



HOMENOTE

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Term 3 Week 3

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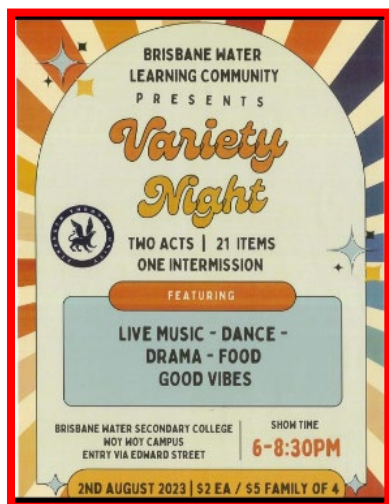
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon July 31 – Friday Aug 4	Education Week – '175 Years of Public Education'
Tuesday Aug 1	Open Day and the EPS Art Show opening
Wednesday Aug 2	Performing Arts Night at Woy Woy Campus for S3 Dance, Recorder Group and Drumming Group (please see separate permission note)
Wednesday Aug 2	Athletics Carnival Ribbon Presentation 3-6 COLA 1.45pm
Friday Aug 4	Koorana Cup – Rogers Park
Wednesday Aug 9	EPS Public Speaking finals

Hello Parents and Carers

This week we are celebrating Education Week - '175 Years of Public Education'. We look forward to welcoming our families into school today and this afternoon for the opening of our Art Show. Student artworks are available for purchase for \$5 throughout this week. The Art Show will be open tomorrow afternoon, and Thursday afternoon from 3-3.30pm and in the mornings on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30-9am.

Due to the hall being used this week, Breakfast Club will be held under the K-2 Cola with toast, cereal, fruit etc being served through the front window of the canteen. Breakfast Club will be back inside our hall from next Monday, August 7.



This morning, students from our S3 Dance Group, the Drumming Group and our Recorder Group went across to the Woy Woy Campus of Brisbane Water Secondary Carnival to rehearse for their performances tomorrow night. If you are interested in attending the combined schools' evening, tickets are \$2 per person or \$5 for a family and are available at the door. The show starts at 6.30pm and concludes at approximately 8.30pm.

Also tomorrow afternoon, BWSC will be hosting the Education Week Award Ceremony for those nominated from the schools in our learning community. This year, our very worthy recipients are Mrs Vanessa Ryan for her ongoing commitment to the learning and development of our students and Mrs Kerry McMorro for her commitments as P&C President. These nominations are collected from the staff in our school, and we are very appreciative of their efforts.



One of our very thoughtful Y5 students has been helping design the latest flyer for the Soup Kitchen in Blackwall Road. We have included the flyer in today's Homenote and congratulate Matias for his amazing design work.

We had a terrific afternoon last Thursday with some of our new Kindergarten students and their families joining us for a tour and presentation by Mrs Zammit – our Relieving Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal. Our 2024 Kindergarten students and families are invited to meet with Mrs Zammit in the coming weeks. These meetings will be confirmed this week.

Tomorrow afternoon under the 3-6 COLA, we will be presenting the Athletics Carnival Ribbons to students 8 years and above. Parents are welcome to attend. The presentation will take place from 1.45pm.

Take care and stay safe!
Jodie Campbell Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Logan H	KW	Lexi C
KZ	Sienna G-S	KL	Dakota H
1KH	Keagen H	1H	Regan B-J
1T	Kylea C	1/2A	Sunny V
2M	Alexander M	2CH	Phoenix D
2S	Emilia S	3T	Matteo M
3/4A	Tiango R		Ellie H
	Emma M	3H	Constantine A
3O	Nate F		Zoe W
	Xavier W	4B	Chase H
4S	Thalia A		Tanisha A
	Ben H	K/6A	Harrison F
4R	Wilaaran L		Jaxon N
	Emily W		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Malakai T	2M	Sasha B-M	3O
Logan H	KB	Sebastian A	1KH

POSITIVE WINNER

Billy Mc 3/4A	Playground Positive
Spencer L KW	Classroom Positive
Kory W 4S	Attendance Hero



FROM THE DESKS OF OUR APC & Is

Writing - Sentence Structure

At EPS our staff take part in collaborative professional learning sessions each week to develop their knowledge and skills in line with current research and evidence-based practices. Last week, all our teaching staff K-6 engaged in our latest professional learning session which focused on writing and specifically sentence structure. Writing will be an area of focus for us as a school throughout Semester Two as we seek to improve the writing skills of all students in line with the new NSW curriculum reforms and the latest evidence on what works best.

We recognise that writing is a complex process and one that is made up of many smaller skills that need to be developed sequentially and in conjunction with one another. As you can see from the image from Joan Sedita, the author of the book, *The Writing Rope* there are many aspects to producing skilled writers.

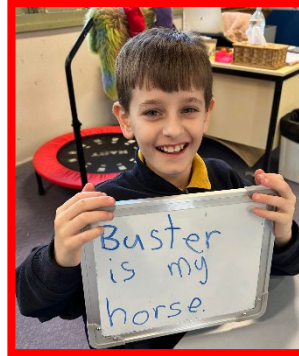
As a school we will be focusing on the explicit teaching of sentence structure as we recognise that this forms the building blocks of all writing and before students can produce whole texts for varying purposes, they must be able to craft and develop a range of sentence types that are grammatically correct and provide effective meaning. Over the course of the semester, you may hear your children beginning to use technical language associated with writing including words like, phrases, clauses, subject, predicate etc.



Over the coming weeks our teaching staff will be developing a range of assessment processes and resources to ensure that students' writing skills are developed sequentially from Kindergarten-Year 6 and to ensure that we are specific in making sure that the lessons we teach match the curriculum requirements for our students.

SUPPORT NEWS

Casey in K6JG goes Horse riding each Tuesday, his horses' name is Buster. In the morning we are lucky enough to play fun games such as, Bingo and completing puzzles.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

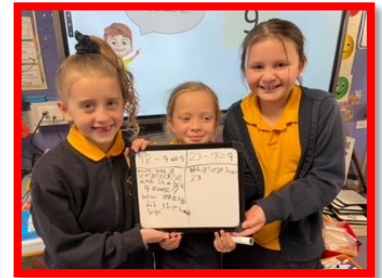
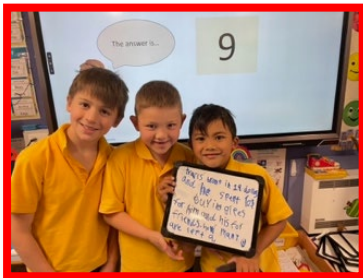


Kindergarten have been preparing their special artworks for next week's Open day. They are all very excited and look forward to their parents, carers and friends coming on Tuesday. This week the students learnt about the letter 'w' and 'wh' and the sight words 'book', 'good' and 'his'. During mathematics the students have been practising their teen numbers and learning to make equal groups by sharing objects.



STAGE ONE NEWS

This term 2S have been very busy learning strategies for problem solving in Mathematics, putting the final touches on our Art Show pieces and participating in a wonderful workshop for Naidoc Week.



STAGE TWO NEWS



Stage 2 children and classroom teachers have been enjoying their math sprint lessons with Mrs Robertson. They have been challenging themselves with riddles and thinking outside the square.



STAGE THREE NEWS

Stage 3 have been busy creating their artworks for the EPS Art Show. 6J have been inspired by a Tim Winton novel that they are reading together in class. Blueback is about a boy who develops a friendship with a Western Blue Groper.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Designed by Matias Y5

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SSK@6 free
Soup kitchen we
do dinner and
dessert every
Friday night @6
and lunch every
Saturday

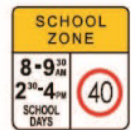
Safety learning program



Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- ✓ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ✓ **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- ✓ A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP
HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP

BUT YOU MUST

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY

- ✓ A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



- ✓ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.

