



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 9

24 March 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 27 Mar	Sydney North swimming cancelled; Earth Hour
Mon 30 Mar	Parent/Teacher interviews commence
Thur 2 Apr	Autism Day
Wed 8 Apr	P&C meeting 9.15am Araluen - TBA

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we endeavour to continue in the schooling of our wonderful students. Schoolwork has been prepared for all EPS students and will be available online for those with internet access or in hardcopy for those who do not. Hardcopies will be available for collection from the outside KS & KT rooms, from 8.30am – 9.30am tomorrow Wednesday or from our office throughout the day. The work packs will also be available from 9am tomorrow via our school's website ettalong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au, click on Learning at our School, then click Work at Home pack. All students, whether attending school or not, will complete the same schoolwork.

Last Friday we celebrated Harmony Day and National Day of Action Against Bullying. The students had a great day discussing how to be good friends, wearing mufti and displaying their free wristbands whilst playing in the beautiful autumn sunshine. Our P&C sends their thanks for the gold coin donations which will purchase treats for a raffle to be held in the future.

Whilst we are not permitted to hold whole school assemblies, students who have worked very hard to achieve a Principal's Award were presented with their awards in front of their peers, in their classrooms on Friday. Classmates downed their pens and pencils whilst the recipients were presented with their Principal's Award. A well-deserved round of applause then followed and this process occurred in each class where a certificate had been earned.

Further maintenance is being completed at our school, with old vinyl flooring in the library office being removed on the weekend and new vinyl laid. Painting will also be done around the school and the construction of the K-2 shelter has commenced today. We have replaced at least six air conditioners since the beginning of summer and this week, the unit in 3/4R's room also retired. A new unit has been ordered but it is easy to see where the funds go at this rate!

Students in 3/4R now have penfriends in Maryborough Queensland, courtesy of a program run by Australia Post. Our students have sent letters to Maryborough students so are now eagerly awaiting replies.

Parent/Teacher interview times are now available online and will close at 5pm this Thursday. The intention was for interviews to be taken as a face-to-face meeting or a phone interview but with the latest changes to social interactions, we will hold all interviews via a phone call. The teacher will call you at the time requested on the online interview booking site. Teachers have been asked to make phone contact with all parents so please make sure we have your latest phone number.

Mrs Seddon has reluctantly had to take leave until the end of term. Her husband is receiving oncology treatment and she cannot risk taking home any germs, let alone this dreadful coronavirus. I'm sure you will understand her dilemma but on a positive note, Ms Amy Hunting has agreed to teach 3S until Mrs Seddon returns. Amy Hunting (previously Foster) has taught at Ettalong for many years and knows all the children very well.

Lynn Balfour
Principal

3R's AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been

Consistently demonstrating the 3Rs

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Max M

3S

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Eleanor H	KZ	Eadie M
	Aubrey T		Spencer P
KM	Malte G	KT	Amaya R-H
	Chilli R		Logan J
1F	Scarlet S	1H	Nate D
	Max G		Bowie M
1L	Isabella C	1/2P	Eden M
	Kory W		Cadence G
2C	Noah M	2S	Summer H
	Nayana W		Flynn M
K/6JS	Leo S		



GENERAL INFORMATION

The NSW Premier has recommended students stay at home but parents that are required to attend work are still able to send their children to school, as Ettalong Public School is operational.

Visit the link below to access stage-appropriate work for your child to complete.

Early Stage 1: Kindergarten

Stage 1: Years 1 & 2

Stage 2: Years 3 & 4

Stage 3: Years 5 & 6

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/teaching-and-learning-resources/k-6-resources>

Our staff worked over the weekend and are continuing to organise work which will be made available in the coming weeks when clarification and direction is provided to us from the Dept of Education. For parents with no or limited online access, a paper booklet is available from the front office.

Parent Information sessions

Online bookings for Parent-Teacher interviews closes at 5pm this coming Thursday. Interviews will operate between Monday, 30 March and Monday, 6 April 2020 **with all interviews now being via the phone.**

To book online:

• Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

• Enter the code: **x5yhz** and press GO

• Enter an active email address, your name, select the number of children you have at Ettalong Public School and enter their name/s

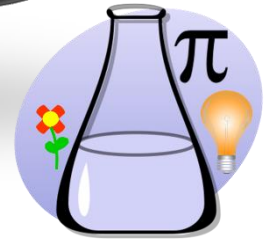
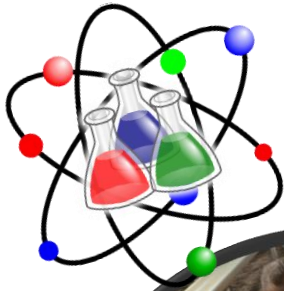
• Select your children's classes / teachers

• Select your preferred interview day and time from the available options

• Finalise your selection

The online booking site will close at 5pm Thursday, 26 March.

Science with Mrs Rosano



Different
Individuals
Valuing
Each other
Regardless of
Skin
Intellect
Talents or
Years.

HARMONY DAY

EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au

Celebrating

Harmony Day 2020



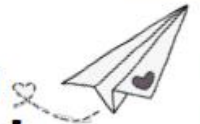
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Harmony Day 2020



At Ettalong
Public School



We help each other soar!

What does Harmony Day
mean to you?

Harmony Day is an important day that celebrates who we are. Harmony Day means that it doesn't matter about your religion. Harmony Day is important because it is about being respectful to others. We celebrate Harmony Day by wearing orange. It doesn't matter how we celebrate, so long as we are all together. On Harmony Day we meet new people, help others and show love too. In Australia we are multicultural, we are kind and we are different.
Adam 2C



Harmony Day means to me: love, kindness, orange and culture. Harmony Day is an important day to celebrate day to celebrate everyone! We all have differences that make us special. We should always care for each other.

Coby 2C

Harmony Day is an important day to celebrate everyone's differences. Harmony Day means to me: loving, caring and happiness. Harmony Day to me represents kindness, happiness and no matter what we look like, no matter where we come from we are loved. Harmony Day is where we celebrate every person in the world.

Rori 2C

