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Term 3 Week 5

15 August 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday Aug16	S2 and S3 Touch Football Gala Day
Wednesday Aug16	P&C Meeting 9.15am School Hall
Thursday 17 Aug	Parent information Session – 3.15pm EPS Library – Supporting reading at home
Friday 18 Aug	National Day of Action Against Bullying
Wednesday 23 Aug	School Disco - K-2 3.30-4.30pm; S2 4.45-5.45pm; S3 6 – 7.15pm
Thursday 24 Aug	Central Coast Showcase – Laycock Street Theatre – Drummers, Choir and Recorder
Mon 28, Tues 29 & Wed Aug 30	Kindergarten 2024 Meetings – please phone the office if you require a time
Tuesday Aug 29	Father's Day Stall
Wednesday Aug 30	Father's Day Breakfast from 8am
Friday September 1	PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival - Mingara

Hello Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through our 3rd term! We had an exceptionally busy week last week and this one looks set to be much the same! Congratulations to S2 who enjoyed their excursions early last week. I received some amazing feedback about the exceptional behaviour and attitudes from our Y4 students who stayed overnight at Taronga Zoo. Our students and staff were praised by one of the keepers who took the time to contact me. Thank you and well done!



Our softball teams played a friendly match on Wednesday with Mrs Jager again reporting that the behaviour from all students was exemplary. Thanks for organising the day Mrs Jager and families.

On Wednesday we hosted our school finals of the Public Speaking Competition with our finalists moving to the Central Coast Finals. We welcomed Mrs Balfour as our guest adjudicator. Mrs Balfour was VERY impressed with the calibre of finalists and our audiences were wowed across the day. Finalists for ES1 are Aila G-D and Spencer L; S1 are Toby W and Emilia S; S2 are Ben H and Indi H and S3 are Jai M and Charlie B. Congratulations to all our participating students. Also on Wednesday, our debaters faced Empire Bay PS and despite not winning this debate, they too were competitive and demonstrated great passion for debating.

We send a huge thank you to BWSC for the Creative Arts Concert on Thursday. Our students were amazed at the talent on display. It is wonderful to see some of our ex-students achieving at high school!



It seems that some of our students have caught World Cup fever! Alfons, Travis, Patrick and James 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 they will NEVER forget. Best wishes to the Matildas as they moved into the top 4 teams of the World Cup!

Take care and stay safe!

Jodie Campbell Principal



3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Piper S	KW	Hally V
KZ	Abigail P	KL	Levi A
1KH	Grace G	1H	Ivy P
	Bodhi G	1/2A	Evie R-W
1T	Thea R	2CH	Olivia P
	Maxleigh T		Sinan D
2M	Luna F	2S	Jo B
	James G		Charlie G
4S	Isabelle C		
	William H		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs
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Zoe-Lee L	K/6JG	Chilli R	3H
Kasper W	1/2A	Violet W	3T
Emilia S	2S		

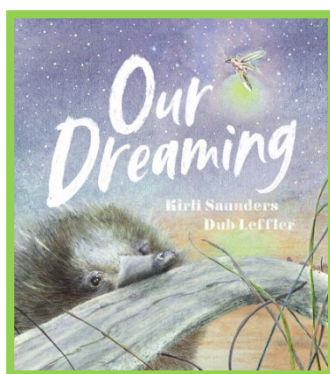
POSITIVE WINNER

Gia T 1H	Playground Positive
Jax M 3/4A	Classroom Positive
Amaya H-R 3/4A	Attendance Hero

Author/Illustrator Visit - Dub Leffler

As part of our Book Week celebrations we are excited to have local author and illustrator, Dub Leffler joining us on Monday 28 August to run workshops for our students from K-6. Dub's most recent book, "Our Dreaming" is nominated for this year's CBCA Picture Book of the Year.

This incursion is free for students and the permission note to attend has been published online via the Sentral Parent Portal. If you need assistance setting up your account to provide online permission, please contact our friendly office staff.



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Collaborative Practice Days

Throughout this week our staff will be participating in collaborative practice days in their stage teams led by Mr Johnston, Mrs Robertson and our Assistant Principals for each stage of learning.

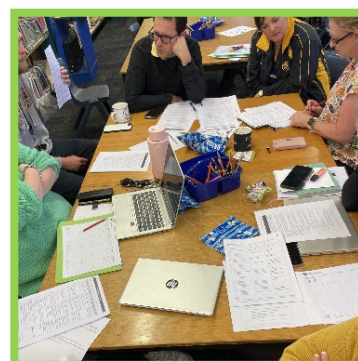
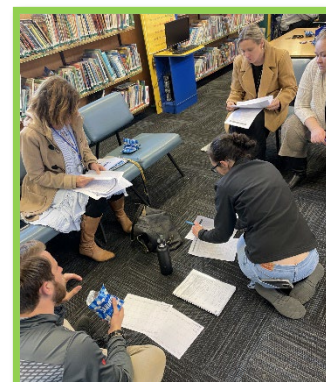
These days are held every 5 weeks and are an opportunity for our staff to reflect on their teaching practices, student achievement data and dive deeper into research and professional learning in line with the focus areas and priorities from our school strategic plan and the new curriculum reforms being implemented in NSW.



As a team we will be analysing our student data for Weeks 1-5 in the area of number and place value to plan our explicit teaching focus areas for the remainder of Term 3. In addition to this, all stage teams will be diving into the new curriculum expectations for creating written texts to draft our stage based marking criteria focused around effective sentence construction which will inform our learning intentions, success criteria and the focus of our explicit teaching in writing for the remainder of the year.

These opportunities for our staff to collaborate, develop their teaching practice and plan for quality teaching in our classroom are such an important part of the work we are doing to support student growth and

attainment at EPS and we look forward to celebrating the great things that come out of the week ahead.



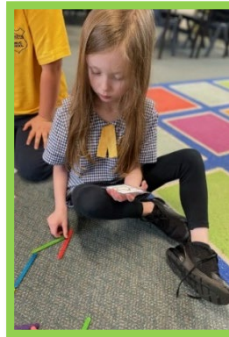
SUPPORT NEWS

Last week, some lucky students from the support unit spent the night at Taronga Zoo on the Stage 2 overnight excursion. They had lots of fun watching the seal and bird show, engaging in animal encounters and even had the opportunity to do a night tour!



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Learning maths is so much fun in Kindergarten! This week, we have been practising addition and subtraction. We have also been making patterns using objects and numbers.



STAGE ONE NEWS

It has been a busy week for Stage 1. Some of our amazing students participated in our public speaking finals and impressed us with their varied speeches. We investigated 3D objects from a range of perspectives and shared some quality stories to learn about imagery and symbolism.



STAGE TWO NEWS

Year 3 enjoyed an excursion to Botany Bay. Bushwalking, coastal walk and pretending to be botanists by drawing plants in the rain.

Year 4 trekked through the bush, walked along the coast at Botany Bay and finished with spending the night at the Taronga Zoo for their year 4 adventures. They were guided through a night tour and spent Tuesday wandering around the zoo with their teachers as guides.



STAGE THREE NEWS

The girls' and boys' softball teams played a friendly match at Ettalong Oval. Both teams have been training since the beginning of the term and have improved their skills and their knowledge of the game immensely. The girls played a great game with excellent teamwork and sportsmanship displayed. After some wonderful batting and fielding from both sides, our girls lost 14-10. Fabulous effort girls!

The boys' team, formerly known as the cricket team, played with great success to have an excellent win 21-17. The boys fielded well but their batting was outstanding.

Both teams thoroughly enjoyed the game and encouraged each other to be their best. Thanks to Will and Leilani for their expert knowledge and guidance for their team in the catching position. Also, a big thanks to Rheese for his help and to the family and friends who came down to support the kids having fun.



P & C NEWS

Term 3 Events

School Disco, Wednesday 23rd August. Father's Day Stall, Tuesday 29th August. Father's Day Breakfast, Wednesday 30th August.

Volunteers are needed to support these events and you can let us know when you're available:

- 1) hop onto MySchoolConnect --> My School Volunteer
- 2) let us know on the EPS Parent Group Facebook page
- 3) email epsbandc@gmail.com

Term 4 Events

Rainbow Run, Term 4, Friday 17th November

Check our website for **exciting** details: www.ettalongpandc.org.au

ETTALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

DISCO

WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST

K-2: 3:30PM-4:30PM
STAGE 2: 4:45PM-5:45PM
STAGE 3: 6:00PM-7:15PM

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