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Term 2 Week 10

22 June 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 22 June	Spelling Bee finals S3- 9am; S2-11.40am and S1-1.45pm – school hall
Wednesday 23 June	Central Coast Dance Festival – our girls perform
Thursday 24 June	Reports to go home; Central Coast Choral Festival rehearsal at EPS
Friday 25 June	Last day of term
Tuesday 13 July	Students return
Friday 16 July	Whole school athletics carnival – McEvoy Oval
Friday 23	Athletics carnival – Back-up date

Hello Parents and Carers

Can you believe that it is the last week of Term 2? Even the children have been commenting about how quickly this term has gone!

Last Friday everyone crawled out of bed and came to school in their pyjamas! Many students (and staff) were commenting that it was their favourite mufti day for the year. Our SRC, now led by Mrs Brown, were raising money for Coast Shelter. Over the page, they have included the amount raised and what it amounts to in terms of meals for people attending the shelter. I am again astounded by the generosity of our families! Thank you so much for assisting our students to support such a worthy community group.

Last week our Year One students attended the Hunter Valley Zoo. My goodness they were excited before they left! I was chatting with one mum who mentioned that her little person had been awake and dressed since 3am! Our staff were equally as excited.... well perhaps not quite as excited... but they were thrilled to be able to attend the excursion. So many of these opportunities were unable to be held last year and so for some of our students, this was their first excursion and first time on a bus! Thanks to everyone involved for making this excursion possible. The joy on their faces was priceless!

Once again, we have seen some amazing work from students throughout the school this week. I am proud to say that there has been a HUGE amount of hard work occurring! Due to the weather, Mr P and I have been in lots of rooms this last week and we have seen some Matisse inspired artworks, some terrific writing (sizzling starts and building tension), some great pattern work, students designing and decorating artworks of bike helmets, lots of amazing spelling and if you can believe it, LOTS more! Keep up the great work everyone! Students certainly deserve a break after all their hard work throughout this term!

Today we are all abuzz with our Spelling Bee finals being held as I type! Congratulations to all our class finalists! All our finalists have been working very hard to represent their class! We are proud of you!

This week our staff have been working hard to finalise Semester One reports and to collect evidence for our upcoming External Validation. Each year (within a five-year cycle) a group of schools are nominated to participate in this process. This process provides an opportunity for our school to discuss our judgements about our practices with a panel of peers. Before the panel visits, we submit what we consider to be our most significant pieces of evidence for their perusal. They will meet with us, via Zoom on Tuesday July 20. We are very proud of our school and look forward to sharing all the wonderful things our school strives for and achieves.

Please stay safe in the upcoming break: we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday July 13. Our staff will be working on some initiatives in Aboriginal Education with our peers across the Brisbane Water Learning Community on the Monday. We look forward to another exciting term filled with learning and fun!

Jodie Campbell
Relieving Principal

3Rs AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Ellis M	KT	Harry P
KZ	Jaxson T	KL	Kalani M
1H	Ryan S	1F	Connor M
1P	Mason M	1/2A	Aubrey T
2L	Tiago R	2S	Annalise C
2C	Matteo B	3R	Maya S
3S	Charlie B	4S	Phoebe O
3/4A	Marley Y	4K	Lara McC
4B	Addison E	5J	Cooper W
5H	Ollie L	5T	Archer T
6D	Selson F	6H	Cooper B
6R	Isabelle J	K/6P	Imaad M

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

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Jack H	KZ
Georgia H	2L
Cassidy P	2L
Lanietta J	4K
Charlotte C	4S

Mina T	6D
Scarlett A-S	6D
Loveleen K	6R
Rubalmeet K	6H

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Luna F	KL
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Coast Shelter Fundraiser

Well done everyone for getting involved in the SRC's Coast Shelter Fundraiser, including the P&C who donated an extra \$100 from the sale of hot chocolates. We have smashed our target!

We raised \$564.35, which is enough to provide **meals for 200 people at the Coast Shelter Community Care Centre plus 4 food hampers for families in need.**



School Banking

We have great news! School banking will commence on the first day of next term, Tuesday July 13! Banking will be held on Tuesdays and Kindergarten students will receive information packs today.

Thanks for your support!

Sue and Angela (School Banking Coordinators)

Child Protection Lessons.

Throughout Term 3, all students will participate in Child Protection lessons as part of their Personal Development/Health unit. These lessons address safety strategies for stranger danger and peer pressure and enforce the message that your body is private. A note with more information about the content covered in your child's class went home today. If you have questions or concerns, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Lessons will commence once school resumes after the holidays.

P & C NEWS

In the final week of this term, we wanted to say a massive "Thank You".

Thank you to all of the staff for all they do for our children and for us, for all their support and care which makes our school such a fantastic community to be a part of.

Thank you to all our generous sponsors for their support of our fundraising efforts.

And especially, a big, BIG thank you to all of you! Thank you for coming to our events, thank you for helping us support our school and children, we literally couldn't do it without you!

We have some more awesome fundraising ideas for next term, and we are on the hunt for a fundraising coordinator / planning guru extraordinaire! We would love to hear from you so that you can help take us from strength to strength.

Please get in touch, epsandc@gmail.com, we would love your help.

Thank you again, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

CANTEEN NEWS

We are still needing volunteers for Fridays, time 9.00am til 1.30pm. Please come and join our happy team.

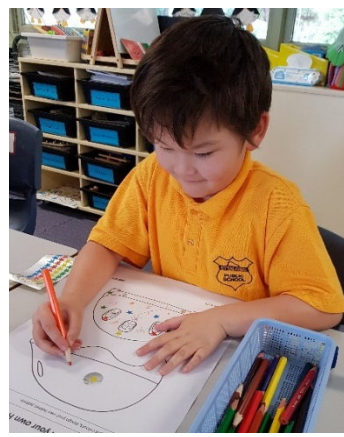
Online ordering is going well. Please check dates when ordering and make sure you get the thumbs up at the end.

No heating of foods bought from home i.e. Instant noodles etc, due to health reasons.

Special thanks to Jo and Stephen for helping with our breakfast club.

SUPPORT NEWS

K/6P have been busy learning all about road safety. They have learnt how to be safe pedestrians and have practised crossing the road, ensuring they are holding a grown-ups hand and looking left and right. This week they have discussed how to keep safe on wheels and have had a great time decorating their own bike helmets.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

As we are approaching the end of Term 2 the Kindergarten teachers would like to wish all our families a very happy and safe winter holiday. Thank you for your continued support. Last week students in Kindergarten studied the sounds 'k' and 'c', learning they have the same sound but a different letter name. In Mathematics, students looked at area and were beginning to measure areas using the same unit. We would also like to express our appreciation of our wonderful intern and practicum students, Mr Josh Gilmore and Ms Brittany Speers who have been teaching on KS and KT respectively. Congratulations to you both on your excellent teaching. We know we will be seeing a lot more of Mr Gilmore at EPS as he is now qualified as a teacher. It was so lovely to end the week in our "pyjammies". We all were snuggly and warm and the money raised went to a great cause, "Coast Shelter". We would like you to know that Mrs Smith's favourite clothes are her pyjamas. She told us she would wear them every day if she could.



STAGE ONE NEWS

Year One had a fabulous time at Hunter Valley Zoo last week. Students enjoyed a keeper talk, zoo tour and even held and fed some native Australian animals. The meerkats and bird house were a big hit with many, as were the lions and lizards.



STAGE TWO NEWS

On Friday, 4K celebrated pyjama day with some Mattise and hot chocolates. The children enjoyed creating their own masterpieces with a warm drink.



STAGE THREE NEWS

Stage 3 making three-dimensional objects using cubic centimetres.



Help Wonder turn
BREAD BAGS into
SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT

It's simple...

- 1 Collect your empty bread bags.
- 2 Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin (Located in the Office)
- 3 We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!

Our school is in the draw to **WIN 1 of 5** exercise circuits made from recycled plastic we collect!

LET'S GET RECYCLING!

Tag Wonder on social [#wonderrecycling](#) to share all your recycling champion stories!

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