



ETTALONG
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HOMENOTE

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Term 3 Week 2

28 July 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 28 July	Aboriginal BBQ POSTPONED due to COVID restrictions
Fri 31 July	Year 7 2021 enrolment packs due
Mon 3 Aug	Education Week commences with online highlights

Dear parents and carers

Gettalong playground activities commenced last week with children very excited to join in the fun provided by our Year Six students. The most popular games appeared to be volleyball and totem tennis but all games were well attended and our younger boys certainly enjoyed having referees for their soccer games. As well as these Gettalong activities, our two 'youth workers' Jesse and Rheese continued to organise games of handball, touch football and tip, each day.

It was terrific to see Mr Cardy visit our school last Friday, in his role with the Schools Sports Unit. He was excited to catch up with the students and brought with him sets of bocchia, for the children to trial. The students played the bocchia game, which is much the same as lawn bowls, whilst sitting on chairs in the hall so they were able to comprehend how players in wheelchairs manage. Of course, the game can also be played standing up so I have ordered four sets for all of our children to enjoy.

I want to specially acknowledge Dymock's Book Bank this year because it is their tenth anniversary of sending four brand new books every year, to every student from Years Three to Six at our school, for free! We are one of only a handful of schools in receipt of this generous donation so we are extremely grateful. Children even get to choose their own book and every book is on the Premier's Reading Challenge list.

Again, I remind you to be respectful of COVID19 social distancing, please. Classrooms, close proximity to classrooms and upstairs areas are only open to students and staff. You are encouraged to drop your child at the school gate and arrange to meet them at this same place in the afternoon. As I said last term, we are alert not alarmed but we all need to be considerate of others and make sure we are not part of the spread of this dreadful virus.

Children arriving late to school are now required to enter through the Karingi Street gate so they can go straight to the office for their late note. Our morning school bell rings at 8.55am and I thank all those who ensure their children are here on time.

Each year in Term Three, students participate in Child Protection lessons provided by the Department of Education. These very worthwhile lessons teach children to respect themselves while gaining the confidence to say no to unwanted actions that make them feel uncomfortable. Lessons are mandatory and conducted weekly for one term. I encourage you to talk with your child about what they have gained from these lessons, each week.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Matteo M	KT	Cooper G
	Beau m		Jax M
KZ	Ethan P	KM	Zandar C
	Alivia L		Phoebe J-M
1H	Reuben I	1F	Cali R
	Mia P		Jasmin H
			Annalise c
1L	Isabella C	1/2P	Sawyer S
	Kai D		Eden M
2S	Koby D	2C	Lexi S
	Tahlia M		Cash T-K
3/4R	Jet F	3S	Azealia K
4S	Sharnii H		Nash H
	Lu W		
5B	Rayden S	5J	Selson F
	Bettyann J		Scarlett A-S
5L	Sean W	6H	Taryn Y
	Phoebe J		Jaia L
6D	Aidan R	6R	Heath V D N
	Taiyah J		Talisha R-K
K/6JS	Patrick F	K/6S	Kaden J

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn



Asher T	3S
Mina T	5B
Jaxon S	6D
Eleanor H	KS
Georgia H	1L
Max G	1F

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Noah C KT



GENERAL INFORMATION

Breakfast Club is starting again on Thursdays and Fridays with leaders, Mrs Lynch and staff helping. Due to Covid restrictions, we are not permitted to have any volunteers helping. Breakfast Club starts at 8.30am in the hall and is only for students.

P & C NEWS

We would like to thank everyone for their patience during this time and we are trying to do what we can during this time given the restrictions imposed. Future fundraisers are planned and we will advise when and if they can proceed and would appreciate any help we can for these.

Zippies (uniform shop) will remain contactless during Term 3 as it was for Term 2 so please continue to send orders via the office and let us know via email if there are any issues/questions.

We would also like to thank Cheryl Lynch in the canteen for her work in the canteen last term and this term with limited volunteers and adapting to the current health environment. This is a challenging time and a special thanks to her helpers Cathie and Jo.

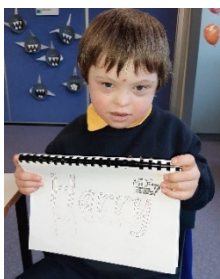
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 August at 9.15am. RSVP is essential to epsandc@gmail.com.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all our willing volunteers unfortunately everything is the same as in term 2. As soon as we know when you are able to return, I will let you know.

We still have cups of milk, Strawberry/ Chocolate and plain until end of the term 3.

Please continue to fill in lunch orders at home. If you don't have bags just pop it on a piece of paper and I will put it on a bag.



SUPPORT NEWS

Harry in K6JS is clever at writing his name.

EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Last week Kindergarten returned with happy smiles and focused ready to learn in Term 3 after our school holidays. We hope you all had a lovely time with your children in the term's break. This term we commenced our dance program and all of Kindergarten learnt the dance "Punchinello". We certainly had fun dancing in our classrooms. In Mathematics we studied position and we learnt left from right. At home, all Kindergarten children might like to practise the directions left and right.



STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage One detectives are excited to be working on top secret missions that the National Spy Agency has assigned them as part of our integrated and STEM unit of work on investigation and problem solving skills. Last week, 1/2P brainstormed and developed logical arguments about why Mrs Balfour should make the school holidays longer, before writing and justifying their reasons in a persuasive text. They also have been creating designs using tessellation blocks and playing Indigenous games during sport.



STAGE TWO NEWS

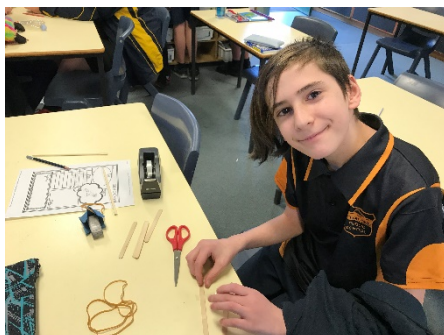
Stage 2 students commenced interest groups on Friday afternoon. Each week they will take part in an activity of their choice. Which would you choose: Art and craft; STEM; construction; running; drawing; or social games? These activities have been designed to provide students opportunities to make new friendships across the stage and skills that will be helpful all through their lives, while learning something a little bit different to the norm.

The social games group learned how to play Snap and Play your Neighbour. These are games they can play on a rainy day or when camping. All you need is a pack of cards and a friend or family member to play with. Snap requires lightning reactions and Play your Neighbour needs a lot of concentration to make sure you pay the correct penalty when a picture card is turned over. It was noisy but we had fun!



STAGE THREE NEWS

Stage Three used their knowledge of elastic potential energy to create catapults during last week's STEM challenge.



ABORIGINAL COMMITTEE

With all students back in term 3, I have been going around and checking on our Aboriginal students to see how their holidays were and to see how their first week back was. The BBQ that I was meant to be having with our Aboriginal families has unfortunately been postponed to next term if we are allowed to by then due to COVID-19. A couple of our classes here have asked me to come in to talk about the Acknowledgement to Country and help them write their own so that they can do the Acknowledgement every morning before class starts.

Rheese



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

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

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!

