



HOMENOTE

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Term 3 Week 8

31 August 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Available daily	Learning from Home packs available for collection
Wednesday 1 Sept	Indigenous Literacy Day, Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday 1 Sept	Wellbeing Wednesday – Zoom sessions for students

Dear Parents and Carers

This week our Homenote features artwork from our Stage 1 classrooms. While our rooms feel empty without our amazing students, their work from last term still adorns our classrooms and bring us happy reminders. We have also included the answers to the EPS Trivia Questions from last week.... I wonder how many you could answer correctly. This week features another set, with answers in next week's Homenote.

No doubt you have seen or heard the Premier's latest announcements about return to school. Now called the "Roadmap to Return to School", schools that remain in Level 4 or Level 4 plus restrictions, will see students return in a staggered way from October 25. If schools are now longer in Level 4 restrictions, students will be able to return to school earlier than this date. The levels are decided upon by NSW Health and relate to the number of residents in an LGA with COVID. Currently, the Central Coast is part of Regional NSW and will remain under Level 4 restrictions until midnight September 10, which is the end of next week. We will know about the return to school for our students after this time.

Our 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 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 week. If you miss their call, please remember to phone the school and 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.

This Wednesday (tomorrow) we will be acknowledging Indigenous Literacy Day by raising awareness about the educational struggles of our First Nation communities. If you have already donated to this important cause, our book swap will occur when we can arrange the activity. Also, tomorrow we will participate in Crazy Hair Day.

Our Zoom sessions for our students will continue tomorrow. Please use the same password and login details. 'Wellbeing Wednesday' will begin 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



It is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of the Canberra excursion. Please contact the office to arrange a refund for the money paid. Y5 can transfer this money to next year's excursion if you would prefer.

Don't forget your crazy hair!

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 **September 10, 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.

Trivia Questions and answers from last week.....

- 1) If you are in Year 6 now, when did you start Kindergarten? **2015**
- 2) What is the main colour on the sign at the office? **Blue**
- 3) What colour is Phillip house? **Blue**
- 4) What does Ettalong mean in the local Aboriginal language? **Drinking place**
- 5) What colour is the slippery dip in the K-2 playground? **Green**
- 6) What colour is the door on the Out of School Care Hours (The Y) building? **Yellow**
- 7) How many Y3 classrooms are upstairs? **2**
- 8) What type of tree is 'the big tree'? **Liquid amber**
- 9) What shape is the basketball court? **Rectangular**
- 10) What does R.R.R. stand for? **Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn. Everyone will know this!**

Trivia Questions

(answers will be in next week's Homenote)

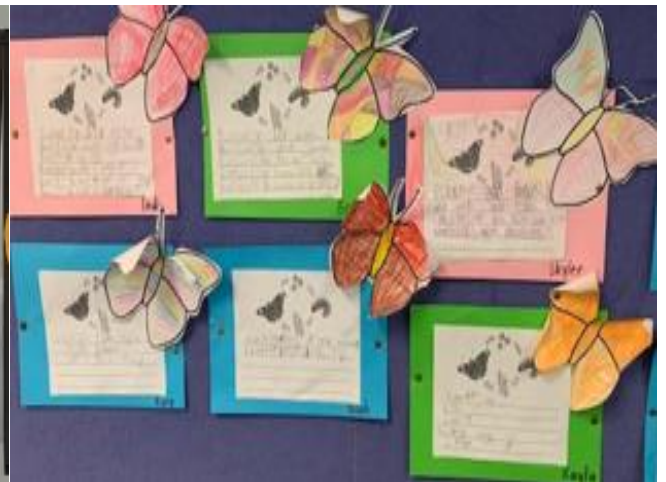
- 1) It is week 8 now, how many more weeks of school until the December holidays?
- 2) What are our school colours?
- 3) Who is our longest serving school staff member?
- 4) What is our school phone number? (There is more than one number)
- 5) If you are in Kindergarten next year, when will you finish at EPS?
- 6) What colour is Blaxland house?
- 7) What class does Mrs Jager teach this year?
- 8) What instrument does Mr Boutland play at school?
- 9) What season do the plovers breed on the K-2 oval?
- 10) How many rows of seats are there in the Kindergarten eating area?



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

Here are some photos from 1F, 1H, 1P, 1/2A, 2C, 2L and 2S!









We got mail!
Thanks for the artwork Ava and
Sam!





BOYS & GIRLS PLAY

JUNIOR CRICKET WITH THE PHOENIX



REGISTER ONLINE

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search - Southern Spirit



Non - contact, outdoor fun!

JUNIOR CRICKET 1	JUNIOR CRICKET 2	JUNIOR CRICKET 3
PLAYING THE GAME	PLAYING AND COMPETING	PLAYING AND COMPETING
PLAYERS 7	PLAYERS 8	PLAYERS 11
PITCH 18m	PITCH 18m	PITCH 20.1m
OVERS 20	OVERS 20/30	OVERS 20/40
BOUNDARY 40m	BOUNDARY 45m	BOUNDARY 50m
DURATION 2hrs	DURATION 2-3 hrs	DURATION 3.5-4 hrs
Boys All Girls Comp Girls Sixers	Boys Competition	Boys Competition
U11 Under 10 Under 16	U12 U13 U14	U14A U16

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