



# HOMENOTE

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## Term 2 Week 2

2 May 2023

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30 March – 15 May	Applications for Y4 families wishing to apply for Opportunity Classes for Y5 2023
Wednesday 3 May	Choral Festival Rehearsal at Avoca Beach PS P&C Meeting 9.15am in our school hall
Thursday May 4	Selective HS test – families of participating students will have been contacted
Thursday May 4	K-2 Curriculum Information session 3pm (this session has been recorded for parents unable to attend)
Friday May 5	Spider drink day – Y6 Fundraiser \$1 available at recess Choir performance for Legacy House
Monday May 8	BWSC Umina Campus open afternoon for Targeted programs 5.00pm
Friday May 12	Mother's Day Morning Tea

## Hello Parents and Carers

Last Friday our touch football teams headed to Umina Oval to play in the first round of the PSSA competition. Both teams displayed exemplary behaviour and their 3Rs throughout the morning. Both games were of a very high standard. The boys were successful and will move on to round 2 of the competition.

As always, we have many students in Years 3-6 who are keen to participate in performance groups. These groups rehearse once or twice a week at various break times. This year we have both a choir and a Choral Festival Group. Our Choral Festival Group are very limited in their numbers as this is dependent upon the numbers available for their performance at Art House in October. Our Choral Festival Group have 13 songs in total to learn and will be rehearsing the first 6 tomorrow at Avoca Beach Public School. The positions for this group have already been filled. Our choir on the other hand are always welcoming new members and will perform at various whole school events across our year and have a performance on Friday. Best wishes to our choir who are performing for Legacy House this week.



Attendance everyday matters! Please encourage your child to be an Ettalong Attendance Super HERO. Please send 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.

Late last week we received an email regarding the amazing achievements of Archer, an ex-student of ours. Over the past few years, we have seen Archer achieve some amazing results. Back in May 2022, he came 1<sup>st</sup> in Javelin and has now come 1<sup>st</sup> in Javelin at Nationals that were held in Brisbane at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships. This makes Archer the top javelinist in Australia for the under 13 boys category. Since Archer is only 12, he can't go any further at this stage, it will be next season that he will be able to compete in further events past Nationals if he qualifies. Best wishes and congratulations to Archer!



Congratulations to Mr Hayden Mole and his family as they welcomed a new family member over the weekend. Hayden will be taking Paternity Leave over the next two weeks. We wish him and his family all the best for this very exciting adventure.

Have a great week!

Jodie Campbell Principal

### 3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
1KH	Sebastian A	1H	Vuko R
1T	Ayla E	1/2A	Kasper W
2M	Elizabeth P	2CH	Kharter M
2S	Clementine K	5W	Sienna W
5L	Scarlet I		Augie H
	Brandon B	6H	Asher T
6K	Trinity C-S		Isabel G
	Azealia K	K/6P	Taylor R
6J	Jaxon H-M	K/6JG	Dylan R
	Ethan L-D		

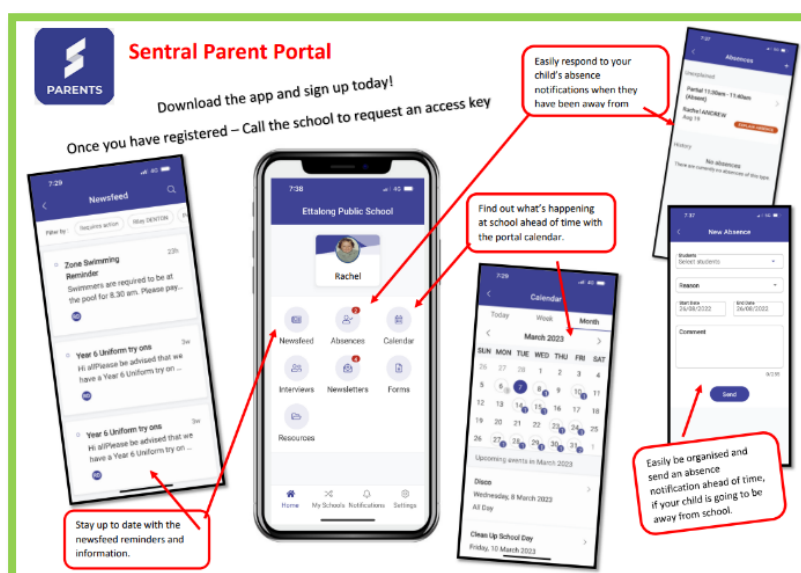
### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs  
**Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn**

Isabella C 4S

### POSITIVE WINNER

Addie B	1/2A	Playground Positive
Quinten W	K/6R	Classroom Positive
Luna F	2M	Attendance Hero



### FROM THE DESKS OF OUR APC&Is

#### A Connectionist Approach to Mathematics

The most current research into the effective teaching of Mathematics shows that effective teachers support connections between different ways of solving problems, between mathematical representations and topics, and between Mathematics and everyday experiences. When teachers emphasise the links between mathematical ideas, it makes new ideas accessible by progressively introducing new ideas that build on their students' understandings.

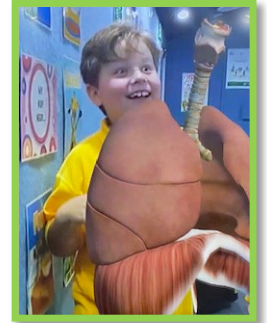
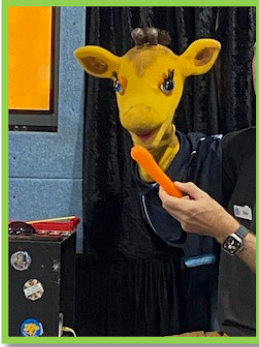
In our classrooms at EPS, our teachers are providing students with learning experiences that link new learning to students' prior knowledge and this is used as a starting point for students to make connection and build upon what they already know. We also identify the wonderful connections between mathematical ideas and focus areas to teach our students how math concepts are interrelated and interdependent, as well as highlighting the connections between Mathematics and our other Key Learning Areas. Our expert staff also spend a lot of time developing their own knowledge of how mathematical understanding is developed over time, so they can create connections and effectively sequence learning to ensure ideas are developed sequentially across the years of schooling and this term our staff will be focusing on developing our students' understanding of number and place value.

We also focus on developing student reasoning and understanding through the use of classroom talk which is a powerful tool for both teaching and learning. Rich, dialogic talk supports students in making sense of complex ideas and builds meaning and understanding of new ideas and concepts.



## SUPPORT NEWS

K6P enjoyed visiting the Life Education van last term, students were very engaged in activities learning about their bodies. They were very excited to meet Healthy Harold again.



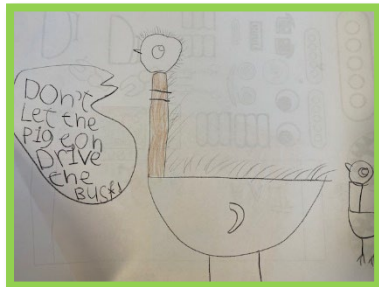
## EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

ES1 have returned to school rested and full of energy. The children enjoyed all the activities during the last week of school. They surely impressed us all with their creative hats and songs. We look forward to a fun and productive term!



## STAGE ONE NEWS

This week our focus in Stage 1 has been on literacy that can persuade the reader, both literally and inferred. Our story has been "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus". 1H have loved reading this with expression and gusto!. We have learnt to identify persuasive language, to see how punctuation can be used for effect e.g. **NO !!** or no? The children planned and discussed persuasive arguments and how to understand inflection and tone. Then we enhanced our understanding with these amazing illustrations. Pretty **CLEVER**, don't you think?



## STAGE TWO NEWS

This term, year 3 and 4 students will learn how to write a speech on a given topic and present it to their class. Students will have help to plan, write and practise their speeches in class time, but are also encouraged to work on this at home as well. This assessment is designed to strengthen students' self-confidence in public speaking, as well as build upon their research skills to gain information to support and elaborate on a point of view. Students will need to justify their personal opinions on a particular topic and consider language choices to entertain, inform or persuade their audiences. Speeches will be delivered in class in week 5.



## STAGE THREE NEWS

As part of a Sporting Schools Grant, all Stage 3 classes are participating in a soccer skills program for the first four weeks of this term. The students enjoyed the drills and games that coach Harry shared with them, regardless of their skill level.



### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Date: 3 May 2023  
Time: 9:15am  
Venue: School Hall

**Everyone Welcome!!**

Agenda, minutes and reports  
have been emailed out to  
members.

ET TALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

*Mother's Day Stall*

Items from \$2

**THURSDAY 11 MAY**

### **CANTEEN** **We need volunteers**

Skills required = can make a sandwich, knows the difference  
between tomato and bbq sauce, will laugh at self when inevitably  
there is a sauce mix up

**All day (9-2), part of the day (11:20-1), what ever  
you can manage**

email [ettalongpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ettalongpscanteen@gmail.com) or

Volunteer for 4 or more hours and you'll get a \$10 credit  
to use on the day. Help out and your little gets a lunch  
order.

*Everyone's a winner!*

### **Attention Catholics:**

The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a programme to prepare baptised Catholic children who are currently in Year 3 or above and have reached the age of discretion (normally about 8 years of age) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parent or guardian who will accompany the child through the programme is required to attend an Information Night in order to enrol into the Programme on Monday May 8, at 7.00pm in the Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

All enquiries to the Parish Office 4341 1073 or [woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au).

### **Tennis Lessons Term 2**

FREE trial lesson at Empire Bay Tennis Club, Shelly Bch Rd.

Saturday 8.15am Kindy- Year 2

Saturday 9am Year 3-6

Wednesday 3.30pm. Redeem \$100 Active Kids Voucher.

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