



HOMENOTE

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Term 2 Week 3

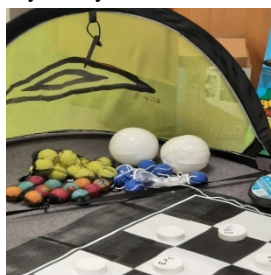
10 May 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 26 April	Window for online OC Applications for Y5 2023 is open (until Friday May 13)
Tues 10 May – Fri 20 May	NAPLAN Assessments for participating students in Y3 and Y5
Wed 11 May	Year 4 Cultural Continuum incursion for Aboriginal students
Thur 12 May	Stage 1 Zoo excursion

Hello Parents/Carers

Our school was buzzing on Thursday and Friday with so many families joining us for morning tea. The sun was shining, and there were smiles galore! HUGE thanks to our students and staff for all their efforts throughout both mornings. On Friday morning, our families were also able to play some of the donated games and activities as pictured below. Thanks again to our P&C for donating the gifts made by every student and for the amazing playground activities. Our students are very lucky to have such a generous and supportive P&C!



Huge congratulations to Ethan T who was successful last week at the Sydney North Rugby League trials. There were over seventy boys at the trial and a team of 17 were selected to compete at the State Titles. Ethan humbly told us about the trials and is very much looking forward to competing at state level!

On Friday, students from K-6M and K-6R participated in the "Come and Try Athletics" day at Adcock Park. From all accounts, and despite being very tired, the day was a great success! At school, we also congratulated our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Cross Country ribbon recipients. More information for the upcoming Zone Cross Country Carnival will be provided to those students who qualified soon. The winning house was also announced for this carnival. Phillip House were very excited about this announcement! Captains, Quinn and Ellie along with Vice Captains Tyler and Amelia proudly accepted the trophy.

Safety across our school is paramount for all students, staff and community. This week we will be featuring a poster in our Homenote about electrical safety from Ausgrid. Please take this opportunity to visit 'Switch on to Safety' information with your child.

Please don't forget that household contacts can still attend school with negative RAT results for 5 school days as per the information in last week's Homenote also available on the DoE's webpage; <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> RATs are still available for collection from our school office.

REPEAT: NAPLAN Assesments will commence today, May 10 for our participating students in Y3 and Y5. Assessments will be completed in Numeracy, Reading, Language Conventions and Writing. All assessments will be completed online this year, except for Y3 writing. The window for completion is May 10 until May 20. On the morning of their assessments,

participating students will be offered breakfast. I encourage them all to join their peers for a healthy breakfast at school each day, before the assessments. A good night's sleep each evening before NAPLAN is also recommended.

Stay safe and have a fantastic week!
Jodie Campbell R/Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KH	Ella M	KT	Memphis J
	Seb A		Indi C-B
KZ	Sunny V	KL	Ayla E
	Axl P		Maximus G
1H	Jovie D	1T	Adam H
	Evelyn R		Annabelle S
1C	Dean L	1/2A	Issy G
	Patrick N		
2L	Skyler W	2S	Amaya H-R
	Eadie M		Costantine A
2H	Isaiah H	3/4A	Lara B-M
	Grace McB		Jacob P
3P	Tanisha A	3F	Annalise C
	Hunter P		Joel S
4K	Matthew M	5J	Bobbi H
	Lily T		Braxton L
5C	Pearl H-M	5B	Sam H
	Gabe F		Mia B
6H	Laylah B	6M	Audry V
	Belle P		Tyler O'-A
K/6JA	Harrison F	6R	Tamiia P
	Zoe-Lee L		Lucas G
K/6P	Zanda H		Jemma F

3R's AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs
Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Harrison C	3/4A
Riley D	5B
Hayley P	1/2A



PLAYGROUND/CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNERS

Manaaki N	5J
Charlie M	1T



GENERAL INFORMATION

SENTRAL FOR PARENTS REPLACING SKOOLBAG

As you are aware, this year EPS transitioned to the school administration system known as Sentral, which allows registered parents the ability to explain absences, create leave requests, update their personal information, book parent-teacher interviews, view our school's newsletters and term calendar quickly and easily. Previously, the Skoolbag app was used for some of these features but was slowly phased out last term. We are no longer using the Skoolbag app, with Sentral our only administration system in use. If you still have the Skoolbag app on your device, you can now safely delete this.



At the start of the year, detailed instructions and student access keys were sent home to allow parents access to the Parent Portal within Sentral. To date, 325 families have successfully registered for Sentral For Parents, enabling parent-teacher interviews to be booked and attendance communication to be received. If you have not yet downloaded the Sentral for Parents app, please contact our office for instructions and an access key.

Over the coming months, your child's semester one report will become available via the portal and important notifications will be sent via the messaging feature. Additional functionality, such as access to and potential signing of permission notes will be added to Sentral for Parents later this year, as our staff and community become more familiar with the Sentral platform.

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our next P&C meeting.

Date: Wednesday 11 May

Time: 9.15am

Venue: Hall

Agenda:

Interested in knowing the outcome of any of these items? Join the P&C and receive the minutes.

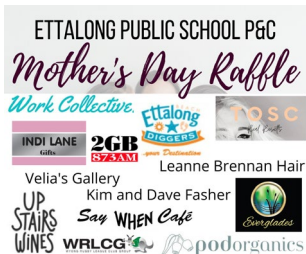
Become a Member of the P&C



Step 1. Pay your membership fee (\$2) on My School Connect - Fundraiser or you can drop it into the school office

Step 2. Fill in the membership form

Mother's Day Raffle



As you know it was not possible to have a Mother's Day Stall this year. We hope you loved the special treats that came home with the kids.

Congratulations to our three winners

- 1st prize Caitlin Fowler
- 2nd prize Rachel Ball
- 3rd prize Carly Marshall

The raffle raised \$1300 - thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket.

Thank you to the people and businesses who supported the Mother's Day raffle. Please consider supporting the businesses that support our school.

A special thank you also goes out to Jackie Lucas and her husband, Haley Murphy and Kim and Dave Fasher who answered our SOS and were all able to source prize donations. Many hands make light work!

Canteen News - lock in a date to volunteer

Did you know our P&C is a non-for-profit organisation who runs the canteen with all profits going directly back to the school? Even with our new staff we still need volunteers. A canteen shift typically goes from 9-2 but we're flexible. If you would like to join the time-honoured tradition of jumping in the canteen for a day, please let us know. We know it's not practical to drop everything at short notice, but you can book a day in advance. Simply email epsandc@gmail.com

We will have a volunteer roster set up in My School Connect soon-ish to make the process even easier. **at this time volunteers must be fully vaccinated against COVID*

HOW TO CANCEL A LUNCH ORDER

CALL 43413550 BEFORE
10:00AM AND ASK TO
SPEAK TO THE CANTEEN

AFTER 10:00AM THE FOOD MAY ALREADY BE
MADE AND WE CAN ONLY REFUND DRINKS,
SNACKS OR FROZEN TREATS

SUPPORT NEWS

The Support Students enjoyed having a delicious morning tea with their Mums and Grandmothers. We hope all our Ettalong Mothers had a great day on Sunday!



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten have had a very busy and productive week! They have been learning the sight words 'she', 'new' and 'be' and have been learning about money in Maths. Everyone was very excited to have some very special guests at the school on Friday. We hope everyone had a lovely weekend celebrating the beautiful women in their lives. We are all so grateful for everything you do!



STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage 1 have enjoyed getting back to their sport rotations after all the rain. They have been developing their fundamental movement skills such as throwing and catching, kicking, striking as well as participating in fair play games.



STAGE TWO NEWS

This week in Mathematics, stage 2 have been learning about 2D shapes, how to draw them and their features. During Maths groups students constructed 2D shapes using toothpicks and Blu-Tack as well as designed their own 2D shape using tessellation tiles. Students have also been working hard with their writing and are in the process of creating an imaginative story about a child convict.



STAGE THREE NEWS

Each Wednesday 5B learn about Indigenous culture and story with our Aboriginal Education Officer, Rheese Bull. This term we have been able to get outside to learn songs and a welcome dance. We are grateful to have this knowledge and passion shared with us.



LIBRARY NEWS

The library has had a few cosmetic changes this term with the 3 pyramid bookshelves now acting as a 'Spotlight' for different literacy. Every few weeks these will be updated to showcase a different author, different Indigenous books, new releases, and non-fiction books. Can you notice any other changes in your library?

