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Term 4 Week 2

17 October 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

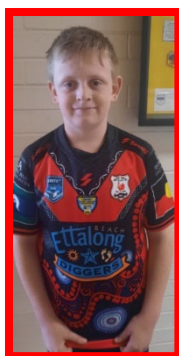
Monday October 9- 20 November	Selective High School applications open for Year 7 2025 (Year 5 2023)
Wednesday October 18	Waste Free Wednesday
Wednesday October 18	Year 6 Parent meeting about the Farewell – 3pm in 6H's room
Wednesday October 18	Headstart Group 1 (please contact our office for further details)
Wednesday October 18	P&C Meeting, 9:15am in the School Hall
Wednesday October 24	Choral Festival
Wednesday October 25	Headstart Group 2 (please contact our office for further details)
Wednesday & Thursday October 25 & 26	School Photos

Hello Parents and Carers

We have had a great start to T4! Our students are already working hard and striving to achieve their personal best. I have been visited on numerous occasions this week with awesome kindergarten writing, Year 3 problem solving and reading responses from Year 2, I really do love seeing how our students are applying their skills everyday.

Tomorrow, we welcome Group 1 for Headstart and are very much looking forward to welcoming our 2024 Kindergarten students and their families. While our students are engaging in exciting activities with our staff, our families will be participating in a great program with Mrs Lousie Zammit our Early Stage 1 Relieving Assistant Principal in the OoSH building. Louise and Liz Phelps, our Community Liaison Officer have organised visiting speakers and opportunities for our new families to meet each other.

Last Wednesday, Ben H participated in the Central Coast finals of the Public Speaking Competition at Somersby Public School. At the finals there were 16 grand finalists, from a pool of 98 semi-finalists from 48 schools. The final 16 schools spanned Blue Haven in the north, to Ettalong in the south and everything in between. Ben had a rehearsal with us last Monday at our K-6 Assembly where he lit up the faces of our students with his speech titled "The Middle Child". Congratulations to Ben!



Jaxon H excitedly entered the office last week with the jersey that he is wearing in his hands. Jaxon was part of the design team for the jersey. He was playing in Newcastle last weekend.

Yesterday I had the honour of taking part in the Student Voice Innovation Project alongside two of our year 4 students Emily W and Aaliyah M, Mr s Ryan and students and teachers from across the region. The project aims to increase the opportunities for our students to have a voice when it comes to new programs, organisation and ideas. We are still in the early days of this project and will keep you posted on the outcomes.



Yesterday, we also all took part in surf safety talks. It is so important for us all to stop and remember that although the surf is a fun place to be, it can also hold dangers and we all need to enjoy the surf safely.

This week our 3-6 teachers will be visiting K-2 classrooms to observe demonstrations of the new syllabus in action. This will assist 3-6 staff to gain understanding of new syllabus expectations in readiness for the 3-6 syllabus implementation in 2024. Staff are also taking part in professional development this week to enhance understanding around the new organisation and program requirements for the new syllabus. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff who are always open to new learning.

Have a great week
Jane Crawford (Rel. Principal)

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Archie D	KW	Lola M
KZ	Joey T	KL	Kalila G
5W	Phoenix T	5L	Nayana W
	Amber S		Jaxon G
6H	Leilani B	6J	Cahane J
	Asher T		Dylan H
6K	Ethan T		
	Tahlia S		

Congratulations

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

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Aurora V	1KH	Sam H	6H
Aston F	3T	Nikita V	6H
Violet R	4B		

POSITIVE WINNER

Jasper J 3O	Playground Positive
Hally V KW	Classroom Positive
Alyssa S 4R	Attendance Hero

FROM THE DESK OF THE APC&Is

IfSR Assessments- Interview for Student Reasoning.

At Ettalong Public School, we are using new Department of Education resources to assess our students in an ongoing and formative way. One of the ways we do that is with the Interview for Student Reasoning (IfSR) online assessment tool. We are using this across K-6 to map what strategies our students are using when facing mathematical problems.

What is the Interview for Student Reasoning?

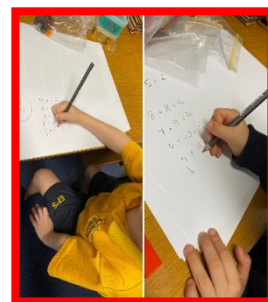
The Interview for Student Reasoning (IfSR) is a suite of teacher-led optional online numeracy assessments for K-10 students.

IfSR can supplement existing school practices to identify how students construct their mathematical understandings and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Assessment items reflect the current research and evidence base. Items link to resources to support students' progress in developing fundamental numeracy skills. The assessments are mapped to the NSW syllabus and National Numeracy Learning Progression.

The assessments have been modularised to give teachers flexibility in assessing sub-skills for targeted teaching.

These assessments help teachers to form fluid groupings within classrooms to provide differentiated tasks to their students. Mrs Robertson will be working with some of our ES1 (Kindergarten) students in the coming weeks to move them forward into some Additive Thinking strategies. Look at what some of our Kindy friends can do already!



GENERAL INFORMATION

Cake Stall Donations Year 1 and 2

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Ettalong Public School is hosting Grandparents' Day on Friday 27 October, 2023. Year 1 and Year 2 students have been requested to supply cupcakes, biscuits, slices etc. for the cake stall. The Student Representative Council will sell the cakes at recess time and all funds collected will go to support Stewart House.

Please deliver your delicious treats to the canteen on Friday morning before school. We thank you for your assistance in making Grandparents' Day fabulous and supporting the Stewart House charity.

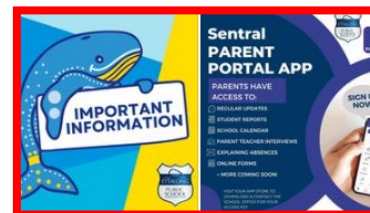
Regards, Lisa Jager
Stewart House Representative

MEDICAL FORM REMINDER

If your child has a medical condition including but not limited to anaphylaxis, allergies or asthma, you will have received an updated Medical Form to complete. Also, if your child is attending an excursion overnight or for an extended period beyond the school day, you are required to complete one of these forms. Thank you to our families who have already completed these forms and returned them to our school. These forms are critical to ensure safety around medical conditions. They can be returned to the front office as soon as possible.

SENTRAL PORTAL REMINDER

Families are reminded that as from W10 T3, we are able to accept payment via our Sentral Parent Portal App. We are excited to be adding to the services provided in the app. Please contact our office if you need any assistance with these changes or if you still require access to the Sentral Parent Portal App.



SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR Y7 2025

These applications available to Y5 2023 are available online. An email has been sent via the Sentral Portal to all Y5 families. For further information, go to the application site at: shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/ and register your own name and email address.

SUPPORT NEWS

Support Students from K6P and K6JG enjoyed the first assembly of the term with Stage 1 in the hall on Friday. Congratulations to Zanda Hammill and Dylan Ryan who received 3R Awards.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed their 'sun safety' talks from Surf Lifesaving this week. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful place, surrounded by water. Now we know so much more about keeping safe in the water and in the sun.



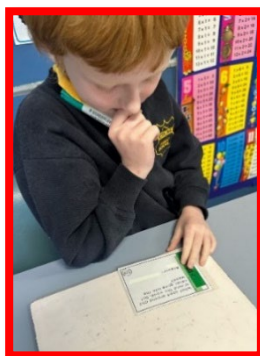
STAGE ONE NEWS

This term each class in Stage 1 will have the opportunity to run our Friday Stage Assemblies. Students in 2M set the bar high as they introduced speakers, shook award winners' hands, presented an assembly item and led the singing of the National Anthem. These future leaders of our school displayed enthusiasm, confidence and maturity. Well done 2M!



STAGE TWO NEWS

Stage 2 have been enjoying developing problem skills during Mathematics. They have been focusing on breaking down the problem and finding solutions in small group or on their own.



STAGE THREE NEWS

The school-wide chess competition has reached its finale. The event has been organised and run by Sam, with assistance from Asher, Jordan and Ben from year 6. These boys volunteered their free time to plan the tournament draw, advertise it, set-up the boards and with Mr Theobald's help organise a prize for the winner! Well done boys on a great event! Congratulations to Asher and Tully for making the finals for the chance to win the grand prize of a brand-new magnetic chess board and a chess puzzle book. Also, special thanks to Mr Theobald for hosting the event in his room during his lunch breaks. The winner will be crowned in week 2 in Mr Theobald's room.

P&C NEWS

Rainbow Run

* Fundraising Totals - 1 Class has raised OVER \$700! 3 Classes haven't raised anything (yet). Track our progress every Sunday on Facebook or on the P&C website <https://www.ettalongpandc.org.au/events/t4-fri-17-nov-rainbow-run/track> and watch how your class is going.

* T-Shirts - Have you ordered your Limited Edition EPS Rainbow Run 2023 T-Shirt yet? Pre-Orders close 31 October <https://www.ettalongpandc.org.au/events/t4-fri-17-nov-rainbow-run/t-shirts>

* Thank you to the supporters of our Rainbow Run, your support has almost HALVED the cost of running the event.

P&C Meeting

Our Next Meeting is Wednesday 18th August at 9:15am in the Hall. Hope to see you there.

Canteen

Healthy Canteen Certification - (certificate attached) Carlie and her team have been working behind the scenes to achieve formal certification of just how AWESOME they are. The Lunchbox has been certified as a "Healthy Schools Canteen"! To get there a few minor tweaks had to be made. So out with the old and in with a slightly healthier options but still just as yummy. Huge congratulations to Carlie, Carly, Sarah and Rachel! New menu item - Oz Bake Pizza Slabs in Cheese, Meat & Cheese, BBQ Chicken, Hawaiian only \$5. Available My School Connect.



CONGRATULATIONS

Ettalong Public School

This certificate verifies that your menu is meeting the requirements of
The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy

Date issued: 10 October 2023 Valid until: 10 October 2026



Note: This certificate is valid for three years from the date of issue. To re-new your certificate please review your menu against the Food and Drink Criteria of the Strategy and re-submit a Menu Application Form to the Healthy Food Information Service.