

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 5: FEBRUARY 2022















PRINCIPAL REPORT

We are now halfway through Term 1 and although we have had to follow some restrictions, including separated recess and lunch breaks, it has been a really positive start to the year. We are excited to be back to regular break times as of next week and to see students from different stages mixing together and expanding their peer relationships. Year 6 students are very excited to connect with kindergarten students and to help out with a range of activities in the classroom and the playground.

School Improvements

Work is progressing well on our Administration building and we are very excited to be nearing the first stage of completion that will see the office staff and Mrs Lewis and I move into the new office space. Staff are also excited and looking forward to the new staffroom and workspace that they will have available to them.

Initial works have started on our playground upgrade also. This is going to include a large area with fixed equipment and softfall, a seated area and a sensory playground. We will be utilising our Community Building Partnership grant and P&C contribution to make this a wonderful space for all students. We are hoping to see these works finished by the end of May.

Community Spirit

Thank you to our community members who have been so generous in offering support to our beautiful mum who was recently involved in a serious accident. We are so pleased to share that things are progressing well and in the right direction. We will continue to accept any donations and look forward to being able to share these with the family on behalf of the Erina Heights Public School community in the near future.

Ongoing traffic concerns

We are receiving a number of calls from members of our local community about the bank up of traffic each afternoon, with cars lining up around the corner onto Central Coast Highway. This is causing major traffic issues with cars being unable to turn onto Serpentine Road. It is also causing issues for the buses.

We ask that anyone using Kiss and Go to pick students up in the afternoon refrains from queuing beyond the designated Kiss and Go lane. Community members will be contacting council to ask that random ranger inspections are carried out to monitor this situation.



School Photos - Tuesday March 15, 2022





DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

This week I have had the opportunity to visit some classrooms and see some of the wonderful work being done by our students and teachers. Mrs MacDonald and I have also had some welcome visitors to our temporary office, showing off some of their wonderful work.

Stage 1 Phonics

This year we are implementing a new phonics program across our Year One and Two classrooms aimed at improving all students' reading, spelling and writing.

The focus of the program is to explicitly teach students to listen to and identify phonemes (sounds) in words and then blend sounds together to build words. are short, fun Lessons interactive with students listening, speaking and writing on whiteboards. Students go on to complete additional self-quided activities independent reading group rotations which allow further practice consolidation of learning.

We anticipate that Kindergarten will begin implementing the program in Semester 2.

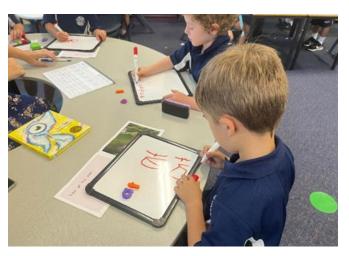




Here we have students in 1K (top right) and 1T (above) practicing their blending and recording skills in a whole class lesson.

Kindergarten Reading and Writing

Kindergarten are also learning to identify and write sounds, sight words and sentences during guided and independent literacy group activities.





Above Harrison, Finn, Lucy and Zara (KG) are learning to read, make and write 'at'.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT



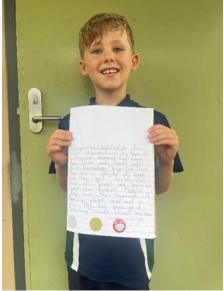
Below we have Darcy (KT) practising his writing skills, Ari (KT) reading with Mrs Tibbutt, Oscar (KG) making the letter 's' with playdough and Raider (KT) showing off his clever writing.



Year 2 Writing Superstars

Mrs MacDonald and I were excited to get a visit this week from two of our Year 2 students who continue to make outstanding progress with writing. their Dorothy from 2HS and Jack from 2C were both justifiably proud of their efforts. Well done to you both.





Year 4 Google Classroom

Students in 4J have been experimenting with new technology skills on Google Classroom. Here we have Ella, Mia, Levi and Liam displaying their efforts. Their task was to combine a photo of something they enjoyed doing at school with a border and a caption. Great work everyone.



CLASSROOM NEWS

1K

We have had a fantastic start to 2022, with 1K students settling well into their new class and routines. Many of our students have made new friends, along with re-connecting with old friends.

During our literacy session, 1K have enjoyed learning about phonemes and graphemes and enjoy their fast phonics lessons.

Our keen 1K mathematicians have loved working with numbers and learning to use place value to read and write larger numbers. In the last couple of weeks, we have enthusiastically ordered numbers and learnt the value of coins and notes, all ready to use at the canteen!

We have drawn fantastic self-portraits, as work towards decorating our new classroom with our beautiful art.

Through class discussions and news, we have all got to know each other better. We have been introduced to new pets and many students shared great experiences including, Ilsa's experience as a flower girl at her mother's wedding and we shared the success of many students sporting achievements as nippers came to an end.

I am very proud of how well all our students have settled into our new class, and I am looking forward to a great year of learning.

Mrs Kerry









CLASSROOM NEWS

1T

What fun we have had in 1T meeting new friends and re-connecting with old friends from last year.

The crew in 1T are so engaged during literacy groups and have been loving learning about phonemes and graphemes. We are investigating the structure of sentences and how they contain nouns, verbs and adjectives.

In mathematics, our focus has been on numbers. We are learning to read and write numbers beyond 100 using place value to help us. Some of 1T can even skip count by 2's, 5's, 10's AND 3's!

During sport, 1T have been practicing the skill of running and jumping. Check out the photos of the sack races which was both a challenge and made us all laugh a lot.

1T students have been sharing information about themselves during 'free choice' news. Cooper shared his poster about a family trip to Canada. Tyler introduced his pet guinea pig and Joey shared a video about her amazing big brother, Max, who rescued a member of the community which you can watch via this link https://youtu.be/bC-fyYMliWU

As their teacher, I could not be prouder of how 1T have settled into school routines and look forward to many exciting learning moments with them all.

Mrs Thaler





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	3rd	Cora S		3rd	Harry H	
	4th			4th		
9yrs	1st	Aaliyah C		1st	Finn E	
	2nd	Ivy H		2nd	Phoenix M	
	3rd	Pip Y		3rd	Hudson Z	
	4th	Annabella D		4th	Leo C	
10yrs	1st	Mila P		1st	Charlie M	
	2nd	Mia V		2nd	Kane D	
	3rd	Elsie B		3rd	Will Y	
	4th	Adele M		4th	Noah E	
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	4th			4th	Lucas H
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	4th	Lily C		4th	Sunny E

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	4th	Mia V		4th	Charlie M
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	3rd	Tahlia D		3rd	Jack G
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	3rd	Maddie A		3rd	Zahn C
	4th	Emily C		4th	Jackson S

Butterfly						
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12/13yrs	1st	Tahlia D		1st	Taj H	
	2nd	Aymee E		2nd		
	3rd	Lana W		3rd	Jack G	
	4th	Isla L		4th		
	Relays					
Junior	1st	Thorpe		1st	O'Neill	
	2nd	Freeman		2nd	Freeman	
	3rd	O'Neill		3rd	Waugh	
	4th	Waugh		4th	Thorpe	
Senior	1st	Freeman		1st	Waugh	
	2nd	O'Neill		2nd	Freeman	
	3rd	Thorpe		3rd	Thorpe	
	4th	Waugh		4th	O'Neill	

TLPSSA Swimming Carnival

Next Friday, March 4 our Zone Swimmers will be making a splash at Mingara Aquatic Centre.

I am sure it will be an awesome day of competition with great sportsmanship on show. We wish you all luck and looking forward to hearing about all the Personal Best times from the carnival.

Congratulations to the following students for making it through to the TLPSSA Swimming Carnival.

Zara C	Lily C	Brody E	Noah E
Summer C	Skyla E	Alby P	Jaden C
Cora S	Ruby L	Harry H	Jackson S
Aaliyah C	Kiara C	Finn E	Zahn C
Ivy H	Aymee E	Phoenix M	Cooper R
Pip Y	Tahlia D-N	Hudson Z	Flynn F
Annabella D	Ella M	Lucas H	Taj H
Mila P		Charlie M	Logan T
Elsie B		Kane D-N	Jack G
Mia V-S		Will Y	

Education Packs and Resource Requirements 2022

Resource Requirements 2022

Each year we ask parents to provide their child with a set of equipment to support their learning and supplement what the school provides. Please be aware that some items will be for your child's personal use and will need to be labelled with their name, whilst others will be for communal use. Communal use items will be marked with an *.

Item	K-2	Stage 2	Stage 3
Glue sticks	3*	3	3
Highlighters	1 pack*	1 pack	1 pack
Whiteboard markers	4*	4	4
Lead pencils		8	8
Coloured pencils		1 set	1 set
Ruler	1*	1	1
Eraser	1*	1	1
Sharpener - enclosed		1	1
Coloured textas		1 set	1 set
Scissors		1	1
Black fine tip sharpies	2*	2	2
Red Pens		2	2
Blue Pens		2	3
A4 Scrapbook for Homework	1		
A4 Exercise book for Homework		1	1
Plastic Document wallet	2		
Small blank art book		1	
Box of tissues	1*	1*	1*
Ream of A4 white paper	2*	2*	2*
Personal headphones	1	1	1
Clip board			1
A4 Display folder – 80 pages			1
Paint shirt	1	1	1

Education Packs

We also ask parents to purchase a stage-based Education Pack which includes subscriptions to online resources that can be used both at home and at school to support students' learning. Payments can be made online, through the school website from the beginning of 2022.

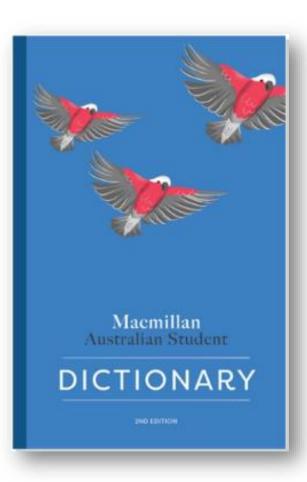
Stage	PM eCollection	Mangahigh	School Magazine	Stile	Cost
K-2	•	•			\$25
Stage 2		•	•		\$25
Stage 3		•	•	•	\$40

<u>PM eCollection</u> is designed to support independent and guided reading both at home and school. Students have access to a personal account, with a selection of PM levelled readers which can be tailored to cater for their reading needs.

<u>Mangahigh</u> is a game-based learning platform which provides engaging quiz-like activities and games which support classroom mathematics programs. For more information: https://www.mangahigh.com/en-au/

<u>School Magazines</u> are published by the NSW Department of Education and is mapped to NSW English syllabus outcomes. Each magazine offers a rich array of age-based reading material, including short stories, novel extracts, poems, crosswords and quizzes. For more information: https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/

<u>Stile</u> is a Science based program that provides quiz like activities that encourage students to use the STEM process of defining and thinking about a problem, brainstorming solutions, researching and planning, developing and making, testing and improving, and evaluating and sharing this learning. For more information: https://stileeducation.com/



Dictionaries

we will be asking parents to provide dictionaries for their children in Years 3 to 6. The school will be placing a bulk order, and these will be available to buy through the school <u>from the beginning of Term 1, 2022</u>. Alternatively, parents are free to source their own copy.

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

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 2022 school year contribution is set at \$40 per student or \$100 per family of three or more.

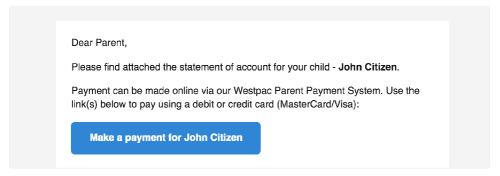
While contributions are voluntary, student resources are maximised when each family makes its voluntary contribution.

Statements of Account - Online Payment Guide

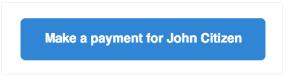
Erina Heights Public School will be sending student statements of account & payment reminders directly to parents/caregivers via email using a system called School Bytes. These statements include a link to make secure payment online through the Westpac Parent Online Payment (POP) system (Visa & Mastercard 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) with the subject 'Student Statement of Account' or 'Payment Reminder'.

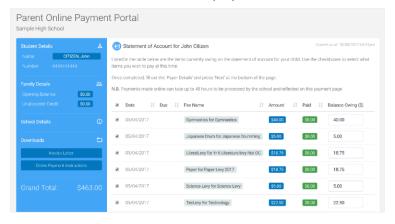


2. To make an online credit card payment, click the secure payment button in the email.



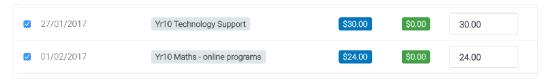
3. Once this button is clicked, you will be taken to a webpage on www.parentpayments.com.au.

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.



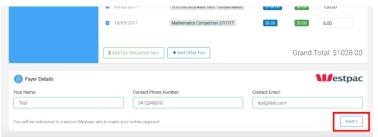
4. If you wish to change the amount you would like to pay for an item, enter the desired amount in the number field under the 'Balance Owing' column.

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.



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.



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.

Make a Payment				
Enter your payment details b	pelow. Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are m	nandatory.		
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* Cardholder Name				
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* Expiry Date	01 🔻 / 18 🔻			
* Card Verification Number (CVN)	What is the CVN?			
Cancel Payment		Proceed to Confirmation		

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

P&C NEWS

EHPS P&C Association Positions March 2022-March 2023

The EHPS P&C aims to hold a community member in a few executive positions to enable the P&C and the school community to work together to provide what is best for the school. The P&C's goal is to work collaboratively with the school executive and staff to understand the workings of the school and to provide a platform for the community to communicate with the school.

Please find a brief description of the general positions of the EHPS P&C and what they mean. Having a Vice President is a real advantage however, it is not a mandatory position.

President

- · Responsible for the running of meetings, usually on the 4th & 9th tuesday of each term and
- Provide the president's report
- Works with the school executive and staff to support the school's needs and the decisionmaking processes
- Encouraging the community to be involved in the school and to join in at the P&C meetings
- To work with all other executive members of the P&C and its sub committees
- To be a signatory on P&C bank accounts (2 signatures required for all transactions)
- · Remind all report writers to prepare reports for upcoming meetings
- Can collect incoming correspondence
- Assist in the running of events;
- · Ensure 'notice of event' insurance forms are filled in and submitted
- Ensure that all correspondence from the P&C is approved by the school and the committee
- Managing the P&C dojo account
- Write/present the end of year report at presentation day assembly
- Write P&C annual report

Vice President

- Assisting with the running of P&C general meetings if required & present a vice president's
- Report each meeting acknowledging/thanking teacher & school events held/upcoming
- Working with the president and the school executive/staff to coordinate events & communicate between meetings
- Assisting the president or other executive members, including overseeing and supporting the fundraising committee
- Signatory for bank accounts
- Can collect incoming correspondence
- Purchasing and coordinating gifts for education recognition days throughout the year

Secretary

- Maintains P&C secretary email account
- Email the P&C executive asking for meeting agenda items and add any additions to the agenda
- Email the P&C financial members & principal the upcoming agenda (& previous minutes) in the week before the upcoming meeting asking for any additions. Update agenda if required
- Liaises with EHPS office staff regarding advertising upcoming meetings on various school notification platforms and arranging copies of the agenda and minutes
- Provide multiple copies of the agenda, previous minutes and an attendance sheet and take meeting minutes at each P&C meeting
- In consultation with the treasurer, maintain a contact list of current financial members
- Collects incoming postal and email correspondence and forwards to relevant executive members, including internet surveys. Raises appropriate correspondence at the next meeting

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- Writes various correspondence on behalf of the P&C executive, including canteen job advertisement if required
- Collates and updates p&c-related documentation for kindergarten transition
- Possible signatory for bank accounts

Treasurer

- Internet banking
- Transfers completed between accounts where required
- Reimbursements distributed for volunteers and P&C executive payments made on P&C behalf
- Coordinate and maintain online banking accounts
- · Banking;
- Signatory on bank accounts
- Deposit money, maintain records, draw cheques and co-ordinate 2 to sign signatures
- Coordinating the counting & final banking of fundraising takings
- Liaise with the accountant;
- Co- ordinate with financial accountant for pay slips on fortnightly basis to make salary/wages payment for canteen manager
- Assist accountant with any expenditure queries and figures when needed
- Maintain ATO and BAS payments
- Arrange audit with accountant, provide update and report to financial members at AGM
- Canteen;
- Maintain employment contract with canteen manager when appointing
- Invoice payments for canteen costs and expenses fortnightly basis or as needed
- Filing of canteen expenses in consultation with canteen manager
- Provides a brief finance summary/report each meeting on account balances/status
- Liaising with school office staff regarding finances and working together to achieve outcomes
- Maintain EHPS treasurer email account
- If funding opportunities arise, dealings with service NSW and accountant for monetary payments to supplement P&C accounts

Fundraising Coordinator

- To coordinate a committee of community members to come up with ideas for social and fundraising events
- Plan and work within the school calendar for dates of events
- Coordinate events each term with the assistance of P&C executive and committee members
- Provide a report each meeting on recent or upcoming event progress
- Maintain the fundraising email account
- Plan, budget, shop and coordinate any fundraising supplies and elements needed for an event. This could include pre purchasing items, storage of items, wrapping items, communicating with the school executive and staff, promoting the event, organising volunteers including sign on sheets, consider event safety adhering to school or event location rulings, scheduling with the school, collection and safe storage of takings until counted, assist with and ensure counting and banking has occurred, thanking participants or donators and reporting on the event at conclusion in the newsletter/dojo and at the next meeting.

For more information on any of these positions, please contact Amy Ferrier President 0407294688 or Katherine Wilton Secretary secretaryehps@gmail.com or check out https://www.pandc.org.au/faqs for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS







Enrolling now for term 1 2022

We offer 60 minute classes for 5 to 12 year olds. Children learn through a combination of FUN Activities, music, games, craft and drama. They rapidly acquire enough knowledge and confidence to enjoy using the language for communication and expression. Unique online resources for members Experienced & enthusiastic native teachers



Language Club @ Erina Heights PS

Mandarin Club: Monday 3.15pm-4.15pm Spanish Club: Tuesday 3.15pm-4.15pm French Club: Wednesday 8am-8.50am



To receive an Information Pack Call Alex 0421 473 202 or email: alexandra.vergereau-ducarme@lcfclubs.com.au www.lcfclubs.com.au





1x Casual Position Available Gosford Local Government Area - 54723

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor! • Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road • Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists

- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- Reliable in good or bad weather

 Good communication skills

 Community spirit

 Positive energy

For more information, please contact Sandhini Chaudha E: sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au M: 0466 343 704

If it does, visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today!
Applications close: Wednesday 2nd March 2022







Welcome back to the 2022 New School Year!





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- · first aid & child protection trained staff
- healthly food & snacks
- · fun & educational programs
- . TASK is screen free
- if you need help managing staggered start/ finish times in the mornings or afternoons we can assist.
- new to TASK: <u>task-kids.com.au</u> choose your school unders school menu to enrol
- already with TASK: enrol@task-kids.com.au include child's full name, school name, days required & start date.



task-kids.com.au

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COMMUNITY NEWS

School Student Travel Term 1 2022



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to apply or update their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their <u>local</u> bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

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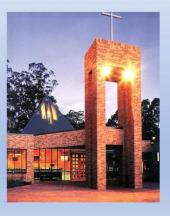
Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Opal terms of use.

All students are required to comply with the <u>Student code of conduct</u>. The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

For Parents of Catholic SRE Students

Our Lady Star of the Sea Sacramental Programme 2022

Reconciliation



- Available for children who have been Baptised and are in Year 4 and older.
- Enrolment will take place at the church after the Masses on the following two weekends:
- Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th February
- Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th March
- Enquiries to the Sacramental Co-Ordinator, Janette Merrotsy at the Parish Office on 4367 4610 or 0421 416 555. Website www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigal