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Term 2 Week 7		6 June 2023
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Monday June 5	Support Unit Swim Scheme continues for this week	
Tuesday June 6	AFL Gala Day for selected S3 students	
Tuesday June 6 – Friday June 9	Cleanaway Incursion for all students K-6	
Wednesday June 7	Kinder Cultural Continuum	
Thursday June 8	Kindergarten 2024 Open Day 9.30-11am	
Friday June 9	Mufti day – Gold coin donation – proceeds going towards Dance for Sick Kids	
Tuesday June 13	Recorder Concert Group performance at the Sydney Opera House	

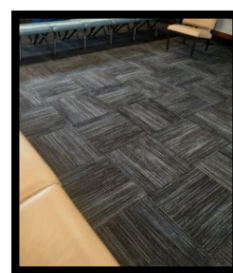
Hello Parents and Carers

Last Friday we had a visit from our Director of Educational Leadership, Mrs Jo Wilcher. Jo was treated to a tour by some of our students who shared their favourite parts of our school. Bodhy and Sienna greeted Jo with a gum leaf brush down to cleanse and calm her. They were assisted in the preparation of this by Rheese. She then went on to meet with Franklin, Spencer, Evelyn, Patrick, Jaydan, Jake, Max, William, Tyler and Ava. Jo was VERY impressed by our students and I can't tell you how proud I was of their very genuine and thoughtful conversations. Jo also met with some of our staff to discuss improvement measures that we are putting in place. Teaching and learning remains the focus across our school to ensure that every student and every staff member improves every year.

Also last Friday, 60 students from across our 3-6 classes attended the Words on the Waves Festival at Umina Surf Club. Our students, Mrs Jameson and Mrs Robertson were buzzing about the opportunity. They listened to and participated in workshops led by acclaimed author Craig Silvey and also participated in a session hosted by Nat Amooore and Mike Barry. We sincerely thank Jacqui Barton (the Chair of the Festival) and Graeme (one of our amazing parents) for providing our connection to this amazing opportunity for our students.

Last week, the recarpeting in the library began. We are excited to share a photo of the progress so far. Doesn't it look terrific? Lessons in our library will begin again from Wednesday June 7.

Our SRC have been busily organising this Friday's Mufti Day with all proceeds going towards Ronald McDonald House Charities – Dance for Sick Kids. All students are invited to wear mufti clothes and will be participating in some fun dances throughout the day. For our new families, a mufti day is where students wear clothes other than their uniform for the day. Please ensure that fully enclosed shoes are worn on the day. We ask for a gold coin donation to support our SRC's initiative.



If you are in our school this week, please go and have a look at the display on the windows of our hall (adjacent to the canteen). Last week as part of our Reconciliation Week activities, our students completed megaphones and as you can see, their work is beautiful.

We are looking forward to hosting some of our Kindergarten families for 2024 at Thursday June 8's Open Day. We have some special performances planned for those who can attend and a school tour. Thank you to our P&C and canteen team in anticipation for their generous offer to provide some morning tea for our attendees. Enrolments for Kinder 2024 are now open.

REPEAT: 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. 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> RATs are available for collection from our school office.

REPEAT: Our staff are busily completing this semester's reports and as reports are now available through Sentral, if you require a printed copy, please complete the Goggle Form on this link <https://forms.gle/xwceAorp1omThX318>

Have a great week!

Jodie Campbell Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
30	Matilda P	3/4A	Billy McM
	Xavier W		Amaya H-R
3T	Violet W	3H	Chilli R
	Joel Mc		Faith H
4S	Kory W	4R	Cadence G
	Connor M		James M

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs

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Liam C	2S	Ruby H	6K
Rafiq T	2S	Azealia K	6K
Nate Fisher	3O	Gabe F	6J

POSITIVE WINNER

Ella V KL	Playground Positive
Matias B 5W	Classroom Positive
Thalia A 4S	Attendance Hero

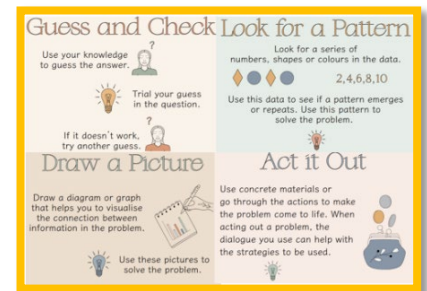
FROM THE DESKS OF OUR APC & Is

Stage 3 students have been learning about how to solve complex mathematical word problems for the last 5 weeks. They began with a pre-quiz which challenged many of them and gave us baseline data to work with. From that point forward, students were taught the explicit skills each week to help them understand what problems are asking and how to solve them in efficient ways. We followed a "Launch, Explore and Summarise" model within each lesson.

Students enjoyed beginning each lesson with riddles and estimation challenges which hooked their interest and had them yearning for more each week. The strategies that we focused on for this teaching sprint were guessing and checking, looking for a pattern, drawing a picture and acting the problem out. We also discussed creating a table and working backwards.

We are happy to announce that your children have collectively improved their understanding as demonstrated by their post-quiz results where we had a 36.5% uplift of students scoring higher than they did in the first quiz. We are so proud of our students!

This is another example of the wonderful learning happening at EPS.



NAIDOC Week

This year at EPS we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week in Week 1 of Term 3 (Tuesday 18 July - Friday 21 July). The theme 2023 is "For Our Elders" and we are currently planning some exciting and engaging learning experiences for our students K-6. We would love to engage our community in celebrating and sharing cultural knowledge with our students throughout the week, so we are offering family and community members the opportunity to come and share their knowledge with our students as part of our NAIDOC Week events. If you would like to be involved, please contact Mr Johnston via the office.

SUPPORT NEWS

K6P have enjoyed participating in swimming lessons. Students have been developing their swimming skills and engaging in water safety talks.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten have had lots of fun participating in various activities for Reconciliation Week. We especially love it when Rheese comes to visit for dancing and stories!



STAGE ONE NEWS

2CH loved learning about the traditional Batik art techniques used on fabrics in Indonesia. They used their new knowledge and skills to produce some stunning designs on canvas bags and then painted them.



STAGE TWO NEWS

During National Reconciliation Week Stage 2 students took the time to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. They explored how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Students participated in a variety of activities for both Sorry Day and reconciliation week including a smoking ceremony, cultural activities and class discussions.



STAGE THREE NEWS

The boys in Year 6 have the opportunity to participate in the Top Blokes Workshops throughout this year. Each week, 6J boys have engaged in learning activities based on building a healthy body and a healthy mind. This week they talked about feelings and behaviour. The boys discussed anger and the strategies to help deal with this feeling.



Go4Fun is a FREE 10-week healthy wellbeing program for children aged 7 to 13 to enjoy along with their families.

Please contact 1800 780 900.

Run by top trained health professionals, it's a fun way for kids to build self-esteem and learn about eating well, staying active and living a healthy life.

Term 3 programs will take place at:

- 📍 Lake Haven Recreation Centre, Tuesdays 4pm–6pm (Aboriginal program for everyone run by Bungree)
- 📍 Gosford Olympic Swimming Pool, Wednesdays 4pm–6pm
- 📍 Bateau Bay Neighbourhood Centre, Thursdays 4pm–6pm



Winter School Holiday Activities

COST: \$50 Full day | \$30 Half day

AGES: 5-12 years

TIME: 8:30am - 12:30pm | 12.30pm - 4:30pm

BOOK NOW



ADDITIONAL INFO: Please bring a water bottle, morning/afternoon tea, lunch (NO NUTS PLEASE) & enclosed shoes

Mon 3rd	8.30am-12.30pm Meet my Squad day! Mini Olympics 12.30pm-4.30pm Laser Tag & Creative Craze
Tues 4th	8.30am-12.30pm Free G/Ninja Obstacle Course 12.30pm-4.30pm Laser Tag & Relay Races
Wed 5th	8.30am-12.30pm Trampoline, Tumbling & Acro 12.30pm-4.30pm Multiports, Crazy Science & Creative Craze
Thur 6th	8.30am-12.30pm Free G & Games 12.30pm-4.30pm Archery & Trampoline
Fri 7th	8.30am-12.30pm Gymnastics 12.30pm-4.30pm Archery & Creative Craze
Mon 10th	8.30am-12.30pm Escape Room & Gymnastics 12.30pm-4.30pm Free G & Creative Craze
Tues 11th	8.30am-12.30pm Free G & Trampoline 12.30pm-4.30pm Multiports, Creative Craze & Paper Airplane Competition
Wed 12th	8.30am-12.30pm Healthy Heart Day! ABC Fitness & Games 12.30pm-4.30pm Mindfulness afternoon
Thur 13th	8.30am-12.30pm Gymnastics & Tumbling 12.30pm-4.30pm Archery & Creative Craze
Fri 14th	8.30am-12.30pm Gymnastics & Creative Craze 12.30pm-4.30pm Ball Sports & Games
Mon 17th	*NO ACTIVITIES*

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