



NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 6 : JUNE 2022



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2 WEEKS 6-10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6	Athletics Carnival Mingara Years 2 -6 Sports Day Kindergarten and Year 1	Macquarie Uni Mental Health Screening EHPS Public Speaking Finals	Green Day	Music a Viva	Sydney Zoo Excursion – Year 2
Week 7			TLPSSA Cross Country Carnival		
Week 8	Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Local Multicultural Public Speaking Finals		Sydney North Cross Country Carnival	
Week 9	PSSA Knockout Girls Touch Football (TBC)	Kindergarten Open Day 9:30am	PSSA Knockout Boys and Girls Football (TBC)	PBL Rewards Trading Day	Basketball Gala Day
Week 10	PSSA Knockout Boys and Girls Football TBC	K-2 Rewards Day Motiv8sports PSSA Knockout Boys and Girls Football TBC	Years 3-6 Rewards Day Motiv8sports	Stage 3 Bushfire Excursion	NAIDOC Day





PRINCIPAL REPORT

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

It was a great atmosphere and perfect weather for our school Athletics Carnival at Mingara. It was wonderful to see so many students participating in events and in many cases pushing themselves to achieve personal best results. Students demonstrated sportsmanship in cheering and encouraging their peers as they competed in events, particularly the relay.

Kindergarten and Year 1 students enjoyed a fun filled day at school whilst 2-6 were at the Athletics Carnival. Sport In Schools Australia ran modified Athletics events for students in the morning and team building challenges in the middle session, adding to what was a great day all round.

DEBATING TEAM

This week EHPS debaters had a virtual debate with Terrigal Public School. Although the team did not walk away with a win, they did a wonderful job and enjoyed the friendly debate with Terrigal. Thank you to Mrs Lanning for supporting these students and developing their debating skills.

SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

Thank you to Dr John who joined us for the fourth year in a row to share the 2022 Simultaneous Story Time book 'Family Tree'. The book is a heartfelt celebration of family, community, and the seasons of life to cherish and share.

REPORTS

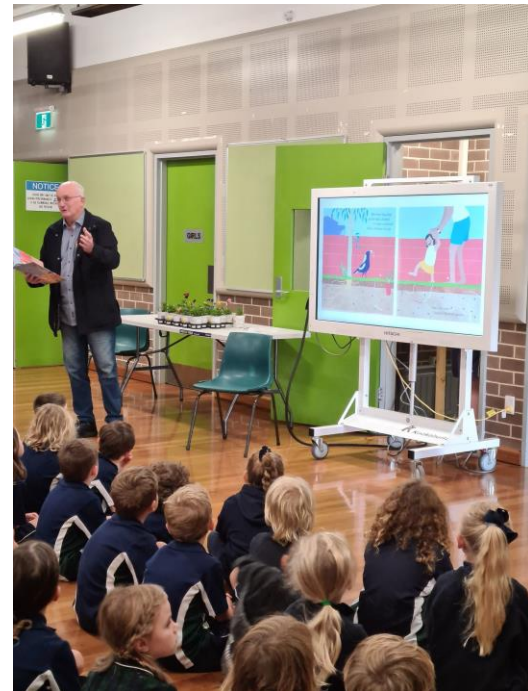
Teachers are currently writing Semester 1 student reports. These will be sent home with students on Wednesday 29 June, Week 10.

GREEN DAY FOR CASPER

Green brought our school community together with past and present students engaging in an afternoon of Swamp ball in memory of a past student. It was a beautiful day celebrating a wonderful life and raising money for the leukemia foundation.

PLAYGROUND WORKS

It is exciting to see works continuing our new playground area. This week the playground equipment has been installed and Softfall will follow in the coming week. We then have some additional surprises for students, that will be added to the top area, and we look forward to students having another great space to play when they return after the holiday break in Term 3.



NATIONAL SORRY DAY AND RECONCILIATION WEEK

May 26 marked a special day as it was National Sorry Day. It's a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. While this date carries great significance for the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, it is also commemorated by Australians right around the country. (*Reconciliation Australia*)

Be Brave. Make Change is the theme for Reconciliation Week (27 May- 3 June) this year and our students engaged in cultural activities throughout the week within their classrooms. This year, we focused on literature featuring Aboriginal artists. Some of the books and songs we looked at may have included; *Our Home, Our Heartbeat* by Adam Briggs and *Somebody's Land* by Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing.

Prior to National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week classes reflected on how they can make change to benefit the future of all Australians. Then placed their thumb prints around the words 'Be Brave. Make Change.' to acknowledge that they have a responsibility to create a better future for all Australians.

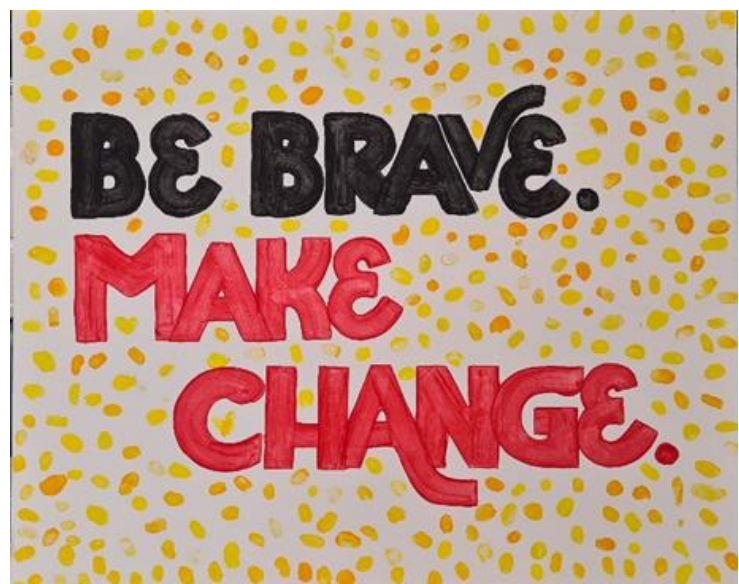
Wingaru Kids for Schools

Chiara and Emily Brand who were finalists in last year's Reconciliation Challenge and one of the prizes was a 12-month subscription to Wingaru kids for the entire school.

Students have been engaging in this online platform since Term 1 and have been thoroughly enjoying learning about various aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

During Term 3, Students in K-6 will have the opportunity to enter the NSW Reconciliation Challenge again. This year's theme is *From River to Sea: Our Island Home*.

Mrs Hillman



NATIONAL SORRY DAY AND RECONCILIATION WEEK



Wingaru Kids

Dear Caregiver,

Your school is leading the way in Aboriginal education and is introducing Wingaru Kids — an interactive digital platform designed to deliver Aboriginal perspectives to all students.

The inclusion of Aboriginal perspectives in schools is beneficial for all students regardless of their background. Aboriginal perspectives help build an understanding of Australia's history as well as promoting empathy, diversity, reconciliation, cultural knowledge and equality.

Wingaru Kids is designed to make learning fun while introducing your student to key concepts and themes related to Australian history, Aboriginal people and culture. Wingaru Kids delivers materials to support educational outcomes included in the Australian Curriculum.

Your student has their own Wingaru Kids account and has been given log in details to enable them to access the platform, both in the classroom and at home. Your classroom teacher has access to your child's account and can provide you with the password should you require it.

The lessons, videos, activities and games available to your student have been carefully prepared by an experienced team of educators to ensure that your child is receiving a high quality educational experience that is both engaging and culturally appropriate. Your classroom teacher has complete control over which lessons your student completes and has carefully selected the chosen lessons with your child's learning goals in mind.

The Wingaru Kids platform is a web based program requiring an internet connection. The platform will work on any device with a web browser. Internet safety is important to Wingaru Education and we would like to reassure you that:

- Wingaru Kids does not allow any free form communication between students — it is impossible for students to send or receive messages of any kind to other users;
- Wingaru Kids does not expose students to any form of marketing. There are no in game purchases; and
- Wingaru Kids does not require students to leave the platform for any reason.

You can find more information about the platform on our website www.wingaru.com.au. If you would like to keep up with Wingaru news, you may like to follow us on facebook www.facebook.com/wingaru.

I trust that your child will enjoy learning on the Wingaru Kids Platform.



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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our annual Athletics Carnival was held on Monday, and what a great day it was!

It was impressive to see students trying new things and participating in events just to give it a go. Equally impressive were the students who thrive on athletic challenges and came 1st, 2nd or even broke records at the carnival. Erina Heights PS sportsmanship was certainly in full-force on the day.

We must say a huge thank you to all the mums, dads and grandparents who spent the day with us and helped our carnival run smoothly. Without you, carnivals such as these would not be possible, so we are very grateful.

The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held next term on Friday August 19, more details will be provided to the students who are successful in making through to this level. Finalising field events, results and ribbons will be completed over the coming weeks.

Miss Baldock



KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 SPORTS DAY

The smiles adorning the faces of our K-1 students Sports Day brightened up a dreary start to the day. It was lovely to welcome parents and grandparents back onsite to watch the children having fun.

Throughout the morning session, the students participated in a range of athletic events. This included discus, shotput, javelin, long jump and sprint races. The highlight of the morning session for the children was receiving a ribbon after they competed the sprint race. Many wore them with pride for the rest of the day. The highlight for the teachers was hearing the students encouraging and congratulating one another and displaying great sportsmanship skills.

Squeals of laughter filled the air during the second session where the activities required teamwork, communication and problem solving.

Throughout the day, teachers were on the lookout for students who displayed sportsmanship, resilience, acts of kindness, great listening and a 'have a go' attitude. Sixteen students who demonstrated such qualities received a medal during a presentation in the afternoon

We were very fortunate to have SISA (Sports in Schools) provide the exciting, engaging equipment for the day. Their equipment encourages maximum participation, skill development and teamwork whilst having lots of fun. A wonderful day was capped off by the SISA commenting on the outstanding behaviour of the students.

Mrs Tibbutt



GREEN DAY

June 1 represents a day of celebration to honour a very special person by turning the community "Green" for the day.

Green Day is pivotal in our community as it is a day where we come together to remember and support one another. It teaches and encourages us all, especially our students, to reflect on grief and loss in a positive light. When we see those green balloons proudly tied to the fence, we smile and think of memories that have touched our hearts and remind us each day to cherish all we have.

This year we celebrated in full force with our 2016 Year 6 students returning to their old stomping ground to join our current Year 6 in a Swampball challenge to honour our beautiful Casper Ellis. This year is an important year as it commemorates Casper's friends finishing Year 12, and Aymee and the Ellis family finishing their journey at our school. Year 12 and 6 had a fantastic afternoon reconnecting and reminiscing. It was wonderful see the students' bond and showcase what Green Day is all about.

The way our community bands together for the day epitomises Casper's spirit, and truly shows new and old links to Erina Heights PS, and the impact that one incredible person can have. Thank you for carrying on such an important tradition.

Miss Baldock



SCHOOL NEWS

ERINA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Over the last few weeks, our Stage 2 and 3 students were given the opportunity to compete in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition in class. The standard of speeches this year was very high, with many of our students delivering well researched, entertaining speeches.

Class representatives were selected to deliver their speech to all the students in their stage. These students spoke confidently to their peers and delivered amazing speeches, highlighting their understanding of multiculturalism in Australia.

Well done to Ivy H, Emily, Levi K, Kayne, Leo, Elise, Luke B and Elisia from Stage 2 and well done to our Stage 3 students; Mia S, Ethan, Max A, Annabelle, Maddie A, and Tahlia for proudly representing your classes at our school final.

Congratulations to Emily and Elsie from Stage 2 and Annabelle and Tahlia from Stage 3, who were selected to represent Erina Heights Public School at the local finals. The local finals this year will involve students being filmed in the upcoming weeks and this will be sent into the adjudicators.

Thank you to all students for your work in preparing and delivering speeches. I am sure you would agree that all students have learnt from the process and developed their confidence. Best of luck to our students competing in the local finals.

Mrs Kerry



SCHOOL NEWS

MUSIC A VIVA EAST WINDS PERFORMANCE

Wow! What a fantastic performance the Music A Viva Eastwinds Crew gave us this week.

K-6 were treated to some impromptu percussion and didgeridoo pieces that were created from stories the students made up. Student and teacher participation had the audiences engaged with a group soundscape performance and the word battle challenges had everyone on their toes.

The group shared some traditional music from Iran and Japan and the students were in awe with all the instruments made from PVC pipes, rubber gloves and plastic bottles. It was great to be able to experience it live in our school hall.

Mr Barnes



PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE - ROUND 1

On Tuesday May 31, Erina Heights Public School participated in Round 1 of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

Our Erina Heights Tawny Frogmouths were up against Terrigal Public School Taipans.

The topic selected by both teams was: "That schools should make their top students spend one afternoon a week helping a struggling classmate."

Erina Heights won the coin toss and the affirmative side of the argument.

Our team - Maddie, Meeka, Bonnie and Neve brainstormed some very good arguments for the topic and presented these arguments in a strong and convincing manner. The adjudicator for the debate was Jo Potts. Ms Potts awarded Terrigal Taipans the win at the end of the debate. Ms Potts said she was very impressed with the conduct and performances of our speakers and that it was a very close debate.

Thank you to Finn for being our official Chairperson for the debate and to Ethan for being the official timekeeper

Congratulations! A great effort to all!

Mrs Lanning



MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the merit award winners:

KG	Lincoln	Ruby	Harry
KT	Aria Eloise	Joe Archie	James
1K	Luke Kari	Brianna Arielle	Isla Jack
1T	Milla Roman	Isabella River	Hayes Tyler
2C	Brody	Charlotte	Dylan
2HS	Camryn	Alice	Archie
3A	Annabella Tahli Elisia	Chelsea Leo	Brooklyn Ella
4B	Harvey Cody	William Lucas	Ivy Will
4J	Kai Charlie	Adele Jackson G	Vada Elaina
5L	Meeka Bleu Kiara	William Alana Zahn	Neve Maia
6B	Emily Ella	Taj	Josh





Parent and carer webinars

2022

Safer online gaming

Help your kids stay safe by learning about the benefits and risks of online gaming.

eSafety's expert education and training team is running FREE live webinars in June 2022 exploring safe online gaming. Parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years are invited to join.

Dates: (AEDT)

Thursday 9 June: 12.30 - 1.30 pm **Friday 17 June:** 12.30 - 1.30 pm

Tuesday 21 June: 7.30 - 8.30 pm



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