

# Erina News



**Erina High**

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## **School Events**

**15 December**

Year 10  
Graduation  
9.30am

**16 December**

Last day for  
students

**30 January**

Years 7, 11 & 12  
students return

**31 January**

**All students**  
return

As the 2011 school year comes to an end it is timely to reflect on the outstanding achievements of the students at Erina High School. It has been a year of triumph that was clearly evident in the recent presentations where over 400 students have been recognised for their outstanding success in either the academic, sporting, creative, performing and/or vocational arenas. It was a privilege to recognise our students and applaud their commitment as they strive to achieve their personal best.

I made reference to the African proverb "it takes a village to raise a child" and I think it is important to acknowledge the many people who make the village. It is Deputy Principals, Head Teachers, Teachers, School Administration Staff (SASS), School Learning Support officers (SLSO), our General Assistant, cleaning staff, community business and industry partners and most importantly our parents who support our school so strongly. As a village we make a powerful united team focused in our quest to provide the very best opportunities for our young people to be successful. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the team for their commitment, dedication and sheer hard work in supporting our students to be the best they can be.

All semester 2 reports have now been issued and I encourage students to take note of teacher's comments in an effort to focus on continuous improvement in 2012. It was pleasing to see so many positive comments on the reports acknowledging the fine efforts of our students. Congratulations to all students on the completion of the 2011 school year.

Our school certificate and HSC results have just arrived and staff are currently analysing the data to identify areas of strength and development. A full report of these results will be made available in the annual school report available term 1.

Our year 10 students have just returned from the Gold Coast after a week of fun at a number of theme parks. It was a wonderful experience for students and I congratulate Mr Costa and Mrs Chand, for their outstanding organisation and to Mr Crawford, Mr Sweeney and Ms Smith for their support throughout the excursion as well. A great time was had by all.

I have attached the address to a new Department of Education and Communities website that is available for parents to help their children's learning, wellbeing and overall development as well as provide advice on appropriate use of technology. The website can be located at [www.schoolatoz.com.au](http://www.schoolatoz.com.au) and is a valuable resource for parents.

With school finishing on Friday 16th December I would encourage all students to be safe during the holidays and socialise sensibly and responsibly - it is often a time of unnecessary risk taking behaviour. Please take care and look after each other.

On Monday and Tuesday 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> December all staff are involved with professional learning in preparation for the 2012 school year. Our focus over these two days will be in curriculum, teaching and learning and technology as well as updates in the new workplace health and safety legislation.

School will resume on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 for year 7,11,12 as well as any new enrolments and students will then commence on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, enjoy the vacation and stay safe. I look forward to working with the Erina Learning Community in 2012.

**Karen Nicol, Principal**

## YEAR 7/8 TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY TERM 4

On Friday the 18th of November we had four Year 7/8 teams represent Erina High School in the Central Coast Touch Football Gala Day held at East Gosford. All teams played extremely well and represented the school with pride. Special mentions go to the year 7 boys team who were unlucky to lose their grand final 3-1 vs Wadalba and the year 8 boys team who were defeated by Terrigal in the semi finals. Well done to all our teams.

**Mr Keyes, Coordinator**



## SPORTS PRESENTATION

On Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December we held our annual Sports Presentation. The presentation was a great success and I want to congratulate the many students who were awarded with sports awards for representing the school in various sporting events this year.

I would like to say a big thank you to all staff members and students who assisted in organising the day, and I want to also thank Tim Burrell, former student and Manly Sea Eagles player for coming along on the day.

Major award winners were:

### ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

**MALE** Ben Shelley  
**FEMALE** Tamar Felsch

**SUB JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR -**  
Harley Lynch

**SUB JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR -**  
Amelia Lynch

**JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR -**  
Eric Furlonger

**JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR -**  
Beth Lowe

**SENIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR -**  
Nathan Akamarmoi

**SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR -**  
Rebecca Stone

**CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL SPORT -**  
Adam Smith

**Mr Crawford, Sports Coordinator**



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## C.A.P.A. NEWS

Creative Arts and Performing Art Students and Teachers have had a spectacular year this year for 2011.

### Music



Veronica Lawson

Jake Brennan

Matt Lynch

Tom Beasley

Ben Peterson

Courtney Dagasso

Josh Harper

We had a phenomenal Variety Night this year, with spectacular performances from every student who performed on the night. Some 'stand out' performances were achieved from our new Year Seven solo singer Veronica Lawson, our Year Eleven, now Year Twelve for 2012 performers "Valley of Kings": Jake Brennan, Matt Lynch and Tom Beasley were brilliant, Ben Peterson's piano playing was fantastic and Courtney Dagasso and Josh Harper were also star attractions. What a great night it was!

### Drama

Students who performed during the Junior Drama Performance Evening I attended gave such a great effort. What I find so exciting is seeing some of these students who blossom in this area where they may not perform as highly in other areas of study. It is wonderful to see these children find their direction.

### Dance

Some of our spectacular dancers demonstrated their unique skills for all to see during the Variety Night Performance as well as other major performances throughout the year.

### Art

Great things have occurred in Art this year with new Gats activities happening during both Semesters with Mrs Scott's Ceramics Gats group, the Sports Mural and the Science mural extension soon to be installed from Mr Mottershead's group. The Visual Arts Annual Exhibition on November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Library was also very successful this year with students being recognized with special Annual Art Exhibition Certificates for 2011.

### Tournament of Minds

We had a wonderful group of enthusiastic junior students this year. The students who performed in Sydney on the 28<sup>th</sup> August were Aimee Crosland (Year 7), Ethan Howard (Year 7), Tahleah Kirkman (Year 7), Jake Mottershead (Year 7), Jacinta Camboni (Year 8), Emily Dick (Year 8) and Beth Favetta (Year 8). Congratulations for a great effort! There was also a 'Study Plus' day for Tournament of Minds recently which our visiting year six students thought was a lot of fun! .

**Peter Mottershead, C.A.P.A. Co-ordinator**



## ABORIGINAL NEWS

[Tjudibaring A.E.C.G \[tjudibaringa.e.c.g@gmail.com\]](mailto:tjudibaringa.e.c.g@gmail.com)

Our next meeting will be on Saturday December 17 from 11.30am at Avoca Lake (where the paddle boats are) byo food etc.

The owners of the Aqua fun are giving us a special rate for the day \$14 per child for an hour and a half, unfortunately we don't have any money yet to cover the cost, so everyone will need to cover the cost of their own children.

All kids will need to be accompanied by an adult/supervisor.

We really hope to see you there to celebrate the end of a school year, to celebrate our new A.E.C.G. and to celebrate Christmas.

## COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Thank you to everyone who contributed vouchers for the Coles Sports for Schools program. Erina High raised a total of 58,535 points - an enormous effort! With these points we have been able to purchase a range of fitness equipment, stop watches and athletics gear that we would not have been able to get through our school budget. Congratulations to everyone involved!



## HELP YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Young adulthood is an exciting time, but it can also be a time of emotional confusion and stress.

The Reachout website, [www.reachout.com](http://www.reachout.com), has information on everything from family relationships, bullying, sexuality, to drugs and alcohol, grief and loss. There's also a helpline and live chat help.

Reachout has an internship program for students who are interested in working in the social services sector. Flexible intern opportunities include the areas of marketing, IT, psychology, multimedia and more. Email [nikki@inspire.org.au](mailto:nikki@inspire.org.au) if you're interested.

Also check out the 'get involved' page for more ways young people 14-25 can help others: <http://au.reachout.com/get-involved>

## CHANGES TO THE PARENT NEWSLETTER

In 2012 the parent newsletter will be distributed three times a term - in weeks 3, 6 and 9. Parents will continue to be notified electronically when the latest newsletter is available for viewing on the school website. With a view to being more economical and environmentally friendly, a limited number of paper copies of the newsletter will be available for collection from the front office for families who are not able to access the newsletter electronically.

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**COMING JANUARY  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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## BOOK PACKS FOR 2012

Book packs for Years 7-10 are now available for purchase.

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## NSW SPORT AND RECREATION

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 Music for All Ages

## FIRST AID COURSES

St John Ambulance will be conducting First Aid courses in the upcoming school holidays.

A Senior First Aid course for Years 10, 11 & 12 will be held on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 January. The Junior First Aid course for students aged 11-14 years will be held on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 January.

Both courses will be held at St John Ambulance, 2/88 Mann Street, Gosford. For more information and bookings, contact Simone, Wendy or Libby on 4324 6047.





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