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Term 2 Week 10

30 June 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 30 June	BWSC AVID interviews Umina Campus 3.15pm – 5.30pm.
Thurs 2 July	Pyjama Day with gold coin donation; Student Reports go home.
Fri 3 July	Last day Term 2.
Tues 21 July	Students return Term 3. (Teachers return Mon 20 July).

Dear Parents and Carers

This week concludes Term Two. It has been a difficult time that will go down in history books and your children will reflect on this in years to come and know they were part of this history. Events such as this pandemic are a steep learning curve for us all as we navigate what is becoming the 'new normal'. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your understanding during the Learning from Home time and beyond, as children returned to full time classroom lessons. We have done our very best to ensure the disruptions to learning and experiences have had minimal impact on your children. We now look forward to Term Three with all students attending every day, on time and enthusiastically following our 3R's of Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn.

New dates have been received for the dental checks that were originally planned for earlier this term. We can now expect the dental checks to be held over three weeks starting Monday 10 August. We have retained the Consent Forms so, at this time, we do not see any reason for further correspondence.

We also have new dates for school photographs. Tuesday October 22 and Thursday October 24 will see the photographers visit our school, this year. Yesterday, they came to take photographs of our Kindergarten students for administrative use only. These photographs were booked in to be taken earlier this year but COVID19 had other ideas.

Reward Days will be held this week for those children who continue to play nicely with their friends in the playground and show beautiful manners in the classroom. The majority of our students are invited to attend and for those who do not receive an invitation, we encourage them to strive towards attending next term and beyond.

Student Reports for Semester One will be sent home on Thursday. Congratulations to those students who have worked diligently and sensibly to achieve to the best of their ability. I again want to reiterate how important it is for children to read each day and also to be read to, so they can learn to enjoy and appreciate written work. Literacy is the key that opens most doors in life and we at EPS want every student to leave here with the best literacy skills they can possibly achieve in a primary school. To do this, we also need your help for just a few minutes each night, please!

Don't forget Pyjama Day is this Thursday, the same day Student Reports come home. Students can wear suitable pj's or a dressing gown over their uniform in return for a gold coin. It's a great way to (almost) end the term.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Charlotte B	KT	Aurora E
	Mason M		Noah C
KZ	Terrell P	KM	Koa H
	Walter T		Huey D-C
1H	Anarchy H	1F	Jasmine S
	Alyssa S		Scarlet S
	Mia P		Connor M
1L	Koby W	1/2P	Imogen D
	Calais C		Harry C
	Bryah J		Matteo B
2S	Cooper J	2C	Mia G
	Maeve O		Navita H
	Jacob P		Cash T-K
3/4R	Samantha H	3S	Olivia G
	Alex S		Blake G
3J	Jessica F	3T	Arabella D
	MJ L		Haylee P
4J	Indigo L	4S	Jennifer G
	Linkin D		James D
5B	Astin W	5J	Connor P
	Savannah S		Katya H
5L	Cooper B	6H	Cooper B
	Samanpreet K		Gracie-May G
6D	Ebony F	6R	Natalie J
	Aidan R		Cayden G
K/6M	Mason McD	K/6S	Bella H-E
	Makayla F		Paige N

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn



Ben H	1H
Mia B	3J
Lucas H	1L

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Laylah B	4J
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SUPPORT NEWS

K6S have been experimenting with descriptive language and their use of verbs and adjectives in a sentence. These are their imaginative sentences that describe the class unicorns that they painted in Art.

In K6S we just love Unicorns! Especially when...

- They are colourful and fun to play with. Unicorns can be very pretty with golden horns, colourful manes and fluffy tails.
- They can be quite powerful with their magical horns and strong hooves. (Chloe K6S).
- The sun goes down and the Unicorn named Wendy explores in the moonlight. (Quinten K6S).
- Cats are riding them quickly and quietly across the magic bridge to Unicorn Land. (Kaden K6S)
- When they have Unibunnies riding them, dashing through rainbows and flying through the air. (Paige K6S)
- They run across open fields with their beautiful manes flying in the wind and as the armed and ready for battle Pug dog jumps on the back of the running unicorn so together they can defeat the evil monster. (Jaxx K6S)
- The colourful unicorn drives the speedy red car over the rainbow. (Sam K6S)



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Last week Kindergarten had a great week learning in their literacy groups. We studied the letters k and c, which both can make the same sound. KT enjoyed creating kites using crepe paper and looking at pictures of different types of kites. Classes also investigated area and used counters and squares to measure and compare the size of larger shapes. We also had fun at PE rotations, where students participated in sack races, skipping, relay races and rolling a giant ball in a circle. Congratulations to our 3R award winners and stars of the week!



STAGE ONE NEWS

Each and every morning, Year 1 and 2 students work closely with their teacher during guided reading and writing lessons. Fine motor and coordination skills were the focus of last week's sport and fitness lessons, where a lot of fun was had. 1/2P students agreed that the egg and spoon and sack races were the most enjoyable activities of the day.



STAGE TWO NEWS

At the start of Term Two, 3J planted broad beans, as a part of their Science unit of work 'Feathers, fur or leaves?' Throughout the term 3J have watered them and made sure they were positioned in the sunshine. Hopefully, during Term Three, the broad beans will produce flowers and eventually their own beans to continue the lifecycle.



STAGE THREE NEWS

5L have been participating in class debates as part of their speaking and listening program. They have really enjoyed the debating topics and have worked well in teams.



ABORIGINAL COMMITTEE

I had a meeting with one of our parents last week to talk about some ideas that we can start up next term. We will be holding a little BBQ Term 3 Week 2 on the Tuesday 28 July for our Aboriginal families to come in and chat about some ideas around what they'd like to see in our school involving Aboriginal education. I will send out letters next term when the date is closer. - Rheese Bull (AEO).

P & C NEWS

We are pleased to announce we now have an online portal in order to sign up for membership. This will make it easier for new and existing members to join the P&C. The link is:

<https://forms.gle/ZUYY4VBVEW4L5yNj8>

We have some exciting things planned for the remainder of this year so please watch this space and keep an eye out on the schools facebook page for more information.

Kindy Playdate

Where: The Playground at Ettalong Beach Reserve (near The Box).

When: Friday 3rd July after school

This is a chance to meet and reconnect with other parents which has been harder than normal given the CV restrictions.

Hope to see you there.

The P&C are currently looking into the options for an online ordering system for the canteen ... watch this space !

SRC NEWS

The SRC are hosting their annual Pyjama Day fundraiser on Thursday 2 July. For a gold coin donation, students are welcome to wear appropriate pyjamas (no slippers or summer jammies please) to school for the whole day. Dressing gowns are welcome too! Please ensure closed shoes (school shoes or running shoes) are worn.

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 may 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.