



# Erina News

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## Upcoming Events

**19th October - 22nd October**

Years 7-10 Yearly Exams

**22nd October**

Year 7 Scripture

**29th October**

Year 8 Scripture

**2nd November**

Year 12 2016 Study Skills Day

**3rd November**

Blood Bank visit

**5th November**

Year 7 Scripture

## Message from the Principal

Welcome back to the final school term for 2015. I hope staff, students and families had a wonderful holiday and are well rested ready for another busy term at Erina.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of our new Head Teacher Mathematics, Mr. Josh Wade who will commence at Erina week 5 of this term. Mr. Wade has been appointed through the merit selection process and comes to us from Brisbane Waters Secondary College Woy Woy Campus and will bring a great deal of experience in Mathematics to our school. Welcome Mr. Wade.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. Schofield who has been permanently appointed to Kincumber High School as a TAS Teacher. He will be sadly missed at Erina and on behalf of the school community I would like to sincerely thank him for the valuable contribution he has made to our school and wish him every success in his future career.

Well done to 7.9 technology class on the completion of their metal plant stands so carefully created and proudly displayed, a great team effort thanks Mr. Bath and Mr. Schofield!!



What a great day of celebration in the last day of term 3, where we proudly farewelled the year 12 class of 2015. They are well underway with their HSC exams and we have every confidence in them achieving their personal best, congratulations to all year 12 students on the completion of 13 years of schooling, we wish them all a bright and successful future.





Huge congratulations is in order for year 7 and 9 students who achieved terrific NAPLAN results this year. We were so very excited to see the significant improvement in the Nation-wide literacy numeracy test with 58% year 7 students achieving greater than expected growth in writing demonstrating 4.4 Scaled score points above state average and 78.7% year 9 students achieving greater than expected growth in writing demonstrating 27.4 Scaled score points above state average.



Well done, students we are very proud of you and congratulations to our staff for their ongoing commitment to quality teaching and learning ensuring we provide every opportunity for our students to achieve their personal best.



With the warmer weather upon us there should be no excuse for students to be out of uniform with coloured jumpers and denim jeans. Please support the school by encouraging your children to wear their uniform proudly. Any pre-loved uniforms are greatly appreciated for our uniform pool, please drop them off in the administration block. Year advisers and Head Teachers check uniform during roll call and failure to be in uniform will result in a letter being sent home and discipline consequences. Please contact me at school if assistance is required with purchasing school uniform.

Term 4 is always a busy term with final assessment being completed in preparation for the semester 2 reporting process a reminder that all students in years 7-10 will complete yearly exams in core subjects over the coming weeks please look out for the examination notifications and encourage students to prepare by reading over their class work and doing practice and revision questions at home.

We were privileged to have the Assistant Minister for Education, Minister Williams visit Erina High School on October 6, as invited by our local member Adam Crouch. Minister Williams was very impressed with the school and the work that is being done to improve our facilities and an a better awareness of what more can be done to provide a quality learning environment for our students. Congratulations to our Captains Ainslea and Josh and Vice Captains Nischala and Lindsay for the strong advocacy for Erina they demonstrated. Minister Williams kindly donated some library books to our school. Thank you Joy Cooper our P&C president for facilitating this visit.



It is with great sadness that I share with the school community that Mr. Dodd was seriously injured in an accident in his home 2 weeks ago. His car had rolled down his driveway pinning him and his little daughter under the car. Mr. Dodd was air lifted to Royal North Shore Hospital and has undergone several operations for his injuries. He is recovering well but it will take a long time before he is well enough to return to school. Fortunately his daughter was not seriously injured and is making a quick recovery. Our love and thoughts are with Mr. Dodd and his family and we wish him a speedy recovery. As a caring school community at Erina we will be launching a number of fund raising activities to help the family and would really appreciate any support the community can offer.

We are coordinating a "Gift Card Hamper" to reduce the worry of day to day cost of living for the Dodd family. With the lead up to Christmas and the many trips down the freeway to the hospital the opportunity to assist with some expenses for the family would be greatly appreciated.

If our staff, students, parents and community were in a position to purchase a gift card for any momentary value or service no matter how big or small and leave it at Erina High School administration office where you can sign a card and donate your gift card to support the Dodd family.

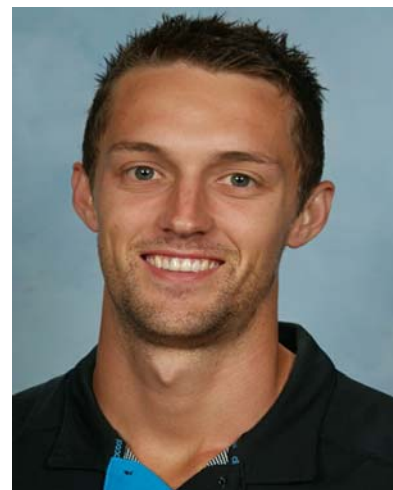
Gift cards can be purchased at many stores and/or petrol outlets organisations such as Coles, Myer, Target, K mart, Erina Fair, Bunnings, local business or services the list goes on!!! Please help our school community show we care and support for Mr Dodd as he makes his recovery.

If we could please have all gift card donations by November 6 2015 we can pass this wonderful gift onto the family and help make life a little easier for them as soon as possible.

Thank you to Mrs Green for her terrific idea!!

*Enjoy the term where quality teaching and learning continues to be the main game at Erina.*

Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs Karen Nicol  
Principal



## Students Online

The *Students Online* website ([studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au](http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au)) is an important channel of communication between you and BOSTES. *Students Online* features information and advice to assist you throughout your HSC study, and has a personal account area for each student. Log in with your Student Number and PIN to access your account and see your personal study details such as your examination timetable, assessment ranks, Years 10 and 11 grades, and HSC results.

If you have not already used *Students Online* to see your Year 10 and Year 11 grades, ask your school to submit your email address to BOSTES. You will then be able to activate your account.

## ENGLISH/DRAMA

Our HSC students have now completed their external English examinations and we wish them well in their remaining exams and their futures beyond school. We look forward to seeing them when they drop into our staffroom as they sign out of English, and will welcome the return of any English or Drama texts they have at home. We would also appreciate them completing a short survey we have devised, as this will inform us of their perspectives of the study of English courses at Erina High School.

Year 12 2016 Advanced and Standard students are participating in the Area of Study-Discovery module with a focus on the Ang Lee film Life of Pi. They will complete their first HSC Assessment Task Week 4 and will also submit and present a speech in Week 10. This will require students to analyse a related text of their own choice and to share this information with their peers. The Extension 1 students will complete their first assessment task which will involve them presenting a critical lecture on a text of their own choosing related to Romanticism. Extension 2 students will present a Viva Voce in Week 10 outlining their process of construction. English Studies classes are learning about texts relating to Australian identity and will complete a writing task for assessment in Week 10.

All junior classes are currently preparing for their yearly exams which will take place in Week 3, and for Area of Study in class essays they will complete in Week 4. Classes in Years 7-9 are currently studying drama texts in preparation for their final assessment task which will be due in Week 10. They will construct visual representations of the themes in their text and will need to explain the ways in which they have chosen to depict ideas. Families are reminded that the marks allocated for this particular assessment task will contribute to their assessment grades for 2016. Year 10 students will move to taster lessons in Week 4, where they will have the opportunity to experience units of works similar to those they will study in the Advanced, Standard and English Studies courses. They will move into classes taught by current Year 10 teachers who will deliver lessons and material in the way they will be taught in the senior school.

Our Year 9 Drama students are currently creating an appropriation of Romeo and Juliet, based upon the original script, using 50% original dialogue and 50% their own devised work. Year 10 Drama students are working on creating a Japanese inspired performance based upon Kabuki Theatre. Our senior students have begun their HSC courses for 2015 which involves study of Verbatim Theatre as part of the Studies in Drama and Theatre module. They will study Parramatta Girls, by Alana Valentine, and Beyond the Neck, composed by Tom Holloway. They will also work in groups to develop their own Verbatim performance.

Parents are reminded that all English and Drama texts will need to be returned to class teachers or the staff room as soon as possible. Each year a number of texts are not returned, which is a very costly issue. It means that we have to find money to replace these as full class sets are required for classes. We welcome all Erina High texts, regardless how old they are, with no questions asked! We are always thrilled to see students who have found a book hidden in their room, or texts that belonged to siblings, and return them to us.

Similarly, if you have novels in your home that may be suited to class libraries, these too will be appreciated, as junior classes begin each lesson with silent reading and new texts are always refreshing.

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

## SPORT

### Under 15's Boys Basketball

Round four and five of the Under 15 Boys Basketball Knockout Competition was held at Gosford City Basketball Stadium, in Terrigal on Thursday, 10th of September. This round was to determine official rankings within the Sydney North district, with the top eight teams battling it out.

Round 4: The first game Erina High played was against North Sydney Boys High School. Both teams started off strong with no points awarded to either team within the first 4 mins. This game involved some exciting offence and solid defence and early on in the match points were scarce. As the game progressed both teams showed moments of brilliance, with good ball control and tight plays. During the final quarter Erina High demonstrated great defence and controlled offence, coming home strong, but unfortunately Sydney North's lead was too big. The game finished with Sydney North 50, Erina High 37.

MVP- Chad Coffey  
Coaches Award - Alec Doolan and Declan Kennedy

Round 5: The second game of the day saw Erina High play Killara High School. The game started off strong and continued throughout, with the boys from Erina putting in strong performance, leading at half time 25 to 2 and finishing in fine form with a score of 38 points to Killara High's 18.

MVP - Riley Walton  
Coaches Award - Jack Ogle

Overall: So with a loss in the fourth round and a win in the fifth round of the Under 15 Boys Basketball Knockout Competition, the Under 15 Boys Basketball Team from Erina High has finished the competition in the top 6 of all the schools within the Sydney North district. This is a fantastic achievement and the boys should be very proud of their performances. The team would also like to thank Mr Saisell for his support and guidance at the start of the competition and to Mr Matheson for his support with training leading into the final two rounds and on game day.

Tim Schofield



### Year 7 and 8 Oztag

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September the boys and girls years 7 and 8 Oztag teams headed to Morrie Breen Oval, Wyong to compete in the All-Schools Gala Day for 2015.

The boys' team played 4 amazing games, winning their pool, beating Lisarow HS, Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College (Berkeley Vale), Gorokan HS and Northlakes HS, with only 1 try being scored against them in 4 games. They then went on to play Terrigal High in the Semi Final and beat them convincingly. The boys came up against a strong Kincumber High team in the final and unfortunately lost by 2 tries. The boys were great sportsmen all day and played with enthusiasm and great skill through all 6 games! All players were an integral part of the team!

The girls' team was equally as brilliant, winning 4 games in a row to finish first in their pool. The girls beat St Brigids, Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College (Berkeley Vale), Henry Kendall HS and Central Coast Adventist School, with convincing scores for all games! They then came up against a strong Green Point Christian College team in the Semi Final and went down by 2 tries. The girl's all improved their passing and tagging skills as the day progressed and they should all be very proud of their efforts.

All students represented Erina High School with pride throughout the day and all students should be proud of their efforts, well done!

Miss Padroth and Mr Dodd

Grant Keyes  
Erina High School  
Sports Organiser/Year 11 Advisor

## Year 9/10 Netball

Congratulations to our Year 9/10 Netball team on a fantastic day of participation and fun at Adcock Park West Gosford on Wednesday 9th September.

The girls finished the day with 2 wins and a few losses but all with smiles on their faces. Janai's flying intercepts and Georgia's post goal celebrations were highlights of the day.

Well done to all of the girls for their outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship. They did Erina High School proud.



## TECHNOLOGY

### SMS Absence Notifications Update

The implementation of our new SMS absence notification system has been met with a very positive response from EHS parents and staff this term. Our administration staff have found the system to be faster and more efficient than systems used in the past and parents have been impressed with the ability to send a reply SMS outlining the reason for absence. Our administration staff currently send the daily absence notification messages around 10am after all rolls have been submitted and checked.



An evaluation of the system after the first 2 weeks of term has highlighted the following:-

- It is very important that **ALL STUDENTS ATTEND MORNING ROLL CALL**. A failure to do so will result in a whole day absence being recorded and an SMS notification being sent.
- It is very important that parents ensure the school has **current and accurate mobile phone details** on file to guarantee a successful rollout of this technology. If parents need to update mobile phone details please contact the administration office on 43677353.
- Parents are able to provide reasons for absences by replying to the SMS message, however, replies sent as **MMS or picture messages cannot be read by our system**. Parents are still able to submit absence notifications via phone or via a note to the office upon return to school.
- There have been very few teething problems and minor errors with the system. We are currently working on resolving all issues that have arisen, including a solution for senior student flexible timetables.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this initiative. If you have any questions relating to the new system please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email [jeremy.rennex@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jeremy.rennex@det.nsw.edu.au)

Mr J Rennex – ICT Coordinator



## INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Janawirri Yiparrka an Indigenous musician and artist spent time with the students showing them training methods for playing the didgeridoo and other instruments. The didgeridoo musical group is very keen now (after further practice) to perform at a school assembly.

J. Ruming, P. White and R. Miller.



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The office is open to accept payments from 8.15am. Students (including Seniors) may only make payments before school commences, at Break 1 and at Break 2. The office closes at 3.30pm, therefore no payments are accepted after school.

Due to OH&S cash handling arrangements payments **cannot** be accepted after **2.30pm**. If you find it difficult to make it to the school before 2.30pm there are a number of other options available:

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**Please note:**

The office cash register closes promptly at **11.50am (the end of Break 1)** on the last day of each Term. Unfortunately, no payments can be accepted after this time.

Thankyou