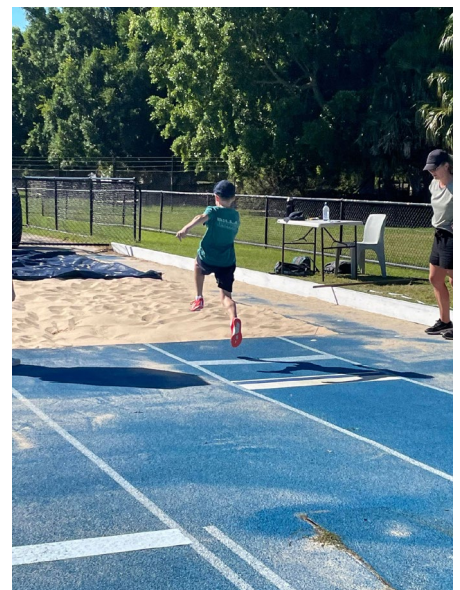
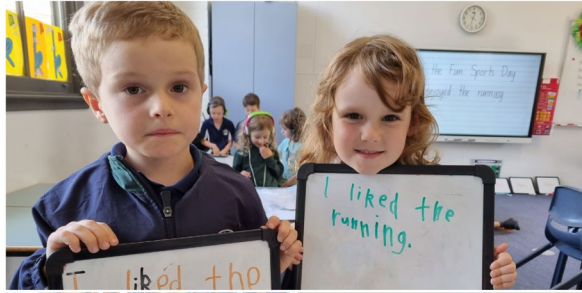



TERM 2 WEEK 4: MAY 2021



# Term 2 Calendar and Upcoming Events

<b>APRIL/MAY</b>	<b>Week 1 April</b>	19 Staff Development Day	20 Students Return to School	21 Cross Country Years 3-6	22 ANZAC Service 1:45pm	23 World Book Day
	<b>Week 2 April</b>	26	27	28	29 CCCF Rehearsal #1	30
	<b>Week 3 May</b>	3 Athletics Carnival @ Mingara	4	5 Debate @ Wamberal Public School	6	7 Mother's Day Breakfast/Stall
	<b>Week 4 May</b>	10	11	12	13	14 National Walk Safely to School Day
	<b>Week 5 May</b>	17	18 School Disco Years K-2 5:00pm – 6:00pm Years 3-6 6:15pm – 7:15pm \$5 for the disco \$10 for the disco and meal combo	19 Simultaneous Story Time 	20	21

Payments Due	
\$40.00	Voluntary School Contribution
\$30.00	Education Pack
\$15.00	Athletics Carnival
\$29.50	Sports in Schools Australia Years 3 - 6
\$329.00	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion (\$50.00 Deposit required by Friday May 14, 2021)

When making a payment online, please ensure you are on the Erina Heights Public School website.

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# PRINCIPAL REPORT

## **Mother's Day Breakfast**

It was a wonderful morning celebrating Mother's Day with all of the special women in our lives. New COVID restrictions introduced less than 24 hours prior to the event meant that we couldn't go ahead with planned activities, but we were able to share a coffee and a muffin, catch up with friends and fellow parents and also meet new parents that individuals had not yet connected with.

There was so much positive feedback on the day, but I would like to share the feedback from the coffee van operators who said that they work in many schools at different events and they have never felt community like that have at EHPS in the two events that they have been part of. I think this is a true reflection of where we are at as a whole school community and I look forward to continuing on this journey towards improvement and excellence together at EHPS.

## **Athletics Carnival**

It was a great atmosphere and perfect weather for our school Athletics Carnival at Mingara. Seeing so many students participating in events and in many cases pushing themselves to achieve personal best results was so rewarding. Students demonstrated sportsmanship in cheering and encouraging their peers as they competed in events.

Kindy and Year 1 students also enjoyed a wonderful fun filled day at school whilst 2-6 were at Mingara Athletics Carnival. Sport in Schools Australia ran modified Athletics events for students in the morning and team building challenges in the middle session, adding to what was a fabulous day all round.

Thank you to the P&C for organising the BBQ at both of our recent sporting events. It was wonderful to have parents back cheering students on.



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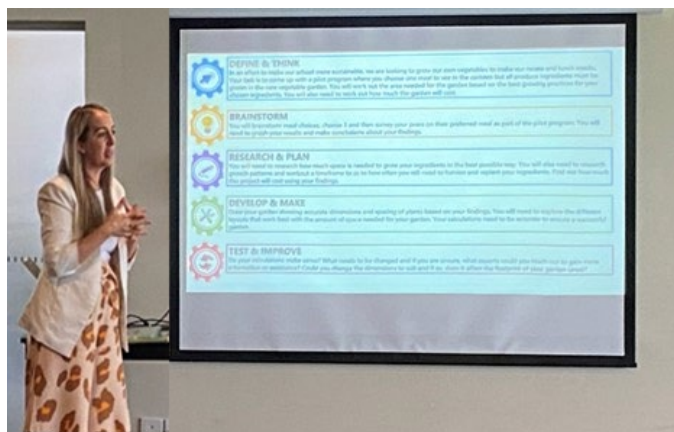
# PRINCIPAL REPORT

## School Disco

We are excited to be having our first school disco for 2021 next Tuesday. Online ordering of tickets and food has been advertised, and of course cash will be accepted on the night for those who didn't get to purchase online or have a last-minute change of mind. Students and staff are excited for this night.

## Showcasing great teaching and learning from Erina Heights – STEM in Mathematics

It was a privilege to attend Erina Leagues Club on Thursday and engage in professional learning about using the STEM process in Mathematics. It was a day that focused on research and keeping students engaged in maths lessons. Both Ms Anna Bailey and Ms Chloe Clarke were asked to present and share the learning that happens in their classrooms with staff and leaders from schools across the Central Coast. I felt very proud to see the amazing work that happens at Erina Heights showcased to the wider community.



## Canberra Excursion

With the easing of COVID restrictions we were able to work with Coastal Liner Tours at Warnervale and plan a Stage 3 excursion to Canberra. We were able to secure all major attractions except for Questacon. Students were super excited to hear this news and teachers are excited to be teaching their Parliament units knowing that they can support this with their usual Canberra excursion to support this learning.

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## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

This term we have introduced Spelfabet as an intervention strategy for some of our students with additional learning needs. Spelfabet teaches students about sounds and spelling using an explicit and systematic approach. Currently this program is being delivered by our wonderful School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) who have completed a series of training sessions. We are looking for any parents who would be interested in being trained in this program to provide additional support to students, either in your child's classroom or in another classroom. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Lewis on 4367 7608.



### Simultaneous Story Time

Next Wednesday 19 May, our school will once again participate in Simultaneous Storytime. As in previous years, Dr John Irvine will come along to Erina Heights and share a story with our students. This year's book is *Give Me Some Space*, a beautiful story with an important message about caring for our planet. Dr John and teachers have worked together to make the session both interactive and thought provoking

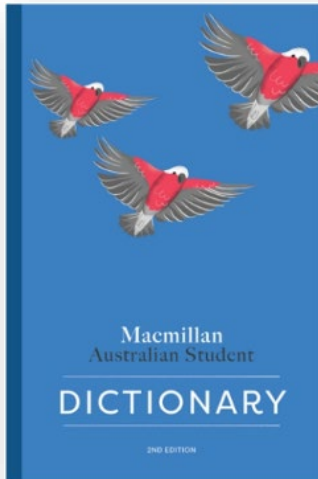


### Canteen Helpers

Earlier this term some of our Stage 3 students participated in a Safe Food Handling course which has enabled them to assist in the Canteen at Recess and Lunchtime. So far this has been very successful – our students love being served by their older peers, Stage 3 students are enjoying the responsibility and challenge and our Canteen manager Kirsten is certainly appreciative of the help at these busy times. Special thanks to Candice Chittick for giving up her time to provide training to students.

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# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT



From 2022, we will be asking parents to provide dictionaries for their children in Years 3 to 6. For those who are happy to purchase one sooner, the school will be placing a bulk order, and these will be available to buy through the school from the beginning of Term 3, 2021. Alternatively, parents are free to source their own copy.

For practicality, it is important that every student has the same dictionary so teachers can teach dictionary skills effectively. The selected dictionary is the **Macmillan Australian Student Dictionary 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Child Protection

This term students will be participating in Child Protection units of work. These lessons are aimed at developing a range of understandings and skills in children that include:

### ES1

- Keeping myself safe

### Stage 1

- Staying Safe
- Strengths & Strategies for safety

### Stage 2

- My right to be safe
- Standing up for the rights of myself and others

### Stage 3

- Power to protect

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

## NAPLAN

This week students in Years 3 and 5 completed NAPLAN assessments in reading, language conventions, writing and numeracy. Parents will receive feedback from these assessments in Term 3.

## Check in Assessments

Last week students in Years 4 and 6 completed Check in Assessments in the areas of reading and numeracy. Parents can meet with teachers to obtain feedback regarding their student's progress.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Zone Cross Country

On Friday, April 29, Mr Beames, Ms Bailey and Deb had the pleasure of attending the Zone Cross Country Carnival at EDSAC Oval, with over 60 Erina Heights students.

It was such a wonderful day, watching our students cheer each other on and participate with everything they had. We were so proud that we also had students from nearly every age group succeed in placing in the top 6, earning them a spot at the upcoming Sydney North Cross Carnival at Gosford Racecourse, in June. This is an exceptional effort for a relatively small school, with Erina Heights Public School placing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall against 12 other schools.

Student behaviour, enthusiasm and sportsmanship all shone on the day and all students are to be congratulated.

The following students are off to compete at the Sydney North Carnival, and we wish them all the best. Fantastic effort!

8/9YRS Boys  
Charlie M.  
Lucas H.



8/9YRS Girls  
Claire F.  
Addi P.

10YRS Girls  
Charlize H.  
Skyla E.



11YRS Boys  
Flynn F.

11YRS Girls  
Aymee E.

12/13YRS Boys  
Harvey B.



Well Done Team!

Ms Bailey and Mr Beames

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# SPORTS NEWS



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# SPORTS NEWS

## Athletics Carnival

Erina Heights Athletics Carnival was a huge success. We had such a wonderful day that displayed our students' ability to strive for their personal best. Well done to all students who tried their best and went in events simply to be a part of the day and earn points for their houses. Congratulations to our event winners for their terrific job on the day.

A big thank you must go to all parents and carers that gave up their time to help out on the day. The day would not have been a success without people cooking the BBQ, raking the long jump pit and measuring the discus throws.

A highlight and my favourite part of the whole day was watching everyone cheer on each other, even when they were competing against them. Such an important part of life and for our students to show it throughout the day reaffirmed how truly amazing they are.

Carnival ribbons will be handed out over the coming weeks. The Tuggerah Lakes Zone Carnival will not be until August. More information about this carnival will come out towards the end of the term and early next term.

Congratulations on a terrific day to our whole community.

Ms Baldock



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# SPORTS NEWS

## K-2 Fun Sports Day

The smiles adorning the faces of our K-2 students matched the beautiful weather for our Fun Sports Day. It was lovely to welcome parents and grandparents back onsite to watch the children having fun.

Diaz and Max started off a fantastic day of fun with special 'Acknowledgement to Country.'

Throughout the morning session, the students participated in a range of athletic events. This included discus, shotput, javelin, long jump and sprint races. The highlight of the morning session for the children was receiving a ribbon after they competed the sprint. Many wore them with pride for the rest of the day. The highlight for the teachers was hearing the students encouraging and congratulating one another and displaying great sportsmanship skills.

Squeals of laughter filled the air during the second session where the activities required teamwork, communication and problem solving.

A medal presentation was held to finish off a wonderful day. Throughout the day, teachers were on the look out for students who displayed sportsmanship, resilience, acts of kindness, great listening and have a go attitude. One student loved his medal so much that he was still wearing it with pride a few days later.

We were very fortunate to have SISA (Sports in Schools Australia) provide the exciting, engaging equipment for the day. Their equipment encouraged maximum participation, skill development and teamwork whilst having lots of fun. Thank you to Mr Beames for liaising with the SISA co-ordinator and organising their visit.



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# SPORTS NEWS



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# LIBRARY NEWS

## Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) opened on the 1st March and runs until the 20th August, 2021. This challenge is free for students to participate in and promotes a love of reading. Your child's Department of Education (DoE) username and password are used to logon to the PRC portal. These are the same details a student would use to access the student portal and computer network at school. If you're unsure of these details, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Kindergarten and Stage 1 students are reading some of their 30 Premier's Reading Challenge books as part of their Library lessons. These books will be recorded on the PRC site by Mrs Schofield, however, they are also encouraged to participate in this great scheme at home. Students in Stage 2 and 3 are required to read 20 books (15 from the PRC book list and 5 free choices). Successful students will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

Please contact Mrs Schofield if you have any queries about your Premier's Reading Challenge account. We look forward to your support in participating in this fantastic program. Further information is available at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

The following students are to be commended for recently completing the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge.

### K-2

Archie W and Elisia W

### 3-4

Caitlin S, Kane D-N, Giselle B, Caelan V, Madeleine A, Skyla E, Isla F, Ivy S and Charlize H

### 5-6

Isla A

Well Done!

Mrs Schofield



Buy a book from

**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**

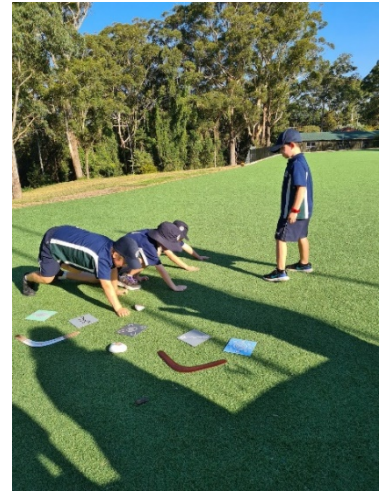
to help build  
our classroom  
resources

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# CULTURAL NEWS

## Yarn with Bec

We started our Yarn's with Bec in Week 2 and all of our Aboriginal students began their journey to learn more about their culture. Our afternoon began with an Acknowledgment of Country and then the students' faces were painted with Ochre. We then looked at and discussed various Aboriginal symbols used in paintings and tried to identify what each symbol represented. Over the next few weeks, students will be using this knowledge to construct their own Aboriginal artworks. The students also learned a few Aboriginal dance moves that Izak and Diaz have learned through participating in the Didge and Dance group at Mingaletta.



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# CULTURAL NEWS

## Cultural events happening this term

**Reconciliation Week** is May 27<sup>th</sup> - 3rd June. During this Week students will begin their Reconciliation Challenge.

**Reconciliation Challenge** The School's Reconciliation Challenge is one way for students to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia and contribute positively to Australian society, while meeting the objectives of the K-6 and 7-10 syllabus. Every year, we ask students to create artworks and stories inspired by a theme, and to reflect on what reconciliation means to them. This year in 2021 we celebrate 12 years of the Schools Reconciliation Challenge and our theme is **Under One Sky: Yesterday, Today and Forever.**

**Who can enter?** Years 3-10 (or of equivalent age), Indigenous and non-Indigenous, of all abilities, can enter. Young people may participate through their school or independently. It's free to take part.

Students will be completing their artworks during class time and this will be due by the end of Term 2.

Students in K-2 will be participating in the event, however their artworks will not be submitted in the competition.



## **NAIDOC Week Heal Country**

NAIDOC week occurs from July 4 – 11. This is during the school holidays therefore Erina Heights Public School will be celebrating during Week 10 of Term 2. The theme this year is Heal Country and so students will be participating in various cultural activities throughout the week based on this theme.

On Thursday 24 June, we will be welcome some Aboriginal guests who will run Aboriginal education workshops to further students' understanding of our First Nation's culture. They guests will also provide a special performance. More information to come.



**HEAL  
COUNTRY!**  
**4-11 JULY 2021**

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# CLASSROOM NEWS

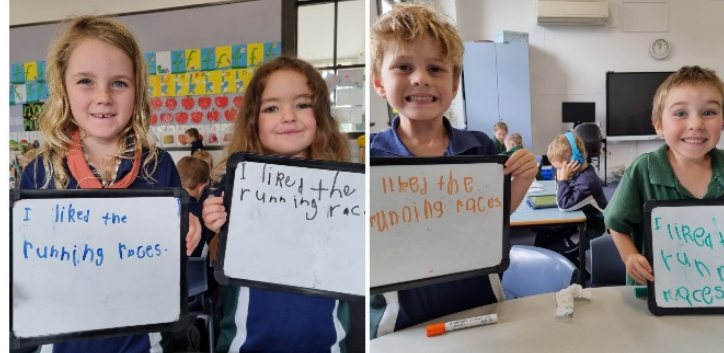
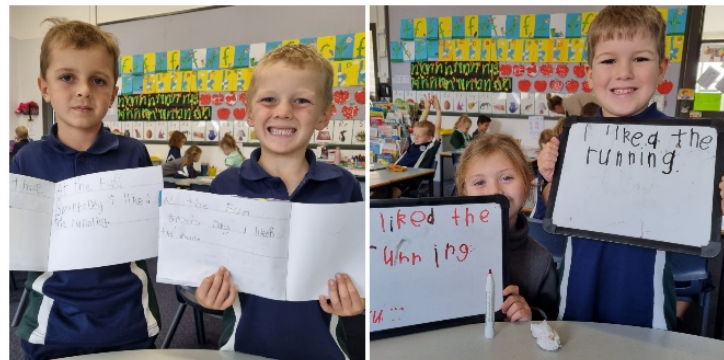
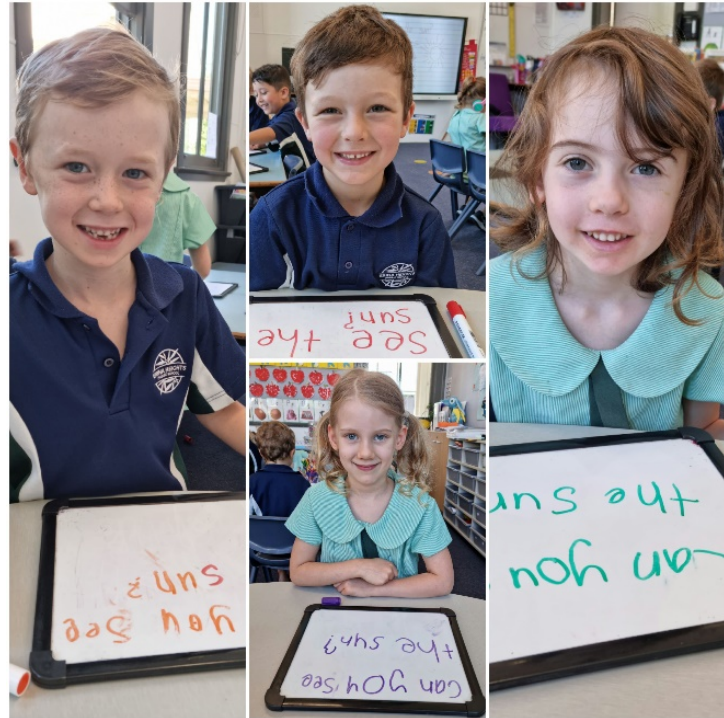
## KT

It's hard to believe that the amazing, clever students in KT have only been at school for just over a term. Their transition to the routines, rules and expectations of 'big school' was seamless. Each day, they walk into class with smiles on their faces, ready to learn and achieve their personal best.

KT have laid solid foundations to becoming 'life long learners'. They engage with tasks enthusiastically and support each other with their learning. As a class, the students voted on 'being kind' as our number one class rule. They have demonstrated that kindness is contagious, and as a result, our Warm and Fuzzy jar is nearly full, which means a class celebration. Woohoo!

Each and every student has made me realise how much I have missed having a class of my own. I look forward to lots of fun and laughs on our learning journey together.

Mrs Tibbutt



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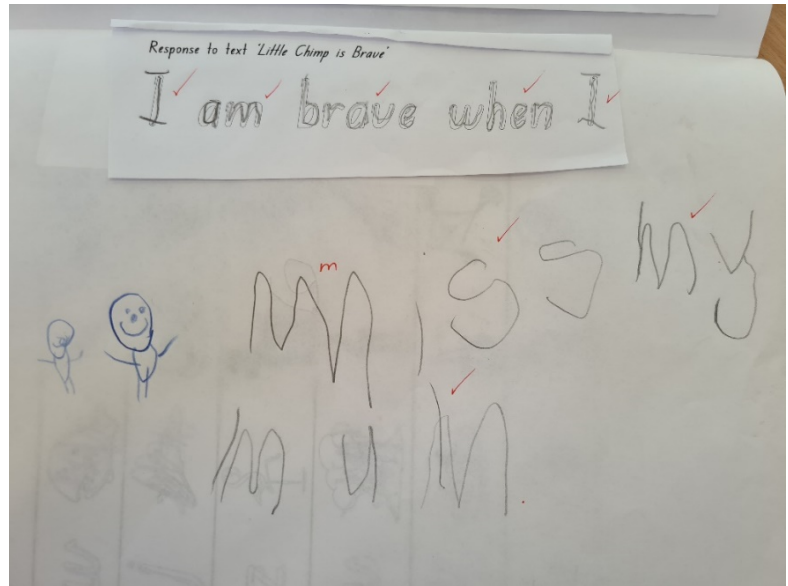
## KG

Every morning in KG we do Literacy Groups. There are 7 activities that the students complete on a rotation basis. This time is used to consolidate sounds and sight words, practise writing and learn new reading skills. We are super lucky to have parent helpers volunteer their time to support the students during these activities.

KG have been very busy learning how to write. We have been completing our secret sentences 3 times a week where the students unjumble the sight words to make a sentence. We are also writing sentences based around a text we have read. The focus has been on sounding out unknown words.

We have now completed 60 days of Kindergarten and look how much we have achieved! Keep up the great work, KG.

Mrs Grantham



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# CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY



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# P&C NEWS

## **EHPS P&C says thank you!**

The P&C would like to acknowledge the fabulous EHPS parents who have assisted with our 3 fundraising events this term.

**Cross country BBQ:** A huge thank you to Kirsten Charge for working all day on the BBQ. Thanks to Kath W, Amy B, Ben T, Kelly Q, Coralee Y, Melissa E, Josy A, Nathan H & Matt O for their time on the BBQ on the day. A big thanks to Craig for his help with BBQ transport and set up.

**Athletics carnival BBQ:** A massive thank you to Darren Wilton & Kath for your efforts and Amy B, Kylie C, Sarah S, Felicia G, Gail W, Jackie D, Gary W and Louise G for their assistance.

**Mother's Day Stall:** Many thanks to Kath W, Lousie G, Tina I, Gail W, Amy B & Felicia G for their help with the stall last Friday.

We would love to take this opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic businesses who helped us fundraise this term by donating items to our events.

**The Egg Shed** Erina Heights for their generous egg donations for the Athletics Carnival.

The Petony family for the **Glow** facial voucher for the Mother's Day Raffle.

The Samingkaw family for donating a **Thaiger Temple** voucher for the Mother's Day Raffle.

Also many thanks to **New Heights Cafe Erina Heights** for their voucher for the Mother's Day Raffle.

**Bunnings Erina North** for the beautiful plant donations for the Mother's Day Stall.

We greatly appreciate your generous contributions. We encourage you to show your appreciation for their support by in turn supporting their businesses when you can.

And finally a very heartfelt thanks to the P&C executive Amy Bickerton, Amy Ferrier, Felicia Graham, Kath Wilton & Coralee Young for the many hours they spend juggling their families and jobs, whilst planning and executing these events so that funds are raised and opportunities provided for the students of Erina Heights Public School. Thank you!



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# IMPORTANT SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

***Congratulations to this fortnights Merit Award Recipients:***

KG	Xavier D	Lakin C	Phoebe R	
KT	Frankie H	Sophia G		
1J	Darcy G	Diaz H	Dylan R	Chase C
1B	Isla C	Taj D		
2T	Elisia W	Pip Y	Max L	
2/3L	Chelsea H	Kyla H	Evie R	Lucas H
3A	Adele M	William G	Levi K	
3/4C	Esme B	Oliver Q	Milly C	
4K	Isla F	Abigail T	Ella B	
5B	Taj G	Stephanie R	Jonah V	
5/6R	Lachlan S	Isla A	Alisha H	
6S	Ben T	Maddox G	Charlotte C	Amelia H



## **Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)**

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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