



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 2 Week 2

7 May 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 8 May	Woy Woy Rugby League Cup; P&C 7pm –all welcome; Help a Farmer Day
Thurs 9 May	Mother's Day stall; Combined Choir rehearsal
Fri 10 May	Mother's Day breakfast 7.30am -8.40am
Tues 14 May	Day One NAPLAN Years 3 and 5.
Thurs 16 May	NAPLAN assessments conclude
Fri 17 May	OC applications close

Dear Parents and Carers

Our senior students enjoyed an informative and entertaining day at the Sydney Writers' Festival yesterday. They say 'a dog is man's best friend' but books are *everyone's* best friend. The children especially enjoyed listening to R.A. Spratt, the author of the Pesky Kids.

Tomorrow we are inviting students to wear jeans to school and/or a straw hat (with their school shirt) in exchange for a gold coin donation, to support Australian farmers. Aussies supporting Aussies! Let's get behind this cause.

As the cooler weather approaches, please take a few minutes to make sure your child's property, especially their jacket, is clearly labelled with their name. Our lost property basket overflows at this time of the year! This is also an ideal time to check pencil cases in case they need restocking, please.

A reminder that next week is NAPLAN week. Assessments commence on Tuesday 14 May and continue until Thursday 16 May for students in Years 3 and 5. The children have been well prepared so all we ask is that they try their best.

I am pleased to see so many of our students striving to be the best they can be. Next week we will introduce a playground positive incentive where students following our school's core values in the playground will receive a ticket in a weekly draw for a free canteen lunch. Of course, our 3R's awards will continue to recognise those working diligently in the classroom and you will soon notice an increase in 3R signs around our school.

Last week I attended a conference at Brighton Le Sands and heard a number of interesting speakers talk about the standards of education in various countries throughout the world. I found one speaker particularly thought provoking. A Finnish gentleman, Pasi Sahlberg, is currently working at the University of NSW and he showed many interesting facts about public education.

Our P&C meets again tomorrow night at 7pm. Please join us. It isn't a late night and everything the P&C does is for your children.

This week we will be holding a Mother's Day stall and breakfast. Children are invited to purchase a Mother's Day gift this Thursday and breakfast will be served on Friday, from 7.30am until 8.40am. We look forward to seeing you.

Applications close on Friday 17 May for the Opportunity Class entry test for placement in 2020. Further information, can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS

KA	Kai D	KZ	Sonny C
	Heather McM		Edward H
KR	Ben H	KM	Bryah J
	Cailin P		Scarlet S
1H	Koby D	1P	Amarni H
2S	Jessica W		Mia G
	Harry H	2P	Violet O
2/3R	Tyler P		Rose K
	Ava B-M	2C	Indian C-A
K/6P	Avelyne McB		Tyden T
	Emma H		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Scarlet S
Aya R
Kazu R
Beau H

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cross Country Ribbon Presentation

The cross country ribbon presentation will take place on Friday May 10 after the completion of our weekly Friday assembly. It will begin at approximately 9.30am and students who finished in the top 3 places will be awarded their ribbons.

Parents

Parents are kindly asked to keep the areas surrounding the K-2 morning assembly area clear. It would be greatly appreciated if parents avoid standing with their children in class lines and ensure they are not blocking walkways and classroom entrances. This will allow classes to start their day promptly. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Walk safely to school day

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road. Go to walk.com.au for more information. This year is our 20th anniversary, so please walk to school on Friday 17 May 2019 and celebrate with us.

Stewart House

An envelope from Stewart House will come home this week with your homenote. Your \$2 donation goes towards supporting 1700 children who attend Stewart House each year from Public Schools across NSW and the ACT. By placing \$2 into the envelope and writing your details on the back will give you the chance to win a \$4000 holiday to a destination of your choice. Please return to school by Friday 24 May. Lisa Jager/Stewart House Coordinator



MOTHERS' DAY
BREAKFAST

Important women in our students' lives are invited to our annual

Mothers' Day Breakfast

WHEN: Fri 10 May
From 7.30am – 8.40am

WHERE: EPS Hall

RSVP. Please return to the office ASAP before Thursday 9 May to assist with catering.

Child's name _____

I will require _____ plates (please include EPS students)

Dietary requirements _____

Recycle and win Community Garden Competition.

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 for the Terracycle Garden Competition

- 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.

HAVE YOU VOTED YET?

- 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>



COMMUNITY NEWS

Ettalong Baptist Church

Ettalong Baptist Church has a lot of good quality clothes left over from our fete last Saturday. We would like to offer these to people who need them. Fill a bag of clothes and linen for \$1. There are also shoes and other miscellaneous items. Monday to Friday this week at 9am to 4pm upstairs at Ettalong Baptist Church.

P & C NEWS

We can now confirm that the amount raised from the Easter Raffle was \$1,247.50!!! Thank you to everyone for their support.

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day stall is set to be held this Thursday (9 May 2019). If you are available to help on the day (for any amount of time) please let us know as soon as possible as volunteers are still required for the day.

Please contact us on the below if you are able to help:

In Person: Speak to the office.

Email: epsandc@gmail.com

Text/Call: Nicole - 0438411370

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be this Wednesday (8th May 2019) at 7pm, in the school Library. 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.

If you would like a copy of the Agenda please email us so you know what will be discussed at the meeting. New people are always welcome and refreshments are provided.

PARENTING TIPS



Uniting

Tuning in to Teens

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A free, five-session parenting program
for parents of adolescents aged 10 – 18

Would you like to learn how to:

Improve ways of talking with your teen?

Develop a better understanding of your teen?

Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?

Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?

Teach your teen to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence

Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

Are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure

Have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers

Are more able to cope when upset or angry

Have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties

Have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults

Have greater career success

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Peninsula Community Centre, Woy Woy

Time: 10am-12pm

When: Tuesday's- 28th May, 4th June, 11th June, 18th June & 25th June 2019.

Bookings essential. For further information and bookings please contact:

Peninsula Community Centre- 43 419 333