



HOLGATE NEWS

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Principal's Report

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

Erina High School Stage 2 and 3 Opening Evening

Reminder that Erina High School have invited all Stage 2 and 3 students and families to The Erina High School Open Evening on Wednesday March 5 5:30pm – 7:30pm. The evening will commence in the MPC and be followed by a guided tour of the school.

Swimming Carnival

Due to the inclement weather our Swimming Carnival will be tomorrow Thursday 27 February. Thank you to Mrs Nguyen and staff for your organisation. Looking forward to a great afternoon.

School Excellence Plan Consultation

Thank you to those parents and carers who engaged in the consultation café afternoons last week. Next Monday, 3 March at 7pm at the P&C will be the last opportunity for consultation. This process has included valuable feedback from students, teachers, support staff, parents, and carers. The School Excellence Plan will be finalised and uploaded to our website by the end of term.

Best Start Assessments Kindergarten

Best Start assessments will be sent home to parents to provide insights into their child's early learning by the end of the week. This information will help parents understand their child's strengths and areas for development as they transition into school. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Mrs Papps.

Goal Setting

Teachers will be working with students over the coming weeks to set learning goals. We are really encouraging student voice in the development of these goals. We encourage you to talk to your child / ren when you receive these. These will be shared with you in Skool Bytes. If you wish to discuss these further, please contact your classroom teacher.

Additional Support Plans

If your child/ ren requires an additional support plan, teachers will be in contact with you over the coming weeks.

Student Leadership

Over the last few weeks, I have had student, teacher and parent questions around current student and future student leadership requirements and retention. Please see the requirements below.

For Year 5 Students 2025

Selection Criteria for Nominations

Students will be eligible for nomination if:

1. They do not receive three planning room notification notes throughout Year 5.
2. They are not given a Warning of Suspension or a Suspension throughout Year 5.
3. They follow and uphold the Positive Behaviour for Learning values and expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.
4. They wear their school uniform with pride and participate in all relevant school activities to their best ability.

For Year 6 Students 2025

Retention Criteria for School Leadership

Holgate Public School expects its leaders to model the Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations and values. The school will revoke a leadership position if they:

1. Receive two planning room notification notes in one term.
2. Receive a warning for suspension or suspension for inappropriate classroom or playground behaviour.
3. At the Principal's discretion for unacceptable behaviour.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Join us for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and P&C meeting on Monday, 3 March at 7pm. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to engage with the school and community, discuss key initiatives, and contribute to the growth of our school and community.

Teacher Leave Term 1

Mrs Dowling will be taking leave Week 7 Monday 10 to Friday 14 March with Mrs Anna as her replacement.

Mrs Nguyen will be taking leave Week 8 and 9 Tuesday 19 March through to Friday 28 March with Mrs Anna as her replacement.

Mrs Nunn

Mrs Nunn will be returning one day a week from Thursday 5 March teaching RFF.

Library Open!

Our school library will be opening Week 6 Thursday 5 March for the second half of lunch. This is exciting, and I hope to expand the use of the library further as the year progresses.

Clean Up Australia Day

Tuesday 4 March we are engaging in Clean Up Australia Day! The students will engage in a small environment activity in their classrooms followed by school clean up.

Road Safety

Please see inserted in the newsletter a reminder of school traffic and parking around school grounds.

Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- ✓ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ✓ **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- ✓ A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



**THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP
HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP
BUT YOU MUST**

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY

- ✓ A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



- ✓ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.



Other times when you must not stop

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

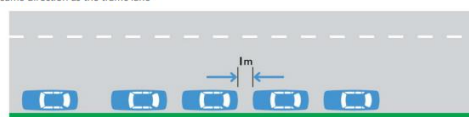
- Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- Across a driveway or footpath
- On a median strip or traffic island
- On footpaths and nature strips
- On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- Within an intersection
- Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless signposted otherwise



- In Bus Stop, Bus Zone, Taxi Stand or Taxi Zone signed areas
- At least one metre from any other parked vehicle, close as possible and parallel to the kerb, and facing the same direction as the traffic lane



- Within three metres of any double centre lines
- Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop

Adherence to signposting, linemarking and road rules around your school will assist in providing a safe environment for the school community and residents.



NAPLAN preparation

Just a reminder that this year's NAPLAN assessment will take place from Wednesday 12 March to Tuesday 18 March. Tuesday 18 March will be used as a 'catch-up' day for any students absent earlier in the week. Please see dates below:

- Wednesday 12 March – Year 3 & 5 Writing
- Thursday 13 March – Year 3 & 5 Reading
- Friday 14 March – Year 3 & 5 Conventions of language
- Monday 17 March - Year 3 & 5 Numeracy
- Tuesday 18 March – Year 3 & 5 Absenteeism catch up

Mrs. Burke is working in small groups with all Year 3 and 5 students in NAPLAN preparation. In these groups students will focus on both the skills needed to navigate the NAPLAN online format and the foundational literacy and numeracy skills in reading, spelling, grammar, writing, and problem-solving in maths. Students will be well-equipped for the assessments.

If you have any specific questions or need further information regarding NAPLAN preparation, feel free to ask!

A few parent tips leading up to NAPLAN can be:

1. **Encourage Regular Reading:** Support your child's literacy skills by encouraging regular reading. Discussing books and asking questions about the story can enhance comprehension.
2. **Practice Writing:** Provide opportunities for your child to write regularly. This could include keeping a journal, writing letters, or crafting short stories. Focus on spelling, grammar, and structure.
3. **Engage with Maths:** Incorporate maths into daily activities, such as cooking or shopping, to practice problem-solving skills. Use games and puzzles to make learning fun.
4. **Use Online Resources:** Utilise the online practice tests and resources available on the NAPLAN website. These can help your child become comfortable with the test format.
5. **Maintain a Routine:** Establish a positive study routine leading up to NAPLAN, allowing for regular review without overwhelming your child.
6. **Promote a Positive Mindset:** Encourage a positive attitude towards the test. Remind your child that it's an opportunity to show what they have learned, not just a measure of their ability.
7. **Ensure Well-Being:** Make sure your child is getting enough rest, eating well, and managing stress. A balanced lifestyle can greatly impact performance.
8. **Talk to Teachers:** Stay in communication with your child's teachers for insights into their progress and any specific areas where they may need extra support.
9. **Be Supportive:** Provide reassurance and support. Let your child know that you believe in their abilities and that you are proud of their effort, regardless of the outcome.

These strategies can help create a supportive environment that fosters learning and confidence in preparation for NAPLAN.

Warm regards,

Vanessa Gordon Proud Principal



School News

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Twilight Swimming Carnival		Thursday 27 February 5-7pm	
P&C Annual General Meeting		Monday 3 March	7pm in the staffroom
Clean Up Australia Day		Tuesday 4 March	
Erina High School Open Night	3,4,5 & 6	Wednesday 5 March 5.30-7pm	

This newsletter is published in Weeks, 2, 5 and 8. The next on Wednesday 19 March 2025

The next assembly is on Friday 7 March 2025 at 2pm in the school hall.

Administration

Enrolment Cards

Enrolment Cards for 2025 were sent home at the beginning of the year. Can you please complete and return them to the Office as soon as possible please. Thank you to the families that have returned them already.

Permission to Publish – School Bytes Form

Permission to Publish forms have been sent via School Bytes. A reminder has been emailed today for those whose still need to respond, can you please complete this at your earliest convenience. Thank you to the families that have already completed the form.

P & C

Holgate School canteen is open every Friday for Recess and Lunch. Thank you to all those who have volunteered and helped out with our small canteen. For those wanting to volunteer and help pack lunches and serve the kids Ice Blocks please let me know on 044 7020823. One volunteer is needed every Friday between 12.15 and 1.45.

A reminder on how to order. Either:

Clearly write your child's name, class, and order on a brown paper bag and your child will place it in the lunch tub in the morning.

Alternatively order over the spriggy app before 8.30 am Friday.

<https://www.spriggyschools.com.au/get-the-spriggy-schools-app>





Holgate Primary School
Before and After School Care
Subject to regulatory approval*

Coastwide Child and Family Services are thrilled to be the new Outside of School Hours onsite Provider for Holgate Primary School.

School Terms - Monday to Friday:
Morning - 6.30am - 8.30am
Afternoon - 2.30pm - 6.00pm

The Coastwide team look forward to meeting our Holgate families as at Term 1 - 2025

From as little as \$3 per session with Child Care Subsidy (CCS) approval



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U10S, U11S, U12S: \$30 U13S: \$70
U14S, U15S, U16S, U17S: \$170
U13 GIRLS: FREE U15 GIRLS: \$100

Come play rugby league with the Central Coast's oldest footy club.
 For more information, email: presidentourimbahjuniors@gmail.com
 Or to register, go to playrugbyleague.com and follow the links to Ourimbah-Wyoming JRL





2025 JNR REGO STILL OPEN
COME PLAY!

TEAMS
 AUSKICK
 U9 MIXED
 U11 MIXED AND GIRLS
 U13 MIXED AND GIRLS
 U15 BOYS AND GIRLS
 U17 GIRLS AND BOYS

COST: \$200
SIBLING DISCOUNT 10%
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REGISTER @ PLAYHQ

MARCH 5TH, 6TH & 7TH

3 DAYS ONLY

20% OFF EVERYTHING*

INCLUDING SCHOOLWEAR



ZERO AND REWARDS CARD HOLDERS
USE YOUR CARD AT CHECKOUT

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NO INTEREST EVER	5% INSTANT SAVINGS	5% REWARDS POINTS	SHOP NOW PAY LATER
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Australian
Air League
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JOIN NOW

NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING





Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

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THE
Date



**GOSFORD CITY HOCKEY CLUB'S
COME & TRY AFTERNOONS**

**TUESDAY 25TH FEB
TUESDAY 4TH MARCH
5:30PM-6:30PM**

**CENTRAL COAST HOCKEY
FIELDS**



