



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 10

31 March 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Mon 30 Mar	Parent/Teacher interviews commence – phone interviews only
Thurs 2 Apr	Autism Day – children can wear colourful socks at home
Wed 8 Apr	P&C meeting 9.15am – Postponed
Thurs 9 Apr	Last Day of Term One
Tues 28 Apr	Students return Term Two

Dear Parents and Carers

The amount of thanks we have received during the last week has been humbling, to say the least. We are all in this together so we will help each other as much as we can. Schoolwork for this week and next has again been prepared for all EPS students and is available online for those with internet access or in hardcopy for those who do not. Hardcopies for the next two weeks (i.e. Weeks 10 and 11) are available for collection from the **school hall** from 8.30am – 9.30am. After this time, please come in to the office and we will assist you.

Parent/Teacher phone interviews commenced yesterday with parents being phoned by teachers, at the time originally requested for an interview. Don't worry if you forgot to book. Just call the office and your child's teacher will arrange a mutually acceptable time. Teachers have been asked to make phone contact with all parents, whether an interview was requested or not, so please make sure we have your latest phone number.

Camp payments for the Stage Two and Stage Three camps have been suspended. Whilst we have our fingers crossed that at least one camp will go ahead this year, we cannot make any commitments. Should either or both of the camps be cancelled by the school, full refunds will be given. Like almost everything at the moment, we are in a holding pattern.

With very few students at school, we have been able to order another delivery of smartboards which will complete the changeover to new boards for all classes. I am thrilled with this purchase and thank my technology committee for their expertise and assistance in preparing to have the boards installed next week.

Many of you will have noticed yesterday that the new K-2 shelter is currently being erected. It looks a little dark underneath but that is because the company does not have any opaque roofing sheets at the moment. When they receive a delivery, they will swap over two solid sheets for two opaque sheets, to allow some light in.

All staff at EPS are acutely aware of the challenges many of you may be facing. We understand what a difficult time this is for many and hope that providing schoolwork for your children is in some small way, helpful. We are also aware that many businesses on the peninsula depend on tourist dollars but with non-essential travel banned, we have to come up with another way to help people stay afloat. Staff at EPS have started purchasing (more) takeaway coffees and lunches from local cafes and plan to continue this until we break up for the Easter holidays. It's a small gesture but if everyone who still has a job can support our community, then maybe it will help get through this trying time. Let's all be kind and thoughtful towards one another. Goodness knows, we need it.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs
Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Addison	Fischer
Jax	Ibbotson
Sayeth	Arrowsmith
Jackson	Leo
Ben	Jovanvski
William	Hossain

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Zef Clement 6H

