



HOMENOTE

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Term 4 Week 9

5 December 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday December 6	ES1 Graduation /Presentation Assembly 1.30pm in our Hall
Thursday December 7	S3 Presentation Assembly 9.15am in our Hall S1 Presentation Assembly 11.30am in our Hall
Monday December 11	Movie and Rewards Day
Tuesday December 12	Homenote on Sentral and website
Tuesday December 12	Y6 Big Day Out
Wednesday December 13	Reports published on Sentral (paper copies can be requested through our office)
Wednesday December 13	Y6 Farewell
Thursday December 14	Ettalong's Got Talent – student activity
Friday December 15	Last day for students
Thursday February 1 2024	Students return

Hello parents and carers,
Our amazing choir, Miss Smith and Miss Hunting have again managed to participate in another wonderful performance! Congratulations to all!



Have you seen our school's Christmas tree at Erina Fair yet? Be sure to take a look at our recently decorated Christmas Tree.

Our students and staff are so incredibly talented! I know which tree will get my vote!

Last week we held the final session of Headstart for our Kindergarten students and families for 2024. HUGE thank you must go to our 2023 Kindergarten families for providing morning tea. It was very well received.

Speaking of Kindergarten, our students and staff have been busily gardening and have grown lots of fruit and vegies. Last week, Charlie, Theo and Darcy were very excited to be picking cucumbers. They were also excited to be sampling their garden produce!



As you know, we have been transitioning to the Sentral App for our permission notes and payments, as well as absences. We sincerely appreciate the support you have given us by signing up to this app. The next step in our transition is moving our Homenote onto the app too. This will assist our reduction in our global footprint. We understand that some families may still require paper copies. They will be readily available from our front office. This week will be our last week for the printed Homenote to go home with all students.

On Friday, Year 6 held their annual Mini-Fete. It was a very busy day with students from all classes participating. There were many great activities available including facepainting, chocolate wheel, sponge throw, just to name a few. Like with any activities held in our school, we will be evaluating the day and looking to streamline the activities and the payment process.



Have a great week! And don't forget to look out for the Homenote on your Sentral App or on our website.

Jodie Campbell - Principal

REPEAT: Our teaching staff are currently working hard to complete this semester's reports. Again, this term, reports will be sent out via the Sentral App. If you need assistance with access to the app, please contact our friendly office team. If you require a paper copy of the reports, please contact our office as soon as possible.

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
KB	Eve H	KW	Lexi C
KZ	Ezra C	KL	Lucy C
4S	Thalia A		
	Aiden E		

POSITIVE WINNER

Olivia G 6K	Playground Positive
Zidan H 3H	Classroom Positive
Patrick F K/6A	Attendance Hero

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

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Hudson A-S	1T	Matteo B	4B
Tiarnakai N	2M	Harrison A-S	6H
Alexander M	2M		



GENERAL INFORMATION

Getting to school by bus in 2024

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a 2024 School Opal cards. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of this year. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible. Here is how it works: School Opal cards

- All students catching the bus in 2024 will need a School Opal card.
- Under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the SSTS and how to apply for a School Opal Card, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer, and click 'apply for a school travel pass'.

Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to busways.com.au/nsw
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to 'school timetables'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device.
5. If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
6. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.



FROM THE DESK OF THE APC&Is

The term "writer's block" is there for a reason. Sometimes we do come to a blockage when we are asked to put our thoughts into words. Gentle encouragement and some careful questioning may help your child to move through the writing process more easily. The information below comes directly from the Department of Education's website.

Ways to encourage your child to write.

Read your child's writing or have them read their writing to you and make positive comments such as, 'I really like the way you've described this'.

Praise your child for having a go at writing words that are new and show them how to spell harder words that they may not have been able to spell correctly.

Talk to your child about why an author or filmmaker might create a book, play or film in a particular way. What ideas or opinions are presented? What is the author's purpose?

Read and talk about the writing that your child brings home from school. Praise them for things they have done well. For example, writing an interesting story using colourful words, using clear, neat handwriting.

To develop spelling and vocabulary for writing, play word games such as 'I spy', Scrabble, Boggle, Scattergories and do crossword puzzles.

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Helping with writing at home

Have your child label and describe things that they design or make.

Compile a photo album or scrapbook with your child and have them write captions for the photos and pictures.

Encourage your child to keep a diary of special events, eg a holiday diary with details of how and where they went and what they enjoyed, etc.

Make the writing of notes, letters and stories on paper or on the computer a normal part of family life.

SUPPORT NEWS

K6R have designed their own product and commercial based on "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," inspired by Roald Dahl's timeless narrative, which follows the heart-warming journey of young Charlie Bucket after he discovers a golden ticket, granting him access to Willy Wonka's enigmatic chocolate factory.



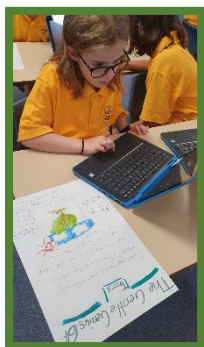
EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

In Kindergarten this week we are getting ready for our presentation day and also getting ideas for Year 1. We have been talking about what happens on the first day of school and where we go. It is a big concept for our littlest people to comprehend, but please do not worry. The first day of school next year sees the children return to their kindergarten teacher until later in the day when new classes are formed. It's a very exciting time for all. We would like to thank you all for a fabulous year and we can't wait to see you all grown up and toothless next year.



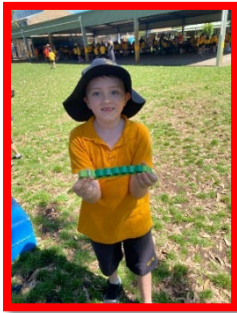
STAGE ONE NEWS

This term, 2M have been enjoying using technology to publish their written work through CANVA. Last week, students designed and created informative posters about the wonders of trees. They explored adding graphics, chose engaging fonts and used eye-catching layouts, all while developing their typing skills. It is amazing to see how tech savvy 2M are becoming!



STAGE TWO NEWS

Stage two had a blast at the mini fete on Friday! Highlights included winning great prizes, water games and spending time with friends!



STAGE THREE NEWS

"Our Stage 3 students had the most amazing day at the mini fete! Well done to our wonderful Year Six who ran and organised the day."



Central Coast Summer Holiday Junior Chess Tournament

(ages 6 to 17), Entry fee \$10

For full entry details please email, not text: Gary Losh glosh6090@gmail.com 0432 453 726

Before entering, please email me for the full flyer. For NSW country players. Limited to 140.

Please don't pay until entry confirmed. Monday 8 January Must pre-enter by Saturday 6 January

Central Coast Grammar School

9.30am – 4.00pm

Minimum ability: Must know how to move the pieces and complete games independently.



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Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to saverplus.org.au for more information.

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