

# Erina News

As the term comes to an end I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our staff in supporting our year 12 students to be thoroughly prepared for the 2013 HSC. Teachers and students have worked incredibly hard and I know the school community wish our year 12 students all the very best in their HSC final exams. I commend the senior leadership team for their obvious commitment to Erina High School, I have enjoyed the opportunity to work so positively with such an intelligent, mature and focused group of young people. They have reminded me of the importance of listening to our key stakeholders and I have learnt so much from them. I wish every year 12 student good luck, good fortune and good health for their future. I hope you take fond memories of your schooling at Erina with you.



A significant component of many HSC courses is a practical component and in 2013 our students have continued to excel. I have included some photos of our Visual Arts and Textiles major works that show the enormous talent of our students and teachers. We have our fingers crossed for some exceptional results. Good luck students.



**Erina High**

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## School Events

**9 September**  
Year 11 exams commence

**12 September**  
Year 10 My Futures Vision Day

**18 September**  
P&C Meeting  
6.30pm Library

**20 September**  
Year 12 Graduation Assembly  
10.00am

**Last day of Term 3**

**8 October**  
ALL students return for Term 4





I cannot thank enough our wonderful parent group for their amazing work in transforming our school gardens to a standard eligible for a garden competition. It is with great pride that I share these photos with the school community and extend my gratitude and thanks to Ms Cooper and Mr Lynch, Mr and Mrs McDonnell, Mr Ross and Mrs White - they are true supporters of Erina High school and their hard work is admired and appreciated. Thank you to the senior boys for helping lift the feature rock - much appreciated!!





On Thursday September 5 the Erina Learning Community proudly hosted the Central Coast Public education awards. Our student leaders across our community of schools are to be commended on the professional manner in which they chaired the event and to our performers who wowed the audience. Erina High School is a proud partner within the Erina learning community.

### **Congratulations to our hosts**

- Charlotte Levi and Cameron Smith
- Alicia Scott and Dean Santi
- Jayne Upston, Christine Bootes, Cassidy Creevey, Claudia McNaught, Abby Douglass, Tim Morris, Bayhan Baydar
- Brisbane Public School- Maya Fenech and Rory McIntosh
- Woodport Public School -Tayla Montgomery and Cooper Turner
- Gosford East Public School - Sapphira Sherwood and Declan Dowling
- Chertsey Public School - Indiana Vaynman and Matthew Martin
- Holgate Public School – Nathan Bucknell and Caelan Hill

### **Congratulations to our Performers**

- National Anthem EHS - Alesha Foley accompanied on guitar by Rhys Picton
- Acknowledgments to country - Zac Christie EHS and Didgeridoo boys (Travis Mann, Josh McRohan-Quensell, Bradley Robinson)
- Soloist - EHS Ebony Bender
- Harpist - EHS Nischala McDonnell
- Flute player - Holgate Abbey Butler
- Vocalists –Sophie Scott and Catherine Boyack

### **Congratulations to our Sound and lighting crew**

Will Northcote, Jay Parker, Max Stuart and Josh McRohan-Quensell

### **Congratulations to our Catering team and hospitality staff and students**

I wish all staff, students and families a wonderful spring vacation, be safe and enjoy the break. School resumes on Tuesday, October 8 2013 for all students. The Staff development days will be held on the last 2 days of term 4 on Thursday, December 19 and Friday, December 20.

**Yours Sincerely**  
**Karen Nicol**  
**Principal**



## SPORTS NEWS

### Open Boys Oz-Tag

Congratulations to the Erina High School Open Boys Oz-Tag Team who recently competed in the the Central Coast All Schools Oz-Tag tournament held at Woongarah Oval. The boys performed extremely well

winning 7 straight games with 140 mins of Oz-Tag to become the Central Coast Champions. The final match was against local rivals Kincumber and the boys fought hard and came away with a 4-2 victory. Special mention to Nathan Deane who was very sick all morning but recovered and put in a man of the match performance in the grand final. Well done boys, a victory well deserved!!!



### Year 9/10 Oz-Tag

The year 9-10 girls and boys Oz tag sides had a very successful Gala day hosted at Morrie Breen oval, Wyong. Both sides went unbeaten through their pool stages and put in very strong performances.

The girls side, with three wins under their belts, were finally defeated in the quarter finals. They were beaten by Green Point Catholic College in a high scoring tight game. Standout performers for the girls were the free scoring Helaina Wellington and the dangerous ball carrying Emily Campbell. The strongest feature of the team's play was their determined defence which made them so successful.

The boys side remained unbeaten until the grand final which they lost in golden point extra time in a thriller with Wadalba Community School. The two sides were head and shoulders above the competition and showed their class in an enthralling final game. With the teams locked at 2-2 at the final hooter each side scored quick fire tries in golden point. Unfortunately for the talented Erina side Wadalba scored the vital second try much to the heartache of the players.

Best for Erina were Australian representative Blake Storm who marshalled his troops well. He was supported by Jameson Flynn who scored plenty of tries, Mat Sheppard and Jesse Robson who made vital tags all day and Denzel Power and Brad Deegan who were creative with the ball.

Both teams did their school and coaches proud by showing skills, determination and great sportsmanship throughout the day. All students should be commended for their efforts for the school.



### State CHS Trampolining

Recently two of our Year 10 students, Amelia and Harley Lynch competed in the NSW CHS State Championships held at Central Coast Youth Club. Both students competed extremely well with their best results coming in the Tumbling division in which Amelia finished 4th and Harley placed 2nd. Well done to both students who always represent Erina with great pride.



### Year 7/8 Girls Netball

Well done to the Year 7/8 Girls Netball team who recently competed in the Sydney North Netball Gala day held at Adcock Park. The girls had to brave a very hot 29 degree winters day and play 7 games. All of the girls showed great effort and skills throughout the entire day. A special mention for the win over Barrenjoey High who defeated the girls early in the day but the girls fought back and defeated them later in the day. Well done girls. We are very proud of your efforts.

**Grant Keyes**  
**Erina High School**  
**Sports Organiser/ Year 9 Year Advisor**

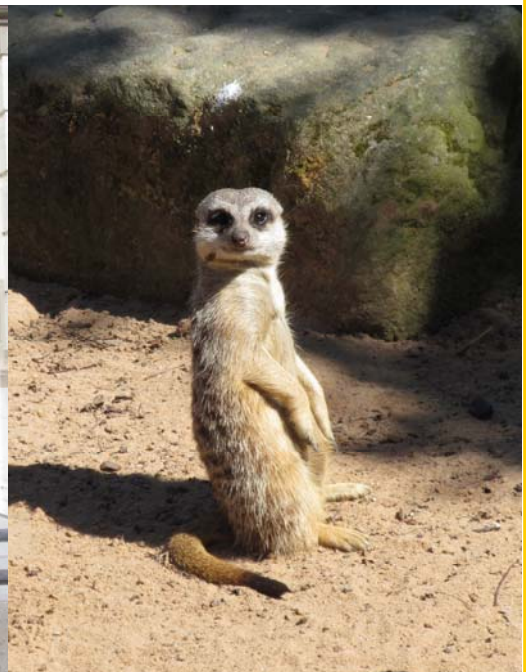


## SCIENCE NEWS

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of September Erina High School's Year 12 Biology class attended an excursion at Taronga Zoo. Following an early start and a scenic ferry ride from the Quay to the Zoo, the class attended a presentation put on by the Zoo's education department to extend their understanding of how organisms perceive and communicate within their environment.

After a fascinating presentation (which included a visit from both a diamond python and a possum!) the students were free for the remainder of the day to choose from the Zoo's broad range of exhibits and talks. Students could be found at the chimpanzee talk, the bird show, and the Australian Walkabout exhibit amongst others, however the seal show drew all the students together at the end of the day (and resulted in a few splashes as well!). It was a truly interesting and enjoyable day for all.

**Mrs Downes and Mr Jensen**



## P&C NEWS

### Wednesday Weeders

We are a small group of parents that meet Wednesday morning to garden in Erina High School.

We have planted more than 80 agave, 60 native plants, dozens of bromeliads, cleared weeds, pruned, raked, dug, mulched and placed tonnes of beautiful bush rocks throughout the gardens of the school.

If you love gardening or enjoy helping in the garden and are free of a Wednesday, you are very welcome to join us.

If you are not available, but have plants that you are thinning out or can grow from cuttings we are happy to receive them and plant them in the gardens of Erina High.

Please contact Karen Nicol for further details.

### Reward Offered Upon Return

Taken from the front of the school Wednesday 28th August at 2:40 pm:

A yellow handle spade with timber shaft and engraving at the top of the blade.

The engraving is hard to read, but says, 'To the best little digger Happy Anniversary 26 September 1993'.

The spade was left next to the bin and it is thought someone took it thinking it was being thrown out.

Please return it as it has great sentimental value.

**Erina High School P&C** will be discussing their possible Incorporation at the next P&C Meeting - **Wednesday 18th September at 6:30 pm.**

A copy of the documents are available at the front office if required.

If the P&C is incorporated it means we are able to apply for Government grants when they are available.

Many thanks

**Joy Cooper**  
**President, Erina High School P&C**

## LIBRARY NEWS

### The 2013 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations! The participation of EHS students in the 2013 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge was outstanding. The students will receive formal acknowledgement of their achievements in reading next term.



Our **Year Seven** award recipients:

Soraya Baldock	James Jasper	Isabelle Partridge
Roger Birkin	Joshua Kadir	Eloise Patrick
Lucinda Brien	Declan Kennedy	Shannon Pulbrook
Chad Coffey	Bailey Lawler	Robbie Ree
Ella Conroy	Tara Lawson	Callum Roberts
Nathan Cowell	Bayleigh Little	Caitlin Schumacher
Mitchell Deegan	Jacqueline Luck	Brittany Seaburn
Phoebe Dekker	Peter Martin	Tamara Starkey
Logan Dooms	Sophie McCarthy	Oliver Vanderslot
Maisie Douglas	Taylah Micallef	Bella Vogt
Briannah Ede	Riley Morris	Abby Ward
Bethany Hathway	Jessica O'Donnell	Elise Ward
Eleebana Hoban	Jack Ogle	Tylah Wells

Our **Year Eight** award recipients:

Ebony Bender	Tamika Grantley-McGrath	Johnson Pimkot
Molly Binstead	Femke Hamill	Cassidy Puglsey
Lewis Carr	Reece Harrison	Mikayla Rendall
Jaclyn Chambers	India Jacobs	Chloe Reynolds
Calisto Cook	Emma-Lee Jones	Jade Schumacher
Sophie Duruz	Jaida McKenzie	Sharna Scott
Janai Edwards	Kim Meyer	Chloe Self
Bronte Fenech	Annabelle Newton	Tegan Smith
Georgia Forrest	Thandi Nyathi	Bridget Spencer
Isabella Fowler	Tyrone Paddison	Lachlan Walter
Jordan Funnell	Gemma Paris	Noah Wynne
Aaron Graham	Melissa Parkes	



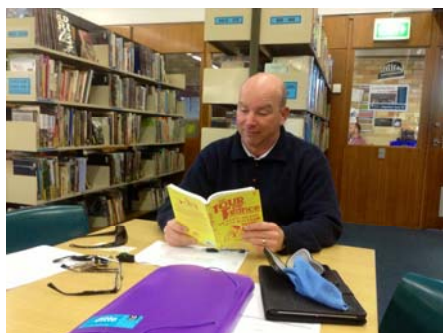
Our **Year Nine** award recipients:

Jade Boland	Ethan Howard	Nischala McDonnell
John Gibson	Jack Mayne	

Thank you to the families actively involved in the challenge for your support of reading at home. Your assistance in record-keeping has been greatly appreciated from the administrative side of the challenge. Thank you, EHS English Faculty, for your ongoing support of the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

### Roll Call Reading

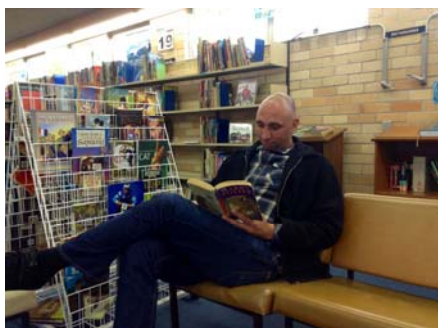
Roll Call reading continues to be a productive and enjoyable part of the week for EHS students. Our whole-school approach to reading includes teacher role-modelling of good reading habits.



*Mr Brendan Jones, a PDHPE Head Teacher who loves to read.*



*Ms Jodie Smith, a Science Teacher who loves to read.*



*Mr Ross Knight, a Maths teacher who loves to read.*

### Library Conduct

Thank you to the classes and individuals who respect the library as a quiet and calm study space. Year 11 and 12 students continue to book Tutorial Room 1 for private study and it is encouraging to see the time and effort being devoted to examination preparation.

*Jayne Upston making productive use of her study time in the Library.*



**Keep reading!**  
**Nerida Cronin (Relieving) and Rosemary Horton**  
**Library Staff**

## ENGLISH NEWS

On behalf of the English/Drama Faculty, we would like to congratulate our Year 12 students who completed the Practical Component of the Higher School Certificate Drama Examination on Wednesday, 28 August 2013. The students performed excellently with a minimum of fuss. Well done! A warm thank you is extended to Miss Kearney for all of the extra-curricular hours she contributed to help refine all of the students' performances. Thanks also to Ms Johnson for her help on this day.

We would also extend our best wishes to the Year 11 students whom will be writing their Preliminary examinations in weeks 9-10. Good luck to all of you!

We would request that all students return any novels and textbooks that they have in their possession to the English faculty as soon as possible please (no questions asked!). This is highly important as future students need to be able to study these texts. Thank you to those students and parents who have already done so.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge ended on 23 August, 2013 and to all of the students who completed the task of reading 20 books or more, we thank you! We know that this annual challenge has instilled a fondness of reading in many of our students, and remind them that this 'work' will benefit them greatly in the development of their literacy, comprehension and vocabulary skills.

Year 7 English students are now working on their Area of Study which is **The Unnatural**. Their next Assessment Task will be an in-class Essay Response which will be due early in Term 4. Students will receive formal notification of this task and the due date closer to the assessment date.

Year 8 students are working hard on their Area of Study module on **Multicultural Australia**. The Assessment Task for this is also an in-class Essay, due early in Term 4. Students will receive formal notification of this task closer to the due date.

Year 9 students are working towards completing their Area of Study on **Aboriginal Experience**, again with an in-class Essay as their Assessment Task, again due early in Term 4. Formal notification of this task will be issued closer to the due date.

Year 10 students are continuing the work on their Area of Study of **War Poetry**. They too have an in-class Essay Response as their Assessment Task, due early in Term 4 as well. Again, formal notification of the task and due date will be issued in the upcoming weeks.

Both the Year 11 Advanced English and Year 11 Standard English students are preparing for their examinations which occur in Weeks 9-10, Term 3.

Year 11 English Studies have submitted their formal assessment task of a Feature Article and are continuing their work with the Module on **Discovery and the World**.

The Year 12 Advanced English students and the Year 12 Standard English students are preparing for their Higher School Certificate examinations which occur Monday, 14 October, 2013.



The Year 12 English Studies students continue to enjoy the study of film in *The Big Screen* Module, which will continue until the conclusion of Term 3.

In Drama, the Year 9 students are continuing to work on their Unit on Short Film and will be submitting their own short films as their assessment task in Week 1, Term 4. Year 10 are progressing with their Unit on Monologues and will be presenting their own monologue for their assessment task in Week 10, Term 3. The Year 11 students are preparing for their upcoming examination and the Year 12 students are also preparing for the Higher School Certificate examination which will be on Monday, 4 November, 2013. We wish all of these students all the best for success in their exams!

Year 10 and 11 Drama students thoroughly enjoyed the excursion to the city on Wednesday, 28 August 2013 to view the Sydney Theatre Company's production of the Tom Stoppard play, *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead*. Thank you to Ms Serrano and Miss Bissett for helping out Ms Johnson and Miss Kearney on this day.

Ms Johnson and Miss Kearney accompanied the Year 11 Drama students to the Pilgrim Theatre on Friday, 30 August. The students will benefit greatly from this experience which will assist with their composition of their HSC Group Performances in 2014.

Years 9, 10 and 11 Drama students have been offered an excursion to the Sydney Theatre Company to watch *Waiting for Godot* on 19 November. Limited tickets – please return notes and \$20 as soon as possible to secure a place.

In English, Ms Serrano, Miss Kearney and Miss Bissett will be taking Year 9 students to see a production of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Sydney Opera House on Wednesday, 30 October 2013. The cost is \$20.00 and permission notes should be returned, together with payment, to the school's front office as quickly as possible please. The students need to be at Gosford Railway Station by 8.30am to meet Ms Serrano and purchase their rail tickets.

All students, particularly those studying Drama, are encouraged to take advantage of live theatre experiences whenever possible.

If you would like to discuss any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mr Mark Chapman, Head Teacher, English/Drama, or your child's classroom teacher, on 4367 7353.

## YEAR 8 TEXTILES GATS DAY

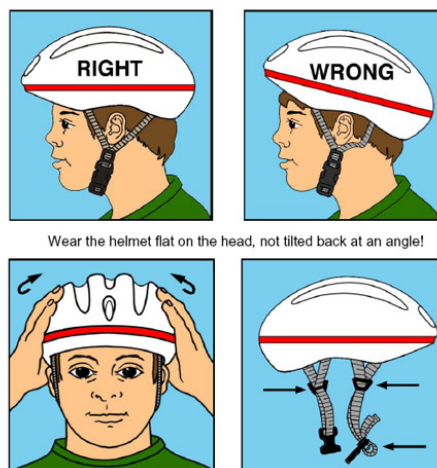
On Tuesday 20th August, a group of Year 8 students had a great day developing a whole new skills base in Textiles and Design. The students spent the day with Mrs Adamski designing and making a small felt animal pillow. They created their animal pillow using skills like beading, hand embroidery and applique. The students had a great day and were very proud of their accomplishments.

Mrs Adamski



## BIKE/SKATEBOARD RIDERS

Helmets are the most important piece of safety equipment and are intended to protect children's heads in the event of a fall. If you ride your bike, scooter or a skateboard to school, please remember that you **must** wear an approved helmet securely fitted and fastened. In NSW there are no exemptions from wearing an approved bicycle helmet. Research into crashes shows that helmets reduce head injuries by 60 per cent and brain injuries by 58 per cent. A bicycle helmet that is not correctly fitted and fastened does not provide enough protection in a crash.



Make sure the helmet fits snugly and does not obstruct the field of vision. Make sure the chin strap fits securely and that the buckle stays fastened.

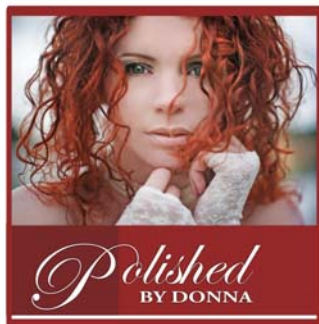


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### Gosford Public School's **Artastic!**

Art Exhibition and Art and Craft Market

**10am – 4pm**  
**Saturday September 14th 2013**  
In the Gosford Public School grounds

**Art Exhibition**  
Including artworks by local artists as  
well as pieces created by our  
students!

**Craft Market**  
Come and experience the colour,  
atmosphere, excitement and great  
value of our quality craft markets!

**Food and Entertainment**  
Balloons, hands on activities for the  
kids, raffle, sausage sandwiches,  
slushies, tea and coffee, live  
entertainment and performances by  
our concert band, face painting and  
drumming!

## SAFER DRIVER COURSE

A new safer driver course for learner drivers is being held at Bateau Bay and Umina PCYC. This course dramatically reduces the student's logbook hours and makes them safer drivers.

Umina Beach has courses on:

Saturday 28 September 2013 from 9.00am to 12noon and

Saturday 28 September 2013 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Bateau Bay has courses on:

Tuesday 17 September 2013 from 6.00pm to 9.00pm and

Tuesday 1 October 2013 from 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

For more information or to make a booking visit [www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au) or phone 9625 9111 or contact PCYC Umina Beach on 4344 7851 or 0421 611 449.





### TOOGEE TAEKWONDO

is happy to announce its return to Erina High School!

To celebrate its return, we are offering a great membership deal for Erina High students - Free membership, free uniform, and three months training for the low cost of \$120.00. **That's \$100 saving!**

And if you have a friend who is not an Erina High student, bring them along, and if they join we will give you a **further \$20 off** the deal.

This offer is only available for a limited time, so **ACT NOW** and call Regional Instructor Shayne McLaren on 0405 209 857.



Offer available until 31<sup>st</sup> November 2013.

**NSW Office of Communities Sport & Recreation** will be running a number of activities to get children active during the September/October school holidays.

For further information and bookings call 131302 or 4362 3184 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

## The HSC

### Realise your Potential

Designed for senior students starting their HSC journey this new 4 week program will equip students with the skills needed to confront the rigours of the HSC. Courses starting early in Term 4.

See [www.axiomppsych.com.au](http://www.axiomppsych.com.au)  
or call **02 4324 5400**

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## YEAR 8 INTO 9 SUBJECT SELECTION INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TIMBER

Please note that misleading information was accidentally printed under the subheading 'Assessment' in the Elective Choices booklet for Industrial Technology - Timber.

*"Most theory work is completed by students using DER laptops to access Erina High School's Module units"*

While most of the theory component is delivered and assessed electronically on Nexus (Erina High Schools Online Learning Environment), year 9 students will **not** be issued DER laptops. However, we will timetable lessons in computer rooms to complete these online units.

## YEAR 12 INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

On Tuesday, 17th September 2013 at Ourimbah University from 9.00am to 5.00pm Erina High Indigenous students can attend the future Indigenous leaders workshop. The workshop will cover applications for:

- ♦ Scholarships
- ♦ Accommodation
- ♦ Indigenous Tutorial Assistant Scheme (ITAS)
- ♦ Alternate Entry = if a student falls short of their ATAR mark by 10 and under points this will allow the student to sit an Academic interview to see if the student is capable of completing the degree of choice, and an Aboriginality process that will allow the interview panel to recommend three options:
  - 1) Make an offer to enrol into the degree of choice
  - 2) Enrol into our YAPUG - a tertiary preparation that helps the student build the ATAR that is needed for the degree of choice. YAPUG can be done full time over one year of part-time over two years
  - 3) TAFE

Please see Mrs Smith, Deputy Principal if you are interested.

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