

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Luca G and Harvey B who were selected in the Tuggerah Lakes PSSA Soccer team to trial for the combined school gala day.

Congratulations to Will D and Logan T who both attended the PSSA Basketball trials on Monday and were successful in making it through to the Sydney North Basketball Trials.

Good luck!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March 2021

2	Zone Swimming Carnival
19	National Ride to School Day
19	Anti-Bullying Day
22	Harmony Day
26	Epilepsy Day
30	Year 6 Fundraiser – Zooper Dooper Ice Blocks

### April 2021

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

## PAYMENTS DUE

\$40.00	Voluntary School Contribution
\$30.00	Year 6 Shirt

## School Voluntary Contributions

Like all NSW public schools, we can request contributions to enhance our educational and sporting programs including elective subjects. School contributions help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of students.

The 2021 school year contribution is set at \$40 per student or \$100 per family of three or more.

While contributions are voluntary, student resources are maximised when each family makes its voluntary contribution.



# PRINCIPAL REPORT

## A positive start to the year

It has been such a positive start to the year. Students moved into their new classes at the end of Week 2, and have been settled with their new teachers and peers. It has been lovely to have students visiting my office to showcase their work and explain what they have been learning in the classrooms.

As I walk around the school and visit classes it is great to see students settled, engaged in learning and adapting to new teachers, classroom expectations and routines.

I love the opportunity to visit classrooms to read with students and I have already been able to share my first book for the year. It is such a highlight for me to be able to share my love of reading and books with students in classrooms.

## Acknowledgment of Country in 5B

A highlight of my week was to visit 5B and be part of their morning Acknowledgement of Country that was written as part of their cultural learning journey. The students had worked through an innovative learning process with Ms Bailey to write one of the most authentic and meaningful Acknowledgements that I have ever heard. This was presented via a virtual meeting to 28 staff from State office who form our School Leadership Institute. It is a privilege as a principal to showcase the great learning that happens in classrooms on a daily basis.

## Kindergarten meet the teacher

It was great to meet and connect with our kindergarten families at our meet the teacher afternoon. I look forward to meeting with families of our Year 1-6 students next week.



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# CLASSROOM NEWS

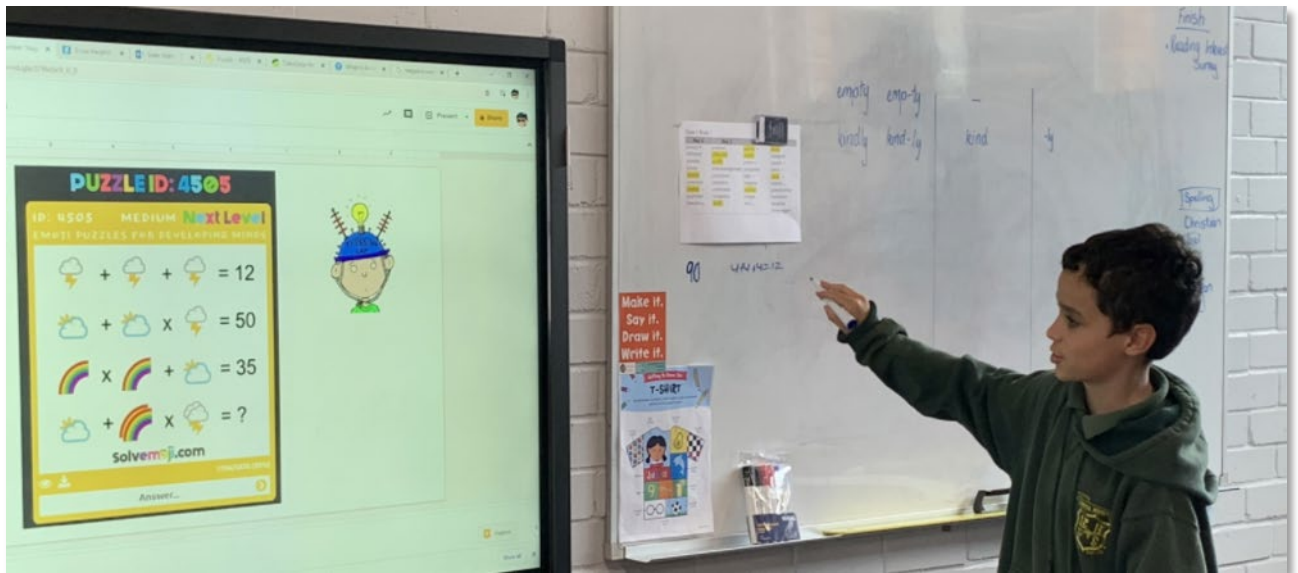
6S

This week 6S, an amazing class, have been learning about Our First People whose country it was, and is, the Central Coast, the Darkinjung, Ku Ring-gai and Awaba nations. We are working on creating our own acknowledgement to show our respect and how much we value them caring for our land. We have been reading "The Big Little Book of Happy Sadness" and discussing the importance of having something to connect to.

During math we have been learning about composite and prime numbers and factors. We also have been doing art activities about 'our place' which is based off where we feel at home, happy and safe. We are very excited to play with our buddies and help settle into the school.

Charlotte C (Communication Minister)

Mrs Stahl and Mrs Hillman have enjoyed welcoming the students into their class and are excited for the year ahead.



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# CLASSROOM NEWS

## 1J

What a great start to 2021 we have had in 1J. The students have returned to school very settled and eager to learn. We have enjoyed sport sessions, learning to log in during computer lab time, getting back into math and reading groups, as well as looking at imaginative texts in literacy sessions.

Some of the writing samples you can see are what the students have written to share information about themselves.

Mr Barnes



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# PHOTO GALLERY



The first Student Parliament for 2021



The Erina Heights Public School Training Band practising



Our student leaders and structured play during recess and lunch breaks

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# IMPORTANT SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

## Scripture in 2021

Scripture will begin at Erina Heights PS on Tuesday 2 March (Week 6) and will run straight after lunch until 2:30pm.

Students have been rolled over from their Scripture preferences from last year to form our classes for 2021. If you wish to change your child's Scripture arrangement, please ensure that you inform your classroom teacher in writing.

New students to our school have been allocated to their classes according to the Scripture forms completed as a part of the enrolment process. If you are yet to return your form, please ensure you do so.

If you have any questions in relation to Scripture, please don't hesitate to contact me by calling the school office on 4367 7608.

Ms Baldock

## Online Enrolments

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.

## Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a fabulous tool which enables communication between parents and teachers to support students. As a school we have set preferred hours for Dojo communication from 7:30am to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday. We ask that parents understand and respect that teachers, due to a range of family and personal circumstances, are not always able to read or answer messages sent outside these hours.

Also, whilst teachers check Dojo throughout the day, it is possible that messages sent during teaching time are not read until the end of the day. If there are emergent changes to your child's routine e.g. pick up arrangements, please contact the office on 4367 7608 **before 2:15pm** and a message will be sent to your child's class teacher.

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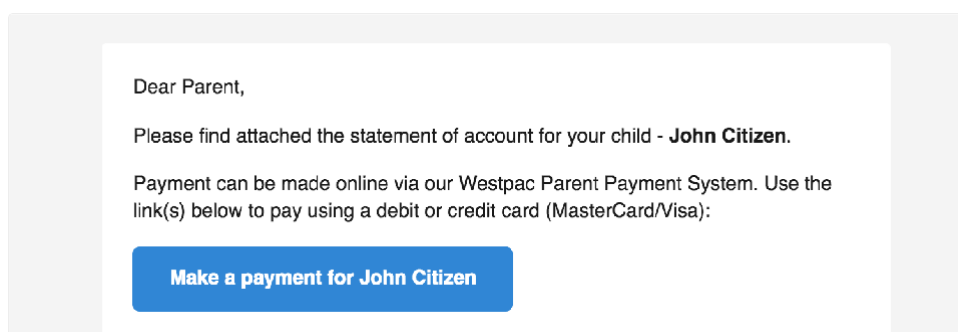
# IMPORTANT SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

## Statements of Account – Online Payment Guide

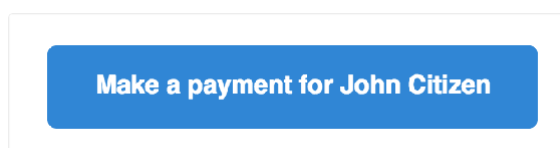
Erina Heights Public School will be sending student statements of account & payment reminders directly to parents/caregivers via email using a system called School Bytes. These statements include a link to make secure payment online through the Westpac Parent Online Payment (POP) system (Visa & Mastercard credit/debit cards accepted).

To make an online payment for your child(ren)'s school contributions, please follow the steps below:

1. You will receive an email from the school's email address ( [erinahts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:erinahts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) with the subject 'Student Statement of Account' or 'Payment Reminder'.



2. To make an online credit card payment, click the secure payment button in the email.



3. Once this button is clicked, you will be taken to a webpage on [www.parentpayments.com.au](http://www.parentpayments.com.au).

On this page, you will see a list of all currently outstanding items for your child. By default, all items are selected/ticked for payment.

Date	Due	Fee Name	Amount	Paid	Balance Owning (\$)
05/04/2017		Gymnastics for Gymnastics	\$40.00	\$0.00	40.00
05/04/2017		Japanese Drum for Japanese Drumming	\$5.00	\$0.00	5.00
05/04/2017		LiteratLevy for Yr 6 Literature Levy Hst OC	\$18.75	\$0.00	18.75
05/04/2017		Paper for Paper Levy 2017	\$18.75	\$0.00	18.75
05/04/2017		Science-Levy for Science Levy	\$5.00	\$0.00	5.00
05/04/2017		TecLevy for Technology	\$22.50	\$0.00	22.50

4. If you wish to change the amount you would like to pay for an item, enter the desired amount in the number field under the 'Balance Owning' column.

To not pay for a certain item, untick the checkbox in the left-hand column of the table next to the item you wish to remove.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27/01/2017	Yr10 Technology Support	\$30.00	\$0.00	30.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	01/02/2017	Yr10 Maths - online programs	\$24.00	\$0.00	24.00

5. Once you have selected what items you wish to pay, enter your name, phone number and email address under 'Payer Details'. This allows the school to identify which parent/caregiver is making the payment.

Now, press the 'Next' button to be redirected to a secure Westpac site to finalise your online payment.

The screenshot shows a payment summary interface. At the top, there's a list of items to pay with checkboxes, dates, descriptions, and amounts. Below this, the 'Grand Total' is \$1028.00. The 'Payer Details' section includes fields for 'Your Name', 'Contact Phone Number', and 'Contact Email'. A 'Next' button is highlighted with a red box at the bottom right.

6. Once redirected to Westpac, you will see the following screen. Enter your credit card details into the appropriate text fields on this screen. Once completed, press the 'Proceed to Confirmation' button.

The screenshot shows the 'Make a Payment' screen. It has a header 'Make a Payment' and a sub-header 'Enter your payment details below. Fields marked with an asterisk ( \* ) are mandatory.' Below this is a 'Card Details' section with fields for 'Cardholder Name', 'Credit Card Number', 'Expiry Date', and 'Card Verification Number (CVN)'. There are 'Cancel Payment' and 'Proceed to Confirmation' buttons at the bottom.

IF YOU REALISE YOU HAVE MADE A MISTAKE IN SELECTING WHAT ITEMS YOU WISH TO PAY ON THE PREVIOUS PAYMENT PORTAL SCREEN, PLEASE CLICK THE 'Cancel Payment' BUTTON.

7. You will then see a payment summary screen where you can confirm your details. When ready, press the button at the bottom of the page to confirm and make your online payment.

NOTE: To pay for another child in the family, return to the original email you received and click the payment button with the other child's name on it.

The payment button/link located within the email remains active for 12 months. This means that at any point within this time period you can use this link to see what items are currently owing for your family.

For information relating to the security & privacy of this service, please refer to the following webpage: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/all-files/School-Bytes-Student-Privacy-Information.pdf>

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Congratulations to this weeks Merit Award Recipients:

KG	Joey T	Lakin C	Joshua P		
KT	Scout S	Willow L	Flynn F		
1J	Bella B	Harry H	Jagger H		
1B	Archie W	Ava S	Brody E		
2T	Milla R	Ryder K	Bowie M	Rachel W	
2/3L	Kyla H	Joshua w	Sachi A	Phoenix M	
3A	Elaina S	Liam S	William H		
3/4C	Chelsea F	Caitlin S	Tyler M	Aaliyah C	
4K	Ella B	Lennox G	Archie C		
5B	Lara M	Cooper R	Marlee E		
5/6R	Andrew S	Logan T	Alexander D	Jade E	Danielle C
6S	Harvey B	Will D			
RFF	Riley C	Bonnie C			

Please see the information below for our House Groups. Please feel free to send your child dressed in their house colours for sports carnivals and events.

	<b>FREEMAN (A - D)</b>
	<b>ONEIL (E - K)</b>
	<b>THORPE (L - R)</b>
	<b>WAUGH (S – Z)</b>

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