



HOMENOTE

Respect. Responsibility. Ready To Learn.

T: 02 4341 3655 F: 4343 1517

W: <https://ettalong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

E: ettalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Term 2 Week 10		27 June 2023
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Wednesday June 28	Kindergarten Art Gallery Excursion – KB and KL	
Wednesday June 28	Semester 1 Reports available – online or as per paper request	
Friday June 30	Last Day of Term 2	
Monday July 17	Staff return - School Development Day	
Tuesday July 18	Students K-6 return	
Tuesday July 18 – Friday 21	NAIDOC Week	
Friday July 21	Red, Black and Yellow - Mufti day	

Hello Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that this is the final week of Term 2! It has been a very busy term for us! Congratulations to all of our amazing students for their efforts across this term and at our athletcis carnival on Friday. After a rainy night on Thursday, the sun shone and we were able to go ahead with our planned event. HUGE thanks go to our students, our volunteers (both on the BBQ, donating cakes, in the canteen and in assisting with the carnival), and our staff! Like with any of these days, it takes a lot of behind the scenes efforts in coordinating such an event. It was a truly special day! There are many photos on our Facebook page, however if you don't have an account, these photos are available on our website. Go team Ettalong!



Our S1 students had a wonderful day at the Hunter Valley Zoo last Tuesday. There were many smiles (not just from our students) after the day and many stories of the adventures from the day. Then, on Wednesday, KL and KZ caught a bus to the Gosford Regional Art Gallery and participated in a tour of the gallery and an art class. Our school received amazing feedback from the zoo and art gallery about the terrific behaviour of our students.

Last Thursday, our class finalists participated in our Spelling Bee. We are always in awe of our students at times like these. Standing on stage in front of an audience and spelling aloud, is no mean feat! Congratulations to all of our finalists. Congratulations to our winners and runners up too. They were Molly and Connor from S1; Charlotte and Emile from S2, and Asher and Natasha from S3. Again, our students were an amazing support to their peers in all three Spelling Bees. The audiences were on the edge of their seats as the competition was fierce!



Congratulations to our canteen team on their achievement of 5 stars in their recent NSW Food Authority inspection. Well done! If you are available to help in our canteen, we are looking for volunteers. Please contact us.

We are also calling for any volunteers for our school garden working bee! We have some mulch being delivered on Wednesday July 12 (in the school holidays) and are hoping to move it across our school. If you are available, we would love your help for an hour or two to help rake it out. Unfortunately,



because there will be trucks on site, this is an adult only activity.

Our staff have been busily completing reports for our studetns. It is a special time and I must say, I really do enjoy reading about the achievements of our studetns, all 516 of them! Tomorrow afternoon, the Semester 1 reports will be avaiable on Sentral. We have had some requests from families for paper copies and these will be sent home tomorrow too.

Congratulations to Ethan T and the Sydney North Rugby League team who finished 3rd in the NSW PSSA State Championship! What a terrific experience! We look forward to hearing about his next adventures when he plays in the Sydney North Rugby Union team next term. Good luck Ethan!

Have a great break! We look forward to seeing our learners on Tuesday July 18!

Jodie Campbell Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Hughie H	KW	William A
KZ	Finn G	KL	Ariana S
1KH	Poppy H	1H	Indiana C-B
1T	Miriam C	1/2A	Addison B
2M	Sahara W	2CH	Phoenix D
2S	Archie S	5W	Nahlia K
5L	Jaxon G		Blake M
	Flynn M	6J	Jaxon H-M
6K	Indi C-A		Torben C
	Nash H	6H	Maddie C
K/6R	Mason Mc		Mason Q
	Ryder L	K/6JG	Casey C-P

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Finn G	KZ	Daniel M	3T
Franklin Mc	1T	Brooklyn M	4B
Ariana S	KL	Ruby D	K/6P

POSITIVE WINNER

Kymani T 2CH	Playground Positive
Liam L KW	Classroom Positive
Cailin P	Attendance Hero

FROM THE DESKS OF OUR APC & Is

Reasoning

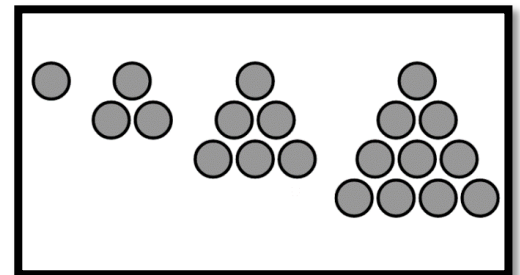
As we've mentioned in previous editions of our Homenote, talk and discussion forms a large part of our learning in Mathematics with the focus of our discussions centering around students' ability to explain and justify their thinking and reasoning when it comes to solving problems.

In many cases, the problems we discuss have multiple answers or ways to reach a conclusion so we thought we'd share some discussion prompts with you and see how you go finding a solution and using oral language to justify your thinking and reasoning just like we would in the classrooms

Challenge 1: patterns

(Insert triangle pattern image)

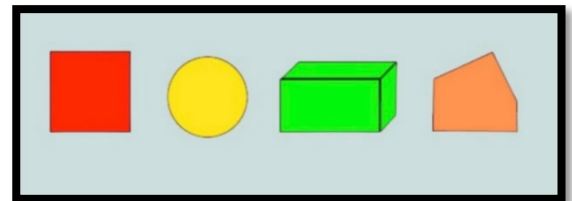
- What do you notice?
- How did you count the dots in the pattern?
- What comes next?
- How far can you continue the pattern?
- How can you describe the rule for pattern?



Challenge 2: odd one out

(Insert shapes & objects image)

- which item is the odd one out?
There is no right or wrong answer, all you need to do is justify your thinking and reasoning
- can you find more than one way to answer the question?



Aaron Johnston

Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction

SUPPORT NEWS

Last week, the talented students of Ettalong Public School embarked on an exciting journey to Niagara Park for a thrilling Multi-Sports Day extravaganza. Brimming with energy and enthusiasm, our young athletes showcased their skills and teamwork, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Week 9 was filled with exciting activities and events for Kindergarten! KL and KZ attended an excursion to the Gosford Art Gallery and participated in a soft clay workshop. They had a chance to meet the local artist, Minka Gillian, who had her recycled art on display. It was a beautiful day on Friday for our children to attend their first athletics carnival. They had the chance to run, jump and throw and eagerly participated in all novelty games. Have a wonderful holiday everyone and stay safe.



STAGE ONE NEWS



In 1KH students have been very excited starting work on their artworks for our upcoming school Art Show. We have been busy testing our artistic skills by exploring how to mix colours and make patterns with acrylic paint. We can't wait to show off our unique art pieces to our families!



STAGE TWO NEWS

Last week, Stage 2 participated in short relay events in preparation for the school Athletics Carnival (Last Friday). Students then represented their houses with pride and determination at our carnival. congratulations to the students who have progressed to the Zone Athletics Carnival.



STAGE THREE NEWS

Year 5 had the pleasure of visiting Brisbane Water Secondary School on Monday for a taster day. The classes absolutely loved the science experiment where they tested the pH balance of different household substances. In PE we played a game of 4 team soccer, which was just as fun as it was confusing at times. Finally for music lessons the students (and teachers) were overjoyed at the opportunity to study some classical music pieces and then learn a song on the ukelele. At the end of the day many students wanted to go straight back tomorrow for a full high school day!



P & C NEWS

Holiday working Bee

FREE EXERCISE! GREAT CHAT!

Come and help us tidy up the garden for the kids and make the school a better place. We would love your help for an hour or two in the second week of the holidays to rake out a truckload of mulch - BYO rake.

Come and help continue the hard work of our beautiful year 2 teacher Mrs Selwood who has a vision for beautifying the school and teaching the kids about the environment and sustainability as this happens. She puts in countless hours planting and watering new natives, oversees the school gardening club and organises other environmental initiatives throughout the year. **Sadly, no kids are allowed due to trucks being onsite.**

Please email epsandc@gmail.com to confirm if you can help.... or if you can help but don't have a rake.... or if you'd like us to let you know about school gardening bees in the future

Many Thanks

Kylie Becker

Attendance Matters.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g.attending a funeral)

The following are NOT valid reasons for absences and will be marked as 'unjustified or unexplained'

- your child or a family member's birthday
- a non-urgent family event or activity
- being tired / slept in
- refusal to attend
- no clean clothes / uniforms.

NSW Department of Education


Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



education.nsw.gov.au






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!



2023-2024
JUNIOR COMPETITION
REGISTRATIONS OPEN
1 JULY 2023

