










TERM 2 WEEK 2 : APRIL 2021



Term 2 Calendar and Upcoming Events

APRIL/MAY	Week 1 April	19 Staff Development Day	20 Students Return to School	21 Cross Country Years 3-6 	22 ANZAC Service 1:45pm 	23 World Book Day 
	Week 2 April	26	27	28	29 CCCCF Rehearsal #1 	30 Central Coast Choral Festival
	Week 3 May	3 Athletics Carnival @ Mingara 	4	5 Debate @ Wamberal Public School	6	7 Mother's Day Breakfast/Stall 
	Week 4 May	10	11	12	13	14 National Walk Safely to School Day 
	Week 5 May	17	18 School Disco 	19 Simultaneous Story Time 	20	21

Payments Due	
\$40.00	Voluntary School Contribution
\$30.00	Education Pack
\$15.00	Athletics Carnival
\$329.00	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all enjoyed your holiday break. It was wonderful to welcome so many smiling faces back and to hear about the exciting holiday adventures students had experienced.

We had such a great last day of Term 1 with our Easter breakfast, Easter hat parade and rewards day. It was a day filled with family, fun activities, time with friends and lots of laughter for students and staff alike. It was the perfect end to a busy, but productive term.

We look forward to welcoming families back again when we host our Mother's Day breakfast next Friday morning.

Meeting Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian

It was a personal highlight to meet and enjoy afternoon tea with the Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian during the holiday period. After visiting the Central Coast to officially open a palliative care unit at Gosford Hospital and the Terrigal Boardwalk. Gladys made the time to meet with a number of school representatives to acknowledge and thank them for the work done in schools throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gladys spoke with passion and enthusiasm about the work happening in school across the coast. It was a great privilege to be invited to be part of such a lovely afternoon.



School Improvement Plan

Over the past six months we have been working on the creation of our School Improvement Plan (SIP). This has involved an extensive Situational Analysis (SA) that identified school strengths and focus areas and informed our strategic directions. The SIP has been published and is available on the school website.

School ANZAC Service

We were very proud to hold our school ANZAC service last Thursday. Our student leaders led a very touching service and we were privileged to be joined by two servicemen from the Terrigal RSL sub-branch.

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Mr David Ferry, who attended Erina Heights Public School throughout his primary school years, shared a touching story of ANZAC history and also talked about his time at Erina Heights and the significant changes from then to now. We were also joined by Mr John Wilton, who was delighted to be part of a service at the school of his two granddaughters, Elisia and Annabelle. They too were very proud to have their grandfather at school as part of our ANZAC service.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

It was a moving Dawn Service at Terrigal on Sunday morning in honour of our Veterans on ANZAC Day. I was very proud to stand beside Mrs Lewis and our two student leaders Isla and Harvey, to represent the Erina Heights community at the service. Isla and Harvey laid a wreath to pay respect on behalf of our school in acknowledging and honouring the service and sacrifices of our defence personnel. Thank you to all families and students who attended the service in school uniform who also represented our school so proudly.



Attendance

One of our mandatory school targets is to improve student attendance. We recognise and understand that it is important for students to stay at home and rest when they are unwell, however, our focus is on regular attendance at school.

If a student averages 5 days off per term throughout their entire schooling K-12, this equates to missing 10% of their schooling and a total of 260 days, which is more than 1 year of learning.

Regular attendance at school is essential in ensuring that all students maximise their potential.

In line with the School Attendance Policy, it is important that all student absences are explained. Please contact the office or the class teacher as soon as possible following an absence so that the absence can be justified. Any absence that is not explained within 7 days, remains unexplained on your child's record and this cannot be rectified or adjusted.

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Cross Country

It was a fantastic start back to the term with the running of our Cross Country at Duffy's Oval. It was great to be able to welcome families back and it was a highlight for students to have parents there cheering them on and offering support. It was rewarding to see such wonderful sportsmanship from students and to see the respectful rivalry between house groups. Many students shared stories of how they had improved on previous results or how excited they were to run their first Cross Country.

Days like this would not be possible without the time and commitment of our dedicated teachers, Craig our GA, our fabulous office staff Tara and Rach, and our P&C. Thank you to everyone involved and your efforts in making the Cross Country such a great day for students.



Growing up Digital – some educational research

A new research report by the Gonski Institute for Education reveals digital media and technologies as a great distraction in Australian family life.

More than 9 out of 10 parents think digital devices are a adverse distraction in their own lives, and 83% think their children are also distracted negatively by digital gadgets.

While parents find digital technologies useful in staying connected with their children and keeping them safe, three-quarters of parents think it is difficult to control their child's digital habits. As many as 65% of parents also admit that negotiating the use of digital media and technologies at home causes conflicts with their children.

About a third of families allow their children to use their digital devices after bedtime every single day. Furthermore, three of five children who struggle in school regularly sleep with their digital gadgets.

"Although our study is not able to prove that night-time use of smartphone or computer causes difficulties to keep up good learning at school, parents should help their children to fall asleep without technology", Prof. Sahlberg says.

According to earlier findings, two-thirds of Australian teachers observed more children arriving at school tired and often not ready to learn.

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SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the school Cross. Below are our students who placed 1st – 8th and are representing the school at the TLPSSA Cross Country today.

12/13 Boys

- 1st Harvey B
- 2nd Joel E
- 3rd Luca G
- 4th Jessie S
- 5th Ashton B
- 6th Maddox G
- 7th Lachlan S
- 8th Jackson P

12/13 Girls

- 1st Oliva P
- 2nd Bella B
- 3rd Charlotte C
- 4th Emily B
- 5th Allira C
- 5th Grace D
- 7th Indi P
- 8th Danielle C

11 Boys

- 1st Flynn F
- 2nd Logan T
- 3rd Ari B
- 4th Taj H
- 5th George B
- 6th Jett R
- 7th Lennox L
- 8th Will B

11 Girls

- 1st Aymee E
- 2nd Ebony M
- 3rd Ella M
- 4th Chiara C
- 5th Lara M
- 6th Tahlia D
- 7th Isabella T
- 8th Lily C

10 Boys

- 1st George C
- 2nd Bleu P
- 3rd Jaden C
- 4th Archie C
- 5th Jackson S
- 6th Cooper C
- 7th Tyler M
- 8th Jackson G

10 Girls

- 1st Charlize H
- 2nd Skyla E
- 3rd Kiara C
- 4th Ruby L
- 5th Marlia M
- 6th Meeka G
- 7th Caitlin S
- 8th Stephanie R

8/9 Boys

- 1st Lucas H
- 2nd Charlie M
- 3rd Hudson Z
- 4th Luke B
- 5th Lucas S
- 6th Jackson L
- 7th Noah E
- 8th Jude W

8/9 Girls

- 1st Claire F
- 2nd Addi P
- 3rd Chelsea F
- 4th Jillian H
- 5th Elsie B
- 6th Mia K
- 7th Ivy S
- 8th Sachi A



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CLASSROOM NEWS

3A

Do you remember learning about fractions when you were at school? Well that's what 3A have been doing and I am so proud of their progress with such a tricky topic! We have actually had some fun playing snap and folding paper to help with our understanding.



We have also been practising how to write a really great persuasive paragraph and have compared it with a hamburger to help the children remember all the important parts. Using some paint samples from the hardware store helped the children to write some quality similes using colour.

As part of our History unit, we have been looking at the school in the past compared to the present day. We have discovered so many interesting facts. One of these was about the school bell which has been lovingly restored and is still on the school premises today. We sketched the bell and Craig, our wonderful GA came to tell our class all about its history. Originally when it rang, the farmers used to get very frustrated because it sounded just like the bell which they rang to call the cows into the milking shed. These poor cows were so confused and the school had to change the sound of the bell to solve the problem!



Last term our public speaking task was, 'I am an Expert in...' Our class has learnt about so many weird and wonderful topics and everyone should be so proud of their achievements, learning to use great voice projection and lots of eye contact to engage their audience.

Mrs Anderson

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CLASSROOM NEWS

2/3L

2/3L had a very busy and exciting Term 1 and we have had an amazing start to Term 2. Last term we participated in our Harmony Day assembly by learning and singing a song that included many different ways to say "Hello" in numerous languages from countries around the world. We had fun studying and drawing 3 dimensional objects in mathematics and we learnt how to be graffiti artists with our names. The excitement at the end of Term 1 was our Easter hat parade and Hoots Rewards Day.

At the school Cross Country 2/3L students showed their personal best efforts and we have 5 students going to the TL Zone Cross Country. An amazing achievement!



This term our theme focus is "Courage". We are currently reading "The Day You Begin" by Jacqueline Woodson, "What If?" by Anthony Browne and "Goodbye House, Hello House" by Margaret Wild and Ann James. The books are about embracing change, individual differences and being courageous to take the first step to trying something new.

Courage is...

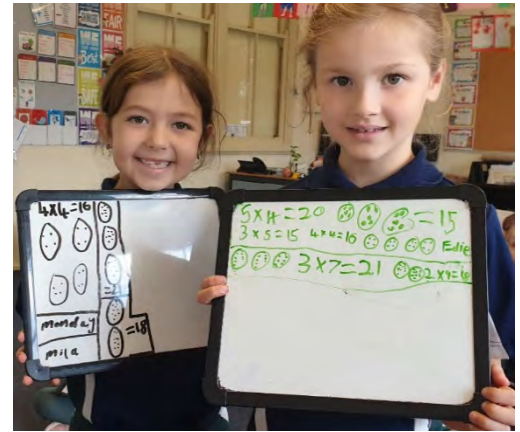
- when you did something that you wanted to do but it was scary. You did it anyway. Sachi
- trying new things and keep on trying - erasing your fear. Mia
- bravery. Camilla
- when you're being brave, strong and being confident. Leo
- being a good friend
- when you keep on trying. Joshua
- when you never give up. Chelsea
- when you are confident. Phoenix
- being confident. Finn
- bravery and being strong.
- when you are brave.
- being brave and doing things you don't want to do. Vada
- being wise.
- being brave and being strong. Kai
- being strong and being brave. Evie
- being confident doing things that you maybe do not want to do. Ruby
- when you are scared to do it but you do it anyway. Koby
- erasing my fears.
- trying new things and being happy.
- being brave and trying new things. Luke
- never giving up. Dat
- when you are being confident. Ella
- like when your friend is scared to do something then you are like, it's OK do you want me to do it with you? Lucas

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2T

2T have had a fantastic start to 2021. We would love to share some photos with you about various artworks and activities we have done over the last term.



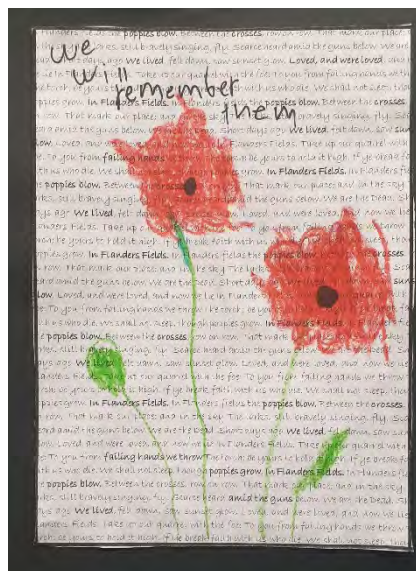
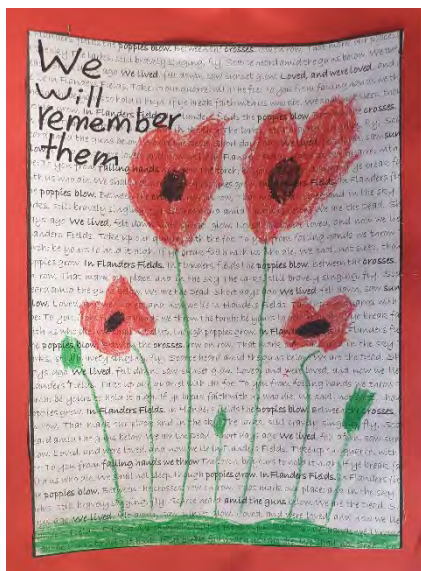
Maths group - In Mathematics this week 2T are learning about multiplication and division. Creating arrays and diagrams that link to multiplication facts.



I wish artwork - During antibullying and Harmony Day 2T designed dandelion water colour artworks and thought of things we could wish for to make our world a better place for everyone.



Autumn Artworks - When learning about the months of the year and seasons, 2T explored warm colours when creating these Autumn artworks.



ANZAC Day inspired poppy artworks pledging to always remember the sacrifices of those who went to war for us.

Mrs Thaler

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Congratulations to this fortnights Merit Award Recipients:

KG	Billie H	Kari C	Finnley T	
KT	Frankie H	Tyler C	Isabella G	
1J	Jack D	Amelia W	Will M	
1B	Ava S	Leila B	Angus T	
2T	Ryder K	Archie F	Rachel W	
2/3L	Kai D	Brooklyn T	Ella R	Emelia H
3A	Jackson G	Jillian H		
3/4C	Caelan V	Esme B	Noah E	
4K	Ruby W	Alexis G	Jett R	
5B	Jake M	Taj H	Gabby P	
5/6R	Emmie C	Andrew S	Jake W	
6S	Isabella T	Charlie W	Olivia P	Luke S

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fun Languages



Northern Beaches &
Central Coast



ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 2



60 minute classes for 5 to 12 year olds
FUN Activities; Music; Games; Drama
Unique online resources for members
Experienced & enthusiastic native teachers

Language Classes @ Erina Heights PS

Spanish Club : Tuesday 3.15pm - 4.15 pm

Mandarin Club : Monday 4pm - 5pm



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GET INTO RUGBY MODIFIED

This event is for all children with additional needs to come along and have a fun day learning to play rugby. All activities will be modified to suit each child's ability.

WHEN: Sunday 23rd May

TIME: 9.30 am for a 10.00 am start
followed by BBQ at 1.00 pm

WHERE: The Haven Oval, Terrigal

The day will finish with a sausage sizzle and drink, so come along have fun and see what rugby is all about.



For more information or to register please contact
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