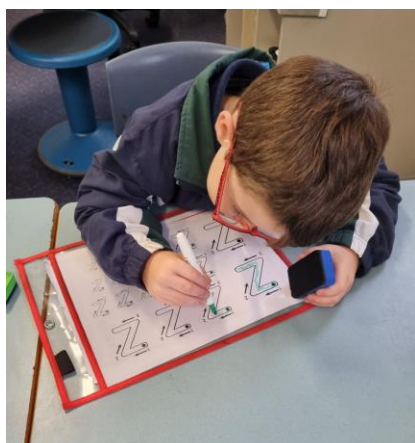


TERM 2 WEEK 2 : MAY 2022







# PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday break. It was great to welcome so many smiling faces back and to hear about the exciting holiday adventures that students had experienced.

We finished Term 1 on a high with our Easter breakfast, Easter hat parade and farewell to Mrs Lewis. It was a day filled with family, fun activities, time with friends and lots of laughter for students and staff alike. It was the perfect end to a busy, but productive term.

## **Mother's Day Breakfast**

It was a wonderful morning celebrating Mother's Day with all the special women in our lives. The cola looked fabulous all set up and the hand massage stations were enjoyed by many. The oval was a hive of activity with students and parents joining in the fun. The music was upbeat, and the dancefloor stayed busy for Just Dance in the Year 6 classroom and the photo booth was a popular hit. It was great to see so many mums participating and joining in.

The coffee van was kept busy (we all love our visits from Walk About Coffee) and the muffins were delicious. They are always full of compliments and love their visits to Erina Heights. Lauren likes to remind us that in all the schools she visits, she has never felt community spirit like she does when she visits Erina Heights. I think this is a true reflection of where we are as a whole school community, and I look forward to continuing this journey towards improvement and excellence.

I hope all our visiting guests were able to share a coffee and a muffin, catch up with friends and fellow parents and meet new parents and families that you may not have previously connected with.

I would like to wish all our wonderful mums a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday.



## **Weeks 1 & 2 (Pat Testing)**

This week Years 2-6 have undertaken PAT assessments in Reading and Mathematics. PAT assessments allow teachers to measure a student's knowledge, skills and understanding. Over the next week, I will be working closely with teachers to analyse the data and pinpoint where children are on their learning journey. We will establish what our students are capable of and provide opportunities that challenge them at an appropriate level for effective learning.



# PRINCIPAL REPORT

## Mother's Day Stall

What a wonderful effort it was by our fantastic team of volunteer mums who dedicated their time to organising our Mother's Day stall and the beautiful gifts for our students to take home ready for Sunday. They spent days purchasing gifts, wrapping, and then running the stall. These opportunities for students are not possible without the wonderful support of our community. I would like to say a very big thank you on behalf of staff and students to all the volunteers who made the stall such a success. Students were so excited to visit and choose a gift for their mum.



## ANZAC Day Dawn Service

It was a moving Dawn Service at Terrigal on ANZAC Day, in honour of our Veterans. I was very proud to stand beside Mrs Lewis and our students, to represent the Erina Heights community at the service. Taj and Cooper laid a wreath to pay respect on behalf of our school in acknowledging and honouring the service and sacrifices of our defence personnel. Thank you to all families and students who braved the rain and cold weather and attended the service in school uniform representing our school so proudly.



## Minister visit

This week we had the Minister of Education Mrs Sarah Mitchell and our state and local member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch visit the school. It was great to be able to showcase and celebrate the wonderful achievements we have made at Erina Heights. The students whose classrooms we visited were so proud to showcase their work and the learning happening in classrooms. It was special for the minister to meet three of the students who she met during her last visit when they were in kindergarten and who are now in Year 2.







# PRINCIPAL REPORT

## Year 6 Environmental Day

On Monday, Year 6 students dressed in their gardening clothes, packed their gloves, and spent the day outside in the sunshine (and rain) caring for and maintaining gardens around the school. Students had a great day weeding garden beds, raking leaves, collecting rubbish, and thoroughly enjoyed the morning tea and lunch that Ms Sheather arranged for them. All Year 6 students felt very proud of how much they achieved and how great the gardens looked once they had finished. The day had a great vibe about it and was a true reflection of the great community spirit we have at Erina Heights.

## A week of gardening

I am sure many of you have seen the entry to our school come to life this week. Not only do we have our new Administration building and covered walkway, but this week we added the finishing touches with new gardens. We had a wonderful team of builders and staff who worked tirelessly to install new gardens at the entry to the school and around the school and to mulch the many gardens that had been weeded and prepared by students earlier in the week. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of this team and their dedication and vision to making our school the best it can be, a place where everyone feels welcome and cared for.

## A Great Start at Erina Heights Public School

Firstly, a big thank you to all the students, staff and families who have made me feel so very welcome during the first two weeks of Term 2. How blessed am I to be back working at Erina Heights, a school that holds a special place in my heart. For those families who do not know me, I began my teaching career at Erina Heights over a decade ago. Prior to returning to Erina Heights in my current role, I was a Coordinator of Diverse Learning Needs and an Education Coordinator working within the Catholic Schools Office. In my current role I will be working closely with staff to provide rich learning experiences in literacy and numeracy for all our students. Together, we aim to develop student dispositions and thinking and make our school a place where thinking is valued, visible and actively promoted as part of everyday learning.





# ANZAC Day Assembly

On Friday 8 April, Erina Heights Public School held their ANZAC Day assembly. We were honoured to have two very special guests attend and address our school - Mr Luke Hill and Mr David Ferry. Mr Hill spoke of his personal experiences and the history of ANZAC Day, and Mr Ferry spoke of the history of Erina Heights Public School and the link between the statue of the soldiers at the Terrigal War Memorial and the school.

## School History

In 1914, Mr Walter Herbert Weiss was the Principal of Erina Heights Public School. One of his sons, Frederick Alfred Weiss - known as Private Frederic Alfred Weiss was in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion and was killed in action in the First World War on 19 July 1916 at Fromelles. He is commemorated on the Erina/Terrigal War Memorial.

A second son of Mr and Mrs Weiss was Erle Victor Weiss. He was known as Bombardier Erle Victor Weiss and was killed in action in the First World War on 9 August 1918. He too is commemorated on the Erina/Terrigal War Memorial. Erle and Frederick Weiss are on the Erina Heights Public School Honour Roll.

A third son of Mr and Mrs Weiss – Private Harry Blanch Weiss of the 2/30 Battalion of Singleton NSW was taken prisoner of war of the Japanese and died of illness whilst in captivity in Thailand on 30 September 1943.

All classes made a wreath and placed the wreath on the stage during the assembly. The students are to be commended for their respectful behaviour throughout the assembly.

Thank you to Mr Hill and Mr Ferry for joining us and addressing our ANZAC Day assembly.

Mrs Lanning





# Class Update

## KG

What a fun and busy start KG have had to Term 2. This week we started journal writing in our new writing books. It was encouraging to see everyone's motivation at writing sentences. We focused on sounding out unknown words and ensuring our writing made sense. We'll be writing novels before we know it!

We have also been busy learning during maths groups. We have spent this week revising and consolidating some number skills and measurement concepts, particularly length. KG seemed to really enjoy making 'trains' with blocks. They got busy comparing and ordering the length of their train in relation to their friends. What mathematicians!

I am looking forward to seeing all the incredible things we can accomplish together this term. It is amazing to see what we can achieve when we set our minds to it.

Mrs Grantham





# Class Update

## KT

In the blink of an eye, the KT legends navigated a smooth transition to 'big school', quickly learning new routines, rules and expectations. Each day they walk into the classroom with smiles on their faces, eager to learn and achieve their personal best. KT are well and truly on their way to laying solid foundations in becoming 'lifelong learners'.

KT have had lots of fun developing many new friendships. It is heart-warming to see and hear the conversations and laughter as they get to know one another. As a class, the children voted 'Being Kind' as our number one class rule. We are now hearing lots of kind words throughout the day, seeing students supporting each other with their work and praising one another, all of which creates a positive learning environment.

During Term 1, KT engaged in many conversations about the 'Power of Yet'. We are working on having a go, taking risks and developing persistence with our learning. It is a privilege to witness the sense of pride, joy and accomplishment KT students feel when they don't give up and they achieve what they have set out to do. This term, we will be focusing on setting personal goals in literacy, numeracy and a social/emotional goal.

KT are eager to complete the varied activities in literacy groups and have loved learning about phonemes and graphemes. A favourite activity for many is using this sound/letter knowledge to write independently. In maths, we have been counting a storm, identifying numbers and practising forming our numerals correctly.

Daily, I am guaranteed a laugh from the entertaining stories KT love to share.

I look forward to another successful and productive term with lots of fun and laughs as we continue our learning journey together.

Mrs Tibbutt



# Merit Awards

Congratulations to the merit award winners:

<b>KG</b>	Cove	Maddy	Teal
<b>KT</b>	Flynn Daisy	Jude Darcy M	Darcy P Marley
<b>1K</b>	Aluka Max Lexi	Maddison Zac	Seth James
<b>1T</b>	James	Brooklyn	Cooper
<b>2C</b>	Evan	Darcy	Amelia
<b>2HS</b>	Isla	Cooper	Max
<b>3A</b>			
<b>4B</b>	Aaliyah	Milly	Jaxon
<b>4J</b>	Sachi Emelia	Lexi Izak	Jackson Mia
<b>5L</b>	Esme Harper	Lennox	Abby
<b>6B</b>	Chiara Ari	Ebony	Isla





# SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

## 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.



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Education



# COMMUNITY NEWS



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# COMMUNITY NEWS



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## Term 1 2022 Calendar

Central Coast Family Support Services course work programs will be delivered as face to face courses. Most courses will have limited free childcare available which will need to be booked at registration.

### FREE [ONLINE](#) PARENTING EDUCATION COURSES

Group	Date	Time
<b>123 Magic &amp; Emotion Coaching</b> <i>In partnership with Woy Woy Schools as Community Centre</i>	3 Thursdays in a row March 3 – March 17	12:30pm-2:30pm
<b>Circle of Security</b> <i>In partnership with Gorokan Schools as Community Centre</i>	6 Wednesdays in a row February 23 – March 30	10am-12pm
<b>Triple P – Positive Parenting Program</b> <i>In partnership with St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Woy Woy</i>	4 Fridays in a row March 11 – April 1	9:30am-11:30am
<b>Triple P – Positive Parenting Program</b> <i>In partnership with Wyong Schools as Community Centre</i>	5 Mondays in a row February 28 – March 28	10am-12pm

[Book Here](#)

### GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN WEEKLY ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP

Group	Date	Time	
GRG Support Group – <i>Online, via Zoom</i>	First Wednesday of the month during school terms	10am – 12pm	All Grandparents raising their grandchildren living on the Central Coast are welcome to attend. No registrations needed. For more information contact us on <b>43401585</b> or email <a href="mailto:ccfss@ccfss.com.au">ccfss@ccfss.com.au</a>
GRG Art Sessions – <i>Online, via Zoom</i>	Last Wednesday of the month during school terms	10am – 12pm	

### YOUNG PARENT WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP

Group	Date	Time	
Young Parent Support Group – <i>Online, via Zoom</i>	Fridays during school terms	10am – 12pm	All young parents aged 13-24 years living on the Central Coast are welcome to attend. No registrations needed. For more information, contact Louise on <b>0412210027</b> or <a href="mailto:louise@ccfss.com.au">louise@ccfss.com.au</a>

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