



# HOMENOTE

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**Term 4 Week 10**

**13 December 2022**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday December 14	Last P&C Meeting for 2022 – 7.15pm at Ettalong Diggers
Thursday December 15	Y6 Farewell evening – information has been sent home to Y6 students
<b>Friday December 16</b>	Reward Day for students in K-5 Last day of school for 2022 for all students
Mon & Tues Dec 19 and 20, 2022	SDDs – School Development Days – for staff
Fri 27 & Mon 30 Jan 2023	SDDs – School Development Days – for staff
<b>Tues Jan 31 2023</b>	First day of the school year for students in Y1-6
Wed 1 Feb 2023	Swimming carnival for students 8 years and above
<b>Thurs 2 Feb 2023</b>	First day of school for students in Kindergarten 2023 (finishing at 2.30pm)

Hello Parents/Carers,

I would like to open our last Homenote for 2022 with a HUGE thank you! Thank you to our amazing students, supportive community and families, our committed and hard-working P&C, and our exceptional staff! This year has certainly seen some challenges but also, some very welcome returns. I know that across our school, state, nation and world, the unpredictability of the past 3 years has meant that there have been significant shifts in the way that we now live. Our strength is in our support of each other. Here at Ettalong PS we support each other and our students remains our focus and at the centre of all that we do. We would like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing student leadership team, school captains, Archie and Indi, together with our prefects; Tili, Harper, Sarah, Connor, Bianca, Lilly, Quinn and Summer who have done an exceptional job. Our House and Vice-Captains and SRC have also led our students and initiatives across our amazing school!

Last week, for the first time since 2019, we held our Kindergarten Graduation and Presentation Days in the hall with an audience! It was wonderful to celebrate the achievements of our students together. It was also wonderful to sit in the cool air under the fantastic fans that our amazing P&C have had installed!



On Friday, we will be farewelling our Y6 students with our traditional tunnel. We welcome Y6 families from across our school to the external boundaries (near the 3-6 oval and the laneway) to view their children exciting our school for the last time. All Y6 students (except for those catching buses or riding bikes) will exit via the gate on the basketball court.

Again this week our class teachers are going to choose a day to award those students in attendance, with a Positive Classroom ticket. The ticket will then go into a draw to win a free lunch valued up to \$5 from our canteen! We are sure that we can fill our box with the names of our attendees! Last week's winner was Matteo R 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 or 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 safety focus this week bicycle and scooter safety. Bikes and scooters should be in good working order before riding them to school. Bikes are required to be chained up. Helmets are essential! Also, please join with us in reminding your children that bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the school grounds. Our students, families and staff are frequently walking through our playground and their safety matters.

It is hard to believe that this week sees the end of our 2022 school year! And what a wonderful year it has been! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of your children, our students and our school! We look forward to welcoming our students and community back in 2023!

Stay safe and have a terrific break! Jodie Campbell R/Principal

### **PLAYGROUND/CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNERS**

Amber S	4K
Dylan I	4K



### **SUPPORT NEWS**

Wishing our wonderful students from the Support unit, the very best as they transition into high school in 2023



### **EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We are enjoying some Christmas craft and fun activities in Kindergarten. Merry Christmas everyone, have a safe and happy holiday. What a fabulous time we have had in Kindy this year.





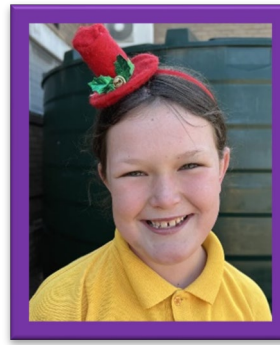
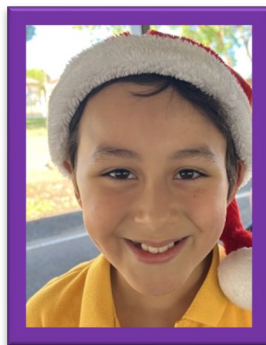
## STAGE ONE NEWS

We have had a fabulous term again but it's sadly coming to a close. Stage 1 wish all their families a fabulous Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2023. Our stage has been very busy making Christmas decorations and practicing our cultural dance with Rheese.



## STAGE TWO NEWS

Stage 2 are enjoying their final week of 2022. Merry Christmas.



## LIBRARY NEWS

This week the Premier's Reading Challenge certificates have been awarded to students who successfully completed the challenge in 2023. A special congratulations to Jaxon N of K/6M who received a Gold Award signifying 4 years of completing the challenge and to Chanel N of 6M who received a Platinum Award signifying 7 successful years of the challenge. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge and we look forward to another successful reading challenge in 2023.



## P & C NEWS

### **Wednesday 14th December - End of Term Meal Deal**

Nachos (gluten free) and a Drink \$7

**Recess and Lunch Over the counter**

Reindeer cookies \$1

Frozen Jelly Tubes .50c



### **2022 Limited - Edition EPS Tea Towels are here!**

Our tea towels have arrived AND THEY ARE SO CUTE. So cute that people who didn't order are now asking if they can.

We have a few spare that can be ordered from My School Connect. \$15 each. These will sell out, so don't wait!



My School Fundraiser

### Next P&C Meeting - 14 December

The final P&C meeting of 2022 will be held on Wednesday, 14th December @ 7:15pm Venue Ettalong Diggers. There will be no online option to attend this meeting.

This meeting will focus on setting the calendar for next year. Hope to see a few faces there.

### Back to school vouchers

We are finalising details but YES, the uniform shop will be accepting the Back to School Vouchers. Keep an eye out on Facebook and Instagram for details.

### Merry Christmas and Thanks

The P&C would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy new year. We look forward to a great 2023.

We'd love to hear from you, reach us on [epsandc@gmail.com](mailto:epsandc@gmail.com)



### Enrolling now for 2023



We offer **45 minute classes** for 5 to 12 year olds. Children learn through a combination of **FUN Activities**, music, games, craft and drama. They rapidly acquire enough knowledge and confidence to enjoy using the language for communication and expression.

Unique online resources for members  
Experienced & enthusiastic native teachers

**New**

**Language Club @ Ettalong PS**

**Italian Club : Tuesday 8am-8.45am**

### HUNTER KIDS Vacation Care Umina Beach

We have a NO REFUND or CANCELLATION policy once the program has commenced. Note: This is just a general guide. Activities are subject to change depending on numbers, weather, educator ratio, etc. 1 | Page Vacation Care Umina Beach Service cost: \$76.00 (Child Care Subsidy will apply to all fees) Excursions and Incursions \$86.00 (includes transport and entry fees) Hat, Lunch box with snacks, drink bottle, closed in shoes are required every day.

CONTACT OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR Madeline at [hunter-kids@outlook.com](mailto:hunter-kids@outlook.com) OR 0448 410 399 Hunter Kids must have an enrolment form on file for each child to attend. Includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea. Hours of operation 6:30am-6.30pm Excursion days there will be strict drop off times These will be made available.

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