
Student Learning Support Officers	Mrs Corey Ashton
Student Learning Support Officers	Miss Liberty Carrier
Student Learning Support Officers	Mr Jarryd Lamb

Student Birthdays

We enjoy celebrating student birthdays at school but in the current climate, need to take some basic precautions to ensure the safety of all students.

We ask that parents provide items that are individually wrapped or come in individual serves e.g. Freddo Frogs, Ice-blocks (prior to the day so they can freeze), cup cakes etc. Please do not bring in home baked goods for this purpose.

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P&C Association

All parents are invited to join the P&C and are encouraged to attend meetings. These are held on Tuesdays in Weeks 4 and 9 of each term, beginning at 7.00pm. The first meeting this year will be held on Tuesday 16 February in the Staff Room.

Uniform

We are still awaiting the arrival of our new school uniform. I will communicate any updates as soon as they are received. Please remember there is a three-year phase in of the new uniform and there are no expectations that families purchase the new uniform until required.

Drop off and pick up procedures

All students will meet under the cola each afternoon and a teacher will then take them to their designated pick up area.

Morning Drop Off – Kiss and Go

Morning drop off routines will remain the same. There will be a teacher out the front on duty to welcome students at the cola entry to the school from 8:20 a.m. This is a Kiss and Go drop off and we ask that parents remain in cars. If you wish to get out of your car to drop off, please use the allocated bays for afternoon Kiss and Go.

Afternoon Pick Up – Kiss and Go

Students can be collected from Kiss and Go each afternoon from 2:45pm. Please have your name visible in the car window so that teachers can have your child/children ready for you to collect.

Please remember that the Council Ranger is monitoring our afternoon traffic situation. To ensure the safety of students and other road users, please do not bank up around the corner onto Central Coast Highway.

Walking

If you are collecting your child to walk home or are parking your car and picking up, this will now be from the back-school gate on Central Coast Highway. Students being collected by parents will be walked to this gate by a teacher.

Buses

Buses will operate as per normal.

Bell times

Morning	8:50am
Recess	10:50am – 11:20am
Eating time	1:10pm-1:20pm
Lunch	1:20pm-1:50pm
Afternoon	2:45pm

Student leadership

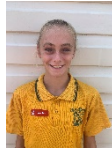












This year we will be reviewing our student leadership positions and roles, as well as our processes for meetings, voting, etc. One change that has been made already is the introduction of student leaders. The cultural team will work with student parliament and the teachers who form our Aboriginal Education team

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PARLIAMENT		
Prime Minister	Isla A	
Deputy Prime Minister	Bella B	
Leader of Opposition	Grace D	
Secretary	Emily B & Amelia H	 
PBL	Alisha H & Luke S	 
Environment	Ben T & Tehya H	 
Arts	Bella T	
Communication	Charlotte C	
Sport	Harvey B	
Transport, Health & Safety	Evie V	
Education	Asha C	
Foreign Affairs	Allira C	

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STUDENT LEADERS			
Maleah E, Kaylea P, Abbie N, Brayden N			
			
HOUSE CAPTAINS			
WAUGH			
Abbie N		Indi P	
THORPE			
Emmie C	Ashton B		
O'NEILL			
Maleah E		Lachlan S	
FREEMAN			
Olive H	Luca G		
TECH CREW			
Brayden N, Christian T, Charlie W			
			

I look forward to another wonderfully successful year at Erina Heights as we continue to grow and improve across all aspects of the school.

Mrs MacDonald

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS

Debbie Anderson

Hello. My name is Mrs Anderson. I have been teaching for over 30 years and still love it as much today as I ever have. I have only been on the Central Coast for two years, but have been visiting the area for 36 years as my husband grew up here and still has lots of family living here. Last year I taught at Avoca Beach Public School and the year before that at Copacabana Public School. Prior to that I lived in Bowral in the Southern Highlands and taught at Mittagong Public School for many years.

I am married with three adult children. I am living by the water in Ettalong Beach. The things that I enjoy are running, especially through the beautiful National Parks in the local area. I also love bike riding and going to the beach.

I am very much looking forward to working at Erina Heights Public School this year. Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming and I feel very lucky to be a part of it all!



Kerri Kerry

Hello. My name is Kerri. As a person who loves learning, I am very fortunate to bring what I love to my students every day. I have been teaching at Gosford Public School for a number of years and during that time I have completed my graduate certificate in English language learning.

I live at MacMasters Beach with my husband, three children and a dog. I have two boys that are 14 and 8 years old and a daughter who is 12. The things that I enjoy are running, swimming and cooking and eating delicious food. As a mum, I spend time on the weekends watching soccer, rugby league and dancing. As a family we enjoy spending time at the beach, bee keeping, bushwalking and camping.

I am very excited to join the team the lovely team at Erina Heights Public School this year. The students, staff and community have been very welcoming.



Krystal Grantham

Hello. My name is Krystal Grantham. I am very excited to be teaching Kindergarten this year at Erina Heights Public School. I have been teaching now for over 10 years, with some time off in the middle while I had my children. I grew up on the Central Coast and have also spent a few years living out in Orange. This was a beautiful place to live and teach, however, I missed my family, the beach and the warmth!

I am married and have 2 beautiful boys, Jackson and Charlie. My eldest, Jackson, has just started Kindergarten himself so I am really understanding of how all the wonderful Kinder parents are feeling. I am going through it all myself for the first time.

I am looking forward to being a part of this wonderful school community and I feel privileged to be welcoming the students of KG to Erina Heights Public School.



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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

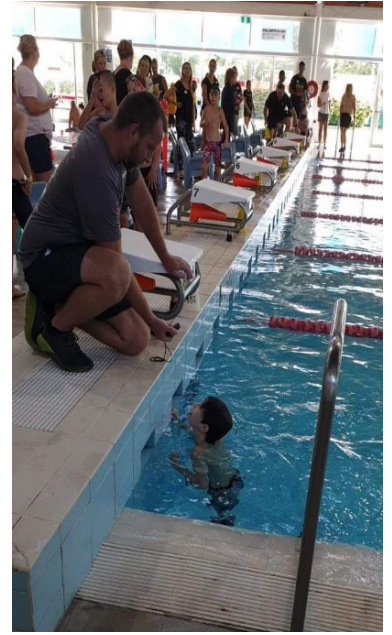
On Tuesday February 2, 2021 we held our annual swimming carnival at Mingara pool. An earlier start for the 100m freestyle, 200m medley events ensured we were able to complete all four relay events which was a definite highlight. Congratulations to all students for their outstanding behaviour and special congratulations to our competitors, who enjoyed a day of strong competition with some impressive individual and team results being achieved.

Thank you to the many parent volunteers who assisted at the Swimming Carnival. Your support was greatly appreciated by staff and students.

Tuggerah Lakes Zone Carnival Some students will be invited to represent Erina Heights Public School at the Tuggerah Lakes Zone Swimming Carnival to be held at Mingara Recreation Club on Tuesday 2nd March. These students will receive a permission note shortly. The relay teams will consist of the fastest freestyle swimmers for each age from across all house teams.

Swimming Carnival Results

Ribbons will be presented to students at a morning assembly. [Winning house, Age champions and any new record holders will be published in the next newsletter.](#)



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Online Enrolments

The new Online Enrolment System is now live for our school.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online at a time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into local schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's going to a public school site.

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website.

Traffic issues on Serpentine Road

We are continuing to have significant traffic issues in the mornings and afternoons. We are working with Schools Infrastructure NSW and the Health and Safety directorate and Central Coast Council. They have asked that any complaints are put in writing to the following web based complaints system:

TfNSW Centre for Road Safety, feedback at the Contact Us button

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/index.html>

We will keep you updated on any progress that is made or feedback received.



Fun Languages

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REFER A FRIEND
WHO JOINS IN TERM 4
& YOU WILL BOTH RECEIVE A
10 % DISCOUNT ON YOUR TERM 4 FEES

Language Classes @ Erina Heights Public School

Mandarin Club : Monday 4.00pm - 5.00pm
French Club : Wednesday 8.00am - 8.45am
Spanish Club : Wednesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Places available for Term 4
To enrol: Call Nathalie Roy 0430 286 590
or email: nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au
www.lcclubs.com.au

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