

This week was the last week to borrow a book from our library. Please return any library books you have.  
Thank you, Mrs Stahl.

# TERM CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 6 November</b>	14	15	16 League-Tag Gala Day  Kindergarten Orientation	17	18 Tell Them From Me survey window closes
<b>Week 7 November</b>	21	22	23	24 Gulang Fest The Entrance Campus	25
<b>Week 8 Nov/ Dec</b>	28	29 Year 6 Orientation Day at Terrigal High School	30	1	2 Stage 3 Boys Basketball Gala Day
<b>Week 9 December</b>	5 Year 6 Farewell Dinner	6 Last Day of Scripture 2022	7	8 PBL Rewards Trading Day	9
<b>Week 10 December</b>	12 Presentation Day ALL YEARS 9:30am – 11:30am	13	14 Rewards Day (K-2) – Motiv8 Sports	15 Rewards Day (3-6) – Motiv8 Sports	16 Year 6 Graduation Assembly  Last Day of School for Students
<b>Week 11 December</b>	19 SDD	20 SDD			



**IMPORTANT  
DATES .**

**December**

- 5 - Year 6 Farewell Celebration
- 12 - Presentation Assembly ALL YEARS
- 16 - Graduation Assembly Year 6
- 16 - Final Day of School 2022





# PRINCIPAL REPORT

## Gulung Fest

It was a wonderful opportunity to be part of the Gulung Fest celebrations last week. It was great to see so many young leaders proudly showcase their culture and identity through dance, song and art.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Hillmann and Mr Burazer for all their efforts in working with students to create artworks for the art exhibition.



## Transition into new classes for 2023

Whilst very much focused on the academic work and range of co-curricular programs that are set down for the remainder of 2022, our staff are also planning carefully for the 2023 school year. One of the key areas that we begin to consider at this time of year are the strategies that we put into place to enable our students to have a smooth transition from their class this year to the class that they will be in for 2023.

Heading into 2023 our enrolment numbers are right on the cusp of 10 or 11 classes. At the beginning of a school year, we often return to find that some families have moved away, and others have moved into the area over the summer break. With our numbers being so close we cannot confidently communicate to students or families who the class teachers will be for 2023. We have a strong plan for both 10 or 11 classes but will need to wait until the start of the school year to determine what our class structures will look like.

There will be some classes that will not change regardless of whether we have 10 or 11 classes and in some circumstances this information may be shared with families.

A wonderful thing about our school is that we have high-quality staff, all with their own strengths. Across the years, each teacher will add to the learning experience of your child.

## Reports

Teachers are currently finalising student reports. These will be sent home with students on Tuesday 13 December. If your child will not be attending during the last week of school, please inform the school and we can arrange for your child's report to be posted.

## Leaving in 2023?

Can you please notify the school if your child/ren will be changing schools for 2023.

## Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 9 February. Permission notes have been sent home for this event and we hope to have these returned and finalised by the end of the term. If you haven't already returned a permission note for your child, could you please do so.



The children and I can't believe that we have fewer than 3 weeks left of school together this year. We are continuing to work hard revising work we have done throughout the year and interspersing this with some fun Christmas craft too.

It has been a busy and eventful term and we have had lots of fun!

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# CLASSROOM NEWS

## 4B

4B have certainly had a busy term. Our mathematics and number skills have been put to the test with some new and engaging ignition tasks. Students are challenging themselves each day, which is awesome to witness.

We have been engrossed in our Environmental Empathy and Sustainability unit. This has involved taking inspiration from artworks in Jeannie Baker books, which use natural materials and recycled items to create collages that represent the living world. Students chose their own natural environment to collage, as well as creating a poem that represents the same environment, using literary techniques such as onomatopoeia, alliteration, senses, simile and empathy statements. These poems and artworks are to be compiled into a class book, which will come home with the students so be sure to look at the fabulous students work from this term.

4B have also enjoyed visits from the Life Education Van and Police. We have discussed safety, in terms of being cybersafe, and protecting ourselves by keeping our personal details and passwords private online.

In PE and Sport, we have loved getting competitive and developing our skills in continuous cricket. Sport on Fridays has involved an ongoing Stage 2 game, which is getting very exciting in terms of the scoreboard.

Christmas craft and activities will begin next week, and the calendar looks very full for the end of term. It has been a pleasure teaching Year 4.

Ms Bailey





# CLASSROOM NEWS

4J

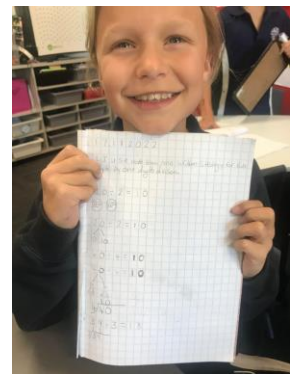
The students have been working on an environmental empathy unit for literacy which has great links with our Sustainability focused science unit. The students have been learning about how to write persuasive text and they are looking forward to creating a video and posters to help reduce single use plastic use at Erina Heights Public School. Their research has given them understanding about environmental issues and how they can help make a change individually, as a family and as a school community. They have also been creating artwork that uses recycled materials to present a landscape they enjoy being in. Students then created a poem to help capture their understanding of sustainability and how humans can bring about positive change.

4J were fortunate enough to have Mr. Burazer as a prac teacher over the past four weeks. He has helped the kids on their journey through the units I have discussed and given a perspective on how our Aboriginal ancestors worked with the land and animals, to provide sustainable communities. He worked with our boys to share his knowledge of aboriginal animals through story and dance. The students enjoyed Mr. B working with them and will miss his energy and lessons.

Cricket skills have been a sport and PE focus this term, throwing and catching through bowling and fielding. It became apparent through discussions about World Cup cricket, that not many students had played a game. The students have now increased their vocabulary to now include wicky, stumps and what a catch! I hope they get to show you some of their skills on the beach or back yard this summer.

The students have been working so hard to improve their learning and understanding across all learning areas. It has been a joy to have such a motivated crew to work with each day.

Mr Barnes





# SCHOOL NEWS

## Swim Scheme

Swim scheme students have been having a fabulous time during weeks 7 & 8 at Swim First, Berkeley Vale. Although the pool is colder than students would like, they have all been demonstrating their personal best and working hard to improve their distances and strokes. Mrs. Kerri and I have noticed and often mentioned how much progression we have seen in the last two weeks from some students. All students have been responsible for their personal belongings and have encouraged each other in the pool.

Our bus trips home from swimming have been equally as entertaining as students on each side of the bus have been competing to see who can be the quietest on the way home to win the privilege of using the playground for the last 10 minutes of school. The creativity of students and what they can do while silent is amazing. My favourite so far has been our silent jams to the bus driver's music.

Mrs Clarke

## P&C Update

**Christmas Raffle** - We hope you have been enjoying selling the raffle tickets to your family, friends & neighbours. Raffle tickets are due in on Monday 5 December and the raffle will be drawn on Monday 12th December. Please return all unsold, partially sold and sold booklets. The amazing prizes that have been donated by our very generous sponsors are: \*George Brand Terrigal- \$250 Swells Restaurant voucher \*Central Coast Aqua Park- 2 x \$100 vouchers \*TITAN FINANCIAL PLANNERS- \$100 VISA voucher \*Grill'd Erina- 2 x \$50 vouchers \*Darrons Seafood- Voucher \*Clip n' climb- 2 x Double passes \*Hoyts- 2 x Double passes \*Erina Ice Arena-\$70voucher \*Thaiger Temple Terrigal-\$50voucher \*Brows on Lake-2 x Brow shape & tint \*New Heights Cafe- \$40 voucher \*LUSH Erina- Christmas Gift Box \*Casey's Toys Erina- Board game pack \*Jack the Barber-Men's Grooming Hamper \*Thanks to Nature- Hair Care Hamper \*Wamberal Pharmacist Advice-Gift pack \*The Little tuck shop- Voucher \*EHPS family donations- Mega Craft Pack, Picnic Hamper, Gingerbread House & \$100 Toymate voucher. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, with a total of 20 tickets in each booklet. Please ensure you have written the full name & phone number on each stub. There is a prize for the child who returns and sells the most booklets and a class prize for the class who returns all their booklets first! Good luck to all families!

Our final P&C meeting for the year will be this Tuesday December 6 at 7pm in the school staffroom. All are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

Erina Heights Public School P&C

The P&C Team



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Motivated Learner

### Be an Active Communicator

This fortnight, our Motivated Learner focus is being an active communicator. It's important to think before you speak and say what you mean as accurately and as honestly as you can. You model this every day in your conversations.

In class this means they will join in discussions and listen attentively. These are important skills as they help your child clarify their understanding and help them focus on the lesson that is being taught. A motivated learner is someone who consistently asks questions about their learning and adds other ideas to what has already been said.

You can encourage your child with this skill by having rich conversations with them at home. Allow them to ask questions, give you their own point of view about the topic and to justify their own opinions with reasons.

Strategies to try:

#### 1: **Say it Once**

Repeating ourselves will produce lazy listening in our children. If kids are accustomed to hearing instructions twice, three times, and even four times, listening the first time around becomes unnecessary.

#### 2: **Pay Attention, Pause, Paraphrase**

Children need structured opportunities to restrain themselves from speaking to keep their attention on listening, especially when talking in groups.

#### 3: **Creating Questions**

If your children are listening to a speech, watching a documentary clip, or hearing a story read aloud, break it up by stopping a few times and having students write a question or two about what they just heard.

#### 4: **Motivating Words**

Good listeners are both rare and valued. It's important to share this with your children, and to also share the fact that people who really listen -- make eye contact, show interest, and restrain from cutting others off in a conversation -- are easy to like and respect.

5: Play listening games when you travelling in the car e.g. I Spy

Mrs Stc ' '





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## A message from Our The Star of The Sea Parish, Terrigal

The Catholic Scripture teachers from Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Terrigal, wish you and your families a joyful Advent, a happy Christmas and wonderful summer holiday break.

*The link below contains your Christmas card, a variety of craft and cooking activities, as well as links to Advent and Christmas songs, family prayers and lots more.*

[https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/my\\_catholic\\_advent\\_and\\_christmas\\_2022\\_ccress](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/my_catholic_advent_and_christmas_2022_ccress)



## ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**MONDAY  
19 DEC**

### A VERY TASK CHRISTMAS

*Santa's calling, and  
he needs YOUR  
HELP!*



*Make your own  
decorations, gift tags  
and treats!*

**Fee - \$75**

**TUESDAY  
20 DEC**

### END OF TERM CELEBRATION!

*Excursion to  
the cinema to  
see Disney's  
Strange World!*



*Popcorn and water  
provided!*

**Fee - \$96**

**HOURS**  
Mon - Fri  
7am - 6pm

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**The  
After  
School  
Klub**

• Excursion days - places limited • TASK is egg & nut free • Afternoon tea provided • All HP subject to change  
• Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labelled.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BOOKINGS CLOSE MON 2 JAN

JANUARY 2023 - WEEK 1

MONDAY 9 JAN	TUESDAY 10 JAN	WEDNESDAY 11 JAN	THURSDAY 12 JAN	FRIDAY 13 JAN
<b>TASK NEW YEAR 2023</b>  Celebrate New Years TASH style! Fee - \$75	<b>IRON CHEF</b>  The battle for culinary supremacy starts HERE! Little People Nutrition Incursion. Fee - \$96	<b>CAMP SUNNY</b>  TASK is recreating the summer camp experience during these January Holidays. Fee - \$75	<b>SPY MODE</b>  Excursion to Intensity Erina! Fee - \$96	<b>DANCE, DANCE REVOLUTION</b>  Bop till you drop is coming into TASH to join us for a massive dance party! Fee - \$96

**HOOURS**  
 Mon - Fri  
 7am - 6pm

For detailed information go to your school on our website.  
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**The After School Klub**



## ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BOOKINGS CLOSE MON 9 JAN

JANUARY 2023 - WEEK 2

MONDAY 16 JAN	TUESDAY 17 JAN	WEDNESDAY 18 JAN	THURSDAY 19 JAN	FRIDAY 20 JAN
<b>CAMP SUNNY</b>  Camp Sunny continued... tug-o-war, camp craft, fort building and more. Fee - \$75	<b>SUMMER BASH</b>  A day of sports with the team from Exergames. Fee - \$96	<b>TASK VS TASK</b>  Excursion to Flip Out Gosford Fee - \$96	<b>WET &amp; WOW</b>  Prepare to get wet and dive into TASK with inflatable waterslides! Fee - \$96	<b>DIY &amp; MODIFY</b>  You can do more when you do it yourself. Fee - \$75

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## ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BOOKINGS CLOSE MON 16 JAN

JANUARY 2023 - WEEKS 3 & 4

MONDAY 23 JAN	TUESDAY 24 JAN	WEDNESDAY 25 JAN	THURSDAY 26 JAN	FRIDAY 27 JAN	MONDAY 30 JAN
<b>9D MOBILE CINEMA</b>  Epic Multi-sensory VR Experience with 9D Cinema Fee - \$96	<b>CAMP SUNNY</b>  Our final Camp Sunny! Fee - \$75	<b>SOAKED SUMMER</b>  Splash your cozzie, snorkel, flippers for splashing-good time with inflatable water slides! Fee - \$96	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>  Fee - \$96	<b>OUR BACKYARD</b>  Bring your adventure shoes to take a journey through our own Australian backyard. Fee - \$75	<b>MOVIE EXCURSION</b>  Finishing our holidays with an excursion to Hoyts Erina. Fee - \$96

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## GERRIC for Gifted Students Program

Helping bright young minds thrive

January 2023  
Online & on-campus



9-13 January  
2023



Online



UNSW Campus,  
Kensington



9:00am - 3:00pm

We are excited to announce that our GERRIC Student Programs will return in January 2023! Our Scientia programs will be run both online and on-campus to provide students with the choice of what works best for them. This is a school holiday program that expands the minds of bright, inquisitive individuals looking for an intellectual challenge that is more demanding and more fun than they may sometimes experience at school.

All courses are 3-day workshops. Registration will be available from 10 November 2022.

### Junior Scientia: Years 3 - 6

The Junior Scientia program is designed for gifted and talented primary school students in Years 3-6. To participate in the program, students will select one three-day workshop from a range of options.

All workshops are developed and presented by experienced teachers who are qualified or experienced in gifted education. They possess the expertise and skills to encourage the interests and pique the curiosity of gifted children.

### Scientia Challenge: Years 7 - 10

The Scientia Challenge program features a range of exciting workshops taught over three days designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10.

Developed and led by practising experts, the workshops follow a university-style investigative structure with intellectually-stimulating content. With the level of study aimed two years higher than the students' grade level, these dynamic workshops offer gifted students a rigorous and challenging program.



Follow the QR code for more  
information about our  
program



**Scholarships Available!**

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