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Term 3 Week 4

8 August 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday Aug 8	Y4 return from the overnight excursion – approximately 5pm
Wednesday Aug 9	EPS Public Speaking finals, ES1 and S1 9.15am; S2 11.30am; S3 1.35pm
Wednesday Aug 9	Boys and girls' softball
Wednesday Aug 9	AECG Meeting 4,30pm Empire Bay PS
Wednesday Aug 9	Enrichment Programs Examinations at BWSC – Umina Campus 4pm
Thursday Aug 10	BWSC Creative Arts Tour – visiting EPS
Friday Aug 11	Netball Schools Cup – Adcock Park
Wednesday Aug 30	Fathers Day Breakfast – Details to follow soon

Hello Parents and Carers

We certainly had a wonderful Education Week! Our Open Day, sausage sizzle and Art Show were very well attended. It was great to welcome so many families and to see many of those participating in the activities with their children.



HUGE congratulations to our S3 Dance Group, our Recorder Group and our Drummers on their outstanding performances on Wednesday evening. The talent from across our learning community never ceases to amaze! The Variety Night was very well attended. It was great to see many of our past students sharing their talents on the evening too. It is hard to believe that the lighting and sound were all run by students from the Woy Woy Campus. Thank you to our students, families and staff for attending on the night. I hope that you enjoyed the show as much as I did!

We are looking forward to holding our Public Speaking Finals tomorrow. We extend congratulations to all students who delivered speeches in their classrooms. It takes such courage to stand and deliver a speech in front of others. The families of our finalists are warmly welcome to attend.

Also this week we look forward to hosting the Creative Arts Groups from Brisbane Water Secondary College on Thursday. These groups have showcased the many opportunities available at high school and we are sure our students are in for a treat!

It seems that some of our students have caught World Cup fever! Some of our students have participated in the World Cup in various ways! Dylan, Travis, Alfons and Patrick were all involved in the France VS Panama game by either running onto the field with the French team or playing a demonstration game at half time. An amazing opportunity that I am sure that they will NEVER forget.

Take care and stay safe!
Jodie Campbell Principal

Congratulations

POSITIVE WINNER

Isabelle C 4S	Playground Positive
Darcy K KL	Classroom Positive
Jovie D 2M	Attendance Hero

GENERAL INFORMATION

Waste Free Wednesdays are coming to Ettalong Public School. We are encouraging our students to participate by limiting or excluding all single use plastics from their lunch boxes. This could look like fresh fruit, reusable containers, and or beeswax wraps. Some examples have been provided for you below. Please label all reusable containers with first and last name and class. To encourage these actions students who participate will receive a token from the eating duty teacher on Wednesdays to go into student's class token box. The class with the most collected tokens by the end of term will receive a class surprise.



Schools Tree Day

Ettalong Public School celebrated School Tree Day on Friday 28th July by getting our hands dirty and planting Banksia and Lilly Pilly's in our Stage 3 eating area. The leadership team did a fabulous job of digging, planting, and watering the plants into the ground. We love doing our part for the environment. Ettalong Public School would like to give the Central Coast Council a huge thank you for donating 100 native tube stock plants and 100 pairs of gloves to our school to celebrate the day.

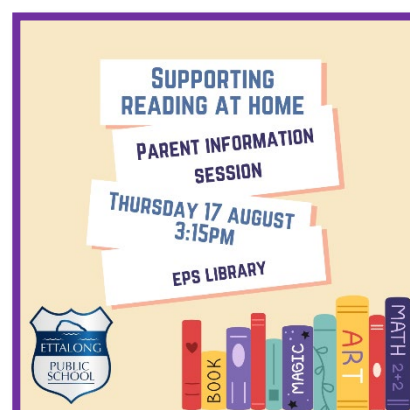


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Parent Information Session

Many of our K-2 families would have noticed our new decodable home readers coming home in bags over the past week. We are so excited to provide these resources to you to help support your child's reading development at home. We also want to say a huge thank you to every single person who came in for our book covering sessions or took books home to cover to help ensure they last a long time.

In order to make the most of reading at home with your children we will be running an informative and practical session for our community next week on Thursday 17 August at 3:15pm in our Library. This session will look at the latest research about the effective teaching of reading and focus on equipping families with tools and strategies to support the reading development of their children at home, no matter what stage of learning your child is in.

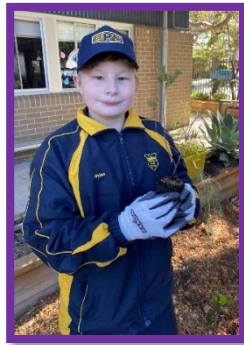


We are really looking forward to hosting this sessions for our community and we hope you are able to join us. For families who cannot join us on the day, we will aim to record the session and have it available to view online in the future.

Aaron Johnston
Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction

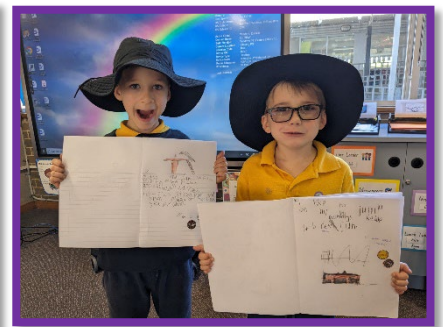
SUPPORT NEWS

This week K6A and K6R enjoyed some time out in nature, planting some Australian Natives in the freshly mulched Support area.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten has had another very productive week! The students continue to impress us with their great reading and writing and they have been working hard to learn the words 'jump', 'cat' and 'sit'. We have been learning about Aboriginal art and have produced some gorgeous artworks!



STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage 1 kicked off Education Week by showcasing their creativity in the school Art Show. During Open Day, students relished the opportunity to have families join them for Indigenous games, before then enjoying picnic lunches in our lovely school grounds.

Students in Year 2 participating in the Schools Swimming Scheme, learnt about water safety and enhanced their swimming skills at the Peninsular Leisure Centre. What a wonderfully full and engaging week!



STAGE TWO NEWS

4B has started this term with daily writing tasks that focus on wonderful and unique animals. On this particular day they wrote amazing sentences on Cicadas. To help them gain an even greater knowledge of this unusual animal they also completed information reports in which they had to find specific details and record them under sub headings.



STAGE THREE NEWS

This education week has been a busy one in stage 3! We've showed off our art skills, served up a mountain of sausages, drummed, danced and recordered our way through variety night, played traditional games with our families and wrapped it up with games of OzTag at the Koorana Cup. Well done boy and girls!



P & C NEWS

We're having a Rainbow Run!!

17th November

It's our biggest and most colourful
fundraising event in years.

More info coming soon

