

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 10 : JULY 2022















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# PRINCIPAL REPORT



What an uplifting and rewarding term it has been. We had our Cross Country, Athletics Carnival, Mother's Day breakfast, Excursions, Sports Gala Days, Kindergarten Open Day, Election BBQ and finished the term with two exciting Motiv8 Sports Rewards Days and our NAIDOC celebrations. This was in addition to the wonderful learning happening in classrooms.

We welcomed Mrs Sheather and she has been a great support to students and staff in creating literacy rich classrooms. She has worked closely with K-2 and it has been great to see the progress that students are making and how proud and excited they are to share the great work they are producing.

Thank you to our P&C and Community for your continuous support and efforts in providing opportunities for students and raising funds that help drive ongoing school improvement.

Thank you once again for another great term that certainly highlighted what a wonderful community, we have here at Erina Heights Public School.

#### **Staffing Term 3**

We have some changes to our staffing arrangements next term.

- Vicki Anderson is returning and will be taking 1T each Thursday & Friday
- Ange Thaler will remain on 1T Monday Wednesday
- Katherine Diggins will be on KG Monday Wednesday
- Tanya Woods will be on KG Thursday & Friday and will do teacher RFF on Wednesdays
- We welcome Angela Sullivan to the team; she will be working Monday – Thursday doing Step it Up (COVID) groups & RFF. Angela will be covering PDH with classes, with a focus on Wellbeing and Mindfulness.













# PRINCIPAL REPORT

#### **Playground Update**

We are almost there. The playground is in, and the soft fall is completed. The next phase of the project is the installation of a shade sail over the playground, synthetic grass, a dance stage, a dry creek bed with a wooden bridge, hopscotch, and seating.

This playground has been jointly funded by the school, the P&C and the state government through the Community Building Partnerships grant. Thank you to the P&C executive who have worked tirelessly to apply for these grants and see the process through.

Thank you to the P&C for funding the shade sail that will offer sun protection to students whilst they are playing on the new playground equipment.

Thank you to our state member Adam Crouch for supporting Erina Heights through the Community Building Partnership Grant. This grant covered the cost of the soft fall under the playground, ensuring that we are providing a safe place for students to play that also meets all safety requirements.

An additional Community Building Partnership grant has also funded the adventure playground that includes the dry creek bed and stage for students to play on. Sensory aspects have also been included.

We are excited to see students enjoying this area when they return next term.

#### **Bell Times**

We are making a slight change to recess and lunch times; our new bell times will be

Start time: 8:50am Recess: 10:50 - 11:25 Eating time: 12:45-12:55

Lunch: 12:55-1:25 Finish time: 2:45











# **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### YEAR SIX BASKETBALL GALA DAY

On Friday we were lucky enough to have some wonderful Year 6 boys attended a basketball gala day at Breakers Stadium. The boys played three games in total and won their last two games convincingly, 49 points to 1, and 48 points to 6.

Whilst it was fantastic to come away with 2 wins under their belt, it was the sportsmanship that they boys displayed on the day that was the real winner! All the boys were polite and respectful to their opposition teams and the referees.

Well done boys. You did Erina Heights and your community proud.

Mrs Sheather

#### **TLPSSA SOCCER GALA DAY**

Congratulation to our Senior Boys and Girls PSSA Knockout Soccer Team on their fantastic results. On Monday, they competed in the Knockout Gala day at Tuggerah Sporting Complex. The Boys coming away with one win; 6-1 victors over Kulnura and one loss; 5-1 against Bateau Bay. The girls coming away with two wins; 5-0 victors over Brooke Avenue, 1-0 victors over Bateau and one loss 8-0 against Terrigal.

Both teams represented EHPS with pride and passion. The determination by both teams was great to see. A big thank you to the dedication of the payers with early morning sessions and positive attitude on show all day was fantastic.

Mr Beames

#### LITERACY NEWS

I have been lucky enough to support students and work side by side with teachers during literacy and numeracy blocks. This term we have introduced vocabulary walls in each class from K-6. Vocabulary walls are a collection of high frequency and theme words that are age appropriate and initially consist of over half of all the words children will see during reading. They are excellent tools for building word consciousness in students through increased vocabulary interaction and learning opportunities; especially as students make connections among important concepts and big ideas. Additionally, the vocabulary walls have given students to have the confidence to think of themselves as successful writers during independent writing tasks. They can confidently challenge themselves to think through multiple synonyms for words and upgrade their writing. I look forward to continuing to work with teachers and student's next term.

Mrs Sheather









### THE PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The holidays are an ideal time to catch up on your reading. I certainly plan to catch up on my reading.

There are some great books out there now and some of them are easy to read! Remember even picture books are in the challenge. For older readers, Shaun Tan is an excellent author to look at. His images are very thought provoking. Younger readers might enjoy Graeme Base. There is so much to see of each page. Every time I read his books I find something new!

Don't forget to log your books in your PRC Reading Log. The easiest way to update your reading log is by logging onto the student portal.

You have until August 19 to complete the challenge, so there is still plenty of time.

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the challenge: Teal, Rose, Archie, Elisia, Will G, Madeliene A, Ari B and Jack G.

Here are few suggestions of books you can borrow from our library:

#### For the K-2 Challenge





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Junior fiction
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#### For the 3-4 Challenge

















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#### For the 5-6 Challenge



Happy Reading
Mrs Stahl
Assistant Principal (Library)

# **CULTURAL NEWS**

#### **NAIDOC CELEBRATION**

Today's NAIDOC event was about celebrating our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and building relationships among students in Kindergarten through to Year 6.

Throughout the day students were engaged in many activities including weaving, painting, Indigenous sports, stories about native animals and creating messages on rocks.

I would like to thank Terrigal High School's Aboriginal staff and students who taught our students a welcome dance as well as some fun games.

Special thanks to our Aboriginal Education Team who organised the event.

It was a fantastic day, and we hope that all students had fun. What a great way to finish off another busy term.

If you would like to attend any NAIDOC celebrations, various organisations are hosting NAIDOC events during NAIDOC week  $(3^{rd}-10^{th})$  July).

Mrs Hillman

















# **CULTURAL NEWS**













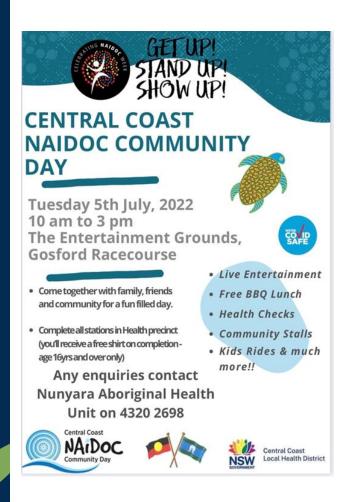


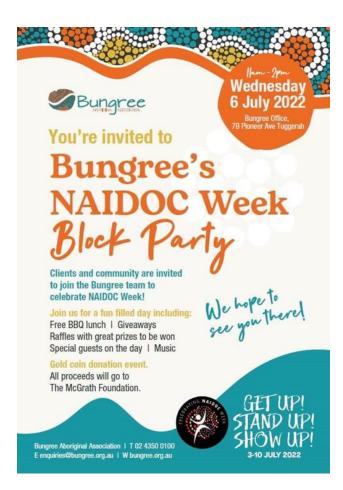






# **CULTURAL NEWS**









# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# ERINA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**JULY 2022 - WEEK 1** 

(bookings close on 29 June)



**JULY 2022 - WEEK 2** 

(bookings close on 6 July)



 Excursion Days: places limited \* 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

# Teen Getting on Track in Time! - Teen Got It!

#### TELEHEALTH PROGRAM

Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network are running an early intervention telehealth program for young people and their parent/carer called "Teen Got It!".

The program is voluntary and targets young people (between 11-17 years of age) engaging in oppositional behaviour and early violence towards their family, peers or other individuals. This may be occurring at home, school and/or in the community. The earlier we address these behaviours, the easier it is to 'get on track in time' and to improve outcomes for these young people.

The Teen Got It! Telehealth Program is a 5 session program, and has been adapted for telehealth delivery via audio-visual link. The program is underpinned by evidence based interventions.

### DURING THE PROGRAM YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN TO:

- increase their capacity to cope with stressors
- decrease their externalisation of distress in the form of aggression
- problem solve conflicts
- improve their relationships with others at home, school and in community
- engage in help-seeking behaviour and knowledge regarding wellbeing

### **CAREGIVERS LEARN TO:**

- manage stress and engage in self-care
- enhance their parenting/caring capacity
- · hold their young person in positive regard
- manage disruptive behaviours
- · improve communication and family cohesion building

Teen Got It! also support young people and their parent/carer in navigating pathways for ongoing mental health care as appropriate.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM PLEASE CALL 9700 2237 OR ALTERNATIVELY EMAIL THE TEAM AT

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