



ETTALONG  
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HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 9

26 March 2019

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wed 27 Mar	Year One sharks and rays excursion
Thurs 28 Mar	Sydney North Swimming Carnival
Fri 29 Mar	Get Your Jive On fundraiser @ The Rhythm Hut Gosford Earth Hour 10.30 – 11.30 at school
Mon 1 April	Parent/Teacher interviews commence
Fri 5 April	Hair Raising fundraiser Kids with Cancer
Tues 9 April	Combined scripture service
Wed 10 April	Cross Country carnival
Thurs 11 April	State swimming carnival
Fri 12 April	ANZAC assembly; State swimming; Easter Hat Parade; Last day Term 1.

Dear Parents and Carers

A huge thank you to our P&C for donating \$15,000 towards the new K-2 equipment. Another \$2000 was donated by the Ettalong branch of the Bendigo Bank and \$300 by the Woy Woy Euchre Club. We are extremely grateful for their generosity in supporting their local community. Add these to the funds raised at our Fun Day last year and we have been able to order new musical instruments and an excellent new climbing set more conducive to younger students.

The Election Day cake and hot food stalls provided more funds for our P&C to support your children so I thank those who were able to assist both in organising beforehand and who worked on the stalls on Saturday. Watch for the Easter raffle tickets that will soon be available for our fantastic Easter raffle, drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

Our whole school assembly was a sea of orange last Friday as we celebrated Harmony Day. Each year on March 21 we celebrate living together in harmony but this year, after the horrendous, recent tragedy in New Zealand, it was even more important to encourage respect for and tolerance of, each other. Our choir sang the song 'A Million Dreams' beautifully, as always and it was lovely to see so many children in the audience, singing along.

Also at our assembly last Friday, students who form our Student Representative Council proudly received their SRC badges. These children are a credit to their parents and our school, and we congratulate them on being elected by their peers as their class representative.

Teachers will this week participate in further professional learning and lesson planning for term two. Release from face to face teaching time will be incorporated into planning sessions allowing teachers to organise future quality, engaging lessons.

Concerns have been expressed recently about students crossing local roads around our school. Please remind your children to be careful and sensible when crossing any road but especially as they walk to and from school. Students who need to cross Barrenjoey Road are requested to cross at the pedestrian crossing where a 'lollipop person' is located.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

## 3R's AWARDS

2/3R	Emma I	3M	Ashley A
	Caden K		Dason C
	Jennifer G		Ben J
4J	Savannah S	4T	Acacia B
	Davis S		Finn M
	Chelsea C		Hadil A
5B	Kazu R	4S	Dakota D
	Jules J		Bridget O
	Rhiannon D		Shaman J
5/6L	Emily O	5J	Sophie G
	Jaxon S		Ellie B
	Laylani V-P		Mehak C
6H	Morgan F	6C	Lara C
	Maria N		Sam S
	Nathan L-T		Jacob W
		K/6B	Tom T

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

**Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn**

Zoey H
Matthew J
Jules J

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Parent-Teacher interviews will operate between Monday 1 April and Monday 8 April, 2019. Interviews are in 10 minute intervals or 30 minutes for students in the support classes. **Online bookings close at 6pm tomorrow** and will close at 6pm on Wednesday 27 March, 2019. Phone interviews are available. Step by step instructions for online bookings have gone home with today's HomeNote. To make an online booking, go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code>

1. Enter the EVENT CODE: **utaxg** (it must be lowercase) press GO.
2. Enter your email address
3. Enter YOUR full name
4. Select how many children you have at EPS
5. Enter their name/s
6. From the drop down menu, select each child's class (double check you have the correct class for each child)
7. Make a selection from the available days and times

Interviews can also be booked via the paper booking sheets and should be given directly to your child's teacher.

To make a booking, please enter the event code:

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*Your school provides the event code, usually in a link in a newsletter or on their website. If you've already booked, the confirmation email we sent you also contains a link.*

## P & C NEWS

The Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall held on Saturday was very successful.

We would like to thank the team of volunteers that helped plan the event and those who gave up their time to help on the day.

We would also like to thank the Broken Bay Scouts and Venturers for their continued and valuable support.

To those that donated something to sell at the cake stall, it all looked delicious and everything was sold by midday!!

Next week we will be sending out tickets for the Easter Raffle so please keep your eye out for them. This will be drawn on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April which is the last day of term.

Our next meeting will be held at 9.15am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The position of President is currently vacant so if you are interested in the role please contact us at [epsandc@gmail.com](mailto:epsandc@gmail.com) and we can provide you with a role description.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Special thanks to Joanne and Robyn for their extra help with our Harmony Day lunches. It was very hectic, most importantly all the children had something to eat.

Feel free to drop in to the canteen if you wish to join our team of helpers.

Our new menu is on yellow paper and is ready, if you haven't got one you can collect from canteen or front office.

Special thanks to Belinda Matwijow for her generous donations.

**Breakfast club needs your help.** If you can donate honey or cheese spread, please drop into canteen.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**PATONGA BEACH EASTER FETE**

**EASTER SATURDAY, 20th APRIL, 2019**  
PATONGA HALL \* BRISK STREET \* PATONGA  
9.00 am - 1.00pm



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## Recycle and win Community Garden Competition.

We are participating in this year's TerraCycle competitions and need your help.

During the competition period, schools will earn Garden Points by sending specific waste items to TerraCycle for recycling, and by earning online votes from the community.

1 unit of oral care waste = 10 Garden Points

1 online vote = 1 Garden Point

### Why are we doing this?

-By collecting these items and returning them we accumulate points. At the end of the competition period, the schools with the most garden points will win a recycled garden pack worth \$6000.

### How can you help?

- ✚ By collecting oral health waste including old toothbrushes, used toothpaste tubes, cardboard and plastic packaging of new oral health items and floss containers. Then depositing them in the collection box in the front office, you will be helping our school collect garden points.
- ✚ The collection box in the front office (*large box covered in toothbrushes, near the fish tank*) is for students, staff and community members to donate their waste products. We will be collecting oral health products from now until September as well as bonus products throughout the year for short periods of time.
- ✚ Please help by voting for our school at the following link and sharing the link with family and friends.  
<https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting>
- ✚ Every vote helps us get a little closer to the win.

We are lucky to have a large school community so hopefully this will mean lots of donated products and votes.

