



# H O M E N O T E

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**Term 2 Week 1**

**20 April 2021**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tues 20 April	Special Education classes swimming scheme commences
Thurs 22 April	ANZAC service at school
Fri 23 April	Cross Country carnival Years 2 – 6
Mon 3 May	Sydney Writers Festival
Thurs 6 May	Mother's Day stall

Hello Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term Two. This is a time when serious learning is underway. Students have settled into their 2021 classes and become familiar with expectations in their own classroom. All students, except Kindergarten will be able to tell you what their reading level is and I encourage you to listen to your child read each day, even if it is only for a few minutes whilst you're preparing dinner! Comprehending what is read is so important and is a vital, lifelong skill. Students in Years 3 and 5 will also complete NAPLAN assessments early this term.

We return to a busy week, this week with Support classes starting swimming lessons today. In order to ensure all students are able to participate in the school's ANZAC service, Cross Country races and Special Education swimming, we have brought our ANZAC service forward one day. It will now be held at school on Thursday 22 April. Our school leaders will also represent EPS at the official ANZAC service at Ettalong Diggers Club on ANZAC Day. This service is in place of the annual Woy Woy march to the Cenotaph. Yesterday, staff from our school attended the War Memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney as part of their professional learning requirements. 'Women in War' was the focus of the information provided before staff were then shown the soil samples collected from war memorials around NSW, including the actual soil collected by our school and sent in for display in 2018. You can imagine how proud the staff was.

This year, at the beginning of Term Three, our school will undergo External Validation, otherwise known as a curriculum audit. All public schools in NSW undergo this scrutiny and as it was 2016 when we were last examined, it is no surprise that our turn has arisen again. It is another mammoth task for all staff members to gather and present information from all subjects in a variety of formats including lessons and assessment tasks.

Our Cross Country carnival will be held this Friday, weather permitting. Students turning 8 years old this year (and over, of course) are eligible to compete. These school races are qualifiers for the NSW PSSA (Public Schools Sporting Association) carnivals so I wish the children all the very best as they run 2000m for the younger students and 3000m for the older children.

Congratulations to our softball team who defeated Umina PS in an exciting game in the last week of Term One. The girls practised their skills during Friday sport and this dedication paid off with them now moving on to the next round of the competition.

YMCA, who run Before and After School Care here at EPS, will move into their new home early this term. The large building in Karingi Street is almost ready for use so it's a very exciting time for them. We can use the building during school hours which is a bonus for us all.

Lynn Balfour  
Principal

### 3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	James G	KT	Dakota V-R
KZ	Malakai T-A	KL	Charlie G
1H	Matthew R	1F	Koa H
1P	Isla T	1/2A	Kayla P
2L	Thalia A	2S	Isabella C
2C	Chase H	K/6P	Jake G
K/6JL	Jaxon N		Zanda H

### PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Jordan P 3S



### P & C NEWS

Thank you to everyone that supported our Easter raffle, it was a fantastic success, and we raised \$1600! Congratulations to the 1st prize winner Jade Wardrop. Congratulations to all our other winners as well, we hope you enjoyed the goodies!

We will be holding our second hand uniform stall on Thursday the 29th of April outside the canteen between 2:30 and 3:30pm. We are gratefully accepting donations of EPS branded items at the office

The very successful Birthday Buckets are available to order through MSC, please remember to order at least a few days in advance.

Like to get involved? You don't have to be a member or join the P&C to help around the school, our uniform shop and canteen are desperate for help. Only got an hour a week or even a month free?? No problem, email us we'd love to have your help!!!



### SUPPORT NEWS

Students celebrated their end of term rewards day, on the last Wednesday of the Term 1. Students enjoyed a surprise pizza and hot chip lunch before they participated in group board games and STEAM activities. We had a busy and fun Term 1 and we look forward to the learning and the experiences that Term 2 will bring to our students.

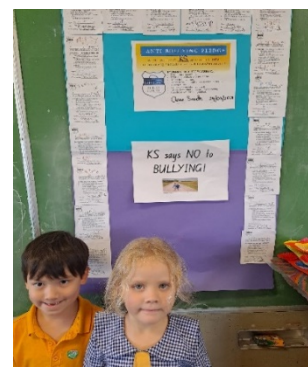


### EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

I hope all of our Kindergarten families had a wonderful and relaxing Easter holiday and are looking forward to a productive Term 2. Welcome back.

In the last week of a busy Term 1 Kindergarten students prepared for a wonderful Easter hat parade with beautiful and colourful hats. We were so grateful for all of the parents and carers who joined us to celebrate. Kindergarten were continuing to sign their pledges to promise to say NO to BULLYING.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.



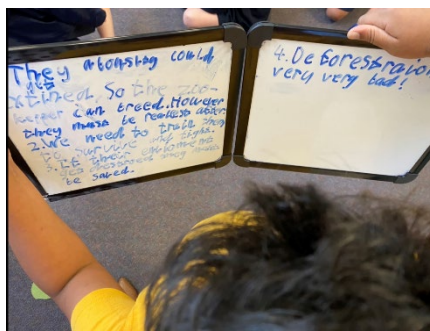
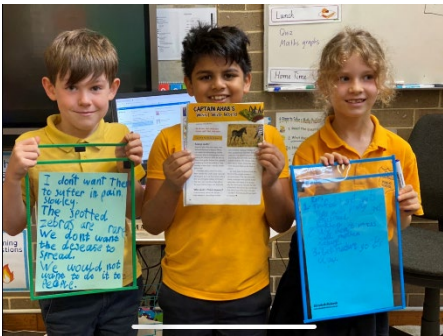
## STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage 1 staff created Bunraku puppets as part of yesterday's School Development Day. The teachers are very much looking forward to hearing about their students' holidays and kicking off a productive Term Two.



## STAGE TWO NEWS

Stage 2 have begun writing persuasively and exploring this concept by holding mini debates in the classroom. There are going to be some great debaters in the school's team in the future!



## STAGE THREE NEWS

Stage 3 had a fabulous time on their rewards day at Ettalong Beach, playing games, building sandcastles and spending time with their friends.

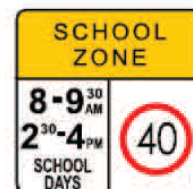




## Traffic and Parking around your School

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.

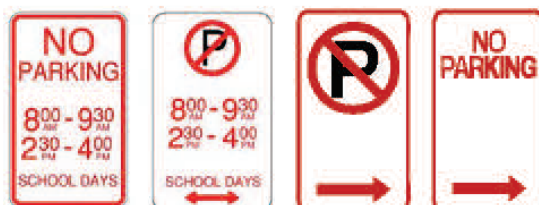
- ✓ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ✓ **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.

