# Erina News

Term 3 will see the final preparation for our year 12 students before the HSC in October. Congratulations to our students who are working very hard in the last few weeks to ensure they are well prepared for these important exams. I would like to make mention of the exceptional work being completed by our students who have studies courses with practical components. The quality of their major works in textiles, industrial technology and Visual Arts have been exceptional. Our music and drama students are finalising their performances before the markers arrive late August and our society and culture students have just finished their personal interest projects (PIPs) after extensive research. We wish all of our year 12 students all the very best in the marking of these major projects and extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our HSC teachers that have worked tirelessly to support our students.









#### **Erina High**

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# School Events

18th August Probus Shield Debating

18th—27th Aug HSC Trial Exams

22nd August Yr 7/8 Netball Gala Day

27th August Yr8 into Yr9 Parent Information Evening

28th August Yr 10 Science Excursion Sydney

3rd September School Disco 6pm

4th-5th September State Athletics











Year 11 students have returned from the Crossroads Camp after an exhausting two days. It was an opportunity for team work, building resiliency and trying some confidence building activities as well as the serious side of the program. See our facebook page for some great photos. Thank you to Ms Williams, Mr Jones, Mrs Pursehouse, Ms Minns and Mr Bath for supporting the students they had at camp, they had a wonderful time.





On Monday July 28 Erina High School proudly supported Education week at Erina Fair, with a static display outside Big W and participated in a combined Erina Learning Community Concert in the hive. We received rave reviews on the exceptional talent of our students demonstrating a broad range of learning opportunities at Erina High School. Thank you to Ms Johnson for coordinating our static display and to Ms Kearney, Mrs Horton and Mr Green for providing the technical support as well as our ever so supportive P&C who purchased our new noticeboards for the occasion. Thank you also to Mrs Broadley, Mr Lowe and Mrs Scully for supporting our performers and a particular thanks and appreciation to our terrific sound crew Max Stuart, Will Northcote, Tom Ellem, Josh Mc Rohen- Quensell and Brad Robson.









I was delighted to see the outstanding year 10 textiles work as students proudly displayed their pyjama range that they have made. Congratulations to Sophie Durez, India Jacobs and Annabelle Newton. Look out Peter Alexander—we have some very talented fashion designers about to launch their sleepwear range!!







A final reminder about our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. We are getting very excited to open our doors and proudly showcase our school and reflect on the achievements over the past 50 years. We are seeking strong support from our community and hope that as many past and present staff and students, parents and friends will join us. Step back in time and see how we have changed!



Our year 10 students are well underway with choosing courses for the senior school. This can be a stressful time and I strongly encourage students and families to access as much information as possible through our website and by making contact with the year advisers Mr Bath and Ms Minns, or one of our career and transition officers, Mrs Pursehouse and Mrs Keane. Thank you to Mr Jackson for all is hard work in coordinating this process.

Enjoy the rest of the term as we proudly celebrate 50 years of strong public education at Erina High School.

Karen Nicol Principal

### <u>Under 15 Boys Basketball 2014 Knockout Competition</u> <u>Erina High vs Terrigal High</u>

On Thursday the 24th of July, a small team of 8 Erina High boys gathered at the Terrigal Basketball stadium, home of the Central Coast Crusaders, to take on Terrigal High School in the first round of the 2014 Under 15 Boys Basketball Knockout competition.

With some early points in the first quarter the momentum went with Terrigal High, who demonstrated some good shooting and solid defence. The second quarter went with Terrigal again demonstrating some good offensive plays, but as the clock counted down to half time the boys from Erina started to build up their attack. After half time and a good 'pep' talk from the coach Mr. Saisell, the boys showed solid performances in the third quarter, with some good ball plays and exciting shots at the basket. Leading into the fourth and last quarter Terrigal High had a healthy lead, which unfortunately saw them victorious.

Although the team has now been knocked from the 2014 competition, they demonstrated good skills on the court and excellent sportsmanship off the court.

The 2014 Under 15 Boys Basketball team comprised of :

Nick Kirby, Jacob Rawson, Harry Wilson, Lachlan Bathis, Ray Bennett, Sean Barnett, Saige Jacobs, Alec Doolan.

A big thankyou to Mr. Saisell for running the selections, training the boys leading into the game and coming along on the day to coach and support, and also a big thankyou to the parents and supporters that came along to the game, sharing their support and encouragement from the stands.

Mr Schofield



#### Yr 7/8 Touch Football

Congratulations to both the Boys and Girls Yr 7/8 Touch Football sides who recently competed in the annual Central Coast Championships. Both teams braved the cold and windy conditions and put on some excellent performances. Our Girls side who only had one player who had played before tried really hard and improved with every game. Our Boys side won 3 of 4 pool games and made it into the finals series. Unfortunately the boys were defeated by Narara Valley in the semi finals. This team later went on to win the grand final. Sixteen teams were entered in the boys competition and our boys tied for 3rd place which was an excellent effort. Well done to both teams, we are very proud of the way you represented Erina High.





#### **Sydney North Athletics**

Congratulations to our 21 students who represent Erina High School and Brisbane Water Zone at the annual Sydney North Athletics competition held at Homebush Stadium. All of our athletes competed extremely well and we are very proud to report that we have 6 students going on to State. A special congratulation to these students:

- Sisifa Mafile'o of Yr 10 who came first in the 15yrs girls shot put.
- U14 Boys Relay Team Aaron Dudman, Tyrone Paddison-Taukitoku, Mitchell Deegan and Matthew Cahill. The boys came 2nd at Sydney North! Also, well done to Aaron Dudman who just missed out on state in his individual events. He earned two PB's, came 3rd in high jump and 4th in 200m.
- Matthew Cahill of Yr 8 who came second in the 14yrs 800m and,
- Ashlee Russell of Yr 7 who came second in the 13yrs Long Jump

These very talented students will now compete at the State Carnival held on the 4-6th of September. Good luck and GO ERINA!!

Grant Keyes Erina High School Sports Year 10 Year Advisor









<u>Students who are absent</u> – It is a requirement that all student absences be explained by a parent/carer within 7 days of a student being absent from school. All parents are encouraged to phone an absence through on the day or alternatively you can email the absence through to the school email address with the title "School Absence" and then your child's name, year and reason for absence.

<u>Updating Student Information</u>—Students received the following letter and student update form at roll call on 4/08/14 advising parents of additional information required due to the updating of computer systems in schools.





#### UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION

Monday 4th August 2014

Dear Parent/Carers.

The Department of Education is currently updating all computer systems in schools, requiring additional information. Students have ALL been issued with a "Student Information Update" form during roll call and were asked for their parent/carers to complete and return the form to school at the earliest convenience please.

The "Student Information Update" form has been reviewed in line with Department Policy to include the following: Medicare Information, Permission to Publish, Religious Instruction and Student's Mobile Phone Number.

Please take the time to complete this form so your child's school records are current and up to date, this is particularly important regarding your child's Medical Information.

Medical Forms are available from Admin and can be collected by your child or posted home if you prefer.

Thank you

Mrs K. Nicol Principal

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Explanation of Permission to Publish: The school/Department of Education and Communities may publish information about your child for the purpose of sharing his/her experience with other students, informing the school broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service. This information may include your child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

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- Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department of Education and Communities' websites.
- Official Department of Education and Communities and school social media accounts on networks such as Youtube,
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Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels it can be linked to be third parties and may be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information.

Publish: ALL students have been set to YES unless you return this form clearly stating NO to publish.

Religion: ALL students who are Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, Christian, Uniting, Anglican, Presbyterian & Salvation Army have been set to YES to attend religious instruction unless you return this form clearly stating NO to attend.

Medical: Has your child got a Medical Issue or is your child currently taking medication? If so and you haven't informed the school or updated our school records recently, please ask your child to collect a Medical Information form for Admin or phone and one can be posted to you.

#### **HSC Special Provisions - Information for Students and Parents**

The Board of Studies has a program to help students with practical support in their Higher School Certificate examinations. This practical support, known as provisions, assists students to read examination questions and to write their answers. Provisions may include rest breaks and extra time, a reader and or writer, or time for medical breaks. The use of any provision is not written on the student's results.

Students may need provisions for:

a permanent condition, such as diabetes, anxiety, or reading difficulty

a temporary condition, such as a broken arm, or

an intermittent condition, such as back pain when sitting for long periods.

It is not embarrassing to apply for or use provisions. More than 5000 HSC students apply for provisions each year. Provisions help students to show the markers what they know and can do.

To apply for provisions, the school submits an online application to the Board of Studies. This application tells us which provisions the student is requesting and includes recent evidence. Evidence may include medical reports, reading results, spelling results, writing samples and teacher comments.

Much of the evidence can be collected by the school, but the parents' role is welcome and needed. Parents help by talking with the school, describing the student's needs, and providing the school with medical or other reports.

Applications for provisions should be submitted by the school to the Board of Studies by the end of Term 1. Late applications are accepted for an emergency, such as a broken arm, until the time of the examinations.

Once the Board of Studies has made a decision about which provisions are approved or declined, a decision letter is provided to the school. The school will provide the student with a copy of the letter.

If you or the school are not satisfied with the Board's decision, it is possible for the school to lodge an appeal. Appeals must state why the Board's decision is unsuitable and must include new evidence to support the appeal.

If you think that you as a student or your child may require support in completing the Higher School Certificate examinations, please discuss the matter with the Year Adviser, Head Teacher Mr Schoffl or Deputy Principal, Ms V. Smith.

#### Frequently asked questions for students

Frequently asked questions for students are available at : <a href="http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/">http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/</a>
Then at <a href="https://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/">Students online</a>.

### **CAREERS**

For information regarding 'Careers' please go the Erina High School Website where you will find the latest Careers Newsletter. http://www.erina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/careers-tradestart/careers

#### English/Drama Faculty Report

The staff of the English / Drama Faculty wish our Year 12 students success in their Trial HSC exams which will take place in weeks 6 and 7. The hard work that they have been doing will be rewarded, and areas of need will also be identified in these exams.

Our Year 12 Drama students performed for parents on Friday August 15 which was an outstanding success. It was also an excellent opportunity for them to showcase their work prior to their HSC Exams which will take place on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 6. Thanks go to Ms Johnson for the effort she has put into preparing these students and Ms Kearney for helping during the process.

Year 11 Advanced and Standard students are also preparing for assessment as they have listening tasks due in Week 7, followed by their Yearly examinations in Week 9. Students have been issued the questions they will be required to answer in the exam, which will allow them to prepare quality responses and gain teacher feedback which will assist them. Junior English classes are currently preparing for their assessment task relating to their novel study, which is due Week 6. This involves them composing and presenting a speech, referring to themes and the techniques employed by composers in conveying meaning. Students will be awarded marks for the typed transcript of their speech and for their manner in delivery. Junior students will then begin their new module, the Area of Study, which will involve them engaging with a range of texts during lessons.

Year 10 students have been given advice regarding subject selection for 2015. Teachers have suggested to students the most appropriate English course for them to study, but any further enquiries are welcome. Families are reminded that students who select Advanced and Standard English will be eligible for an HSC and an ATAR, while students who select the English Studies option will meet HSC requirements but will not be eligible for an ATAR.

Our Year 9 debaters, coached by Miss Bissett, will participate in the next round of the Premier's Debating Challenge at Woy Woy High School on Wednesday August 13. On Monday August 18 the Year 10 debating team, coached by Ms Serrano, will compete against Green Point Christian College in the Probus Shield. We wish both teams the best of luck in these pursuits. Ms Serrano adjudicated a debating competition at Chertsey Public School on Thursday August 14, which was a wonderful opportunity for her to meet some of the talented students of the Erina Learning Community.

Parents are reminded that while students read regularly at school, the single most effective way of improving a child's skills in English is by reading at home. There is a wonderful range of teen and young adult literature available, and it is through interaction with a range of such texts that students will improve not only their fluency and comprehension, but also their vocabulary and language skills. While students may not be given explicit English homework every day, it is imperative that home reading remain a focus for everyone.

Year 10 English and Drama students have the opportunity to see Sydney Theatre Company's production of <u>Macbeth</u> on Wednesday September 10. The cost of the excursion is \$22.50 and money is due to the office ASAP. Students need to see class teachers for permission notes which will need to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned with their payment.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any concern regarding their progress in English or Drama.

Mark Chapman Head Teacher English

#### Max Potential 2014

Nicholas Car of Year 11 was selected to participate in Max Potential, 2014. Max Potential is a leadership development program where emerging young leaders are matched with community coaches. Over this period young adults develop personal goals that they set out to achieve with assistance of coaching in personal leadership principles. Each participant works with their coach to develop a community service project. Successful completion of Max Potential qualifies participants to a Certificate 1 in Active Volunteering.

Nicholas's community service project was a clean up of Avoca Beach and the surrounding areas, which took place on Sunday 10th August. He coordinated Avoca Venturer unit and a group of volunteers to clean up rubbish from Avoca Beach, Avoca Lake and the surrounding streets. Nicholas showcased his project at the Max Potential Expo at Gosford RSL Club on Thursday 14th August.

Benita Kearney English/Drama Teacher

#### HSC exam workbooks now available as ebooks

Six HSC subject exam workbooks are now available as ebooks from iTunes. The ebooks have easy tap-through navigation and provide interactive, portable, full-colour reproduction of exams and student works and connectivity between each exam question and response.

All HSC workbooks include:

- · the 2013 HSC exam paper in full
- · samples of top-scoring students' responses
- · markers' specific and general comments
- · guidelines for marking

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- · Business Studies
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- Economics
- · Geography
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- · Visual Arts

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- · Ancient History
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- · Earth and Environmental Science
- · Economics· English (Standard and Advanced) Paper 1
- · English Standard Paper 2 Modules
- · English Advanced Paper 2 Modules
- · English (ESL)
- · Geography
- · Legal Studies
- · Modern History
- · Textiles and Design
- · Visual Arts

Print versions of the exam workbooks can be ordered online from BOSTES.

The exam workbooks give students and teachers unique insights into the HSC marking process. Students can use them to work through the 2013 exam papers then compare their answers to top- scoring responses. HSC markers' comments identify strengths and weaknesses in student responses.

#### For more information, contact:

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#### **Excellent Science Competition results**

Congratulations to the following students who achieved outstanding results in this year's Science competition:

- Tylah Roberts of Year 10 achieved a Distinction (top 8% of the state)
- Jack Ogle of Year 8 achieved a Credit (top 20% of the state).

It was pleasing to see students attempt such a prestigious competition and earn such notable results. I would encourage other students to take the opportunity in next year's competition.

#### Notice to Parents Re: GATS - Citizen Science Training Day for Schools

Our school has just been notified of an opportunity to be involved in a special environmental program - 'Bioblitz'. Below is a copy of the email with the information regarding this program and also a copy of the draft program schedule. If anyone is interested in being a part of this program could you please contact me at Erina High School by Friday 22nd August so I can organise our participation.

Brian Huntington Head Teacher—Science

The Central Coast Bioblitz is an event taking place in October, 2014 involving the community working collaboratively with scientists to monitor biodiversity in Bouddi National Park. A 'Bioblitz' comprises a group of scientists, naturalists, "citizen scientists", students and volunteers working together to discover, identify and record the diversity of living things within a selected area. This event is ideally suited to GAT Students from Years 7 to 10 who have an interest in the environment. As part of this wider Bioblitz initiative, we are inviting schools to participate in a Citizen Science Training Day on Friday, 5 September, 2014. Students will engage in a series of field survey activities in different habitats guided by staff from Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre. We will demonstrate how to identify species and log sightings into our databases. This will be a day of special Science enrichment. It will also give students the skills which will allow them to then participate in the major Central Coast Bioblitz event to be held in October, 2014. We are inviting expressions of interest from schools to participate in the event. The event will be held in Bouddi National Park with our "base camp" at the Maitland Bay Centre. As students may need to move between different locations we require 1 adult to accompany each group of 4 students who will be able to provide transport between locations (either teacher or authorised parent / guardian). There will be no cost to students. We are suggesting everyone brings a packed lunch, and will give details of suitable clothes and equipment needed. We have a limited number of places - so please return the attached FAXBACK sheet by Monday, 25 August, 2014.

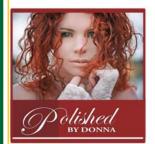
## Citizen Science Schools Training Day-Draft Program Friday, 5 September, 2014

(Low tide-10:20am is 0.5m)

8:30am	Arrival and registrations					
8:45am	Welcome & outline of the day-Rumbalara EEC					
9:10am	About Biodiversity & Bouddi National Park					
9:30am	Recess / toilets					
9:50am	Students move to Activity locations					
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	Students travel back to Maitland Bay Centre					
2:00pm	Refreshments – and downloading photos					
2:15pm	Demonstration on data entry & Atlas of living Australia – Mark Attwooll, Rumbalara EEC					
3:00pm	Thank you & Close					

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Join dozens of other business and professional people at Breakers Country Club on Monday, 25 August, 2014 to expand your business and professional network, find new customers, referrals and suppliers from the Central Coast.

#### Networking Opportunity

This event will provide an opportunity for you to come and tell your story to new people, find people who can meet your needs and have conversations that lead to growth in your business. You are welcome to distribute business cards, advertising material, gift vouchers, or free samples on the night.

Attendance is limited to the first 100 people with a trade, business, or profession based on the Central Coast. Tickets are \$35 per person, including a glass of wine, beer or soft drink and a stand-up buffet.



#### Rotary supporting our community local, national and international



The Rotary Clubs of Terrigal and Erina Inc. are joining forces to assist business and professional people in the local area. Rotary is a worldwide service organisation committed to high ethical standards. In this difficult economic climate, we are working to encourage business and professional development through networking.

We will also conduct a raffle on the night with great prizes to support local Rotary projects such as Youth Driver Awareness, Model United Nations Assembly (pictured) and community groups such as Coast Shelter and Camp Breakaway.

REGISTER NOW at www.trybooking.com/EXIS

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  - Or already have a Bronze Medallion from previous surf club involvement

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#### Registration & Open Days

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August & 14<sup>th</sup> September – 10am to 2pm

WSLSC Membership Fees - 15 to 17 years \$70 - 18 years and over \$85 CONTACT: Bruce Gould WSLSC – Club Captain for further information 0409605537 or <a href="mailto:brucegould@optusnet.com.au">brucegould@optusnet.com.au</a>

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Sunday 24 August 2014



Run, Walk or Crawl 1504 Giant Steps to assist children with autism



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#### Can your Students Climb Sydney's Tallest Building?

We would love to invite your students to be part of the 'School's Challenge' at this year's Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. **Participants have to be 12 years or older**.

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to <a href="www.active8change.com.au">www.active8change.com.au</a>. Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.

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