



ETTALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL HOMENOTE

Term 1 Week 10

2 April 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 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 at Ettalong Oval 11.30am / P&C Meeting 9.15am |
| Thurs 11 April | State swimming carnival |
| Fri 12 April | ANZAC assembly; State swimming; Easter Hat Parade; Last day Term 1. |
| Thurs 25 April | ANZAC march 10am from Deepwater Plaza carpark. Tues 30/4 Students return term 2. |

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Year One students had a terrific day at the Irukandji Sharks and Rays excursion last week. Children were encouraged to build connections to marine animals which teaches them to understand the natural world and engages them in conservation initiatives such as Take 3 for the Sea.

Teachers last week participated in professional learning and lesson planning for term two which included preparing students in Years Three and Five for participation in the National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN), in May. Whilst this is not a general knowledge test that children can study for, it is certainly beneficial if they are au fait with mathematics 'friends of ten' and times tables.

Parent/Teacher interviews have now commenced so if you haven't made an appointment to speak with your child's teacher, please phone the office or send a note and the teacher will organise either a mutually convenient time or, if you prefer, a phone interview. I have asked all classroom teachers to make contact with as many of their parents as possible.

New aluminium seating has been ordered for the Years One and Two eating areas which will mean all students will have new, more suitable seating that can be easily cleaned and maintained. It also enhances the appearance of our playground and encourages everyone in the school community to take pride in our wonderful school.

Last Saturday, trees were due to be removed from the quadrangle outside the Years Five and Six classrooms but rain prevented this. A number of large branches have fallen from the trees rendering them unsafe so we will now plant a new garden using more suitable shrubs and trees. I'm thrilled with our vegetable gardens which are looking great since the recent working bee.

Our Hair Raising Day is fast approaching and we look forward to making a significant donation to Kids With Cancer through students having their hair colour sprayed or cut. Leila Travers initiated this project and she will have 30cm of hair cut so it can be donated towards making a hair piece. Mr Boutland has also offered to have his hair cut off.

Please watch for Easter raffle tickets which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. Students in Years K – 3 will participate in the parade, starting at 1.35pm on the last day of term and I've heard a whisper that the Easter Bunny may even make an appearance.

Our school's electronic sign has developed a mind of its own and I do apologise if it is displaying out of date information. The sign technician has endeavoured to correct the fault so I look forward to no more glitches! Thank you for your patience.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS

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| KA | Aaliyah M | KZ | Lara B |
| | Tiago R | | Max M |
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| KR | Wilaaran L | KM | Deon T |
| | Violet M | | Jack P |
| | | | |
| 2P | Charlie W | 2S | Jamal W |
| | Dylan W | | Azealia K |
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| 2C | Jet F | 2/3R | Abigail M |
| | Jesse W | | |
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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

P & C NEWS

Easter raffle

Due to the close proximity of Easter and Mother's Day we will not be having a separate Mother's Day Raffle this year but we have been given some great donations to be able to have some amazing prizes for the Easter Raffle. Books of five have been sent home today for your convenience, tickets are just \$1 each. If you would like additional tickets, please see the office or canteen. Alternatively, if you do not wish to purchase raffle tickets, please return the book or any unsold tickets to the office.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 12th April. We have some terrific Easter themed prizes:

1st Prize – One night stay in a Studio Deluxe Suite at the Mantra Ettalong, 60min Facial, Dinner Voucher plus more!

2nd Prize – Dinner and Cinema Voucher, Easter Eggs plus more!

3rd Prize – Easter Egg Hamper



Afternoon Tea with the P&C

We would like to invite you to join us after school on Friday (5th April) for afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share. This is an opportunity to meet other parents and the current P&C. We will be near the big playground from 3pm-3.45pm. Please come and say hi!

Next Meeting

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

CANTEEN NEWS

I would just like to thank Cathie Kelly for helping out in the breakfast club on Wednesday 27 March. Your help is very much appreciated.

Canteen Supervisor
Cheryl Lynch



COMMUNITY NEWS



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP NOTICE

Where: UMINA TENNIS, Umina

When: Monday 15th April - Friday 19th April

Time: 9am-3pm (gates open @ 8am)

Cost: Wk \$80, ½ Day Wk \$50, Full Day \$25, ½ Day \$15

Before & After camp care available on request 7am-6pm

Included: Racquets, Sausage Sizzle Thursday, Prizes Friday

The camp will be predominately tennis with other activities such as soccer, cricket, basketball etc to keep the children occupied. The camps are held wet or fine with indoor activities provided. Bookings not essential. All enquiries can be made by phoning Kristy

0410 828 278.

Year 1 Excursion to Irukandji Shark and Ray Encounters

