

Erina News

BEST WISHES TO YEAR 12



I know all in our school community will join with me to extend best wishes and congratulations to Year 12 as they graduate from secondary schooling and ready themselves for HSC exams.

The students of Year 12, 2010 have been positive and enthusiastic school citizens. We know they will make a wealth of notable and varied contributions to the communities they join after school as they launch themselves into the next exciting stage of their journey through life.

The school will hold two functions to mark the graduation of Year 12, 2010. Whilst encouraging their celebrations, students should guard against losing sight of the hard work, effort and focus that has sustained them throughout the year. They should use the time prior to the HSC exams to put the finishing touches on their preparations.

A Graduation Assembly for students and their families will be held on Friday 24th September at 10.00 am to celebrate the completion of senior class work. This however, does not herald a break from the comprehensive, well-planned study program which students know will need to continue throughout the **HSC exams which commence on Thursday October 14.**

The conclusion of HSC studies at Erina High School is marked by a **Formal Farewell evening function held at the end of HSC examinations on November 18th.**

In the final week of school and throughout the Spring break as Year 12 ready themselves for their examinations I wish to restate the expectations I have of them. This information has already been provided to students and families:

- **In class on task** to “fine tune” their preparation
- **Maintain contact with teachers** to clarify understanding in the break
- **Safe, responsible behaviour** towards staff, other students, community & property
- **Adherence to the school’s Code of Conduct**
- **No “muck-up activities”** only planned activities previously negotiated with the Principal
- **No entry to the school outside school hours**
- **Deportment in the wider community** which reflects well on the school and its families
- **Safe celebrating**, looking out for themselves and their peers

I would like to wish each student a productive Spring break, a rewarding HSC performance and a bright, satisfying future!

Erina High

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School Events:

22 September
Yr 9/10
Netball
Gala Day

24 September
Year 12
Graduation
Ceremony
10am-
12noon

11 October
First day of
Term 4 for
all students

14 October
HSC begins
in the MPC

8 November
First day of
School
Certificate
tests

CONCLUDING A VERY PRODUCTIVE TERM

Our school has enjoyed a busy and rewarding term with some real highlights to celebrate! There have been exceptional outcomes at individual, team and school levels which have earned accolades in academic competitions, sport, debating, drama, music, and community service.

Congratulations to students for their efforts and achievements and thanks to parents and teachers for the quality guidance and support which produced personal best performances.

In particular our graduating year 12 students deserve recognition for the outstanding array of HSC major projects and performances which have been presented to examiners over the past weeks. The talent and expertise of our most senior students and their teacher-coaches has been remarkable.

I would like to wish all members of our school community a very relaxing and refreshing Spring break.

I look forward to greeting students and staff enthusiastic to meet the challenges of term 4 when school resumes for both teachers and students on Monday October 11th.
Marj Kong. Principal

UPDATE ON GATS MOSAIC MURAL– The epic continues!

Once again the GATS Mosaic Team has been hard at work on the 4 panels of the Natural Elements Mosaic Mural. This time 3 of the panels were grouted and are now complete. The fourth mural based on “Water” is still at the glazing stage with a new team of Year 7 girls having taken that part of the project.



Each panel consists of two halves: the lower half is tiled and the top half of each panel is yet to be painted in UV-resistant paint to complete the full design on each panel.



The new “Water” team consists of Maddison Davis, Kelsey Davies, Courtney Cridland and Zoe Cornwell all of Year 7. The girls have a big job ahead of them to glaze all the tiles before gluing and grouting them to be at the same stage as the other teams.

Mrs K. Scott (GATS Co-Coordinator for Mosaic Mural)

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

“ALTERED” - Site Specific Installations by Year 11 Visual Arts

On the 9th September as part of their Fragmented Landscape unit, Year 11 Visual Arts students participated in a fun and educational outdoor learning experience based on the work of the British installation artist Andy Goldsworthy.

After classroom theory-based investigation of the artist and his practice students moved outdoors to collect natural materials from around the treed area of the playground and transformed them into works of art, or “site specific installations”. There, under the trees, the artworks were left to face the challenge of surviving the day ahead within the school environment. Before the artworks vanished back into the landscape, their beauty and artistry was captured and documented in photos as a booklet record of student installations.

The learning experience was orchestrated by Miss Rachel Duff who is currently completing her Internship in the Visual Arts faculty as part of her teaching degree, with Mrs K. Scott as her supervising teacher. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the booklet titled “Altered” is a lasting reminder of the lesson. Below are some of the images from the booklet showing the artworks before they were “returned” to the environment.



“ALTERED BOOKS” Year 11 Visual Arts

Year 11 students have each completed an ambitious artwork titled “Fragmented Landscape” which was an old text book altered to become an art object. Each book contained a collection of artworks including sketches and manipulated photos of flora and the landscape from the bushland surrounding the school, photos from a recent Biology excursion to the Botanical Gardens, artworks influenced by their excursion to the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Art Galleries and artworks produced in class in a number of learning experiences such as dry point etching, origami, collage, cut pages, scanographs and creating artworks from metaphors and sayings.

The final “altered books” were visually stunning and testament to the creativity and artistic ability of these students. The books were proudly exhibited to staff recently at a Monday Staff Meeting and received much praise. Below are some images from the books.

Mrs K. Scott (Year 11 Art Teacher)



YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION

On Friday 20th August, we visited the Newcastle Regional Art Gallery and Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery to view a number of exhibitions linked to our Term 3 unit of work. It was a wonderful way to spend a day learning about the “Curious Colony” exhibition and the Newcastle Chest at the Newcastle Region Gallery; Joseph Banks Botanical illustrations, the Replant Exhibition and the work of Nicola Hensell at the Lake Macquarie City Gallery.

All the exhibits featured work that reflected the theme of flora and the landscape which directly related to our current art making practice which was to alter an old book and make it into an art object titled “Fragmented Landscape”.

We enjoyed a guided tour of the exhibitions by gallery staff and volunteers and engaged with the artworks by critically writing about them and sketching ideas for our own artmaking. We all found the exhibits extremely inspiring and we collected Gallery postcards to use in our own artworks.

We had a relaxing lunch at Awaba House Café on Lake Macquarie which is adjacent to the gallery before viewing the exhibitions there. There was just enough time left to sit in the Sculpture Park and do some small watercolour studies of the surrounding flora and landscape before walking to Booragul Station and catching the train back to Gosford.

Comment from Mrs Scott: “The day had such educational value to the students and they found it so inspiring! It was a truly worthwhile experience”.



YEAR 12 DRAMA

On Monday 23rd of August Year 12 Drama students staged their HSC Performance Night for parents and friends in preparation for facing the HSC examiners the following day. The night was a success with parents and friends thoroughly enjoying the evening.

HSC examiners arrived promptly on the 25th of August and completed the practical marking on the 26th of August. All performances were fantastic, a showcase of their talents. As each group or individual performer exited the examination room fellow performers erupted into applause, supporting each other to reach for their personal best.

Preparation for their performances involved many weekends, school holidays and before and after school rehearsals. A big thank you to Mrs White, Miss Munden and Miss Kearney for all their support and assistance with HSC performances.

Congratulations Year 12, you made me very proud to be your teacher. It has been a pleasure working with you, you will be greatly missed.
Miss Balacco, Class Teacher

YEAR 12 MUSIC HSC EXAMINATIONS

Congratulations to year 12 Music students for their professionalism in the HSC performance exams and their hard work leading up to the "big event".

Year 12 students involved included: Aden Brennan, Tristan Patey-Downes, Aaron Taylor, Codie Huckstepp, Brett Small, Shaun Edwards, Cameron Durbin, Ben Manners, Andrea Ryden, Ben Grant, Heather Furlonger, Ellie Hasnip, Elyse Connor, Alyce Bayliss, Rowan Slade, Riley Cox, Lachlan Bell, Shannon Plater, Jamin Woodcock, Tim Woodcraft & Georgia Hutchinson.

These students were aided by the following Year 11 & Year 10 students: Alan Hall, Anthony Jackson-Sullivan, Maurice Hage, Phillip Bourne, Ryan Wilson, Jake Brennan, Tom Beasley, Courtney Dagasso & Jamie Mullarkey. Also a big thanks to the many staff and peripatetic teachers involved including Mr Read, Mr Simpson, Mitchell Bayliss, Danielle McIler & Phil Rutherford.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !!!!!

TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Congratulations to Tom Beasley for his outstanding success in the NSW DET Talent Development Project.

Tom performed at the Sydney Entertainment Centre for industry professionals in a gruelling two days trial and while he was unsuccessful in the final round he gained invaluable experience from the selection process.

As a Year 10 student competing against many senior students Tom should be well pleased with his efforts!



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SCHOOL SPECTACULAR 2010 – COLOUR MY WORLD

The 2010 School Spectacular will take place at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on Friday, 26 November at 8.00pm and Saturday, 27 November at 2.00pm and 8.00pm.

Tickets are available from ticketmaster.com.au. Enjoy the magnificent display of public school talent.

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In addition there will be gymnastics and trampolining activities for children with disabilities. For more information or to make a booking call 4362 3184 or visit www.csr.nsw.gov.au



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CENTRAL COAST COOK OFF CHAMPIONS 2010



Hospitality students Zach Andrews and Matt Butler and Head Chef of Reef Restaurant Benson Sweeney out cooked ten teams competing in the Domayne Central Coast Cook Off at the Australian Springtime Flora Festival to be crowned top chefs of the competition.

Zach Andrews and Matt Butler of Erina High School with Head Chef of Reef Restaurant Benson Sweeney accepting the winning trophy.

Their entrée of cured Gippsland beef with blood orange goat's cheese and glazed beetroots combined with a main course of barbequed quail with Dutch carrots, broccolini and a crushed congo potato cake with speck and a roasted quail egg were hailed as excellent by the judges from TAFE NSW.

Mr Sweeney said both students really showcased their skills during the competition. "Their efficiency and ability to move through each dish smoothly was excellent," he said.

Both students are currently working in the Hospitality Industry whilst completing their HSC and hope to obtain apprenticeships when they leave school. "We're both really passionate about food and keen to learn new skills," said Butler. "I really hope to own my own restaurant one day," said Andrews.

Each team was given a list of ingredients including four compulsory items, Bella Treats Goats Cheese, Mistletoe Shiraz, Pukara Estate Olive Oil and Pureblends Chilli Lime Salt to design their menu. Students had one hour to prepare an entrée and main, two serves of each, and were judged on knife skills and technique, workflow, presentation and the final product produced.

Winning students will each receive a knife block from Caterer's Warehouse and a major prize from Domayne West Gosford.

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