



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 7

12 March 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 13 Mar	P&C AGM 7pm all welcome
Thur 14 Mar	Selective high school tests; AECG meeting at Mingaletta 3.30pm
Fri 15 Mar	Day of Action Against Bullying
Fri 22 Mar	Harmony Day Gold Coin Donation to P&C for Easter Egg raffle
Sat 23 Mar	Cake stall State Government election

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to our Zone swimmers today who are swimming as I write this! I know they will be doing us all proud.

Many hands make light work! Our vegie garden now looks like a vegie garden again after the fantastic efforts of a number of parents, students and staff who gave up their precious time on Saturday morning so we can again supply our canteen and teach children how to grow their own vegetables. A huge thank you to the following families – Wasserman, Loss, Malherbe, O'Rielly-Makila, Chubb, Leonard, Graham/Scanes, Arrowsmith, Cassidy-Jacob, Fraser and Stanley. Thank you also to school staff Kevin Wagg, Marika Selwood, Alison Cross, Cheryl Lynch, Corinne Meti Adam Penberthy and Jodie Campbell. What a fabulous team of dedicated families and staff we have at EPS!

We are extremely fortunate to have employed a fantastic student support worker /chaplain who will be working in classrooms and the playground on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Jesse is already a youth worker and was school captain at his high school a few years ago so we are very pleased to welcome him to our wonderful school.

Please support your child by sending in a cake to be sold at the cake stall at our school on Saturday 23 March for the NSW state government elections. Don't forget to vote at our school and maybe buy a cake at the same time. Our P&C AGM is this Wednesday at 7pm. Everyone is welcome and it's always pleasing to see new faces with new ideas. At our P&C meeting on April 10 we will provide information for parents of students in Years 3 and 5 about NAPLAN.

This Friday we will participate in discussions and activities for the National Day of Action Against Bullying, with all students receiving a small memento to prompt them to be friendly towards others. I often remind children at our whole school assemblies that if they see someone without a smile, they can give them one of theirs. School, and indeed, everywhere is a much happier place when people treat each other respectfully and in a friendly manner. Next week we will be celebrating Harmony Day which is a celebration of our cohesive, culturally diverse society. Children will be encouraged to wear something orange in exchange for a gold coin that will be donated to the P&C to purchase Easter Eggs for our Easter Raffle. Watch out for the raffle tickets and of course, the K-3 Easter Hat Parade!

Please consider our neighbours when parking around the school. I understand how chaotic the roads can become around school pick up time but it is really important that we all, as drivers, follow the road rules and be considerate to others by not blocking driveways or parking in kiss and drop zones. Thank you for your understanding.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS

2/3R	Abigail M	4S	Tam J
	Jamie W		Zoe B
	Summer C		Joshua W
3M	James W	5B	Jake P
	Oscar T		Cheyenne T
	Eliana R		Lily G-E
3W	Connor P	5J	Gracie May G
	Keisha R-B		Brody M
	Olivia L-Mc		Natalie D
4T	Monique T	5/6L	Tahli K
	Rei D		Jack Mc
	Hannah S		Emma J
4J	George C	6C	Zoey H
	Leila T		Hayden J
K/6P	Noah B		Annabelle B
		6H	Jazmyne A
K/6S	Chloe B		Jaidan H
			Emily S

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Shaqkane F

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reward Days

Our Wellbeing Committee is eager to further reward students who consistently follow our 3R's. At the end of Term One, a reward activity will be held for those who qualify. Students in K-2 who have received two or less planning room entries will be eligible for the reward activity. Students in Yrs 3-6 with one or less planning room slips will be eligible. At the end of Semester One, another reward day will be organised. Students in K - 2 who have received four or less planning room entries in the *semester*, are eligible to attend. Students in Years 3 - 6 who have received two or less planning slips in the semester, are also eligible to attend. We envisage this will include the vast majority of our students.

Bus Ride

Last Friday I rode on one of the school buses after receiving comments about bus behaviour. It concerns me greatly that children are not remaining in their seats, after the bus has left the school, even though our teachers on bus duty remind the children to do so. It is extremely dangerous for students to be standing, especially in the aisles, because if the bus driver has to brake hard, injuries may be the result. Bus drivers are there to drive the bus, not supervise the children's behaviour. If your child catches a school bus, please make sure they have their Opal card with them and reiterate to them the importance of remaining in their seat until they approach their bus stop. It is expected that all students behave sensibly on their way to and from school.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONT.

Parent-Teacher interviews will commence on Monday, 1 April and will run through until Monday 8 April, 2019. Parents will be able to book an interview with their child or children's teacher/s online, via a paper preference slip or directly with the relevant teacher/s.

Detailed information about how to book an online interview and the unique event code will be provided before the booking site goes live. This information will also be available in the Homenote, on our school's FaceBook page and on a note that will be sent home in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

CANTEEN NEWS

A massive thank you to everyone who helped in the canteen while I was on long service leave, it is always appreciated.

Please be advised that there will be a shortage of flavoured milk in the up coming weeks.

Our new menu is on bright yellow paper which is out now. We have had to increase our prices. NO more plastic straws.

We will be having a special lunch for Harmony Day, orders have to be pre-ordered and will be only available for this day.

Harmony Day Special Lunch Friday 22 March 2019

Lunch 1 \$6 Pizza – Ham & Cheese/Cheese
Fruit Popper/Fruit tube

Lunch 2 \$6 Hotdog – No sauce/Sauce
Fruit popper/Fruit tube

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank you so much to the many, many parents, students, community members, friends, family and staff who gave up their Saturday morning to clear out the school garden ready for this year. Our working bee was a great success!



P & C NEWS

A big thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave up their time last Saturday to help tidy up the garden near Araluen so the students can re-commence gardening club for 2019. The garden is certainly a lot tidier and your assistance is very much appreciated.

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.



Harmony Day – wear something orange in exchange for a gold coin donation. Proceeds to be put towards upcoming fundraising initiatives.



We will be operating an **Election Day BBQ and cake stall** on Saturday 23 March. If you would like to help, there are still timeslots available between 9:00am – 12:30pm. 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.

Cake Stall – if you would like to donate baked items for the cake stall, please look out for cake trays in next week's Homenote. Donated items should be delivered to the canteen on Friday 22 March.

I am able to help at the Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall event on Saturday 23 March 2019

I am available between the following time/s _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____