



# HOMENOTE

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**Term 1 Week 6**

**1 March 2022**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4 March	Clean-up Australia Day at EPS
Tues 8 March	SCCPSSA Swimming
Wed 9 March	PSSA Senior Boys Cricket
Thurs 10 March	Selective HS Test for those who 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

We are buzzing along this term! Even our younger students are telling us how quickly this year is going by! Can you believe that today is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March?! Speaking of buzzing, last Friday, our native bee hotels were delivered. Underneath the masks, Ben (the pollinator from the Community Environment Network) and Marika Selwood (our 2021 Environmental Team Leader) were all smiles as we received the hotels. We can't wait to finish decorating the hives with our Y6 classes and then of course to hang them in our school. Please note that these hives are for native bees which are much smaller than regular bees and don't sting.



No doubt you have seen the flyers we sent home last week, the updates on our Facebook page, read our signage around the school or perhaps seen updates on the news about the changes in Covid restrictions to primary schools. At present, masks and check-in will be continuing in primary 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. We request that all visitors to our school continue to wear masks (our staff are required to wear them until March 7), maintain social distancing and remain on our pebbled areas only. Access to our school, as outlined last Friday, will be via Uligandi Street and Karingi Street gates. The safety of our students, community and staff continue to be as important as before the guidelines changed.

Parent/teacher interviews will continue to be held via phones as previously arranged. Details about the available times will be shared in the upcoming weeks with bookings available on the school's Sentral app or website.

The final supply of Term 1 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. The RATs are now to be used for symptomatic testing rather than twice weekly.

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**

Emilia S	1T
Alex M	1H
Connor Mcl	1H
Zoe W	1C
Eleanor H	1/2A
Mason M	2H
Logan J	2H

Mia P	3P
Quinten W	K/6R
Riley W	5J
Summer B	6R
Ellie M	6R

## PLAYGROUND/CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNERS

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

Eden M	4K
Aurora E	2S



## 3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
1H	Alice C	1T	Marnie McM
	Zeus S		Adam H
1C	Cedar G	1/2A	Phoebe J-M
	Molly B		Isaac T
2L	Eadie M	2S	Sasha B-M
	Chilli R		Brock C
2H	Olive A	3/4A	Mia G
	Cooper G		Harrison C
3/4B	Ivy A	3F	Matthew D
	Eliot C		Emma D
3P	Bowie M	4K	Joshua M
	Landan H		Eden M
5J	Ethan T	5B	Ava B-M
	Arabella D		Jesse W
5C	Blake G	6M	Quinn M
	Ash E		Nash F
6R	Connor P	6H	Taleiya McM
	Jamie W		Jack M
K/6R	Dylan I	K/6M	Jayden H
	Jaxx O'B		Avelyn M
K/6JA	Lincol M	K/6P	Jake G

## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



### **CANTEEN NEWS**

We are happy to announce from this week the children are allowed back to purchase from the canteen at recess and lunch. We appreciate if lunch orders are placed online through MSC still please. This means we need more volunteers please!

Please come help out, our canteen is run by our school's P&C and we need your involvement to keep it running! The joy you see in your child when they see you helping out is worth it!

Our canteen is also excited to announce we are now looking to employ casual canteen assistants to work for the P&C in helping to run our canteen! It's the perfect job working school hours!

If you're interested, please email us at [epsbandc@gmail.com](mailto:epsbandc@gmail.com) Attention. Canteen

### **P&C NEWS**

Our AGM is being held in 2 weeks, Wednesday 16/03/22 at 7pm @ on school grounds.

All positions on the Executive Committee are declared vacant.

To become a member of the P&C or find out more about these positions please email us [epsbandc@gmail.com](mailto:epsbandc@gmail.com)

or to join <http://bit.ly/EPS-joinPandC> and your membership can now be paid via MSC at [myschoolconnect.com.au](http://myschoolconnect.com.au).

Do you shop at REBEL SPORTS? Let them know that you are with Ettalong Public School and help us earn points for the purchase of items the P&C use for raffle prizes and donating sporting equipment to our school!

### **UNIFORM NEWS**

Our School dresses will finally be arriving soon, Thank you for your patience. Shipment is due mid-March!

Uniform orders are still online and filled weekly.

### **SUPPORT NEWS**

On Friday the 4 March, students of Ettalong Public School will be given the opportunity to help clean up the school grounds as part of clean up Australia Day. We encourage students to bring their own pair of gardening gloves to wear while helping to clean up our school grounds. Cohorts will be delegated individual times and locations to clean up the school grounds to adhere to COVID safe practices. Encouragement for students to wash their hands with soap and water will occur after participating in the clean-up. Thank you for your ongoing support!

### **EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS**

Last week, Kindergarten had lots of fun learning about new sounds in the Soundwaves phonics program. We participated in number games and made graphs about our eye colours. It rained a lot, however we still had fun doing yoga in our classrooms and some throwing and catching activities.

### **STAGE ONE NEWS**

Stage 1 have had a busy week investigating 3D objects in Mathematics. 1/2A made some cute penguin party hats from cone shapes. We all spent a lot of time safely in our classrooms with the storms and rainy weather and learnt about what causes thunder and lightning. Science is always fun with Mrs Haberle, we make things every week!





## STAGE TWO NEWS

Students in 3/4A have been using their number skills to create a large number chart 1-100. Students are given a variety of large numbers, which need to be ordered from smallest to largest. When their number comes up, they have to place it quickly down in sequence. We use a stopwatch for speed and then each time we try to do it faster. We use the number chart for skip counting activities when it's made. Lots of fun and already the students have improved.



## STAGE THREE NEWS

5J has been reading "Danny Champion of the World" as their class text this term. The students have been having heaps of fun designing their own inventions to capture pheasants, like Danny and his Dad do in the Roald Dahl classic story

