



HOMENOTE

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4 March	Clean-up Australia Day at EPS
Thurs 10 March	Selective HS Test for those registered in October 2021 – here at EPS
Friday 18 March	National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence and Harmony Day. Wear something orange.

Hello Parents and Carers

Huge thanks to our Ettalong IGA who have generously donated \$1573 to our school. Manager Jason Court kindly presented the cheque to us last week. These very generous funds were gladly received and will be used to buy resources across the school.

Excitedly, last Friday the rain stayed away and we held our first Covid safe assemblies in cohorts for the year. In the assemblies for S3, S2 and in S1, our amazing swimmers received their ribbons from the Swimming Carnival in front of their peers! Congratulations to these students! We also commenced the 3R awards for the year and we had 23 Principal's Awards handed out across the school. Our kindergarten students sat respectfully during their assembly and were VERY encouraging to their peers as some students received their very first 3R award. Last Thursday, we held our first pizza lunch for the year. Congratulations to some of our S1 students who were rewarded for bringing in their two 3R awards. We will be staggering these lunches so that children receive them in their cohort. We will be holding the pizza lunches regularly to catch up with our students who handed in their two 3R awards late last year.

PSSA (Primary School Sports Association) Zone trials have started in numerous sports, and we have already had some of our senior students participate. Last week Nash H, Tyler P and Ethan T trialled in U11 Rugby League with Tyler and Ethan going through with the combined zone team, to the Sydney North Trials. Jackson G participated in the Primary Opens Rugby League trials, and he too was successful. Trialling in Touch Football were Jamie W, Tyler P and Jaxon M-H who all played hard. Tyler and Jaxon will be going through to the next trial. Caiden D and Jake D tried out in tennis on Friday at Umina. We have received numerous emails about all the students who trialled, commending them on their efforts and sportsmanship. Congratulations on your efforts boys and thank you to those families who could support their child.

Our February meeting for our P&C was held last Wednesday night. It was great to welcome some new members and to hear about some fresh ideas that our members have, including discussions around supporting the purchase of some new playground equipment for use under our K-2 COLA. We look forward to the arrival of these things in the coming weeks and thank our P&C for their ongoing commitment to our school.

No doubt you have heard in the news recently that Covid restrictions are changing. Once we have received confirmation about the impending changes, we will let you know. At present, masks and check-in will be continuing in schools. Cohorts will continue to receive letters of advice for any known cases. Please continue to advise our office should your child test positive with Covid or become a household contact. Today, your child will receive a Precautionary Work Pack in the event that your child is a household contact. There is a letter also accompanying this Homenote with the information outlined as well as information about the learning from home hub which can be accessed through the DoE's website. If your child is sick, they are not required to complete any work.

On the reverse side of the above-mentioned note, you will find the current Behaviour Code for students enrolled in a DoE school. This is a good reference point for the expectations in our school. Also going home with our Homenote today are some notes for students receiving support from one of our LaST team (Learning and Support Teachers), Covid tutors

(staff employed to give extra support to our students) and a note to students in our Aspire classes. These notes explain a few of the programs in our school. If you have any questions about these letters, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support at the gate arrival and departures which support the current Covid guidelines. Last fortnight's supply of RATs are still available for collection for those families that were unable to access them. Please contact us to arrange collection. School staff will not be testing students at school.

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

Chanel N	6M
Trinity T	6R
Sebastian H	1H

PLAYGROUND/CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNERS

Cali R	3/4B
Henry K	2L



3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KH	Ella M	KT	Harley H
	Sebastian A		Gia T
	London B		Serenity D
KZ	Asha F	KL	Zara M
	Ayo V		Ivy P
	Rylan C		Oliver L
1H	Clementine K	1T	Jack H
	Alex M		Annabella S
	Rafiq T		Toby W
	Sahara W		Emilia S
1C	Jaxon P	1/2A	Quade W
	Francesca H-S		Koa H
	Travis L		Alira A
	Zoe W		Issy G
2L	Jaspar J	2S	Ethan P
	Henry K		Isla T
	Chilli R		Joel McB
	Huey D-C		Lily-Mae P
2H	Charlotte C	3/4A	Sophia A
	Logan J		Kylde P
	Faith H	3F	Bryah J
	Oscar R		Louis P
3/4B	Cooper B	4K	Petrea A
	Jax I		Christian R
3P	Thalia A	K/6P	Zanda H
	Blake S		Ruby D
K/6JA	Harry F		
	Casey C-P		

LIBRARY NEWS

The library has some wonderful new Indigenous resources for students and teachers. There is a table dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors and illustrators set up inside the library. Students are encouraged to regularly borrow books to enhance their at home reading experience.



CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers needed Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur and Friday 8.45am till 1.30pm.

No over the counter service, due to covid.

Cheese and vegemite scrolls are discontinued.

You can buy your children drinks etc for a treat, but must be purchased online (MSC)

Thank you
Mrs Lynch

SUPPORT NEWS



K6P students enjoyed their STEM lesson with Mrs Whitford, building a tower out of cylinders. The tower needed to support the weight of a book. Clever Kids!



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS



Kindergarten just love reading Big Books! Last week we were reading books and reciting rhymes. We have been learning three new words **I**, **can** and **see** and are practising our sounds and letters daily. We are learning how to play safely on the play equipment and are making many new friends.



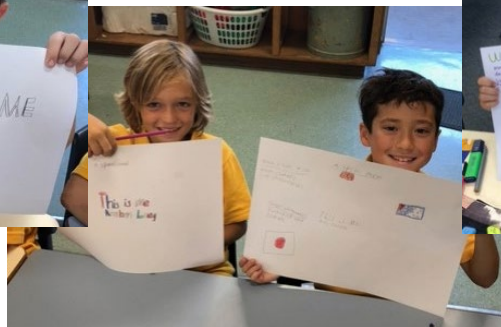
STAGE ONE NEWS

2H have been staying active both in and out of the classroom with iPlay lessons and daily dances.



STAGE TWO NEWS

3/4B have been looking at the various cultures that make up our class. We discussed what makes us different and what makes us the same. Students have enjoyed learning about each other and the things that are special in their families. They found it amazing to see just how many of their peers had parents or grandparents who were born in other countries.



STAGE THREE NEWS

