



HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 2

6 February 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 6 Feb	First day of Kindergarten 2024 – Kindergarten will be finishing at 2.30pm until Friday February 16
Wed 7 Feb	Competitors only Swimming Carnival - Ages 8 and above
Monday 12 Feb	9am Whole School Assembly in the hall (not for Kindergarten 2024 – they will join us soon!)
Tues 13 Feb 'Meet and Greet'	2.20pm Meet and Greet for our Support Unit in K-6P's classroom 2.30pm Meet and Greet for Kindergarten in the library 3.15 - 4.00pm Welcome BBQ – share a sausage sizzle with our families and staff 4.15pm Meet and Greet our Stage 1 team in the Library
Thurs 15 Feb 'Meet and Greet'	3.30pm Meet and Greet our Stage 2 team in the Library 3.30 - 4.00pm Welcome BBQ – share a sausage sizzle with our families and staff 4.15pm Meet and Greet our Stage 3 team – in the Library

Hello Parents and Carers

A huge welcome to our new and returning students, community and staff! We are very excited to be returning back to school for 2024! The schooling journey is an exciting one and we will be working hard to facilitate improvements for all our learners. While we moved into classes on Thursday for Y1-6, all classes are subject to change until all our students return and our final numbers are compiled.

Tomorrow we will be holding our competitors only swimming carnival for students 8 years and older. The permission notes and payment were completed at the end of 2023. We are excited to be welcoming spectators and parent volunteers to the carnival! We wish all competitors the very best of luck and extend a big thank you to Mrs Jager for all her organisation.

Thank you to our invaluable Uniform Shop volunteers who worked tirelessly to have uniforms available for collection last week. A special thanks to Rebecca Hutchison. Our Canteen has been up and running too. Please use My School Connect website or make an order over the counter. All orders must be finalised and paid for by 9.15am. With the very limited number of volunteers, your assistance with ordering on time is VERY much appreciated.

Last week, our staff were kept busy undertaking professional learning in the new 3-6 syllabus in English and Maths, CPR and are ready to begin our year's journey of learning. As always, our dedicated staff are excited to be back!

There have been some staff changes across our school, and we are hoping to have a list of staff in next week's Homenote. You may have also noted at the front of today's Homenote – Dates For Your Diary – that we will be hosting two 'Meet and Greet' afternoons for parents/carers. In between the sessions, we will be offering time for our parents/carers to have a sausage sandwich and hopefully some time to meet each other too. These afternoons are not the time for individual parent meetings, if you need to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment via our office. If you cannot make the afternoon, any information will be distributed to your child the following day. A reminder note will be sent home this Friday, February 9 with the venues and further details.

Don't forget if you require support around our Sentral App, please contact our friendly office team. This year, all permission notes and reports will be issued via the app.

If your child receives externally funded service providers such as OTs, Speech Therapists etc, please let us know so that we can send you a 'Requesting an NDIS-funded therapy service for your child at a NSW public school' information pack. External Providers are required to complete a checklist, application and interview before commencing services. This is to ensure that the provider demonstrates that they have the necessary checks, protections and training in place. This is regulated by the NSW Department of Education.

Welcome back!

Jodie Campbell Principal

We Are Straight Into Our Learning.

Our students have got straight back into their learning. Dice, dominos and ten frames have been out for maths games, as we revise and practice through games. Lots of classes have had the texts and paints out to start to decorate and label the classroom. This is a great time of year as teachers create not only amazing learning experiences but incorporate lots of collaboration and open-ended tasks so that classes and teachers can form relationships and bonds for the year.



We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year at Ettalong full of new learning adventures and experiences. 2024 is going to be a great year.