



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 3

11 February 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Tues 11 Feb	Parent/Teacher Info sessions Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and all Support classes.
Wed 12 Feb	P & C meeting 9.15am Araluen
Thurs 13 Feb	Parent/Teacher Info sessions K – 2. Volunteers Information morning tea.
Fri 14 Feb	Kinder Support students Best Start assessments
Mon 17 Feb	Kindergarten students finish at 2.55pm with all other students
Tues 18 Feb	Scripture and Ethics classes commence; Interrelate Stage 2 & 3 students

Dear Parents and Carers

What a difference a week makes! Last week I spoke of the need for new air conditioners and this week I report that we've had plumbers here making repairs to flooded rooms. Dorothea McKellar was certainly correct when she wrote about our land of droughts and flooding rains.

Maths text books have arrived and I am pleased to say we have chosen books that are less expensive than last year. Please see the note sent home with last week's Homenote, for methods of acquisition.

Records were dropping like flies at the swimming carnival last Wednesday! Congratulations to all competitors and thank you very much to the wonderful volunteers, who helped out yet again. Tomorrow afternoon at around 2.15pm we will present place getters ribbons and see who will represent our school at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival. Later in the year we will again offer swimming lessons to Year Two students. We rarely fill the vacancies so offer places to older students but this year it would be great if the opportunity is taken up by Year Two only. They are excellent value.

Don't forget our Parent/Teacher information sessions start this afternoon with Years 3 – 6 and Support classes today and K – 2 on Thursday. A free sausage sizzle will also be provided so you can have a bite to eat before or after your session, depending on which session you attend. We hope you can find time to attend.

Students today were advised of the new, improved opportunities to attend end of term reward days. This year, we have tried to make it as easy as possible to understand and achieve attendance at reward days. We will work on the idea of 3 strikes and you're out which means all students will not be excluded from the reward day until they receive their third planning room slip, for the term. Three planning room slips means the student will be excluded from attending that term's reward day. Each new term is a fresh start and an opportunity to attend the next reward day.

Please consider our neighbours when dropping off or picking up your children by not blocking driveways and respecting the road rules.

The Top Blokes program has commenced with a number of Stage Three boys being lucky enough to attend this term. It's a terrific program that promotes social education for boys and is very successful and popular.

Please read all notes home carefully and make note of the cut off or due by date, if applicable. To improve efficiency in administrative tasks, we will endeavour to adhere to all dates written in communications sent home.

A friendly reminder that our play equipment in both K-2 and 3-6 areas, is out of bounds, before school.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS FOR 2019

Class	Name	Class	Name
1H	Ivy A	1F	Indi H
	Hawk M		Landon H
	Ben H		
1L	Thalia A	2C	Hunter B
	Kai D		Kirra C
2S	Petrea A	1/2P	Emily W
	Lucas W		Blake M
K/6S	Jaxon N		

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Caleb M	5B
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Information sessions

Tuesday, 11 February.

Years 3 & 4 & support classes: 3.15pm - 4pm

BBQ: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Years 5 & 6: 4.15pm - 5pm

All sessions will start in the library before moving to classrooms.

Support classes will meet in K/6P's classroom (Tues 11/2 from 3.15pm).

Thursday, 13 February.

Kindergarten: 3.15pm - 4pm

BBQ: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Years 1 & 2: 4.15pm - 5pm.

Staff 2020

Principal – Mrs Lynn Balfour

Deputy Principal – Mrs Jodie Campbell

Administrative Staff

SAM Helen Denning
SAM Fiona Kimber
SAO Tracy Forbes
SAO Cheryl Kelly
GA Kevin Wagg

SLSO Carol Brock
SLSO Megan McLachlan
SLSO Marijke Ward
SLSO Alison Shaw

Learning and Assistance

LAST Merran Hansford
LAST Lindy Downham
LAST Fiona Curtis
RFF Tech Mary Rosano
RFF Science Amy Hunting
QTSS Anna Brown
Library Martie Creese/ Alison Cross
EALD Emma Roncari

School Counsellor Gemma Illescas
Aboriginal Education Worker Rheese Bull
Community Liaison Officer Corinne Meti
Itinerant Teacher Visual Impaired Kerrie Moon
Student Support Jesse Lazaro
Canteen Supervisor Cheryl Lynch

PLEASE BE REMINDED...

School supervision begins each morning from 8:30am

P & C NEWS

We would like to congratulate Cheryl who reached her 25th year anniversary of working in the canteen on the 6th February!! This is an amazing achievement and we are very lucky to have her. We would like to thank her for her hard work and constant smiles over the years.

General Meeting

Our first meeting of the year will be held at the school tomorrow, Wednesday 12 February 2020, at 9.15am. Items on this month's agenda include the uniform shop and future fundraising ideas. If you wish for a copy of the full agenda please contact us on epspandc@gmail.com.

All are welcome. Light refreshments are provided and younger children are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you for all wonderful helpers. A special thanks to Robyn Cattely for making slices for our swimming carnival.

A new canteen menu will be out around the end of February and there will be some price rises.

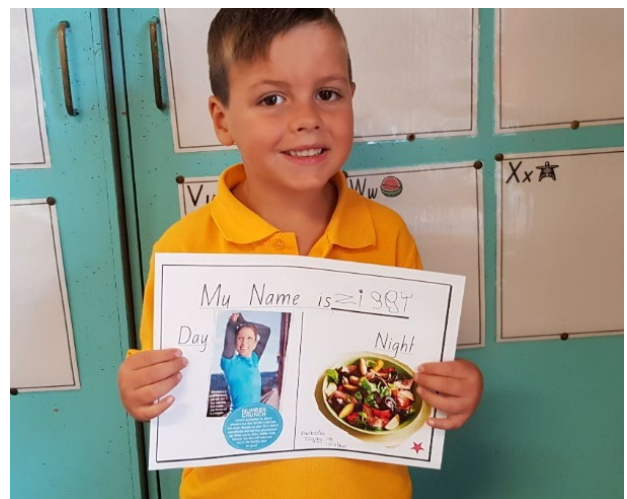
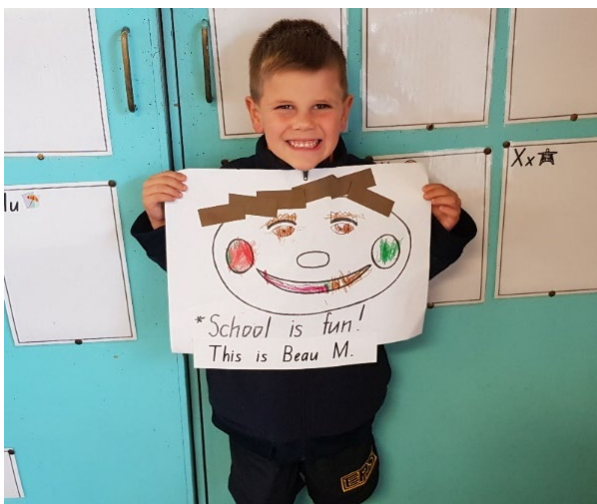
Frozen fruit cups are now available for \$1.00 this includes a spoon.

If you have a spare few hours in your week, our canteen needs volunteers and I'm sure your child would be thrilled to see you helping in there. Call the office or pop in to see Cheryl Lynch, in the canteen.

Some of our students at the 2020 Swimming Carnival



Here are some of our new students in Kindergarten 2020



Helping kids thrive online



Start the chat before someone else does



Free webinar

This webinar from the **eSafety Commissioner** is a great opportunity to start 2020 with the latest information to keep your child safe online and gather some tips to help manage technology at home.

Cost	Free
Audience	Parents and carers of primary school children
Date/Time/Registration	12 February 2020 – 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM AEDT
	14 February 2020 – 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM AEDT
Register here – esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars	

The session will cover:

- ideas to 'start the chat' about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong

Start the chat about online safety and help make every day a Safer Internet Day!

Join in the Safer Internet Day buzz

This year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. The theme is 'Together for a better internet' and Australia's eSafety Commissioner is encouraging parents to mark the day by starting family conversations about online safety.

You can download our Safer Internet Day resources at esafety.gov.au/sid and use them to start the chat about online safety with your family.

Explore Australia's online safety hub

Check out eSafety's great range of advice and resources. Get started by visiting our **parents and carers** pages and reading the practical tips for kicking off an online safety conversation. You can also download our **'Parents guide to online safety' booklet** (available in 5 languages), look through **eSafety Kids** with your family or get familiar with our **step by step advice** for reporting different types of online abuse. Find out more at esafety.gov.au

Join our free parent webinar

The session will cover how to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and cyberbullying.

Helping Kids Thrive Online

12th February 2020 at 8:00 PM (AEDT) 14th February at 2020 12:00 PM (AEDT) Register now at esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

Family Program Bundle 2



Permission Flyer

Session 1: Where Did I Come From?

Time: 6:00pm

Audience: Year 3 and 4 students and their parents/carers

Sessions: 1 x 60-minute session

Program focus:

- Discuss the male and female reproductive systems, foetal development and the birth process
- Personal safety and protective behaviours

Note: Older students are encouraged to attend if they have not previously seen this program.

Session 2: Preparing For Puberty

Time: 7:15pm

Audience: Year 5 and 6 students and their parents/carers

Sessions: 1 x 60-minute session

Program focus:

- Discuss the physical changes of puberty, emphasising that it can be different for everyone
- Develop students' understanding of periods and sperm production, as well as the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys and girls
- Enhance awareness of children's personal safety and protective behaviours

Note: Younger students are welcome to attend at the discretion of their parents/carers.

Family cost: 1 session \$32 per family | 2 sessions \$37 per family

Please note that this cost is GST inclusive

Where: Ettalong Public School

When: 18-Feb-2020

(Specialty books are available for purchase on the night)

Please complete and return to your school with cash/cheque payment in an envelope

(please make cheques payable to the school)

Family name: _____

No. attending: Session 1: Where did I come from? _____ Session 2: Preparing puberty _____

in Interrelate's 'Family Evening Program Bundle 2'. Enclosed is my payment of \$ _____

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent / Guardian

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Attention Catholics

Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The Catholic parish of Woy Woy is about to start a programme to prepare children, in years 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 Tuesday 25 February 2020 in the Walter barker hall, 100 Blackwall Road Woy Woy. For more information contact Parish office on 4341 1073.