

Erina News



Erina High School

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WHATS HAPPENING AT YOUR SCHOOL...

Term four is a very hectic time of year in most schools with the scheduling of many school and community events celebrating the achievements of 2009.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Staff and students are about to elect the 2009-10 Student Representative Council and School Captains for the coming year. These students are advocates for student issues and work very hard to support the needs of students as well as SRC nominated charities.

YEAR 10 EVENTS

Students have completed their compulsory School Certificate tests and in preparation for senior study have commenced their 'Ready for the Senior School' program including the Board of Studies mandatory *All my own work* course and the EHS 'Study Skills Preparation Program'.

School to Work activities and work experience are being undertaken by Year 10 students so that they can develop work-ready skills prior to taking up holiday work offers. The first day Year 10 students can sign out to commence holiday work is Friday December 4th.

The Year 10 End of Year Camp to Queensland departs on Monday December 7th with campers returning on the 11th. During this week learning programs will be provided at school for those not on camp.

The graduation assembly welcoming Year 10 to the senior school or applauding them as they leave school to enter the workplace will be held on December 14th commencing at 10.30 am in the MPC. Students will be presented with their Graduation Certificates, School Semester 2 Reports and School Certificate Credentials and will need to wear full school uniform to this formal assembly.

The assembly will be followed by light refreshments and at the conclusion morning tea students may leave the school with their families.

Please note: School commences for Year 11 2010 on Thursday, 28 January 2010.

School Happenings:

24 November
ESSA Science Exam

26 November
Year 10/11 Scripture
Year 12 Formal

2 December
Erina On Stage

3 December
Year 6 Orientation
Day

4 December
Sport Presentation

7-11 December
Year 10 Camp

9 December
Presentation night

16 December
Reports distributed
to Years 7, 8, 9

17-18 December
Student free staff
development days

MATHEMATICS REPORT

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2009 Australian Mathematics Competition. All students have received certificates as a recognition of their efforts.

The highest result in the school was achieved by James Xu from Year 11 who received a distinction and was placed in the top 12% of candidates. Monika Halibozek of Year 8 also received a distinction and she was placed in the top 13% of candidates.

Special mention must go to Henry Chan, Aaron Kendrigan, Molly Prosser, Dale Robinson and Shelby Jacobs, all of Year 7, who received Credits. Credits in Year 8 were received by Madelyn Wuth and Amy Usback. Bethany Matheson received a Credit from Year 10. Shari Goodman, Bo Yuan and Eleanor Hasnip received Credits from Year 11 as did Peter Lowton and Jake Fountain of Year 12.

The Mathematics staff look forward to the 2010 Competition.

All Mathematics students in the school now have access to the Maths-on-line program. The passwords and login are on the student's email. If students have trouble accessing the site, Mr McMaster has a copy of all passwords and login numbers. This site gives additional resources to help students in their Mathematics. It is being used in class, especially now Year 9 have their laptops, but it can always be accessed from home. I recommend students use this site on a regular basis.

Students can now access the EHS MOODLE Mathematics site to consolidate their learning. Any questions about this site can be directed to Mrs Chand.

Year 12 and Year 10 have now finished their HSC and SC external examinations and the Mathematics staff wish all students the best in these exams.

Year 11 into 12 have a very important term 4 as all Mathematics classes will have a HSC assessment test before the end of term.

Applied Mathematics

An alternative Mathematics course has been formed. This course is called Applied Mathematics and is a "hands on" practical course for students who do not wish to sit for the Mathematics HSC examination. This 2 unit course can be used towards the student's 10 units for the HSC but cannot be used towards an ATAR rank. If any parents would like to discuss the contents or any other information about this course they can ring Mr McMaster.

C McMaster Acting Head Teacher Mathematics

ERINA HIGH DISCIPLINE FORUM

Parents are invited to attend a forum on school discipline on Monday, 30 November at 6.00pm in the Staff Common Room. The forum is an opportunity for you to contribute to our school Discipline Code as we evaluate our expectations and disciplinary sanctions.

ERINA ON STAGE (Variety Night)

There will be two performances on the 2nd of December:

- The Matinee will be held Periods 3 and 4 and the Night Concert will start at 7.00pm.
- Rehearsals will be held in the hall on Monday 30th November, Tuesday 1st December and Wednesday 2nd December during Periods 1 and 2.
- Tickets will be on sale on 1st November and are only available from the Front Office.

Please see your Music, Drama or Dance Teacher for more information on AUDITIONS which will be held during Weeks 4 & 5 of this term!!

Mrs Gillard

LEAVE FROM SCHOOL

Parents should now be aware of new guidelines from the Department of Education regarding leave from school:

- If a student needs to be absent from school for five days or more, a parent or guardian is required to fill out an exemption form prior to taking the leave. The exemption form is then submitted to the Principal for approval of the leave. Exemption forms can be obtained from the Front Office.
- If a student is absent from school and no explanation has been received within seven days, the absence is recorded as unexplained. Parents are also advised that notification for the reason of an absence cannot be changed after seven days from the date of the absence. The school encourages all parents to phone the school on the day of their student's absence, or to send a note of explanation on the child's first day back at school.

PROUDLY PURSUING PERSONAL BEST

Congratulations to Nadege Green and Lisa Jones of Year 10 who are State Finalists in the Stage 5 Art Quilt Challenge. The Challenge is run by the Technology Educators Association and both Nadege and Lisa's art quilts will be displayed at exhibitions at Surry Hills, Newcastle, Darling Harbour and Canberra. Well done girls!



OPEN BOYS CRICKET

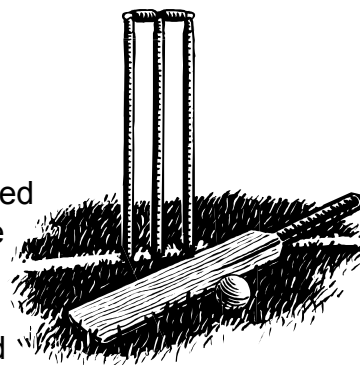
Erina High played Northlakes recently in an entertaining game.

Northlakes batted first and due to several loose overs they piled on 214 runs. In reply Erina made 148 runs and with some tighter bowling could have been competitive.

Our best players were Ryan Wilson, David Pont (bowling) and Harry Brien, Dyon Williams (batting).

Harry, Ryan and Dyon are trialling for a Central Coast team to play a Sydney team.

M Gray, Coach



PERFORMING ARTS ENSEMBLES

Information for the 2010 Performing Arts Ensembles are now available. Some of the opportunities available include "The Millennium Marching Band" for Wind, Brass and Percussion students and the Vocal Ensembles/Choirs for singers who read music. For more information go to the new opportunities section on the Arts Unit website at <http://pau.nsw.edu.au/NewOpportunities.htm>

Information is now available for the Valley Concert Band. The Valley Concert Band is for ALL Central Coast public students from years 6-12 who play Brass, Woodwind and Percussion. Applications are open until December 4th and more details can be obtained from music staff.

Mrs Gillard

ATTENTION YEAR 10 PARENTS

Following inquiries from a number of parents the school would like to confirm that the Year 10 Graduation Assembly scheduled for December 14th **is the only school event** signifying the end of Year 10 which is hosted by Erina High School.

While students and their families may plan and hold other celebrations these are not held under the auspices of the school and school staff will not be present or responsible for these events. If parents would like advice on managing a private event Central Coast Area Health Services has compiled a useful flyer called "Celebrating – Do it safely: a hassle free party guide for parents of teenagers". Copies are available from the school.

PERSONAL BEST IN THE HSC YEAR 12, 2010

In week three our 'new' Year 12 students commenced HSC courses of study after participating in an orientation assembly which outlined the importance of being in class, on task and working to a 'personal best' level in all learning activities.

The purpose of the assembly was to set each student on the right track to successful HSC study. Student Advisers Carly Kekwick and Geoff Golding reminded students of the journey before them and the qualities needed to gain satisfying HSC outcomes.

Students also received and were given an overview of the booklet "Studying for the 2010 HSC" which contains an overview of BOS expectations. Greatly emphasised was the **absolute importance of ASSESSMENT** and of earning the best assessment rankings possible– best work, on time, no penalties, every task!

The school's HSC Assessment Handbook will be distributed this week. It contains school assessment policies and course assessment schedules.

It is vital that students completely understand these documents and follow the guidelines supplied by BOS and Erina High School.

In term 1, 2010 a HSC preparation program will be delivered in stages consisting of advice, study skills and motivational sessions aimed at promoting and up-skilling students to achieve 'Personal Best' HSC outcomes. During this program students will meet and work with our Board of Studies liaison officer who will provide information and a range of tips for HSC success.

We wish Year 12, 2010 a successful and rewarding HSC journey!

ADVERTISING/COMMUNITY NOTICES

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HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED FOR 2010

Students from South Korea will be arriving in January/February 2010 for a cultural exchange visit. If you are interested in hosting a student please contact William on 4381 2812 asap.

CENTRAL COAST ROWING CLUB

Central Coast Rowing Club cordially invite all students in years 7 to 12 to a "Junior Rowing Camp" to be conducted from Monday, 18 January 2010 until Friday, 22 January 2010. The camp will take place in the grounds at the rear of Davistown RSL Club, Murna Road Davistown from 8am to 12noon each day. The total cost for the camp which includes insurance and lunch each day is \$75.00. For registrations and general enquiries contact Leone Norman on 4369 0218 after 7pm weekdays or Carol Isaacs on 0425 213 938 or visit <http://www.freewebs.com/centralcoastrowingclub>

Are you a woman looking for work?

Have you been out of the workforce for a while or want a career change? The CEEW (Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training) course at TAFE is for you.

It's FREE, it's FUN and it runs over 4 short days per week for 18 weeks (2 terms). We also have school holidays off! Get that foot in the door of the workplace!

For more information phone Pauline Eade at Gosford on 4348 .

LENOVO COMPUTERS PURCHASE PROGRAMME

As the supplier of netbook PCs to NSW Government schools, Lenovo is delighted to launch its Personal Purchase Programme. This programme offers school staff, students and their families and friends, significant discounts across the full range of Intel®-powered Lenovo PCs and accessories. Special offers include Ideapad S10e (Red) with 2GB Memory (Student Laptop Model) for \$479 (incl GST). See http://www.lenovo.com.au/nswschools/special_offer.html for more details.

WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP)

WEP is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July 2010. An information pack can be sent on request and full support is provided to all host families and their students. If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family call 1300 884 733 or email wep@wep.org.au or visit www.wep.org.au

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THE CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR IS FILLING RAPIDLY

Please check the calendar of coming events on page 1 as the ceremonies and functions come fast and furiously as we approach the Christmas break. As well parents can feel assured that meaningful work will continue in classrooms for Years 7-11 until the conclusion of the school year.

Semester two reports and 2010 Student Handbooks will not be issued until the last day of this term which for students is Wednesday December 16th.

- 1. Year 12 Formal dinner dance** will be held at Mingara on Thursday November 26th with more than 300 people in attendance
- 2. Erina On Stage—Variety Night** will be staged on the evening December 2nd with a matinee performance for students during the school day.
- 3. Year 7 students 2010** will visit, be welcomed to the school and participate in a range of taster activities on Thursday December 3rd.
- 4. Our orientation evening for the families of 6 students** will be held on Thursday December 3rd in the MPC.
- 6. Our annual sports awards** assembly recognising the varied achievements of our student sportsmen and women will be held on Friday December 4th in the MPC. Invitations to families will be distributed via students in the coming weeks.
- 7. Our annual presentation night** recognising the academic and citizenship achievements of students throughout 2009 will be held from 6.30 pm on Wednesday December 9th.
- 8. The graduation assembly for Year 10** students will be celebrated on Monday 14th December commencing at 10.30 in the MPC.

