



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 5

26 February 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 26 Feb	School banking commences
Sat 9 Mar	Working Bee 8.30am – 10.30am
Tues 12 Mar	Zone swimming carnival
Wed 13 Mar	P&C AGM
Thur 14 Mar	Selective high school tests; AECG meeting at Mingaletta 3.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to Rheese Bull for his leadership at the Year One Indigenous Cultural Continuum last Wednesday. Young students from peninsula schools enjoyed listening to Rheese and examining the fabulous cultural resources supplied by him before enjoying recess together then returning to their own school.

School banking commenced today and will continue every Tuesday. Saving is a great habit to get into and school banking is an ideal way to encourage children to do so, even though the banking royal commission was not kind to the big banks!

Swimming carnival ribbons were awarded last week and again, I congratulate the children who swam so well on the day. Later this year we hope to be offering an intensive swimming scheme to students in Years Two or Three. I encourage parents to take this opportunity as while we had some terrific swimmers at the swimming carnival, the vast majority of our students are not able to swim 50 metres, unaided.

If you haven't yet had a chance to complete the quick, three question survey inside this Homenote or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LFVBM8> please do so soon. Thank you to those who have already given a much appreciated response.

Early in Term Two, students in Years Three and Five will sit the national literacy and numeracy tests, otherwise known as NAPLAN. We will organise an information session for you, where we will answer questions and have old tests available for your perusal. This year our students will complete the assessments in booklets with a pencil but next year, the tests will be completed online. Whilst children cannot study for these tests, they are assessed on basic skills such as adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing in the Mathematics tests and spelling, grammar and reading in the Literacy tests. Children in Year Three should have a sound knowledge of the 'Friends of Ten' and I cannot stress enough how important it is for students in Year Five to know their times tables. In Literacy, all students are encouraged to learn their spelling words for homework and read every night to increase comprehension skills, widen general knowledge and develop ideas for written tasks.

Library borrowing is now in full swing and Library bags can be purchased from Mrs Cross or Mrs Creese for \$5.00 each. Please encourage your child to borrow and read books from our library, regularly.

A number of Sydney Swans players visited our school last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to their inspirational messages and watching them kick and punt AFL balls around. Good luck to the Swans this season.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS

2/3R	Zierrah A	3M	Rory M
	Trinity T		Jazmin C
	Jyrone W		Tyla C
3W	Harry W	4T	Ruby Q
	Sharni H		Romeo R
	Jake D		Mina T
4J	Aoife K	4S	Breanna K
	Izabelle M		Jakobie G
	Chloe S		Scarlett A-S
5B	Owen W	5J	Djanaya W
	Ruby L		Natalie J
	Aaron M		
5/6L	Cody L	6C	Sienna M
	Indiana E		Millie B
	Steven O		Jake W
6H	Luke N	K/6S	Kaden J
	Jayden D		Chloe B
	Graig D		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Oliver S
Scarlett A-S

GENERAL INFORMATION



This Friday 1st March is Ettalong Public School's Clean Up Australia Day. Students will be cleaning up the school playground and collecting rubbish.

PLEASE BE REMINDED...

School supervision begins each morning from 8:30am

LIBRARY NEWS

Library home borrowing will recommence this week for 2019. There are still a limited number of good quality book bags available at \$5 each. Please encourage the students to make use of this opportunity to take fabulous books home for the week. New books are appearing frequently on our shelves. Happy Reading!

P & C NEWS

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 7pm in the school library. All positions will be declared vacant, and the following positions will be appointed for 2019:

Executive positions:

- President Vice President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

Non-executive positions:

- Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Further information regarding these roles and responsibilities, or a full copy of the agenda, can be obtained by emailing epsandc@gmail.com.

Working Bee – Saturday 9 March from 8:30 - 10:30am - come along and help tidy up the garden near Araluen so the students can re-commence gardening club for 2019. All welcome. Please wear enclosed shoes and bring along sunscreen, a hat, and any gardening tools you think you may need. Your help is much appreciated to ensure gardening club can be up and running asap.

Volunteers are required for the **Election Day BBQ and cake stall** on Saturday 23 March. We will be operating between approximately 6.30am and 12.30pm. Help is needed both on the day and for preparation beforehand. For more information, or to let us know your availability, please email us at epsandc@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can leave the below slip at the office and someone will be in touch.

I am able to help at the **Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall** event on Saturday 23 March 2018.

I am available between the following time/s: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bark Reading Program

Bark is a free eight-week program to assist reluctant readers. Children practice reading aloud on a one-to-one basis to a trained therapy dog from the Delta Society. Dogs are great listeners! When reading to a dog, children enjoy an environment of unconditional acceptance and emotional support. Our animal assisted reading program removes stress and peer pressure for the reluctant reader. Bark makes reading fun.

How does Bark encourage reluctant readers to read?

A bond is encouraged between child and dog by having the same child read to the same dog each week. The dog allows children to gain confidence and self-esteem by providing his/her love and attention in an atmosphere free of criticism.

What type of students will benefit from Bark?

The Bark program is beneficial to all children struggling with their reading. This confidence building program also benefits children who lack self esteem or who are shy. Any primary aged children experiencing difficulty in reading may be nominated for the program by a teacher or parent.

How does it work?

Bark offers an eight week program during school terms. Each session is fifteen minutes. Families must commit to the full eight week program. For more information please contact our Children's Library Team on 4304 7013.

FREE SINGING WORKSHOP
STRATFORD MUSIC WOY WOY
18TH MARCH

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Attention Catholics: Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a programme to prepare children, in Year 3 or above, who have been Confirmed and have made their First Reconciliation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

A Parent Information Night will be held on held **on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30pm** in the Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office 4341 1073.

Parking Restrictions Outside Schools

KIDS LOOK TO US TO KEEP THEM SAFE – PLEASE PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES

Central Coast Council would like to remind parents and carers of parking restrictions outside schools. Please pay close attention to the signs outside your child's school and be aware of speed when travelling through school zones.

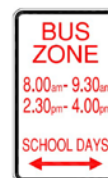
NO STOPPING ZONE

Stopping is NOT permitted at any time.

BUS ZONE

Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on the sign.

DOUBLE PARKING

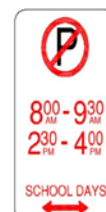


You are not permitted to stop OR park alongside another vehicle already parked parallel to the kerb. This means not forming a queue in the middle of the traffic lane if you are waiting.

NO PARKING ZONE

Drivers may drop off and pick up children during the times shown on the sign BUT note:

- Maximum stopping time is 2 MINUTES – your child must exit and enter the car within this time.
 - Driver must remain within 3 METRES of the vehicle – you may get out to assist with bags etc.
 - Stop as close as possible to the top of the zone to allow access for vehicles following behind.
- Parking illegally can create serious risks as it may limit the vision of other drivers.



SAFETY DOOR

The Safety Door is the rear door, closest to the kerb, footpath or gutter and away from the road. Always let your children out of the vehicle on the FOOTPATH SIDE OF THE ROAD.

Please consider the school's neighbours by leaving space at their driveways to allow safe exit and entry to the roadway.

Road Rules 2014 269 Opening doors and getting out of a vehicle etc

(3) A person must not cause a hazard to any person or vehicle by opening a door of a vehicle, leaving a door of a vehicle open, or getting off, or out of, a vehicle.

This offence attracts a level 5 penalty notice, which is currently set at \$337.

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2014/758/part16-rule.269>

Stopping ON or ACROSS a driveway or other access point to and from a property is not permitted under any circumstances.

Travelling more than 40 km/hour through school zones may inhibit a car from stopping in time to avoid hitting a pedestrian.

It only takes a split second for a crash to occur and only one car to present a danger to an unknowing child.

Please be aware of the restrictions and park safely outside your child's school.