



NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 7: MARCH 2022

Save the Date



School Photos - Tuesday March 15, 2022



Happy, Healthy, Successful, Lifelong Learners



PRINCIPAL REPORT

It has been an exciting couple of weeks with restrictions easing and getting back some normality around the school. The playground has been a hive of activity with students able to enjoy their recess and lunchtime breaks together, when the rain has allowed. Teachers have loved teaching their classes with no masks and like students, have enjoyed being able to have their break times together once again.

Today we held our very first whole school assembly in about 18 months. It was so beautiful having everyone come together and seeing students so proud to be presented class awards in front of their peers. Kindergarten kept us all entertained throughout their very first assembly, having so many other students made the task of sitting still a little more difficult.



Today was a day of firsts as staff got to enjoy their very first Friday morning tea in our new staffroom. It was a lovely morning and having such a beautiful space to come together definitely made for a great end to the week. We are slowly starting to move into our new office space and can't wait to welcome you all when we are officially moved in.

We are excited to have some additional painting happening around the school with the toilets being the first to get a new coat of paint. We have a number of school improvements happening at the moment that are all contributing to making our school the best it can be and such a great place for students to learn and thrive.

I would like to personally congratulate all of our students who attended the Zone Swimming Carnival at Mingara last week. I received a lot of positive feedback from parents and teachers about their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. Good luck to those students who made it through to Sydney North.

Kind Classmate Award

It was great to be able to present the first of our Kind Classmate awards, a new award donated by George Brand Real Estate at Terrigal and presented by one of our wonderful dad's Justin. One student a fortnight will be recognised for showing kindness and they will receive their special award and a \$30 QBD gift voucher. Thank you to Justin and the team for supporting our students and our school.



CLASSROOM NEWS

2HS

Welcome to the wonderful class of 2HS! We have hit the ground running and everyone has settled in beautifully. We are delighted at how enthusiastic and eager all our students are to learn. In our classroom we work together to create a positive learning environment, incorporating the school's core values of Personal Best, Responsibility and Respect.

2HS students have been working hard with their reading, spelling, and writing skills. Our literature unit's focus text is "I'm Australian Too". This story shares some of the many and varied stories of Australia and the places their parents and their grandparents have come from. It is a celebration of multiculturalism and exploration of the cultural diversity that is modern Australia. We have been so impressed with the discussion our students are having around the amazing book and informing us of their various cultural backgrounds.

Congratulations to all 2HS students for their amazing achievements, especially in literacy groups, and for their genuine enthusiasm for learning. We are extremely proud of all the students for their effort and determination to improve and perform at their personal best.

Below are some pictures of our students in action.

Mrs Hillman and Mrs Scofield



TLPSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A HUGE well done to all the participants from Fridays TLPSSA Swimming Carnival. We situated our team proudly behind our Erina Heights Public School flag and cheered from the grandstand as our friends competed in each race – amazing display of sportsmanship.

Our 34 swimmers turned their tummy butterflies into strength, and powered down their lanes, with many achieving personal bests.

Congratulations to our EHPS swimmers who will be representing Tuggerah Lakes and Erina Heights Public School at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival on 16 March 2022 at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Aymee
All 11-13
Age year
Girls old

12 year old
12 year old
12 year old
12 year old
4x50m Senior

Ivy
9 year old

Finn
9 year old

Tahlia
12year old
12 year old
12 year old
4x50m Senior

Lily
4x50m Senior

Skyla
4x50m Senior

Jack
13 year old Boys 50m Freestyle

Mrs Ashton and Mr Beames



Class Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Class Merit Award recipients:

Class

KG	Fletcher	Oscar	Evie
	Ace	Ruby	Zara
	Jimmy	Louie	
KT	Marley	Tiason	Lea
	Aria	Archie	Darcy P
	Sonny	Eloise	Aria
	Skye	Jude	
1K	Willow	Simeon	Luke
	Lexi	Zoe	
1T	Oskar	Stacey	Cooper
	Tilly	River	Millie
	Brooklyn		Josh
2HS	Camryn	Max	Ava
	Dorothy	Riley	Indy
3A	Edie	Leo	Hudson
	Maxwell	Camilla	Elisia
	Finn	Annabella	Rocco
	Mila	Phoenix	Ella
4B	Aaliyah	Harvey	Harrison
	Liv		
4J	Kai	Riley	Luke
	Emily	Adele	Vada
	Ella	Elaina	Charlie
	Issac	Evie	Lexi
5L	Esme	William	Harper
	Lennox	Ethan	Ruby
	Ella	Archie	Abigail
	Bonnie	Neve	Madeleine
6B	Isla	Sunny	George
	Jonah	Emily	Ruby
Library	George	Jake	

SCHOOL NEWS

Erina Heights Public School Band

We are very excited that our school band program has recommenced with face-to-face lessons with teachers from the Conservatorium of Music. This is a fantastic opportunity for previous band members to explore their passion and for beginner students to start learning an instrument with friends.

There have been many smiling faces as students pick up their instruments and join both our concert and training bands. We are really looking forward to seeing some fantastic performances throughout the year.

Mrs Kerry



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

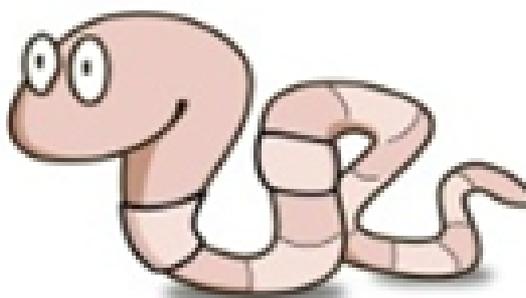
The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Mrs Stahl will be coordinating this at school this year. If you need help using the website and the answer cannot be found on the [PRC Support](https://www.prcsupport.com.au/) site, please contact us at prc@det.nsw.edu.au

2022 Challenge dates

Challenge opens: Monday 28 February 2022

Challenge closes for student entries: Friday 19 August 2022



NSW Premier's
Reading Challenge

ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Planning for a safe and supportive school community

On Friday 18 March 2022, Erina Heights Public School is participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The NDA is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for the 2022 NDA is Kindness Culture. Erina Heights students will demonstrate Kindness Culture by participating in activities that promote inclusiveness, respect and community belonging for all students. We encourage the students to wear orange on the day, to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.

Planning for a safe and supportive school community requires a whole-school community approach. Whole-school responses to bullying prevention build positive and supportive school environments by incorporating strategies for intervention at all levels, inclusive of students, teachers, parents and carers.

Three key characteristics outlined in the national definition of bullying distinguish bullying behaviours from other forms of peer aggression behaviours which do not constitute bullying. The key characteristics of bullying include:

1. power imbalance
2. deliberate intent to cause harm, and
3. ongoing and repeated behaviour.



While the following behaviours of peer aggression do not constitute bullying, these behaviours may still be serious and require intervention at home and at school:

- arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- single acts of social rejection or meanness, or
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

It is important for our entire school community, including our staff, parents, carers and students to have a clear understanding of the definition of bullying to be able to distinguish these behaviours from peer aggression, and correctly identify and respond to incidents of bullying.

Knowing the [types of bullying behaviour](#) can also help you identify if the incident is bullying, or peer aggression. While neither of these behaviours are tolerated at Erina Heights PS, they do require different management strategies, and the first step for responding is to correctly identify the behaviour.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

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

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PM eCollection 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.

Mangahigh 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/>

School Magazines 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/>

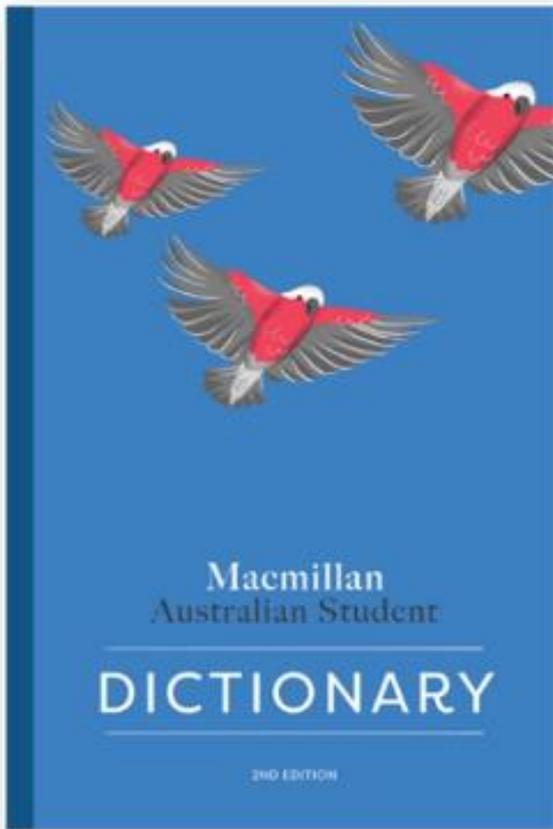
Stile is a Science based program that provides quiz like activities that encourage students to use the STEM process of defining and thinking about a problem, brainstorming solutions, researching and planning, developing and making, testing and improving, and evaluating and sharing this learning. For 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 from the beginning of Term 1, 2022. 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 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.

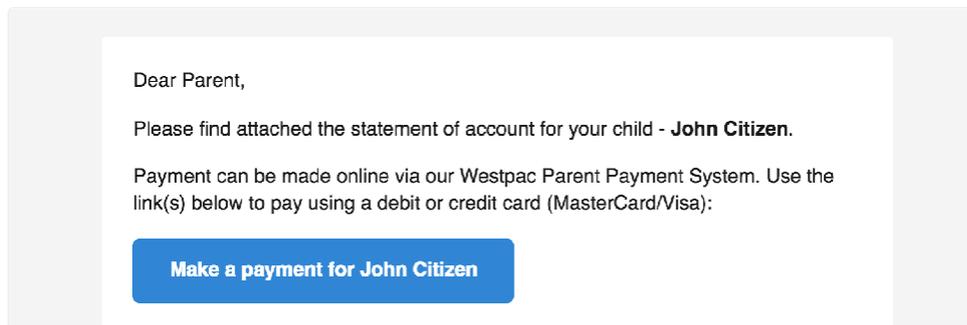
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Statements of Account – Online Payment Guide

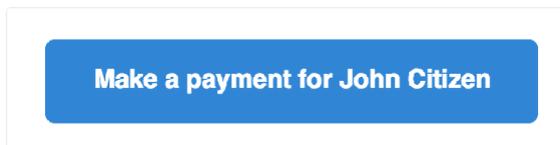
Erina Heights Public School will be sending student statements of account & payment reminders directly to parents/caregivers via email using a system called School Bytes. These statements include a link to make secure payment online through the Westpac Parent Online Payment (POP) system (Visa & Mastercard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

Date	Due	Fee Name	Amount	Paid	Balance Owing (\$)
05/04/2017		Gymnastics for Gymnastics	\$40.00	\$0.00	40.00
05/04/2017		Japanese Drum for Japanese Drumming	\$5.00	\$0.00	5.00
05/04/2017		Literacy Levy for Yr 6 Literature Levy Nat GC	\$18.75	\$0.00	18.75
05/04/2017		Paper for Paper Levy 2017	\$18.75	\$0.00	18.75
05/04/2017		Science Levy for Science Levy	\$5.00	\$0.00	5.00
05/04/2017		TecLevy for Technology	\$22.50	\$0.00	22.50

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.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27/01/2017	Yr10 Technology Support	\$30.00	\$0.00	30.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	01/02/2017	Yr10 Maths - online programs	\$24.00	\$0.00	24.00

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.

The screenshot shows a payment summary table with two items: 'Yr10 Technology Support' for \$30.00 and 'Yr10 Maths - online programs' for \$24.00. Below the table is a 'Payer Details' section with fields for 'Your Name' (Test), 'Contact Phone Number' (0412345678), and 'Contact Email' (test@test.com). A 'Next' button is highlighted with a red box.

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.

The screenshot shows the 'Make a Payment' screen with the following fields: 'Cardholder Name', 'Credit Card Number', 'Expiry Date' (01 / 18), and 'Card Verification Number (CVN)'. There are 'Cancel Payment' and 'Proceed to Confirmation' buttons at the bottom.

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 decision-making 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 produce 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



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Meredith or Graeme



meredith.milne@thesmithfamily.com.au



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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



COME & TRY DAY



WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH

5pm to 6pm @ Central Coast Adventist School Erina

Under cover in the COLA, entry via Karalta Lane

Boys & Girls from U9's to U17's

www.panthers.org.au

facebook.com/terriganavocaaf



FOOTY IS BACK

