



# HOMENOTE

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**Term 4 Week 10**

**12 December 2023**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday December 13	Reports published on Sentral (paper copies can be requested through our office)
Wednesday December 13	Y6 Farewell
Thursday December 14	Ettalong's Got Talent – student activity
Friday December 15	Last day for students
Thursday February 1 2024	Students in our Support Unit, Y1-6 return
Thursday February 1 2024	Best Start Assessment for notified Kindergarten students for 2024
Friday February 2 2024	Best Start Assessment for notified Kindergarten students for 2024
Monday February 5 2024	Best Start Assessment for notified Kindergarten students for 2024
Tuesday February 6 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> day for Kindergarten 2024 - early finish 2.30pm until Feb 16 2024

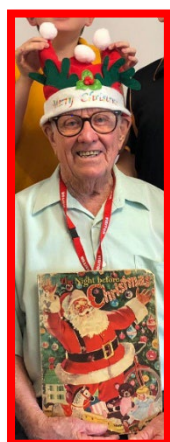
Hello parents and carers,

Congratulations to our amazing students, terrific families, supportive and generous community, and fantastic staff on a fabulous year! It is hard to believe that it is W10 T4 and our last Homenote for 2023. It has certainly been a very busy year across our school with many, many highlights. Our students continue to strive for success, and their results are constantly impressing us.

Did you know that 6K were the winners of the tomato growing competition? They have been busily harvesting the tomatoes for our canteen! Thank you and congratulations 6K.



We take this opportunity to wish our Y6 students all the very best in their upcoming adventures at high school. Y6 will be attending their Farewell tomorrow evening. Our volunteers and teachers have made sure the children will have a terrific evening. I look forward to seeing the transformation of our hall. Our families are so creative! We also have a special exit planned for our Y6 students on Friday afternoon. Y6 parents are welcome to attend from 2.45pm. Please meet us on the grass at the back of the 3-6 COLA.



It is with great sadness that I share that our very treasured Grandpa Fred has passed away at the age of 99. Fred Leake, or as he was known by our students and staff, Grandpa Fred, pictured here in 2018, had volunteered in many capacities across the peninsula, including Meals on Wheels, for Red Cross, and Vision Australia. I spoke with his daughter, Karen this week and she said despite all the places he volunteered, being in schools was his favourite place to be! Grandpa Fred helped in my Y1 classroom at Woy Woy South PS back in 2003 and has volunteered in many classrooms since then. He came across to Ettalong PS in 2008 and had been here with us until the end of 2018. He and his friend, 'Granny Smith' or Janet Smith began helping in rooms by reading and helping with maths groups. At Christmas time, he would read to his own copy of the 'Night Before Christmas' across our school. As you can see by his hat, he even dressed up for the occasion. Grandpa Fred will be sadly missed.

If you plan on travelling these holidays, please drive carefully and have a wonderful trip. The staff here at Ettalong P.S. all wish you a very merry Christmas and we hope that 2024 is filled with lots of learning and achievements for all!

REPEAT: As you know, we have been transitioning to the Sentral App for our permission notes and payments, as well as absences. We sincerely appreciate the support you have given us by signing up to this app. The next step in our transition is moving our Homenote onto the app too. This will assist our reduction in our global footprint. We understand that some families may still require paper copies. They will be readily available from our front office.

Stay safe and take care, Jodie Campbell

## **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs  
**Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn**

Eve H	KB	Billy Mc	3/4A
Jack H	2S	Henry G	4S

## **SUPPORT NEWS**

K6A had lots of fun at last weeks Year 6 Mini-Fete! We especially enjoyed sock wrestling, sponge throwing and choosing toys from the White Elephant stall!



### Go4Fun

Go4Fun is a **FREE** 10-week healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 to enjoy along with their families. It is a fun way for kids to:

- Build confidence
- Reduce screen time
- Feel good by eating healthily
- Enjoy quality family time
- ★ Plus win prizes!

Term 1, 2024 programs will take place at:

- Niagara Park Stadium, starting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 4pm–6pm
- Lake Haven Recreation Centre, starting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 4pm–6pm (Aboriginal program for everyone run by Bungree Aboriginal Association)
- Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, starting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 4pm–6pm
- Go4Fun Online



To register, visit [go4fun.com.au](https://go4fun.com.au) or call 1800 780 900 or SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back.



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