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Term 1 – Week 6

Wednesday 2nd March 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

P & C

Our wonderful P & C will be holding the AGM at the next meeting on Tuesday 8th March. This is a wonderful opportunity to say a big thank you to outgoing P & C members, and also to welcome new members.

Today, Wednesday 2nd March is P & C Association Day, and to celebrate all that our wonderful members do, we are having an afternoon tea between 2-3pm. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends, and find out about our P&C.

CANBERRA EXCURSION

The Stage 3 excursion to Canberra is fast approaching, with the departure date on Wednesday 30th March. Information notes have gone out, and final payments are now due. This is a fantastic excursion, and each year the students amaze me at how much they learn, and how much fun they all have. I would also like to thank the Stage 3 teachers for all of their hard work in organising this wonderful trip.

HOT WEATHER

The weather is becoming very warm, and we are noticing a few students who do not have their hats. Please remember to pack your child's school hat, as we do not have spares to hand out. It is also school policy that students are not allowed out in the sun if they are not wearing their hats, instead they will be kept in the undercover areas. Also remember that children will run around even when its hot, and need plenty of water as well.

PURPLE DAY

On the 24th March we are holding a Purple Mufti Day to raise money for the Epilepsy Foundation. Please wear something purple and bring along a gold coin donation for this great cause.

Graeme McLeod

Principal

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

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2nd Mar P&C Association Day
8th Mar **Zone Swimming Carnival**
24th Mar Purple Day K-6 - Gold Coin
30th Mar **Canberra Excursion Stage 3**

REGULAR EVENTS...

Student Banking - Monday
School Assembly – 1:45pm Friday in hall
Uniform Shop – see Jo in canteen
TERM 1 2016 – 28/1/2016 – 8/4/2016

STUDENT CORNER ASSEMBLY NEWS

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD -

Sienna, Lucy, Charlee, Eliza, Archie, Talia, Alistair, Mia, Lexie, Piper, Lian, Leilani, Emma, Anthony, Kayla, Josh, Molly.

QUALITY WORK -

Chace, Zara, Stevie, Evie, Inda, Jozua, Matthew, Harmony, Lila, Isabel, Bailey, Isabel, Lucy, Bowen, Melissa.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK -

WARRIMOO

MERIT AWARDS -

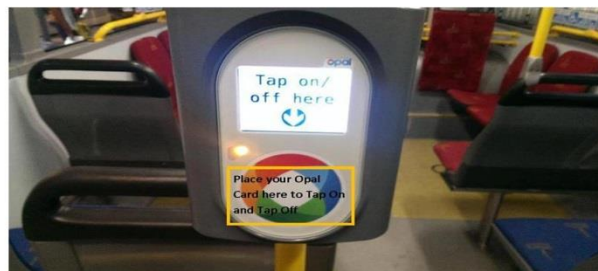
Jett KF, Xavier KM, Amelie KR, Reegan 1H, Cohen 1T, Charlie 1/2P, Elizabeth 2E, Inda 2/3T, Reece 3M, Leilani 3/4S, Dallan 4/5B, Zack & Zac 5/6M, Ellie-Rose 5/6C, Joseph 3-6S, Phoenix K-6B, Blair K-6W.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK –

K-6 W



How to use your Opal Card correctly



Remember,

You only need to Tap On and Tap Off **once** for each Journey, then find a seat and sit down to travel safe on the bus, train or ferry.

Contact 131500 for all Timetable and Opal Enquiries

P & C NEWS

- Thanks to all the helpers (about 30) who helped run the fundraising BBQ at Bunnings West Gosford on Saturday. We raised just over \$1500!! Fantastic!!!
- Next P&C meeting and the AGM - Tuesday March 8th from 6.45pm in the school staff room. All welcome. It's a great way to get involved in our school and assist in improving our kids learning environment. New members can join at the meeting - it's only \$2. Tea/coffee/biscuits are provided for free.
- Wednesday March 2nd is 'P & C Day'. A day to celebrate our P&C members and their achievements at GEPS!

Thanks

Wendy Whitmore

P&C secretary

HARMONY CORNER

1 - 31 March - [Bandaged Bear Month](#) Bandaged Bear Month is the key fund raising appeal to support a range of research projects, special services and equipment for the Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney NSW.

4 March - [Clean Up Australia Day for Schools](#) On this day, schools are encouraged to clean up their school grounds, a nearby park, creek or other local environmental area. Schools should register their Clean Up site either online or by calling 1800 024 890

and submit their Rubbish Report so that the national results can be documented.

6 March - [Thirlmere Festival of Steam](#) The Thirlmere Festival of Steam is Australia's largest rail heritage festival. The Festival is a family day out featuring market stalls, amusement rides for teens, interactive children's activities, an animal farm, train rides, face painting, roving entertainment, helicopter joy flights and a large display of vintage steam machinery, classic cars and hot rods.

OFFICE NEWS

NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

During Term 1 and 2 both Nicole and myself will be attending an intensive training program for the introduction of a new finance system for schools. This will mean we will have new people in the office covering either one of us for a large portion of these terms. We are in the process of training two new ladies but as they have not worked in schools before they are starting from scratch. I thank you all in advance for your patience and understanding during this transition time.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Recently we successfully held our school swimming carnival at Gosford Pool. Following on from that day, we would like to congratulate all of the students who will be swimming at the Southern Central Coast Zone Carnival on 8th March. A special congratulations goes to the following age champions:

Jnr Girl – Savannah

Jnr Boy – Taine

11 yr Girl – Lucy

11 yr Boy – Kade

Snr Girl –Ebony

Snr Boy – Billy

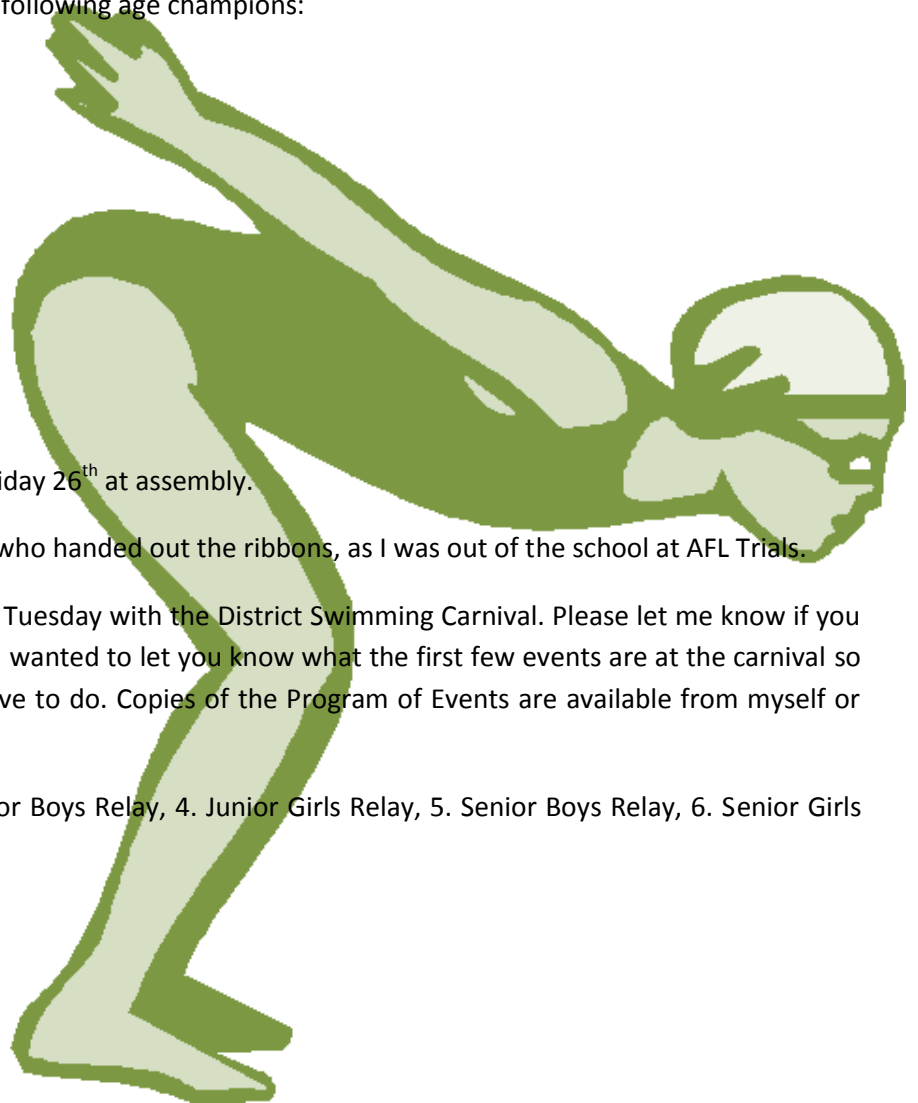
The ribbons will be ready for presentation Friday 26th at assembly.

A big thank you to Mr Travica and Mrs Boyd who handed out the ribbons, as I was out of the school at AFL Trials.

Mr Travica and I are looking forward to next Tuesday with the District Swimming Carnival. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding transport etc. I wanted to let you know what the first few events are at the carnival so you can plan any arrangements you may have to do. Copies of the Program of Events are available from myself or Mrs Learmonth who is the manager.

Events: 1. Boys 100m, 2. Girls 100m, 3. Junior Boys Relay, 4. Junior Girls Relay, 5. Senior Boys Relay, 6. Senior Girls Relay, 7. 8yrs Boys 50m freestyle.

Mark Emery



SPORTS NEWS

GEPS CRICKET

What a game! Sooooo close! Came down to the last over and we fell short by 3 runs. Gosford PS batted first and scored 67. Billy with 0-5 off 5 overs and Finn with 1-4 off 5, Riley with 1-9 off 5, and Lachlan with 1-8 off 5. These boys were the pick of the bowlers.

We then batted and made 64 runs, just falling short in the last over. Riley with 10, and Finn with 13 were the pick of the batters.

Well done to the boys – most of them don't play on the weekend! Again, a big thankyou to all the parents who helped out with travel and scoring.

Mark Emery



YEAR 6 2016

Dear Families of Y6 Students 2016,

Your child has been issued with an Expression of Interest for High School 2017. Please complete these forms and return them to class teachers before Friday 18th March.

Should you require any assistance, please see your child's teacher or Mrs Campbell.

Have a super day!

Year 6 T-shirt Reminder

A note has recently been issued about Y6 T-shirts. Please return the note with your intention of purchase and the payment before the March 3rd.

Thank you

Erina High School "e-tec" Class for Y7 2017

Applications are open for Year 6 students to apply for Erina High School's 2017 Year 7 "e-tec" (Technology Class). If you are interested in your child applying for the opportunity to be in this class please see the details below.

Technology class at Wyong High School Y7 2017

Applications are once again open for Year 6 students to apply for Wyong High School's 2017 Year 7 Selective Information Technology Class. If you are interested in your child applying for the opportunity to be in this class please collect a flyer from the front office. Applications close on the 24th March. Please forward the completed applications to Wyong High School by mail or fax.



Bus Stop Closure Notice

Wyong Rd before Mingara Dr West Bound

Attention All Passengers,

As from Monday 14th March 2016 The Bus Stop on Wyong Rd before Mingara Dr West Bound will be closed permanently and relocated to Tumby Creek Rd.

School Bus 41 – Students will need to board the bus at the Bus Stop West of pedestrian Lights on Wyong Rd West Bound.

School Bus 58 - Students will need to board the bus at the Bus Stop West of pedestrian Lights on Wyong Rd West Bound.

School Bus 47 - Students will need to board the bus at the Bus Stop West of pedestrian Lights on Wyong Rd West Bound.

School Bus 39 – Students will need to board the bus corner Hansens Rd and Tattler St

Routes 15, 25, 45, 47, 48

Passengers will need to Board Buses at the Bus Stop West of Pedestrian Lights on Wyong Rd West Bound.

Routes 16, 19, 24, 26

Passengers will need to Board Buses at the New Bus Stop Corner Tumby creek Rd and Clare Mace Cres West Bound.

Red Bus apologise for any inconvenience caused.

If you have any question please contact our office 4332 8655



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ERINA HIGH SCHOOL

A caring community committed to excellence in education

Year 7 2017 Placement in the "eTec" class

Erina High School is committed to providing the best educational outcomes for your children in 2017. Our aim is to cater for the broad range of 21st Century learners through employing a multi-faceted approach to teaching and learning that includes modern technology and its learning applications.

The Year 7 class structure in 2017 will include one class to cater for students motivated to include a focus on technology in their learning.

Our motivated technology class, or "eTec", is an initiative to close the gap between the classroom and the outside world. It gives students increased access to current information, 21st Century skills and a potential global audience in sharing their work.

Year 6 students have the opportunity to nominate for inclusion in the 2017 eTec class at EHS. Please note, nomination for the eTec class does not mean acceptance into the class. Students that nominate for this class will then be invited to attend a Technology Orientation Day at EHS in Term 2. No preparation for the day is required. It will be a chance to learn about eTec and Google Drive in advance of submitting an application project. Parents are invited to an information evening on the 15th of June, 2016 to learn more about eTec.

After attending the Technology Orientation Day, students will then be invited to submit an application in the form of a project, due on the 19th of September, 2016. The project involves demonstrating creative student use of the cornerstone of eTec - Google Drive and its associated applications. Applications will be considered by a panel of staff and students from Erina High School.

Nomination and placement criteria

- **An aptitude and interest in using technology for learning**
- **High level of self-motivation;**
- **Positive attitudes to school and learning, including homework;**
- **Ability to work in a team in learning situations; and**
- **A commitment to the purchase of a Chromebook in 2017, sourced by the school (\$350 in 2016)**

All class placements are provisional, dependent on the meeting the nomination criteria. Erina High School reserves the right to change a student's placement where evidence exists that the needs of all students may better be served by doing so.

To begin the nomination process, please use the following link to complete the online application: goo.gl/QDaLqp

Brendan Jones
Head Teacher PDHPE
eTec Co-ordinator
Erina High School
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CANTEEN NEWS

Hi Everyone,

Be on the lookout for our annual Hot Cross Bun drive note this week. Yum!!

Thanks for the wonderful support of the canteen for this term and also for the pre-ordering of the sushi each week.

Thanks

Jo – Canteen

Gosford East Public School Canteen Roster

Volunteers are needed from 9.00am til 2pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Or as early as you can make it.

Even if you can spare 1 hour of 2, it is all a help. Please let the canteen know if you can volunteer on any of the days where help is needed.

Jo C 0414907968

Thankyou in advance.

Term 1 2016

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OPERATION ART

Calling all Operation Art entries, it's time to get creative!!!

Operation Art is an initiative to encourage and showcase the visual arts talents of students ranging from Kindergarten to Year 10. Submitted student artworks are professionally framed and exhibited at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park in September. From there 50 artworks are selected and tour the AGNSW and regional galleries before they are donated to and displayed at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, helping to create a positive healing environment.

Last year two very talented students had their artworks selected for ArtBank awards. Artworks selected for ArtBank awards are either donated to regional hospitals or displayed in Department of Education offices. Over 800 artworks were submitted last year to the NSW competition but only 50 are selected for ArtBank awards. WELL DONE GIRLS!!!!

In 2014 a GEPS student had her artwork selected for a 'Royal Commission Award'. Her artwork was given to the Royal Commission to be exhibited in their offices for a year and then later assigned to a regional hospital in NSW for exhibition.

This year we have an exciting addition to the GEPS Operation Art competition. Each of the 3 winners of our school competition will receive a free Jimmy Halfpenny Deluxe Art Book valued at \$140 compliments of Jimmy Halfpenny. More information regarding this wonderful addition to the competition will be provided in the Operation Art Information Note which will be sent home soon.

Kindergarten through to Year 6, now is the time to start thinking about and planning your artwork. **The theme is; Cheerful and uplifting artworks appropriate for display in hospitals.**

A note with the details on how to participate will be sent home soon.

Entries close: Wednesday 30th March 2016.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on 43252178 if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,

Linden Connell

Kariong, Kincumber and Erina Youth Centres operate programs and activities for young people from year 6 to the age of 18.

Activities vary each term and consist of a variety of recreational and educational programs and include sporting activities, art, craft, homework assistance, career guidance, gardening, music, recording, movie nights and cooking programs.

The Centres are staffed by qualified youth workers who can provide information, support, advocacy and referral to young people.

Programs:

All programs can be held at Kariong and Kincumber Youth Centres or in Schools within the Gosford LGA.

Young Women's program

Young Men's Program

Managing the Bull

Youth Fitness

RAGE

The following programs are held at the Hub located at Erina Fair.

Rising Stars

Let Me Entertain You (Vocational Mentoring Program)

Gosford City Youth Council

D.J. Workshops



For further information please contact:

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Gosford City Council

Youth Services School Programs



Young Men's Program

Cost: Free, (optional: School to provide snacks.)

This interactive program has been designed to address issues facing teenage boys today. The program is developed, facilitated and resourced by professional youth development workers based at Kariong & Kincumber Youth Centres. This five week program will be targeting issues of self esteem, health, group work, personal goals, bullying and healthy relationships and rage. This program is flexible to suit other identified issues.



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Managing the Bull

'Managing the Bull' is a 6-week course, that builds resilience in bullied teens through games, activities and discussions. Participants will learn to:

- > Recognise bullying
- > Build self esteem
- > Deal with cyber-bullying
- > Use personal protection plans
- > Discover inner strengths
- > Communicate effectively
- > Build support networks



RAGE

A six week anger management course for young people. RAGE is a strengths based solution focused program that is hands on, practical and also fun for kids. Parents, teachers, carers and the like have commented on how this course has helped them and their children deal with the most misunderstood human emotion, anger. The Session themes are:

- > The Many Faces of Anger
- > The 4T's Anger Cycle
- > Healthy Expressions of Anger
- > Getting Through the Guilt of Anger
- > Relaxation, Exercise and Diet
- > Summary, Evaluation & awards
- > Each session runs for 2 hours.



Youth Fitness

10 week fitness program for years 7 to 12.

Ideal group size: 10

Cost: \$40 per week per group

This program goes for 1.5 hours. All equipment provided.



Rising Stars

Trained by world champions the 'Rising Stars' program aims to build confidence self disciplining fitness and self defence.

Cost: Free

Ten week fitness program for years 7 to 12. This program goes for 1 hour per session.