



# H O M E N O T E

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**Term 1 Week 7**

**7 March 2023**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 8 March	Disco – see more details on the flyer being sent home today. Our Facebook page has a list of foods available from the canteen during the disco.
Frid 10 March	Clean Up Australia Day – please send along gloves and bags to clean up our school.
Wed 15 March – Mon 27 March	NAPLAN window for Y3 and Y5 students
Wed 15 March	P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Wed 15 March	AECG meeting at 3:30pm
Thur 16 March	Year 7 2024 Information night at 5:00pm

Hello Parents and Carers



No doubt you have heard the expression, 'It takes a village to raise a child'. This week, we are saying thank you to our village!

Firstly, a HUGE thank you to Neil and the team at IGA Ettalong who presented our school with a cheque for \$1024.70 and some Easter Eggs for our upcoming P&C Raffle. The donation will go to purchasing some more readers for our Kindergarten and S1 students. We are so grateful!

Our P&C Vice President Mrs Jennifer Luke and our Secretary Ms Kylie Becker also dropped in with a cheque for \$10 000. This cheque is a result of all the contributions made towards our decodable readers. Thank you to our school community and P&C for supporting our learners.



We are also taking this opportunity to thank Bendigo Bank for their contribution to our Breakfast Club. Their support has enabled us to provide on average, 40 breakfasts a day. Here is a photo of some of the things they have donated as well as some crowd favourites such as honey, cream cheese spread and yogurt. Our Breakfast Club runs 5 days a week.

On every day so far this year, we have been achieving our goal of 90%! Go EPS! Attendance everyday matters! We are lifting our goal to 92%. A little shift can make a HUGE difference. Please encourage your child to be an Ettalong Attendance Super HERO. 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

## **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

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

**Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn**

Isla T	3H
Ziggy S	3/4A
Mia P	4S
Zalia G	5L
Blake G	6H

## **POSITIVE WINNER**

Kypton B 1H	Playground Positive
Dylan R K/6JG	Classroom Positive
Rafiq T 2S	Attendance Hero



## **FROM THE DESKS OF OUR APC&Is**

Since the beginning of the school year our K-2 teachers have been creating learning experiences for our students in line with the new English and Mathematics syllabus documents which are part of the NSW Curriculum Reform. Many of our teachers have experienced the transition to a new syllabus before, but this is not just a set of new outcomes for our students and teachers. This is a complete reform of the way we've taught English and Mathematics which is based on the latest research and evidence on developing core literacy and numeracy skills. As a result of these shifts in theory and practice, you may notice a number of changes to the way we teach reading, writing and numeracy skills in the classroom and how we recommend parents/carers support their child's learning at home. You can be rest assured that all of these changes are based on and guided by research and best practice advice.

We would love the opportunity to introduce our community to the new syllabus and what it looks like in our classrooms in greater detail, so we have created an Expression of Interest form for you to complete if you would be interested in attending an Information Session at school.

You can access the form via the link below <https://forms.gle/5RYBVLj79fMQ4cKt8>

## **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, 7 March through to Friday 10 March. Tea and coffee will be provided for our volunteers.

## **ATTENDANCE MATTERS.**

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g.attending a funeral)

The following are NOT valid reasons for absences and will be marked as 'unjustified or unexplained'

- your child or a family member's birthday
- a non-urgent family event or activity
- being tired / slept in
- refusal to attend
- no clean clothes / uniforms.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**  
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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 ½ 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

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

## HEAD LICE

Head lice have found their way into little heads again now that the weather has warmed up. Please check and treat your child's hair as required. Thank you for your assistance with this frustrating and persistent pest. If we all do our part, we can reduce the spread.

## SUPPORT NEWS

Restaurant Rosano's executive chefs (aka K6R) have been cooking up a storm this term.



## EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten enjoyed a wonderful lesson with Rheese, our amazing Aboriginal Education Officer this week! We danced, sang and listened to stories about being kind and respectful to others. We are so lucky to have Rheese share his cultural knowledge and expertise with us.



## STAGE ONE NEWS

Year 2 have been busy exploring and investigating shape and number patterns in Mathematics over the last two weeks. Students expressed their thinking and reasoning using mathematical language to help describe the different kinds of patterns they have made.





## STAGE TWO NEWS

4B has been demonstrating wonderful skills with spelling and are already mastering some really tricky words and sounds. They have been taking part in a number of various activities to help them become amazing spellers.



## P & C NEWS

### Easter Raffle

FOLLOW THE LINK TO GET YOUR TICKETS ONLINE

Get your tickets on My School Connect OR get friends and family involved with this QR code

2023 EASTER RAFFLE

**\$2**

### MAJOR PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT!

Win this 6kg Belgium Chocolate Bunny

Prize valued over \$350

Drawn 5th April 12pm

10 (or maybe more) prizes to be given away! Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram pages for a full prize breakdown.

Wed - 8 March

## Disco

Canteen Open 3pm

Headband/disco ears - \$2.50

Spiked wrist band \$3.50

Party Pack - \$5.50  
(2 small & 1 large hoop, glow stick & lanyard)

Glow stick & lanyard \$1.50

Wed - 8 March

## Disco

Canteen Open 3pm

- Mini Hotdog - \$2.50
- Garlic Bread - \$2
- Pizza Sub - \$2

(cheese, ham and cheese)

- Nachos - \$5
- Popcorn - \$1
- Jumpies - \$1.20
- Ice-cream - \$1.50 - \$2
- Jelly cup - \$1
- Fruit kebabs - \$1.50
- Glee - \$2.50
- Juice - \$2.50

Many hands make light work, join EPS P&C today <https://forms.gle/vH8Jzpf21FLq7KqM7>

### Did you know?

Last Friday the canteen had 100 lunch orders!!!  
Canteen Volunteers ALWAYS needed fill in this form and one of the canteen supervisors will get in contact with you.

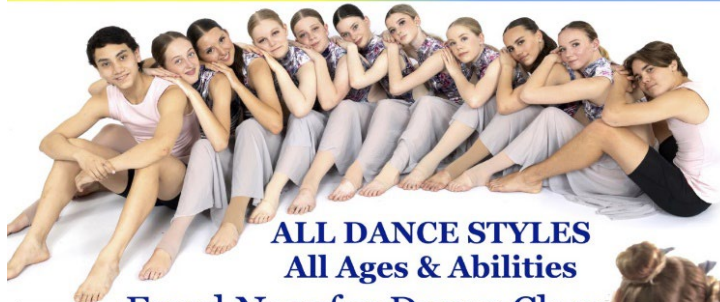
<https://forms.gle/ejg6Dvy1DmZiQi1P6>

The Canteen is ready to get the vibe going for the disco tomorrow!

Disco treats and glow sticks will be available from 3pm to keep the energy high.

**Cash sales only, no pre-ordering**

## Dancin' Mates!



**ALL DANCE STYLES**  
**All Ages & Abilities**

**Enrol Now for Dance Class**

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