



ETTALONG  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 7

10 March 2020

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tues 10 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival
Wed 11 Mar	Discos; P&C AGM 7pm
Thur 12 Mar	Selective HS test for 2021
Fri 13 Mar	Spider Day
Thur 19 Mar	Leaders visit local Veterans Sub Branch
Fri 20 Mar	Harmony Day and Anti Bullying Day

Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has passed and our students are making us proud of their efforts. A number of children brought work to show me last week and I am amazed at the knowledge and skills the children are gaining. Little minds are like sponges and I love to hear about what is happening in the classrooms. Today, our Year One children headed off to the Shark and Ray Encounters at Port Stephens so I look forward to hearing all about their exciting experiences.

Another group of students also had an exciting day today, at the Zone Swimming Carnival. I'm sure they all swam as fast as they could to improve their personal best. Thanks also go to our school staff and volunteers who assisted at the carnival held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Maintenance work is now almost complete with a number of classrooms receiving new 'wet areas'. I have to say, they are looking much better than the old, dark green sinks and benchtops that had been there for many years. The footings for the K-2 shade shelter were laid on Saturday so with a bit of luck, the area where the K-2 children line up each day, will soon provide shelter from the sun and rain for our younger students.

Students and volunteers in our breakfast club have recently been enjoying tunes played on the piano by one of our school leaders, Ollie S. I received a wonderful surprise when I popped over to the hall on Friday morning last week and Ollie was entertaining both children and adults with his expert piano playing. Ollie was then kind enough to play for all students and teachers at the end of our whole school assembly. What a quiet achiever and delightful boy, he is.

Don't forget tomorrow night is disco night and our P&C will be selling picnic food. Only Ettalong PS students are able to attend the disco but the whole family is welcome to join us for a picnic on the grass. Disco entry remains at \$3 per child. At 7pm, the P&C AGM will commence and I encourage all parents to attend if possible. The meetings are friendly and do not finish late.

Spider Day returns this Friday as we have changed the date from Term Four to Term One. Spider drinks, made from soft drink and ice cream, will be made and sold by Year Six students and cost \$1 each.

Parent Teacher interviews will commence on Monday, 30 March and run through until Monday, 6 April. This is your opportunity to speak to your child's teacher about how they have started the new school year, how they are progressing academically and discuss areas that require further consolidation. We understand working parents can find it difficult to meet with teachers, so staff have made themselves available before and after school hours to better accommodate your schedules. The link to book an interview online will be made available in the HomeNote as well as on our official Facebook page **next week**. A note outlining the booking instructions and how to arrange a phone interview or book an interview on paper will also go home next week.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Zef C	6H
Ava B-M	3T
Rei D	5L
Azealia K	3S

## PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Jethro L 6D



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Kiss and Ride Zones

Kiss and Ride Zones are designed for your convenience and for your child's safety. Designed for quick entry and exit, these zones minimise congestion and risk when used properly by all parents and carers. These zones operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. You're required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your vehicle. Days and hours of operation may apply to some zones.

To find out more information about the available Kiss and Ride zones in your area, please contact your local council.

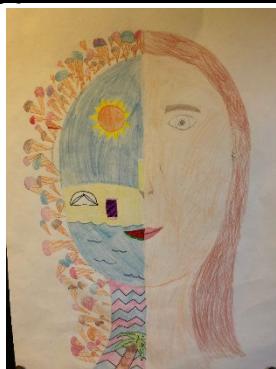
### SRC Children

On Wednesday 26th February, the new SRC members had a training day. We looked at ways to be a good SRC and why we were selected. We went on a scavenger hunt and did other team building activities to get to know each other. We had pizza for lunch and had a great time! We look forward to making some cool improvements around our school.

Written by Kloeh H and Jules J, Year 6.



**6R have been studying portraits this term and have completed self-portraits which also show their interests.**





## LIBRARY NEWS

Library borrowing can now commence for all grades K-6. Children have been reminded about appropriate care for books. Could you please make sure that books are returned each week? They may be renewed if needed. It is advisable to keep books out of the reach of toddlers and pets. Thanks in anticipation for your assistance with this matter. Happy reading!

## P & C NEWS

### Disco Afternoon Tea and Dinner

The P&C will be opening the canteen next Wednesday afternoon to sell food and drinks for afternoon tea or dinner for each session of the Disco. We encourage everyone to bring a picnic blanket and feed the kids at school instead. This will be open from 3.30 – 6pm. Volunteers are needed for half hour timeslots. Please contact us if you are able to help or use the online sign up sheet at the following link: <https://volunteersignup.org/YYJ7H>.

### P&C AGM and General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Wednesday at 7pm in the Library. All position are declared vacant and nominations and voting will be conducted on the night. The following positions are available:

#### Executive

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

#### Non-Executive

- Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

If you would like a position description, please contact us on [epsandc@gmail.com](mailto:epsandc@gmail.com).

The General Meeting will follow the AGM, please contact us at [epsandc@gmail.com](mailto:epsandc@gmail.com) if you would like an agenda. All are welcome. Light refreshments are provided. Hope to see you there!

### Membership

If you would like to become a voting member of the P&C the cost is \$2.00 per annum. This can be paid to the office or the canteen or during a meeting. New members are always welcome.

### Girl Guides meet near you!

Laughter, learning, friendship and fun...  
come and discover at Guiding what's done!

**Blackwall Junior Guide Unit**  
(For girls 7–9 years old)

**Mondays 4.45 – 6.15pm**

**Blackwall Guide Unit**  
(For girls 10–13 years old)

**Mondays 6.30 – 8.30 pm**


**Blackwall Girl Guide Hall, 120 Memorial Ave,  
Ettalong Beach**

For more information please contact Belinda Player  
Two weeks free trial available  
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**Karing  
Out of School  
Hours Care**

# APRIL 2020

## VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Monday 13th <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>  <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b> 	Tuesday 14th EXCURSION  CINEMA PARADISO MOVIES "TROLLS" & UMINA PARK, BYO LUNCH  \$65 + <b>\$10 Excursion Fee</b>	Wednesday 15th INHOUSE  BYO SCOOTERS DAY & CANVAS ART & RUBBISH FREE LUNCHBOX CHALLENGE!!  \$65	Thursday 16th INHOUSE  "HOLIDAY ROCKSTARS" MUSIC BUS   \$65	Friday 17th EXCURSION  ECO GARDEN, TENNIS COURTS with a sausage sizzle lunch & WATER PLAY in the afternoon  \$65
Monday 20th EXCURSION  ROTARY PARK TERRIGAL & "ROCK POOL RAMBLE" AT TERRIGAL HAVEN  \$65 + <b>\$10 Excursion Fee</b>	Tuesday 21st INHOUSE  EXPLORING ASIA  \$65	Wednesday 22nd EXCURSION  INFLATABLE WORLD, CHARMHAVEN & "EARTH DAY"  \$65 + <b>\$10 Excursion Fee</b>	Thursday 23rd INHOUSE  TECHNOLOGY DAY BYO Device Day, Cubby House Creations, Movie Marathon  \$65	Friday 24th INHOUSE ANZAC DAY  \$65
Monday 27th INHOUSE  <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> "DINOSAUR PREHISTORIC PUZZLE" SHOW  \$65	<p>All bookings to be received prior to <b>March 25th 2020</b> to allow time to sufficiently roster staff.</p> <p>Bookings will not be accepted over the phone. Please book via Book Me, which is accessed via your Hubworks account.</p> <p><b>Bookings will not be accepted if you are currently in arrears.</b></p> <p>Any extra days requested need to be paid for at time of booking as per fee policy.</p>			

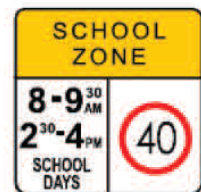
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## Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- ✓ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ✓ **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- ✓ A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



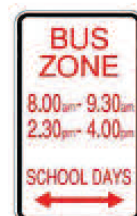
**THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP  
HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP**

**BUT YOU MUST**

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones  
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**

- ✓ A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



- ✓ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.

