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Term 2 Week 5

23 May 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday May 23	Stage 3 soccer teams play at Frost Reserve Kincumber
Wednesday May 24	Y4 Cultural Continuum for participating students T2 Yarn-Up at the Ettalong foreshore P&C Meeting 7.15pm in the School Office
Thursday May 25	S2 Dance Group – Rehearsal at Laycock St Theatre S3 Woy Woy Cup - Rugby League
Friday May 26	Sorry Day

Hello Parents and Carers

Yesterday we welcomed Ms Jane Crawford as our Relieving Deputy Principal for the remainder of this year. Jane is very excited to be in our school and to get to know our students, staff and community.

We had a terrific response for the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) whale mascot voting! Voting closed last Friday and the winners were announced at assembly yesterday. We are thrilled to announce that we will be seeing 'Etta' the whale as our mascot as pictured. Sasha designed the whale and Lockman recommended the name Etta.



Again, our calendar is filling fast with many extracurricular activities for our students. Some activities like those in PSSA sporting competitions are geared towards older students as the competition is made up of senior primary students. Activities such as our dance group, choir, chess group and recorder groups (including our new junior group) may include younger students. Each week, training and trials are announced to our students during assemblies, class times and throughout their day. Rehearsals and training sessions are held during lunch and recess times in various spaces such as in the hall, the playground and library. Our staff provide these interest groups in addition to their teaching loads and as you can imagine, they are very passionate in providing a range of opportunities. Last week, our chess team accompanied by Mr Theobald attended a Central Coast Schools Comp at Central Coast Grammar School. Our school finished up 4th overall out of 19 schools. It was a fantastic effort from Matteo, Tully, Sam, Ben and the team. Last Friday a team of our students 8 years and above participated in the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Rogers Park. Mrs Jager, Mr Boutland and Rheese accompanied the team and thankfully despite the forecast, the sun was shining and we had 3 students achieve 1st place! Constantine, Sophie and Matthew will be running at the Regional North Carnival. Congratulations to all our participating students. Best wishes to our Stage 3 soccer teams who are playing at Frost Reserve today. Both teams have been training with Miss Oakes, Mrs Kennedy and Rheese during their lunch breaks and are very excited to be playing in the gala day knockout today. Congratulations to our Senior Boys Touch football team who Played WWSPS last week. It was a great game and our boys won 11 – 2

Thank you for your patience throughout the past few weeks as our office and sick bay areas underwent an upgrade. Mrs Kelly showed great resilience throughout this time as she sat in the foyer after Miss Crowther was able set up all the required tech and printing so that the office remained open. Sick Bay also remained open despite the challenges faced. What a talented staff we have!

Across our school, we have had a significant rise in the number of Covid cases. Thank you to our families who have contacted us if they or their children test positively to Covid. RATs are available for collection from our school office.

Notification for these cases are sent to affected grades as a message through our Sentral Portal. There are updates available on the DoE's webpage; <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Have a great week! Stay warm!
Jodie Campbell Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Chloe N	KW	Joshua L
KZ	Finn G	KL	Patrick W
1KH	Ella P	1H	Gia T
1T	Dash C	1/2A	Jaxon S
2S	Rafiq T	2CH	Molly B
30	Zandar C	3H	Chilli R
	Jimmy B-J		Huey D-C
3T	Matilda W	4B	William H
	Grace McB		Georgia H
4S	Lara B-M	4R	Lachlan D
	Henry G		Lucas H
K/6P	Ruby D	K/6JG	Zoe-Lee L

POSITIVE WINNER

Azaria R-B 4B	Playground Positive
Arlia B 2M	Classroom Positive
George C 1H	Attendance Hero



FROM THE DESKS OF OUR APC&Is

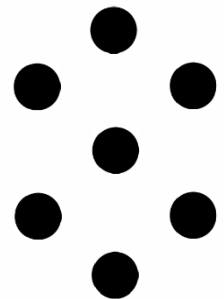
Number Talks

At EPS 'Number Talks' form a regular part of our mathematics lessons across all classrooms K-6. Number talks are short (5–15-minute) learning experiences that involve students mentally solving problems and talking about the strategies they have used with their peers and teacher.

Number Talks are a powerful tool for developing fluency when solving problems mentally and building conceptual understanding at the same time. They focus on sense making as students use number relationships and structures of numbers to mentally add, subtract, multiply and divide. Teachers then facilitate class discussion in which students explain their reasoning and reflect on the reasoning of others.

During this time, teachers may choose to visually represent student thinking to reflect the relationships and structures a student has used and make their thinking clear to all students. Students with different approaches to a problem are invited to present their thinking to highlight that there are multiple ways to arrive at a solution, promoting flexibility and confidence in working with numbers.

One common practice during a Number Talk is asking students to 'subitise' or mentally recognise a collection of dots or items (like the one pictured) and discuss the many they added the dots to find the total. For example, the collection pictured could be counted as $2+3+2$, $4+3$, $5+2$ and so on.



SUPPORT NEWS

The students in K6A and K6R have started to practice their athletics skills ready for the school carnival. This week, the students were captured performing perfect Long Jump technique in the sand pit.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten have been working very hard in class this week. They have been learning about 'hefting' in Maths. They enjoyed an afternoon of sport activities with their buddies in the autumn sunshine.



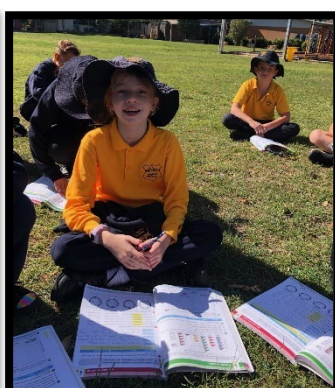
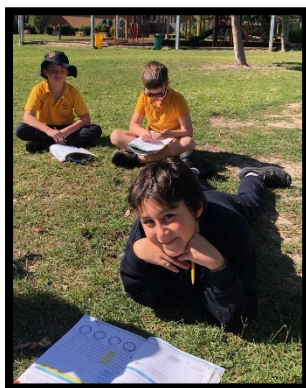
STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage 1 children have had fun learning the skills to compete in the events at our Athletics Carnival. We have participated in sack races, relays, egg and spoon races, ball games and many more! We are all looking forward to a fabulous day on Friday of week 9 this term.



STAGE TWO NEWS

4B made the most of the beautiful, sunny weather of late and headed outside for their maths lesson. Students enjoyed the warm sun as they worked through an interesting data lesson. There were some great discussions, and the outside classroom always puts a smile on everyone's face.



STAGE THREE NEWS

This term for Stage 3 sport we are enjoying the local facilities of Ettalong by walking down to Lemongrove netball courts. Both Year 5 and Year 6 enjoy the walk down Ettalong waterfront to the courts and we love being able to have so many fun and competitive games of netball all running at the same time. Even better is that students both play and referee the games, inviting peer to peer teaching moments to learn the skills and rules of netball in an active, fun and welcoming environment.

Reminders

The second Canberra payment is due this Friday 26 May. Also due on Friday are the applications for specialist programs at BWSC.

P & C NEWS



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 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!

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday 24 May
Time: 7:15pm
Venue: School Office

Everyone Welcome!!

Agenda, minutes and reports
will be emailed out to members.

HEADLICE CHECKS

There are two treatment options for head lice.

Mechanical removal

Mechanical removal involves applying normal hair conditioner to dry hair. After covering all of the hair with the conditioner untangle it using a normal comb and separate the hair into sections. Then use a fine long toothed metal lice comb to comb through the hair in sections. The conditioner doesn't kill the lice but it stuns them for about 20 minutes making it easier to remove them. The lice comb will remove nits (eggs) and the stunned lice. Wipe the comb on a white tissue and check for any lice or nits. Keep combing until no more appear on the tissue. This method should be used every second day until none remain (usually about 7 to 10 days).

This method is the preferred way to treat head lice because it is effective, does not contribute to insecticide resistance in head lice and also has a low risk of skin irritation.

The mechanical removal method also helps manage head lice before they become established on the head. Keep a good head lice comb in the shower and every time your family washes their hair comb through with the lice comb. This makes sure the lice are caught before they lay too many eggs.

If your children are old enough to wash their own hair encourage them to use the comb themselves. Or keep the comb handy to where you wash your children's hair and use it every time you wash their hair.

Chemical removal

If you choose to use a chemical treatment, remember to follow the instructions carefully. Don't be tempted to re-apply the same chemical treatment if it doesn't appear to be working. Instead change to another treatment that uses a different chemical compound or use the comb and conditioner method. You must repeat the treatment in 7 days to kill any newly hatched eggs. You will also need to use a lice comb to make sure the treatment is working.

If you find dead lice the product has worked. If you find live lice, the treatment has not worked.

When your child is free of lice and nits, remember to check regularly with a fine toothed lice comb and conditioner. Early detection and treatment will prevent re-infestation of family members and classmates.

Research suggests that bed linen, hats, clothing and furniture do not harbour or transmit lice or nits and that there is no benefit in washing them as a treatment option. Nits and lice only live on the human head. They quickly dehydrate and die if removed from the head.

*This information is based on information provided on the NSW Health Nitbusters website.