

# Erina News

Welcome back to term 4. I hope families have enjoyed the spring vacation and have taken advantage of the beautiful warm weather. Students have settled back into the final term of the 2012 school year and are very busy with completing course work in preparation for upcoming assessments and examinations. I encourage all students to continue to focus on the main game of learning in an effort to maximise their full potential. Student achievement in the second semester guide staff in class placements in 2013.

Over the coming weeks we will welcome our incoming year 7 2013 as they participate in a series of transition programs to assist them become familiar with EHS. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our year 7 student advisers for 2013, Mrs Serrano and Mr Knight. Congratulations to our new year advisers - I know they are very excited by the appointment and look forward to getting to know the students and families and support a smooth transition to High School. Please contact them at EHS on 4367 7246 if they can be of any assistance during the transition phase to High School.

Congratulations to Aimee Crosland of year 8 who recently entered a competition to design a firework to be sent into the sky at the Sydney New Year's Eve celebration. Aimee's design named "Initium Novum" which is Latin for new beginning has won the 12-16 year category and will be seen by millions of people around the world through broadcasts and Sydney-siders enjoying the New Years Eve celebrations. What a fantastic achievement Aimee! Well done!!

Towards the end of the year all students will be required to complete a clearance procedure and return textbooks and any outstanding course fees. We also welcome any uniform donations that students have grown out of and no longer need, particularly year 10 and 12 students that may no longer need their uniform. It is great for the school to have a pool of pre loved uniforms that we can provide to other students. There will be boxes provided in the school administration foyer for this purpose. Thank you for considering this request.

Our year 11 students will shortly commence the HSC course and I remind students and families of our expectations. Due to the often flexible timetable for year 12 students there is a temptation for students to waste valuable study time during non allocated class times or study periods. These are NOT free periods as referred to by students. Study periods are an opportunity to complete assessment tasks, seek support from Teachers, prepare for exams and revise course work. It is vital that students use their time wisely to maximise their results and achieve the HSC results of which they are capable.



**Erina High**

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## School Events

**15 October -  
8 November**  
HSC Exams

**18 October**  
Yr 10 & Yr 11  
Scripture

**31 October**  
Yr 7-9 Ultimate  
Frisbee

**1 November**  
Yr 8 Scripture

**12 November**  
Yr 9 Scripture

**21 November**  
P&C Meeting  
6.30pm in  
Common Room  
D Block

Senior students are not to leave the school grounds during study periods unless they have a note from parents seeking an early leavers pass for a genuine reason such as a medical appointment that cannot be scheduled outside of school hours. If student's lessons start after the normal school time of 9am the class Teacher will record their attendance. If they do not have scheduled lessons later in the day as per their timetable students are allowed to leave. If students arrive late for their first scheduled lesson they must get a late note from the administration office. Accurate monitoring of attendance is essential particularly in the case of an emergency so student's whereabouts can be accounted for.

There will be some timetabling changes in 2013 that will affect senior students who are now expected to attend school of a Tuesday morning for scheduled lessons and allowing Tuesday afternoon for students to attend TAFE, work or private home study. This decision has been taken to maintain the continuity of learning Monday to Friday and reduce the number of early morning starts for students. It became evident that students were finding the early morning starts difficult to attend and often arrived at varying times between 8am to 9am. This was challenging for staff to maintain teaching without disruption as well as impacted on learning as it was often disjointed with students arriving at varying times. It will also reduce the number of study periods in the week that were not being used effectively with many students choosing to leave through the day and not return if they had a class last period or choosing not to come to school if they only had one or two scheduled lessons in a day. It was also evident that students were not using their time productively of a Tuesday and feedback from parents was they would prefer to see their children actively engaged with learning 5 days a week. I am hopeful that this change may encourage students to maximise their learning opportunities and take advantage of every available opportunity to reach their personal best.

Yours Sincerely,

**Mrs Karen Nicol**  
**Principal**

## **THOUGHTS FROM ERINA HIGH SCHOOL P & C**

### ***The "4 R's" of RESPECT:***

- **Respect** Between Friends
- **Respect** For Teachers
- **Respect** For Parents
- **Respect** For Yourself

Not every child or parent can be a "Charlie Teo" but just doing your best should be applauded

Communication between your child, yourself and the teachers is important. If any problems arise, contact the school to help your child progress through any difficulties they may be experiencing.

## **P&C MEETINGS - ALL WELCOME !**

P&C Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Staff Common Room starting at 6.30pm. A warm welcome is extended to all families within the school community to attend the meetings. The next P&C Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 21 November 2012.**



## IN THE WORLD OF VISUAL ARTS

### *The Biennale on Cockatoo Island*

Biennale is an Italian word that means an event that occurs every two years and on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> August, Year 11 Visual Arts - accompanied by Mrs Scott and Mr Byrnes - visited Cockatoo Island to see the 2012 Biennale of Sydney. The exhibition consisted of contemporary art, dance and design and was all housed in the historical architecture on the island. Many artworks were touch, sound and body-heat oriented which meant we were allowed to touch and engage with the artworks. It was unlike a normal art exhibition as we were able to walk

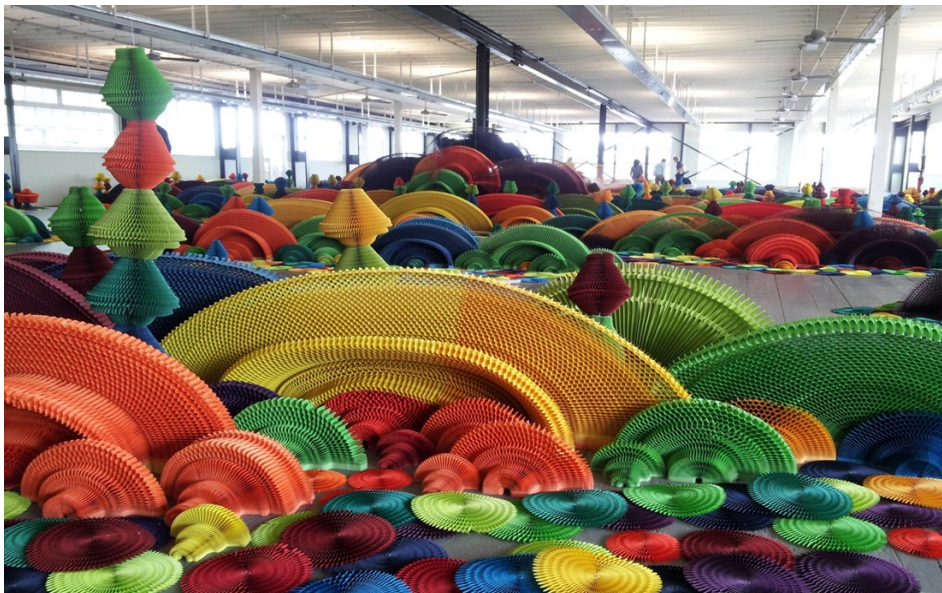


through the artworks which were spread out across large spaces and/or rooms. The artworks in this exhibition reflected water and its healing power and the relationships and impacts on the environment within our world. One favourite artwork was by Phillip Beasley



which involved human interaction and was very technical. When you moved near it, passed by it, spoke or touched it, the artwork responded with flashing lights and counter movements. It involved the audience which was very important because we got a better understanding of the techniques used and why the artist used them. The experience of the Biennale was really enjoyable and increased our understanding of an artist's language and material practice and has helped with our preparation for HSC Visual Arts next year.

**By Brittney Deacon and Amy Owen-Cooper 11VA**





### An “Altered” Environmental Installation

Year 11 Visual Arts recently enjoyed an outdoor lesson based on the art making practice of UK artist, Andy Goldsworthy. Goldsworthy is a British sculptor, photographer and environmentalist producing site-specific sculpture and land art situated in natural and urban settings. After an initial introduction to his practice, the Year 11 students took to the treed area of the playground, armed only with string and scissors, and embarked upon an artistic challenge to produce a site specific installation of their own. They were to use the natural formations in the area as well as any found objects, natural or man-made, that they could utilise in their sculpture or assemblage.



The results were some beautiful artworks that used the trees as their easel or frame, with some works being suspended, wedged in between branches or woven between entire trees.



One piece was created on objects and patterns create something akin to a



the ground using found scratched into the earth to Persian rug.



The students then documented their installations both photographically and in their sketch books as a permanent record of their work. They were asked to go and view the work later in the day after the rest of the school had been let out, to see what remained. Overall it was a thoroughly enjoyable lesson and students learnt what it is like to create impermanent artworks in an outdoor setting.

*Mrs K. Scott*







## SPORTS NEWS

### NSW STATE HIGH JUMP

Congratulations to Andrew Partridge of Year 12, who recently competed in the NSW Athletics Carnival in the 17 years High Jump. Andrew finished 5th and thus 5th in all of NSW. Well done Andrew!



### NSW CHS TRAMPOLINING

Congratulations to Harley Lynch of Year 9 who recently competed in the NSW CHS Trampolining championships. Harley competed very well and finished 2nd in Tumbling, 2nd in Double Mini Tramp, 3rd in Tramp and 4th in Tramp. Well done Harley - an excellent result versus the best gymnasts in NSW!

### YEAR 9/10 OZ TAG

Congratulations to our Year 9/10 boys' and girls' Oz Tag sides in the Central Coast Oz Tag competition at Morey Breen Oval at Wyong. Both teams performed very well with our boys' side just losing the grand final 2-3 to Mackillop. This meant our boys' team finished 2nd on the Central Coast.



#### Results:

##### Boys

Terrigal 1-1  
Narara 3-2  
Tumbi Umbi 6-1  
Kincumber 5-1  
Mackillop 2-3

##### Girls

Tumbi Umbi 5-2  
Wadalba 7-0  
Berkeley Vale 0-3

### HOUSE POINTS

The points in our Sports House competition currently stand at:

**BEAN:** 408

**DUNLOP:** 358

**HENDERSON:** 349

**KENDALL:** 309

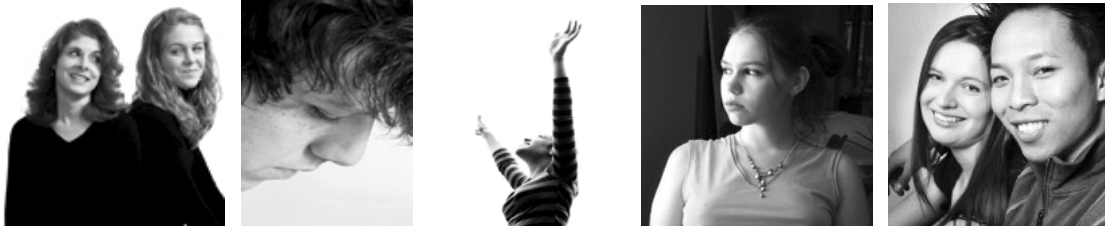
**Mr Keyes -Sports Organiser**

## MUSIC NEWS

Stevie Pounder has been chosen as a State Rep and is a featured soloist in this year's School Spectacular. This will also be broadcast on National TV. **CONTRATULATIONS STEVIE !!** That is amazing!



**Mrs Gillard**



# ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE

## *Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems*

A **three-session** program for **parents and carers** of students in Grades **6,7,8,9** at Erina HS & feeder Primary Schools: Woodport, Gosford East, Chertsey and Brisbane PS

**Learn:**

- ü Reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- ü New understandings of adolescence
- ü A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ü Building better relationships with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them.
- ü Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore.

The course costs a one off \$10 for the workbook. Payable on the day. Run by Nada Potter and Sue Negus, School Counsellors/Psychologists.

**What parents have said...** *We recently ran this course at Kariong Mts HS. All parents rated the course as highly effective and practical. Feedback included: "In two weeks my relationship has changed for the better with my teenage daughter." "This course should have been around 20 years ago." Finally I understand what to do, when and why without regretting it later."*

Please complete this part for registration and return to your child's school office. For further details or enquiries ph: Sue Negus on 43252599 (Gosford East Public). Yes I would like to participate in the **Engaging Adolescents Parent Course**.

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# Trade Start

## @ Green Central

TradeStart is a DEC alternative learning program which provides an innovative and enterprising educational solution for students that provides an opportunity to work towards a qualification, receive accredited training, participate in employment generating activities and to have a pathway to further education, training and employment.

### Who is eligible to enrol?

Young people who have completed a School Certificate or Certificate II in General Education or who would be eligible to go into year 11 in 2013 at school.

Currently a diverse array of students work in the program having originated from community re-engagement programs, Distance Education, TAFE Certificate I courses and mainstream high schools.

### What do students have to do?

Students attend TradeStart @ Green Central for a minimum of four days per week at a non-school location during school hours. Students do NOT wear a school uniform but are required to wear clothing consistent with the OH&S standard of the enterprise they will participate in.

### What do students achieve?

Instead of attending year 11 at a school, students will go to TradeStart @ Green Central and over 12 months, can gain work experience and learn important vocational skills in the following enterprises:-

- Construction
- Hospitality
- Horticulture
- Automotive
- Metals and Engineering
- Media
- Sustainability
- IT
- Retail

In some instances, statements of attainment and accreditations will be achieved including a Record of Achievement of preliminary HSC study units in English, Mathematics, Work Education and Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation. Students may have the opportunity to gain competencies in Retail and Hospitality and may have the opportunity to enrol in a Certificate II in Beauty Therapy (make up) course provided at TAFE.

### Will students qualify for Youth Allowance?

Yes, all students are full-time.

### Will there be a cost?

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

### When does it begin?

There will be an open day in Term 4, 2012 with an information session that evening and the course will begin Term 1, 2013. Students will have normal school holidays off.

### Who is it run by?

TradeStart is run by the Department of Education and Communities with Erina High as the host school in 2013. 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. Hunter Institute of TAFE will provide accreditations in some vocational areas.

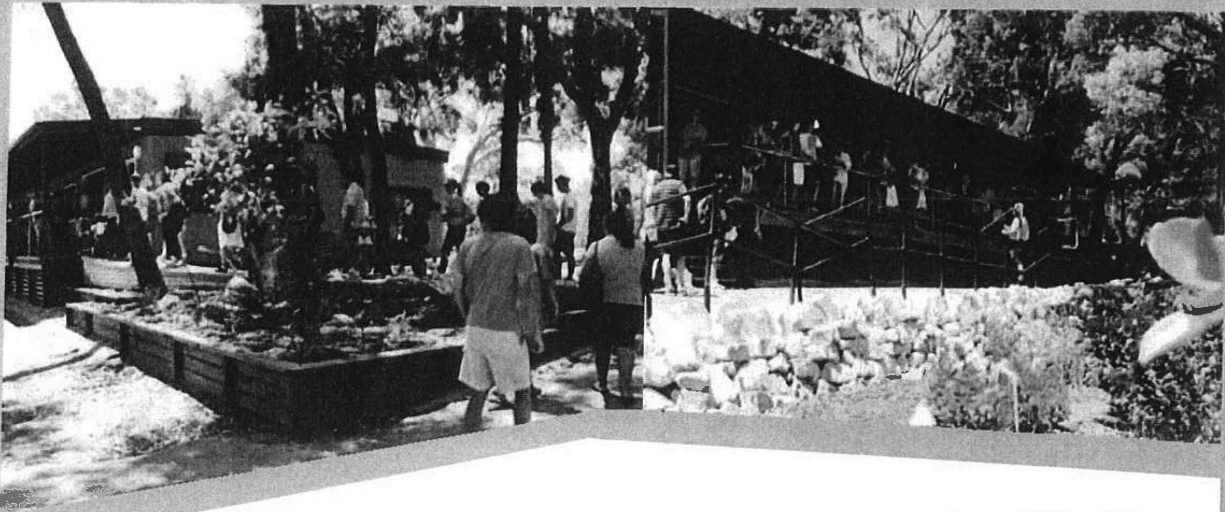
See over page for Information Evening.



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# Trade Start @ Green Central

## Open Day / Information Evening

Invitations are extended to students, parents and staff to visit the Green Central site on the open day.

This will be followed by a parent information session from 6 – 7pm that night.

## When?

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2012

## Where?

Education Centre,  
Green Central, Mt Penang

Directions

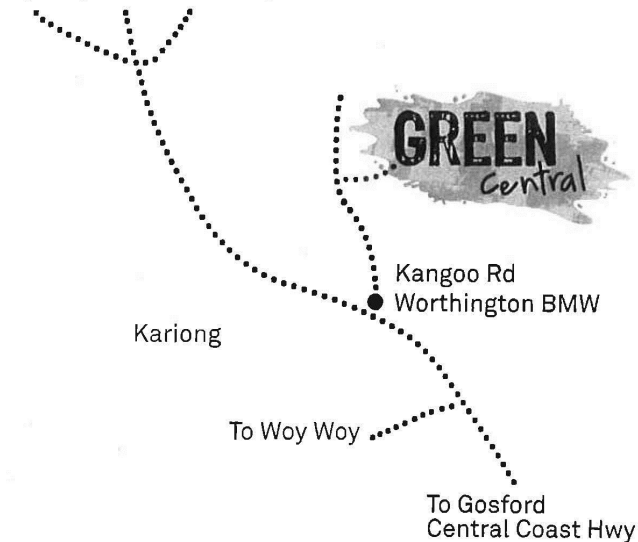
1. Follow the Central Coast Hwy to Kariong
2. Turn into Kangoo Rd at Worthington BMW
3. Turn right on Kangoo Rd at the large wooden and steel gates
4. Enter the Green Central site on the first left

## More info & RSVP

Contact Brian Jackson/Vicki Smith

Erina High School  
Ph: (02) 4367 7353

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#### HOW TO CONTACT US.....WRITE TO:

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Email: [secretary@ssoc.org.au](mailto:secretary@ssoc.org.au)

Website: [www.ssoc.org.au](http://www.ssoc.org.au)

Or contact:

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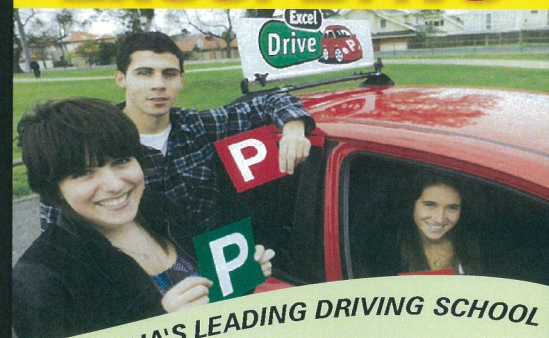
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**ERINA**

Wednesday, 31 October 2012 - 12pm to 4pm

The Erina Centre, Meeting Space 3, The Hive, Erina Fair

To book call Joanne on 8295 2791 or email [jmeredith@redcross.org.au](mailto:jmeredith@redcross.org.au)

The Salvation Army will be holding their Annual Fair on Saturday, 3rd November 2012 from 8am-2pm.

The fair will be located at The Salvation Army property, 9 Sydney Avenue, Umina Beach.

Activities will include market stalls, arts and crafts, lots of food, fire engines, face painting, clowns, temporary tattoos, jumping castle, ice creams, balloons, music and lots of fun and entertainment.

For further information contact the project co-ordinator on 4344 1965.



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