



Ermo's News

Term 2 - Week 10



What a term of learning it has been! I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate every student for their wonderful efforts and achievements throughout the term. Over the past five weeks, our students have participated in a variety of enriching experiences. These have included the Moving Bodies gymnastics program, the Musica Viva performance, and our NAIDOC Day celebrations with Nyumbar.

During NAIDOC Week, the whole school came together to create a stunning mural, which will soon be proudly displayed in our hall alongside the story that inspired it.

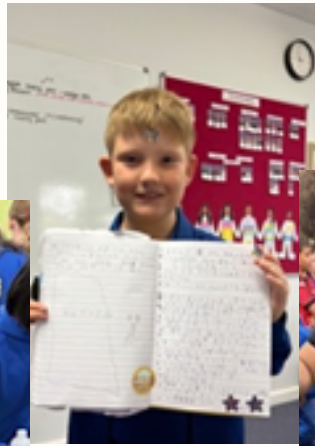
Every visiting teacher and educator have commented on the exceptional behaviour of our students, and as principal, I could not be prouder. It is truly heartening to hear such positive feedback. I also wanted to commend you, our parents and carers, for the way you instil core values in your children. These values shine through every day.

Academic reports will be sent via School Bytes this week. I want to thank our teachers for the time and care they've taken in preparing these. They reflect each student's progress and growth.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday, and I look forward to seeing you when Term 3 commences on Tuesday, 22nd July.

From Mrs MacKenzie







News from the Office

Parent Calendar

Keep up to date with all the events at school.

This feature is available on the school bytes app.

Click here for quick access to the calendar



School Bytes

Sick Children

Feeling Sick? Best to Stay Home!

If your child is feeling under the weather, even with just a sniffle or a cough, it's best to keep them home to rest.

A day or two of recovery helps stop bugs from spreading and keeps everyone at school feeling their best.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community happy and healthy!



School Bytes - Parent Online Forms

The following forms are now accessible through the School Bytes app, allowing parents to submit requests to the school electronically. You can find them under the "Forms" tile on the School Bytes dashboard.

- Student Transfer Notification
- WWCC - Parent Volunteers Declaration
- Student Information Update
- Application for Extended Leave



Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

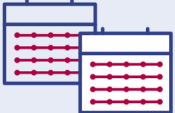
A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.



NAIDOC Week

Ermington Public School was proud to celebrate NAIDOC Week with the support of the wonderful team from Nyumbar Education. Throughout the week, students engaged in a range of meaningful learning experiences that deepened their understanding of Aboriginal culture, heritage, and connection to Country.

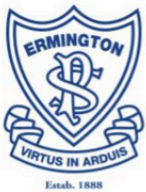
A highlight of the week was the creation of a collaborative whole school artwork, guided by our visitors from Nyumbar. Every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 contributed to the piece, centering the Wallumai snapper fish.

We thank Nyumbar Education for sharing their time, knowledge, and guidance, and we commend our students for their respectful and enthusiastic participation throughout the week.



NAIDOC Week





Wallumai Warriors

Cultural Connection Program

Each Thursday, a group of proud and passionate students gathers as the Wallumai Warriors, Ermington Public School's Cultural Connections group, proudly named by the students themselves. The group provides a space for students to explore and strengthen their connection to Aboriginal culture, identity, and community.

The group's banner was co-designed by the students and Miss Kim. Each member contributed a drawing of their totem animal or the Wallumai snapper fish, symbolising both personal identity and shared belonging.

Throughout the semester, the Wallumai Warriors have participated in a wide range of meaningful activities, including storytelling, gardening, cooking, and collaborative art-making with artist Matthew Brettschneider.

We are incredibly proud of the students' commitment, creativity, and leadership in this program, which continues to build cultural knowledge, connection, and confidence.





KINDERGARTEN

During NAIDOC Week, Kindergarten had a wonderful time learning about Indigenous culture and traditions. They listened to stories, explored symbols and meanings in Aboriginal art, and expressed their understanding through vibrant, NAIDOC-inspired artworks.



During the winter school holidays, the usernames of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be set to the department's new shortened format (student initials and the last four digits of their student reference number, such as JS1234 for example). Your child's teacher will be able to print off a login credentials card if you need it.

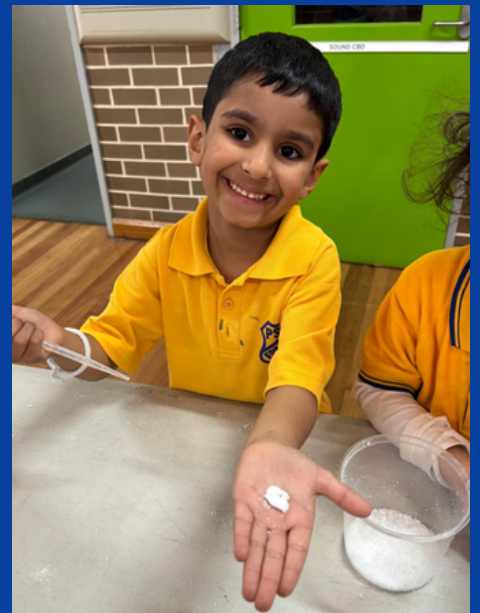
KINDERGARTEN



This term, Kindergarten have been busy learning all about the weather and the changing seasons. A standout experience was the exciting Wicked Weather incursion, where students had a fantastic time exploring different weather events through hands-on activities. They especially loved making their own fake snow and experimenting with how weather works in fun, interactive ways!



KINDERGARTEN



STAGE 1

In the past few weeks, Stage 1 has been bustling with exciting activities and learning experiences!

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the Kitchen Garden Science program, immersing themselves in a delightful blend of cooking, hands-on gardening, and exploration. We've made delicious pasta and herb bread, while also discovering the fascinating world of minibeasts in our school gardens. Additionally, we've taken the time to appreciate the rich array of Aboriginal plants that grow within our school environment.



STAGE 1



In gymnastics, our budding athletes have been honing a variety of skills, including bar work, trampoline jumps, balancing techniques, and fun movements like the monkey walk and bunny hops. It's been a joy to see their confidence grow as they master these skills!



STAGE 1

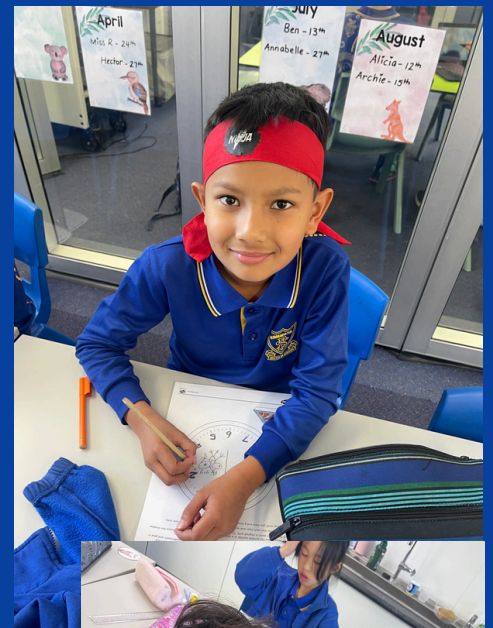
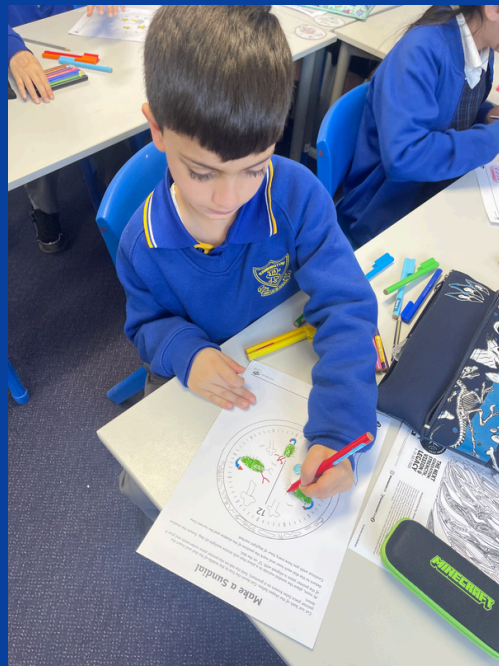


We also celebrated NAIDOC Day with a range of wonderful activities that deepened our understanding of Aboriginal culture. Students engaged in interactive learning experiences, painted their faces, and contributed to a beautiful whole-school artwork, all while discovering the significance of NAIDOC and why we celebrate it.



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STAGE 2



Stage 2 students thoroughly enjoyed making their very own sundials during science this term. They tested out their sundials by taking them outside and using the sun's shadow to help determine the time.

Did you know that a sundial is one of the oldest methods of timekeeping?

STAGE 2



Stage 2 students demonstrated deep concentration and focus as they engaged in making their own Wallumai snapper fish collage art as part of NAIDOC week.

In mathematics, students have been using Unifix cubes to design 3D objects and calculating the volume of various designs.



STAGE 2



Students loved their time spent with author Kristin Darell who kindly visited our school to talk about her creative journey, including what inspired her the most and how she began her career as an author.

Students displayed great courage and bravery as they represented our school during the Stage 2 spelling bee.

They were given a word to spell out loud and were given only 1 chance to spell it correctly.

Congratulations to Jasper for winning and all the best as you go off to the next round to represent our school~



STAGE 3

STAGE 3 GOOD NEWS STORY

On 22nd June 2025, Aaron in 5BK was awarded first place in both Public Speaking and Abacus at a competition organised by Einstein Kidz Abacus, held at The Ponds High School.

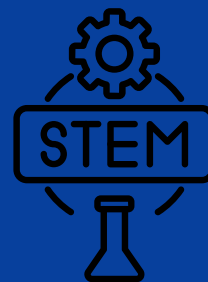


MUSICA VIVA



STAGE 3

STAGE 3 STEM DAY



STAGE 3

DRAMA INCURSION

Stage 3 explored their creativity through acting, improvisation, and storytelling. Led by experienced drama educators, students participated in interactive activities that enhanced their confidence, teamwork, and communication skills.



STAGE 3

SUSTAINABILITY INCURSION

Stage 3 attended a water sustainability incursion this term, students were immersed in the essential concepts of water conservation, management, and the impact of human activity on our water resources.



YEAR 6 ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING EVENTS



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

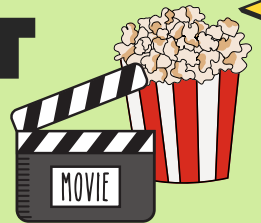
SELLING LOLLY BAGS AT YEAR 6
FUNDRAISING STALL

**13
AUG**

**22
AUG**

ERMO'S MOVIE NIGHT

Year 6 Fundraising Candy Bar
BYO BLANKETS, SQUISHMALLOWS



WACKY WEDNESDAY

look out for Year 6 fundraising events
towards Weeks 6-8 as well.

**WK
6-8**

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR BOOK INSTRUCTIONS:

"Attention Year 6 Parents! We are getting the yearbook ready and need photos of your child from school related activities (alone or with their Year 6 friends only).

Please email to epsyr6book@gmail.com and name all photos in this format to help our volunteer parents stay organised.
StudentFirstLastName_Activity_Year (ie. JoeSmith_SportsCarnival_Year2)"

PUBLIC SPEAKING

For 30 years, the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition has been encouraging primary school students to explore ideas of multiculturalism in Australia while they practice their public speaking skills and improve their confidence.

Congratulations!



Lydia and Ari (Stage 2)



Brody and Austin (Stage 3)

These students were selected to represent our school. They were required to present a prepared speech as well as an impromptu one. We are so impressed and proud!

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GO
TEAM
ERMO



LIBRARY



A big thank you to all the students who borrowed and returned books this term. We've loved seeing so many of you explore new stories, learn new things, and grow as readers. Keep it up throughout the holidays and into Term 3.



The author visit with Kristin Darell was a huge success! Check out some of the raving reviews from our students:

"Before the author visit I wasn't sure about what kind of job I want to do when I'm grown up. But now I know that I want to be an author!"

"Kristin was really great at telling funny stories about her childhood. She also told us about her awesome pets like 3 dogs, a bearded dragon and a snake!"

"I write comics, and Kristin inspired me to get even more creative with my story-telling!"

"She inspired me to travel the world and meet lots of awesome people like Jackie Chan!"

Community Notice Board

Hi Everyone,

What an amazing term we have had at Ermington Public School, it has been an absolute pleasure. Winnie and her team have been working so hard to provide fresh and delicious food to the children and staff and it seems like they are loving it!

It is so lovely to see the children coming to the Canteen and choosing from a selection of food that has been made with love. The children are so polite and respectful which is such a reflection of this lovely school and its families.

We aim to keep making and improving our food and service and endeavour to change with the seasons and requests.

Thank you for all of your support and enjoy a well earned break over the holidays.

Warm regards

Jo 🥑



Thank you to all the staff, parents and students for your unwavering support over the whole term. It has been an absolute delight witnessing everyone thrive in **Ermington Public School**.

Follow us on our FB page (@**Ermington PS Canteen**) and you will find out more about us.

Have a lovely break.

warm regards,

Jo, Winnie, Louise and Camilla



Coming
Soon!

P&C EVENTS

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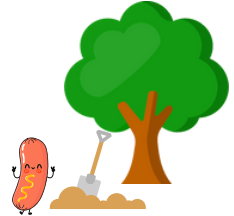
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2025

8
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EDUCATION WEEK

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING
SAUSAGE SIZZLE & GAMES



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

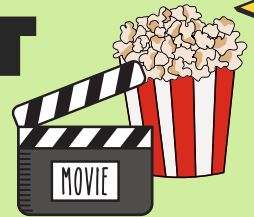
P&C CUPCAKE & COOKIE SALE
COFFEE VAN FOR PARENTS

13
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22
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ERMO'S MOVIE NIGHT

BYO BLANKETS, SQUISHMALLOWS
Popcorn / + Year 6 Fundraising Candy Bar



FATHER'S DAY

BEFORE SCHOOL: DAD'S BREAKFAST
DURING CLASS TIME: STUDENT GIFT STALL

5
SEPT

16
SEP

GROOVE NATION

PRE-SHOW BBQ DINNER + SHOW TREATS

FEEL
THE
BEAT

MORE INFORMATION IS COMING SOON!

CAN YOU HELP?

WE CAN'T PUT ON OUR EVENTS WITHOUT YOU! TO VOLUNTEER AT A P&C EVENT....

KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR OPPORTUNITIES VIA WHATSAPP, AND ON EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

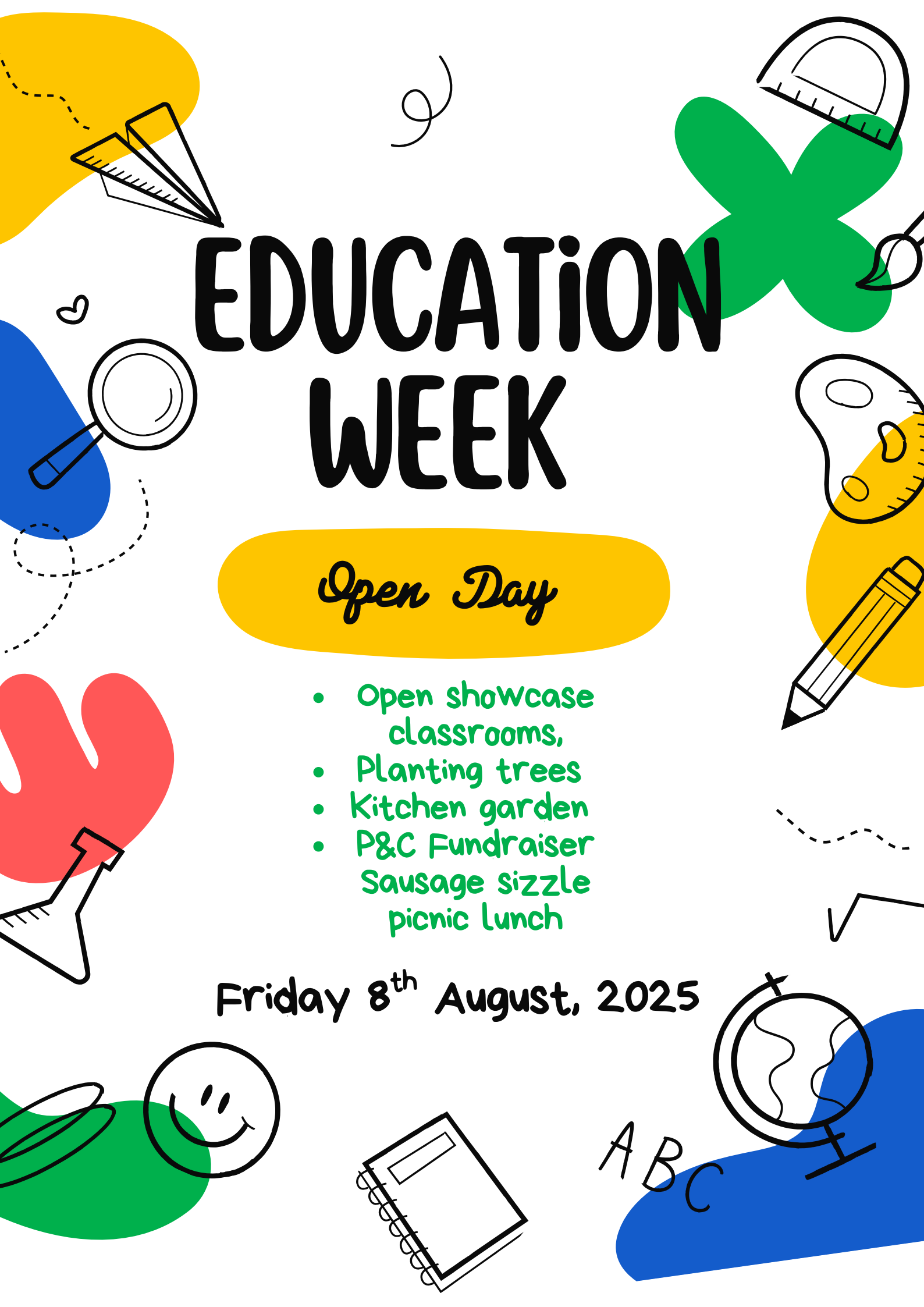
JOIN THE CHAT "ERMO EVENTS VOLUNTEERS" ON WHATSAPP

FOLLOW "PARENTS OF ERMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL" ON FACEBOOK

OR EMAIL: ermmps.pandc.fundraising@gmail.com



THANK YOU
VERY MUCH!



EDUCATION WEEK

Open Day

- Open showcase classrooms,
- Planting trees
- Kitchen garden
- P&C Fundraiser
Sausage sizzle
picnic lunch

Friday 8th August, 2025



GROOVE NATION

PRIMARY SCHOOL DANCE PROGRAMS

GROOVE NATION CONCERT



2
SHOWS
TERM 3

TUESDAY
16TH SEPT

MATINEE &
EVENING
SHOW

SAUSAGE
SIZZLE
DINNER

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR TICKETS SOON



TERM 4



**Year 6
Canberra
Camp**

**24th-26th
NOVEMBER
2025**



**Year 6 are off
to camp!
Keep an eye
out for
upcoming
details**



Kindy 2026 Enrolments

If you have a child or know a child that will be starting school in 2026, please have them either fill in the online enrolment form through the school website or contact the office for more information.

Online Enrolments NOW OPEN

- ✓ Within our school catchment zone
- ✓ Provide 100 points Proof of address

For more information, please contact our enrolments officer on 9874-4109.

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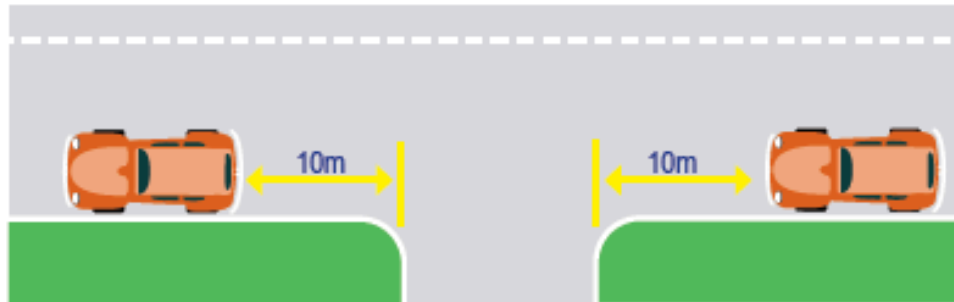
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Parking Rules

Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Parking Enforcement Officers and NSW Police enforce parking regulations around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

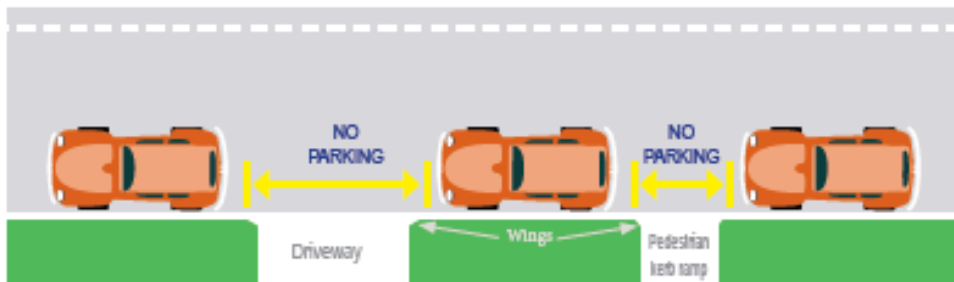
You cannot stop or park your vehicle:



Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights (20m with traffic lights), unless a sign states you can park there (see image at left).

PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS APPLY

You must park in the same direction of travel and parallel and as close to the kerb as possible.



You can NOT park across driveways or pedestrian kerb ramps. A vehicle can be parked up to the wings on the driveways or ramp (see image)

PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS APPLY

'No Parking' Zone Rules

The 'No Parking' zone rules

- The driver may stop in this zone for a maximum of two (2) minutes. *If your child is not there, you must drive away and come back later, so other drivers can pick up students who are waiting.*
- The driver **MUST** remain in or within three (3) metres of their vehicle at all times.
- The driver **MUST NOT** leave their vehicle unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during those times.

How to use a 'No Parking' zone

'No Parking' zones are provided as a space for drivers to be able to quickly drop-off and pick-up passengers.

To use a 'No Parking' zone effectively, pull into the most forward position available. Allow your passenger to alight from the vehicle, on the kerbside, then drive away.



We kindly remind all parents and guardians that are dropping students off, to be mindful that parking across driveways is a fineable offense. Driveway accessibility is required at all times. We encourage use of our 'Kiss and Drop' section on Winbourne Rd to avoid parking congestion and ensure a speedy collection of your children.

Thank you

Advertising in Ermo Highlights

The school often publishes information on behalf of community groups – parents need to decide on the appropriateness of activities involving their child. It is the responsibility of each parent to research the bona fides of any organisation in which you wish for your child to be involved. The school accepts no responsibility with regard to advertisements placed in the newsletter. Parents and guardians should make their own decision.



Free car seat checks

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Representative Boccia Tournament 2025

The NSW School Sport Unit Representative Boccia Tournament is being held again in 2025. Students may trial for one of ten regional teams in August to gain selection for the state tournament in Sydney.

The tournament will be conducted in three divisions: Physical (ramper), Physical (thrower/ kicker) and Open. Students must have a formal sporting classification to trial.

The SSU Representative Boccia Tournament provides to an opportunity for talented players to represent their region and test themselves in a competitive environment.



State Tournament:

Quay Centre, Sydney Olympic Park

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 October 2025.



Scan the QR code for more details including trial dates, eligible impairments, formal sporting classification and registration details.

Alternatively, you can visit:

<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/disability-and-inclusion/representative-tournaments>

If you have any questions for the Disability Inclusion Officers, please contact them via email InclusiveSchoolSport@det.nsw.edu.au or call them on 9508 5534.

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