



ETTALONG  
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HOMENOTE

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Term 4 Week 5

10 November 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Tues 13 Oct – 16 Nov	Online applications for Selective High School open for Y7 2022 (complete online)
Mon 9 Nov	Dental van continues
Mon 9 – Fri 13 Nov	NAIDOC Week
Wed 11 Nov	P&C meeting 9.15am Diggers Ettalong; Remembrance Day
Thurs 12 Nov	HeadStart sessions commence for Kindergarten 2021
Mon 16 Nov	2021 Selective High School applications close
Wed 18 Nov	OC testing Year Four students who have applied
Thurs 19 Nov	Leaders speeches 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we are nearing the end of the school year, we would appreciate if you would call the office or send a note to your child's teacher, if your child will not be returning next year. Conversely, if you know of anyone enrolling their child at our school next year, would you mind asking them to contact us so we can complete the enrolment process please?

We look forward to meeting our Kindergarten 2021. Students should now have received a letter, advising of their HeadStart dates during Weeks 5, 6 & 7 commencing 12 November. Children will arrive via the Karingi Street entrance and our fabulous school leaders will greet them and take them to the classroom. Sessions will run for one hour only, COVID style. Our HeadStart yellow t-shirts are available to be purchased from the office for \$5 each.

New laptops have now been purchased for use in the Kindergarten and Support classrooms. It is a huge commitment and investment, keeping our school up to date with technology but we are in a great position, with all classrooms having the most up to date smartboards and new computers on order for our technology room. We also make full use of the Department's borrowing system for expensive equipment such as green screens.

Students and staff are excited to learn the winner of our tomato growing competition this week. A number of plants are considerably larger than others and some have a lovely crop of tomatoes but others are looking rather sad, to say the least. It will be interesting to find out which is the winner!

Planning for the new building for use by our school and the YMCA Before and After School Care is now under way. It will be located on the Karingi Street side, parallel to K block (the newest building on our site). The plans for this look terrific so we are very excited about this new addition. Hopefully, it will be available around Term Two next year. Today I have also applied for a grant towards a rigid cover for the K-2 playground equipment. We will all keep our fingers crossed.

This week we celebrate NAIDOC Week with the theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. Children will participate in activities and sharing stories about our Aboriginal history. We will also recognise and respect Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11 November.

Mrs Ryan and the touch football teams were VERY pleased to see the sun out on Friday! The boys' team won 2 of their games. Both teams demonstrated our 3Rs throughout the day!

Lynn Balfour

Principal

## 3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Jimmy J	KM	Phoebe J-M
KZ	Ethan p	1F	Indi H
1H	Wilaaran L	1/2P	Charlie B
1L	Bryah J	2C	Hunter B
2S	Nesta F	3S	Trinity C-S
3/4R	Jet F	3T	Isabel G
3J	Lara McC	4S	Keyla H
4J	Jemma F	5L	Phoebe J
5B	Byron H-R	6H	Blake A
6D	Oliver S	K/6P	Imaad M
K/6JS	Jaxon N		Taylor R

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

**Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn**

Sayeth A	K/6M
Riley D	3T
Ava B-M	3T
Jax I	3S
Ollie L	3/4R
Presley D	5B
Leila T	5J
Breanna K	5J
Natalie D	6R

Chelsea R	KM
Kayla P	KZ
Matilda P	KS
Nate D	1H
Blake S	1L
Kydan C-S	1L
Max McK	1F
Mia H	1/2P
Noah M	2C

## PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Cadence G 1/2P

## GENERAL INFORMATION



### 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!**



## P & C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday, 9:15am at Ettalong Diggers. We hope to see you there with ideas and feet on the ground to help us take our P&C from strength to strength for the benefit of our school and students.

Thank you for supporting the uniform shop and canteen online with My School Connect (MSC). Thank you also for your patience with the teething problems! Friday seems to be the most popular day so far, so we recommend that you place your orders before Friday morning to avoid possibly missing the deadline. (Don't forget you can order for the whole week in one go!). We would like to say a big thank you to those of you that 'round up' and those that donate extra when ordering, we have already received \$70 in donations! Thank you so much! 'Lots of small change makes a BIG difference'.

Don't forget to sign up if you haven't already [www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au) or download the app. Our Christmas raffle tickets will be available soon. Due to COVID-19 we will be running this entirely online through MSC and we have some fantastic prizes up for grabs this year, so you definitely won't want to miss out!

A final note to get any orders for uniforms in by the 19th November to guarantee that you get them ready for the new school year!

## SUPPORT NEWS

K6JS has had lots of fun this week using the sensory tunnel during transition time. Crawling or scooting through the tunnel enhances children's physical development by the use of fine motor skills, improving the student's core and bilateral coordination skills. Students in K6JS are working hard completing activities.



## EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Last week students from Kindergarten completed activities that were all about the sound “oo” as in book and “oo” as in boot. In Visual Arts, the students were learning about texture. They made some lovely mosaic flowers using seeds and rice. We have all been very fortunate to “catch days” when the sun is shining and we all took the opportunity to enhance our Physical Education skills of catching and throwing. KS will miss Mr Biggs who has taught them so well during his last practicum over the last six weeks. Good luck Mr Biggs.



## STAGE ONE NEWS

Year 1 and 2 students are learning and putting into practice how to be road, sun and water safe. Last week, 2S farewelled Mrs Tripoline, who shared her knowledge of music and allowed students to play the violin to experience a string instrument.



## STAGE TWO NEWS

Colour is one of the elements of art along with line, form, shape, texture, space and value. This week students in Stage 2 experimented with using colour in different ways and using different techniques to mix colours when drawing with crayons. Here are some samples from 3S.





## STAGE THREE NEWS

Mrs Ryan and Rheese spent the day at Rogers Park on Friday 6th November with the boys and girls touch footy teams. We had a great time at the gala day playing against other local schools. All students represented EPS beautifully with great sportsmanship and respect towards their opposition.



## Headlice checks

### There are two treatment options for head lice

#### **Mechanical removal**

Mechanical removal involves applying normal hair conditioner to dry hair. After covering all of the hair with the conditioner untangle it using a normal comb and separate the hair into sections. Then use a fine long toothed metal lice comb to comb through the hair in sections. The conditioner doesn't kill the lice but it stuns them for about 20 minutes making it easier to remove them. The lice comb will remove nits (eggs) and the stunned lice. Wipe the comb on a white tissue and check for any lice or nits. Keep combing until no more appear on the tissue. This method should be used every second day until none remain (usually about 7 to 10 days).

This method is the preferred way to treat head lice because it is effective, does not contribute to insecticide resistance in head lice and also has a low risk of skin irritation.

The mechanical removal method also helps manage head lice before they become established on the head. Keep a good head lice comb in the shower and every time your family washes their hair comb through with the lice comb. This makes sure the lice are caught before they lay too many eggs.

If your children are old enough to wash their own hair encourage them to use the comb themselves. Or keep the comb handy to where you wash your children's hair and use it every time you wash their hair.

#### **Chemical removal**

If you choose to use a chemical treatment, remember to follow the instructions carefully. Don't be tempted to re-apply the same chemical treatment if it doesn't appear to be working. Instead change to another treatment that uses a different chemical compound or use the comb and conditioner method. You must repeat the treatment in 7 days to kill any newly hatched eggs. You will also need to use a lice comb to make sure the treatment is working.

If you find dead lice the product has worked. If you find live lice, the treatment has not worked.

When your child is free of lice and nits, remember to check regularly with a fine toothed lice comb and conditioner. Early detection and treatment will prevent re-infestation of family members and classmates.

Research suggests that bed linen, hats, clothing and furniture do not harbour or transmit lice or nits and that there is no benefit in washing them as a treatment option. Nits and lice only live on the human head. They quickly dehydrate and die if removed from the head.

[\\*This information is based on information provided on the NSW Health Nitbusters website.](#)