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Term 4 Week 10

15 December 2020

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tues 15 Dec	Term 4 Reward Day; Year 6 Farewell; Canteen closed until 2021
Wed 16 Dec	Last day for students; BWSC Umina parent info for Year 7 students at 6pm
Fri 29 Jan 2021	Students return for new school year

Dear Parents and Carers

Student Reports for Semester Two went home last Friday. Please make sure your child remembered to take it out of their school bag!

Well done to all students who participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. In this crazy, mixed up year we managed to achieve more children gaining their gold reading certificate than ever before! What a fabulous achievement and we must not forget the contribution Dymocks Book Bank made to that feat with their extremely generous donations of Premier's Reading Challenge books to all children in Years 3 - 6, each and every school term. Reading for information is a life skill needed by everyone. Reading for pleasure is exactly that! A pleasure. Please encourage your child to read daily.

Thank you to all those who liked our FB page with the short clip of the new school leaders' announcements. A huge thanks to ex-student, Bailey Meti for his expertise in recording this for us. Congratulations to all students who tried their best this year, whether they received an award or not. If a student has done their best, then we cannot ask any more than that.

All students were invited to join in their class picnic day yesterday. Despite a few showers and COVID restrictions, they had a great day even though it was a little different to previous years. We're an adaptable lot!

Today, the majority of students had a terrific day celebrating the Term Four Reward Day at the movies, simply by consistently following our 3 Rs of Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn. I am proud of them all.

Year Six students were very excited today as they await their Year Six Farewell, this evening. Again, a little different to previous years, the children will be provided with individual dinner boxes but the Year Six teachers have made sure the children will have a terrific evening, as always. Due to no parents being allowed, students will receive their graduation certificates on Wednesday afternoon, instead of at the Farewell. The usual 'farewell arch' will become a 'farewell applause' as Year Six students walk past classrooms. They will make their way to the large COLA end of the school, where parents are invited to observe through the Uligandi St and laneway school fence, as children receive their certificates.

Our canteen finished trading for this year, yesterday. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the P&C through canteen purchases. With online ordering now available, I trust this has made the process more convenient.

Don't forget to purchase your P&C Christmas raffle tickets at <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/ettalongpsraffle>.

If you plan on travelling this Christmas break, please drive carefully and have a wonderful holiday. The staff here at Ettalong P.S. all wish you a very merry Christmas and hope the New Year returns some sort of normality. Whatever that may look like in the future!

Lynn Balfour  
Principal

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### 3R's AWARDS

3/4R	Jazmin C	3S	Anabelle C-A
3J	Jamal W	3T	Lanietta J
4J	Cruz R	4S	Edward S
K/6M	Mason McD		

### PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Indi M	3J
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### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs  
**Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn**

Africa K	6H	Olive A	KT
Tahli K	6H	Mason M	KS
Ruby L	6H	Bowie M	1H
Cayden G	6R	Jordan T	3T
Ruby L	6D	Indiana C-A	3T
		Archer T	4J

### P & C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has supported the P&C over the past year, it has been a challenging one but one which has allowed us the opportunity to improve and implement new ideas. We look forward to continuing the theme for next year and hope you will continue to support us and our amazing school, staff and students. Thank you also for your support of our raffle and congratulations to the winners of the fantastic prizes! On a final note, please ensure that you order your uniforms through the My School Connect to make sure that you have uniforms for next year. Orders will be able to be collected before school starts, so please keep an eye on the Face Book page for updates. Certain items will have a slight price increase from the 1st of February next year as well, so any items ordered after that date will reflect the new price. The P&C Exec would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

### SUPPORT NEWS

We wish our Year 6 students from the support unit all the very best as they leave Ettalong Public School and start a new journey at High School. Graduating students for 2020 are Chloe B, Cobey D, Thomas T and Kaden J.



### EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

As we approach the end of the school year, on behalf of the kindergarten staff I would like to thank you all for your support as we continued to navigate our way through an unprecedented time. In Kindergarten, we have been learning through our Christmas theme and having lots of fun. We wish you a merry Christmas and we are looking forward to working with you next year.



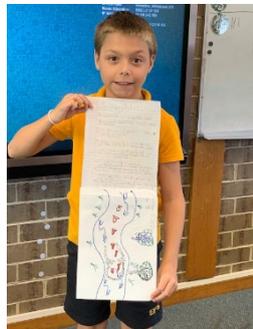
## **STAGE ONE NEWS**

Mr Penberthy, Mrs Lechowski, Mrs Hull, Mrs Fabri, Ms Downham, Mrs Selwood, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Smith and Miss Crowther congratulate the students of Stage 1 on their effort and achievement this year. Have a well-earned holiday. We look forward to seeing you in 2021!



## **STAGE TWO NEWS**

During Term 4, 4J have been researching places of environmental significance in Australia. They presented their research projects to their class this week, demonstrating creativity, fantastic research skills and sharing fun facts with the class.



## **STAGE THREE NEWS**

### **Year 6 Graduation**

Wednesday 16 December. Unfortunately, we cannot hold the traditional passing out tunnel this year. Instead the Year 6 students will parade through the school and be applauded by each grade outside their rooms. They will then proceed to the COLA for their graduation ceremony. We will hold this event at the rear of the COLA. While we can't invite you onto the school grounds, there will be an opportunity for you to watch this event from the fence line along the lane. We are endeavouring to start this event at 2.30pm. Once the students have graduated, Year 5 will form a guard of honour and Year 6 will walk through this onto the Basketball Court to say their final goodbyes. At the end of the school day they can then exit via this gate.



# Walking and Cycling Safely

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Walking and cycling are great ways to get exercise but it's important we keep ourselves and others as safe as possible. Here are some tips to help keep you safe.

## WALKING

- Take your time and plan your walk – you're more likely to slip or trip if you're rushed.
- Wear safe shoes with slip resistant soles.
- Wear bright colours to increase your visibility, especially at dawn or dusk.
- Ensure you wear your hearing aid or glasses.
- Use the footpaths and shared pathways when available.
- Be aware of children, joggers, cyclists and animals.
- When you're on a shared pathway, keep to the left to allow room for cyclists to pass.
- Listen out for nearby cyclists who are encouraged to ring their bell or horn to warn pedestrians that they're about to pass.
- If you stop to talk with someone, if possible move off the shared pathway or footpath, or to the far left of the path.
- When crossing the road, take the safest, shortest and most direct route.
- Use pedestrian crossings or traffic lights. If there aren't any, look for the safest place to cross.
- Wait for vehicles to stop completely before stepping off a kerb.
- Check for turning vehicles and cyclists at intersections before crossing.
- Never assume a driver can see you – their vision may be affected by poor light, sunlight or parked cars.
- If you're a bit unsteady, use handrails on stairs or ramps.

## WALKING WITH A DOG

- Keep dogs on short leads and under control at all times.

## CYCLING

- By law, you must wear an Australian and New Zealand approved helmet. Make sure the straps on your helmet are not twisted and it fits securely around your ears and under your chin.

- Wear brightly coloured clothing so you're easily seen by others.
- Your bike must have a working brake, bell or horn and a rear reflector. If used at night, it must also have a front white light and a rear red light.
- Check your bike every ride: (A) Air in tyres (B) Brakes are working (C) Chain intact.
- Travel at a speed that is safe for you and the pedestrians you encounter.
- Always be in control of your bike and ride in a predictable manner so that others do not have to react suddenly to your movements.
- When riding on shared pathways, keep to the left. If you're planning to pass someone, slow down and use your bell or horn to let them know you're close by and pass carefully on their right side.
- Allow pedestrians one metre of space on shared paths when passing, where possible.
- Children should be closely supervised and should not ride near busy roads.
- Obey all road rules, including traffic lights, 'Stop' and 'Give Way' signs.
- Use hand signals when changing lanes or turning left or right.
- Stay a 'car door width' away from parked vehicles.
- Riding on footpaths is not permitted. Exceptions to this rule are children under 16 years and supervising adult(s), who may ride on the footpath unless signs state otherwise. Children 16 years and older may also ride on the footpath when with an adult accompanying a child/children who are under 16 years.

For more information, go to: [transport.nsw.gov.au](https://transport.nsw.gov.au)