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Term 4 Week 4

30 October 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday October 9- 20 November	Selective High School applications open for Year 7 2025 (Year 5 2023)
Wednesday November 1	Waste Free Wednesday
Wednesday November 1	Headstart Group 1 (please contact our office for further details)

Hello parents and carers,

Yet another busy week at Ettalong! Last Friday was National World Teachers Day, and I would like to acknowledge all our teachers for the dedication and hard work they demonstrate each and every day. In addition to the effort they put in each day in the classroom, many of our extracurricular activities are organised in teachers own time so that students have access to a wide variety of opportunities.

Yesterday we welcomed Mrs Campbell back from her well deserved break, we are all grateful to have her back leading us through the rest of the year.

On Tuesday our choir performed at the Choral Festival, I commend them for their efforts and dedication in what was a long day with both a matinee and evening performance. Thank you to Ms Smith for working with the students on this performance and for your time.

Last Wednesday we welcomed our second group of students in the Headstart program. Once again there were a few tears as the children had their first experience of 'Big School'. But feedback from staff, children and parents was all positive and we look forward to welcoming Kindergarten 2024 each Wednesday for the next 7 weeks.



Despite the weather making last minute changes to our Grandparents and Friends Day we were so pleased to see so many of our extended families at school sharing a picnic morning tea with us. Our hall was heaving with the amount of visitors. A big thank you to Year 1 and 2 parents for providing all the cakes for our stall, we raised over \$800 for Stewart House. We also raised a significant amount for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Have a great week.

Jane Crawford (Rel. Deputy Principal)



3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Hughie H	KW	Josh L
KZ	Sienna G-S	KL	Elliot C
1KH	Poppy H	1H	Kylah L
1T	Hudson A-S	1/2A	Zara H
2M	Alira K	2CH	Ava F
2S	Jack H	5L	Mia H
5W	Kai A		Chelsey-Jordan S-M
	Nahlia K	6J	Violet O
6K	Ruby M-B		Ethan L-D
	Kynan S	6H	Jesse W
K/6JG	Charlotte M		Tyler P
K/6P	Ruby D		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

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Jake G	K/6P	Tanisha A	4B
Emma M	3/4A	Indi H	4B
Eadie M	3T	Navita H	5L
Cadence G	4R		

POSITIVE WINNER

Rosie L 3H	Playground Positive
Josh L KW	Classroom Positive
Lara B-M 4S	Attendance Hero

FROM THE DESK OF THE APC&Is

The term "writer's block" is there for a reason. Sometimes we do come to a blockage when we are asked to put our thoughts into words. Gentle encouragement and some careful questioning may help your child to move through the writing process more easily. The information below comes directly from the Department of Education's website.

Ways to encourage your child to write

Read your child's writing or have them read their writing to you and make positive comments such as, 'I really like the way you've described this'.

Praise your child for having a go at writing words that are new and show them how to spell harder words that they may not have been able to spell correctly.

Talk to your child about why an author or filmmaker might create a book, play or film in a particular way. What ideas or opinions are presented? What is the author's purpose?

Read and talk about the writing that your child brings home from school. Praise them for things they have done well. For example, writing an interesting story using colourful words, using clear, neat handwriting.

To develop spelling and vocabulary for writing, play word games such as 'I spy', Scrabble, Boggle, Scattergories and do crossword puzzles.

Helping with writing at home

Have your child label and describe things that they design or make.

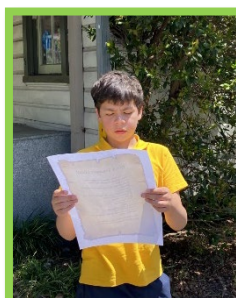
Compile a photo album or scrapbook with your child and have them write captions for the photos and pictures.

Encourage your child to keep a diary of special events, eg a holiday diary with details of how and where they went and what they enjoyed, etc.

Make the writing of notes, letters and stories on paper or on the computer a normal part of family life.

SUPPORT NEWS

The students from K/6A had lots of fun dressing up as pirates and exploring for treasure while practicing direction and position skills that we have been learning in maths.



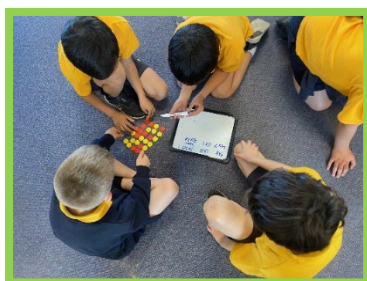
EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten have been working hard reading and writing in between keeping their edible garden watered on these hot days! The children were very excited to have their grandparents and friends join them for recess. It was lovely to see them sharing their morning together, even with the rain!



STAGE ONE NEWS

The mathematicians of 2CH love working in teams to solve problems and pose challenges for their peers. Recently, we have been learning different strategies to solve multiplication and division problems. We have also been developing our measurement skills, using informal and formal units to accurately find lengths, areas and perimeters of shapes.



STAGE TWO NEWS

Stage 2 had a blast at the Grandparents and Friends Day. They loved the cake stall and the photo booth and jumped at the chance to enjoy recess with their families.



STAGE THREE NEWS

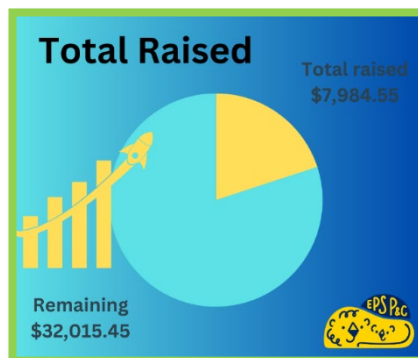
Stage 3 have had a busy week with school pictures, Grandparents and Friends Day, Day for Daniel and lots of fantastic learning! Due to wet weather we couldn't get out to sport so we had an afternoon in playing games and having fun with our friends.



P&C NEWS

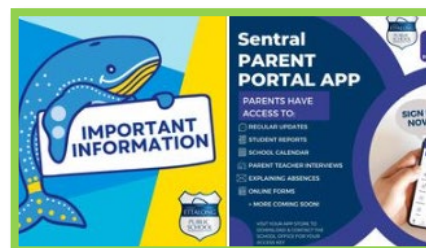
Rainbow Run


1. Today is your last chance to order rainbow Run T-Shirts - see My School Connect Uniform.
2. We love watching all the fundraising coming in. Keep it coming EPS!
3. We are seeking volunteers for the Rainbow Run, email epsandc@gmail.com if you'd like to be involved.



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.






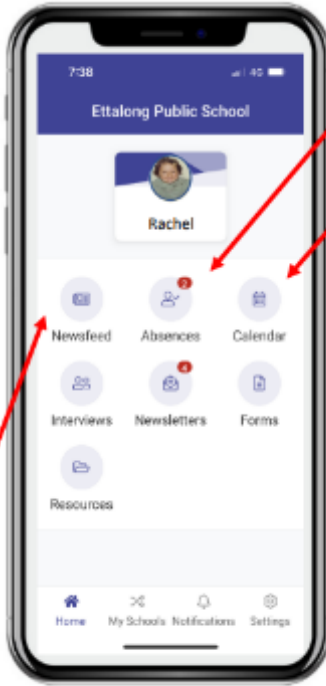
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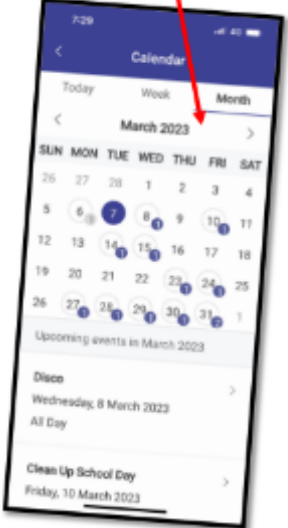
Download the app and sign up today!

Once you have registered – Call the school to request an access key




Stay up to date with the newsfeed reminders and information.






Find out what's happening at school ahead of time with the portal calendar.



Easily respond to your child's absence notifications when they have been away from



Easily be organised and send an absence notification ahead of time, if your child is going to be away from school.