



ETTALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 5

23 February 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 26 Feb	Year One after school play date 3.15pm Uligandi St gate
Fri 5 March	Clean Up Australia Day (School) and Spider Day
Wed 10 March	P&C AGM 7pm in staffroom; Disco decision pending
Fri 15 March	Harmony and Anti-Bullying Day P & C mufti day

Hello Parents and Carers

Kindergarten playdate was a huge success so the P&C will hold another one for Year One children, this coming Friday. Second hand uniform items will also be available for sale at rock-bottom prices! We are so fortunate to have such a thoughtful, friendly P&C team. Please support them in any way you can. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 10 March in the admin block staffroom.

Congratulations to three of our senior boys who have been selected in the Southern Central Coast Rugby League Opens team. I'm super proud of Caleb M, Reggae C and Brae G and also ex-student Elijah W who only left us last year. Our whole school wishes them good luck and we know they will do us proud.

The latest COVID update from February 18 states that parents are still not allowed on school premises except to visit the office. This is disappointing but non-negotiable. This week you will see short clips of teachers introducing themselves on our official FB page. Teachers can also be contacted via the school office. It appears Parent/Teacher interviews will need to be held remotely again this semester but I will keep you posted. We are also currently checking COVID rules to see if our discos can go ahead, in March. If not, we will postpone them and hold them as soon as we are able. Thank you for your understanding that we are bound by NSW Health requirements.

Year Six students have now ordered their optional senior t shirts and jackets. I look forward to seeing them all looking so grown up in their new clothing and caps.

I am impressed that students who ride bikes or scooters to school are being very sensible, wearing the mandatory helmet and riding sensibly. These children are asked to exit via the Uligandi Street bus exit to avoid collisions with young students and parents. Riders will be reminded to walk their bike or scooter to the end of the fence.

This coming weekend, work will commence on the new building to be erected on the Karingi St side of the school, parallel to K Block (our newest brick building). I am assured this new building has excellent facilities and is to be shared between our school and our Before and After School Care provider. Access to the site this weekend, is not permitted for any reason.

Lynn Balfour
Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Hendrix W	KT	Alira A
KZ	Annabelle S	KL	Ivy H
1H	Maddie B	1F	Alana E
1P	Logan J	1/2A	Kory W
2L	Georgia H	2S	Scarlet S
2C	Jasmin H	3/4A	Emilia F
3S	Zalia G	3R	Cooper B
4B	Haylee P	4K	Ava B-M
4S	Braxton L	5J	Quinn L
5H	Sharnii H	5T	Bianca M
6R	Loveleen K	6H	Kea B-L
6D	Astin W	K/6R	
K/6M	Decklan L	K/6P	
K/6JL	Jayden H		

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Charlotte L	1P
Loveleen K	4B
Harlan M	6R
Charles B	K/6M

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Jackson P 2S



P & C NEWS

We held our first meet and greet on Friday for our Kindy families and it was a fabulous afternoon! Thank you so much for joining us. It was fantastic getting to know you! We will be hosting our Year 1 meet and greet this Friday. Please come and join us for afternoon tea and connect with other parents and their kids.

We have our AGM coming up on March 10, with all positions vacant. Don't forget to join the P&C to be able to vote, although all are still welcome to attend regardless. Sign up here <http://bit.ly/EPS-joinPandC> and pay your \$2 membership fee to the office before the end of the month to be able to vote.

We are currently working to add the membership payment to MySchoolConnect as well as the facility to pay for fundraising events. Watch this space!

As always we would love to hear from you and can be reached at epspandc@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder that the canteen is closed at lunch times during wet weather except for lunch orders. If your child has a frozen order treat they can collect it.

Ice blocks are available at lunch only.

If a child goes home sick, please contact canteen. Most times, food gets wasted.

If you would like to join our canteen volunteers, please call the canteen on 43413655 and ask for Mrs Lynch.

Reminder My School Connect closes at 9.15am each morning.

We do not currently have large pies, but small pies are available. The large pies on the menu are the only pies that are gluten free.

If your child is gluten free, please let the canteen know as we have a section of food for them.

Breakfast club opens 8.15am till 8.50am Mon, Wed, Thur and Friday. Our students are doing a wonderful job. Even their washing up skills are improving. More hands less work, that's my motto!

Price rise: gluten free sausage rolls are now \$5.00

Sushi is coming soon! It will be for 1 day a week to start with. Please keep a look out.

SUPPORT NEWS

K6JL have been having fun with counting forwards and backwards using some stepping stones. We always try our best with our work at our tables.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten loves reading! Last week we all began reading in our rotations and all of the Kindergarten teachers were very impressed with how quickly students are learning. We also learned three new tricky words, **this**, **is** and **my**. We started PE this week and learned about playground rules and how to play safely on the playground equipment. Students had a lot of fun participating in running, jumping and skipping races! In Mathematics, students had fun learning to count backwards and forwards and playing ordering and matching games.



STAGE ONE NEWS

This week Stage One have been looking at the lifecycle of a butterfly and what caterpillars look like. We read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Year 2 have discovered there are four stages to this lifecycle and butterflies are important to our biodiversity through the spreading of pollen.



STAGE TWO NEWS

Healthy Harold has been to visit again. The lessons for Year 4 this year were about the safety of medicines that are consumed for a variety of reasons. The lesson was fun and interactive the children engaged.



STAGE THREE NEWS

News from 6H. This term in Creative Arts, 6H are studying portraiture. This week we looked at line and created portraits using continuous line. The boys in 6H are also participating in the Top Blokes program. They are learning to be great citizens and supportive friends



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AND REMEMBERING YEARS WITHIN THE
COMMUNITY.

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1:30PM -4:30PM
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26TH





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