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**Term 1 Week 4**

**20 February 2024**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 19-25	Bus Safety Week
Wed 21 Feb	AECG Meeting 3.30pm Mingaletta
Wed 21 Feb	EPS P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Thurs 22 Feb	5 Lands Photography for participating Y6 students
Tues 27 Feb	T1 Yarn Up at Ettalong Foreshore from 3pm
Friday 1 March	EPS Clean Up Australia Day
Wed 13 March	NAPLAN window opens for students in Y3 and Y5. We will be sending out further information for families in the coming days.

Hello Parents and Carers

Yesterday was the first afternoon of full-time attendance for our Kindergarten students. We are grateful for the support our families have offered their children during the early finish time and are grateful for the cooler weather this week as they move to longer days. Kindergarten have made a terrific start to this year, and they are already highly engaged in the activities in their classrooms and across the school.

We had a terrific response from our families at last week's 'Meet and Greet' and despite the storm on Tuesday afternoon, we made it to most classrooms without getting too wet! We have sent out the handouts via our website if you were not able to attend. Thank you to the families who also participated in the survey. We welcome feedback across our school as we strive to make improvements across our great school.

Last Friday we held our first K-6 assembly at 10.30am in our hall. We were thrilled to welcome our 2024 Kindergarten students and were VERY impressed at the great start they made. We have moved to this time to support our learners as they settle into school. We will continue to hand out Principal's Awards at these assemblies. Families are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to our swimming carnival participants and ribbon recipients! Last Thursday afternoon we congratulated our swimmers and announced our winning house. As you can imagine, our students were very excited!

We are holding our first P&C Meeting for this year on Wednesday evening here at school from 7.15pm. Along with the regular meeting agenda items, we will be sharing the Department of Education's updated Behaviour Policy and looking at the reporting guidelines.

We are currently updating medical plans for our students, if you haven't been contacted already, our office staff will contact you to complete a 2024 plan for your child. It is crucial that we have the most up-to-date information to support your child's medical needs.

**REPEAT:** 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.

Stay safe and have a great week!

Jodie Campbell Principal

### 3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
3M	Kalani M	3T	Sahara W
	Ivy H		Toby W
3/4B	Tye P	4R	Eadie M
	Lacie C		Skyler W
4S	Nate F	5H	Tyreek W
	Olive A		Lara B-M
5K	Jake B	5L	Kai D
	Oliver C		Anton C
6J	Dylan L		Connor M
	Marley Y	6H	Scarlet I
			Clayton G

### PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Ryan S 3T	Playground Positive
Elora C 5L	Classroom Positive
Coen C 1T	Attendance Hero

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

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Chloe N	1T	Olive A	4S
Abigail P	1S	Trent B	4R
Leo K	1S		

### P & C NEWS

Our first P&C meeting for 2024 is this coming Wednesday 21 Feb at 7:15pm in the school office. The EPS P&C welcome all parents and carers to attend. Visit our website for details <https://www.ettalongpandc.org.au/>

Shoutout to the P&C's wonderful Kim Fasher for securing a grant for a new freezer for our canteen, thanks so much Kim! Lots of exciting things are in store for 2024, so stay tuned - or contact us to get involved in events, planning and fundraising for our school ([eps pandc@gmail.com](mailto:eps pandc@gmail.com)).

### **Bus Safety Week reminds all road users to 'Be Bus Aware'**

Our school bus operator Busways is reminding all road users, parents, and students to 'be bus aware' as part of Transport for NSW's Bus Safety Week campaign, running Feb 19 - 25. Bus Safety Week, part of the 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, sees Governments, bus operators, and emergency services raise awareness about the importance of being safe in and around buses and spread the message to 'Be Bus Aware'. The initiative provides a timely reminder to parents to have a talk with their children about bus safety; to motorists when giving way to buses; to pedestrians to make sure they are alert of their SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS TOOLKIT – BUS SAFETY WEEK 2022 Page 3 of 4 surroundings; and to cyclists to ensure they can see where buses are. We all have a part to play in bus safety. The 'Be Bus Aware' campaign has been developed with input from Bus NSW, NSW Police and Transport for NSW. For more information on bus safety or to learn about Transport for NSW's 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, visit <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/> or visit the Busways website <https://www.busways.com.au/>.



# Kindergarten- Just look at us thrive!

Kindergarten have had a settled start to school. They are embracing new routines, making friendships, exploring exciting learning activities and developing a sense of belonging to Ettalong Public School. Our Kindergarten Teachers are looking forward to a fun filled term supporting our youngest students commence their learning journey.



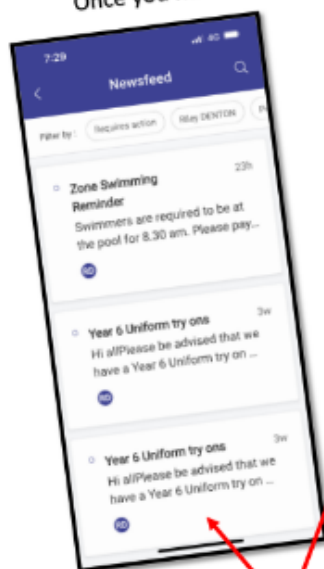




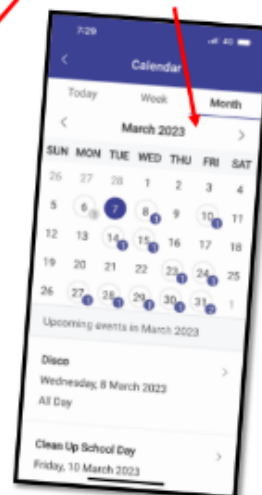
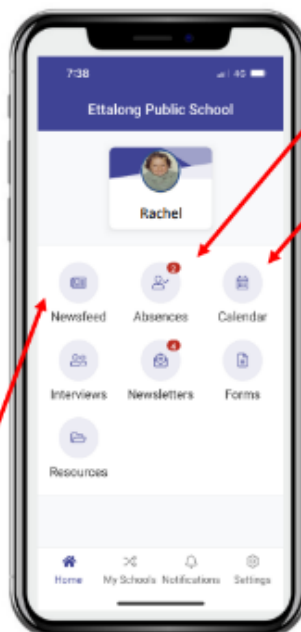
## Sentral Parent Portal

Download the app and sign up today!

Once you have registered – Call the school to request an access key



Stay up to date with the newsfeed reminders and information.



Find out what's happening at school ahead of time with the portal calendar.

Easily respond to your child's absence notifications when they have been away from



Easily be organised and send an absence notification ahead of time, if your child is going to be away from school.

## REGISTER NOW 2024 SEASON WITH WWJRLFC

Register for the following ages;

Mixed Tackle - U6 - U11

(If you turn 4 or 5 in 2024 you can play in u6)

Boys Tackle U12- U17

Girls League Tag U14 & U16

Girls Tackle U11, U13, U15 and U17

visit: [www.playrugbyleague.com](http://www.playrugbyleague.com)



For more information visit our Facebook page  
Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club  
or call/text or email

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## Autumn School Holiday Activities

COST: \$55 per day or \$32 half day

AGES: 5-12 years

TIME: AM 8:30am-12:30pm

PM 12:30pm-4:30pm

**BOOK NOW**



**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Please make sure you bring a water bottle, morning/afternoon tea, lunch, enclosed shoes

Mon 15th	AM Painting + Floor Is Lava   PM Archery + Tramp
Tues 16th	Meet My Squad Day AM Team Gym + Collaborative Art   PM The Amazing Race
Wed 17th	AM Free G + Giant Battleship   PM Boxing + Minute to win it
Thur 18th	AM Escape Room   PM Mini Golf & Melty Beads
Fri 19th	AM Bingo + Dance Party   PM Science + Tramp
Mon 22nd	Earth Day AM Poppy Flower Art + Tramp   PM Multi sports
Tues 23rd	AM Outdoor Activities   PM Gymnastics + Bingo
Wed 24th	AM Cookie Decorating + Tramp   PM Archery + Free G
Thur 25th	CLOSED
Fri 26th	AM Laser Tag + Craft   PM Dodgeball
Mon 29th	Healthy Heart Day AM Fitness Scavenger Hunt   PM Gymnastics + Laser Tag

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