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Term 3 Week 2

20 July 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 13 July

Learning from Home packs available for collection – includes work until 30/7/21

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we endeavour to continue in the schooling of our wonderful students. Schoolwork for the next two weeks has been prepared for all EPS students and are available online for those with internet access or in hardcopy for those who do not. Hardcopies are available for collection from the outside the staff parking gates on Karingi Street or from our office throughout the day. The work packs were also made available via our school's website ettalong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au, click on Learning at our School, then click Learning from Home. All students, whether attending school or not, will complete the same schoolwork.

On Sunday afternoon, all NSW Schools received stronger advice from the Department of Education. The advice now states; "Parents must keep children - of all ages, across primary and secondary schooling and early childcare - home if they can. Students will be supported to learn from home. Schools and early childhood education and care services, including Out Of School Hours Care services are open for any child that needs it. Thank you for your support"

There is a lot of information available to families on the NSW Department of Education's website. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> On this website you will see that schools in the Central Coast area continue to be in Level 4 and will remain in this level until **July 30, 2021**. Which means the following restrictions apply for us; *Schools activate plans to support continuity for students learning from home. No student is turned away *Reduce mingling of student cohorts wherever possible *No non-essential visitors *QR codes in place *Mandatory masks indoors for all staff and secondary students.

Please be reminded when dropping off your child or children that staff will be on gate duty to support their entry. The following gates will be open in the morning and afternoons until further notice; the main gate on Karingi Street; the gate adjacent to the Disabled Parking Bay in Karingi Street with use for students from our Support Unit only please and the main gate adjacent to the Kiss and Drop on Uligandi Street. The gate off the basketball court will only be available in the afternoons.

Today, our school will undergo External Validation. This process occurs every five years in all NSW schools. The last time that we had this validation was in 2016 and we were one of the first schools to go through the process. The process has changed significantly and we are now one of the first school to go through the new process. The process includes our staff completing self-reflective tasks and using our current practices to record ourselves against the School Excellence Framework document. It is used to celebrate the achievements of our students and staff and to also ascertain future directions in our teaching and learning. The panel will meet via a Zoom meeting with external validators from around the state. I will share some of our findings next week.

This week our staff will be contacting you to connect about learning from home. If you have any questions or need any help with the Learning from Home packs, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are really keen to help you and your children.

Please stay safe!

Jodie Campbell Relieving Principal

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

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Men's Line 1300 78 99 78

Suggested Learning from Home Times

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Expect your child to be learning from home for approximately 2.5 hours per day, plus additional activities. This may include:

- 45-60 minutes of English activities
- 30-45 minutes of Mathematics activities
- 30-60 minutes of activities across other KLAs (Creative Arts, HSIE, PDHPE and Science/Technology).
- The school may also organise other activities such as wellbeing and physical activities.

Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)

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 - 30-45 minutes of Mathematics activities
 - 30-60 minutes of activities across other KLAs (Creative Arts, HSIE, PDHPE and Science/Technology).
- The school may also organise other activities such as wellbeing and physical activities.

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)

Expect your child to be learning from home for approximately 3 hours per day, plus additional activities. This may include:

- 45-60 minutes of English activities
 - 30-45 minutes of Mathematics activities
 - 1-1.5 hours of activities across other KLAs (Creative Arts, HSIE, PDHPE and Science/Technology).
- The school may also organise other activities such as wellbeing and physical activities.

Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6)

Expect your child to be learning from home for approximately 3 hours per day, plus additional activities. This may include:

- 45-60 minutes of English activities
 - 30-45 minutes of Mathematics activities
 - 1-1.5 hours of activities across other KLAs (Creative Arts, HSIE, PDHPE and Science/Technology).
- The school may also organise other activities such as wellbeing and physical activities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We use the Skoolbag app to share important information urgently. With remote learning currently taking place, we are utilising this app more frequently to ensure you are kept informed about what is happening at school and ever changing restrictions that impact our school. The app can also be used to explain absences and change your contact information at any time.

Please refer to the image for how to install the app from your phone's store. Similarly, you can keep track of what is happening at EPS by visiting our Facebook page,

<http://www.facebook.com/EttalongPublicSchool> You do not need to have a Facebook account to view this page's content.

How to install the SkoolBag App

Instructions for parents



SkoolBag



For Apple Users

- From your iPhone/iPad, Go to the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag".
- Download the free SkoolBag app.
- Open the App and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!
- Choose your grade/grades and "allow notifications".

For Google Android Users

- From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store.
- Go to Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag".
- Download the free SkoolBag app.
- Open the app, add your school(s).
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