

Erina News

I wish to bring to the attention of parents that Mrs Kong will be on leave during November. Mr Allomes will be relieving Principal and Mrs Smith will be acting as Deputy Principal.

Year 12 are moving towards the completion of HSC exams. Students are reminded that an official sign out must be completed. Individualised forms are available from the front office from the 8th November and need to be completed by the 22nd. References can be picked up after the 12th November. I am looking forward to catching up with all students at the formal graduation evening.

Year 11 have as of Monday 1st November officially started Year 12 course work. A number of students have already begun the process of withdrawing from courses to reduce their pattern of study from 12 units to 10 units. This can only take place with a signed parent note indicating they are aware of course changes. Year 11 yearly reports should be available and out to students during week 6.

Year 10 are busy finalising course work and revision for the School Certificate that commences on Monday 8th November. All Year 10 families should have received a letter explaining exam times, student expectations and times when students need to be at school for their computer exam. **Normal classes commence on Friday 12th.** During weeks 6-9 Year 10 will be involved in a series of preparation for the senior school programs and also school to work transition programs. This is an excellent opportunity for students to be involved in work experience and I ask students to make contact with Mrs Pursehouse if they are interested. Year 10 graduation will be held on Monday 13th December with School Certificate portfolios and reports going out to all students.

A reminder to Year 10 students who believe they have full time work and/or apprenticeship lined up for 2011 they may request an exemption from school with a signed note from parents and a letter from the employer (letterhead required). Exemptions from school to commence holiday work are available from Monday 6th December when the Year 10 Gold Coast excursion is taking place.

Many of our junior students have been busy over the last few weeks providing assistance to staff in the running of study plus programs for Year 6 students from our partner schools and assisting our Year 7 2011 year advisors with school visits to provide transition information. I would like to thank all students and staff involved in these activities for their time and fantastic presentations. Well done!

Mr D Allomes, Relieving Principal



Erina High School

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School Events:

8 November
First day of School
Certificate tests

15 November - 3 December
Year 10 senior school and school to work transition

18 November
Year 12 Graduation Evening

1 December
Erina on Stage evening

8 December
Presentation night

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.

OUR SCHOOL SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN IMPORTANT MATHS AND SCIENCE STUDY

Erina High School has been selected to participate in the *Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study* (TIMSS). This is an important educational research project investigating student achievements in mathematics and science. More than 60 countries are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices. We will be able to obtain current national and international information which will help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science in our country.

Selected students will do an assessment in mathematics and science and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. There is no need for students to study specifically for assessment as it will not affect individual students' grades or progress in school. All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

STUDY PLUS - Year 6 students from Woodport Public School took part in Study Plus this week with students learning about strategy games from Mr Watson. Mr McMaster also gave them a taste of Algebra which students were eager to experience.

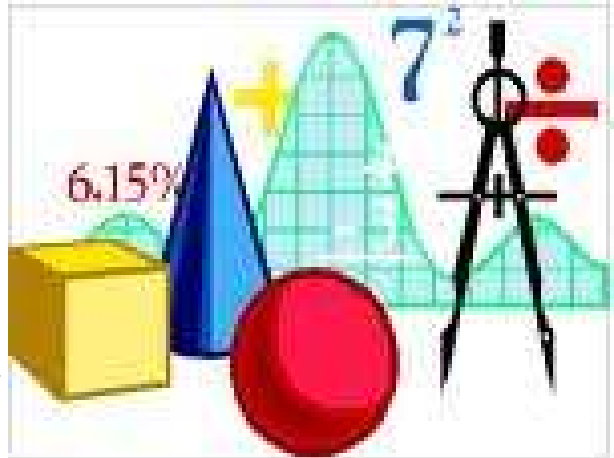


AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the students who sat the 2010 Maths competition. The top ranking student in the school was NICOLA LEGGAT of Year 10 who received a distinction and was in the top 14% of candidates. Other students who performed well were Belinda Allen (8), Molly Prosser (8), Henry Chan (8), Shivaji Bhattacharya (8), Monica Halibozek (9), Blake Poole (11) and James Xu (12). All these students earned credits.

I look forward to even more students sitting for next year's competition which will be held on the 4th August, 2011.

Mr C.McMaster
Maths Competition Co-ordinator



SCHOOL CRICKET RESULTS

Spectators were treated to an exciting cricket match between Erina and Henry Kendall high schools recently. Our opponents won the toss and batted first. They progressed very conservatively for the first fourteen overs before posting a competitive score of 195 runs.

Harry Brien bowled impressively and got a hat trick in his second spell. He was ably supported by Ryan Wilson, Tom Beasley, Anthony McIntosh and Eric Furlonger.

Our innings started steadily, then slowed and we had to score a run per ball for the last 100 runs. The team thought that they needed 7 runs off the last over to win. Harry Brien was caught out for 57 on the first ball when he tried to clear the fence. Tom Beasley hit the second ball of the over for a 4 and then had three dot balls. The last ball was over pitched and Tom hit it to the boundary for a great victory.

Our other top scorers on the day were Ryan Wilson (62) and Dyon Williams.

M Gray, Coach



BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES

As announced by the Minister for Transport, the Central Coast Bus Network is having a major change on **8 November 2010**. The following changes apply to Erina High School:

- **Route 70** departing from Avoca Dr and Milpera Rd at 8.25am to Erina High and Woodport Public - Route 70 will now depart from Avoca Dr and Milpera Rd at 8.25am as **Bus 1** and will travel via Avoca Dr, Koolang Rd, Greenvale Rd, Sun Valley Rd, James Sea Dr, Ernest St to above schools.
- **Route 64** departing from Saratoga Shops at 7.01am to Erina High - will now depart from Saratoga Shops as **Route 63** and will depart at the same time and travel with no change to the Route directions.
- **Route 67** departing from Gosford Station at 8.23am for Gosford Public School and Erina High - Route 67 will now depart from Gosford Station at **8.27am**. There are no changes to the Route number or route instructions.
- **Route 68** departing from Terrigal Dr and Duffys Rd at 7.32 am to Erina High - Route 68 will now depart from Terrigal Dr and Duffys Rd at **7.26am (6 minutes earlier)**. There are no changes to the route.
- **Route 70** departing from Green Point Shops at 8.05am to Erina High - Route 70 will depart from Green Point Shops at **8.00am as Route 63** and will travel via no change to Route instructions or transfer arrangements.
- **Route 61** departing from Wagstaffe Post Office at 7.20am to Erina High - Route 61 will now depart from Wagstaffe Post Office at **7.21am as Route 65**. Students for Erina High will now **transfer at Green Point Shops to Route 63 at 8.00am**.
- **Route 64** departing from Kincumber Crescent and Magnolia Av at 8.27am to Erina High - Route 64 will now depart from Kincumber Crescent and Magnolia Ave at **8.27am as Route 63** and will travel via Village Rd, Steyne Rd, Henderson Rd, Malinya Rd, Lintern St, Mirreen Ave, Paringa Ave, Davistown Rd, Lilli Pilli St, Pine Ave, Kincumber Cr to Magnolia Ave turnaround Magnolia Ave, Pine Ave, Lilli Pilli St, Davistown Rd, Avoca Dr, Koolang Rd, Greenvale Rd, Sun Valley Rd, James Sea Dr, Ernest St, Central Coast Hwy, Karalta Rd, Erina Fair u-turn at roundabout Erina Fair, Karalta Rd, Central Coast Hwy to school.
- **Route 61** departing from Green Point Christian College at 8.36am to Erina High - Route 61 will now depart from Green Point Christian School at **8.36am as Route 65** and will travel via College St, Avoca Dr, u-turn Davistown Roundabout Avoca Dr, Koolang Rd, Milpera Rd, Link Rd, Sun Valley Rd, Dalgety Cres, James Sea Dr, Ernest St.
- **Route 60** departing from Woy Woy Station at 7.27am to Erina High - Route 60 will now depart from Woy Woy Station at **7.21am as Route 64** and will travel via Blackwall Rd, Orange Grove Rd, Booker Bay Rd, Ocean View Rd, Picnic Pde, The Esplanade, Beach St, Broken Bay Rd, Ocean View Rd, to Opposite Ettalong Memorial Club, Picnic Pde, Maitland Bay Dr, Daley Ave, Empire Bay Dr, Greenfield Rd, Rickard Rd, Kendall Rd, Sorrento Rd, Gordon Rd, Rickard Rd, Greenfield Rd, Empire Bay Dr, Kallaroo Ave, 1st Kildare St, Kallaroo Ave, Empire Bay Dr, Cullens Rd, Melville St, Scaysbrook Dr, Melville St, Oberton St, Avoca Dr, Koolang Rd, Milpera Rd, Link Rd, Sun Valley Rd, Dalgety Cres, James Sea, Ernest St.

- **Route 66** departing from Copacabana Dr and Chico St at 7.35am to Erina High - **Route 66 will now operate as School Bus 66**. There are no changes to the departure time and route.
- **Route 67** departing from Bradleys Rd and Scenic Rd at 7.37am for Erina High - Route 67 will now depart from Bradleys Rd and Scenic Rd at **7.40am**. There is no change to Route number and no change to Route instructions.
- **Route 60** departing from Erina High at 3.58pm will no longer operate. Students will now board **Bus 23** departing from Erina High at 3.38pm and operating FIRST SET DOWN KERTA RD KINCUMBER then Empire Bay Dr, Kallaroo Rd, Kildare St, Kallaroo Rd, Empire Bay Dr, Greenfield Rd, Rickard Rd, Kendall Rd, Sorrento Rd, Gordon Rd, Rickard Rd, Greenfield Rd, Empire Bay Dr, Helmsman Bvd, Weatherly Pde, Discovery St, Beachfront Pde, Helmsman Bvd.
- **Route 60 (Tuesday only)** departing from Erina High at 2.45pm to Green Point will now display **Route 63** and depart at **2.42pm** and will travel via James Sea Dr, Sun Valley Rd, Greenvale Rd, Koolang Rd to Avoca Dr.
- **Route 61 (Tuesday only)** departing from Erina High at 2.21pm will no longer operate via Erina High. Students will now board Route 64 departing from School (Ernest St) at 2.20pm and will travel Ernest St, James Sea Dr, Dalgety Cres, Sun Valley Rd, Link Rd, Milperra Rd, Koolang Rd, Avoca Dr to Green Point Shops. Students for Wagstaffe then transfer to Route 65 to Wagstaffe at Green Point Shops at 2.26pm. It continues via Avoca Dr, Empire Bay Dr, The Scenic Rd, Lakeside Dr, Tudibaring Pde, Warri Cres, The Scenic Rd, Hats St, Manly View Rd, The Scenic Rd, Killcare Rd, Araluen Dr, Heath Rd, Pretty Beach Rd, Wagstaffe Ave.
- **Route 60 (Seniors Only)** service operating for Gosford Primary School to Yattalunga, Davistown and Saratoga - Students will now board **New Route 63** from opposite school in Mann St at 3.24pm then travel via Mann St, Masons Pde, Central Coast Hwy, Karalta Rd, Erina Fair u-turn at roundabout at Erina Fair, Karalta Rd, Central Coast Hwy, Ernest St, **Erina High 3.44pm**, James Sea Dr, Sun Valley Rd, Greenvale Rd, Koolang Rd, Avoca Dr, Davistown Rd, Jirramba Ave, Mimosa Ave, Village Rd to Saratoga Shops, Village Rd, Steyne Rd, Henderson Rd, Malinya Rd, Lintern St, Mirreen Ave, Paringa Ave, Davistown Rd, Lilli Pilli St, Pine Ave, Kincumber Cr to Amy St.
- **Route 65/Route 66** departing Erina High at 3.42pm to Avoca, Copacabana, Kincumber will now depart as **Route 66C at 3.53pm** with no change to the route.
- **Route 61** departing from Erina High at 3.47pm to Green Point, Kincumber, Killcare, MacMasters Beach and Wagstaffe will now display **Route 65** and will travel via Ernest St, James Sea Dr, Dalgety Cres, Sun Valley Dr, Link Rd, Milperra Rd, Koolang Rd, Avoca Dr, Empire Bay Dr, The Scenic Rd, Lakeside Dr, Tudibaring Pde, Warri Cres, The Scenic Rd, Hats St, Manly View Rd, The Scenic Rd, Killcare Rd, Araluen Dr, Heath Rd, Pretty Beach Rd, Wagstaffe Ave then to Wagstaffe Post Office.

For further information please contact Busways Kincumber Depot on 4368 2277 or visit the website at www.busways.com.au which will be updated to reflect the operation of all services.

THE NSW PREMIER'S STUDENT VOLUNTEERING AWARDS PROGRAM

Erina High School students have been recording details of their volunteering activities as part of the Premier's Volunteering awards. Our students have been among the most enthusiastic in the region, with a huge number assisting others and participating in community events.

The *NSW Premier's Student Volunteering Awards* program encourages all students to undertake a minimum of 20 hours of volunteering during the time they are enrolled in **Years 9 and 10**. In appreciation of this contribution to the community, students will receive Premier's Certificates (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond respectively) for completing 20, 40, 60 and 80 hours of volunteering.

Similar to the Premier's Reading Challenge, students logon and register through their DET student portal. They enter details of the activity they have undertaken, including the host supervisor or organisation, brief details of the activity, the date and duration of their volunteering. I then validate their details and forward information to the program coordinators, so certificates can be printed and issued.

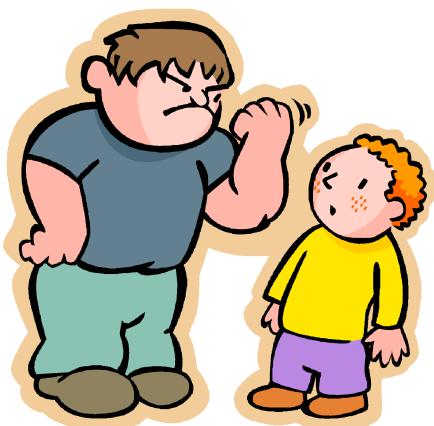
I would like to congratulate the many students who offer their time to assist others, and encourage them to gain recognition for their actions through this program.

Jo Bayliss
Coordinator of Student Wellbeing

THE ONLINE BULLY BOX

Students can now report incidents of bullying or harassment by placing a report in the bully box in the front office or online through the Erina High student intranet. The tab can be found on the left of the page, and brief details of the situation may be entered. The reports will be checked daily and appropriate action taken. Parents are reminded that concerns may also be communicated by email to the school or through a phone call. Please don't hesitate to contact me if your child has problems that need attention.

Jo Bayliss
Coordinator of Student Wellbeing



ADVERTISING/COMMUNITY NOTICES

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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families for international students from Europe, the USA and Japan. These students will be arriving in Australia in early February 2011. If you are interested in hosting an international student please contact Southern Cross Cultural Exchange for more information on 1800 500 501 or scce Aust@scce.com.au or www.scce.com.au.

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2010 SCHOOL CERTIFICATE TESTS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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 Year10 on Friday 12th.

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.

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

