

Erina News

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

I hope that families have enjoyed a wonderful spring break and that students have returned ready to meet the challenges of term 4. The big calendar events of term four involve many 'rights of passage' and they have already started!

Year 12 have commenced their HSC exams and were regular visitors to the school during the school holidays and STUVAC.

Year 11 are receiving feedback on their yearly exams and finalising Preliminary course study before commencing their Year 12 HSC courses across weeks 3 and 4 of this term!

Students in **Years 7-9** are currently working towards end of year assessments and the completion of 2010 coursework.

Year 10 are involved in the last weeks of preparation prior to their compulsory School Certificate tests set down for the week of November 8-12.

Year 10 students and their families will receive specific information about the SC test organisation in a separate information sheet. Written papers will held on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th November. On-line computing tests will be scheduled across Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th. On Friday 12th normal lessons will recommence for all Year 10 students.

The Year 10 school year concludes with their Graduation to the Senior School assembly which will be held on Monday 13th December. A separate letter detailing these arrangements has been mailed home this week along with information about the School Certificate test week. Exemptions from school to commence holiday work are only available from Monday December 6th when the Year 10 Gold Coast excursion is taking place.

Throughout term 4 we also welcome those students from our primary partner schools who will become our year seven group in 2011. Year 6 students are currently participating in 'Study Plus' learning and experience workshops at our school.

Term 4 is an extremely eventful term for students and their families in all years. Each fortnight this newsletter will outline coming events so that families can update their calendar and so not miss out on the action!



Erina High School

Issue 15

18 October 2010

School Events:

14 October
First day of HSC exams

25 October
VET work placement blocks commence

8 November
First day of School Certificate tests

13 November
Orientation to the senior school begins for Year 10 students

17 November
P&C meeting 6.30 in Library

1 December
Erina on Stage Evening

8 December
Presentation Night 2010

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 13th **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.

SPECIAL MURAL PROJECT FOR ERINA HIGH SCHOOL

The **Special Project Scheme** offered by COFA (College of Fine Arts, Sydney) aims to support the development and realisation of innovative curriculum collaborative projects, between schools, cooperating teachers and professional experience internship students.

Erina High School was lucky enough to be one of the successful schools to receive a Special Project Grant of \$1000 in collaboration with Miss Rachel Duff who is completing her Internship in the Art Department over a 3 month period. The theme for the project is the history of Erina, a project which has been on the drawing board for Mrs Scott of the Art faculty since 2009. The Special Project Scheme Grant was just the vehicle that was needed to see it become a reality.

The aim of the **History of Erina** Mural project is to involve a group of targeted GATS students, including students of Aboriginal background, in creating a mural that celebrates the history of the local area where the school stands. The mural will consist of seven panels that trace the history of Erina from its traditional Aboriginal custodians, its early pioneers and significant leaders through to the current bustling commercial district.

Small groups of GATS students from Years 7-10 have been invited to participate and will be responsible for conducting the historical and critical research necessary to design each panel based on factual information and artistic endeavour.

It is hoped that the outcomes of the project will be many:

- Students will gain a sense of ownership for the mural which will be mounted on the EHS MPC and will therefore become part of the school community.
- The murals will raise awareness of the history of the local area and students will gain respect for its traditional custodians.
- By working co-operatively in small groups, stronger relationships will be fostered between the students involved as they learn about their common interests and talents and differences in their cultural backgrounds.
- The mural will help beautify the school grounds, will be visible to passers-by and will enhance the school MPC making the mural a significant feature.

Mrs K. Scott will oversee the project while Miss Duff will be directly involved in mentoring and supervising the students as part of her Internship.

A huge thank you needs to be given to Wendy Pawley who is overseeing the first panel in the mural which represents the life of the traditional custodians of the Erina area. Wendy is an established artist in her own right and has kindly offered her time to assist our Aboriginal students in producing their part of the mural.

The first workshop took place on Monday 6th September and resulted in students having sketched up their designs onto the large 2.4m x 1.2m panels, which were then primed in preparation for painting. The next workshop took place on Tuesday 14th September and saw the first three groups of students get well underway with their panel.

The students involved in the project are:

Tegan Gilchrist, Rachel Maloney, Eilish Boyack, Renee Foster, Alex Rowe, Trent Sheath of year seven; Kimberlee Pearce (8); Jason Trindall-Welsh, Liam Hamill, Michael Walker, Brandon Lovegrove, Jessica Brodie, Hollie Sayers of year 9 and Melissa Niblock, Bree Brown, Isabel Huigens, Tahnee Hancock, Georgia Doherty, Joshua Moss, Isobel McKechnie and Claudia Monsalve-Acevedo of year 10.

The seven panels of the mural will be completed by the end of October and will then be mounted permanently on the side of the MPC facing The Entrance Road. This promises to be a very rewarding and successful project for all involved. **Mrs K. Scott**



ATTENDANCE MATTERS TERM 4 2010

Congratulations to all those students who received an award for excellent attendance in Semester One!

Once again a big thank you all the parents and students who:

- Provide notes, phone calls or drop in personally to explain why students are late to School;
- Hand in notes on the day of return to school;
- Phone in if a student is away from school for more than one day;
- Enquire and inform Mrs Kong if a family holiday is being arranged within the school Semester;
- Query an absence date on the reminders sent out by the school; and
- Tear off and fill in the reminder slips for absences immediately they arrive at home.

All of the above makes the job of the attendance team a little easier.

85% Attendance concerns

Some parents will soon be receiving a letter concerning any student who has an attendance rate of below 85%. The BOS states quite clearly that it will be difficult for any student who has such an attendance rate to attain the outcomes of the course that they are studying and that this **may result in a student not progressing with his or her cohort.**

Hence, it is important that all absences be explained so that any genuine reason for absence can be considered in the above decision making.

It is so easy for the occasional parent condoned absence to quickly build up to unacceptable level and then blow-out with an unexpected bout of illness, e.g. an attendance rate of 75% translates into a total of 50 days off school per year or six and a half weeks of absence from school!

Senior Fractional Absences: For parents of senior students please remember that if a student misses two lessons in a day, without a reason, the DET electronic attendance system records this as a whole day of absence.

Late Arrivals: All students are encouraged to have an explanation for their lateness. A note, an email, a phone call or a parent dropping them off is sufficient. If this is not provided then the student will be asked to complete some form of restitution.

Restitutions which remain incomplete will result in the student being expected, with parental consent, to attend an afternoon catch up time for all the learning time missed through unexplained late arrival.

We urge you to support us as we work to instil the values of punctuality, regular attendance and emphasis on learning at a personal best standard every day within our students, your children.

Miss P. Williams- Head Teacher Administration / Attendance.

KEEPING KIDS AT SCHOOL 2010 Poster Competition Gosford/ Erina/ Peninsular Schools

In line with the Keeping Them Safe initiative, Gosford Police and the Central Coast Home School Liaison Team have joined with local businesses and Gosford City Council to promote good attendance at school.

The Keeping Kids in School 2010 Poster Competition is aimed at supporting this initiative and raising awareness of the issues around regular school attendance, such as:

- The new school leaving age (17 years)
- The importance of regular school attendance
- The School Leave Pass: for all secondary students if they leave school during school hours
- Maximizing your potential through learning

Competition details:

1. Primary and Secondary students in the Gosford, Erina, Terrigal, Narara Valley a Peninsular areas are invited to submit posters in either the Primary or Secondary categories. The posters should include an appropriate slogan and relate to the issues listed above.

2. Size is A3 and the poster can be in **any medium**.

3. Competition will run for one month, from Week 1 , Term 4 (11 October 2010) until the end of Week 4(5 November)

4. Police and HSLOs will **collect posters from schools** in Week 4 (8 November)

5. All posters will be **displayed at local shopping centres**, Erina Fair, Imperial Centre and Deepwater Plaza in Week 6 (15 – 21 November)

There are **6 prizes of shopping vouchers** to be won – a primary and a secondary winner for each shopping centre. Winners advised Week 6.

For more information contact Jaime Tommerup Police, Youth Liaison Officer, Gosford, 43235514, or your local Home School Liaison Officer, 43489100.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the course of this year, special Scripture Seminars will be conducted by some denominational groups. This is provided for in government legislation.

Seminars will be held for those students who are listed on their enrolment documents as **Roman Catholic** or **Protestant** (which includes Anglican, Baptist, Christian, Presbyterian, Uniting Church, Salvation Army,) will be held on the dates listed below.

All students who are listed on their enrolment documents as one of the above religions are required to attend unless an exemption note is submitted at the office.

The seminars will be conducted on Thursdays during Period 2 (10.08am to 11.12pm) in the **Library (Roman Catholic)** and **C6 (Protestant)**. The roll will be marked at each seminar.

Dates for Term 4 are:

| | | | |
|---------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Year 7: | 4 November | Year 10/11 | 25 November |
| Year 8: | 11 November | | |
| Year 9: | 18 November | | |

P Sweeney, Deputy Principal – Operations

ERINA HS U15'S AFL MAKES SWAN SHIELD CHS QUARTER FINAL

Congratulations to our under 15's AFL team who recently represented Erina HS in the quarter finals of the Swan Sheild CHS AFL competition. We versed Comealla HS in Wagga Wagga.

Our team spent a day travelling by bus to Borambola Sport & Recreation camp, Wagga Wagga, where we stayed the night. Everybody enjoyed activities at the camp that evening which included tennis, basketball, table tennis, cricket, touch footy and chasings.

A thick fog greeted us on waking on the day of the big game but by the time we kicked off the day was cool and overcast with no wind- perfect conditions for the game. The local AFL co-ordinator had organised an excellent facility for the game to be played at the Riverina Football Club . A few club officials watched the game with interest and they were impressed with the skills displayed by players on both teams.

Conditions were challenging for our team with dew from the grass making the ball slippery and hard to handle. Our team played a strong game against a well drilled Coomealla side whose support play was impressive. Although the final score suggested that our team was well beaten it did not indicate how hard fought the game was or how closely the teams were matched. All the boys were, on the whole, well behaved and enjoyed the trip.

Michael Gray— PDHPE staff & Coach



12 PDHPE VISIT TO NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Year 12 PDHPE class and teacher Miss Williams visited the Exercise Physiology & Sports Science facilities of Ourimbah Campus on Tuesday 21st September.

Students participated in a variety of workshops & physiological tests to compliment their studies into how elite athletes improve their performance. The workshops were conducted by 3rd & 4th year Graduate students & several Honours Students who were also able to answer questions about the graduate courses studied at the Campus for possible 2011 selection by our Year 12.

Workshops on the day included:

- Analysing forces using a force plate;
- Collecting data using 3D motion animation & bio-muscle feedback;
- Field test to measure vertical leg power;
- Measuring strength in legs, back & chest muscles;
- Agility drills & testing;
- Speed ladders to measure speed & agility training; and
- Measuring O₂ capacity using bike ergometers & heart rate monitors



YEAR 10 MOCK INDUSTRY INTERVIEWS

Congratulations must go to Year 10 students for their participation in our annual School-to-Work Mock Interview program held at the end of Term 3. Students were enthusiastic, well prepared and gained excellent outcomes from the interview process.

Erina high school would like to thank the following industry partners for their participation in the 2010 Mock interview day. The students very much appreciate the time, effort and advice provided by interviewers during the day and are now very excited about the possibility of future employment!

- Central Coast Group Training
- ET Australia
- Reef Restaurant Terrigal
- Youth Connections
- Erina High Volunteer Mentors
- Plan -it- Youth
- Soroptimist International
- Break Thru
- Gosford City Council
- CC Careers Network

A big thankyou must also go to the members of the Erina High School Career and Transition Team for all the organisation and planning which made the day such a success!

MOCK INTERVIEW DAY HIGHLIGHTS...



CAREERS BULLETIN

To express your interest or find out more about the following opportunities please see Mrs. Pursehouse in the Careers room as soon as possible:

1. **TVET 2011:** Positions are available for TVET courses for Year 10 students for next year at Ourimbah, Gosford and Wyong TAFE.
2. **WHITE CARD COURSE:** All students interested in completing a White Card course in term 4.
3. **WORK EXPERIENCE:** Any Year 10 student interested in participating in Work Experience after the School Certificate (W6, 7 or 8) must collect an expression of Interest form.
4. **TAX FILE NUMBERS:** Any student wishing to apply for a tax file number.

Some key dates for year 12 students

1. HUNTER TAFE application, enrolment and class dates for Semester One 2011:

Applications open 9 August 2010
Applications close 29 October 2010

Enrolments:

Enrolment takes place in January/February 2011. Enrolment days and times vary between Institutes. For further details, please contact [your local Institute](#).

Class dates:

Semester One 2011 commences: 7 February 2011.

2. KEY DATES FOR UAC ADMISSIONS

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Friday 29 October 2010 | Late applications close with late fee. |
| Tuesday 30 November 2010 | Late applications close with late fee. |
| Thursday 3 February 2011 | Final close of applications with late fee. |

HSC and ATARs.

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Wednesday 15 December 2010 | NSW HSC results e-released by Board of Studies. |
| Thursday 16 December 2010 | ATARs e-released by UAC. |

Change of preferences

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 6 January 2011 | For consideration in Main Round |
| 19 January – 26 January 2011 | For consideration in Early February Round |
| 2 February – 3 February 2011 | For consideration in Final Round |

University placement offers

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Thursday 28 October 2010 | October Round offers e-released |
| Thursday 18 November 2010 | November Round offers e-released |
| Thursday 9 December 2010 | December Round offers e-released |
| Wednesday 5 January 2011 | Early January Round offers e-released |
| Wednesday 19 January 2011 | Main Round offers e-released at 9pm |

YEAR 12 CAREERS ADVISOR SERVICE

Phone-in service - this free state-wide service operates from a call centre in the Vocational Education in Schools (VEIS) Directorate between 16 December 2010 and 7 January 2011. Telephone 1300 300 687.

E-mail service - this state-wide service operates from a centre in the VEIS Directorate between 16 December 2010 and 7 January 2011. Access to the service is through this website.

The majority of enquiries focus on the following issues:

- Career/study options available to students with lower or higher than expected ATARs
- Changes to university course preferences, and university and TAFE NSW application processes and courses.

Experienced careers advisers from government high schools staff the Advisory Service and offer a well-informed, friendly service.

Z-ELECTIVE “FUN WITH FASHION” FASHION PARADE

The Girl power ‘Fun with Fashion’ fashion parade was presented on smart board technology in Term 3. Congratulations to the winners of the casual and formal events:

- **1st in smart casual** was Gemma Clark and 2nd Kirsten Bock.
- **1st in formal wear** was Jillian Moore and 2nd Cheyenne Howarth.



Smart Casual: Gemma Clark 1st (above)

Formal Wear: Jillian Moore 1st (below)



Kirsten Bock 2nd (above)

Cheyenne Howarth (below)



ADVERTISING/COMMUNITY NOTICES

PIANO LESSONS

- Private lessons by an experienced qualified teacher in a relaxed and friendly environment located just around the corner in Dalgety Crescent, Green Point.
- Catering to the individual student's talent.
- Waiting room for parents and siblings.
- Ages 5+.

contact **Wendy Love** on **4365 2275**
www.wendylove.pianotuition.com

CHANGES TO BUSWAYS SERVICES FROM MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER, 2010

Busways service bus routes and timetables will change from Monday 8th November, 2010.

It is important that parents and students check the new timetables for routes and departure times when using service buses or when transferring to a service bus for travel to or from school.

Students will be handed notices of timetable changes as they board the bus during the week commencing 25 October, 2010.

Year 10 and 12 students should take particular notice of this if they are relying on Busway buses to get to school for their School Certificate or HSC exams.

New timetable information will be available on the Busways website
www.busways.com.au
 from Monday 25 October, 2010.



Have Your Will Prepared for \$40

Wednesday 10th November 2010

Mingara Recreation Club
 Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi

Local Solicitors will be on hand to prepare or change your will*.

Times 8am - 6pm

Cost \$40 (per will)

(All money raised will go to The Salvation Army Selah Farm Rehabilitation Centre in Berkeley Vale.)

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to take care of the future.

Phone **The Salvation Army** to make an appointment on **(02) 4325 5614**



*Simple wills only. We regret that more complex wills are unable to be accommodated by the program due to time constraints.

The Salvation Army
 Australia Eastern Territory

152 The Entrance Road
ERINA NSW 2260

<http://www.erina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Phone: 4367 7353 or 4367 7246

Fax: 4365 3086

E-mail: erina-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

2010 SCHOOL CERTIFICATE TESTS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

1. ATTENDANCE

Year 10 students **must attend** all School Certificate Tests and make a serious attempt to answer the questions in each test, in order to be eligible for the School Certificate. Students are required to wear full school uniform during exams.

Students who are ill for any test must contact Deputy Principal Mr Allomes on the morning of the tests. Only serious and substantiated misadventures will be accepted. The tests are mandatory.

There will be **no timetabled classes** for year 10 from Monday 8th – Thursday 11th November. Normal classes will operate for Yr10 on Friday 12th.

3. SCHEDULE

Monday 8th November

English Literacy 9.20am - 11.30am
Science 12.50pm - 3.00pm

Tuesday 9th November

Mathematics 9.20am - 11.30am
Australian History 12.50pm - 3.00pm
Geography, Civics & Citizenship

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th November On-line Computer Skills tests

Students are required to be at school for the following 1.5 hr sessions, according to surname. The computer exam will take place in the library. Please make sure you are outside the library 15 minutes before your exam.

| GROU P | SURNAME (INCLUSIVE) | DAY | DATE | TIME |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------|
| 1 | Anstiss - Calvin | Wednesday | 10 th Nov | 9:30 am |
| 2 | Carlson - Fuller | Wednesday | 10 th Nov | 11:00am |
| 3 | Fulton - Kennedy | Wednesday | 10 th Nov | 12:30pm |
| 4 | Kirkman - McAtamney | Wednesday | 10 th Nov | 2:00 pm |
| 5 | McCallum - On | Thursday | 11 th Nov | 9:30 am |
| 6 | Osborne - Rawson | Thursday | 11 th Nov | 11:00am |
| 7 | Richards - Strutt | Thursday | 11 th Nov | 12:30pm |
| 8 | Stubbs - Young | Thursday | 11 th Nov | 2:00 pm |

Friday 12th November

Back up day for students to sit missed computing exams. Normal classes operating.

If you don't receive a paper version of the newsletter, you can find the newsletter and other important information on the Erina High School website.

