

Erina News

As the term comes to a close I would like to thank students and staff for their support in maintaining the focus on the main game of teaching and learning. It was a wonderful celebration of student achievement on Wednesday September 5 as we recognised students performing at an exceptional academic level in our Assembly of Excellence. Congratulations to all our award winners and to our terrific senior leadership team for hosting such a significant event of the Erina High School calendar.

The quality of musical talent at Erina High School continues to amaze me and I am so proud to share with the school community our latest success. Veronica Lawson of year 8 has just recently won the grand finale of "Sing for your supper" competition hosted at Breakers Country Club at Wamberal. Veronica performed an original song she had written and was announced the winner taking out a significant cash prize. Congratulations Veronica we are very proud of you!!

As 13 years of schooling comes to end for our year 12 students I would like to take this opportunity to wish students all the very best of luck in the HSC exams set to commence in October. Our students have worked very hard and should be well prepared to sit these all important examinations. As year 12 commence their journey beyond school I wish them good health, good luck and good fortune and all the greatest success in world!! Congratulations year 12.

I have recently had the pleasure of sharing the great achievements of Erina High School with the Parents and Citizen Associations at our local Partner Primary Schools. I have been proud to promote our school and seek advice on what is important to Parents about what they would like to see Erina High School continue to deliver in terms of a quality education in a safe, caring learning environment. This has been most helpful in shaping and building on the strong foundations of our values reflected in the 4 C's Care, Cooperation, Courtesy and Commitment. A constant comment I receive is in relation to school uniform and the community's expectation that our students wear correct school uniform appropriately. This is also my expectation and collectively we can make a difference; parents by insisting our children wear full school uniform despite children saying no one wears it; for Teachers and executive staff to question students out of uniform and ask for a courtesy note from parents; as well as the school contacting parents whose children are constantly out of uniform. The school is able to support families who need assistance with uniform, please contact me at school where your request will be completely confidential. With the beautiful spring weather upon us I will remind our female students that short shorts are NOT part of our school uniform code. Thank you to the many families and children who consistently wear our school uniform so proudly - I greatly appreciate your support.



Erina High

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School Events

10-21 September
Year 11 Exams

19 September
P&C Meeting

20 September
Year 10 Mock Interviews

21 September
Year 12 Graduation Assembly

Last day of Term 3

8 October
All Students and Staff return for Term 4

I recently was provided with a wonderful concept in managing bullying and harassment and would like to share this with families. I found it a terrific way to explain to students that their actions often cause significant upset to others if they do not THINK!!

T.H.I.N.K

T – is it TRUE

H – is it HELPFUL

I – is it INSPIRING

N – is it NECESSARY

K – is it KIND

With the holidays approaching I wish staff, students and families a wonderful spring holiday, enjoy, be safe and return refreshed for term 4 on Monday October 8 2012. There is no Staff development day at the beginning of the term - these will be held on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Karen Nicol
Principal

BEATING EXAM BLUES

The mere thought of an exam can make kids nervous. Help create the right study conditions for your child in the lead up to exams and know the warning signs if it's all getting too much. Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-exam-stress-busters>

THANK YOU

Erina High School would like to thank Angela and Lucien Bourrell for the fabulous gift of cameras they donated to the school (3xSLR Cameras with lenses, 1xVideo Camera and several compact cameras). The cameras will be used in Photography and will go a long way to giving the students a love for this subject. The staff and students of Erina High appreciate this gift and acknowledge the close relationship we share with the community.

P&C MEETINGS

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, 19 September 2012.**

SCIENCE TEACHING AND LEARNING SURVEY

The Science faculty is conducting a review of Teaching and Learning practices in Science at Erina High School.

We are asking parents if they would be involved in this review by completing an on-line survey. The survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete. Your input as parents is most valuable and with the new syllabus soon beginning it is a good opportunity to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students and preparing them well for their future. Your assistance from the **home front** is crucial in making this a success. All surveys of course are confidential and anonymous.

To complete the survey, simply follow the link below. (Add as your URL in the address bar)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F7RGWXP>

Thank you very much for your time and effort in assisting us with this matter. If you require any further information please contact me at Erina High.

Brian Huntington, Head Teacher Science

CAREERS INFORMATION

Is your child thinking about what they'd like to do when they finish school? The myfuture website is a careers information and exploration service with thousands of resources, from occupation profiles and job seeking tips to articles and videos. The website includes information for both students and parents.

Go to: <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/>

ENGLISH NEWS

Probus Shield Win

The Erina High Senior Debating Team consisting of Charlotte Levi, Alicia Scott, Leigh Hughes, Zoe Littlewood and Christine Bootes made it to the final of the Probus Shield against Central Coast Grammar after an excellent win over Kincumber High in the first round. Erina's Probus Shield teams have missed the final of the Probus Shield only once in the last ten years. The final, against the Central Coast Grammar School, was held at the Kincumber Uniting Church and the topic was "That hard copy books and newspapers are becoming obsolete". The Erina team was the negative. The students did a wonderful job and continued a proud debating tradition as the final was very close with the Grammar School winning by the smallest of margins.

Erina High teams have won the Probus Shield seven times since the competition's inception in 1994. Congratulations and well done to all involved.

International Writing Competition

At the beginning of Term 3 twenty two students from years 7-11 participated in the International Writing Competition. The students completed a number of comprehension questions which required them to apply their knowledge skills and understanding to locate, identify, interpret, infer and synthesise information. Three students, Kai Irrgang (year 8), Dylan Crawford (year 10) and Liam Hamill (year 11), gained a place in the top 25% of participants.

Congratulations to all students for participating.

HSC Drama

On Monday 27th August the Year 12 Drama students held their annual performance night. Supported by parents, peers, ex-students and staff, the class created a night to be remembered. This night was a dress rehearsal for the actual HSC performance examination that took place on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week.

In particular, thanks go to Mrs Braun and Miss Kearney for their enthusiasm and dedication to these students. Their insight into HSC Performance examination marking criteria has ensured that these students were ready to perform their individual and group pieces. Mrs Braun and Miss Kearney have guided these students during and after class and the result of their hard work was evident on the performance night. Thank you to Ms Johnson for her help in preparing the Year 12 class and her assistance on the Drama night and on the HSC Performance days.

A fantastic job done by the Drama students and teachers. Well done.

Standard and Advanced English

On Friday August 31 our Year 12 Advanced English students were privileged to listen to information about the holocaust presented by Vic and Susanna from the Jewish Board of Deputies. This experience has had a profound effect on our students' understanding, consolidating and broadening their knowledge as they prepare to answer a question about History and Memory in the Higher School Certificate exam. These people visit our school annually and the contribution they make is greatly appreciated.

The HSC English courses are nearing completion and as the holidays approach the English staff would like to wish Year 12 all the very best for their HSC. This is an important stage in their life with most students working to personal best. During the holidays students are encouraged to complete past HSC papers, revise class work and re-read set texts. If there are issues, students should contact their class teachers via email for clarification.

This Year 12 group have been a very friendly group and we wish them well for the HSC and life after school.

Well done Year 12.

WELLBEING REPORT

On Friday September 7 ten of our Year 9 students assisted Legacy in raising funds through the selling of badges and pens. Nicholas Car, Brendan Bartley, Jack Davies, Rachel Maloney, Kayne Donald, Alex McKenzie, Jasmine White, Serene White, Lucus Murley and Amelia Bernauer did a wonderful job, visiting businesses in the Erina industrial and commercial centres, raising more than \$1000.00. Mr Swinden, the representative from Legacy who oversaw their ventures, praised the students for their outstanding manners and interpersonal skills as they conversed with people of all ages. Congratulations to all students who gave their time to participate.



Police Constable Denise Lynch, the school liaison officer, has been visiting Year 9 classes to talk to students about cyber safety and the hazards they may encounter online through social networking. The information offered has been interesting and invaluable, offering insights into the problems that may occur and how to prevent them. She also answers questions about aspects of the law and social interaction relevant to students as they move through their teen years. We'd like to thank Constable Lynch for her wonderful contribution to our school, and wish her well as she welcomes her first child in the coming months.

Students and their families are reminded that while social problems with peers usually resolve naturally, ongoing problems that cause distress and unhappiness may need intervention. When they are reported all such problems are managed with care and discretion, and it is our priority to ensure that students feel secure and comfortable at school. If an issue is reported, and the problem persists, it is essential that we are advised in order to take further action. Students, their families and friends are encouraged to speak to Year Advisors, Ms Kearney or Mrs Bayliss to report issues. Alternately, reports can be made in the bully box at the front office, the online bully box on the Erina High School student intranet, or by emailing Mrs Bayliss directly at keryn.bayliss@det.nsw.edu.au.

Families are also asked to assist in encouraging students to wear correct uniform. It is important that we present a united front, as too many students are wearing inappropriate clothing to school. It is not acceptable for girls to wear tights, singlet tops or shorts to school. PE and drama uniforms are only to be worn during these specific lessons, with students wearing the correct uniform at breaks and during other lessons. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Jo Bayliss, Coordinator of Student Wellbeing

LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM NEWS

BOS SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

These have been processed and I must say it is great to see students who have significant special examination needs applying for this support and then responsibly using it in some of our school based exams. A big thankyou goes to the wonderful group of Year 9 students who have so far acted as readers and/or writers. Their confident, calm help is most appreciated. I know the Year 12 students will benefit from the support.

The deadline for applying has closed. However if you feel there is a valid need, the Board Of Studies will still consider an application.

Please contact Mrs Swain if you have any questions.

BOS Special Provisions – These are for students attempting the H.S.C. and have significant special examination needs. Students' needs may include learning, medical, psychological (such as diagnosed anxiety), vision or hearing difficulties. Support may range from needing a reader and/or writer, extra-time to finish the exam, use of a quiet separate area or requiring special equipment due to a physical condition.

SPECIAL NEEDS/ LEARNING SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



**Family Planning NSW Library
Disability Resource Collection (DRC)**

Family Planning NSW has an extensive Disability Resource Collection available for loan to community members, disability workers, clinicians and students. For a list of all our DRC resources, visit our website. To arrange a loan from the DRC, contact the Family Planning NSW librarian on 0287524386, or visit the library.

Fees apply for borrowing from this collection. Examples include:

Becoming a Woman - *A teaching pack on menstruation for people with learning disabilities*
Emma Cooper: 1999

Circles® - *The CIRCLES program teaches social distance and levels of intimacy through the use of coloured circles*
James Stanfield

Please feel free to contact me on Extension 126, Mrs Jane M Swain, if you would like to discuss any of the information listed or any other enquiries in regards to your child's learning and literacy needs.

Jane M Swain
Learning Support Coordinator



The Support Networks Program is a service designed to provide support to children and young people with a disability and their families.

Northcott aims to work in partnerships with mainstream services to facilitate a range of social and support network activities and events so that families of children with a disability are able to establish meaningful support networks that provides them with social support and a sense of connectivity with the community.

The service aims to provide this through:

- Sibling Support
- Parent Support
- Family Support
- Community Development

Activities are fun focused and provide information resources, and emotional support.

Geographical Area

Support Networks Program covers: • Hunter • Central Coast

Eligibility

- People with a Disability aged 0-24 years
- Families who support a person with a disability aged 0-24 years
- Mainstream services that people with a disability and their families may wish to access
- Local communities including other disability service providers

Funding

The service is funded by Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW and Northcott Disability Services.

Julie McDonald

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ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



NAIDOC

On Thursday, 16th August Erina High School and primary schools; Woodport, East Gosford, Brisbania, Chertsey and Holgate came together to celebrate NAIDOC day.

All students had a fantastic day participating in a number of activities such as; Boomerang throwing (there are still a few on the COLA roof), Aboriginal art, Aboriginal weapons and artefacts and dance. It was a beautiful sunny day with a great finish of all our students and teachers dancing!

A sausage sizzle was enjoyed by all, with students having the opportunity to talk to the Indigenous workshop presenters.

Photos will be posted on the EHS school website shortly.



Principals and teachers all enjoying learning an Aboriginal dance, to all students delight!

Tjudibaring A.E.C.G [tjudibaringa.e.c.g@gmail.com]

The A.E.C.G meeting will be on next Wednesday, 12th September 2012 at Kincumber PS at 6.00pm.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Michael Murray, Secretary, Tjudibaring A.E.C.G

0432 284 894

Website: www.tjudibaringaecg.org.au

KINCUMBER LEARNING HUB

We have secured funding to run a learning hub from Kincumber High School. Our learning hub will cater for K – year 12 which will be running Wednesday's 2.30pm – 5.30pm in the library, just stay as long as you need, you don't have to stay the whole time! If you are interested in getting some help with assignments, homework, N Awards or Literacy and numeracy just let me know so I can organize a tutor for you!

So exciting and it's free! All Indigenous students welcome.

Contact Kerry 0424 686 329

Mr John Cavanagh and Mrs Jane-Marie Swain are always interested to hear what is taking place in the Aboriginal community. If you are aware of an event please contact us so we can pass the word around to all Aboriginal students at Erina.

Jane M Swain
Learning Support Coordinator

ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 3 August 2012, six girls from Year 8 - Ainslea White, Olivia Mostaert, Aimee Crosland, Kintan Golledge, Leticia Lihou and Lucinda Bowen competed in the North Sydney Orienteering Championships. Although inexperienced, the girls performed really well and had a great time. One team, Ainslea White, Kintan Golledge and Lucinda Bowen came third in the relay event which was outstanding!

A Beer,
Co-ordinator




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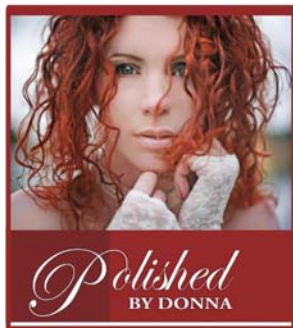
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KINCUMBER-AVOCA CRICKET

CLUB is looking for 9 and 10 year old players to fill vacancies in our under 11 teams. We also have plenty of vacancies in our In2cricket program for 5-7 year olds. If you would like to enjoy a fun season of cricket please contact Rod Ursem on 0425 210 570 or rodursem@hotmail.com

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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.

TERRIGAL WAMBERAL LITTLE ATHLETICS will be holding registration
days on Saturday 8 and 15 September 2012 at Duffy's Oval, Terrigal Drive, Terrigal from
2.00-4.00pm. For further details visit www.terrighalwamberallittleathletics.wordpress.com or
contact Registrar Kerrie Boaler on 0420 546 038



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr McMaster, Mr Rennex and Nick Patsianas who were recognised at the Central Coast Public Education Awards of Appreciation on 2 August 2012.

Mr McMaster is a highly experienced, dedicated Mathematics teacher strongly committed to public education over 35 years, achieving outstanding educational outcomes for many students.

Mr Rennex received his award for outstanding commitment to student mentoring in ICT building confidence. In addition he provides exceptional technology support at a local and regional level.

Nick Patsianas of Year 9, one of only three students in the region to receive an award, was recognised for his exceptional skill and knowledge in technology, assisting staff and students with ICT support. Nick is a valued member of the Erina Learning Community.

