



Erina News

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Upcoming Events

29 Oct-1 Nov
Assessment Yrs 7-10
exams

7 Nov
Year 6 Little Day Out
GALA Sports Day

14-15 Nov
ELC Performing Arts
Showcase

21 Nov
Year 5 Little Day Out
GALA Sports Day

Message from the Principal

NAPLAN HIGHLIGHTS

EHS is incredibly proud of our recent NAPLAN results and the amazing improvement and growth that our Yr 7 and 9 students have displayed. Some of our highlights include over 25% of Yr 7 students are in the top two bands for Numeracy with growth better than state average. Yr 9 Writing above state average and student growth in both Numeracy and Writing above state expected growth!! As a "Bump it up" School EHS was selected to implement explicit teaching and learning strategies that target students in the middle NAPLAN bands of reading and numeracy and reach a target of 21% of students into the top two bands by 2019. I am delighted to report that we achieved 20.24% of students in the top two bands well ahead of our goal for 2019. As the graph and table snapshot indicates we have shown enormous improvement.

Go Erina!! A great team effort!!

% of Results in Top 2 Bands for Reading and Numeracy by Calendar Year



Average % Results in Top 2 Bands

Assessment	Domain	Average % of Results in Top 2 Bands
NAPLAN 7	Numeracy	25.76 %
NAPLAN 9	Numeracy	15.25 %
NAPLAN 7	Reading	23.26 %
NAPLAN 9	Reading	15.83 %
Total		20.24 %

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Congratulations to the new EHS junior leadership team. It was an absolute credit to all students who nominated for the team, and to witness the enormous effort that was evident in the speeches prepared and so articulately executed. Well done students and thank you to Mr Keyes and Ms Kearney for their strong commitment, dedication and enthusiasm in launching the new program. I look forward to watching their leadership skills grow and develop as we strive to bring our vision to life of being the local school of choice.

Year 7 -Beau Brown, Ebony Hughes, Jasmine Spiros, Rory Campbell and Ava Gibson

Year 8 -India-Rose Barnett, Luke Batey, Lucy Drummond, Shantay Mlacic, and Sophie Steele

Year 9 -Joseph Vaynman, Catherine Boyack, Putri Maharani, Sam Vaynman and Tahlia Smith

Year 10 - Jarrod Clark, Oussama Ghanam, Ryan Sheehy, Rheeannhyn Water and Darcy Watterson

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Each year in October schools proudly celebrate World Teachers Day, an opportunity for us to recognise and congratulate our teachers for the huge difference they make in a young person's life. We all can remember those special teachers that inspired, encouraged and made us feel so valued. To teach is to touch a life forever and World Teachers Day is that day we stop and say thank you to the many dedicated, committed and wonderful teachers that give so much of their time, expertise and energy to develop skills, knowledge and experience to support families in preparing children for the world of work and life beyond school. Congratulations to Mrs Berg who has been nominated by EHS to receive this award for her outstanding skills and experience as an exceptional Mathematics and Dance teacher who effectively engages, inspires and achieves positive outcomes for her students at a school and regional level.

Well Done Mrs Berg!!

**TRANSITION**

During term 4 EHS will host a Yr 5 and 6 Gala Sports Day for our partner primary schools as well as a Yr 5 Primary Fun Day. Followed by Yr 6 Orientation Day and a Parent Evening on Tuesday 4 December. Information has been sent to each of the schools and we warmly welcome the children this term. It is a great opportunity for students to meet new friends and familiarise themselves with High School as stage 3 children commence the secondary education journey.

UNIFORM

With the warmer weather upon us there should be no excuse for students to be out of uniform. 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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options after school. EHS works in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When children attend school every day the foundation blocks of learning are built, connections are made with peers and staff and a love of learning can be fostered. I have included a publication from the Department of Education regarding the importance of strong school attendance and would encourage parents to familiarise themselves with the document and support the school in ensuring your child attends every school day possible to maximise their learning potential.

TERM 4 FOCUS

Term 4 is always a busy term as courses are finalized, assessment and reporting completed and preparation for the next stage of learning is underway. I would encourage all students to maintain their focus throughout the term and work towards their personal best to ensure appropriate class placements are secured for the 2019 school year. The semester two reports will be available online during week 10 beginning 17 December. Our annual presentation evening will be held on Wednesday 5 December and the sports presentation during the day on Thursday 6 December. Yr 6 Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 4 December, complimented by a parent evening.

Enjoy the term where we inspire students to love and master the process of learning.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Karen Nicol
Principal

YEAR 9/10 GIRLS NSW OZ-TAG TEAM

This year we are very proud to announce that we have four students who have been selected in the NSW 9/10 Girls Merit Oz-Tag team. Congratulations to:

- Mia Barber
- Tasmin Hill
- Tahlia Smith
- Sarsha McGurk

The girls were selected from their outstanding performances in the recent NSW Champions of Champions tournament held in Western Sydney. Well done girls, this is an amazing achievement.



RUGBY LEAGUE COACHING COURSE

Well done to the Yr 9 Rugby League class who have completed their Rugby League Level 0 MGC Coaching Course. A big thank you to Laurie and Mark from the NRL who facilitated this course with our students. Well done boys.

YEAR 7/8 NETBALL

On Thursday 20 September our Yr 7/8 Girls Netball team participated in a gala day at Adcock Park, West Gosford. In wet and windy conditions the girls started the day well with a win over Cherrybrook H.S. They faced strong opposition in the next two games and went down to Mackellar Girls, Cheltenham and Gosford. The team did not give up and showed great sportsmanship and teamwork to win their next three games against Hunters Hill, Narara Valley and Mosman, finishing the day with 4 wins and 3 losses overall. A successful and fun day was had by all and each of the girls can be proud of their individual and team efforts. Go Erina!

Best and Fairest player of the day was Morgan Mannion for her consistent shooting and attacking skills and Coach's Award goes to Brianna Jones for her strong defence and fantastic intercepts throughout the day.

Mrs Scully

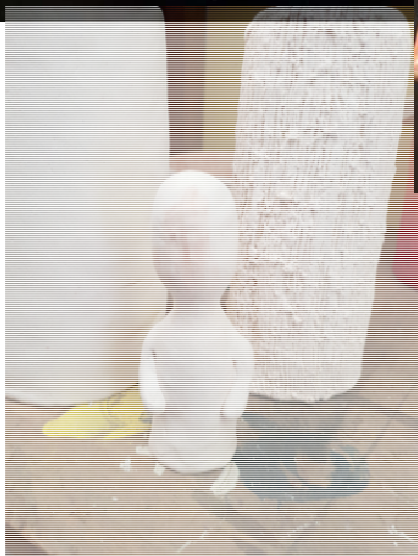


NSW ALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Mia Barber and Baylee Le Breton who competed at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships held at Homebush. Mia competed in the 90m and 200m Hurdles and placed 2nd in her heat for 90m hurdles with a PB. This time has also qualified her for Junior Nationals! Mia then placed 7th in the final. Baylee competed in the Triple Jump, Long Jump and Javelin finishing 7th in the Triple Jump. Outstanding effort girls!

YEAR 10 BABUSHKA SCULPTURES

Here we have some of the beautiful Year 10 "Babushka Sculptures" completed at the end of Term 3. These works have been created by Kira Rayson, Jade McLoughlin, Chelsea Ward, Kathy Chau, Laura Seko, Joey Serio, Holly Yeung, Katelyn Jones and Codie Kemsley. Well Done !
P Mottershead



YEAR 9 MEMORY POLES

Year Nine Visual Arts students have been working on the Memory Poles to be installed at the entrance to our High School. These sculptures have been painted to honour our local Darkinjung and Indigenous people and reflect stories of the area. Both our Indigenous and non-indigenous students have worked cooperatively to produce these artworks using Darkinjung and indigenous symbols. Several of these Memory Poles are now ready to be installed in the school.

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YEAR 8 CUPCAKE ASSESSMENT





YEAR 8
CUPCAKE
ASSESSMENT





YEAR 9
CAKE
ASSESSMENT





YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY PRACTICAL EXAM



Expectations **4** Learning

- Be on time, line up and be prepared to learn.
- Enter the classroom, equipment organised and bags in the Bag Zone.
- Phones and earphones in your bag during class.
- Remove hats when entering the classroom.
- Eating is for Break 1 and 2.
- Demonstrate good manners and respect yourself and others.
- Listen actively, follow teachers instructions and engage in learning.
- Respect the learning of others.
- Complete work to your personal best and have it neatly organised.
- Work independently and collaboratively as directed by your teacher.
- Take pride in your presentation, your classroom and the school.
- Encourage others, be curious, positive, and celebrate achievements.
- The bell indicates the end of the lesson. Wait to be dismissed.

- Care**
- Commitment**
- Courtesy**
- Co-operation**





Education &
Communities

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

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