



ETTALONG
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HOMENOTE

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Term 2 Week 6

2 June 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 6 June	Ettalong P.S. turns 92 years old
Mon 8 June	Queen's Birthday public holiday

Dear parents and carers

With students returning to school five days per week, the Department of Education (DoE) has requested parents do not enter school grounds unless absolutely necessary. *Social distancing is still required from adults.* We've had lots of enthusiastic parents coming in to school and we love to see you here but not before 2.55pm please! Personally, prior to Covid19, I was pleased to have so many parents and carers who felt comfortable coming in to our school, chatting and making new friends but now I must respect the requests of the DoE and of those parents who still have genuine concerns for the possible spread of the dreadful coronavirus that has caused havoc, worldwide. In an attempt to limit the amount of time for non-essential adults on site, we have made slight adjustments to gate opening times. **Gates will be unlocked at 8.30am in the mornings and at 2.45pm in the afternoons**, from this week until the end of term, when we will reassess the situation. These minor changes should not make any difference to the drop off and collection of students. Before and After School Care will not be affected by these changes.

Students had a real treat last week as we celebrated twenty years since the introduction of Reconciliation Week. Our Aboriginal Education Officer, Rheese Bull engaged the children with a memorable Dreamtime story as he shared his knowledge and expertise of Aboriginal culture. Rheese hopes to restart our Aboriginal meetings next term, if COVID restrictions for meetings have been lifted. He is currently available for a chat by calling the school office on 4341 3550.

Lunchtime activities for students are resuming gradually and with consideration to hygienic requirements. Playground toys are being disinfected between recess and lunchtime, computer room keyboards are being wiped between uses and Lego Club activities are restricted. Our students are to be congratulated on the way they have settled back into formal schooling after such a long time of learning at home.

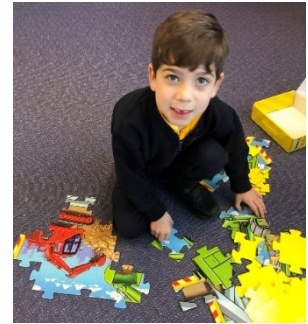
I have again included a couple of phone numbers that may be helpful during this trying time.

Men's Line 1300 78 99 78 Lifeline 131 114

Lynn Balfour

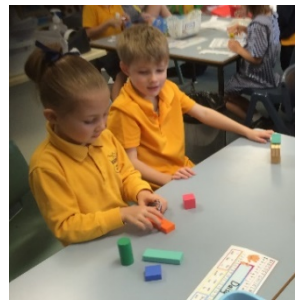
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Support News



Early Stage One News

It was great to welcome back all the Early Stage 1 children last week. There were big smiles from the children as they reconnected with their friends, classmates and teachers. The children are now settling back into class and school routines. It was wonderful to be able to teach the children using class equipment and lots of hands on activities. Early Stage 1 learnt basic multiplication and division last week. They had a lot of fun making groups and rows and sharing objects equally. improved with the opening of the play equipment and the new amazing sandpit. If you have not returned your child's mathematics text book could you please do that promptly as they are needed to support the children's learning in Mathematics.

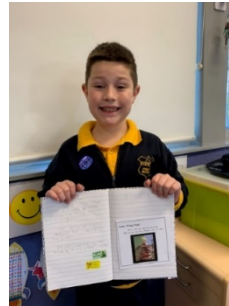


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Stage One News

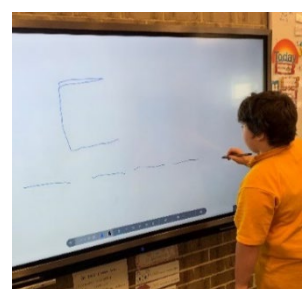
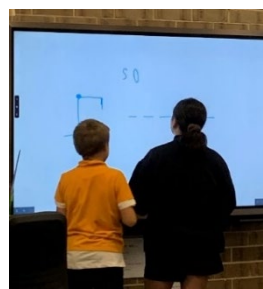
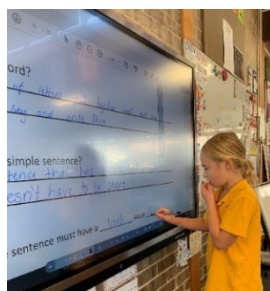
There are 150 crocodile experts at our school after Stage One learnt about this dangerous animal all last week. Students used their new-found knowledge to produce some incredible descriptions, information reports and narratives, with some students being allowed to go and show Mr P. their awesome work!

To celebrate Reconciliation Week, Rheese (our Aboriginal Education Officer) went into classrooms to tell the Dreamtime story of Tiddalick the Frog. Rheese also helped students to tell their personal story through art using traditional Aboriginal symbols. Year 1 student Wilaaran, taught Mrs Hull, 1H and Rheese how to say 'hello' (jingi warla) and 'goodbye' (narbi boo) in his local Aboriginal dialect! Well done Wilaaran and 1H!

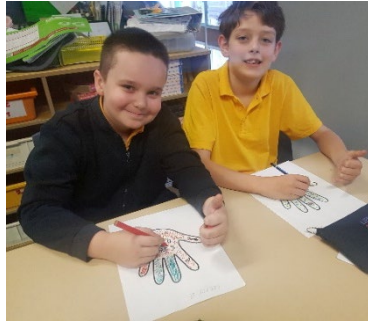


Stage Two News

It has been an exciting return for Stage 2, with the use of their new interactive boards. We returned to find fabulous new boards with the students discussing if it was a TV or board! Below are 4J students completing a worksheet as a class and playing a game of hangman with this week's spelling words. The best part - more than 1 person can write on it at a time. Thanks Mrs Balfour :)



Stage Three News



PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Ben J

3/4R

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Merit certificates will be handed out again from this week.

HOUSE POINTS

We are collecting House Points again!
Blaxland were last week's winners.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library has a large selection of books for sale at 20c per book. These are able to be purchased during class library lessons or 2nd half lunch.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Kinder enrolments 2021

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten next year, 2021. It seems like a long way away but here at Ettalong P.S. we like to be well prepared for our new students and families.

Children must be enrolled in a school by the time they turn six years old. Please remember a copy of your child's birth certificate, proof of address and a vaccination certificate must be provided upon enrolment.

Students enrol in their local school to ensure equity for all. Out-of-area applications are considered by the principal and are subject to Department of Education policy.

Our school is a trial school for online enrolments, due to our facilities, knowledge and expertise. You can complete an online application at NSW Government Schools form (PDF 768.4KB) for students from Kindergarten to Year 12 or you can call in to our office to speak with one of our staff.

We will be holding a Kindergarten Open Day on Thursday 6 August 2020 to showcase our fabulous school (COVID restrictions excepting). Please take the time to visit on this date.

Changes to the opportunity class placement process for 2020 Year 4 students

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation. We now have a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible.

The changes include:

- A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between **9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- A new test date - Wednesday **16 September 2020**.

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores.

There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

For further detailed information I encourage you to visit (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>)

Mechanical removal for head lice

Mechanical removal involves applying normal hair conditioner to dry hair. After covering all of the hair with the conditioner untangle it using a normal comb and separate the hair into sections. Then use a fine long toothed metal lice comb to comb through the hair in sections. The conditioner doesn't kill the lice but it stuns them for about 20 minutes making it easier to remove them. The lice comb will remove nits (eggs) and the stunned lice. Wipe the comb on a white tissue and check for any lice or nits. Keep combing until no more appear on the tissue. This method should be used every second day until none remain (usually about 7 to 10 days).

This method is the preferred way to treat head lice because it is effective, does not contribute to insecticide resistance in head lice and also has a low risk of skin irritation.

The mechanical removal method also helps manage head lice before they become established on the head. Keep a good head lice comb in the shower and every time your family washes their hair comb through with the lice comb. This makes sure the lice are caught before they lay too many eggs.

If your children are old enough to wash their own hair encourage them to use the comb themselves. Or keep the comb handy to where you wash your children's hair and use it every time you wash their hair.

P & C NEWS

We currently have two positions vacant on the P&C Executive Committee:

Secretary **Vice President**

If you would like further information please contact us at epsandc@gmail.com.

We would also like to encourage those who have not yet paid for their membership to do so. Membership is \$2 and can be paid at the office.

CANTEEN NEWS

We are having trouble getting our school milk. So at this time we are selling cups of milk choc/strawberry for \$1.00 with lid. We also can't get skinless frankfurts, we only have skin on at the moment.

I will get back to all my wonderful volunteers as soon as I know when they can return.

Please write child's name and class on your bags when ordering lunches.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

In regards to uniforms, we would like to thank you for your patience during this time. We have placed an order with our supplier and those of you who have an outstanding order this will be delivered to your child's class when we received it.