



# H O M E N O T E

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**Term 4 Week 9**

**30 November 2021**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wed 1 Dec	School Photos – please pay online or place payment in the envelopes sent home last Tuesday. Sibling envelopes are available from the front office.
Thurs 2 Dec	Final Headstart sessions for Kindergarten 2022
Fri 3 Dec	Y6 Sausage sizzle

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Yesterday, we welcomed Liesl Tesch into our school for a very brief, Covid safe presentation and are thrilled to announce that our P&C were successful in receiving a \$10 000 grant! These funds will go towards a much-needed cooling system in our hall. Thank you to Liesl and to our hardworking P&C! We are VERY grateful. The NSW DoE assets team and the school have also been completing the necessary applications for structural engineers, electrical engineers and so on to complete the project. Covid restrictions have meant that these processes have taken much longer. Behind the scenes, so much has been going on from the living rooms of our P&C and volunteers' homes, who have continued to work tirelessly throughout this year. They have been completing grant applications, ordering stock for our uniform shop, filling these orders (after school hours and sometimes until 6pm), ensuring that systems such as bookkeeping still occur and now the running of the canteen, just to name a few. Cheryl Lynch (or Mrs Lunch) has been running the canteen with very limited help due to the guidelines and couldn't do that without our amazing volunteers. Cheryl also took some leave during this time and thanks to our P&C President Kerry McMorrow, our Vice-President Jennifer Luke and our amazing volunteers, the canteen remained open. Mr Wagg, our GA (General Assistant) has also been working with companies to ensure that any required work only occurs while students and staff are off site. What a fabulous team we have across our school community.

Today, we held our Books4Kids fundraiser. This is a special fundraising initiative allowing schools across Australia to raise money for new books for our own school library and for another school library! It's a great cause for our school to take part in! We will have a tally for you in next week's Homenote.

Thursday, this week sees our final week for our face-to-face Headstart sessions for our 2022 Kindergarten students. Despite the rain last week, the scheduled lessons went ahead and with much success. Our new students were excited to do some craft, hear stories and make some new friends. The rain put a dampener on the opportunity to play on the equipment outside, so let's cross our fingers that the sun shines this Thursday!

I don't need to remind you that this year has been like no other, not just in NSW but across our world. Despite the Covid restrictions and guidelines, we are doing our very best to modify our regular end of year activities so that our students can still participate in such as things as the Y6 Farewell, party days, elections for student leaders and so on. As you know, our staff are very creative and highly committed to helping our students in the best possible way in an ever-changing world. This year we will again be holding our Presentation Days in a Covid safe manner. These will be in the format of outside assemblies in cohorts and unfortunately, like in 2020, these will be student only events.

Last Friday, those students from Years 4 and 5 who are seeking to be House Captains or Vice-House Captains in 2022 read their prepared speeches to Miss Crowther who recorded them to be streamed to classrooms throughout this week. Once again, they all did a terrific job, despite their nerves and we wish them all well. Students will vote in their house cohorts with our House Captain and Vice-Captains being announced at the presentation day next week. Best wished to all applicants!

Please stay safe and well! And thank you for your ongoing support.

Jodie Campbell - Relieving Principal

### 3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Charlie M	KT	Savannah J
	Hendrix W		Francesca H-S
KZ	Evelyn R	KL	Ivy H
	Mia H		Luna F
1H	Matthew R	1F	Sasha B-M
	Oscar R		Beau W
1P	Charlotte L	1/2A	Roisin O'R
	Logan J		
2L	William H	2S	Logan H
	Georgia H		Scarlet S
2C	Hunter P	5J	Jennifer G
	Reuben L		Sarah B
3S	Summer H	3R	Nayana W
	Flynn M		Brandon B
3/4A	Hunter B	4S	Harper M
	Kynan S		Riley W
4B	Madison C	4K	Jesse W
	Mia B		Nash H
5H	Zierrah A	5T	Audrey V-N
	Olivia L-McG		Elina R
6D	Rei D	6H	Kea B-L
	Acacia B		Phoebe J
6R	Breanna K	K/6M	Sayeth A
	Nicholas H		Jaxx O'B
K/6JL	Casey C-P	K/6P	Zanda H

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

#### **Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn**

Toby W	KL
Jessie H	KS
Byndi M	KZ
Austin S	KZ
Alice C	KL
Oscar R	1H

Sawyer S	2S
Bowie M	2L
Jaydan H	K/6JL
Kaleb K	3R
George C	6H
Paige N	K/6R

### PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Mason M	1P
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### CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNER

Leilani B	4K
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### P&C NEWS

Thank you for those who attended last week's meeting. It was very productive with lots of great projects planned for 2022. This week we received a \$10,000 grant from Liesel Tesch MP to go towards the fans that we are currently waiting to be installed in our hall. Liesel is a wonderful supporter of our school, and we are looking forward to applying for more grants next year.

In canteen news, we are still online only! We have gluten free products back in stock and we are still operating on a limited menu!

The last week of term we will be having special Meal Deals to be ordered the Friday before online only, watch FB for what's available ... yes there will be a nuggets

### EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten had a delightful week this week! We investigated the sound 'er' as in 'ladder'. We also looked at patterns and made all sorts of colour, shape and number patterns. Students were very proud when receiving their awards at assembly!



## STAGE ONE NEWS

2L have been having lots of fun getting messy, experimenting with different art techniques while using oil pastels. Students have been learning about volcanoes and they created their own volcanic scenes.



### Headlice checks

#### There are two treatment options for head lice

##### Mechanical removal

Mechanical removal involves applying normal hair conditioner to dry hair. After covering all of the hair with the conditioner untangle it using a normal comb and separate the hair into sections. Then use a fine long toothed metal lice comb to comb through the hair in sections. The conditioner doesn't kill the lice but it stuns them for about 20 minutes making it easier to remove them. The lice comb will remove nits (eggs) and the stunned lice. Wipe the comb on a white tissue and check for any lice or nits. Keep combing until no more appear on the tissue. This method should be used every second day until none remain (usually about 7 to 10 days).

This method is the preferred way to treat head lice because it is effective, does not contribute to insecticide resistance in head lice and also has a low risk of skin irritation.

The mechanical removal method also helps manage head lice before they become established on the head. Keep a good head lice comb in the shower and every time your family washes their hair comb through with the lice comb. This makes sure the lice are caught before they lay too many eggs.

If your children are old enough to wash their own hair encourage them to use the comb themselves. Or keep the comb handy to where you wash your children's hair and use it every time you wash their hair.

##### Chemical removal

If you choose to use a chemical treatment, remember to follow the instructions carefully. Don't be tempted to re-apply the same chemical treatment if it doesn't appear to be working. Instead change to another treatment that uses a different chemical compound or use the comb and conditioner method. You must repeat the treatment in 7 days to kill any newly hatched eggs. You will also need to use a lice comb to make sure the treatment is working.

If you find dead lice the product has worked. If you find live lice, the treatment has not worked.

When your child is free of lice and nits, remember to check regularly with a fine toothed lice comb and conditioner. Early detection and treatment will prevent re-infestation of family members and classmates.

Research suggests that bed linen, hats, clothing and furniture do not harbour or transmit lice or nits and that there is no benefit in washing them as a treatment option. Nits and lice only live on the human head. They quickly dehydrate and die if removed from the head.

\*This information is based on information provided on the NSW Health Nitbusters website.

## Empire Bay Tennis Club



**OPEN DAY !**

**Saturday 11th Dec. 10am - 12 Midday**

Come along and have a hit of tennis !

FREE use of racquets and balls!

Have a go on the ball-machine !

Serving competition and Prizes!

**All ages welcome.  
Just turn up !**

Have fun and start playing Tennis!

Great exercise - play during the day or at night.

Hire a court, take some lessons, play in a social group or  
start playing competition!

Ph: Mark 0412 834 336  
Shelly Beach Rd, Empire Bay



### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP NOTICE**

**Where: UMINA TENNIS, Umina**

**When: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan &  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jan**

**Time: 9am-3pm**

**Cost: Week \$90, Day \$25**

**BEFORE & AFTER CAMP CARE AVAILABLE 7AM-6PM  
\$150P/Week BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**Included: All equipment, Prizes & Presentation  
Friday**

The camps are held  
wet or fine with indoor activities provided. Accept Active  
kids' vouchers.

**0410 828 278/0415506635**



## **EVERY DAY COUNTS....**

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every  
chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**

