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Term 3 Week 6

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 22 – Friday 26 Aug	Book Week 2023
Friday Aug 26	Book Week Parade 9am K-6 under the 3-6 COLA
Wednesday Aug 31	Disco for students of EPS ONLY \$5 per child OR \$10 per family – Canteen will be operating throughout the evening Times: K-2 3.30-4.30pm S2 4.45-5.45pm S3 6-7.15pm
Thursday Sept 1	Recorder Group performance at the Opera House Father's Day Stall – here at EPS
Friday Sept 2	Father's Day Breakfast (more details to follow)
Monday Sept 12	Sticks and Stones performance

Hello Parents/Carers

This week we are celebrating Book Week. Mrs Jones has placed some 'book walks' throughout the school and this Friday morning from 9am, our entire school is invited to dress up as their favourite book character and parade around the 3-6 COLA. Students are invited to stay in their costumes for the day or to change back into their uniforms. We are again excited to host spectators in our school!

Yesterday ribbons for the placegetters from our Athletics Carnival were presented. It is with delight that we announce a new school record for Archer T in Y6. Archer has broken the record in discus after throwing a mighty 27.61metres! Congratulations to all our athletes and best wishes at the Zone Carnival on Thursday. We know that you will show your 3Rs while representing our school and that you will all try your very best.

Yesterday was a busy day with our amazing debaters winning their Semi-Final debate against Wyong PS. In this knockout round, our 1st speaker was Bianca M; our 2nd was Sarah B, our 3rd was Harper C and our 4th was Ava B-M with Chairperson Quinn M. The EPS team were the affirmative team and argued that "Students in Y5 and Y6 should vote for which books and films they study at school". The team told me that they collaborated well and shared arguments such as common interests, connect students with friends and that choice, creates creativity. They all sang the praises of their team-mates! Congratulations debaters and Mr Boutland.

Congratulations to our Showcase performers for their efforts last Wednesday. I was EXTREMELY proud of the efforts of our drummers and choir. Both groups really shone in their performances. Huge thanks must go to our families who arranged for their participation and to Mrs Hansford, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Smith for all of their efforts in rehearsing and on the evening.

Our focus this week, is respecting the property of others. In the last week, we have reminded our students to treat the property of our school and their friends' property as if it was their own. Looking after the property of others can be as simple as returning someone's hat or returning a borrowed ball to the sport shed. When we walk through our school gates and become 'Team Ettalong' following the 3Rs – Respect, Repsonsibility and Ready to Learn makes for a great day!

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

Gia T	KT	William H	3P
Mateo R	1T	Colby M	3F
Lily-Mae P	2S	Mathew D	3F
Elle M	2S	Olivia G	5C
Aston F	2L	Laylah B	6H
		Indigo L	6H

PLAYGROUND/CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNERS

Quinten W	K-6R
Jaxon G	4K



3R's AWARDS

KH	Taj W	KT	Indi C-B
KZ	Conner G	KL	Ivy P
1H	Connor Mcl	1C	Tiarnakai N
	Tye P		Evelyn V
1T	Henry L	1/2A	Charlie G
	Emilia S		
2L	Chilli R	2S	Nate F
	Terrell P		Joel McB
2H	Lacie C	3/4A	Max M
	Cooper G		Navita H
3/4B	Beau H	3F	Kade B
	Indigo Y		William H
3P	Calais C	4K	Nayana W
	Penelope J		Hunter B
5J	William H	5B	Nate S
	Indianna M		Henry C
5C	Lanietta J	6M	Rory M
	Harrison A-S		Bianca M
6H	Charlie C	6R	Summer B
	Laylah B		Tamiia P
K/6P	Imaad M	K/6M	Layten D

GENERAL INFORMATION

Term 4 is the last term to use your final active kids voucher for 2022.

It can be used for any approved program that runs for 8 weeks or more. Martial arts, dancing, surfing, yoga, oz tag, touch football - you name it!

Find an active kids provider in our area by simply typing in our postcode.

<https://vouchers.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids/provider-search>

How to apply for a VOUCHER

1 CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

Students are eligible if they are:

- a NSW resident with a valid Australian Medicare Card
- aged between 4.5 and 18 years, and
- enrolled in school

You can claim on their behalf if you are the students parent, caregiver or guardian.

2 APPLY ONLINE

Visit the [Service NSW Website](#) to lodge an Active Kids Voucher request. You will require a Service NSW login and the medicare card on which your child appears. Enter the required information and submit your request.

3 REDEEM YOUR VOUCHER

After application, you will be able to print or save the \$100 voucher. It can be used for registration or membership fees for structured activities that are eight weeks or longer and provide a moderate to vigorous level of physical activity.

Youth Mental Health Screening Study for Students in Years 4, 5 and 6– Information and Opt-Out Consent form

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school is excited to be participating in a study on youth mental health screening in schools, conducted by Macquarie University in partnership with the NSW Department of Education and Ministry of Health, The Association of Independent Schools of NSW, and Catholic Schools NSW, along with the NSW Mental Health Commission.

This study aims to transform the management of mental health in young people by identifying youth who are struggling with emotional distress and getting them to appropriate help early. We are inviting your child to participate in this ground-breaking research.

Below, you will find an **opt-out** consent form for your **child's participation in an online mental health screening tool** that will be conducted in Year 4, 5 and 6's classes in the coming week. Opt-out consent means that if you *do not want* your child to participate, you will need to sign and return the form "**Parent Opt-Out Consent Form**" to the office. You are completely free to withdraw your child from participating in the screening tool, now and at any time in the future.

Parent Opt-Out Consent Form

I have read (or, where appropriate, have had read to me) and understand the information above. Any questions I have asked were answered to my satisfaction. I **do not wish** for my child to participate in the Youth Mental Health Screening Tool.

Student's name:

(Block letters)

Your name:

(Block letters)

Your Signature:

Date: _____

Help needed

Glass jars with lids, 300-500g would be ideal, but any size will be welcome. We need quite a few for our investigations in weeks 7 and 8. Please give to Mrs Scheffer.

SUPPORT NEWS



Favourite time of the week for K6JA is sport time. We really enjoy integrating with Stage 1, playing lots of different games and activities to develop our skills.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

KH are loving learning. Here we are learning our new sightwords, using the iPads to sound out words and match them with the picture. We can't wait for the Book Week Parade on Friday. Hope to see you there at 9am.



STAGE ONE NEWS

2L have been working hard during Maths rotations. STEM challenges were introduced and the students are loving it!



STAGE TWO NEWS

Reading groups in 3/4A are fun and interesting. Today, some of our students are reading about seals that live in the Antarctic.



STAGE THREE NEWS

Congratulations to our Age Champions, Record Breaker and the winning house, Sturt.

