



HOMENOTE

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Term 3 Week 1

19 July 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1 Term 3	NAIDOC Week celebrations and focus
Friday July 22	Athletics Carnival for all students at McEvoy Oval
Tuesday July 26	EPS Spelling Bee finals
Wednesday July 27	Kindergarten 2023 tour of school grounds- 3.30pm
Thursday July 28	OC test at EPS for students who applied in T2 2022
Mon Aug 1 – Friday Aug 5	Education Week – ‘creating futures – education changes lives’
Tuesday Aug 2	Open Day and Sculptures Opening – Please see times inside our Homenote

Hello Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 3 and NAIDOC Week! Can you believe that it is July already?! We can't wait to show you what our students, Rheese and staff are working on this week. We are excited to welcome your children back today after engaging in a staff development day yesterday. Our staff were busily working on our 3Rs and refining our playground and classroom expectations, zones of regulation and were making preparations for this term's learning.

In the last week of Term 2, our boys' touch football team played a nail-biting game against Kariong PS winning 5-3. Mrs Ryan and Rheese were again impressed with the boys' 'team approach' and sportsmanship. We also saw our debaters, Sarah B, Quinn M, Harper C and Ava B-M argue their opinions on the topic of 'Don't make teachers do the parents work' and were successful against Empire Bay PS. Mr Boutland was very proud of the teams' resilience as they were adjudicated by Zoom! Yes, by Zoom!

Best wishes to our Rugby League team who are playing this week, weather permitting. Once again, we are grateful for the continued efforts of our students, families and staff in preparation for any activities of representation. It takes a village!

We are excited about the Athletics Carnival on Friday and are crossing our fingers that the sun shines at McEvoy Oval. Our students are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day. Families are welcome to cheer on our students and we thank those parents/carers who have volunteered their time to help. Our P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle and a limited canteen on the day.

While on the topic of sausage sizzles, at our upcoming Education Week Open Day on Tuesday August 2, our Y6 students will be holding a fundraiser. Notes have been issued today about the sausage sizzle. All orders must be paid in cash before Friday July 29. This picnic lunch will be the start of our Open Day followed by outside activities, the opening of our sculpture show and performances from our Creative Arts groups.

Please see the most recent advice and information regarding the Department of Education's Covid Guidelines inside today's Homenote.

REPEAT: With the drastic change in our weather and the increase in flu and colds, should you require more COVID RATs, please let us know. Please also remember to label your child's belongings, especially jumpers, lunchboxes and hats, as the sunshine and warmer days have meant that students are taking their jumpers off and then proceed to go an play, often forgetting to collect these items of clothing.

Stay safe and have a terrific week!

Jodie Campbell R/Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Ivy P	KL	Hendrix W	1C	Navita H	3/4A
Asha F	KZ	Phoebe J-M	1/2A	Cadence G	3/4B
Lennox H	KZ	Cooper G	2H	Beau H	3/4B
Stevie C	KZ	Matilda P	2H	Harry C	3/4B
Zion H	KH	Lacie C	2H	Coby Q	4K
London B	KH	Jimmy B-J	2L	Adam D	4K
Declan P	KT	Layne H	2L	Olivia T	5J
Memphis J	KT	Ziggy S	2L	Bobby H	5J
Mateo R	1T	Ethan P	2S	Braxton Laird	5J
Ellis M-C	1T	Isla T	2S	Elina R	6R
Austin S	1H	Ivy L	3P		
Sinan D	1H	Isabella C	3P		

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
1H	Tye P	1T	Fletcher J
	David I-O		Rosie O
1C	Kymani T	1/2A	Alira A
2L	Sam S	2S	Walter T
	Aubrey T		Daisy H
2H	Olive A	5C	Ava R
	Emile H		Isla M
5J	Tyden T	6M	Audrey VDN
	Bentley E		Tyler O-A
6H	Jenn G	6R	Summer B
K/6JA	Lincoln M		Trinity T
K/6P	Oliver F		

PLAYGROUND/CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNERS

Kai D	3/4B
Hunter G	4K

GENERAL INFORMATION

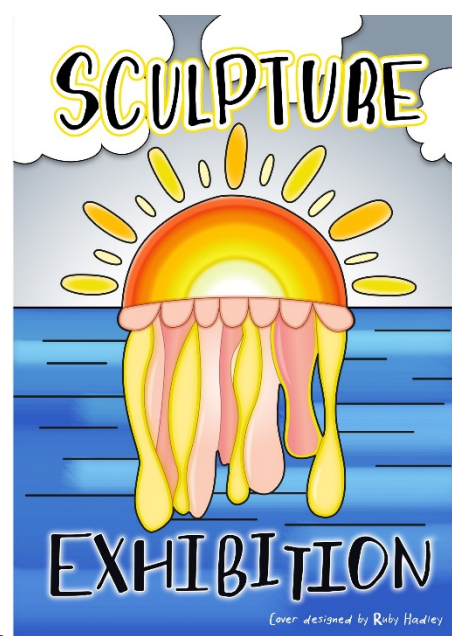
Education Week Sculpture Exhibition

Picnic lunch 12:50 – 1:35pm

Games with 3-6/support 1:35-2:15pm

Games with K/2/Support 2:15-2:55pm

Grand Opening Sculpture exhibition 3pm-4pm



Scholastic Book Club News Issue 5, 2022

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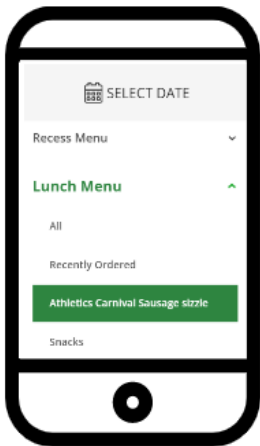
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Did you know that 20% of your Book Club order goes back to our school in Scholastic Rewards? These Rewards are redeemed on Books and Educational Resources which helps stretch our budget further.

P & C NEWS

Canteen news



Athletics Carnival Lunch Meal Deal - Pre Order Only

Meal 1: Sausage on a roll & Glee/Water/Juice \$5

Meal 2: Veggie Sausage on a roll & Glee/Water/Juice \$5

*GF bread available for .80c

Pre orders through My School Connect no later than Thursday, 21 July 9.15am

Volunteer in the Canteen

We're loving seeing a few new regulars but there are still a lot of opportunities for parents who are only looking to volunteer for a day here and there.

Jump on MSC and book in your term 3 day or simply email epsandc@gmail.com and we can book you in.

Volunteer for 4hrs or more and you will be eligible for up to \$10 worth of canteen menu items - redeemable on the day only. *all school volunteers must be double vaccinated against COVID.

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Become a Member of the P&C

We've said it before and we will say it again as a P&C member you are not obliged to volunteer, you don't even need to attend meetings but by becoming a member you will receive the meeting agenda and minutes which includes a report from the Principal and President. This is the best way to keep updated.

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 by scanning the QR code



My School Fundraiser

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Peninsula Junior Touch is excited to launch the 2022-2023 Junior Competition. We are now accepting registrations, which can all be completed via our website.

<https://peninsula-junior.nswtouch.com.au/>

\$120.00 Per Player (includes playing singlet)

Registrations close Sunday, 14th August 2022 at 5pm

Advice from the Department of Education moving into Term 3 2022

While we continue to face challenges, the wellbeing of our staff and students, and our students' education remains paramount. We will continue to implement our layered COVID-smart measures this term, which are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings, including:

- *staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free
- *strongly encouraging mask-wearing for all staff and students, particularly in the first 4 weeks of term
- *Rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff, and close contacts attending school to learn and work
- *good hygiene practices
- *maximising natural ventilation
- *boosted cleaning during the day
- *responding to local COVID-19 conditions when necessary, by working with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team.

What's new for Term 3?

1. Masks are an effective way of minimising the transmission of respiratory viruses and infections and protecting our community, especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and flu. **We strongly encourage all students and staff wear a mask for the first 4 weeks of Term 3**, particularly in indoor settings or when distancing is not possible. Masks remain required for staff who with students at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19. The latest NSW Health advice also recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from COVID-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period for an additional 3 days. Additionally, mask wearing is mandatory for staff returning to school as close contacts for 5 school days and strong recommended for primary school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 school days.
2. Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs). The department will send another round of RATs to our school early this term. These RATs can be used as required for symptomatic testing, such as if your child is displaying even mild symptoms and daily testing for close contacts returning to school. Once these department-supplied RATs are exhausted, please continue to access store-purchased RATs which are now readily available in the community or PCR tests. Additionally, our school will be maintaining a reserve stock of RATs onsite to support symptomatic testing in the event of an outbreak in our school community. Please also remember that positive RAT results must be registered with ServiceNSW, and students who test positive to COVID-19 must not attend school until their isolation period ends and they are symptom free.
3. The rules regarding close contacts in support units/classes and students using assisted transport programs remain unchanged.

We will continue to liaise with NSW Health and the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing Case Management team to ensure our COVID-smart settings keep up with the latest developments. If local conditions required it, this **may** mean reintroducing temporary additional COVID-smart measure to act as an 'circuit breaker' including

- Mandating mask wearing for all staff
- Postponing or limiting non essential activities like excursions, indoor assemblies and visitors to the school
- Directing cohorts to learn remotely for short periods of time