



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 9

23 March 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Fri 26 March	Last day Stage Three EOI's Canberra excursion Earth Hour
Wed 31 March	Aboriginal cultural continuum Year One students only
Thurs 1 April	Easter Hat Parade K - 4 at 2pm Autism Awareness Day – wear crazy socks. Last day Term One
Fri 2 April	Good Friday
Tues 20 April	Students return for Term Two

Hello Parents and Carers

Our school was a sea of orange as students celebrated Harmony and Anti Bullying Day. All students agreed to call out bullying behaviour and to follow our school rules of Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn. Thank you also for your generous gold coin donations towards the P&C fundraiser which will ensure an 'eggsellent' Easter raffle.

Our four year School Improvement Plan is only days away from publication so I will include the main points for you in next week's Homenote. Every public school in NSW is currently completing their plan, including a school vision, context and three strategic directions on which the school will focus upon from 2021 – 2024.

Parent/Teacher interviews will continue this week, via telephone. I have received many pleasing reports from teachers about the positive comments that have been relayed. We all became teachers to encourage children to learn more about their world through a wide variety of experiences at school and on excursions so we thank you for entrusting your children to us, every day. We still have a few phone numbers that are not current. Please make sure the office has your latest phone number in case your child is sick or has an accident at school.

Congratulations to Romeo R who has made it through to the next selection level in PSSA football (soccer). We wish him all the very best in his sporting endeavours.

Thank you very much for Maths text book payments. The vast majority of students are enjoying using their books but we still have a few students who are still waiting to complete work in theirs. The text books are very reasonably priced at \$18 and this is the only book we have requested to be purchased. A payment plan can be arranged by calling the office.

We have been advised that we were successful in our application for fifty percent of the cost of a substantial cover for our K-2 play equipment. This is fantastic news so we look forward to the Department of Education organising and supervising this new addition. The new building that was recently erected for use by Before and After School Care is still under construction, with data cabling the next task.

Please watch out for and support the P&C online Easter raffle. The Mother's Day stall will also go ahead next term but we will not be holding a Mother's Day breakfast this year.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Hayley P	KT	Sinan D
KL	Dean L	1P	Layla M
1H	Eadie M	1F	Walter T
1/2A	Violet R	2C	William H
2L	Lara B-M	2S	Logan H
5J	Talieya McM	5T	Caden K
5H	Olivia L-McG	6H	Hailey H-M
6R	Breanna K	6D	Sophie W
K/6R	Jett DeR	K/6M	Makayla F
K/6JL	Casey C-P		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Ziggy S	1P
Charles W	4B
Dylan W	4K
Riley H	6H



PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Maddy M 6H

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Education has recently made changes to its Social Media policy. As a result, an updated permission to publish form has been sent home with your child, seeking your permission to use their image and name (never together) to promote or celebrate their and our school's achievements and successes.

Please complete this form, clearly indicating yes or no, sign, date and return to the note to the office or your child's teacher before Friday this week.

Permission to publish mainly extends to use of your child's image (or name) on our official school Facebook or Instagram account, on our school website or in the HomeNote. We contact parents for approval before external use of student images is granted.

You can opt out at any time by putting your request in writing. For more information about permission to publish or our school's social media platforms, please contact to Mr Adam Penberthy.

P & C NEWS

This week we are launching our Easter Raffle! Go to MSC and you will find the raffle link under fundraising. There are some fantastic prizes to be won, including a family photography session and Coles vouchers, so please support us and the school.

Our canteen needs volunteers! Have you always wanted to see what it's all about? Now's the time to find out! Send us an email and come for a chat to see if you'd like to get involved, even if it is for 1 day a month!

Are you a green thumb? An artist? We are looking for any parents keen to get involved with our subcommittee's new project! School beautification and environment! If you have an hour to spare here and there or have a cool idea, email us and come and chat with us!

As always, we can be reached at epsbandc@gmail.com

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 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!

SUPPORT NEWS

Jai, Charles, Makayla, Patrick, Sayeth, Sam and Steph have been selected to participate in Riding for the Disabled during Semester 1. Every Tuesday the seven students travel to Somersby with Miss Manuelle, Mrs Brock and Rheese where they ride their allocated horses. During the course of the afternoons, students learn a great amount of horsemanship skills, such as, approaching a horse, mounting a horse, balancing while the horse is being lead around the arena and building confidence and trust with the horse and volunteer staff.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Last week Kindergarten students had a wonderful time learning all about the vowel sounds 'a, o, u, ai and i'. In Mathematics, students learned about position. Students are also getting really excited about making an Easter hat and classes have already started making them. They are looking beautiful! Last Friday, teachers talked about the significance of Harmony Day and some students also looked fabulous in orange. We all also signed an agreement to anti-bullying and made bracelets. What a week!



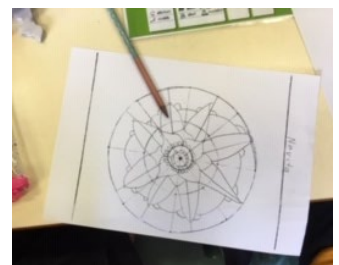
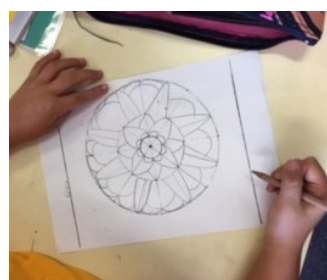
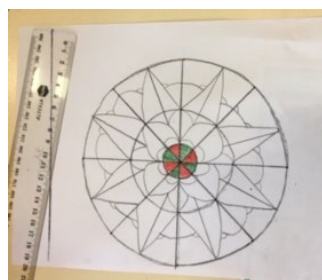
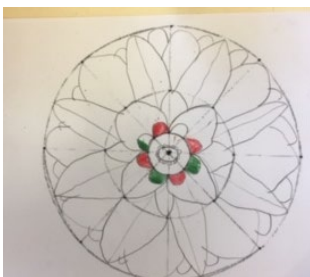
STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage One have been working hard on investigating their mini beasts. The students have enjoyed learning about bees and ladybugs this week. They have been researching them. In Mathematics, students are working hard on addition and subtraction and are beginning to investigate fractions, looking at halves, wholes and quarters of objects and shapes. It has been a very busy but fun week in Stage One.



STAGE TWO NEWS

3S have really enjoyed our unit of work on Celebrations, learning about Ramadan from Adam and various interesting 'significant' days, like National Barbie Day in the US (to celebrate Barbie's birthday!) and the Day of Awesomeness. Last week we constructed mandalas using concentric circles. When they are coloured they will look amazing!



STAGE THREE NEWS

This week 5J participated in a "Meet the Author" talk presented by the Sydney Opera House. Andy Griffiths spoke to us about his Tree House Series, working with illustrator Terry Denton and where he gets his inspiration for his writing. We came away with three tips to make us better writers.

1. Read as much as you can.
2. Write everyday for 5 minutes
3. Look and listen carefully to what's going on around you, use these ideas and turn them into great stories



School Holiday Workshops

5—17 April 2021

Gosford Regional Gallery &
The Entrance Gallery

Book now

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPPKR>



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP NOTICE

Where: UMINA TENNIS, Umina

When: Monday 12th April - Friday 16th April

Time: 9am-3pm

Cost: Wk \$90, Full Day \$25,

Before & After camp care 7am-6pm \$150wk incl camp.

Included: Equipment

The camp is multi sports including tennis, cricket, soccer, basketball, athletics etc.

Featuring MVP Football. The camps are held
wet or fine with indoor activities provided. Bookings
essential. All enquiries can be made by phoning Kristy

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