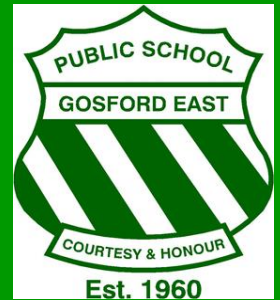


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Term 1 – Week 8

Wednesday 16th March 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Erina High School 2016 Stage 3 Challenge Day

Today we sent two teams of four students from our school to take part the challenge day - one team from year 5 and one team from year 6. This year's theme is '**Threatened Habitats**' to coincide with the Stage 4 HSIE syllabus. We thank Erina High for not only providing this opportunity for our Stage 3 students but also for all the work that they do in helping our kids prepare for High School.

Swim School

Our students from our Support Unit are attending the Swim School for the next two weeks at Gosford Pool. It is a great opportunity for our kids to further develop their water safety and swimming ability. The lifeguard at the pool commented on not only the efforts that our kids put in but also the exemplary behaviour that they show. I look forward to seeing their progress over the next two weeks.

Dance Groups

This year we have five Dance Groups that will be auditioning for the Central Coast Dance Festival. The teachers and children are putting a lot of effort into preparing for the video that we have to send in for our audition. I thank Angela Boyd, Linden Connell, Ben Wilkinson and Hayley Roberts for the many hours of work that they are putting into our Dance Groups.

Graeme McLeod

Principal

NOTES HOME

- Australian Museum Excursion
- Canberra Final Note
- School Finance Changes
- Stewart House Donation Envelopes



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

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14 th – 24 th Mar	Support Swim Scheme
24 th Mar	Purple Day
25 th Mar	Good Friday Public Holiday
28 th Mar	Easter Monday Public Holiday
30 th Mar – 1 st Apr	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
EASTER HOLIDAY 25 TH – 28 TH MARCH 2016

STUDENT CORNER ASSEMBLY NEWS

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD -

Archie KR; Kody, Heidi, Hannah, Lilliana and Jasmine of KM; Ava-Rose and Sarah of KF; Katherine and Caitlyn of 1/2P; Owen 1H; Eli 1T; Angus, Connor and Alexis of 3M; Isaac 3/4S; Jordan 3-6S; Alistair and Soraya of 5/6C; Anthony 5/6M and Amelia

QUALITY WORK -

Jordan and Martika of 3-6S; Ashlyn and Crystelle of 4/5B; Sarah, Eliza and Eamon of 5/6M; Stevie, Lachlan, Haylee, Ellie-Rose and Aaron of 5/6C

HOUSE OF THE WEEK - WARRIMOO

MERIT AWARDS -

Zara KF; Lilliana KM; Neela KR; Monique 1H; Chloe 1T; Katherine 1/2P; Liana 2E; Kai 2/3T; Lillyara 3M; Isabella 3/4S; Aaron 4/5B; Lachlan 5/6M; William 5/6C; Daemon 3-6S; Zoe K-6B; Joshua K-6



STEWART HOUSE



Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations.

Stewart House needs your support to ensure we can continue to provide important services to children. Envelopes have gone out this week. Please insert a donation of at least \$2. Fill in the back of the envelope for a chance to win a \$4000 family holiday. Envelopes must be returned to school by end of Term 1.

YEAR 7 2017 – HIGH SCHOOL EOI

Dear Families of Year 6 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!

Mrs Campbell

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAGE 3 EXCURSION

Our afternoon in the Japanese Gardens – Monday 7th March 2016.....

Local Government Services excursion highlights....

All of 3-6S loved feeding the fish and the story time in the tea-house.

We enjoyed hearing Claire's personal experiences about Japan. It was great to have a Kamishibai story told to us. It was like an old story picture show. *Emma & Billy*

I had wonderful time learning about Japan. *Brianna*

Thank you for teaching us the history of the Kamishibai. *Haley*

I love spending time at the Garden. *Flynn*

I loved the story and the experience. *Aaron*

It was good to watch the koi fish swim. Thank you for sharing your time with us. *Josh*

I loved seeing the Garden and listening to the story. It was a very beautiful time to see

The garden and the best part was the story. *Kayla*

I loved the Garden. It was beautiful. I loved watching the fish. They were really funny to watch. Thanks for a fun time. *Emily*

I loved the gardens. They are beautiful. I loved the fish fight and the Kamishibai *Eamon*

I loved Claire coming to visit us. We loved her story. *Thalia*

I loved the Gardens – Ellie-Rose

I really liked the Stories that Claire read to us and the fish - Jackson V

Thanks for taking us on an adventure and I really really loved the fish - Eamon ;)

I really liked the stories and the fish too and the Japanese Gardens - Sione

I really loved when we could feed the fish and then meditate near the amazing Zen garden – Samuel.H

It was a great day - Riley Burke

I liked the story in the tea house story - Oliver B

I loved it all but my favourite was spending time with friends at the gardens *Thalia. G*

I loved it. It was so fun. Thank you for a fun day - Nerys

I liked the fish and the story about the dragons tears and it was fun drawing bridges on the iPads -Haylee☺

I really liked the fish it was fun listening to the book and drawing the fish Crystelle

I really liked learning about Japan. I wish I could go there – Ella.T

I really liked the story and drawing the manga- Soraya

I really liked the Japanese stories and the fish – ALEX 4 DAYS

I really liked feeding the fish-Luca.B

Thank you for a fabulous afternoon at the Japanese Gardens Stage 3. Your behaviour was exceptional! –
From Mrs Coles, Ms Frewin, Ms Scott, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Feeney & Mrs C ☺

CANBERRA

Please ensure that all Canberra information notes are returned promptly to class teachers. Your help with speedy returns, is very much appreciated.

Thanking you,

Stage 3 teachers.

NAPLAN – YEAR 3 & 5

2016 is a NAPLAN year for your child. A letter with information about the dates of these assessments has been sent home. This letter is still available at the Front Office should you require another one.

Mrs Boyd and Mrs Campbell

CANTEEN NEWS

Hi Everyone,

Easter is coming at a fast pace and once again the Canteen will be running the Hot Cross Bun Drive.

We have other beautiful slices, pies, lamingtons, quiches and many more items available on the order form that will be sent out to each student. Don't forget that friends, family, neighbours etc are more than welcome to place orders on your "Fundraising Order Sheet". All money raised goes toward our P & C which in turn helps our school!

Orders must be returned to the Canteen by Friday 18th March at the latest.

We are always in need of volunteers to help in our Canteen from 9am to 2pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, even if you can spare a couple of hours it all helps in making our canteen run smoothly. Contact me on 0414 907 968 if you can volunteer.

Thanks

J C

MINDQUEST 2016

On Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June 2016, the Mindquest program will be held for gifted and talented Primary students from Years 1 -6 at Glenwood High School. Students will have the opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. Please contact the school office if you are interested in this great event for your child.

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.**

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

JIMMY  PENNY

HARMONY CORNER

17 March - **St Patrick's Day** (Irish) St Patrick (Patricius) is the patron saint of Ireland. He was born in Roman Britain, in the part that is now Wales, in 385 AD. As a boy he was captured by raiders, taken back to Ireland and sold into slavery. He escaped, returned to his homeland and studied theology. He then returned to Ireland and converted the mostly non-Christian people to Christianity. St Patrick is said to have driven all the snakes out of Ireland and to have used the shamrock to explain the Trinity to his followers. He died on 17 March 461. Each year parades are held in his honour all over the world.

17 - 28 March - **Sydney Royal Easter Show** The Sydney Royal Easter Show is Australia's largest annual event, attracting close to 900,000 people each year. It is a celebration of Australian culture, from our rural traditions to our modern day lifestyles, and includes agricultural competitions, animal experiences and entertainment. The Show was first held in 1823 and is run by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS), a not-for-profit organisation that promotes and rewards agricultural excellence. Revenue generated through the Show allows the RAS to invest in agricultural programs, competitions, education, youth and rural NSW.



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APR 24	AUG 28
MAY 22	SEP 25
JUN 26	OCT 23
	NOV 27

SUNDAY FEB 28
Heazlett Park Foreshore 9am-2pm

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EAST COAST TAEKWONDO ACADEMY

TERRIGAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

FRIDAY 3:10pm – 4:10pm

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

TUESDAY 6:30pm – 7:30pm

WOODPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL

FRIDAY 4:45pm- 5:45pm



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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE & FETE

Friday 8th & Saturday 9th April 2016

NARARA UNITING CHURCH, Wyoming Road, Wyoming

Bring your goods for us to sell on commission: Friday 11am -6pm, Saturday 8.30am

Please pack items securely. No clothing or shoes, no items under \$2. Maximum of 20 items per person.

Come and snap up a bargain:

Friday 11am - 6pm, Saturday 8.30am - 2pm

Garage Sale Items, white elephant, books, cakes & jams, baby items, plants, teas, BBQ & drinks

All funds raised are donated to charity projects in the Uniting Church

Your support is appreciated

Enquires: Mrs. Heather Mogg Ph. 4323 9404