Erina News

EDUCATION WEEK 2011
Public Schools Creating the Future

Our Education Week activities spanned three weeks this year providing experiences for students and families both in the classroom and out in the wider community. The following is a snapshot of the varied learning opportunities supported by our teachers, that extended and challenged students at Erina High:

- **Work Experience placements** in our local commercial area;
- **Decision Daze interview program** to assist Year 10 students select patterns of study for Stage 6;
- **Year 7-10 parent-teacher-student conferences** catered for by student Hospitality teams;
- **Our travelling musicians from Year 7-11 led by Mrs Broadley** played for students from Woodport and Chertsey, two of our partner primary schools;
- **The Try a Trade Fieldtrip** for Year 10 students to the Central Coast Youth Connections Green Central learning site and the Year 11 ‘Crossroads’ personal development camp at Wyee;
- **Incursions with guest speakers on motivation, the National Maths competition** and the commencement of Police Liaison lectures on cyber bullying safety (years 9-10) which will extend to involve students from 7-11;
- **Probus Shield debating** against Kincumber High won by our team coached by Mr White and Art Master class workshops (GATS) with Mrs Scott;
- **Max Potential presentations** given by Year 11 students Jessika Manners and Bree Brown at the enterprise / mentoring program finale at Gosford RSL;
- **CHS knock out games and Gala days** held in a variety of sports and the Sydney North Athletics carnival as well as our under 14 boys Futsal team competing in the Futsal state finals with coach Mr Keyes.
- **Mr Green, Mr Simpson and Mrs Horton** received Public Education Appreciation Awards acknowledging their outstanding contributions to our school community at a special ceremony at Umina High School.
2011 YEAR 12 FORMAL REMINDER
This year the formal Function will be held on Friday, 18 November 2011 at Ettalong Beach Club, commencing at 6.00pm when Year 12 will be formally welcomed to the evening. Tickets for the formal cost $60 and can be purchased at the school administration office between 8.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday. Tickets are to be paid in full by Thursday, 22 September 2011 in order for final numbers to be submitted to the venue. Please note tickets cannot be issued without a signed Code of Conduct being presented to the cashier in the school administration office.

Students are required to pre-organise their tables by submitting a form to the formal committee, these forms will be provided during a year assembly. Please include the names of guests and any special requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marco if you have any questions or concerns regarding the formal.

PARENTS’ AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS
A sincere invitation is extended to all families within the school community to join our dedicated band of P&C members who support students and staff to improve learning opportunities at our school. Your input will be valued and research shows that the contribution you make to the education of your children and their connectedness to school is truly enhanced by your efforts.

The next meeting of the P&C is scheduled to be held in the Erina High School library on Wednesday August 17th at 6.30 pm. An overview of some of the work and achievements of the school during the past months will be a part of the evening.

Don’t forget parents can obtain up-to-date information on the school, its programs and coming events by visiting www.erina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

ERINA HIGH SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 17 6.30pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
Congratulations to all those students who received an award for excellent attendance in Term Two.
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 the school if a family holiday is being arranged within the school semester
- Query an absence date on the reminders sent out by the school
- 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.
ADVENTURES IN STUDENT LEADERSHIP

During Education Week Casey Smith of Year 9 represented Hunter Central Coast schools at the 2011 State Student Representative Council camp held at Vision Valley. Here are the highlights of her wonderful experiences...

- Finding Vision Valley was a challenge in itself as it is located at Dural a place I had never visited. After a long journey on a very winding road our mini bus arrived at the conference centre and we had the opportunity to settle in before the work of the conference started on Tuesday 2nd August.

- After the official opening by Pam Christie the acting Director General of Education we divided into groups to work on activities throughout the 4 days of the conference.

- These activities included personal development and motivation workshops, generating big ideas about leadership which formed the basis of personal leadership action plans.

- During the conference I met inspirational leaders from other schools and gained many insights into what good leadership looks like as well as the sort of student led projects that make a difference to the school community.

- I have brought back my plan to Erina High to use with our student leaders most particularly to develop their confidence to plan and implement student led projects and be a strong student voice in the life of the school.

- I would urge other junior students to take the chance whenever they can to explore new options and look beyond our school for new experiences as I had just the best time and made new friends that I otherwise would not have met! Casey Smith Year 9 SRC

MAX POTENTIAL 2011

“Showcasing young leaders making a difference in their local community”

Max Potential is a program that brings together young people who display leadership potential with positive role models in our community. The benefits of this program are far reaching, as it is seeking to grow the potential of our leaders of tomorrow and guide them to make decisions which will benefit our entire community.

Two Year 11 students from Erina High School Bree Brown (left) and Jessika Manners (right) took part in the Max Potential program in 2011 working with trained community mentors on projects with Angli-care and Kincumber Soccer club to make a difference to others in their local community.

Congratulations to both girls on their commitment and their achievements!
STATE SRC IN PHOTOS

The Hunter–Central Coast regional SRC team

Casey is seen back row top right and below

AN AWESOME STUDENT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IN PICTURES

BY
CASEY SMITH
YEAR 9
WHAT’S COMING UP FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

Our senior students are all working towards important academic benchmarks:

Year 11 students will:
♦ Complete preliminary course studies this term;
♦ Commence their HSC year in term 4.
♦ Year 11 semester one reports indicated that the majority of students are managing the demands of senior study well and should feel proud of their achievements.

Students should be vigilant and complete all tasks identified in N determination letters as non-completion of these tasks will result in them failing to satisfactorily complete the preliminary course and so be unable to progress to Year 12 in that subject.

Year 12 students are:
♦ approaching that time when their secondary studies will end.
♦ Receiving valuable feedback from their Trial Examinations on how to improve their knowledge and understanding prior to the commencement of the HSC examinations in term 4.
♦ Completing the last units of their HSC courses which will conclude at the end of term 3.
♦ Preparing for their formal Farewell Assembly which will be held for year 12 students and their families on Friday September 23rd.

It is vital that students remain focused and build on their current study pattern in term 3 in order to achieve their best results in the HSC external examinations which commence on Monday October 17th.

A range of support systems will be provided for Year 12 in the coming weeks to assist them in their preparation for the HSC. Our careers adviser Mrs Pursehouse should be the first point of contact for UAC entries, TAFE deadlines and scholarship availability. Mr Allomes will continue to support the ATAR preparation program and would be the first point of contact for information regarding Year 12 end of school routines or student wellbeing concerns.

Year 12 students will receive a separate letter advising them of procedures in the lead up to the HSC, the exams themselves and sign out guidelines. This is a very busy and emotional time for our most senior students. School personnel are experienced and here to help... just ask!

An important routine for all year 12 students should be a daily check of the year 12 careers noticeboard in bottom ‘A’ block. Information on courses, scholarships, traineeships and apprenticeships will be posted there daily. Deadlines come ‘thick and fast’ in the second half of term 3 and must be met!!!

A careers newsletter will be published as a supplement in this newsletter each fortnight.
CAREERS NEWS

TAFE 2012 - www.tafensw.edu.au TAFE NSW Application forms need to be in by 31st October.

1. **EARLY ENTRY SCHEMES TO GET INTO UNI**— most regional universities offer the opportunity to apply and get accepted into uni before you sit the HSC exams. This requires a recommendation from the school principal. Please see Mrs. Pursehouse TODAY if you are interested.

2. **2012 TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS** — Available in Maths, Science, English and Special Education. Receive up to $28,000 over up to 5 years, be guaranteed a job. Close 7th October.

3. **SPECIAL ADMISSION FOR ELITE ATHLETES AND PERFORMERS**— Many of the major universities now offer special admission schemes for elite athletes — each varies, see Mrs. Pursehouse. Must be state or Australian reps.

4. **SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY STAR ENTRY SCHEME**—this is an early entry scheme (as mentioned above) for a very good regional university. Closing date 24th August.

5. **OPTUS ENGINEERING CADET PROGRAM**— for Year 12 students interested in engineering and technology. Earn while you learn! Applications close late September.

6. **ULTIMO TAFE OPEN DAY**— 15TH Sept. 11 to 2 and 4.30 to 6.30. Includes Vet nursing and photography courses.

7. **MACQUARIE UNI LAW SCHOOL INFO EVENING** — Wed 31st August 6.30 to 8pm.

8. **JMC ACADEMY OPEN DAY** — 17th Sept. Music, Audio, Animation, Film and TV. 5 mins from Central Station.

9. **SYDNEY FILM SCHOOL OPEN DAY** — Sat 3rd September 2pm at Waterloo.


11. **BILLY BLUE DESIGN SCHOOL** — Day in the life of a designer workshop. Sat 24th Sept. 10am to 4pm.

12. **TOCAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY** — Friday 30th Sept.

13. **Email a student** — if you want to know more about a particular degree or just uni life in general Sydney Uni offers an email a student service at communicate@psu.usyd.edu.au
14. **Design Centre Enmore**: Sat 10th Sept. 10am to 3pm. This is **TAFE’s specialist design college** with a great reputation.

15. **Australian Defence Force Academy**: Open Day on 27th August in Canberra. Worth a visit if you are keen. Also ANU and CU.

16. **AFTRS**— Australian Film, Television and Radio School Open Day on 10th/11th September. Located at the Entertainment Quarter in Moore Park (Fox Studios etc) — also do animation and games design.

17. **ICMS** at Manly — the International College of Management specializes in Hospitality, Tourism and Event Management. They hold 3 day, live in ‘Career Weeks’ to give students a taste of their courses during school holidays. OPEN DAY is 21st August.

18. **CATC**: At The Rocks in Sydney—a small, but very successful Design School has an Open Day on Fri 10th Sept. Also run 2 day workshops during the school holidays.

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 and learning.
- The additional use of computer software, games, activities and incentives all add up to fun productive lessons.
- Waiting room for parents and siblings.
- Ages 5+.

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KINCUMBA MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE 2011

Kincumber Rotary in conjunction with the Kincumber Festival is holding the inaugural “Kincumba” Mountain Challenge on Saturday 17 September 2011. The challenge is a 4.5 kilometre cross country run/walk starting at the old tip site of Koolang Road, Green Point and finishing at the festival site at Kincumber. Starting time is 9.00am and the entry fee is $15.00. For more information or to download an entry form, please visit the website: www.rotarynews.info/club4245.

GOSFORD LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registration Days will be held on Friday, 26 August and Friday, 2 September between 6pm-8pm at Adcock Park, West Gosford. Further information is available on the website: www.gosfordlittleathletics.com.au or contact Stuart Farrant on 0404 466 848.
HANDMADE CRAFT MARKET

The next Handmade Craft Market will be held on Sunday, 21 August at Erina High School from 10am to 2pm. The market offers a gorgeous range of handmade originals and delicious treats. Plus there is lots of fun for the kids and a colouring in competition.

Admission is by gold coin donation to Musicians Making A Difference. Kids up to 16 years FREE.

For further information contact Rachelle on 0412 801 581 or craftmarket@exemail.com.au or visit the website http://www.handmadecraftmarket.com.au

KINCUMBER-AVOCA CRICKET CLUB will be holding junior registration days at Erina Leagues Club on Sunday, 14 August 2011 from 10am-2pm; Thursday, 18 August 2011 from 5.30pm-8pm; and Sunday, 21 August 2011 from 10am-2pm.

For more information contact Rod Ursem on 0425 210 570 or rodursem@hotmail.com
Living With Teens

Saturday 17th September 2011
9am to 4pm
FREE
Green Point Community Centre
96 Koolang Road (Off Avoca Drive)
Green Point
Lunch and Morning Tea Provided

This one-day workshop will be facilitated by Uniting Care Burnside Reconnecting Adolescents and Parents Team (RAPT). The workshop will cover:

- Adolescent development
- Communicating with your teen
- Boundary setting and consequences

Bookings essential as places are limited
Telephone: 4367 7591 OR
Email: greenpointcommunitycentre.com.au
EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in February 2012 for a stay of one or two semesters. For further information phone 1800 500 501, email robert.l@scce.com.au or visit the website www.scce.com.au

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students wishing to live and study overseas or for those who would like to be a host family. For a free information pack contact WEP on 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au or visit the website www.wep.org.au
EDUCATION TAX REFUND
Claim everything you are entitled to! The Government is changing the Education Tax Refund (ETR) so that people can claim their kid’s school uniforms. This means people will be able to claim school-approved uniform items from 1 July 2012. From 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year. For more information regarding the Education Tax Refund and a list of items that can be claimed, visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

NEW UNIFORM NOW IN STOCK!
The new school jacket is now in stock at Lowes Erina Fair.

SCHOOL ZONES…KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE
Our location on the Entrance Road poses real concerns as students negotiate traffic during their journeys to and from school. Fencing of the median strips has been a welcome addition to other safety measures already in place. The laws regarding school speed zones have been made in response to community concern and accident data. These laws INCREASE the SAFETY of our students and are not just revenue raisers.

I would urge all those driving in the vicinity of the school to abide by both street signage and the established school zones which now extend along the Entrance Road and up Ernest Street, to ensure our students have a safe environment during their travel to and from school.

The following link is a useful reference about the fines and demerit points lost for traffic offences in school zones. : http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/schoolroadsafety/