

HOMENOTE

Respect. Responsibility. Ready To Learn.

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Term 1 Week 6		28 February 2023
	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 8 March	Disco – see more details inside our Homenote	
Friday 10 March	Clean Up Australia Day	

Hello Parents and Carers

What a wonderful week we have had! Our students, community and staff continue to work hard across our school. Our students are trying their best in all classrooms and have been setting their learning goals. We have had many of our community members help across our school, in our canteen and in covering our new reading decodables. If you have some spare time, please come along to help cover our new decodables in our hall from 9.15am. Money was donated from our P&C in 2022 and we would love to see them in rooms soon. Staff are constantly working to improve their practice and will be continuing their professional learning throughout this week in 'Data Days'. These days will allow our staff to work with our Assistant Principals Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs Renee Robertson and Mr Aaron Johnston. The focus of these days will include assessment and the new reforms in Literacy and Numeracy, which are being implemented across Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2).

What is an Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction (APC&I)? The NSW Department of Education has introduced a new APC&I position in all primary public schools with enrolments from Kindergarten to Year 6. This new leadership role is designed to work alongside Assistant Principals and Deputy Principals in providing high levels of support to teachers in literacy and numeracy. They will work collaboratively with the leadership team in the implementation of the new English and Mathematics Syllabus next year. The APC&I will provide guidance and professional learning to staff. They work alongside teachers in classrooms to enhance high quality teaching practices. This might look like demonstration lessons, team teaching or working with small groups of students in focussed literacy and numeracy tasks. Their role is dedicated to ensuring our students have strong literacy and numeracy knowledge. This year, we are fortunate to have Mrs Renee Robertson and Mr Aaron Johnston working in this role. As part of this role, they will be regularly sharing important information for families via the Homenote to keep you informed and up to date with the latest information and research regarding curriculum, teaching and learning, as well as practical strategies and ideas for supporting the success of your children at school and at home.

As you know, we conutinue to maintain our focus on improving our attendance. Attendance everyday matters! Please encourage your child to be an Ettalong Attendance Super HERO. We have been achieving our attendance goal of 90%! Go EPS! Please send your child to school EVERYDAY unless they are;

- -sick or have an infectious disease
- -have an unavoidable medical appointment that can't be made outside of school hours
 - -need to attend an urgent family occasion, such as a funeral.

If you require any support with your child's attendance, please contact our office. We are here to help.

Stay safe and have a great week! Jodie Campbell Rel. Principal



3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Ziggy W	KW	Lola McB
KZ	Percy McM	KL	Darcy K
1KH	Stevie CX	1H	Gia T
1T	Milya B	1/2A	Jaxon T
2M	Elizabeth P	2CH	Dean L
2\$	Alira A	3/4A	Ziggy S
30	Cooper G		Emma M
	Charlotte B	3H	Isla T
3T	Phoebe J-M		Beau M
	Emile H	4B	Violet R
4S	Isabella C		Blake S
	Jake B	4R	Emily W
5L	Mia H		Wilaaran L
	Navita H	5W	Christian R
6K	Haedyn E		Cooper B
	Ava R	6H	Sam h
6J	Bella-Maree B		Nakita VR
	Amelia M	K/6P	Taylor R

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

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Regan B-J	1H	Layne H	3H
Daisy H	3H	Amelia-Rose M	6J

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Matteo B 4B	Playground Positive
Ella P 1KH	Classroom Positive
Phoebe O 6J	Attendance Hero



GENERAL INFORMATION

Volunteers needed!

We are seeking volunteers to help cover books for our library of new decodable readers for the new K-2 English syllabus. If you can spare some time, we would greatly appreciate your help!

Book covering sessions will take place in the school hall each morning from 9:15am Tuesday, 28 February through to Friday 3rd March. Tea and coffee will be provided for our volunteers.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

When your child misses just	that equals	which is	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is	This means that the best your child can achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 % years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

SUPPORT NEWS

This week in K6JG, we looked at volcanoes in science. We conducted our own experiment and created erupting volcanoes using oranges, baking soda, food colouring and vinegar.





EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten had a very busy week! We have been reading the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and the students have completed many activities, including mapping the different events in the story and even going on their own bear hunt in the classroom. They now know the sight words 'I' 'can' and 'see' and we have been busy learning about patterns in maths. We are all very proud of how hard the Kindergarten students are working.







STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage One have had a very busy week. We have enjoyed learning about narratives and patterns. It has been great to return to holding our assemblies in the hall and becoming familiar with our School Song and National Anthem. Home reading has started up and looks a bit different for some Stage One students.







STAGE TWO NEWS

Stage 2 have been learning about creating their own Acknowledgement to Country. We have enjoyed listening to our Aboriginal Education Officer, Rheese, who has visited our classrooms in preparation of this.







STAGE THREE NEWS

Year 6 are extra busy carrying out roles to make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow. Each morning rostered

volunteers prepare a scrumptious breakfast for the Breakfast Club. Flag bearers raise and lower the flags each day. Sports House Captains collect house point results from each class on a Friday morning. The winning house is announced during Monday morning assembly.







P & C NEWS

Tickets to the 2023 MEGA Easter Raffle are now available. We will have more prizes than ever before and the first prize is MEGA. We'll be announcing all the prizes on 7 March.



The canteen will be open from 3pm on Wednesday 8 March serving disco treats.



Have you ever thought about volunteering in the Canteen? Volunteers are ALWAYS needed! Fill in this form and one of the canteen supervisors will get in contact with you. https://forms.gle/ejg6Dvy1DmZiQi1P6
As always join EPS P&C today https://forms.gle/vH8Jzpf21FLq7KqM7



