



HOMENOTE

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Term 3 Week 7

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Available daily	Learning from Home packs available for collection – includes work until 27/8/21 the end of this week, Week 7
Wednesday 25 Aug	Wellbeing Wednesday – Zoom sessions for students
Friday 27 Aug	Learning from Home Packs for weeks 8, 9 and 10 available 10am – 2pm
Monday 30 Aug	Learning from Home Packs for weeks 8, 9 and 10 available 10am – 2pm

Dear Parents and Carers

We are missing you all very much and as a staff, we have decided to pop some photos and student work back into our Homenote! This week we will feature some photos from our classrooms throughout our Support Unit and our Kindergarten rooms and some snippets from a letter to our Premier about deforestation from one of our Y6 students, Chloe. We have also included ten EPS Trivia Questions for you to answer together! Answers will be provided in next week's Homenote. Thanks to Mrs Hull for this week's questions.

As no doubt you have seen on the news, the Central Coast has now moved to be part of Regional NSW. Therefore, our current Learning from Home packs are still available for our students and can be downloaded from our website. These packs will take us until the end of the current restrictions which are in place until August 28 which is for the end of this week. We remain in Level 4 restrictions, which are repeated on the following page. Updated information for families continues to be available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Class teachers will be continuing to contact you throughout this time. If you miss their call, please phone the school to leave a message. If your child is experiencing any difficulties, please ask your child's teacher for any assistance. As always, our staff are eager to help.

Tomorrow, our Zoom sessions for our students will continue. Please use the same password and login details from last week. 'Wellbeing Wednesday' will occur starting at 9am for our Kindergarten students. Please see the timetable below. Please note that those students attending school won't be able to participate at this time.

- Kindergarten- 9am-9:25am
- Year 1- 9:30am-9:55am
- Year 2- 10:00am - 10:25am
- Year 3- 10:30am - 10:55am
- All support classes- 11am - 11:25am
- Year 4- 11:30am - 11:55am
- Year 5- 12pm - 12:25pm
- Year 6- 12:30pm - 12:55pm



If your child is in Y6, they will have received a High School Enrolment form, please return these as soon as possible or on Friday when you collect your Learning from Home packs.

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2022! Please drop enrolment forms into school or apply online. We can't wait to welcome your child into our school!

Please stay safe and well!

Jodie Campbell
Relieving Principal

REPEAT: On Sunday July 18, 2021, 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"

Learning from Home packs continue to be available from our office throughout the day. The work packs are 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.

Schools in the Central Coast area continue to be in Level 4 and will remain on this level until **August 28, 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.

Snippets from Chloe in Y6's letter to the Premier....

Dear Premier of New South Wales,

I am writing to you about your decision on deforestation. On behalf of the koalas, they don't deserve to lose their homes as they are almost extinct.

Deforestation is the clearing, destroying or otherwise removal of trees through deliberate, natural or accidental means. The majority of this is happening in state forests in New South Wales.

Just in the last three years, tree clearing has tripled in NSW.

All wildlife, including koalas will suffer from increased disturbance by humans, resulting in starvations, injury or death.

A new WWF- Australia report has found that tree clearing killed more than 87 million animals in NSW between 1998-2015 – and this figure is likely rising.

The natural climate solution can be achieved by protecting existing trees, allowing cleared forests to regenerate and planting new trees. Koalas and all Australia's cherished wildlife will be the big winners.



Trivia Questions

(answers will be in next week's Homenote)

- 1) If you are in Year 6 now, when did you start Kindergarten?
- 2) What is the main colour on the sign at the office?
- 3) What colour is Phillip house?
- 4) What does Ettalong mean in the local Aboriginal language?
- 5) What colour is the slippery dip in the K-2 playground?
- 6) What colour is the door on the Out of School Care Hours (The Y) building?
- 7) How many Y3 classrooms are upstairs?
- 8) What type of tree is 'the big tree'?
- 9) What shape is the basketball court?
- 10) What does R.R.R. stand for?



Our rooms are FILLED with beautiful work from Term 2!!

Here are some photos from K-6R, K-6M, K-6JL, K-6P, KL, KS, KT and KZ!



