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Term 4 Week 7

24 November 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 24 Nov	Leaders speeches 2021
Thurs 26 Nov	HeadStart concludes
Fri 4 Dec	Mini fete fundraiser for Year 6
Wed 9 Dec	P&C meeting 7pm
Fri 11 Dec	Students reports sent home

Dear Parents and Carers

Stage Three students who attended the Surf Awareness program last Friday had a terrific day learning how to have fun at the beach in a safe manner. Thank you to the lifesavers who ran the sessions and provided an interesting, enjoyable day for our senior students and staff. Living so close to the beach, it is imperative that children are able to 'read' the ocean before entering the water.

Today we heard speeches from the fabulous children who are keen to take on student leadership positions, next year. Each year I am impressed by the high standard of speeches and this year was no different. Ten students were voted for as school captains, vice captains and prefects and I have no doubt that the students have chosen excellent leaders to represent them in 2021. They have big shoes to fill of course, because this year's leaders have been resilient and fabulous.

The Department of Veterans Affairs in association with Koori Kids recently held the 2020 ANZAC School Initiative Colouring Competition and over 63, 490 entries were received. Our very own Lexi Stacey from 2C was the winner out of all those children and received a fabulous medallion. We are very proud of her, of course. Look inside for her beautiful smile.

Our Year 6 Mini Fete will now go ahead on Friday 4 December, COVID-safe style. We are still accepting items for the White Elephant stall so if you have anything you would like to donate, please send them along with your child before this date. Students are allowed to bring a small sum of money on this day to spend on goods and activities and the money raised will go towards Year Six fundraising.

Teachers are currently compiling student reports for semester two and these will be sent home on Friday 11 December. Don't forget to let us know if you need two copies, for parents who no longer reside together.

Tomorrow we meet our gorgeous little HeadStart children again when they visit us to become more familiar with our fabulous school and how school life works. These little people have been an absolute delight and we can't wait until they start school next year.

Our P&C are holding their only fundraiser for 2020 via My School Connect this week. The fundraiser is a raffle with many great prizes available! You can see photos of some of the prizes on the My School Connect page. The P&C have many ideas of ways in which to benefit our terrific students and our great school, please support them.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Edith T	KT	Faith H
KZ	Aston F	KM	Isla T
1H	Ivy A	1F	Connor M
1L	Thalia A	1/2P	Cassidy P
3/4R	Pearl H-McL	2C	Klyde P
3J	Tarathep L	3S	Harry H
4J	Indigo L	3T	Jayden B
5B	Malachi F	4S	Tai N
	Loveleen K	5L	Samanpreet K
5J	Bridget O		Harlan M
	Romeo R	6H	Taryn Y
	Scarlett A-S		Gracie May G
6D	Dakota-Rose R	6R	Africa K
K/6P	Avelyne McB		Kazu R
	Dylan I		Julia J
K/6JS	Jett D		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Hunter B	1H
Maximus M	1F
Charlie B	1/2P
Nate F	KZ
Brock C	KZ
Taylee W	KZ
Aston F	KZ
Ethan P	KZ
Patrick F	K/6JS

Owen W	5B
Kiara P	5L
Keyla H	4S
Breanna B	4S
Indi M	3J
Sam H	3/4R
Sophia A	2C
Marley Y	2C

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Brandon B	2S
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Lexi from 2C receiving her medallion for her 2020 ANZAC School Initiative Colouring Competition.



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 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

IT'S RAFFLE TIME! We are launching our incredible raffle COVID style on My School Connect this week! With over \$3000 worth of amazing prizes! Please spread the word to all your family and friends (there will be a link that can be shared) and support our only fundraiser of the year. Our main fundraising goal at the moment is much needed fans for the school hall and CV19 has impacted this drastically, so we need your help! Support our raffle and get Christmas presents sorted at the same time! It will be an online only event so don't miss out!

We are going to be organising a 2021 Headstart Kindy kid play date so that our new families can get to know other families and P&C so keep an eye on FB and spread the word. Our online canteen is going from strength to strength! Please remember to check your child's order and make sure that you have the correct date and that you are not clicking on gluten free if you don't need it and ensuring you receive your confirmation email. Also, please place your Friday orders before Friday if possible, as this is our most busy day.

As always we are available at epsandc@gmail.com if you have any comments and suggestions.

SUPPORT NEWS

Two teams from our Support classes proudly represented Ettalong PS at Ten Pin Bowling last week, which was organised by The NSW Inclusive School Sport Unit. The eight selected students enjoyed practising their skills and technique of bowling with numerous other Support Units in the Newcastle and Central Coast region. All students who participated demonstrated their ability to cheer on their peers showing great sportsmanship. Boccia will be the next activity on the 1 December 2020 with 8 students showing their skills and making new friends. We look forward to our students participating in these events in 2021.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

This week ES1 created a simple table in Science and used words to describe how things feel eg, rough, scaly or smooth. In Maths, we cut oranges into halves and quarters, this was great fun as we were able to eat them! We have begun our Christmas decorations ready to hang on the school tree that will be delivered here soon. The theme for this years tree is love, so we are making hearts from air dried clay.



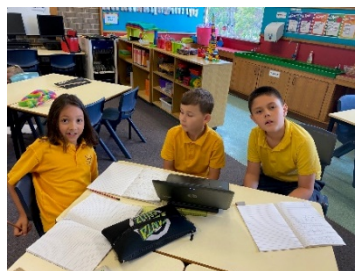
STAGE ONE NEWS

Yummy, yummy for our tummy! 1F have been busy writing a procedure about how to make Santa hat cookies.



STAGE TWO NEWS

3T have continued their learning on sustainability. This week, we researched how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people lived sustainably for thousands of years. Students were summarising facts on different types of bush tucker that can be found all across Australia.



STAGE THREE NEWS

On Friday, Stage 3 students had the opportunity to attend our annual Surf Awareness Day. Students learnt how to conduct a tube rescue, identify rips, catch waves on foam boards and how to respond if they find themselves in trouble in the ocean.

