



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 3 Week 1

21 July 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 21 July	Students return Term 3. (Teachers return Mon 20 July).
Tues 28 July	Aboriginal BBQ POSTPONED due to COVID restrictions
Fri 31 July	Education Week commences; Year 7 2021 enrolment packs due

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term Three. I was hoping to begin by saying we will return to some sort of normality but the latest news does not fill me with a lot of optimism! We are doing our very best to keep your children safe while making sure school life is fun and productive. As well as our normal cleaning allocation, enhanced cleaning of hard surfaces will continue until at least the end of Term Three, which is reassuring. Of course, we will also continue to promote hygienic habits in the classroom and playgrounds. Current gate opening times will continue but if the spread of this dreadful COVID19 virus continues, we will review our current plans. *Social distancing is still required throughout NSW.* Please ensure you follow the NSW Government's directives when dropping off and collecting your child. We thank you for working with us during this trying time.

Yesterday, teachers and administrative staff participated in professional learning activities, all day. The day commenced with an address from the Department of Education Deputy Secretary who provided information on the new school planning format which changes from a three year plan to a four year plan, starting in 2021. Following this address, EPS staff created and compiled relevant information to include in our new school plan. We also had a visit from the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) coordinator for the Central Coast who supervised staff while they wrote and improved teaching programs to ensure all students are encouraged to think outside the square to improve cognitive ability. Our day concluded with an afternoon of Aboriginal education where staff were able to ask questions to consolidate teaching and learning methods and information that will benefit all students at our wonderful school. It was a very busy but enjoyable day with all staff feeling excited about returning to teaching this week.

We have been making a concerted effort to take students into classrooms as quickly as possible, in the mornings when the weather is quite cool. Our school day starts at 8.55am but we have quite a number of children who often arrive late. Please ensure your child arrives at school before the 8.55am bell rings so they can say hello to their friends and all arrive in the classroom at the same time, and prevent being marked absent.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Jimmy J	KT	Olive A
	Eleanor H		Rory G
KZ	John C	KM	Phoebe J
	Brock C		Constantine A
1H	Zariah H	1F	Annalise c
	Eddie H		Max g
	Addison M		Emma M
1L	Louis P	1/2P	Nahlia K
	Roisin O		Heather M
	Saleen F		Cailin P
	Pip J		
2S	Koby D	2C	Klyde P
	Brandan B		Scarlet
	Nesta F		Rori M
3/4R	Charlie M	3S	Tyler P
	Ben J		Skylah-R-B
3J	Indi M	3T	Isobel G
	Bentley E		Abigail M-B
4J	Audrey V D N	4S	Alister B-W
	Laylah B		Trinity T
5B	Lovelen K	5J	Nicholas H
	Travis M		Finn M
5L	Harlan M	6H	Hollie B
	Breanna B		Austin C
6D	Jaxon S	6R	Charli R
	Shamaya B		Lucia B
K/6JS	Patrick F	K/6M	Mason McD
	Leo S		Makayla F

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn



Wilaaran L	1H
Savannah S	5B
Jasmine S	1F
Tili McM	4J
Henry G	1H
Kazu R	6R
Augie H	1/2P

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Lexi S	2C
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GENERAL INFORMATION



Mobile Dental Program

From July 2019, children attending participating primary schools in The Central Coast will have access to free dental care through the NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental Program. Learn more: health.nsw.gov.au/primaryschool dental

P & C NEWS



Woolworths Woy Woy Manager Matt Lanyon has kindly donated 30 new baskets to our school canteen for lunch order baskets.

Please consider supporting this wonderful store to show your support for them supporting us.

SUPPORT NEWS

K6P enjoyed wearing their pyjamas on Pyjama Day during our last week of Term 2.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Early Stage One have had a very exciting last week of Term Two. On Thursday the children and teachers had fun coming to school in their pyjamas. Even though their learning continued as usual it was a very relaxed day with the children wearing some interesting bed clothes. Thank you to all families for making sure the children had sensible foot wear on for the day and for the gold coin donation to support our Year 6 children's end of year celebrations. Friday was the children's reward day to thank the children for making good choices about their behaviour in the playground. We all had fun enjoying some extra play time between recess and lunch. The children had the opportunity to play on our new fixed equipment and to play with sporting equipment. They enjoyed playing with friends from other classes.



STAGE ONE NEWS

There were smiles all round as happy students and teachers returned to school after the break. This term, classes are studying a unit of work titled 'Good Thinking 99,' where students will use their investigation and problem solving skills to complete a weekly mission assigned to them by the Secret Spy Agency. Students will also be using grouping, arrays and skip counting in their work on multiplication.



STAGE TWO NEWS

This term's Stage 2 Science unit is Feathers, Fur or Leaves.

Students in Stage 2 embarked on a journey of scientific discovery about the features of living things. They participated in a range of hands-on activities to investigate living things and the natural environment around our school.



STAGE THREE NEWS

During STEM lessons 6H were challenged to create a boat from recycled items. The boat needed to be able to float and carry a cargo. After an initial trial they had to make modifications to carry an even greater mass. Ethan won this challenge as his boat managed to carry a staggering 4.5kg before capsizing.



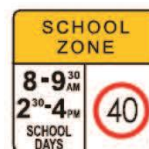
Safety learning program



Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- ✓ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ✓ **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- ✓ A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP

BUT YOU MUST

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**

- ✓ A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



- ✓ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.

