



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

Term 3 Week 10

24 September 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Mon 23 Sept	Stage Three to Canberra
Thurs 26 Sept	Stage Three students return from Canberra
Fri 27 Sept	Last day Term Three
Mon 14 October	Students and staff return for Term Four

Dear Parent and Carers

Kindergarten enrolments for next year are increasing which is a reflection on our wonderful whole school community that we are the school of choice for so many families. We envisage having at least four Kindergarten classes again next year with each class having approximately twenty students in each, the recommended number for optimum learning.

Congratulations to the many students who have received Principal's Awards this term. It is my absolute pleasure to present these children with their well-deserved certificates. We have a fabulous cohort of students who work hard to do their best at school and to make their families proud of them and I am very happy to recognise their efforts. Term Three Reward Days will be held this week for those invited students who consistently follow our 3Rs.

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to our beloved rooster, Braith last Thursday. From memory, Braith arrived at our school as a nameless, homeless bird around ten years ago, quickly being given the name Braith, after Braith Anasta, a proud Roosters player. Students kept a protective eye over Braith and he was a treasured part of our school, often visiting classrooms and taking pride of place in photographs. Some years ago a dog wandered into our playground and grabbed Braith but a quick thinking parent rushed him to a vet and within a few days, he was back amongst friends. Alas, Braith was not so fortunate last week. A stray, collarless dog, white in colour, thin and 'dingo like' to look at, grabbed Braith and frightened him to death. Thankfully, Braith was not savaged but he was an old bird who was too slow for the dog. Gosford pound has been advised of this incident.

Don't forget school photos will be taken on Tuesday 22 October and Wednesday 23 October. Photo envelopes were sent home last week and can be returned, with payment, anytime until our designated photo date. If paying online, please read the instructions on the envelope as POP payment is *not* an option.

Stage Three students are currently enjoying touring around our nation's capital city, Canberra. This is a terrific excursion, filled with activities during the days and evenings, with very little down time for anyone. Organising teachers have tried to ensure the students will have a wonderful time learning whilst they have fun visiting the many attractions available. This is what memories are made of. Students and staff had to be at school at 5.20am yesterday so it was an early start for many! Everyone was on time, thank you for a huge effort so early in the morning.

NAPLAN results were sent home last week. Please see your child's teacher if you have concerns or questions.

Have a safe holiday. I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Lynn Balfour

Principal.

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KA	Hawk M	KR	Frankie F
	Aaliyah M		Cadence G
KZ	Georgia H	KM	Cali R
	Maximus M		Henry G
1H	Archie W	1P	Mia G
	Matthew J		Blake M
1L	Sienna W		Kirra G
	Flynn M	2P	Indianna M
			Kayleb L-W
2S	Ava R	2C	Braxton L
	Shjon W		Mason Q

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to these students who consistently demonstrate the 3Rs

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Mia H	1H	Indianna M	2P
Breanna K	4S	Blake M	1P
Alex W	5B	Henry G	KM
Trinity T	2/3R	Georgia H	KZ
Madison C	2C	Ava Roach	2S
Archer T	2/3R	Flynn M	1L
Kory W	KZ	Shjon Wetere	2S
Aaliyah M	KA	Kloeh H	5B

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Leilani McMorro	5J
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GENERAL INFORMATION



Ethics teachers

It was great to hear that two of Ettalong's volunteer Ethics teachers, Kim Sutton (Year 4) and Linda Ferguson (Year 6) have been recognised at the NSW Volunteer of the Year Award for the Central Coast region. Each week our committed Ethics teachers deliver lessons to more than 100 students across all stages at Ettalong. Ethics classes aim to help the children develop the skills of critical thinking, viewing ethical issues from different angles, carefully listening to what others have to say and disagreeing respectfully. Ethics classes can be taught by parents, carers, grandparents, other family, or members of the community. If you would like to consider volunteering for Ethics or know someone who may be interested, please contact our Ethics coordinator (and Ethics teacher) Linda Ferguson on 042 8888 742.

HEADSTART

Have you enrolled your child for Kindergarten 2020?

Our Headstart program for children beginning Kindergarten in 2020 commences Thursday 24th October from 9:20am-10:50am.

The program runs for 6 consecutive Thursdays and there are parent information sessions held each week for you to learn about life at our school. We would love to see you there.

Information packs have been sent out to those that have already returned their enrolment forms.

Please contact the office for further information.



P & C NEWS

The P&C are currently conducting a survey to find out what the school community is thinking about and to collect any ideas/thoughts that you may have. The survey is completely anonymous and will only take a couple of minutes to complete.

The following link will take you to the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y3V8RMV

Thank you for those who have already completed it.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Woy Woy Wombats Water Polo

REGO DATES

Online from Monday 23rd September

Please go to our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/158936447483851/>

or Website for more information:

https://www.revolutionise.com.au/woywoywombats/home/?fbclid=IwAR3gkeTchChXcOnMyp3yROGiHuiDgtmxVomux_AUKpwSee2p14NUBbnvegQ

COME & TRY

Saturday 28th September 10am - 12 noon @ PLC Woy Woy

Thursday 17th October 7pm- 8.00pm @ PLC Woy Woy



CENTRAL COAST
KIDS DAY OUT
at NARARA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

**Sunday
3rd Nov
10am-3pm**

celebrating ME

KIDS SHOWS, SPORTS & GREAT ENTERTAINMENT, STALLS, INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS/ACTIVITIES
encouraging our children
to have a strong sense
of identity & self worth

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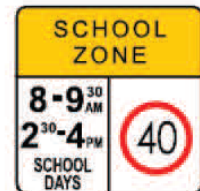
This being our 20th year we would like to thank our past and present sponsors.



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.

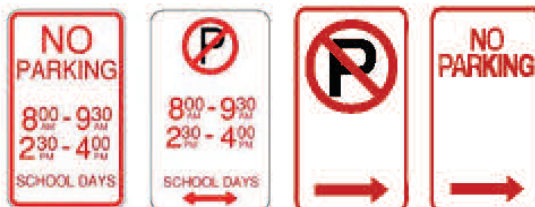
- ✓ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ✓ **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.

