



Erina News

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Upcoming Events

12th November

Year 9 Scripture

13th November

"Doddsy Day"

27th November

Brisbane Water Zone Year 7
and Year 8 Gala Day

3rd December

Year 6 Orientation Day
Year 6 Parents Evening 6pm

Message from the Principal

The term is well under way with our continued focus on quality teaching and learning and ensuring students have every opportunity to achieve their personal best. I was very pleased to see the effort students demonstrated in the recent yearly examinations and appreciate their strong commitment to learning. It is an important skill to learn to study and prepare for formal examinations and it is hoped that by establishing this routine, student's will be more confident as they move into the senior school when it comes time to sit for the Higher School Certificate.

I've been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Erina High School community, who have dug deep to support Mr Dodd and his family. Our recent BBQ raised over \$1,000, it was a terrific sign of school spirit to see so many staff and students support the cause. Mr Dodd is recovering well and is now out of hospital with a long road ahead of him with rehabilitation. He is strong and positive and is truly humbled by the love, support and kindness his family have received. Thank you to the many parents, local business and community groups that contacted the school to see how they can help. Our gift card hamper is growing and donations are still gratefully accepted. We are also very excited to be hosting "Doddsy Day" on November 13 a day full of fun and activities that will hopefully raise more money to support the recovery of Mr Dodd. Please contact the school if you have an idea or donation to enhance this special fund raising day.





I would like to make special mention of Stephanie Loftus and her family who generously facilitated a fund raiser at the recent Chertsey Public School fete. It was a great success and I sincerely thank the Chertsey school community for their generosity.

Congratulations to Mr Jones, Mr Lyons and Mr. Keyes for delivering such a fantastic "Little day out" for our year 5 and 6 students recently. It was a great opportunity for our incoming students to meet new friends and experience a range of team sports while getting to know staff and students at Erina High School. I hope our year 5 and 6 children enjoyed the day as much as we did. Thank you to the many representatives from NRL, Cricket Australia, AFL, Central Coast Mariners, and Sport and Recreation, we really appreciated their support.





Year 6 Orientation Day will be held on Thursday December 3. The year adviser Mrs Ruming, has a well planned transition program to provide our new students with a good overview of life at Erina High School, the subjects we deliver and the many co-curricular programs on offer as well as a tour of the school and an opportunity to meet staff and form new friendships. A parent evening will also be held on the same day commencing at 6pm to provide families with as much information about Erina High School, to ensure a smooth transition into secondary schooling.

Erina High School has enjoyed the opportunity to work with our partner primary schools to deliver a stage 3 program. Thank you to Ms Slocombe for her work with the Woodport children who thoroughly enjoyed a creative arts workshop, to Ms Kearney who worked with the Holgate children on a drama production and to Ms Walsh who delighted the children at Brisbane with a circus training workshop. I sincerely thank the Principals from each of our partner schools for their support and thank you to the wonderful Erina High School students who have assisted with the delivery of the program. It has been a great success.



I would like to advise the school community that Erina High School and Woodport Public School are engaged with Gosford Council, the Department of Education and Roads and Transport in attempting to improve the traffic control between the two schools. As many of us know only too well the issue of poor parking, limited drop off points, combined with numerous bus stops and no parking or stopping signs, it is a very complex problem with the added worry of safety for our children. I will keep the school community informed of progress in this matter.

As of November 9 our school gates will be closed during the day. I am again concerned that we have unauthorised user of our car park and had a recent incident of dangerous driving in the car park resulting in police action. The school car park gates will be locked from 8.45am until 3.15 Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Tuesdays the gates will be locked at 8.45am and opened at 2.30pm. For staff and students on a flexible timetable the gates will be open during break 2 at 1.50pm and closed at 2.30pm Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and re-opened at 3.15pm. Authorised users of the car park that is Erina High School staff and senior students wishing to park on site will need to be aware of the opening and closing hours. This decision has been endorsed by the P&C, and supported by the staff and students at Erina High School. A reminder to families dropping students off in the morning and/or collecting in the afternoon there is a no stopping section out the front of the school, rangers regularly police this section of the road and fines are hefty. It is best to drive into the school gates before 8.45am or after 3.15pm to drop or pick up student's, or at the top of Ernest Street, Fountain Plaza or Red Rooster and allow them to walk to and from school. There is a gate at the front of the school on Central Coast Highway that is open before and after school.

We will be issuing the semester 2 reports by Monday week 11 and our annual presentation night will be held on Wednesday December 2, hope you can join in this celebration of excellent student achievement.

Enjoy the rest of term,

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Karen Nicol
Principal

Whooping Cough Alert

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx>

WEDNESDAY

25 NOV

2015

8:00am - 9:30am

Erina High School would like to reach out to the community and invite you to join us at our annual 'Industry Breakfast'. Followed by a showcase of selected HSC Major Projects ranging from Timber, Multimedia, Textiles and Visual Arts.

Special Guest Speaker:

Lawrie McKinna

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BREAKFAST

FOLLOWED BY:

HSC SHOWCASE
MAJOR WORK

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WEDNESDAY

25 NOV

2015

4:00pm - 6:00pm

LIBRARY

HSC SHOWCASE
MAJOR WORK

Open invitation to all students, parents, families and friends to celebrate the wonderful achievements of Erina High's 2015 HSC students.

Major Works include:

- + Textiles and Design
- + Industrial Technology - Timber
- + Industrial Technology - Multimedia
- + Visual Arts and Photography
- + Drama
- + Society and Culture



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PAYMENT OF FEES AT THE OFFICE

Welcome to all our new families. For your information and as a general reminder to all parents and students below is information on payments and office hours:

Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card or direct deposit

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:

- Send the payment to school with your child (cash or cheque)
- Complete a credit card payment authority to have the fees deducted from your credit account (Your child can collect one from the front office or phone the school to have one posted to you)
- Phone the school and pay your fees via credit card over the phone
- Pay by Direct Deposit to Erina High School – BSB: 032 001 Acct: 148118 (Please enter Student name and what you are paying for as the Reference) (e.g. J.Sample – Yr 7 Camp or T.Morrow – VisArts)

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

SPORT PRESENTATION CEREMONY SURVEY

As part of our regular review of our events, the PDHPE and Sport Faculty invite parents to provide some feedback on the annual Sport Presentation Ceremony.

We are interested in your thoughts on the current format .

The link to the online survey is here <https://goo.gl/IOIzhG>

All feedback is welcome.

“Doddsy Day”

The Erina High School staff and current students will be holding an activities afternoon to support Mr Chris Dodd and his family after their recent misfortune.

“Doddsy Day” will be held on Friday the 13th of November. It will take the form of games, activities and stalls designed to involve as many students as possible in raising funds for the Dodd family.

Prior to the day, an online auction of items will be held. All members of the community are invited to bid online prior to “Doddsy Day”. The auction will finish live at the event. The link for the online auction is here. <http://doddsyday.eflea.ca/>

Any enquiries about offering items for auction should be directed to Mr Nathan Jensen via the school front office staff. Any people or businesses wishing to offer sponsorship on the day should contact Mrs V Smith (Deputy) via the front office. A sponsors' wall acknowledging the donations and sponsorships received will be on display at the school.

Year 6 Little Day Out

The 2015 Little Day Out for Year 6 was held this year on the 28/10/15. 149 Year 6 students from the Erina Learning Community partner schools converged on Erina High School for a day of fun and physical activity. We had development officers from The Central Coast Mariners, The AFL, The NRL, NSW Cricket and The Department of Communities run sessions that did a wonderful job making everyone puff, laugh and smile for the day.

Many thanks to the wonderful students from our partner schools for your enthusiasm and perfect behaviour. Congratulations to our Year 9 helpers for helping make the day run so smoothly. Lastly but not least, thanks to Mr Lyons and Mr Keyes and their awesome catering crew for feeding the masses.



See you all at the Orientation Day!

HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFE DRIVERS WORKSHOP

Erina High School will be hosting a workshop for parents about to supervise their students as learner drivers. The workshop will be held in the Library on November 10th, 2015 at 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Please call 43258179 or email roadsafetyeducation@gosford.nsw.gov.au to book.

Brendan Jones

Head Teacher - PDHPE

eTEC Digital Pedagogy Team Leader

Cloud School teacher

THINKING OUT LOUD YOUTH FORUM

In Week 4 our 2016 leadership team attended the Thinking Out Loud Youth Forum run by Gosford City Council and Central Coast Youth Services. Students from all schools across the Gosford council area were invited to a forum to discuss issues that are affecting our youth. Topics included health, education, transport, entertainment and employment.

The feedback received from this forum was to be prepared by Central Coast Youth Services and given to Gosford City Council with the hope that some of the ideas presented by the students could become a reality.



Our 2016 Senior Leadership team represented Erina High School with great pride and contributed some of the best and most innovative ideas throughout the day. Special mention to our 2016 school captain, Joshua McRohan-Quensell, who delivered an excellent welcome to country.



COMMUNITY SPORT AWARD

Calling for nominations for the 2015 Community Sport Awards. These awards are presented to Erina High students at the annual Sports Presentation which will be held on 4th of December from 9:30am.

To receive this award, students must have represented or been selected in a NSW or higher sporting team or competed individually at a state carnival or competition. The sport must **NOT** have representative opportunities through the school system e.g. Oz-Tag, Surf Lifesaving, BMX.

To apply for this award please see Mr Keyes in the PDHPE staffroom by the end of week 7.

SPORT

Under 14's Girls Netball

On the 30th October, Erina competed in the Under 14 Netball Girls Knock-Out. We drew Wadalba Sports High School in the first round and the girls were petrified. After scoring the first goal, we were still un-nerved and were behind in the 1st quarter. The 2nd quarter saw a change of team positions and by the end of the 3rd quarter, we were 11 ahead. Stunned, we entered the 4th quarter and played like a team possessed, eventually winning by 2 goals.

Our second game was against Asquith Girls and their team tactics caused us a defeat, but not before putting up a great fight.

The girls played admirably as a team and are to be congratulated for their efforts.



Mrs Beer
Grant Keyes
Erina High School
Sports Organiser/Year 11 Advisor

MATHS

A large thankyou to all who have made me feel so welcomed as I have started to find my feet. I have found the staff to be a highly motivated and professional bunch who share a commitment to quality public education. A big thank you must go to Kamlesh Chand for all her tireless work with the faculty and also in making the transition so positive. I have found the faculty to be full of enthusiastic people who are constantly developing their methods and skills.

I share a passion for Mathematics and the opportunities it can create and I aim to bring this to the school in as many forms as I can develop. Currently the Mathematics faculty is developing our areas of focus for next year with a theme of broadening the educational opportunities provided. We aim to deliver our aim of ensuring each student has the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and success in this subject, as well as offer the opportunity for interested students deeper GATS study in project based learning. I look forward to hopefully informing parents of our successes in future newsletters!

Joshua Wade
Head Teacher Mathematics

NEW TEACHER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

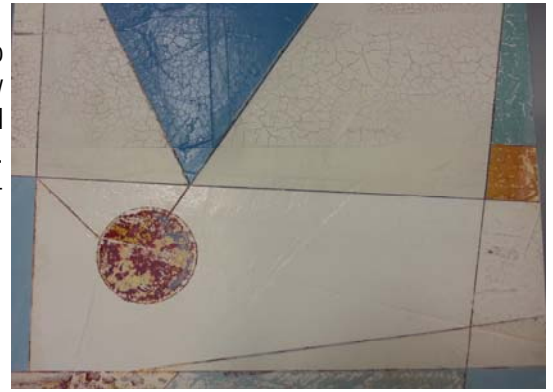
Under the "Great Teaching, Inspired Learning" (GTIL) reforms to improve teacher quality, students will need a minimum of three Band 5s including English, in their HSC, or equivalent, to enter an accredited undergraduate teaching degree from 2016. This new minimum standard means future teachers will be drawn from the top 30 per cent of HSC students.

NSW was the first state to set minimum academic standards for entry into undergraduate teaching degrees, and to require teacher education students to pass national literacy and numeracy tests prior to their last professional experience placement and graduation.

ART

Great student outcomes: Year 12, Art Club and GATs

Visual Arts has been actively involved many creative activities recently to enhance student outcomes across faculty area and the K.L.A.. Just recently we have heard that two of our Year 12 Visual Art students: Eilish Boyack and Amelia Lynch were preselected for Art Express by the Visual Arts Examiners. Our other students also did well. Mr. Byrnes who supported them in their Bodies of Work is very proud.



A work by Year 12 VA Student Emily Dick.



For the past twelve months we have been running an Art Club for interested students in 'C4' on Wednesdays. These students have been involved in fun activities like Mural designs and Personality Mirror frames and other projects. These sessions have been a great chance for students who are interested in Visual Arts to pursue their artistic practice and to enjoy the company of others who like the same activities. Anyone who would like to join us on Wednesdays is most welcome.

During the past two terms we have also organized some Gifted and Talented Students (GaTS) days to develop the potential for Talented Students to extend on their skills. These students have developed some fantastic Artwork and had an excellent time doing it. We look forward to the next one!



Our Art Excursion to the Art Gallery of NSW earlier in the year.

Mr P. Mottershead
Art

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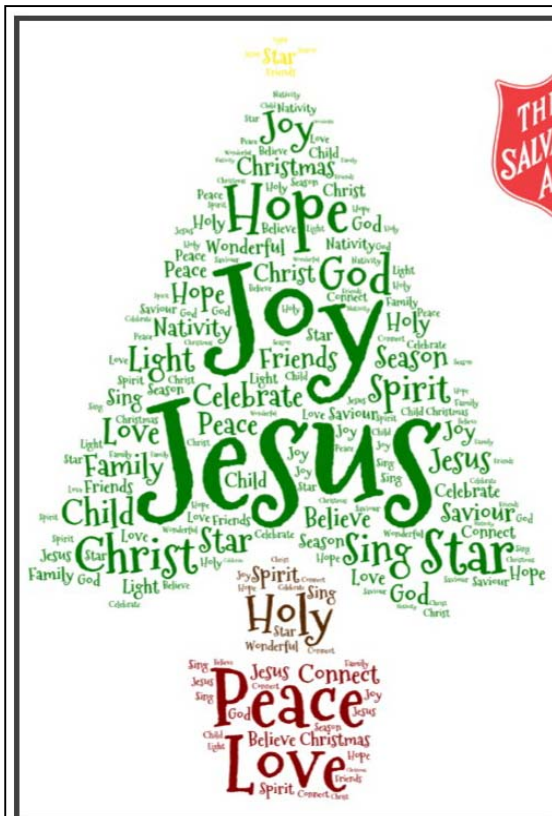
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Carols on the Lawn

The Salvation Army invites you to celebrate Christmas

on Sunday 13 December
from 10:30am

on the Lawn at The Salvation Army,
120 Central Coast Highway, Erina

- ★ Carols with the Band
- ★ Bring a picnic rug and the whole family
- ★ Free Santa photos (BYO camera)
- ★ Kids activities
- ★ Sausage sizzle lunch

For more information go to salvos.org.au/gosford or phone 4367 6200.

We also invite you to join us for our family Christmas Day service at 9:30am

