



HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 5

27 February 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 27 Feb	T1 Yarn Up at Ettalong Foreshore from 3pm
Friday 1 March	EPS Clean Up Australia Day
Tues 12 March	Zone (Southern Central Coast) Swimming Carnival
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

The generosity of our community always astounds me! In the past couple of weeks, we have been very humbled by the kindest gestures! Firstly, thank you to our local Ettalong IGA. The store manager Dale contacted us to present us with a donation. He provided us with a cheque for \$943 which will go towards our Breakfast Club to purchase such things as yogurt and margarine, and they also donated some small 'Fruit Break' lunch boxes. We also want to thank Hope Unlimited Church Umina for their very generous donations of fruit and special treats for Breakfast Club and fruit breaks. Box Divvy Umina Beach Local Food co-op hub more than just fruit and vege, have also been very generous in donating free fruit and vegetables to our Breakfast Club and fruit breaks.



At our first P&C Meeting for 2024 we discussed reviewing our current reporting format. There will be opportunity for our families to give some feedback on the proposed changes and we thank our P&C Meeting attendees for their contributions last week. We also discussed the implementation of the curriculum reforms in Years 3-6. Our staff are working hard to unpack the new syllabus and to implement it for our students. This week each team will be participating in a Collaboration Day to focus on new curriculum, and this will also be our focus in Term 2's School Development Day. Our students are confidently sharing their learning so far and are very excited about it too!

Throughout the past weeks, we have had some VERY hot days. On these days, you may have noticed that your child may not be eating all the lunch that you have provided for them. This can also be aligned with starting a new year at school. Please be assured that there are designated eating times before playtime at recess and lunch times. I know that if your children are anything like mine, they might even eat their lunch in the afternoons when they get home or at after school care!

REPEAT: 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
1S	Liam L	1H	Sasha C
	Jasmyn G		Theo W
1T	Vance M	2C	Spencer F
2KS	Harley H		Grace G
	George C	2/3H	Zara M
K/6P	Connie G	K/6JR	Dylan R



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Thomas P	2C	Annabelle S	3T
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PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Zidan H 4R	Playground Positive
Evelyn R 3M	Classroom Positive
Lola Mc 1H	Attendance Hero

THIS WEEKS FEATURED CLASS IS 6H

2024 is proving to be a busy and exciting year in 6H. So far we have had the opportunity to attend the swimming carnival, participate in the 5 Lands Walk photography workshop, improve our AFL skills through the Sports in Schools program. Our focused novel is Storm Boy and we are enjoying learning about Colin Thiele's use of descriptive language. In maths we are stretching our problem solving skills. Included below is an example for you to solve.



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Using the numerals 0 to 9 once each. Solve the addition algorithm to make it true.



P & C NEWS

Save the date! EPS P&C AGM will be 7:15pm on Wednesday 13th March, all welcome as always. Upcoming events we would love your support on include the Easter Raffle, Disco (stay tuned) and Mothers Day Stall. We will be looking for volunteers to help with these events and welcome new and known faces!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Box Divvy Umina Beach Local Food co-op hub more than just fruit and veg. We also have bread/bakery, eggs, meat, seafood, dairy products, pantry items and cleaning products!

Box Divvy's aim is to change the food system - one box at a time. Connecting members with farmers, growers and likeminded businesses. Order what you want, choose how much you need! Save money, access fresher produce, reduce packaging, lower food miles and create community connections. Join our Tuesday or Thursday hub pickup or delivery. Please call or message Hollie Marshal with any questions 0432655366

Hi Lifeblood Supporter,

One in three people in Woy Woy will need blood during their lives — and without amazing locals like you spreading the word, that blood may not be there at the crucial moment.

As someone who has been such a fantastic advocate already, you're in an ideal position to let as many people as possible know that we'll be rolling in at:

Woy Woy Mobile Blood Donor Centre

Tuesday 19 March 10:00am to 3:30pm

Woy Woy Hospital

Hydrotherapy Pool car park

Kathleen St, Woy Woy 2256 NSW

Got a bit of time next week? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Woy Woy will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town on 19 March. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at Lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.

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.

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

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

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

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.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



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Make friends



Build skills through fun



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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!

