



HOMENOTE

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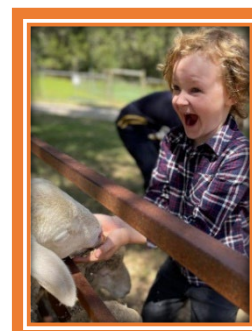
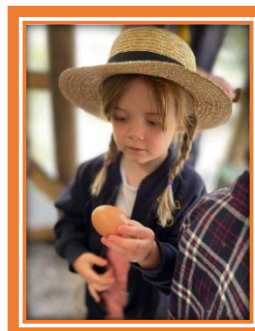
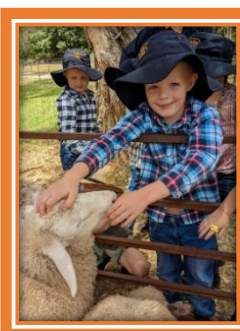
22 November 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday Nov 23	The Big Science Show
Thursday Nov 24	Headstart Final Orientation Session for Groups 1 and 2
Friday Nov 25	Surf Safe Fun Day for S3
Friday Dec 2	Year 6 Mini Fete – student only activity

Hello Parents/Carers

Last Friday our Kindergarten students visited the farm at the Umina Campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College. The day started with a bus trip which was also a highlight for them, but not nearly as exciting as the well-cared for animals! They had a wonderful day and as you can see in the photos, the smiles were in abundance. HUGE thanks to the Umina Campus students and staff for all their efforts in ensuring that the day was such a success. I think that we might have some farmers in the making!



This Thursday we are welcoming both of our Headstart groups for their final orientation session. We have a special assembly planned for our families and our amazing P&C will be supplying morning tea.

With only four short weeks left of school for this year, we are focussing on improving our attendance. Attendance everyday matters! Please encourage your child to be an Ettalong Attendance Super HERO. Help us reach our attendance goal of 90%. Together, we can do it by sending your child to school EVERYDAY unless they are;

- sick or have an infectious disease
- have an unavoidable medical appointment that can't be made outside of school hours
- need to attend an urgent family occasion, such as a funeral.

If you require any support with your child's attendance, please contact our office. We are here to help.

Our students and staff have again been upgrading our gardens with mulch and some new plants. Our Yarning Circle is almost ready to 'officially' open and we are looking forward to sharing the details of this soon.

Our safety focus this week is again sun safety. With summer just a couple of weeks away, please remind your child to 'slip, slop, slap, seek and slide'. Wearing a hat is a great source of protection during break times, sport and PE. If your child does forget a hat, they can only play under one of our COLAs.

We are also beginning preparations for our classes for next year. If your child is not returning to our school in 2023, please advise our school office as soon as possible. Please be reminded that the last day for students this year is Friday December 16.

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

Blaze Mc-D	KT	Indianna M	5J
Thea R	KL	Jennifer R	6H
Ruby D	K/6P	Harper M	5B
Alex M	1H	Ruby M-B	5B
Molly B	1C	Nikita V	5B
Marley Y	3/4A	Quinn L	6H
Phoenix T	3/4B	Connor P	6R
Lucas W	3/4B	Cooper W	6R
Dylan L	4K	Dylan I	K/6R



PLAYGROUND/CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNERS

Sam S	2L
Coby Q	4K

YEAR 6 MINI FETE

The Year 6 mini fete is fast approaching. We are seeking donations of toys and books suitable for 5 to 12 years olds. Donations can be dropped into the front office or to 6H classroom. Please make sure they are clean and in reasonable condition. All proceeds go to the Year 6 end of year activities.



3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KH	Jaxon S	KT	Blaze Mc-D
	Ella M		Serenity D
KZ	Poppy H	KL	Kypton B
	Sunny V		Thea R
1H	Archie S	1C	Travis L
	Sinan D		Dean L
	Alfons W		Molly B
	Ivy H		Zoe W
1T	Casey K		Kymani T
	Ellis M-C		Evelyn V
	Rosie O	1/2A	Phoebe J-M
	Annabelle S		Alira A
	Charlie M		Zidan H
	Malakai T	2S	Zandar C
2L	Terrel P		Daisy H
	Maddie B		Alivia L
	Chilli R		Mila J
	Taylee W		Bradley G
	Layne H		Lilja P
2H	Matteo M	3/4A	Lara B-M
	Indi M		Lucas H
	Matilda P	3/4B	Blake M
	Lacie C		Rori Mc
	Cooper G	3F	Tariq W
	Violet W		Violet R
3P	Thalia A	4K	Kaleb K
	Jackson P		Jordan P
5J	Mapa V	5B	Macklyn R
	Asher T		Trinity C-S
5C	Tully S	6M	Teana F
	Violet O		Caiden D
6H	Caden K	6R	Nate W
	Tahlia M		Summer B
K/6P	Ruby D		Sophia V M
	Zanda H		James D
K/6JA	Zoe-Lee L		Tamiia P
	Arrow H	K/6M	Jaydan H
			Avelyne Mc

SUPPORT NEWS

Throughout this term, K/6P and K/6JA have been having lots of fun during their Science lessons learning about living things. They have done a wonderful job taking care of their silk worms and tomato plants, and conducting experiments to see how a plants circulatory system works using coloured water and celery.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS



Kindergarten had a special visit from the Red Cross ladies last week. They discussed what things they could take with them if there was an emergency. The children were very keen to share their ideas. They were given a pillowcase to draw pictures of toothbrushes, teddies, and water bottles. Kindergarten enjoyed their visitors and got to keep their individual pillowcases!



STAGE TWO NEWS

3F have been looking at Henri Matisse' artwork Beasts of the Sea and created our own interpretation.



STAGE THREE NEWS

Congratulations to our stage 3 students who earned themselves a Distinction in the Newcastle Permanent Primary School Mathematics Competition, as well as our EPS Debating Team who ranked 16th in New South Wales for their efforts in the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge!



P & C NEWS



We're on instagram - [eps_parents](#)

Keep up to date with canteen and uniform shop news as well as all the other fun things we have going on. **If you have any questions about these items please email the P&C on epsandc@gmail.com**



Umina Beach Library is starting a free Homework Club

Umina Beach Library is starting a free **Homework Club** on a Wednesday after school, beginning Wednesday 9 November at 3pm (or whenever students can get there after school), finishing at 4.15pm. We have a recently retired teacher who is keen to help students make sense of their homework tasks, organise study plans, and develop strategies for their assignments. Need help with your homework, assignments, or a study plan? Come along to our Homework Club on a Wednesday after school at Umina Beach Library and a qualified teacher will help you set up some good study habits. Please phone us with any queries on 4304 7333.

Kiss and Ride Zones

Kiss and Ride Zones are designed for your convenience and for your child's safety. Designed for quick entry and exit, these zones minimise congestion and risk when used properly by all parents and carers. These zones operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. You're required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your vehicle. Days and hours of operation may apply to some zones.

To find out more information about the available Kiss and Ride zones in your area, please contact your local council.

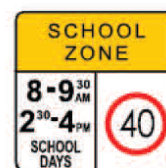
Safety learning program



Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

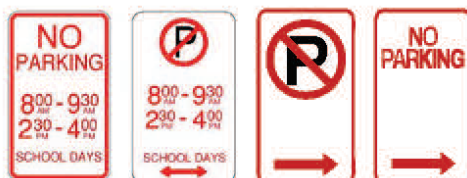
- ✓ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ✓ **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- ✓ A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP

BUT YOU MUST

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**

- ✓ A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



- ✓ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.

