



ETTALONG
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HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 6

2 March 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 5 March	Clean Up Australia Day (School) and Spider Day
Wed 10 March	P&C AGM 7pm in staffroom; Discos for EPS students only
Fri 15 March	Harmony and Anti-Bullying Day P & C mufti day - gold coin donation please

Hello Parents and Carers

Last Friday, Year One children had a playdate and this, like the Kindergarten playdate, was a huge success. Not only did the children enjoy playing together, but the parents were also able to socialise with each other. Thank you again to the P&C for organising this. They have scheduled another Meet and Greet for parents of students in Years 2, 3 and 4 for this Friday. Flyers are being sent home with today's Homenote.

The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 10 March in the admin block staffroom at 7pm. This is the same date as the outdoor discos for the students. I have confirmed with DoE and NSW Health that we can hold outdoor discos so they will be held on Wednesday March 10, under the K-2 COLA on the Uligandi Street side. K-2 students from 3.30 – 4.30pm; Years 3 & 4 from 4.45pm – 5.45pm and Years 5 & 6 from 6pm – 7.15pm. Cost \$3 per child or \$10 per family.

Year Six will be holding their annual 'spider day' fundraiser this Friday. Students can purchase a fizzy drink with ice cream in it (aka a spider) for \$1 each. Please support this initiative as a little treat for your child.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Weeks 8, 9 and 10 (from 15 March) via telephone. Interview times can be booked online and this link will be provided as soon as it is confirmed by the provider. If you receive a call from a private number during the period you have selected for an interview, please be sure to answer the call because it will probably be from your child's teacher. We only have two landlines at school which makes it impossible to conduct 550 phone interviews, using the school's phone system. Thank you for your understanding.

Temporary fencing has now been erected for the new Before and After School Care building and footings were laid on the weekend. Anticipated completion of this project is the beginning of term two. I will keep my fingers crossed. I have also arranged for an update to our school's electronic sign that causes me no end of grief. The supplier assures me that this upgrade of the screen and wifi system will solve our problems. I hope so. The update is expected within the next week.

Student Representative Councillors (SRC) have now been voted upon and decided for each class, except Kindergarten and Year One who are represented by our school leadership team. The successful students will participate in a training course, followed by a pizza lunch. Mrs Robertson is our SRC coordinator this year and she will present the badges to the SRC reps, this week.

School banking will recommence in the near future. There will be information packs coming out soon for our Kindergarten students. Bank approved volunteers complete the process and next year we will be looking for volunteers to assist. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KS	Marnie M	KT	Tye P
KZ	Jack H	KL	Kalani M
1H	Billy M	1F	Sasha B
1P	Alivia L	1/2A	Kai D
2L	Max M	2S	Emily W
2C	Willow M	3/4A	Nikita V R
3S	Clayton G	3R	Amber S
4B	Josh B	4K	Cahane J
4S	Charlie M	5J	Archie A
5H	Jay S	5T	Jackson G
6R	Reggae C-J	6H	Hadil A
6D	Byron H-R	K/6R	Mason McD

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Jordan P
Matteo M
Harley B
Quinn L

PLAYGROUND POSITIVE WINNER

Hunter G 3S



Thank you to **Dymocks Children's Charity** for their continued support of the Book Bank program and our school. Students in Years 3-6 are receiving their books and are ready to start enjoying them!



This Friday 5 March is Ettalong Public School's Clean Up Australia Day. Students will be cleaning up the school playground and collecting rubbish. Students are asked to bring a pair of gardening gloves for the day's activities.



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Parent Teacher interviews.

Parent-Teacher interviews will operate between Monday, 15 March and Wednesday, 31 March 2021 and all interviews will be **by phone**. Bookings can be made online or using the note that will go home shortly. Individual teacher's availability will vary depending on their schedules and commitments. If the proposed times are not suitable, please leave a message for your child's teacher with the office to negotiate a mutually convenient time.

Online bookings **will be available from 6pm on Tuesday, 9 March 2021.**

To book online:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
- Enter the code: (it will be provided next week.)
- Enter an active email address, your name, select the number of children you have at Ettalong PS 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

If you have recently changed your phone number, please update the school ASAP. Parents are asked to answer calls from **private numbers** on the day of their child's interviews, as the school's phonedlines will come as private. Questions can be directed to the office or Mr Penberthy.

P & C NEWS

Our AGM is being held next week, Wednesday 10/03/21 at 7pm. All positions on the Executive Committee are declared vacant. To become a member of the P&C please go to <http://bit.ly/EPS-joinPandC> and your membership can now be paid via MSC at myschoolconnect.com.au.

We are holding our next Meet and Greet for Yrs 2, 3 and 4 this Friday after school, so please come and join us for afternoon tea and connect with other parents and their kids.

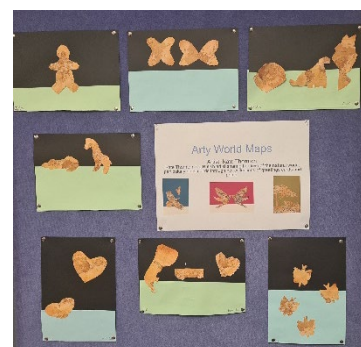
Do you shop at REBEL? Let them know that you are with Ettalong Public School and earn points for the P&C to use for raffle prizes and provide sporting equipment to our school!

We will be launching a new fundraiser shortly! Are you short on time or inspiration for what to send to school when it's your child's birthday? You will soon be able to order a Birthday Bucket for your child! Watch out for updates and details on the school's official Facebook page.

As always we are available at epsandc@gmail.com if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

SUPPORT NEWS

Students in K/6M have been exploring art around the world during their visual art lessons. During these lessons, students have explored what art is and also how people have different perspectives about art. K/6M have engaged with a range of materials to create their own individualised art work.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten are settling in well to the daily routines of school days in and out of the classroom, and are making many new friends. Kindergarten students have been reading many fun stories and producing some amazing art creations. They are exploring the many activities happening in the playground at lunchtime such as soccer games, chalkboards, music and Lego club. They are also getting to know the many new faces at school such as Mrs Cross the Librarian, Mrs Lynch the Canteen supervisor and Mrs Kelly in the office.



STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage 1 have been working hard during guided reading groups, working on a range of comprehension skills. They have also been focusing on developing their technology skills as well as completing a range of Creative Arts activities.



STAGE TWO NEWS

4B have been experimenting with warm and cool colours during visual art. They created their own colour wheel artworks and learnt the importance of contrasting colours. All students were extremely proud of the finished result.



STAGE THREE NEWS

Stage 3 are absolutely thrilled to return to the oval for Friday afternoon sport.

