



# H O M E N O T E

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**Term 3 Week 5**

**16 August 2022**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday Aug 17	P&C Meeting 9.15am in the school hall
Monday 22 – Friday 26 Aug	Book Week 2023
Monday 22 Aug	Athletics Ribbons presentation – under 3-6 COLA 1.45pm
Friday Aug 26	Book Week Parade 9am K-6 under the 3-6 COLA
Monday 12 Sept	Sticks and Stones performance

Hello Parents/Carers

Today we say a HUGE thank you and congratulations to Mrs Anne Smith. Anne is retiring after over 40 years as an invaluable class teacher, amazing Assistant Principal and treasured colleague! We cannot possibly count the number of lives that Anne has touched throughout her career. We are truly grateful to have shared 10 of these years here at Ettalong Public School. We hope that your retirement is as amazing as you are!



Thank you to our many families who attended our Book Fair last week. It was a VERY successful fundraiser for our school. HUGE thanks to Traci Makepeace who volunteered across the week, to Polly Jones who coordinated and set-up the display and to our teaching staff who volunteered throughout the week.

Last Wednesday we crossed our fingers and headed to McEvoy Oval for our Athletics Carnival. Thankfully the rain cleared, and we had a terrific day. The behaviour of our students was exceptional and we have some exciting news about a record being broken. Stay tuned for this announcement.

Best wishes to our Showcase performers for tomorrow. We have our drummers and choir performing. We know that you will represent our school proudly.

Our safety focus this week, is for our families. Parking has again been an issue around our school with lanes, bus stops and driveways being blocked by those dropping their children to school or picking them up. Local residents have become increasingly frustrated with parking on and across their driveways. Please be mindful of our neighbours.

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**

Wilaaran L	3P	Jack H	1T
Georgia H	3P	Elizabeth P	1T
Amelia-Rose M	5B	Sebastian H	1H
Sam H	5B	Jaspar J	2L
Kobe A	5J	Emily W	3/4B
Jessica F	5J	Jett D	K/6R
Jake D	6H	Jai M	K/6R
Jaxon H-M	6H	Lincoln M	K/6JA

## PLAYGROUND/CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNERS

Quinten W	K-6R
Max G	3/4 B



## 3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
<b>KH</b>	Ryan McK	<b>KT</b>	Blaze Mc-D
<b>KZ</b>	Poppy H	<b>KL</b>	Oliver L
<b>1H</b>	Zeus S	<b>1C</b>	Dean L
	Evelyn R		Hayley W
<b>1T</b>	Ava F	<b>1/2A</b>	Isaac T
	Mateo R	<b>2S</b>	Ethan P
<b>2L</b>	Taylee W		Elle M
	Connor M	<b>3/4A</b>	Sophia A
<b>2H</b>	Grace M		William H
	Oscar R	<b>3F</b>	Cailin P
<b>3/4B</b>	Reuben L		Mathew D
	Nahlia K	<b>4K</b>	Sam F
<b>3P</b>	Azaria R-B		Eden M
	William H	<b>5B</b>	Tyler P
<b>5J</b>	Lara McC		Tyler A
	Bobbi H	<b>6M</b>	Nash F
<b>5C</b>	Azealia K		Linkin D
	Tully S	<b>6R</b>	Jamie W
<b>6H</b>	Cruz R		Oscar T
	Indigo L	<b>K/6M</b>	Patruck F
<b>K/6JA</b>	Zoe-Lee L		Avelyne McB
<b>K/6P</b>	Oliver F		

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Attendance Matters.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g.attending a funeral)

The following are NOT valid reasons for absences and will be marked as 'unjustified or unexplained'

- your child or a family member's birthday
- a non-urgent family event or activity
- being tired / slept in
- refusal to attend
- no clean clothes / uniforms.

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### **Why attendance matters**

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



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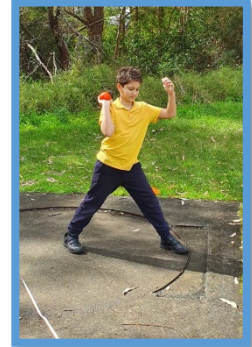
Build skills through fun





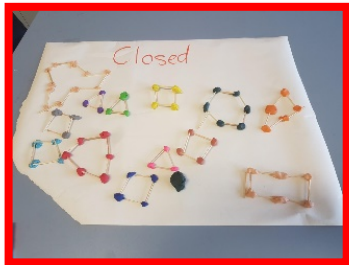
## SUPPORT NEWS

K6R had a fantastic time at the Athletics carnival



## EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten had a wonderful week in Week 3. We had a picnic without parents on Education Week and looked at our lovely sculptures around the school. Kindergarten also loved working with their year 5 buddies while using the STEM SHARE Dashbots and Bluebots. In class, we learned about all about open and closed shapes and KT had a great time making shape puppets!



## STAGE ONE NEWS

In Science, 1C have been learning about the diverse range of living things in our world. This week, they looked at a variety of interesting and unusual seeds and watched some amazing timelapse videos showing seeds sprouting and growing roots. The children then planted their own sunflower seeds to observe this process for themselves over the next few weeks.



## STAGE TWO NEWS

Matilda Day a huge success in 3/4B last week.



## **STAGE THREE NEWS**

Stage 3 are currently participating in a 5-week Tennis program, honing fundamental skills and building strength in their swing. The focus this week was serving and forehands. The students have been really engaged and having lots of fun!



### **Today the Top Blokes group discussed Masculinities!**

We talked about healthy and unhealthy stereotypes of being male and the different influences that make up those stereotypes.

Masculinity is a social construct; it exists because as a society we agree that it does.

History and different cultures allows us to see that the definition of what being a man is, is a changing concept and can look different to everyone.

We at Top Blokes believe that being a man is about being a good person, honest, respectful, loyal and trustworthy.

Have a conversation with your young man about positive male traits they possess or think that they should. Let us know below.

For more information and a handy ebook on engaging boys and other great free resources visit us at <https://www.topblokes.org.au/resources> or E: [info@topblokes.org.au](mailto:info@topblokes.org.au) P: 1300 450 850

## **P & C NEWS**

### **Thank you!**

Huge thank you to the parents who helped out at the Athletics carnival. The day wasn't without its challenges but you all got in, rolled up your sleeves and got it done. It was a great example of the community we have at Ettalong Public School. If you'd like to be informed of volunteer opportunities like the Athletics carnival, join the P&C to get Facebook and email announcements.

### **P&C Meeting Wednesday 17th August 9:15am**

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday in the school hall.

We are currently trialling a few things to make attending the meetings a little more achievable for all of the time poor parents (so all of us):

Meetings will be 1hr or as close as possible.

Reports from the uniform shop and treasurer are sent with an agenda rather than read out at the meeting.

Online attendance - offered to current members only at the moment as we iron out some kinks

### **Canteen news**

**Volunteer in the Canteen.** Jump on MSC and book in your term 3 (or 4) day or simply email [ettalongpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ettalongpscanteen@gmail.com) and Sarah will book you in.

### **Become a Member of the P&C**

As a P&C member your level of engagement is totally up to you!

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 or use this link

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMaF\\_pNG1b-4hL8wmNVDVtIVB9OILbHca9DVzVEDnX2or0WQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMaF_pNG1b-4hL8wmNVDVtIVB9OILbHca9DVzVEDnX2or0WQ/viewform)



### **Little Athletics registrations**

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics registrations are now open. Registrations and further information is available at [www.wwplac.com.au](http://www.wwplac.com.au)