

THE LATEST  
NEWS FROM  
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## Upcoming Events

**Friday, 3 July**

Final day of  
Term 2

**Monday, 6 July –  
Friday, 17 July**

NSW School Holidays

**Monday, 20 July**

Staff Development  
Day

**Tuesday, 21  
July**

All students return for  
Term 3

## Principals Message

### Thank you

What extraordinary times we have all experienced during COVID-19 and as a school community I could not be prouder of what we have collectively achieved. Huge accolades for our staff, students and parents who embraced online learning, and all tried to maintain continuity of learning. It was not been easy for anyone but as we now have returned to normality, it is important we still maintain good hygiene practices at school, and each do what we can to keep safe and prevent a second wave of the virus. My deepest thanks and appreciation to everyone, the positive feedback from the community through our Facebook page during this time has been humbly and warmly received.

## Emergency Services Tribute

To the many staff in health and police I extended our sincere gratitude and thanks to these amazing people who have put themselves on the front line to keep the community safe. They have had to manage enormously complex and demanding situations and deserve our respect and huge applause. Thank you for keeping us safe!!

*Thank you !!!*



## **HSC update**

The 2020 HSC will go ahead, with a delayed start to HSC exams, modifications to assessment and variations to individual courses. Erina High School has responded to these changes and our priority will be to ensure we provide the highest level of support for our students as they prepare for their HSC. We will continue to provide students and families with updates and programs we have planned to increase opportunities for intensive preparation for the HSC.

## **Congratulations**

At the end of last term, 2 merit selection staffing processes were completed to appoint a new Head Teacher PDHPE and Head Teacher HSIE. I am very pleased to announce that **Mr Keyes** and **Mr Joyce** have been appointed in these positions. This is a great achievement and very well deserved and they will continue to build strong faculties that will provide significant learning opportunities for our students.

## **Assessment and reporting update**

Modified semester reports for years 7-11 have now been published and with assessment tasks for term 2 withdrawn the report had a different focus as we reported on engagement and application during remote learning. As we will be unable to host our normal parent teacher evenings. I would encourage parents to make contact with individual Teachers by phoning the office or sending an email through the parent portal if they require any further information.

## **Special Education in 2021**

Erina High School will support a Special Education facility in 2021 and host 3 Multi-categorical classes for students with learning disabilities and additional needs to date we have 18 year 7 students enrolling. This will be a regional resource and students will obtain a position through an application and panel process. The Special Education unit will be housed within our current infrastructure and allows us to appoint a Head Teacher Special Education and 2 additional classroom Teachers with special education qualifications. This is a wonderful opportunity for Erina High School adding a depth of inclusivity to our school community and I know that these children will be welcomed and highly supported in our school.

## **Complaints Handling**

The Department of Education has procedures in place to manage school community complaints and work towards timely resolutions. There may be times when people are dissatisfied with school procedures and operations and I would encourage parents to raise these issues of concern with me. Quality communication with parents is a high priority for us and I would welcome the opportunity to work with families when issues of concern become evident. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

## **Uniform Changes**

Thank you for the community feedback on our uniform changes, with the cold weather well and truly upon us the opportunity to add the navy microfibre pants to our uniform code has been welcomed. The pants will not be available until late next term through Lowes but certainly ready for 2021. In the meantime, students can wear navy, plain microfibre pants until the new ones are in stock NO stripes or brand logos are accepted as uniform. Tracksuits pants, leggings or tights (unless under the skirt) ARE NOT permitted. Please see the recent email sent to parents for more detailed information about the uniform.



## **Term 3**

We are looking forward to resuming normal school operation next term with a return to most sports and as restrictions ease revisit stage 3 transition programs, work placement, excursions and incursions.

Whole school assemblies are permitted for shorter duration and staff meetings can recommence with social distancing protocols in place as these programs are re-introduced we will communicate this in greater detail.

## **Happy Holidays!**

Enjoy the winter vacation, be safe and embrace the opportunity to get out and spend time with those special to you.

School resumes July 21 for all students with July 20 as a Staff only day.

Yours Sincerely,

*Mrs Karen Nicol*

Principal



Latest news  
from our  
school  
community



## National Reconciliation Week 2020

***“We are all in this together”***

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Erina High School celebrated NRW by screening an important documentary *“In My Blood It Run”* in all year 7 – 10 HSIE classes. We also ran a cultural day in the MPC for all Aboriginal Students and friends to promote the theme of reconciliation for all students.



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**In this  
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National Reconciliation Week  
2020  
27 MAY – 3 JUNE



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Erina High School would like to wish Ms Jemma McMahon from our amazing Teaching and Learning team all the best in the coming months. Jemma has started her maternity leave but will be back.

From all of the Staff, Students and Families at Erina High School we wish you all the best for the months to come and have an amazing leave with your bundle of joy.



## Reminders

### Library

Please check for Library books that need returning before the end of term.

There are still many books that haven't been returned since Term 1, before the pandemic struck.

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## *A message from the Year 7 Advisors*

Miss Kronja and Miss Wilk would like to commend all Year 7 students on their perseverance and dedication to their learning this term, despite the immense challenges they have faced. In the face of adversity they have shown resilience and a willingness to adapt in order to succeed in their academic learning. Well done to all! A special mention also goes out to Beau Goodwin and Jorja Kane (*pictured*) who both received Student of the Term accolades, we are incredibly proud of both of you!



We would also like to update students and families on the Year 7 Camp that was scheduled for Term 2. Currently, the camp has been rescheduled for Term 4, Week 5, Monday 9th-Wednesday 11th November, 2020. We will provide updates as the date draws closer and hopefully restrictions on excursions have been lifted. We wish all our students a happy and safe break and are ready to do it all again in Term 3!

Miss Wilk & Miss Kronja

## *A message from the Year 10 Advisors*

Mrs Berg and Mr Suters have been so happy to see the Year 10 students back after the Remote Learning period! We'd like to congratulate everyone for their hard work all term.

The Senior Jackets Team have been working hard to get the design of the senior jacket ready for the rest of the cohort to vote on their favourite. We are hoping to have the design finalised by the beginning of Term 3 so that families can start paying off the jackets over time. The cost is still to be confirmed but we will get all information out as soon as possible. Students will be able to try on sizes next term before they commit to their order.

**Semester 1 Academic Reports are live on the portal.**



Students have also been starting to choose their subjects for their senior years which is very exciting! If students or families have any questions about subjects or requirements please don't hesitate to contact us here at EHS. Selections are due very early Term 3.

We hope you all have a nice school holiday break!

*Mrs Berg & Mr Sutery*

### ***A message from the Year 12 Advisors***

Year 12 have settled back into their patterns of study well since the COVID -19 interruption. Time is now of the essence for our students as the Trial Examinations begin in week 5 of Term 3. It is a good time to consider how much work your children are doing to fully prepare themselves for their examinations and remind them to use their class teachers to focus their preparation. One of the most effective way for our students to prepare is to access past papers from the NESA website and attempt questions as directed by their teacher. More important is seeking feedback after they have attempted the questions.

Some very positive news is that it looks like we will be able to go ahead with the formal at the Crowne Plaza, Terrigal. We would normally have completed a number of fund raising events to reduce the cost of the tickets but due to COVID -19 these events have been cancelled. In Term 3 we will attempt to raise some funds to cover costs outside of the ticket price such as DJ, photo booths etc.

At the time of writing students in Year 12 have officially 45 days left at school before they begin their study leave for the HSC. Please encourage your children to make the most of this important time so they give themselves the best chance of success and remind them that their teachers are their best source of advice and information and are waiting to help.

Lastly,  Congratulations to Jarrod Clark and Jessika Cobcroft who were the Term 1 Students of the Term and received their certificate, medal and gift voucher after returning from our enforced break.

*Mr Joyce and Mrs Scully*

Semester 1 Academic Reports are live on the portal.



## Year 12 - The Final Count down



It's unbelievable to think, that in around 10 weeks our Year 12 students will have complete 13 years of schooling. A significant achievement in it's own right, however made greater by the challenges our students and families have faced this year. Erina High School continues to support our HSC students towards their various aspirations and maintain high levels of motivation and commitment.

Term 3 is a busy one for our Year 12 students. In most areas of school operations, the restrictions regarding COVID-19 have progressed to closer alignment with previous schooling. There are still some elements of school processes that are bound by restrictions. The aim is to ensure that our Year 12 students are comprehensively supported to provide students with a strong level of confidence as they complete their final term of school.

### **Term 3 - HSC Trial Examinations:**

*Monday 17 August - Friday 28 August*

The HSC Trial Examination timetable has been published to students and will be running throughout Weeks 5 and 6. Students will only be required to attend school on the days in which they have scheduled exams. If a student is sick on a given a day and unable to attend their exam, they will require a Medical Certificate and will need to negotiate a time to resit the exam. It is essential that students complete all their HSC Trial Examinations, as it will represent a significant amount of the total assessment weighting due to the reduction from 4 assessment tasks to 3, in response to the isolation period.

### **Term 3 - Graduation Ceremony:**

*Thursday 24 September*

Erina High School is committed to providing our Graduation Ceremony onsite and with the same traditions and format as in previous years. However, there is still restrictions on mass gatherings which has prompted the organisation to consider options to ensure the implementation of the ceremony. We are currently making investigations into our options, however we may be restricted by the guidelines and advice provided by NSW Health and the Dept of Education. As we are able to understand and apply the ever evolving operating procedures, we will update all our families.

## **Term 4 - Enrichment Week / HSC Preparation:**

*Monday 12 October - Friday 16 October*

Erina High School will be providing our students with enrichment activities on the eve of their HSC Examinations. Each day in Week 1 of Term 4, students will be provided with subject specific revision, extended writing development, exam technique and other forms of HSC exam preparations. Students will be directed by their subject teachers on allocated days commence at 9:20am and conclude at 1:50pm, following the usual bell times and breaks from period 1 through to 4. Staff are currently preparing activities and resources to enhance students' preparation for the HSC.

## **Term 4 - HSC Examinations:**

*Tuesday 20 October - Wednesday 11 November*

2020 HSC Examinations will commence on Tuesday 20 October and conclude on Wednesday 11 November. Student can access their personalised HSC Timetable through their NESA Student Log In or a generic timetable can be accessed through the NESA website.

## **Term 4 - Year 12 Formal:**

*Thursday November 19*

The planning for the 2020 Y12 Formal continues. Mrs Scully is in consultation with Crowne Plaza as they also navigate their way through re-establishing their business operations. The EHS Formal remains an event for year 12 Erina High School students and parents.

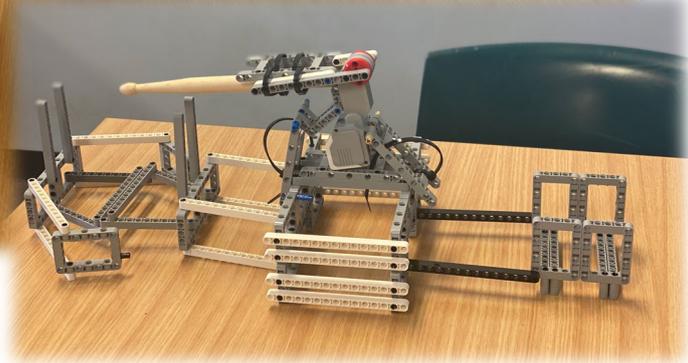
2020 YEAR 12 EVENTS	DATES
TRIAL EXAMS	Monday 17 August - Friday 28 August
GRADUATION	Thursday 24 September
ENRICHMENT WEEK	Monday 12 October - Friday 16 October
HSC EXAMINATIONS	Tuesday 20 October - Wednesday 11 November
YEAR 12 FORMAL	Thursday 19 November - <i>Crowne Plaza, Terrigal</i>
HSC RESULTS	Friday 18 December

## *A note from the Music Rooms*



Last week Miss Steele and the Year 8 Nexus Music (*pictured*) class created robotic drum sets.

Are we looking at the future of music??



Year 10 are studying Jazz this term.

Hung Ngo was pleased we found a Double Bass (*pictured*) when we were doing a reshuffle of the storerooms.



## *From the desks of the English Teachers.....*

This term has been full of ups and downs but we are so glad to be back in the classroom, doing what we love. We are so proud of our students and the work that they did whilst remote learning was taking place.

Our year 12 students have been busily working towards their HSC. They have been working on writing practice essays and reflecting on the work that they have completed throughout the year. They will need to continue to revise all modules for their upcoming Trial Exams next term.

Our year 11 students have been studying Wilfred Owen poetry and in Advanced English they have been analysing Speculative Narratives that focus on dystopian worlds. The students are demonstrating excellent progress.

The junior students are building their skills and focusing on analysing songs throughout different decades.

We are looking forward to next term where we will start studying a variety of plays. Also next term we are excited to announce that Debating competitions are returning

The English faculty hopes everyone enjoys a well deserved break over the holidays and don't forget to keep reading and expanding your knowledge of our world.

## Hello from the TAS Kitchens.....



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FOOD TECHNOLOGY  
FALAFEL KEBABS

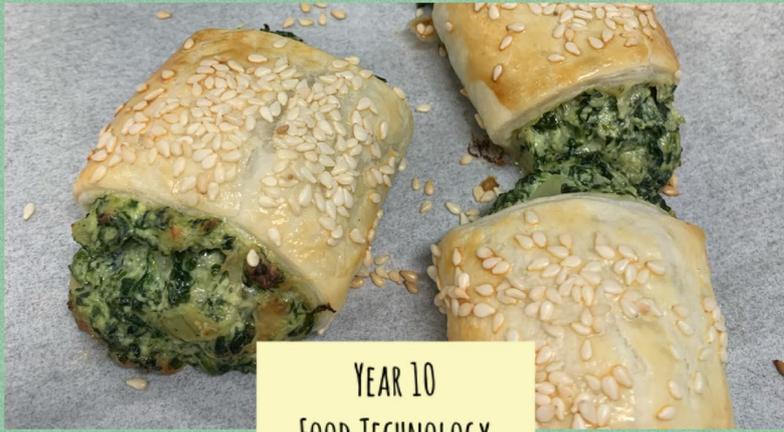


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TECHNOLOGY  
BUBBLE TEA



YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY  
NOTELLA CREPE CAKE

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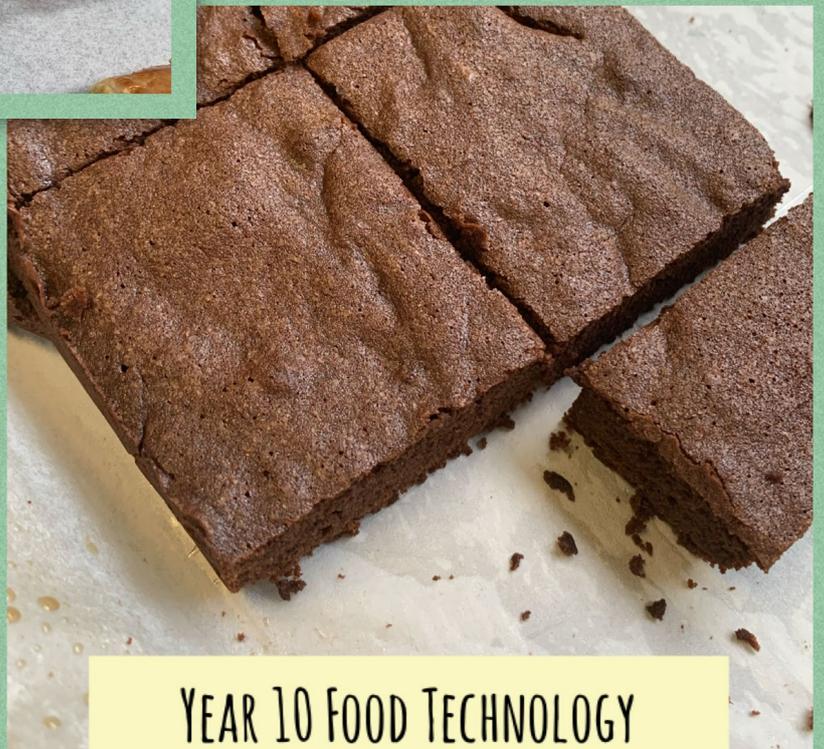
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SPINACH ROLLS



YEAR 10 FOOD  
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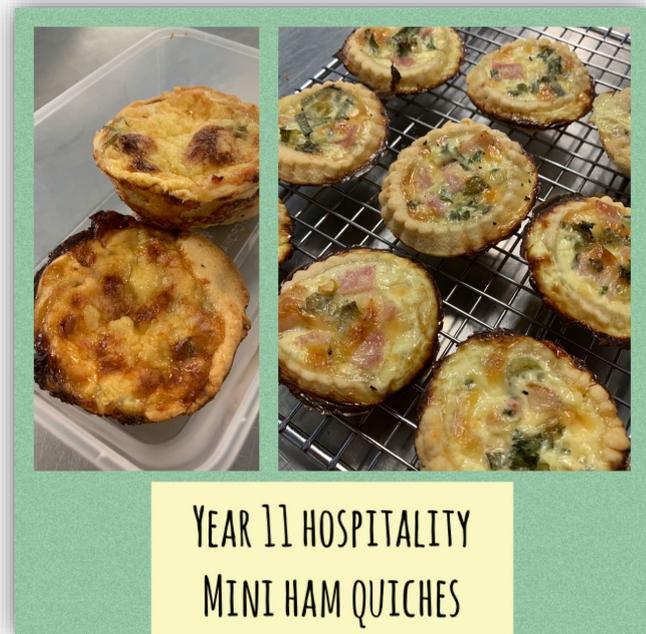
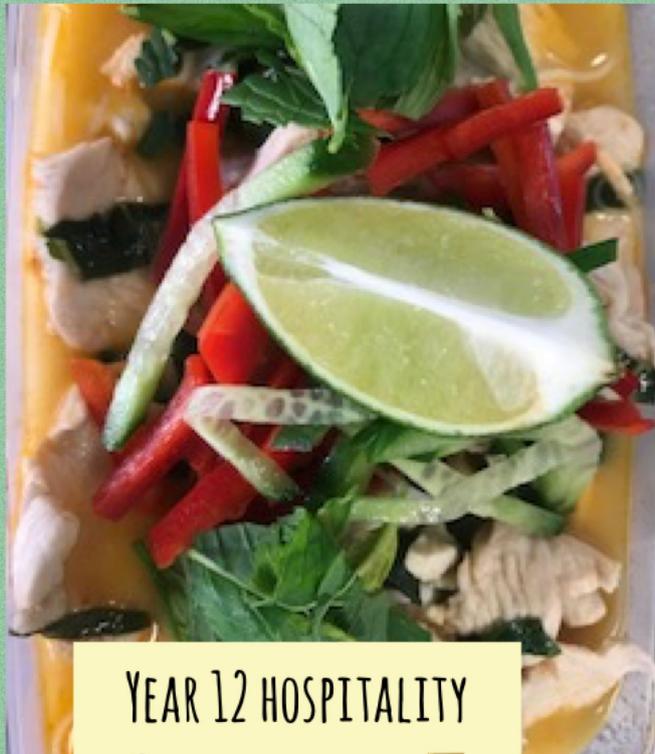
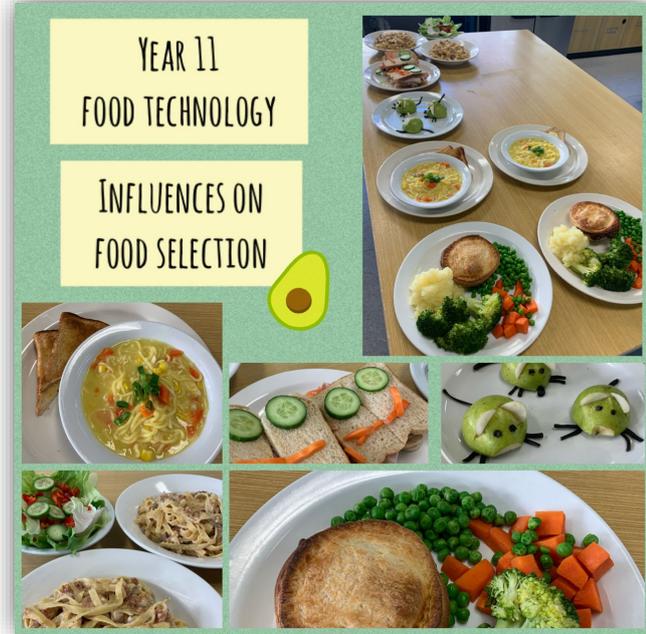


YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY  
RASPBERRY COCONUT SLICE



YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY  
"BEST CHOC FUDGE BROWNIES"

## Hello from the TAS Kitchens cont'



## What's happening in HSIE?

It has been good to get the students back in the classroom for the second half of the term. We certainly missed them. Term 3 will see the return of fieldwork activities for our students with excursions to Rumbalara Reserve to investigate Biophysical Environments, and a kayak survey of Avoca Lagoon to look at human impacts on this unique ecosystem.

Students in the Junior school will start History in Term 3 so this is a good time to get a new work book ready for the new topics. Students in Year 7 will have an introduction to the skills needed in History and look at *Ancient Egypt* as a study focus, Year 8 will study *Medieval Europe*, Year 9 and 10 will study *World War I* and *II* respectively. We look forward to an exciting term of learning.

In Term 3 our Year 9 Commerce class will begin to plan for their school-based businesses. This is an exciting time of year for the school as many businesses involve the production and sale of food stuff which everyone seems to enjoy. We look forward to helping the Commerce students be as successful as possible in this task.

It is also a good time to introduce our new members of staff in HSIE who are teaching your children this year. **Mr Manwaring, Mr Cross, Mr Avis** and **Mrs Porter** have joined the faculty and are doing a great job across a range of subjects and year groups.

# Art Faculty

We have some Year Seven "Indigenous Journey" paintings and a few Year Eight "Landscape Investigation" watercolours in progress based on Perspective Drawings. The students are enjoying these studies in our Visual Arts classes in Term 2.

## *Year Seven "Indigenous Journey"*





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# Art Faculty

Year Eight

"Landscape  
Investigation"

