



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 4

18 February 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Mon 17 Feb | Kindergarten students finish at 2.55pm with all other students |
| Tues 18 Feb | Scripture and Ethics classes commence; Interrelate Stages 2 & 3 students |
| Wed 19 Feb | Debating workshop at Avoca P.S. |
| Fri 21 Feb | Text book money due by today please |
| Fri 28 Feb | Clean Up The School Day – wear mufti for a gold coin donation |

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Parent/Teacher information sessions this week. If you missed out on attending, please contact your child's teacher who will gladly share the information with you.

Don't forget we are hosting Interrelate this evening for students in Years 3 and 4 at 6pm then Years 5 and 6 at 7.15pm. Notes have been sent home but Interrelate is happy for you to attend and pay with correct cash at the door. Talks will be held in the school library so enter via Karingi Street gate please.

Teachers have now commenced using Maths text books. Prompt payment of these is very much appreciated so all children in each class can commence these lessons at the same time. Payment can be made in cash or online by this Friday please.

Congratulations must go to our wonderful Cheryl Lynch who this week celebrated 25 years as our canteen manager. What a fabulous achievement. Some of you probably remember Cheryl from when you attended the school and now she is still here to serve your own children. If you can assist Cheryl in the canteen, she is looking for volunteers so why not pop in, congratulate her and add your name to her band of merry helpers.

This year we are attempting to further improve transparency and communication with parents by sending an advice home if a student attends planning room, is sent out of class for time out or is removed from a classroom by an executive, for more serious misdemeanours. Only a small percentage of students will receive any of these notes and we hope to reduce the numbers even further as we encourage ownership of behaviour and attendance at the end of term reward days. Pleasingly, I have already given out a number of Principal's Awards this year.

Eleven new smartboards were installed in classrooms this week and I'm not sure who is most excited, the students or the teachers. My plan is to replace all old boards with the latest technology, as soon as possible. We have also ordered extra laptops for classroom use. Most children can swipe a screen but keyboarding skills are very important and need practice. Laptops provide word processing skills which become more important as the child progresses through each school year.

Our children have been very understanding this week as we await the removal of the many branches stripped from our trees in last week's storm. Fortunately, while branches were snapped off, the trees appear to be fine and hopefully, we won't lose any. The senior oval was out of bounds this last week whilst the clean-up went ahead.

We envisage Student Banking commencing again this week. Children are encouraged to be 'money wise' by saving small amounts on a regular basis. What is the saying? Little fish are sweet?

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS FOR 2019

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| 3/4R | Dason C | 3S | Maya B |
| | Summer B | | Nash H |
| | Narayara J | | |
| 3J | Lara McC | 3T | Tyler A |
| | Mia B | | Braxton L |
| | Charlie H | | Madison B |
| 4J | Troy P | 4S | Jennifer G |
| | Jemma F | | Jyrone W |
| | Charlie C | | Sharnii H |
| 5B | Cayden H | 5J | Bridget O |
| | Caleb McL | | Brodie R-S |
| | Presley D | | Holly F |
| 5L | Chloe S | 6H | Tarana C |
| | Liliella M | | Jorjah B |
| | Rei D | | Bailey McK |
| 6D | Jaxon S | 6R | Charlie S |
| | Ruby L | K/6S | Chloe B |
| | Indianna E | | Jax O'B |

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Bastian Caldwell 3T

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Eden M 1/2P



ACTIVE KIDS
GO FAR

WOY WOY RUGBY CLUB

\$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER ACCEPTED

2020 REGISTRATION

U6 & U7s = \$35

U8s - U17s = \$100

BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS AVAILABLE

INCLUDES:
PLAYING SHORTS
PLAYING SOCKS
TRAINING SHIRT

email: kacullen@optusnet.com.au

\$100 Active Kids vouchers are available for each school-enrolled child annually! WWRC provide a safe environment for children to learn the skills of rugby union in a positive learning environment.

More info visit: www.woywoyrugby.com.au

P & C NEWS

Our first meeting back had a bumper agenda, and we managed to cover a lot of ground. Thank you to everyone who came along, participated, and most importantly – put their hands up for our upcoming volunteering activities.

We have a few things coming up in the next few weeks that we would like you all to keep an eye out for. Firstly, the P&C will be raising money for our next project (yet to be decided/announced) at the upcoming school discos, by selling afternoon tea and dinner from the canteen. We encourage parents to bring a picnic rug and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at school while the children party. A menu, prices and volunteer needs will be announced ASAP so please keep an eye out, both on Facebook and here, for more information.

We are also organising a sushi making workshop for parents, we would love to be able to have sushi days in the canteen and the more volunteers who come and learn the skills, the more feasible that will be! Again, keep an eye out here and on Facebook for more details.

The Mother's Day stall preparations are already happening, volunteers have started planting succulents and if you have any potting mix, cuttings or small pots laying around, please let the P&C know. We will be getting a group together to help make this happen and would appreciate any green thumbs to join in.

And finally, all the uniform orders have arrived so keep an eye out in your child's bag if they are paid, or pop your head into the shop for collection if they aren't.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March 2020 at 7pm, it is the AGM and all positions will be declared vacant. We hope to see some new faces, as we will be looking for some new executive members.

If you would like to receive an agenda, which details what will be discussed at the meeting please don't hesitate to contact us at epsandc@gmail.com.

Our beautiful Mrs Lynch





Part-Time Work

1X Permanent Part-Time position – Ettalong Public School – 00007KVN

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
 - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 10 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8:15am-9.15am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
 - ✓ Community spirit
 - ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today!

Applications close: Sunday 16th February 2020



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