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Term 4 Week 3

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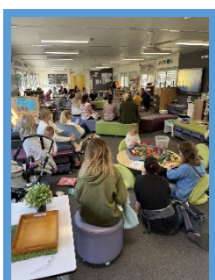
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday October 9- 20 November	Selective High School applications open for Year 7 2025 (Year 5 2023)
Wednesday October 25	Waste Free Wednesday
Tuesday October 24	Choral Festival
Wednesday October 25	Headstart Group 2 (please contact our office for further details)
Wednesday & Thursday October 25 & 26	School Photos
Friday October 27	Grandparents and Friends Day

Hello Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week at Ettalong. Every class I visited this week were engaged in a diversity of activities, students were working independently, heads together with partners and collaboratively in groups. We are so lucky to have a team dedicated to providing such a rich variety of learning experiences.

Last Wednesday we welcomed our first group of students in the Headstart program. For many it was the first experience of 'Big School' and by all accounts they had a great day as did the parents who had the opportunity to view a guided reading session in progress and learn about how literacy and numeracy is taught in school. Families also meet key staff who will be involved in transitioning kindergarten to school next year. Tomorrow we will welcome group two and we get to do it all again meeting a new group of 2024 kindergarten students.



While running at the state cross country Sophia A was part of the 11 years girls' team. The Sydney North Team came second overall and on Monday we were able to finally present Sophia with her medal.



This week we are continuing our visits of K-2 classroom to observe syllabus implementation. The observations last week have sparked some deep discussions from our teachers about what works best when delivering the ideas in the new syllabus to students.

A big thank you to Mr Wagg for organising and supervising the top up of soft fall under our two areas of play equipment.

A couple of reminders for the term; please send in medical forms if you have been sent them, or contact the office for a new one, these forms are important should your child become sick or injured at school. As we move into the summer months, please check that your child has a hat with them and water. School photos will be taken tomorrow and Thursday, refer to the notes sent home with instructions for ordering.

Have a great week
Jane Crawford (Rel. Principal)

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Mia B	KW	Georgie F
KZ	Marli T	KL	Charlie L
1KH	Archer B	1H	Arlo J
1T	Zara M	1/2A	
2M	Luna F	2CH	Mateo R
3/4A	Hawkin M	2S	Kalani M
	Kydan C-S	3T	Eadie M
30	Zandar C		Lily-Mae P
	Skyler W	3H	Layne H
4S	Willow M		Dayna D
	Bryah J	4B	Tanisha A
4R	Zariah H		Indi H
	Kai D		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

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Mia B	KB	Dylan R	K/6JG
Kayden F	KZ	Hayley P	2S
Joey T	KZ	Constantine A	3H
Marli T	KZ	Cassidy P	3/4A
Charlie L	KL	Eliot C	5W

POSITIVE WINNER

Brooklyn M 4R	Playground Positive
Evelyn R 2CH	Classroom Positive
Kory W 4S	Attendance Hero

FROM THE DESK OF THE APC&Is

After providing much of the theory about the new curriculum over the previous terms, we thought that you may like to see that theory in action across our K-2 classrooms.

Unlike when most parents were in K-2 classrooms themselves and wrote straight into lined books, our students spend much time working on whiteboards so that they can receive instant feedback and corrections from their teachers and sometimes their peers. Being able to rub things out quickly and re-do a task provides students with a positive experience and cements their new learning for them.

Interactive whiteboards are often used to display real-life concepts so that students can see the relevance to their learning. There is a strong place for flashcards so that our students can quickly recall their sight words and practice their new graphemes (letters) and phonemes (sounds) when using their skills of decoding (reading) to encode (write).

Students are always aware of the intention behind their learning and what it means to be successful within their learning. They will hear their teachers talk about Learning Intentions and Success Criteria.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Cake Stall Donations Year 1 and 2

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

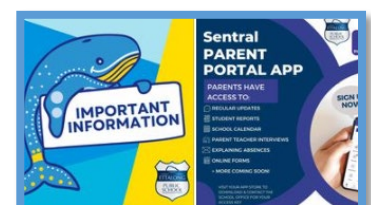
Ettalong Public School is hosting Grandparents' Day on Friday 27 October 2023. Year 1 and Year 2 students have been requested to supply cupcakes, biscuits, slices etc. for the cake stall. The Student Representative Council will sell the cakes at recess time and all funds collected will go to support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

SENTRAL PORTAL REMINDER

Families are reminded that as from Week 10 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.



SUPPORT NEWS

K6JG are having fun in the STEM lab designing, building and creating. Lots of exploring with fun materials allowed for some very creative builds.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

In Kindergarten we have been working on the sound “ou” and “ow”. We have been using our cutting skills in art and feeling textures with our hands. KB is so excited to see the first tomato growing on our plant!



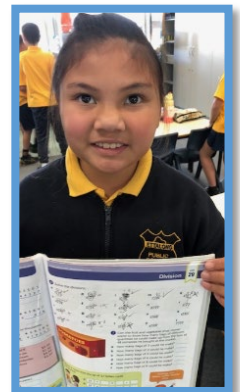
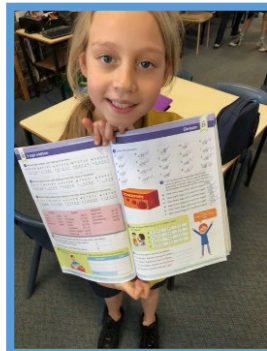
STAGE ONE NEWS

1T hosted the stage 1 assembly on Friday. The students performed the song ‘It’s Raining on the Rock’.



STAGE TWO NEWS

4B are already back into the swing of it for Term 4. Every student is working hard to master the highly challenging skill of division. They are all improving at a rapid rate and some are already able to complete multi digit algorithms. Well done.



STAGE THREE NEWS

This week year 6 enjoyed getting creative with a variety of engaging stem activities!



P&C NEWS

Rainbow Run

* Thanks for your fabulous fundraising efforts! Don't forget to 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? See image for the two options. Pre-Orders close 31 October, via My School Connect - Uniform <https://www.ettalongpandc.org.au/events/t4-fri-17-nov-rainbow-run/t-shirts>

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

