

Erina News



Erina High School

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School Events:

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

6th—10th December
Year 10 Gold Coast Excursion

13th December
Year 10 graduation assembly

REMINDER FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 11 reports will be made available to students on Wednesday 17th November. After reviewing reports it is evident we have many hard working students who are working towards personal best and I congratulate all of these students. What was also evident are students who are developing poor work/study habits due to attendance and motivation issues .

Early next term we will be organising a learning conference for Year 12 to try to address these issues and better prepare students for the HSC journey.

Year 10 have now completed their external exams and have moved into a pattern of study based on school to work competencies and preparation for the senior school studies. It is a great opportunity for students to also undertake work experience and this can be organised through the careers department. A quality program has been developed for Year 10 but it can only be effective if the students are at school. For example on Thursday 18th November all Year 10 will be involved in a road safety day where they will be undertaking workshops run by the police, fire brigade and NRMA.

I often get phone calls from parents who have been told by their child that nothing is happening at school and it isn't worthwhile going. A reminder attendance is mandatory and prolonged absences can place School Certificates in jeopardy. If your child is not attending the Gold Coast excursion they will be able to commence temporary vacation employment. Students need to supply parent and work provider letters.

The Year 10 graduation assembly will be held on Monday 13th December.

David Allomes
Relieving Principal



Looking to kick start your career with an apprenticeship?

Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training can help you launch an exciting career by developing skills for entry into an apprenticeship.

The training can give you credit for up to the first year of an apprenticeship.

Who can participate in a Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training course?

Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training courses are open to young people, aged 19 years or under, who are not at school, including Aboriginal people, and people with a disability.

Do participants pay any fees?

NSW Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training courses are free of any charge to participants.

What is included in a Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training course?

Hunter TAFE is delivering Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training that includes:

- 300 hours of face-to-face training including units from the national apprenticeship qualification, employability, literacy and numeracy skills
- 60 hours of work placement, and
- Post course advice on course outcomes, career options and support services.

How can I enrol in a Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training course?

Information sessions to provide details about Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training courses are available (for full details, see over). Prospective course participants should attend the appropriate information session and will also be required to undertake an application, assessment and selection process for entry into a Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training course.

NSW Kickstart Pre- Apprenticeship Training

Hunter TAFE is offering courses in the following trade/industry areas:

Engineering	Carpentry	Hairdressing	Commercial Cookery
Units from Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade	Units from Certificate III in Carpentry	Units from Certificate III in Hairdressing	Units from Certificate III in Hospitality (Commercial Cookery)
Code: MEM30205	Code: CPC30208	Code: WRH30109	Code: SIT30807
Hunter TAFE Gosford Campus	Hunter TAFE Ourimbah Campus	Hunter TAFE Gosford Campus	Hunter TAFE Ourimbah Campus

All Courses

Start Date: 29/11/2010

End Date: 01/04/2011

Compulsory Information Session All Courses:

17/11/2010

5pm

**Tuggerah Business Park
6/1 Reliance Drive
TUGGERAH NSW 2259**

To register your interest please call:

**YC Industry Link
Ph: 02 4350 2600**



To find out about other Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training courses please visit the State Training Services website at: www.training.nsw.gov.au or contact your local State Training Services Regional Centre on 13 28 11.

The Kickstart Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program is funded by the Australian Government and managed by State Training Services.

TRADE START 2011

Students

What's in this for me?

Am I eligible?

If you have completed your School Certificate or Certificate II in General Education or would be eligible to go into year 11 in 2011 at school then you are eligible for the Trade Start program.

What do I have to do?

You will attend the Trade Start program a minimum of three days per week at a non-school location during school hours. You will NOT wear a school uniform.

What do I get?

Instead of attending year 11 at a school you will go to the Trade Start program and over 12 months you will work towards a Certificate II in your chosen area of vocational study plus HSC pathway units.

The areas of study available are:

- Construction
- Horticulture
- Hair & Beauty
- Metals and Engineering
- Retail
- Business Services
- Tourism (Australian Indigenous Culture, Cert I)

You will have the opportunity to attend work placement and you may be eligible for a School Based Traineeship.

Will I still qualify for Youth Allowance?

Yes – you will be a full-time student.

What happens when I finish the year?

If you achieve the Certificate II you will be assisted to search for an apprenticeship, traineeship or job. You could also return to a school to complete your HSC over the next two years.



Education
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Parents/Carers

What will my young person achieve?

What qualification will my young person gain?

Successful students will achieve a Certificate II in their chosen area of study plus a Record of Achievement of preliminary HSC study units.

How many days will my young person attend Trade Start?

A minimum of three days per week.

How much will it cost?

There are no course fees. Students will not require a uniform. Students will be given a free travel pass to/from home to the Trade Start program location if they live more than 2km away. They may have to pay travel to/from any training/work held off site.

When will the course start and finish?

The course will commence in Term 4, 2010 with an information session and will run for one year from Term 1, 2011. Students will have normal school holidays off.

Who runs Trade Start?

Trade Start is run by the Department of Education and Training with Erina High as the host school in 2011 and in conjunction with the Hunter Institute of TAFE. It will be hosted by youthconnections.com.au at Green Central, Mt Penang and students requiring additional support will be case managed under the Youth Connections Program, funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

INFORMATION SESSION

If you are interested in the Trade Start program please come to our information session. At this session bookings will be taken for individual enrolment interviews.

When: Tuesday, 23 November 2010 from 3pm to 4.30pm

Where: Education Centre, Green Central, Mt Penang

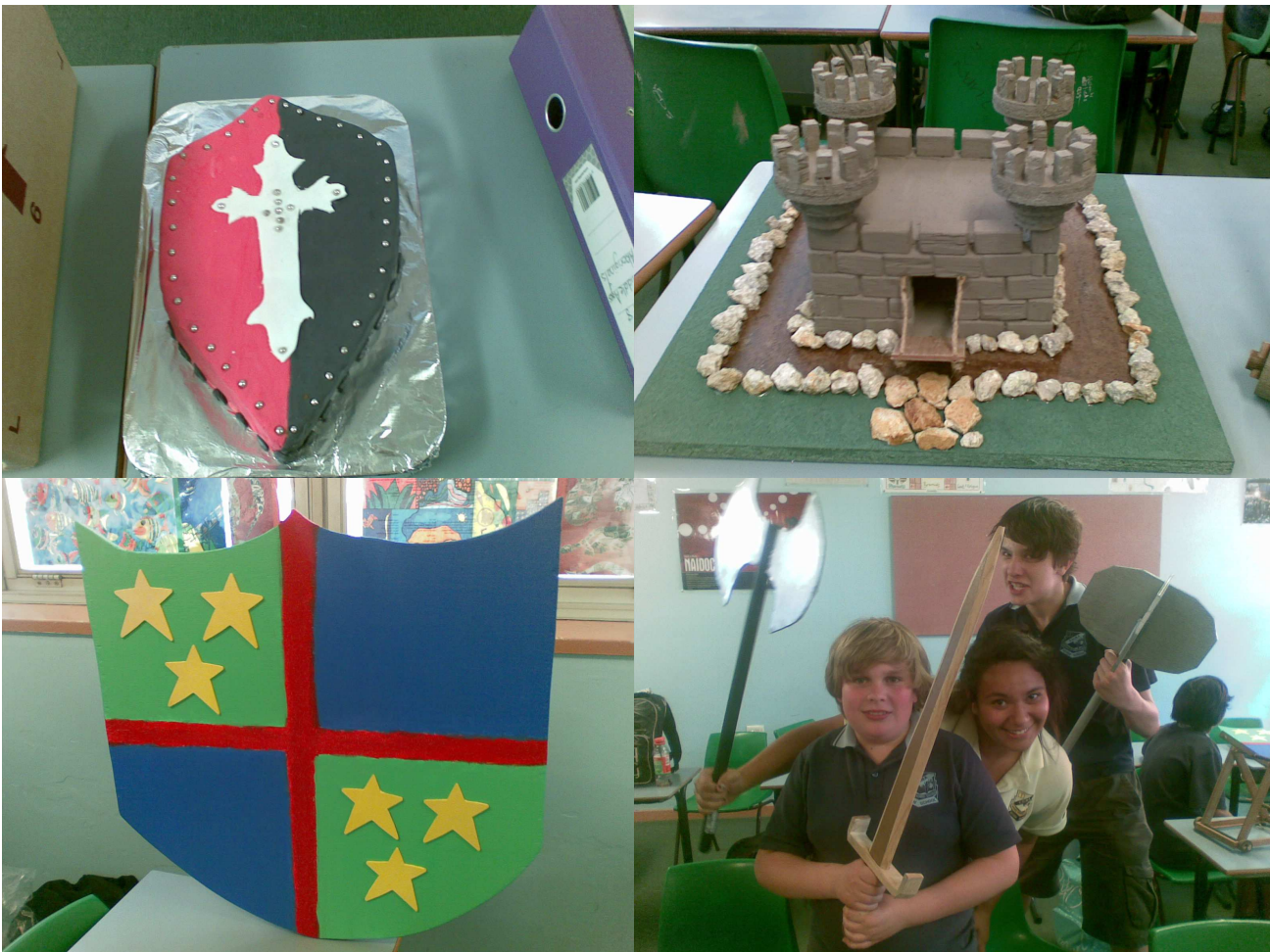
For more information contact Lyn Cooper by email lyn@youthconnections.com.au or phone 4350 2600

HISTORY FACULTY NEWS

The History faculty has had another busy term. Year 7 and 8 students have been busy completing their major assessment tasks and as in past years some of the projects have been outstanding. Year 8 have completed their Middle Ages models and Year 7 their Ancient Egypt board games. Any parents who visit the school will be able to see them displayed in the school foyer. It has been fantastic to see the effort and imagination that students have put into their work.

The History faculty would like to congratulate the following students on their outstanding effort and conduct this term. They have made every effort to work to their personal best in all their class and assessment tasks. Well done.

Danny Cook, David Pont, Nicola Leggat, Maighan Downes, Georgia Maskell (Year 10)
Kate Gasson, Jane Upston, Monika Haliboxek, Carmen Daniels, Jacob McLean (Year 9)
Sam Littlechild, Josh Alonzo, Riley Pike, Kit Hamilton, Charlotte Zorro (Year 8)
Jesse Robson, Rainie Yuen, Kayne Donald, Emily Griggs, Ashleigh Morris (Year 7)



CANTEEN UPDATE

Do your children arrive at school hungry? Send them to the School Canteen for breakfast! New lines are now available for breakfast and include toast with vegemite, peanut butter or nutella, raisin toast and cinnamon toast, all \$1.50, soy milk for those who are lactose intolerant, hot chocolate, toasted sandwiches and the very popular cheese and bacon bread (\$2.00). The canteen is open at 8.00am so start the day with a healthy breakfast and see the difference it makes!



EAS\$Y DOLLAR\$

Lowes has donated \$2,000 to Erina High School through its Easy Dollars annual payment scheme. The amount donated is a result of the amount of money spent by families purchasing school uniform from Lowes at Erina Fair. Lowes is an All Australian family company employing local staff and students. Lowes would also like to advise that many of their school items have actually reduced in price! In addition, parents receive an extra 5% discount by using their Lowes Ezyway credit card. Thankyou to Lowes for their support of our school community. The money donated will be used to purchase valuable resources for our school.

FREE COURSES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Both Gosford and Wyong TAFE offer **FREE** courses for men and women who are eager to undertake a career change, launch back into the workforce or take the first step towards training. Courses provide students with a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training and are run over six months, 4 days per week within school hours.

For further information contact:

Gosford TAFE - Pauline Eade on 4348 2282

Wyong TAFE - Bronwyn McCallum on 4350 2375 or Trish Cuzner on 4350 2208

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

St Edwards JRLFC

Players wanted for 2011 season. Boys and Girls from U/6 to U/16.

Registration Day:
 5 February 2011 at
 St. Edwards College oval.

For more information
 contact Megan Kirby on
 0405 141 481 or Wayne
 Clarke on 0409 234 066

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SCIENCE NEWS

Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) is a mandatory science assessment program for Year 8 students. The 2010 ESSA written test will be held on Tuesday 23 November. Notes regarding this will be distributed in the week commencing 15 November.

South Passage Excursion

Congratulations to Science staff Mr Roberts, Mrs Marco and the Years 9 and 11 students who attended the three day adventure acting as crew on the sailing ship South Passage. By all accounts a highly successful journey, although some sea sickness. The ship's company was so impressed by our students they are now using them to assist in promoting the excursion to other schools.



SEXTING

Parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting'– the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones.

Tips for parents:

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting.
- Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.
- Parents can learn about how technology is used in their child's life by visiting the education department's website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click