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Term 4 Week 6

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Mon 18 Nov	Year Six Surf Awareness program
Thur 21 Nov	Year Five Surf Awareness program; Headstart
Fri 22 Nov	Bushfire relief fundraiser \$2 ice blocks
Mon 25 Nov	Year Six high school transition
Tues 26 Nov	Student leaders 2020 speeches
Thurs 28 Nov	Kinder Orientation (final Headstart)
Fri 29 Nov	Stage Two excursion to Rumbalara

Dear Parent and Carers

Can you believe we are now half way through term four and heading at full speed towards Christmas? As well as completing the teaching of curriculum topics, teachers are currently finalising Semester Two student reports and planning end of year activities. Stage Two students are looking forward to their excursion to the educational environment centre at Rumbalara and many Stage Three children will complete the Surf Awareness course at Umina Beach this week.

Last Friday, applications closed for our ten student leadership positions in 2020. The applicants are outstanding so I can imagine how fantastic their speeches will be! We are so fortunate here at EPS to have such a fabulous group of students to become school leaders next year. Of course, we also have House Captains and Vice Captains who will be voted for when the school leaders' votes have been counted, and elected SRC representatives from Years Two to Six are also considered leaders.

This Friday we will be holding a fundraiser for the NSW Rural Fire Service. The P&C, along with Indy in Year Five who suggested this initiative, will sell ice blocks on Friday for \$2 each. All money collected will go directly to the Rural Fire Service so please let your child have a little treat so we can show our appreciation and support this wonderful group of firefighters.

The technology committee has been able to order more new smartboards for classrooms after finalising their yearly budget. They received a terrific surprise when placing the order with the price of the screens dropping since our last, recent order. Teachers and students are thrilled with the quality of the new screens and hopefully, we can replace even more old boards, early in the new year.

Students and staff were treated to an excellent performance by Lemuria and the ukulele group last Friday. The ukulele group's first ever performance was on Grandparents' Day and it was so successful, we invited them to play at the whole school assembly so all of our students could see and hear them. Lemuria sang beautifully so the whole performance was a delight. Our thanks go to Jade H from last years' Year Six who donated the money to purchase the ukuleles, to promote music within our school. Jade earned the money by busking, so it was extremely generous of her and we are very thankful.

Headstart for Kinder 2020 continues on Thursday and then the following week, 28 November, will be our Kindergarten Orientation. We have been able to plan ahead due to the number of children already enrolled for next year and this helps considerably. Conversely, it also assists if we know which families will not be returning next year due to a change of address. This too, greatly assists with organisation.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

## 3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KA	Colby M	KR	Cailin P
	Harris F-H		Addison M
KZ	Anarchy H	KM	William H
	Alyssa S		Blake S
1H	Scarlet I	1P	Maya S
	Matthew M		Amber S
	Hunter B	2C	Nikita V-R
1L	Christian R		Lila R
	Nahlia K	2P	Violet O
2S	Torban C		MJ L
	Azealia K	2/3R	Tyler P
	Maddison B	K/6P	Avelyne McB
K/6JL	Jayden H		Emma H

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

### PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Congratulations to these students who consistently demonstrate the 3Rs

**Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn.**

Joey G	3W
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Koa G	1H	Brae G	4T
Summer C	2/3R	Shaqkane F	5J
Harper C	3M	Cheyenne T	5B
Laylah B	3M		

## GENERAL INFORMATION

2P have been writing haiku, cinquain and rhyming poetry. Here are some cinquain poems.

**Unicorn**  
 Pretty, colourful  
 Running, jumping, trotting  
 They are so magical  
 Cute  
 By Mia

**Friends**  
 Nice, kind  
 Playing, smiling, laughing  
 They're hilarious, helpful, silly  
 Friendship  
 By Indi

## HEADSTART

### Headstart- 21 November

Thank you to all of the 2020 students and their parents who attended our fourth Headstart last Thursday. We hope your children enjoyed the new playground equipment, playing games and constructing with toys.

This week, our fifth session will take place with the children touring around the school and tracing their names and making a collage of their names. Please take your children to the silver seats outside the Kindergarten rooms where their names will be marked off and their name badges will be given out. This week in the library, Tracy Mee a speech therapist will be focusing on how speech affects all aspects of literacy as our fifth parent information session. Please join us.

On Thursday, 28 November, the children will be attending our Orientation Assembly where all of the parents are invited to see their children sing and receive their participation certificates. This will be our last Headstart week and we are hoping to see you all there. We value your attendance and your ongoing support and are looking forward to working together next year.

Anne Smith  
 Assistant Principal



## P & C NEWS

### Christmas Carols BBQ

This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and as such require lots of volunteers to help make it a successful event. We would love to get some volunteers from every year group and if we get enough volunteers it means each parent would only need to do a 30min time slot. We will be sending out a sign up sheet shortly.

### Fundraising Projects

We are currently considering installing Industrial Fans in the hall for the next major fundraising project. We sourcing quotes and will put it forward for a vote in the new year.

### Uniform Shop

Please remember to get your order forms in for next year as soon as possible.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## **PARENTING TIPS**

### **Preparing your child for high school**

Entering high school can be just as daunting for parents as it is for a child. It is a huge time of change, and coupled with the fact that starting secondary school often coincides with the onset of puberty, it can be quite a roller-coaster ride.

Spend as much time as you can reassuring your child that they do not have to face this change alone and that it will be, for the most part, a positive experience. Avoid sharing any horror stories you may have experienced as a teenager in high school – these will not help your child. Rather, recall any positive experiences you had, especially if you made life-long friends at high school.

Organisation is crucial to helping your child cope well with entering high school. Those students that are well organised have a much better chance of settling in those first few weeks of secondary school.

Here are some tips for preparing your child for high school:

Ensure your child has everything they need for high school well before school starts for the year

Having items missing at the beginning of the year will frustrate not only your child but the teachers. Ensure they have enough books to write in for each subject and always have spares on hand at home.

Practise using public transport if your child is using it for the first time

For many students, changing schools means they may now have to travel on buses or trains for the first time. Help them to familiarise themselves with the bus/train timetable and offer a contingency if they miss their transport. If possible, practise the trip during the holidays.

Set up a designated study space in the home

This tip is so important as so many children don't have a specific area set up to allow them to quietly complete their homework. The bedroom is not recommended as this is purely a space for sleeping and relaxing. Use any area that is reasonably quiet and well lit. Set up a desk with a computer, if possible, along with stationery items.

Set up a high school parent folder

This will be a place to file all correspondence so that you can know exactly what is happening for your child at high school, including important dates. If you know what is going on at school, you will be able to help your child feel in control and stay organised. I cannot recommend this highly enough. As a parent you really need to stay on top of school information, at least until your child has established their own routine and systems for staying organised at school.

Encourage healthy sleeping patterns at least one week before starting high school

If your child has got into a holiday habit of staying up late and waking up at lunch time, they will get a rude shock come first day of school when their sleeping patterns are all out of whack! Get your child into 'school routine' for sleeping during the final week of the holidays.

Keep your child's high school in the loop

Inform your child's new school if they have special needs or learning difficulties. Teachers will benefit from being made aware of any particular needs or special circumstances that will help them in working with your child. If there are any specific family issues that might affect your child's ability to settle into high school, communicate these to your child's class or home-room teacher as soon as you know who they are. Never underestimate the importance of keeping the lines of communication open with your child's school.

Michael Grose Presentations.