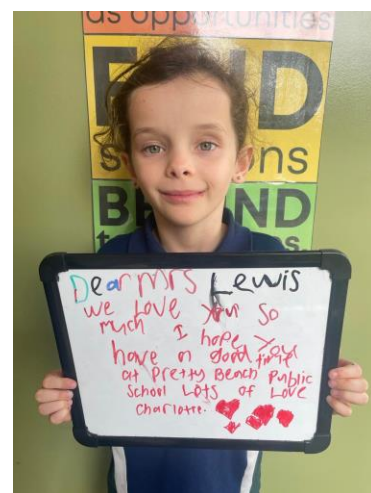


TERM 1 WEEK 11 : APRIL 2022





PRINCIPAL REPORT

A perfect end to a wonderful Term 1

Conversations, laughter, social catch ups, coffee, hot cross buns and outstanding Easter hats made for a wonderfully uplifting end to Term 1. It was such a great feeling to be able to welcome families back into the school and host our first community event in over 12 months.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents for your efforts in helping with the creation of Easter hats for our parade. It was beautiful to see students in all years so excited to parade in front of their families.

Thank you to our P&C for their efforts in organising our Easter Raffle and for the time and effort that went into making the Easter baskets. They looked absolutely fabulous and it was wonderful to see the looks of excitement on students faces when their name was called out and they were able to choose one of the delicious Easter hampers.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle. I am so grateful to be part of such a supportive and generous community. It was truly overwhelming to see the contributions that were made.

Farewell to Mrs Lewis

The saying goes that when one door closes, another opens and that is certainly the case for Mrs Lewis who has been an integral part of our staff and community for the past 2 years. It was a beautiful celebration to farewell Lisa as she embarks on the next part of her journey as Principal at Pretty Beach Public School. This new role is very well earned as she is a highly skilled teacher and leader, and they are certainly lucky to have her at Pretty Beach. Lisa will be very missed here at Erina Heights, but we wish her all the best as she starts her next adventure.

ANZAC service

Today our school celebrated ANZAC day with a special assembly where students laid wreaths that they had created in their classrooms. We were able to welcome two guests from the Terrigal RSL sub-branch who both have a special connection to Erina Heights Public School. Luke Hill who had all three of his children attend Erina Heights, with Teyah finishing Year 6 last year and David Ferry who attended Erina Heights throughout his Primary school years.





PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome to our new Assistant Principal Instructional Leader (APIL) – Sam Sheather

A panel was formed to seek an APIL starting next term. An Expression of Interest was sent out to schools across the Central Coast and after careful consideration, the new position was offered to Samantha Sheather.

Sam is a previous staff member of Erina Heights having completed her internship here back in 2009 and then continuing to work throughout 2010-2011 and returning in 2015. She is excited to return to Erina Heights in this role and I'm sure will be a valuable addition to our team.

We look forward to welcoming Sam to this new role next term.

PBL Rewards Day

What a wonderful day it was seeing students beaming with excitement from the moment they arrived at school. Students work hard throughout the term, and it is wonderful to see them enjoy a great range of chosen activities throughout the day to celebrate their success throughout the term. I saw students getting their face painted, enjoying spider drinks and popcorn and a movie after recess. There were many new names, some funky hair-do's and some creative mufti attire that added to the hype of the day. I thoroughly enjoyed my morning tea with students and the conversations that were had about what they had enjoyed most about the term and exciting holiday plans.

Have a safe and happy holiday

I want to wish you all a safe and wonderful Easter break. Enjoy being able to spend quality time together and getting outdoors. I look forward to welcoming all students back next term when we return on Wednesday 27 April.



STAGE 2 PORT BOTANY EXCURSION

On Wednesday March 24, Stage 2 students embarked on an excursion to Port Botany for a Two Cultures excursion. The students have been learning about the history of the landing of the First Fleet from the European and Aboriginal perspectives. The trip to Botany Bay helped bring their learning to life.

Emily 4J

Last week our classes went to uncover the secrets of the first European settlers and the impact they had on the aboriginals.

We got onto our bus and started our two-and-a-half-hour journey to Botany Bay. We got there and ate our morning tea and listened to the rangers telling us about what we would be learning about during the day.

Next, we split into groups and we either went with Ranger Ramsey or Ranger Jamie to learn about the first contacts and the impact on Aboriginal people.

It was about to rain so we went on the bus to see the area the first settlers first stepped foot in Australia and where they first sailed into the headlands of Botany Bay.

Liam 4J

Last Thursday stage two went on an excursion to Botany Bay. We went there to learn more about the early European settlers, the effect they had on the environment and the local aboriginals.

We had two bushrangers and we were split into two groups. One went on the bushwalk and the other went to learn about the first settlers. During the bush Walk, we learned about termites, sarsaparilla trees, and how we could use the cabbage tree palm for food.

We also dressed in convict clothes and went to a creepy house where convicts had escaped from. We learnt about the diseases that were brought on the ships.

The excursion was fun and I learned a lot about the first fleet. One of my favorite facts was that one of the first fleet ships was only 30 meters long.



STAGE 2 PORT BOTANY EXCURSION

Ivy 4B

Yesterday, on the 24th March, 2022, Stage 2 went to Botany Bay to learn about the First Fleet and Aboriginal perspectives.

First, we hopped onto the coach and drove to Sydney. Once we arrived, we were able to sit down and get know the rangers a little more. They were so funny and they tried to tell us that one of the rangers was Gordon Ramsey's brother.

Next, we went on a bush walk and learnt about special plants. Then it was time to switch. This time we dressed up as convicts and listened to some scary stories about the convicts.

Finally, we weren't able to do the last activity because it started to rain, so the rangers and Stage 2 boarded the buses again and drove to a whale watching lookout. Even though we didn't see anything, we were able to go for a walk. After that, we drove back to school and had chats with our friends the whole way home.

The excursion was so fun and I would most definitely go again. It was a shame it was raining, but it was still super interesting and a lot of fun.



Milly 4B

All of Stage 2 have been learning about the First Fleet, so yesterday, the 24th March, we went to Botany Bay on a coach. Botany Bay is where Captain Arthur Phillip and his men first set foot on Aboriginal land.

First, we went on a bush walk through a National Park and learnt about the plants that were growing when the First Fleet arrived. We got to see the Cabbage Tree, The Squiggly Tree and a plant that tastes like a sour warhead, called the Sarsaparilla Tree.

Next, we dressed up like convicts and went to a spooky haunted house that is one of the original houses. I felt a ghost and we got to hear a ghost story. There, we also met a cute possum called Henry.

Finally, we went to Port Hacking River and saw a whale. When we were done, we boarded the coach and came back to the Central Coast.

I was really happy after the excursion because we learnt so much, were out in the fresh air and I got to spend time with friends from other classes.



Cody 4B

Yesterday, all of Stage 2 went to Botany Bay on a coach to learn about the First Fleet and the first Australians.

First, I hopped on to the bus with my bus buddy. We found our seats and watched movie on the way.

Next, we arrived at Botany Bay and we went on a bush walk with the group we were picked for. We ate our recess.

Finally, we stopped at the ocean to whale watch and spotted a huge whale.

I was really excited all through the day, and I felt a ghost of a convict at the haunted house, and I heard a voice from inside.

STAGE 2 PORT BOTANY EXCURSION

Chelsea 4B

Yesterday, on Thursday 25th March, all of Stage 2 sat in coaches for two hours until we arrived at Kurnell (or Botany Bay) to learn about the First Fleet and Aboriginal history in the area.

First, we went on a bush walk and looked at all the different plants and trees, compared to here at home. We learnt how the first Australians used these plants too.

Next, we dressed up as convicts and the teachers became soldiers. Kane was dressed Captain Arthur Phillip, who lead the First Fleet.

Finally, as the day came to an end, we went to whale watch at a lookout and saw a whale. Then we hopped back on the coach to head home.

I think the day was fun. I really liked hanging out with my friends on the coach and learning about the First Fleet.



Will 4B

Yesterday, Stage 2 went on a bus to Botany Bay to learn about the First Fleet and Aboriginal perspectives.

First, we went on a bush walk to learn about all the different types of plants and trees. They also told us about a bug that made squiggly lines on the tress, called the Squiggly Moth.

Next, we dressed up as convicts and went up to the haunted house where we heard voices of convict ghosts.

Finally, we drove over to Port Hacking River, which is where we went whale watching.

I felt great about my day because I had learnt so much about the convicts.



Lexi 4J

Last Thursday stage two went on an excursion to Botany Bay. We went to learn more about the early European settlers.

We learned about the ships. They were 30 meters long and the convicts wore white shirts with black arrows on them to let everyone know they were convicts. We also saw a haunted house.

Next we went. On a bushwalk, it was fun. We learned that the leaves on some of the trees can taste like warheads.

Finally, I had a great time with Ranger Ramsay and Ranger Jamie, they picture. were kind, friendly and funny. It was super fun. We had fun on the bus even though it took two hours to get home.



STAGE 2 PORT BOTANY EXCURSION

Charlie 4J

Last Thursday stage two went on an excursion to botany bay. We learned about the early settlers and the aboriginal people.

We had Ranger Jamie and Ranger Ramsey, they were loud and funny. We were split into two groups and got to see a ghost house and were Captain Cook first stepped.

Next, my group went for a bush walk and we learnt about sarsaparilla leaves and razor grass, which I cut myself on.

I had a great time at the excursion and learnt a lot of things. It was fun.

Hudson 3A

Botany Bay is a great place, but why did Stage Two go there in the first place? Well at school we were learning about how Aboriginal people first had contact with the British people. We were learning about the First Fleet.

It took us two hours on a bus in the rain to get there. There were some very nice rangers. We put on convict outfits with three arrows on them which meant they were owned by the British.

We went to a haunted house and the ranger told us a rich person had bought the land. The reason they came to Botany Bay was that all the jails were full in England and America wouldn't take the prisoners anymore. The convicts were made to build houses and roads.

There were some beautiful trees and native plants that Sir Joseph Banks drew and sent some back to England. Afterwards we did some bushwalks and then we went home again on the bus.

Greta Harman 3A

Stage Two had a great time on our excursion to Botany Bay. It was a bushy place that had lots of fresh trees. I liked all the native plants and animals, like snakes and possums. There were plants like Scribbly Gums, Red Gums and lots more. We had a bushwalk that you can do and it's the most relaxing thing ever.

Botany Bay is in Sydney and this is where the First Fleet landed. It used to be called Stingray Harbour because that's what the white people saw a lot of when they arrived. The ocean was at least 10 metres deep and there were deadly sharks like Tiger and Port Jackson and lots more.

The Aboriginal people lived there for more than 60 000 years before the white people arrived and said the land belonged to Britain. The Aboriginal word for Botany Bay is KaMay which is what the Aboriginal people called it before the Europeans came.

We had a great day and enjoyed learning all about the history of the place., before and after Captain Cook came.



PBL REWARDS DAY

The students at EHPS celebrated another successful Rewards Day this week. Between the painted faces, the popcorn at the movie and the spider drinks, we had a blast. There were students who played sport and some that wore mufti. Some came with crazy hair and others who chose to have extra time out in the playground. Some filled their bellies with morning tea with Mrs MacDonald and Mrs Lewis and others chose to change their name for the day.

It was magical to see so many smiling and glowing faces throughout the day while enjoying these well-deserved rewards. Thank you to all parents and staff who helped contribute to making this day a memorable one.

Mrs Grantham



P&C NEWS

Erina Heights Public School P&C says THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the amazing Erina Heights PS community for their generous chocolate donations and ticket sales for our P&C Easter Raffle this year! It has been our most successful Easter Raffle with profits reaching **an incredible \$4600!** We were able to wrap, raffle & present over **35** baskets full of goodies to those lucky winners and their families!

Congratulations to the Bickerton's, the Rendell's & the Hayes families for selling the most raffle booklets, who each received an Easter hamper. KT, KG & 1K classes returned the most booklets sold, unsold or partially sold. They are enjoying an Easter Pinata to share today!

A massive thank you to Amy Bickerton, Gail Wood, Kath Wilton, Linley Lea & Felicia Graham for their hours of volunteer time to make & allocate raffle booklets, wrap baskets, communicate the event details, set up the stall and count the proceeds over the last few weeks. We could not do these fundraising ventures without your generous support.



At our last AGM we said our heartfelt thanks to Coralee Young & Kath Wilton as outgoing P&C executive members. We thanked them for their efforts and volunteer time spent in their respective roles of Treasurer and Secretary.

We also thanked Lisa Lewis for her outstanding contributions, curriculum expertise and Public Education experience as Deputy Principal and we wished her every success in her well-earned role of Principal at Pretty Beach.

We are excited to announce the P&C executive roles for 2022.

- President- Amy Ferrier
- Vice President- Felicia Graham
- Secretary- Linley Lea
- Treasurer- Gail Wood
- Fundraising Coordinator- Amy Bickerton

We warmly welcome Gail & Linley on board in their new roles and know they will do an outstanding job! If you would like to attend the P&C meetings there are only 2 evenings a term, usually in weeks 4 & 9, from 7pm- 8:30/9pm. It is a great way to learn about current processes and developments at school and to offer suggestions to continue to support and benefit our children. Our next meeting is Tuesday 17th May 7pm in the beautiful new staffroom in the administration building. We hope to see you there! We will be communicating information during the holidays on P&C Dojo regarding the upcoming Cross country BBQ and the Mother's Day stall and raffle. We will be seeking volunteers to help at the BBQ on Thursday 28th April at Duffy's Oval and for wrapping gifts on Thursday 5th May or assisting at the stall on Friday 6th May. There will be cash only sales for the BBQ on the day. Like last year, we will be accepting Flexischools pre order payments for Mother's Day gifts, so stay tuned for more information. The P&C wishes you and your family a fabulous Easter break and we look forward to working with you throughout this year.

Felicia Graham
P&C Vice President

Our school has a new look **online payment page!**

We're now accepting payments for Erina Heights Public School via the school's website. To make a payment, simply:



Visit our school website on your mobile, tablet or desktop computer



Select 'Make a payment' from the main page menu



Enter the required student, contact and payment details

Note: You are **NOT** required to provide the 9-digit Student Registration Number.



Check your email for a copy of the receipt of payment



Education

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:



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COMMUNITY NEWS

ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM (bookings close Wed 6 April)

April 2022 - WEEK 1

MONDAY 11 APR Leaf It Up to Us Autumn is coming and the leaves are falling! Forage for fossilised foliage and even create your own!  Fee - \$75	TUESDAY 12 APR TASK Kitchen Rules  Get creative in the kitchen and craft your own ice cream delight! Dairy Free Options Fee - \$75	WEDNESDAY 13 APR Go Team Inflatable soccer, group games, water play and a sausage sizzle for lunch - what more could you want? Go Team TASK!  INFLATABLE FUN Fee - \$94	THURSDAY 14 APR Hoppy Easter Hop Along to TASK. Enjoy Easter filled craft activities and get ready for an Easter Egg hunt.  Fee - \$75	FRIDAY 15 APR TASK CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER FRIDAY 	THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm BOOKINGS: Go to task-kids.com.au and select your school
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ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM (bookings close Tues 12 April)

April 2022 - WEEK 2

MONDAY 18 APR TASK CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY 	TUESDAY 19 APR Sloth Day Sometimes it's just time to sit back and relax in your PJ's. Pile up some pillows and take a break these holidays.  Fee - \$75	WEDNESDAY 20 APR Earth Warriors Save the planet one light at a time. It's time to use our collective creativity and innovation to support the planet we all share.  Fee - \$75	THURSDAY 21 APR Beat It  DISCO PARTY INCURSION BOP TILL YOU DROP Our favourite disco team Bop Till You Drop is finally joining us for a disco and karaoke party! Fee - \$94	FRIDAY 22 APR Book Worms Dress as your favourite character and let's jump into the world of books and stories with themed activities throughout the day.  Fee - \$75	TUESDAY 26 APR pupil free day Let's Get Outta Here! EXCURSION - MOVIES (HOYTS Erina Fair) to see 'Rabbit Academy' - Let's get out one more time before we are back at school.  EXCURSION TO HOYTS CINEMAS Fee - \$94
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• Afternoon tea provided • All HP subject to change dependent on Government advice / direction •
Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labelled.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Part-Time Work

1x Permanent Part-Time Position Available
Erina Heights Public School – 59442
Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a 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

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight.
Hours for this role are 8.20am – 9.20am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm.
Shifts are Monday to Friday, every week during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
 - ✓ Community spirit
 - ✓ Positive energy



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