



NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 2 :OCTOBER 2022



TERM CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 OCTOBER	10 Students Return	11 Year 6 Terrigal High School Taster Session (12:45pm – 2:25pm) Central Coast Public Speaking finals – Somersby P	12 School Concert and All-Day Rehearsal Concert at EV church Terrigal HS Targeted sport trials	13	14
Week 2 OCTOBER	17	18	19 NSW Athletics Carnival Year 2 History Excursion Kindergarten Orientation	20 NSW Athletics Carnival	21
Week 3 OCTOBER	24	25	26 Kindergarten Orientation	27	28 Teachers' Day Day for Daniel – Red Day
Week 4 OCT/NOV	31	1 Life Education	2 Life Education Kindergarten Orientation	3 Life Education	4 Life Education
Week 5 NOVEMBER	7 Life Education	8	9 Kindergarten Orientation	10	11



PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4

We have had a great first two weeks back enjoying some excellent activities including our School Concert. I look forward to a very exciting Term 4 with our Kindergarten students finishing up their first year of school, our Year 6 students preparing for high school and our newest Kindergarten students for 2023 completing Kindergarten Orientation.

School Concert

Our school vision is 'together towards excellence' and our school concert was a wonderful showcase of this. This showcase was an authentic learning journey for teachers, students and parents that took us on an exciting adventure to many countries and destinations around the world. The dedication and determination of students was impressive, as was their "never give up" attitude and their ability to overcome any fears to achieve their own personal best.

Our concert highlighted the special connection we have with our community with parents and families in and out of the school gates for the past term helping with costumes, performances, sharing learning experiences about culture, creating props and backdrops, providing food and snacks and giving their time.

Teachers worked tirelessly to ensure each performance was a showcase of the authentic learning journey they have taken students on, learning about the culture of different countries and giving students the opportunity to shine on stage.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation program has started, and we have welcomed back our 2023 Kindergarten students this term. These visits have seen them get to know some of their peers, meet their buddies, become familiar with our school setting, and experience the excitement of big school. We look forward to more visits and getting to know students and their families as they embark on the beginning of their primary school journey.





PRINCIPAL REPORT

Tell Them from Me Survey

As part of our school feedback and planning process, each year parents and carers are offered the opportunity to provide feedback about the school by completing the Tell Them from Me survey. The surveys help guide our school directions and planning. For example, feedback from previous years has led us to review and improve the information we provide to families about supporting learning for their children.

We encourage all parents to take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey. We have launched our 2022 family Tell Them from Me survey. The link to the survey is:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/hsqya>

Leaving in 2023?

If you are moving schools in 2023, please let the school know as soon as possible. We have begun our planning for next year and having accurate enrolment numbers when looking at class structures is helpful.

Mrs MacDonald

Term 4 Dates to Remember

November	1 – 5	Life Education
	16	Stage 2 & 3 League-Tag Gala Day
November/ December	21-2	Stage 1 Swim School
December	5	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
	12	Presentation Assembly K-5
	16	Year 6 Presentation Day and Graduation Assembly Last Day of School for 2023



KINDERGARTEN 2023 ORIENTATION DAYS



A great opportunity to support your child as they begin their educational journey at Erina Heights Public School

2023 Kindergarten Transition Program Overview			
	Weekend Date	Activity	Location
October 2022	October 28 9:15-10:45am	<u>School Visit 1</u> School Tour - Year 5, 2023 Students <u>Parent Information Session</u> Presentations from our school community	Meet in the Kindergarten CDUA Parent session in school hall
	October 29 9:15-10:45am	<u>School Visit 2</u> Kindergarten group activities Coffee and treat	Meet in the Kindergarten CDUA
November 2022	November 3 9:15-10:45am	<u>School Visit 3</u> Kindergarten group activities	Meet in the Kindergarten CDUA
	November 5 9:15-10:45am	<u>School Visit 4</u> Kindergarten group activities	Meet in the Kindergarten CDUA
	November 26 9:15-10:45am	<u>School Visit 5 - Celebration</u> Teddy Bear's Picnic Presentation Assembly	Meet in the Kindergarten CDUA Parents welcome to attend for full session

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SCHOOL CONCERT

Kindergarten - Australia

Kindergarten students shone so brightly in the opening act of the 2022 School Concert. They took the audience on a journey to discover iconic aspects of the Australian culture and way of life. Beginning with an Aboriginal dance around a campfire, students became Australian animals such as emus, brolgas, kangaroos and echidnas. Next, out came the deadly and dangerous animals that Australia is well-known for around the globe. We had spiders, crocodiles, snakes, jellyfish and sharks terrorising the stage! Changing the mood, Kindergarten hit the beach. Surfers rode barrels, lifeguards patrolled the beach and the Aussies enjoyed relaxing on the sand with friends... until the sharks came back and scared them all off! To showcase Australia's sporting talent, we had cricketers, tennis players, netballers, AFL players and soccer stars showing off their skills. With everyone now on stage, the students sang some classic Aussie songs together before leaving the stage so the audience could enjoy the rest of their journey around the world.

The kindergarten teachers are incredibly proud of our classes. All students worked so hard during rehearsals to put on a tremendous show for the audience. It can be a daunting task to perform in front of such a large audience, but kindergarten took it in their stride and did exceptionally well. We would also like to thank our wonderful parents for organising costumes, calming nerves, signing permission notes and juggling schedules so that all the magic could happen.

Well done, Kindergarten. You were incredible!

Mrs Diggins, Mrs Tibbutt, Mrs Woods.

Year 1 – Iceland

It was delightful to see our Year 1 students shine at our concert. I am so impressed with their enthusiasm and confidence to perform on stage. Thank you for your support and assistance in making it possible for our year 1 students to shine.

Mrs Kerri, Mrs Thaler and Mrs Anderson



SCHOOL CONCERT

2HS - Brazil

We are so proud of the way 2HS performed in our Brazillian themed 'Around the World' concert item. The excitement and smiles backstage in the lead up to their performance was so lovely to witness. They all did an amazing job on stage! Once again, thank you to the parents who were able to assist with props and costumes.

Mrs Hillmann and Mrs Schofield



2C – Mexico

How much fun was our trip around the world! I have always wanted to go to Mexico, but this was the closest I'm going to get, for a while. As a teacher, putting a concert item together is not my forte but I am so proud of the hard work my class put into our performance. They did so well putting up with me forever changing my mind and making last-minute changes. I wish we could do it again! There were many nerves whilst waiting to go on stage but at the end, the excited little faces that came off stage were so beautiful to see. One student even asked me if there was a points system for the concert. Thank you to all the families that came to support our students. Being my first concert, I couldn't believe we were able to fill EV church with so many people. It was so much fun and went way too quickly.

Mrs Clarke.



3A – France

Bonjour! 3A are really missing the rehearsals, music and costumes that have consumed us for the past couple of months but were so proud of how our item came together. Our performance told the story of a group of tourists visiting France and the unique experiences they had there. They visited street cafes, witnessed the Tour de France ride through town, experienced Paris in the rain, went to the Louvre to see famous artworks, saw Parisian fashion models strut their stuff and watched as mime artists performed for them. This was an experience I hope they never forget and will always look back on fondly. I have told my class that whenever they visit Paris, one day down the track, that they must send their old teacher a postcard!

Mrs Anderson



SCHOOL CONCERT

4B - Hawaii

Aloha from the banks of Hawaii. What an amazing experience we all had planning, rehearsing and presenting our performance for you all. I am so proud of every student for their dedication, enthusiasm and effort leading up to and during the concert night. Each student had a role to play and some really stepped out of their comfort zones to be their very best on the night. We had so much fun and hope you all enjoyed it.

Ms Bailey



4J – New Zealand

Kia ora! What an amazing experience 4J has had exploring and comparing Australia's culture, customs, flora and fauna and landscapes to our wonderful neighbour New Zealand. From class discussions, gathering information, creating tourism brochures and projects and the culmination of it all into our school concert performance. We have been engaged and immersed in this unit throughout term 3. Huge thanks to the staff and community members that assisted in helping us on this awesome learning journey.

Mr Barnes



5L – Africa

On Wednesday we had our school concert. 5L did Africa. The night started off with an amazing speech from the pilot, Jake M, and "nice" flight staff, Lana W, from 6B. Then CEO of the airline (our Principal) and Ms Bailey gave their speech.

Kindergarten did their song and dance of Australia; it was so cute! Then a couple of other classes did theirs. Then, gulp, it was our turn. We went on and it was AMAZING(ish)! We were on fire! After it was done, we went off stage and then Nadia, Meeka's mum, bought us African chips and snacks since we did an amazing job!

That was one of the best nights of my life!

Maddie A



SCHOOL CONCERT

6B – Spain

6B travelled the world and landed in Spain, the land of paella, festivals about tomatoes, beautiful cities and the world's best tennis player! During their time they ran with bulls, learnt tunes on traditional guitars, danced with flamenco dancers and even picked up some Spanish flair! What an adventure they had...

Miss Baldock

The Finale – Around the World

The Finale saw all students come together on stage for an "Around the World" performance. The energy and excitement of the event was evident as the students danced and sang on stage and up the aisles.

What a magnificent way to finish the concert and celebrate the months of hard work put in by students, teachers, staff and parents.

It was a wonderful showcase of the community we have at Erina Heights Public School.



SCHOOL NEWS

Year 2 History Excursion

Year 2 went on an amazing cultural history excursion on Wednesday October 19. The staff and parents were amazed by the respectful behaviour of all the students on the day. We were very lucky to have Elder, Uncle Gavi Duncan from the Darkinjung Land Council begin our tour at Pearl Beach. Here the kids listened to the historical story of the first contact with Captain Arthur Phillip and his crew. They examined a midden site and found some artefacts which were some fishhooks made from pippi shells. We were then welcomed on Country by Uncle Gavi with a beautiful song in Darkinjung language and a smoking ceremony.

Next, we were off to Bulgandry Aboriginal site in Kariong. We listened to the meanings and connections of the rock carvings with Uncle Gavi.

It was a fantastic day and a great way to finish off our history unit from Term 3. Thank you to Shannon Harvey, Kylie Wells and Rebecca Cowan who volunteered on the day, you were all amazing.

Mrs Hillmann, Mrs Schofield and Mrs McGregor



Public Speaking Grand Finals

Congratulations to Tahlia D who represented our local area in the grand final of the Central Coast Public Speaking competition. The grand final was held on Tuesday October 11 at Somersby Public School, with students from all over the Central Coast competing.

We are all very proud of Tahlia as she presented her speech with confidence and a smile. Organisers of the competition commented about her beautiful, positive and calm approach to most people's worst fear, public speaking. Well done Tahlia D, for an amazing effort in public speaking this year.

Mrs Kerry

