



# H O M E N O T E

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**Term 1 Week 10**

**28 March 2023**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 March – 31 March	Online EO1 for High School
23 March – 5 April	Life Education
Tuesday 28 March	Sentral bookings close for Parent/Teacher interviews – please contact the school if you need assistance
Wednesday 29 March	Busy Bee afternoon – parents/carers are invited to assist with a clean-up around our grounds
Friday 31 March	Cross Country
Tuesday 4 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews – face-to-face
Thursday 6 April	ANZAC service Easter Hat Parade – 1pm – parents welcome Last day of school for Term 1
Wednesday 26 April	Students return for Term 2 learning

Hello Parents and Carers

Thank you to our P&C, volunteers and school community for all their efforts and assistance last Saturday. The 'Democracy Sausages', cake stall and Easter raffle were very well supported! Thank you if you made a cake, volunteered some time or supported the day. All proceeds from Saturday will go towards the purchase of more resources for our learners. What a terrific day!

We hope that the sun continues to shine for our students this Friday as they participate in the Cross Country Carnival at Ettalong Oval. Thank you to the many volunteers who have offered their time to help on the day. Mrs Scheffer has said that she has had over 10 responses, which is terrific! We really appreciate your support. The canteen will be offering a sausage sizzle back at school for our students to order.

Our students constantly impress us with their efforts in their learning, in the kindness that they show each other and in their efforts beyond the classroom. Last week Ethan T attended the Sydney North Swimming Carnival at Homebush and this week we have more students attending trials for the Central Coast Combined Rugby teams. Best wishes to Tyler, Ethan, Charlie, Dylan, Petrea and Koa Congratulations to Reuban, Ethan, Tyler and Nash who have made it through to the Sydney North trials in Rugby League. We are also very proud of Tyler who has been successful in being selected for the Sydney North Touch Football Team. This Friday at the Cross Country, we will be selling zooper-doopers to support any students participating at the Sydney North level.

You might remember that we featured Lily's participation in the World's Greatest Shave. Lily planned to make a 40cm hair donation to make wigs for cancer sufferers. We are also thrilled to let you know that Lily collected \$2483 to support this great cause and is now sporting a new hairdo! Congratulations Lily! You make a difference!

We have had a few Covid cases across the school. If you require any more RATs (rapid antigen tests), please pop into our office as we have some available.

Have a great week!

Jodie Campbell Rel. Principal



### 3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Logan H	KW	Laylah H
KZ	Leo K	KL	Leo V
30	Jai S	3T	Lily-Mae P
	Terrell P		Ethan P
3/4A	Tiago R	3H	Bentley B
	Bradley G		Sam S
4S	William H	4B	William H
	Joel S		Harrison C
K/6P	Ruby D	K/6A	Jett D
K/6JG	Zoe-Lee L	K/6R	Layten D

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

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### POSITIVE WINNER

Hayley W 2CH	Playground Positive
Bryah J 4S	Classroom Positive
Llew E K/6P	Attendance Hero

### FROM THE DESKS OF OUR APC&Is

#### Supporting Learning at Home

Over the past few weeks, we have highlighted some of the new changes happening in our classrooms when it comes to developing our student's literacy skills in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

With some major changes in what teaching looks like in our classrooms as part of the NSW curriculum reforms this has been a change for us to stop and reflect on how we encourage families to support their child's learning at home and as a result K-2 homework does look different, but there are still many great things you can do at home with your child to support their literacy development.

Here's so tried and tested strategies that work wonders.

- shared reading - modelling reading behaviours and a love of reading is priceless and taking the time to share a book together can make a huge difference. Make some time to read to your child at home and talk about the events in the story, the characters and the ways we can relate the story to our own lives.
- Word decoding - as your child learns to segment and blend words, they may bring home flash cards with words for them to practice segmenting and blending. Work with your child to beat their time each night at reading the words by breaking the word into phonemes "sounds" and blending the sounds together to read the word fast and fluently.
- Word encoding - when learning to write and spell words we need to shift the focus from memorizing a list of words to counting the phonemes (sounds) in words and how we record those sounds using graphemes (letters). For example, "how many phonemes do you hear in the word slip, let's count them, s-l-i-p (4). Now let's write those phonemes". If you have any questions about your child's homework or how you can support their reading at home, please reach out to your child's class teacher.

### SUPPORT NEWS

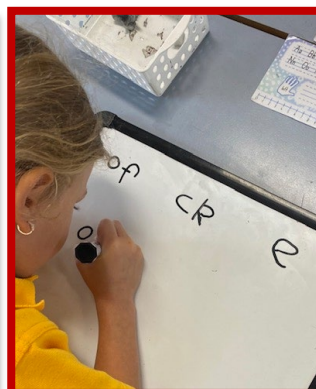
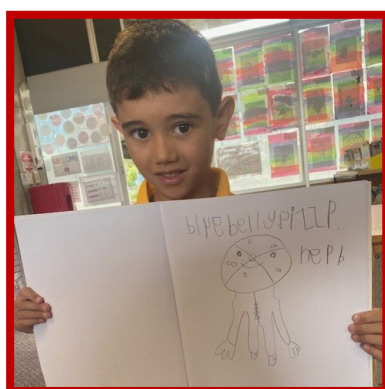
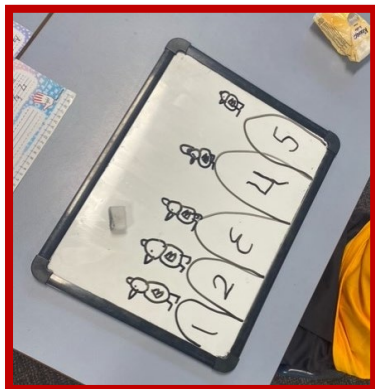
Throughout Term 1, K6A have been exploring and learning about the different planets in the solar system. This week we studied Jupiter and experimented with different art techniques to create our very own Jupiter craft.





### EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten have been having so much fun this week hearing our teachers read nonsense words in The Book with No Pictures, we created drawings of funny things from the book and made them with play dough too. We focused on the sounds ck and e, our sight words were of and on. In Numeracy we are learning to count to and represent the number 5 in different ways.

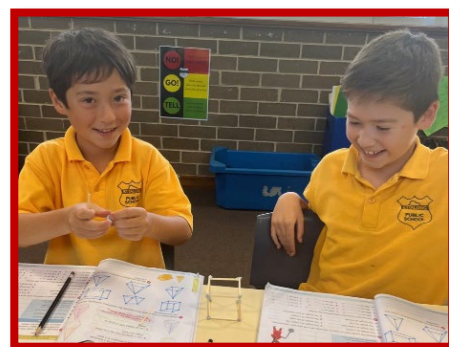


### STAGE ONE NEWS

Every Wednesday 1H get to go to the library and learn about different places in history or geography this term. They also get to borrow beautiful quality books from our extensive library. Please bring your library bag with your name on it so you can borrow a book. There's no app that replaces a lap when reading to your children. You can help by asking questions about the book, who the characters are and can they think of a different ending? You'll be amazed at their imagination.

### STAGE TWO NEWS

4R have had a great time learning all about 3D objects this week. After discussing the properties of common 3D objects, including faces, sides and vertices, students were able to construct their own models using matchsticks and blu tack. It didn't take us long to discover that some objects were harder to create than others!



### STAGE THREE NEWS

Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed participating in a netball skills workshop over the past four weeks, thanks to a sporting grant Kylie from Netball NSW has been upskilling our kids with defensive and attacking drills in the form of fun games. The most favourite of all the games has been the pizza game, where you must use speed, balance and your peripheral vision.



## P & C NEWS

**Thank you** for helping on the BBQ on Saturday. **Thank you** to these who donated cakes (ps – double the order for next time). **Thank you** for coming and buying a snag. **Thank you** to Stephen Wright & Greame Hutchinson for organising. **Thank you** to Kerry McMorow & Jennifer Luke for cake stall awesomeness. **Thank you** to McGrath Real Estate who donated \$300 for snags and **Thank you** to Mrs Campbell who was the first to arrive and the last to leave. Thanks: Dave, Billie, Nicole, Cody, Anthony S, Scott, Kimberly, Kerri, Rebecca, Naomi, Jackie, Malcolm, Anthony R.



Canteen will not be open for recess or lunch orders on Friday.  
Pre-order only on My School Connect.  
Orders close 9:15am Thursday.



### Get your tickets for the 2023 MEGA Easter Raffle 20 Prizes! Total prize pool OVER \$1000!!! On MSC

Look at those cute packs waiting for their new homes. It's not just chocolate we have vouchers from Fisherman's Wharf, D&R Witchard, Batty's Better Batter, Flip Out Gosford, Bayview Hotel, Andersons Boatshed, Bombora SUP, Cinema Paradiso and more. We'll have the big bunny out on show a few days this week at the canteen, come have a look! (Wed, Fri). Tickets are for sale through My School Connect.

We have a focus on beautifying EPS this year. But before you start with the fun stuff you have to clear the mess. The school is holding a working bee on Wednesday afternoon. We'd love to see you there.



**CENTRAL COAST CROSS COUNTRY**

Enjoy running!  
Run different tracks and trails!  
Meet people who share a passion for running!

*Join Central Coast Cross Country with those that love to run!*

1<sup>st</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> August each Saturday from 2:30pm  
Run different track locations all over the Central Coast.  
Most runs include stunning local bushland fire trails.

Distances to suit all. You set the pace.  
Each week 2km, 4km and 6km courses.  
You can run, walk or do a bit of both.

**Membership is free for 2023.**

Membership includes:  
all runs, running tag, club rego, digital results and insurance.

To register scan the QR Code.

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For further information and season program:  
www.centralcoastxcountry.com  
facebook.com/CentralCoastCrossCountryInc

Go4Fun is a FREE 10-week healthy wellbeing program for children aged 7 to 13 to enjoy along with their families. Please contact 1800 780 900.

Run by top trained health professionals, it's a fun way for kids to build self-esteem and learn about eating well, staying active and living a healthy life.



Term 2 2023 programs will take place at:

- 📍 Kincumber Indoor Sports Centre Tuesdays 4:00–6:00pm, starting 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- 📍 Gosford Olympic Pool, Wednesdays 4–6pm, starting 26<sup>th</sup> April (Aboriginal Program for everyone run by Bungree)
- 📍 Lake Haven Recreation Centre, Thursdays 4–6pm, starting 27<sup>th</sup> April

To register, visit [go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au) or call 1800 780 900.