



HOMENOTE

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Term 4 Week 11		14 December 2021
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Tues 14 Dec	Reports sent home	
Wed 15 Dec	Y6 Farewell – here at school	
Thurs 16 Dec	Last day for students	
Tues 1 Feb 2022	Students in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 return to school	
Wed 2 Feb 2022	Swimming Carnival – students 8 years and older. Competitors only.	

Dear Parents and Carers

A message from Lynn Balfour: I wish you all a very merry Christmas and, like everyone else, I will keep everything crossed for a much smoother start to 2022. You don't need me to remind you of the difficulties of this year but one of the few positives to arise was, I believe, a greater awareness to take care of and look out for, each other.

This year I needed to have overdue surgery on my spine. It turned out to be much more involved than I could have imagined with my spine being not only curved but also twisted. On Dec 21 I am due for further surgery and I have my fingers crossed that this will be the end of it.

Thank you to everyone who has sent well wishes and a huge thank you must go to the wonderful staff at EPS who have gone above and beyond in steering our fabulous school through the COVID pandemic that will be remembered for years and years to come. As you may have noticed (LOL) I am not getting any younger and the students at EPS deserve to be led by someone with more energy than I currently have! Today I will advise my boss (school education director) that I will not return to school in 2022. I have been absolutely humbled and privileged to have led such a terrific school and this success is due to the community here at Ettalong. Coming to school every day was a pleasure. From the age of five years old, I always wanted to be a teacher, but it was beyond my wildest dreams to be appointed as the first female principal of a school that is almost 100 years old.

As a local resident, I look forward to seeing many of you and your beautiful children around the peninsula.

Merry Christmas and best wishes always.
Lynn Balfour

Message from Jodie Campbell: It is quite astonishing that today is our last Homenote for 2021. Despite the lock-down time in NSW this year, time really has gone by quickly.

We have many thank you! Thank you for sharing your children with us, thank you for your ongoing support and thank you for your understanding during such a tricky year. I am sure that you will join me in thanking our amazing P&C, Mrs Lynch and our canteen volunteers and Bec for all her work in the uniform shop. Our school is so lucky to have the support of such a great community and parent body!

Thanks must also go to our amazing students. They have shown another R this year. Resilience! Last week we held our Presentation Days for years 1-6 (in different assemblies), our Kindergarten Recognition Assembly and our Deadly Awards under the current Covid guidelines. Our students were very well behaved during these ceremonies and were especially excited when our 2022 school captains, prefects and sports leaders were announced. Our school captains for 2022 are – Indigo and Archie and our prefects are; Harper, Sarah, Connor, Bianca, Lilly, Summer, Talieya and Quinn. Congratulations to all! We are certainly missing our families at these occasions and are really hoping that you will be able to join us next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our 2021 leaders. Our captains, Tam and Hadil, vice-captains Presley and George and our prefects Lemuria, Romeo, Scarlett, Selson, Rei and Chelsea have been terrific ambassadors across our school and despite the reduced number of assemblies and so on, have always been willing to help and assist. Tomorrow night we are holding our Y6 Farewell. Unfortunately, once again this is a student only event as we follow the current Covid Guidelines for NSW schools. On Thursday afternoon we will again hold a Covid restricted Graduation ceremony for students under the 3-6 COLA. If parents would like to observe in a socially distanced way, from outside the gates, please do so. This will commence from 2.30pm.

Semester 2 reports will be going home this afternoon. Please keep in mind that these reports are in a different format from those at the end of Semester 1. The reports have comments about Literacy, Numeracy and work habits. These have been modified due to the Learning from Home period last term and early this term.

Please stay safe and well! Enjoy your holidays!

Jodie Campbell - Relieving Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Hayley P	KT	Dakota V R
	Ellis M-C		Travis L
KZ	Molly B	KL	Olivia P
	Elizabeth P		Charlie G
1H	Phoebe J-M	1P	Amaya H-R
	Ryan S		Zander C
	Billy McM		Alivia L
1F	Walter T	1/2A	Kory B
	Brock C		Aubrey T
2L	Kade B	2S	Harrison C
	Nate D		Annalise C
2C	Cali R	3/4A	Cash T-K
	Ivy A		Bastian C
3S	Sienna W	3R	Cooper B
	Syon P		Jackson L
	Christian R		Beau H
	Petrea A		Eden M
4B	Asher T	4K	Ava B-M
	Haylee P		Isabelle G
	Isaac J		Mason Q
	Bobbi H		Jet F
4S	MJ L	5J	Indigo L
	Harry A-S	5H	Sharnii H
	Tyler A		Sophia M
5T	Indi E	K/6P	Imaad M
	Chanel N		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Henry L	KL
Rosie O	KS
Charlie M	KS
Hendrix W	KS
Alira A	KT
Trent B	1P
Skyler W	1/2A
Taylee W	1F
Jett D	K/6R
James M	2C

Summer H	3S
Sienna W	3S
Addison E	4B
Ava R	4S
Charlotte C	4S
Jet F	4K
Isabel G	4K
Jaxon H-M	5T
Jaxx O'B	K/6R
Sarah B	5J
Decklan L	K/6M
Liam H	6H

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PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Alana E	1F
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CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNER

Toby W	KL
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House leadership for 2022

Blaxland Vice Captains: Jet F Madison C Captains: Charlie C Jackson G	Flinders Vice Captains: Cahane J Olive L Captains: Jenn R Sharnii H	Phillip Vice Captains: Amelia M Tyler P Captains: Quinn L Ellison-Kayte M	Sturt Vice Captains: Nakita V R Tully S Captains: Cooper W Lu W
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Congratulations to Archer from Y5 on his amazing success at the recent Little A's competition in Albury.

His results were; 1st place shot put 9.66mtrs


1st place javelin 27.40mtrs and broke the previous record 2 times over.

2nd place discus 30.01mtrs and broke the previous record.





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Hours Care**

Dec 2021 - Jan 2022 Vacation Care Program

Bookings will be accepted over the phone.
Please book via Book Me, which is accessed via your Hubworks account or come in and see us.
We are a Child Care Subsidy approved service.

<p>Friday 17th IN-HOUSE \$65  End of Year PARTY DAY</p>				
<p>Monday 20th IN-HOUSE \$65  EXTREME WATER DAY <small>Bring your own water guns</small></p>	<p>Tuesday 21st IN-HOUSE \$65  CHRISTMAS BUILD A BEAR & SCOOTER DAY</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd EXCURSION \$75  MOVIES & PARK Day</p>	<p>Thursday 23rd IN-HOUSE \$65  CHRISTMAS CRAZY DAY</p>	<p>Friday 24th IN-HOUSE \$65  CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION</p>
<p>Monday 3rd CENTRE CLOSED </p>	<p>Tuesday 4th IN-HOUSE \$65  NEW YEAR'S PARTY DAY</p>	<p>Wednesday 5th EXCURSION \$75  INFLATABLE WORLD & PARK DAY</p>	<p>Thursday 6th IN-HOUSE \$65  ABORIGINAL SPORTS DAY</p>	<p>Friday 7th IN-HOUSE \$65  PIRATE WATER PLAY DAY</p>
<p>Monday 10th INCURSION \$65  BRICKS 4 KIDZ</p>	<p>Tuesday 11th EXCURSION \$75  WARRIOR FITNESS OR PLASTER PAINTING</p>	<p>Wednesday 12th EXCURSION \$75  ICE SKATING</p>	<p>Thursday 13th IN-HOUSE \$65  MAGIC SHOW</p>	<p>Friday 14th INCURSION \$65  TIE DYE & MULTICULTURAL DAY</p>
<p>Monday 17th IN-HOUSE \$65  UNDER THE SEA WATER PLAY DAY</p>	<p>Tuesday 18th IN-HOUSE \$65  JUMPING CASTLE</p>	<p>Wednesday 19th EXCURSION \$75  REPTILE PARK</p>	<p>Thursday 20th EXCURSION \$75  SING 2 MOVIES & UMINA PARK</p>	<p>Friday 21st IN-HOUSE \$65  FAIRYTALE DRESS UP & SCOOTER DAY</p>
<p>Monday 24th INCURSION \$65  9D CINEMA & MINECRAFT DAY</p>	<p>Tuesday 25th IN-HOUSE \$65  AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURES</p>	<p>Wednesday 26th CLOSED  AUSTRALIA DAY</p>	<p>Thursday 27th EXCURSION \$75  GOSFORD CITY BOWLING</p>	<p>Friday 28th INCURSION \$65  NERF COMBAT & SCIENCE DAY</p>
<p>Monday 31st IN-HOUSE \$65  COOKING & CONSTRUCTION DAY</p>	<p>Please note: Kariong Neighbourhood Centre will be closed from 25th December 2021 until Tuesday 4th January 2022.</p>			

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