

Erina News



Erina High

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School Events

5 December
Year 7 2013
Orientation

12 December
Presentation
Evening 7pm

14 December
Sports
Presentation
9.30am

19 December
Last day of
school for
students

20 and 21
December
Staff
Development

29 January 2013
Staff
Development

30 January 2013
Years 7, 11 and
12 return

31 January 2013
ALL students
return

As the year draws to a close I would like to acknowledge the exceptional work of our staff at Erina High School for the enormous commitment they have made to student learning and wellbeing throughout 2012. Teaching is not a job we do without dedication to making a difference in young people's lives and I commend the staff on the incredible work they do each day in classrooms and as support staff. It is a true team effort where everybody makes a difference to achieving the goals and direction in our school around quality teaching and learning and improving educational outcomes for all students. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all our teaching and non-teaching staff for all their dedication throughout 2012.

To our wonderful students I acknowledge their hard work throughout the year in striving towards their personal best and congratulate the many students who have achieved outstanding academic results. I was delighted to read every student report and was overwhelmed with the majority of report comments that consistently commented on student's commitment to learning. There will always be areas students can improve on and I strongly encourage students to apply the advice given by teachers to ensure they maximise their learning opportunities and reach the best possible outcomes. On Wednesday night December 12 we will acknowledge and applaud our student achievements at the EHS annual presentation, which I extend a warm invitation to all students and parents to attend. Specific details of the evening will be forwarded home in a separate notification.

It gives me great pleasure to announce our School Captains for 2013. Congratulations to Leigh Hughes and Charlotte Levi, and to Alicia Scott and Dean Santi our Vice Captains.



Our Leadership team for 2013 consists of 12 outstanding young people that have been recognised by their teachers as excellent role models with significant leadership qualities and impressive ambassadors for Erina High School. The members of the leadership team for 2013, as well as our Captains and Vice Captains include:

Claudia McNaught, Jayne Upston, Christine Bootes, Abby Douglas, Cassidy Creevey, Cameron Smith, Tim Morris and Bayhan Baydar. Congratulations to all students on the leadership team, I look forward to working with you all in 2013.

I am very proud to announce that one of our very talented year 7 vocalists has recently won the voice of the 2GO Christmas carols and will perform at Blue Tongue stadium on the evening of December 19. Congratulations Ebony Bender - what a fantastic achievement!!! I hope many families will attend to show our support of Ebony.



Congratulations to the many talented performers at this year's Erina on Stage, it was a sensational evening showcasing our most highly accomplished musicians, dancers and drama students. A huge acknowledgement to the stage crew, sound guys, hosts and especially our dedicated staff Mrs Gillard, Mrs Broadley, Mr Read, Ms Johnson and Mrs Scully for their hard work, dedication and commitment to making the evening such a success. Well done Erina!!

A reminder that the school year finishes for all students on Wednesday, December 19, reports will be issued in the week beginning Monday December 17. Staff will be engaged with professional learning on December 20 and 21 where our focus will be on the national curriculum and implications for programming. We will also be receiving training in a new computerised attendance program called Sentral kindly purchased by our P&C that we believe will make roll marking more accurate and efficient.

I wish all staff, students and families a wonderful Christmas and safe summer holiday, enjoy special time with family and friends.

School resumes for the 2013 school year on Wednesday, January 30 for years 7, 11 and 12 and all students on Thursday, January 31 2013.

**Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Karen Nicol
Principal**

P&C NEWS

The P&C Committee would like to thank all the parents who have paid their P&C levy this year, allowing us to help support the students and staff of Erina High School. With your contributions, we have helped to fund presentation awards, multicultural days and leadership experiences for the students. To celebrate the International Year of Reading, the library received a donation of \$1,000 worth of books and the drama faculty benefitted from the installation of a new projector. Most recently, the committee agreed to purchase a state of the art school attendance software package.

P&C meetings are a great way to find out about the wonderful work that is happening at Erina High School and a welcoming environment for discussion and the airing of any concerns that you as parents or members of the community may have. If you would like to help decide how the school should benefit from family contributions, feel free to join us in the staffroom at 6.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The Erina High School P&C Association would like to wish all our students, families and staff a safe and happy Christmas holiday break. Next meeting will be our AGM on Wednesday, 20 March 2013.

SNAPSHOT OF THE RoSA

The Record of School Achievement (**RoSA**) is a new credential for NSW school students.

Previously, students who did not go on to receive their HSC used their School Certificate as a record of their secondary school achievements. However, the School Certificate was primarily a record of their performance at the end of Year 10. It did not give recognition for achievement if that student had continued on to complete courses in Year 11 or 12.

The RoSA records grades or participation in courses right up to the students leaving school, giving them a more comprehensive and meaningful record of their academic achievements. Those grades are allocated by teachers, and monitored by the Board, to ensure that students receive fair and consistent recognition for their work.

For those students who leave school prior to receiving their HSC, the RoSA will become the school credential they will use when applying for employment for further education or training.

The RoSA testamur (the formal documentation provided to students who leave school before completing their HSC) is one part of the RoSA package available to students. Other RoSA components include:

- access for all students from Year 10 onwards to a transcript of all current grades through the Board's Students Online website
- a record of all grades achieved in senior secondary school years for all students, including those who receive their HSC
- access to online literacy and numeracy tests for those students who leave school before receiving their HSC (online literacy and numeracy tests are being piloted in 2012)
- access to an online service allowing all students to consolidate a record of their extra-curricular achievements (this service is being piloted with a small number of schools in 2012).

ROLL CALL 2013

Erina High School has made changes to the curriculum to ensure the school runs smoothly, attendance is accurately monitored and students are better organised and more engaged in their learning.

Bell times have been adjusted to allow for a roll call period in the morning. The school is negotiating with the bus companies.

Roll call periods will be used to check attendance, remind students when notes need to be returned, check uniform, provide daily announcements and allow Year Advisors and Head Teachers to catch up with individual students.

Students will be placed in roll classes in alphabetical year groups and the rolls will be marked in home rooms. A new roll marking program has been purchased to allow rolls to be marked electronically and student attendance tracked each lesson.

The new bell times and organisation are indicated below.

Vicki Smith
Deputy Principal, Development

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	
A – seniors only	8.00 –9.00am
Roll Call/ Assembly	9.00 – 9.20am
1	9.20 – 10.20am
2	10.20 – 11.20am
Break 1	11.20 – 11.50am
3	11.50 – 12.50pm
4	12.50 – 1.50pm
Break 2	1.50 – 2.20pm
5	2.20 – 3.20pm

Tuesdays	
A – seniors only	8.00 - 8.50am
Roll Call	8.50 - 9.00am
1	9.00 – 10.00am
2	10.00 - 11.00am
Break 1	11.00 – 11.20am
3	11.20 – 12.20pm
Break 2	12.20 – 12.40pm
4	12.40 – 1.40pm
5	1.40 – 2.40pm

YEAR 7 FUNDRAISING, A SIZZLING SUCCESS

Year 7's sausage sizzle on Wednesday 21st November was a great success. Thanks to the eager support of students and teachers we were able to raise a massive \$240.00 from sausage sandwiches alone. Another \$110.00 was raised through our jelly bean counting competition (congratulations to Mr Noble for guessing within 2 jelly beans of the total) and donations. A huge thank you to our fabulous canteen for their very generous donation of sausages, onions and bread and to our local BI-LO store at Green Point for providing jelly beans, sauce, margarine and serviettes. Also accolades to our year seven fundraising team and especially to the tireless efforts of Aaron Graham, to 7GG and their help both setting up and manning the sausage sizzle and to all the staff and students who supported the event.

We raised a total of \$350.00 which has been forwarded to Mahboba's Promise. This very worthwhile charity organisation raises funds to provide educational opportunities for children in Afghanistan. We will be establishing an ongoing sister school relationship with a school in Afghanistan. This relationship will provide excellent curriculum and educational opportunities for our students at Erina High as well as providing much needed assistance to some very disadvantaged children in Afghanistan. Please check out the school's website for more information, go to school years, year 7, upcoming events and you will find a link to the Mahboba's Promise website.

Thank you from Year 7 and the Year 7 advisors Jeanine Whitfield and Rob Darnley.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Year 12 2012 students:



Isabella Payne, Textiles and Design, has been invited to display her textile project in the Texstyle Exhibition



Jake Brennan, Drama, has been nominated for 'On Stage'



Tom Beasley, Music, has been successful in making it through to Phase Two of the Talent Development Project

Congratulations Isabella, Jake and Tom on obtaining such a high level of achievement. Erina High is very proud of your success.

NO KNIVES AT SCHOOL

There's no good reason to bring a knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances.

- If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police.
- The student may be expelled or suspended immediately. Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or safety, contact the principal.
- Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including jail sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

What kind of knives are prohibited?

School policy is designed to keep all students safe, and so no type of knife is allowed at school. That means no butter knives or fruit knives in lunchboxes, or knife tools for craft purposes.

- Flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives are all prohibited.
- Your child cannot bring to school any item that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).
- In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or trades, your child's teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.
- There are some senior subjects, such as hospitality, where children may be required to have their own knives. Your child's school will advise you about these courses and the procedures for carrying knives legally to and from school and TAFE.

The law makes parents responsible

You need to make certain your child is aware of the school's rules and the State laws about knives.

If you allow your child to carry or possess a knife at school or in a public place, you can be charged.

- The police can search any child they suspect of having a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.
- Your child must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.
- It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 16 years old.

Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for them to ever have a knife at school.

If you want to talk about children and knives at school, please contact the principal.

SPORTS NEWS

Alex Konemann of Year 10 was chosen as part of the Under 20's Mixed Country Bulls Oztag team to compete at Coffs Harbour from Friday the 9th November to Sunday the 11th of November in the Senior Australian Championships. The team was placed 2nd after their pool games, and they then won their semi final. The team then went on to the grand final and became the Senior Australian U20's Oztag Champions with a comprehensive win by 12 to 3 over Sydney Magic.

Congratulations to **Alex!**



SOCCER 5'S AND 7'S

On Tuesday the 20th of November we had our under 15 Boys and Girls teams represent Erina High School at the Soccer 5's and 7's tournament run at Tuggerah. All students had a fantastic day which was highlighted by watching the Central Coast Mariners train and getting photos and signatures from the players.

Our girls team tried very hard and they had a few cuts and bruises as a result of their outstanding effort and commitment. Our boys team performed very well, with the boys winning their grand final against Northlakes High School.

Well done to all the players and a big thank you to Mrs Felsch for taking some great photographs.

Grant Keyes
Sports Organiser



LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR QUEST

On Wednesday November 29, Year 12 students Alicia Scott and Leigh Hughes took part in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. These students were selected by the Green Point/Avoca Branch of Lions as they contribute to their communities and are worthy of such recognition.



Alicia and Leigh were interviewed prior to the evening when they had the opportunity to share their views on a variety of social issues. At the dinner, they were then asked two impromptu questions and required to speak for two minutes about each.

Each student then presented a five minute speech about a topic of their choice. Lee introduced ideas to the audience about perceptions, conscience and the beauty to be found in the world when people embrace difference. Alicia spoke about her vision of the future and the infinite possibilities available through advancements in technology. She stressed the notion that imagination is key to the wonders that the future may hold. While both students were extraordinary, Alicia was awarded the prize for public speaking, for which she must be commended.

Erina High is proud to have such talented young people, and looks forward to following their success in their HSC year and beyond.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

While the majority of students treat one another with respect, occasionally there are incidents at school where students feel unhappy in their relationships.

Students are able to report incidents of bullying or harassment by speaking to their Year Advisor, placing a note in the Bully Box at the front office, or online through the EHS student intranet. To make a report online, students need to access the student page and use the link on the left of the screen. When details have been entered, I will speak discreetly to the students concerned and follow up appropriately.

If parents are concerned about their child's happiness at school they may send an email to inform us of the problem. It is most important to make a second report if the problem persists, as further action will be taken.

Please feel free to call me if you wish to discuss issues regarding your child's wellbeing.

Jo Bayliss
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

UNIFORM

Thank you to families who ensure their child attends school in correct uniform each day. When purchasing uniform for 2013, please remember that enclosed black leather shoes are required. Junior girls are expected to wear navy blue cardigans or jackets, not black. Students need to adhere to the school rules in wearing correct PE uniform for active lessons, then changing into their uniform for other lessons. Uniforms can be purchased at Lowes, Erina. Your continued support is appreciated.



ERINA ON STAGE/VARIETY NIGHT 2012

A BIG THANKS TO ALL!!!

Congratulations to all the students who performed at last Wednesday's "Erina On Stage" – You were FABULOUS!!!!

The dancers dominated the stage, the drama students enticed us to a magical place with their physical theatre, the singers were sensational, the musicians were magic and the bands ROCKED!!! See the next page for the complete list of cast and crew.

A special mention should be made of the exceptional work of Thim Jepperson. Thim is a year 11 student who leads the sound and stage organisation for the hall not only for our school, but for all the community groups and primary schools who use it. Thim has participated in "Erina On Stage/Variety Night" for the last five years and is an integral part of all of our productions.

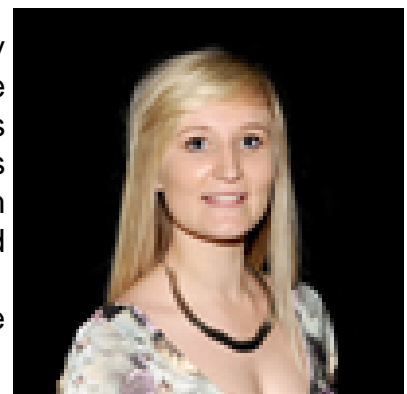
Also thanks to the contributing staff who gave up their time to make this event happen. An extra thanks to Mrs Scully who is due to have her baby next week but still gave up her time to come in each day to ensure the dance ran smoothly.

Stevie Pounder at the Entertainment Centre

Congratulations to Stevie Pounder who performed at the Sydney Entertainment Centre in the "School Spectacular" on Friday the 23rd of November. The Schools Spectacular is a world-class arena production and one of the largest annual events of its calibre anywhere in Australia. It showcases the best talent from across the state and has produced many national and international stars.

The School Spectacular will be broadcast on TV during the school holidays. Follow the link to Stevie's part of the website:

<http://www.schoolsspectacular.com.au/stevie-pounder-12>



StarStruck

Best wishes to those students who are auditioning for inclusion in the 2013 StarStruck which will be on at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre in June next year. These include the dance group lead by our new dance teacher Ms Bonfield who has significant experience choreographing for these types of events.

Best wishes also to Veronika Lawson who is auditioning as a vocalist and has been successful in gaining a spot in the second round. Congratulations Veronika.



THE CAST & CREW OF OUR WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE!!!

Year 7 - Ebony Bender, Zach Christie, Ashleigh Eady, Femke Hamell, Kayla Kerargan, Tully Sheath.

Year 8 - Olivia Andrews, Anthony Barber, Jacinta Corcoran, Isaiah Deamon, Katherine Fletcher, Gavin Gallagher, Abby Grosse, Veronica Lawson, Josh Markham, Nischala McDonnell, Joshua McRohan, Brad Robinson, Max Stuart, April Thompson, Jack Wilcox

Year 9 – Rachel Barrett, Brendan Bartley, Millie Bernauer, Eilish Boyack, Aaron Cahill, Jacinta Camboni, Nick Carr, Michelle Cook, Courtney Cridland, Emma Degrassi, Rachael Degrassi, Chloe Dempsey, Connie Duff, Reenee Foster, Maddie Hughes, Ella Holland, Keira Hurst, Amanda Hutchinson, Ben Knight, Rachel Maloney, Jessica Lynch, Alex McKenzie, Taylah Mclaughlin, Chloe Montagu, Lucas Murley, Nancy Ng, Jay Parker, Mark Partridge, Nick Patsianas, Alisha Renwick, Tegan Riches, Lucia Rowe, Alex Rowe, Cara Smith, Blake Storm, Caitlin Swithenbank, Luke Upton, Serene White, Jasmine White, Tyla Williams & Carly Woodley.

Year 10 - Belinda Allen, Annabelle Andrews, Ashley Atkin, Jade Atchison, Ethan Brown, Maddy Byrne, Henry Chan, Gemma Clarke, Caitlin Connors, Dylan Crawford, Emily Donovan, Ashleigh Dudman, Jack Elliot, Shiarna Elonen, Joel Fletcher, Alesha Foley, Eric Furlonger, Matt Grennan, Shae Guinane, Emily Haywood, Dylan Harper, Aiden Havet, Andrew Hodgson, Shelby Jacobs, Jamie Kabbout, Daniel Knowles, Maddy Lord, Emma Lowe, Aiden McEnearney, Caitlin Murray, Rhys Picton, Samantha Stevenson, Nick Ware,

Year 11 - Brianna Anthony, Julie Ashby, Jake Bateman, Elise Boland, Marlon Donnelly, Abby Douglas, Charlie Frazer, Jack Geoghegan, Connor Hall, Thim Jepperson, Alex Manevski, Claudia McNaught, Sarah- Jane O'Connell, Danielle Patterson, Gabriel Valenzuela, Oli Yee & to the MC's – Joe Vanstone, Dean Santi & Charlotte Levi.

Staff

Music - Mr Read, Mrs Gillard, Mrs Broadley

Drama - Mrs Johnson, Mrs Braun, Ms Kearney

Dance - Ms Williams, Ms Harris, Mrs Scully

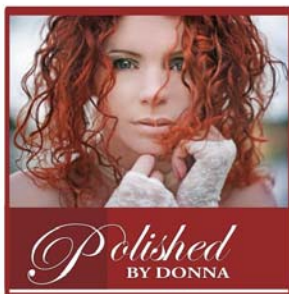
Media – Mr Mottershead

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will be held on Monday, January 21 2013 at Mingara Recreation Club. The tournament is open to kids from kindy to 17 years old who are able to complete a game unassisted. For more information email glosh51@dodo.com.au or phone Gary Losh on 4390 8176



RESILIENT TEENS is an 8 week program which provides support to teens in managing stress and anxiety, teaching relaxation and mindfulness skills, focus on living in the “now” and taking values-based action, developing assertiveness skills and improving self-confidence. Each session will run for approximately one hour, with a brief opportunity for parent/caregiver feedback following each session.

The program will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm at Evolve Community Wellness Foundation Inc, Upstairs, 78 York Street, East Gosford. The Term 1 group will commence on 13 February 2013.

The cost is free as the program is proudly sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. For bookings or more information phone 4322 8868 or email enquiries@evolvewellness.com.au

GOSFORD TAFE is running a course for women looking to get back into the workforce or to go on to further study. The CEEW - Career Education and Employment for Women course runs for 18 weeks (school holidays off) from 10.00am to 1.30pm four days a week. For more information contact Pauline Eade at Gosford TAFE on 4348 2282

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SPORTS PRESENTATION

This years Sports Presentation will be held on Friday the 14th of December from 9:30am in the MPC. Over the next few weeks students will start to receive invites to this presentation. Invitations need to be handed back to the office ASAP. Parents, please keep your calendars free as we would love to see as many parents/guardians as possible attending this event.

A special thank you to Forresters Beach Florist for donating the flower decorations.

BOOK PACKS 2013

Book packs for 2013 will be available for purchase from Wednesday, 5 December 2012. The cost of the book packs will be \$25 and can be purchased from the Cash Office between the hours of **8.30am and 2.30pm**. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.



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