

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
ERINA HIGH
SCHOOL



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Upcoming Events

Mon 1 Mar

Open Girl's
Volleyball

Tue 2 Mar

Open Boy's
Volleyball

Fri 5 Mar

School Photo Day

Thu 11 Mar

Absentee Photo
Day

Fri 5 Mar

Year 11 SAC
Erina Fair
Excursion

18 & 19 Mar

Leadership Camp
Bouddi Nat Park
Putty Beach
camp ground

Thu 25 Mar

Immunisations
Years 7 & 10

Principals Message

Swimming Carnival

A strong day of school spirit was very evident last Monday at our 57th annual swimming carnival at Gosford Pool. It was terrific to see so many students attend to either participate or cheer on their friends and have such a wonderful day.

Thank you to Mr Keyes, Mr Dodd and Mr Whitmore for delivering a highly organised and well executed carnival, well -done to our staff supporter's and our House Captains. See Facebook for some more great photos! Go Erina!!



Find out more

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Central Vision

Congratulations to Lulu Carmichael, Orlando Bonnici, Chloe Mathews, Makayla Reilly, Baylee Le-Breton and Ryan Poetschka on their art works that were selected for the Central Vision Exhibition at the Gosford Regional Art Gallery.

All Central Coast High Schools were invited to nominate up to 12 artworks, which were then judged by an Art Curator for selection.

This is a fabulous achievement for our students, the exhibition will open on March 5 and I would encourage families to attend next weekend and admire the high-quality art works from across Central Coast Public Schools.

Masterclass

The stage 4 masterclass program is off to a great start in 2021 focusing on teamwork, creative thinking, and problem-solving skills. Students are thoroughly immersed in the program and enjoying the opportunity to engage with future focused learning strategies. The range of classes are fantastic as we cultivate our future designers, innovators, and entrepreneurs.

NSW AECG and DoE Partnership Agreement

In 2020 the NSW AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) and the NSW Department of Education developed a partnership agreement that aims to ensure every Aboriginal student achieves their potential and all children learn about Aboriginal Australia.

I have attached a summary of the agreement that outlines strategies or working towards these goals and the importance of building strong community partnerships.



Reminders

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hike
11th – 12th March
6am – 3.30pm



Reminders

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Many families have credits in their accounts due to a number of activities being cancelled last year.

The money sits in the family account in 'Fees in Advance' and is listed as 'unallocated credit' in your Statement of Account.

When making a payment, please remember you can use your credit for any student in your family and it can be allocated to any activity or fee.

School Uniform

Thank you to the students and parents for their continued support of our school uniform, it is a way of building school pride and makes a difference to the community for what our school stands for.

As the weather will start to cool down, I would urge families to ensure children are wearing the correct school jumpers which are navy for the junior school and black for the senior school.

We have also included navy microfibre track pants as part of the winter uniform available from Lowes for the junior students. These pants have been approved by the students and expected to be worn.

It does not include fleece track pants or tights.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with our uniform code.

School Fees

Families will soon receive an invoice outlining the school charges that cover the cost of materials used to support teaching and learning.

There are three contributions that families are encouraged to pay if possible.

One is the School Voluntary Contributions that goes towards the cost of the following items

- Updating textbooks
- Purchasing new novels
- Software programs and licensing agreements
- Library books
- Stationery items
- Photocopying
- Printing
- Sporting equipment

Course Fees

The second cost covers elective charges for consumable materials. Some of the consumable materials include but are not limited to:

- Timber
- Metal
- Food
- Textile fabrics and accessories
- Paints, canvases, art diaries,
- Ink cartridges for printers and paper
- Guitar strings and other music consumables
- Resource booklets



Reminders

**P&C Meeting –
17th March, 6.30pm
Administration Building**

**Elevate –
Year 6 Testing Day
4th March**

It is an expectation that students pay for these courses, not all elective courses have charges so students and families should be aware of the costs involved before electing these courses.

All year 12 students are expected to have paid for their elective courses before being eligible for an invitation

P&C Levy

The third charge is a P&C levy that provides additional resourcing for the school to update technology, library and teaching and learning resources.

As the P&C do not have a fund -raising program the levy is a great way to support your local school without being regularly expected to contribute or participate in fund raising ventures.

In 2019 the P&C purchased a new water station located in the senior area, supported the junior leadership team with resources and purchased gift vouchers for students recognised at the annual presentation night for outstanding achievement and purchased blazers for our School Captains and Vice Captains.

These resources are greatly appreciated by the students and would not be possible without the generosity of our families supporting the \$40.00 levy per family. Please contribute if you can.

Genuine financial hardship can be considered through a student assistance application available from the administration office. Applications are confidential and addressed to the Principal only.

Erina High School greatly appreciates families paying these charges as the funding is vital to ensure we provide the best educational resources and opportunities for our students to be successful.

Enjoy the rest of the term as we focus on providing every opportunity for our students to engage with their learning to reach positive and successful outcomes.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Karen Nicol
Principal



Reminders

**School Photos are Friday
March 5th.**

**Absentee is Thursday
March 11th**

**Sibling Photos are also
available**

Latest news from our school community

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students that attended our 57th Annual Swimming Carnival on Monday the 22nd of February. It was a great day with beautiful weather, perfect behaviour and a number of new records broken by some seriously talented students. Once again Bean was victorious in the points tally, followed by Kendall, Dunlop then Henderson.

Congratulations to our new record holders Eva Faunce in the 12 years girls 50m Backstroke, Sienna Pedersen in the 15-16 Years Girls Individual Medley, and Bree Spalding in the 12-14 Girls 200m Individual medley, 14 years girls 50m Backstroke and 14 years girls 50m Butterfly.



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Mirrabooka Update

Term 1 continues to be a successful one with students very quickly becoming accustomed to their new school. We are well and truly underway with our programs and excited to be using our amazing resources.

Students recently participated in an excursion where we visited Nunns Creek to check water quality and overall health of the ecosystem. Students had a wonderful experience and enjoyed the opportunity to access our local area to complement their classroom learning.



Peace Park

Our beautiful outdoor learning and recreational space is really starting to take off with a number of our beautiful natives starting to flower! We still have some projects in mind and cannot wait to unveil them all!

Again, the students and staff in Mirrabooka would like to thank Colin Jensen and Gary Robinson, our General Assistants, for the amazing work in Peace Park. We are so grateful for your help and love the area we get to access every day!

Lola

Mr Nicol addressed the assemblies last Friday to discuss Lola the Learning Assistant and her role at EHS.

The key points from the assembly are crucial to allow Lola to do the best job she can; Please ignore her at all times - she is a working girl and cannot be fed, called, petted or distracted in any way.

She is doing amazing work so far, however still settling in to her new school. Mr Nicol and Lola want to thank you all for your patience and support, as she becomes more comfortable at EHS.

Latest news from our school community

Clean Up Australia Day

Mirrabooka staff and students are excited to announce their participation in Clean Up Australia Day!

We will be working throughout the school grounds and surrounding areas on the 12th of March as a community access program.



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English

We are very excited to be back in English for 2021 and are looking forward to the year ahead.

In Stage 4 and 5 we are continuing our studying poetry with each year exploring different varieties of poems. Through this study students will be exposed to varying styles of poetry and ideas that are represented through this text type.

Each year has a different focus area and they are as follows:

- Year 7 – Aboriginal Poetry
- Year 8 – Poetry as Song
- Year 9 – Refugee Poetry
- Year 10 – Various poems chosen by the teacher.

The assessment notifications will be handed out in week 6 and the assessment will be due in week 8. The assessment will be a creative writing task.

Year 11 **Advanced and Standard English** are currently studying their Common Module: Identity and Belonging with a focus on a selection of texts. **English Studies** are working on their mandatory module of 'Achieving Through English'.

Year 12 Advanced English is studying Module A: Textual Conversations, Standard English is studying Module A: Contemporary Asian Australian Poetry.

Leading up to assessment, all students will be given their notices two weeks in advanced and we encourage them to start their preparation as soon as possible to achieve the best that they can.





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NSW AECG AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WILL WORK TOGETHER SO EVERY ABORIGINAL CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON CAN ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH EDUCATION



ALL STUDENTS IN NSW WILL UNDERSTAND THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE LANDS ON WHICH THEY LIVE



ABORIGINAL PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, COMMUNITIES, STUDENTS AND STAFF ACROSS NSW HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT



HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, ACKNOWLEDGING THE AECG'S GRASSROOTS STRUCTURE



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School Vaccinations

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2021

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program. Year 7 students have been provided a *Parent Information Kit* with detailed information about the vaccination program and permission forms. If you would like your child to participate in the vaccination program, please return signed permission form to the front office before Friday 19th March. Students will receive their first vaccination on Thursday 25th March. Year 10 students will receive their permission notes later in the year.

In 2021 the following vaccines will be offered *Parent Information Kits* that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians.

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.
- Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 10 or 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination).
- Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at:
https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx
- **A Record of Vaccination card will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic either as a physical card or a text message sent to the mobile number recorded on the consent form. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.**

Try Something New!

- Saratoga Hawks are now registering for 5-15 yr olds

Please call Suzanne Sapsford 0423 036 697

Email – registrar@sarahawks.org.au

- Australian Air League are registering ages 8 and up

www.airleague.com.au

Email – info@airleague.com.au

Freecall 1800 502 175

- Terrigal/Wamberal Rugby League registering

www.terrigaljuniorsharks.com.au







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To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit allowance or payment*



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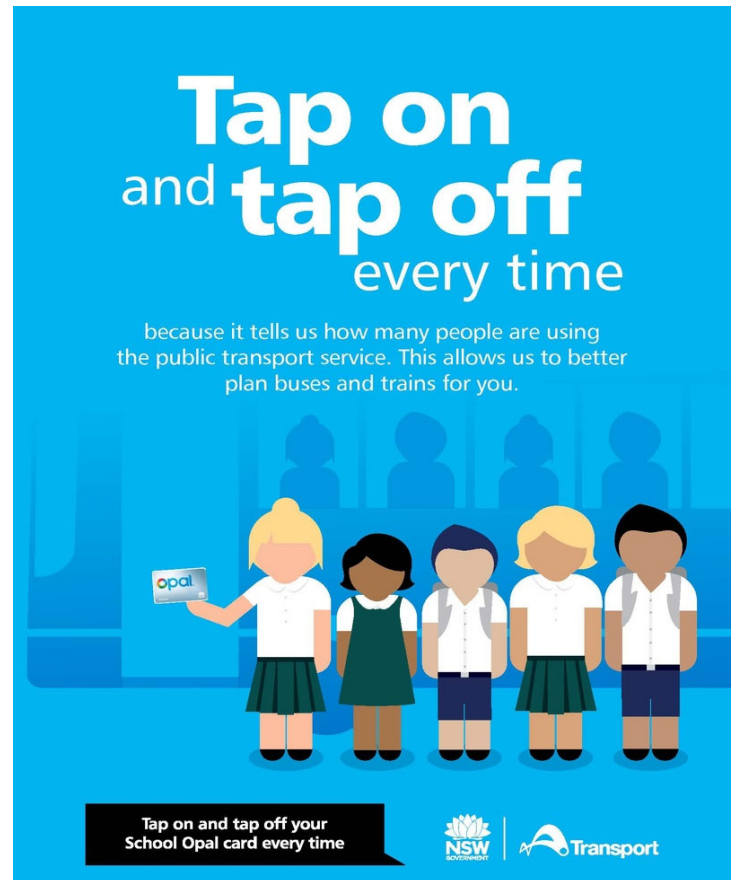


*many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

Bus Reminders

- The Entrance Red Bus Services would like to advise all schools that the moratorium period for not presenting an Opal card for those students entitled to free school travel has now passed.
- Transport for NSW allow a period of two weeks to allow all students to receive their new Opal cards for the new school year.
- Under Transport for NSW guidelines any student travelling to or from school by bus is required to present and tap on and off with a current valid Opal card.
- Opal tap on and off numbers play an integral role in determining school bus requirements for the number of students requiring these services.
- For example if 5 children tap on with an Opal card and 45 students board, in reporting viewed by Transport for NSW this service is carrying only 5 students.
- The concerning situation is that this example of minimal Opal usage is very common on the majority of school services and with increasing numbers of children needing to catch school bus services, the government would be reluctant to allow any further services to be added as the Opal statistics are not a true reflection of bus patronage.
- The greater concern could be that services may be lost rather than added.
- We are requesting the support and assistance of the schools in assuring that all students travelling by bus to and from school have and use a valid Opal card every trip.
- These free school opal cards are for a student to travel to and from school during each school term and not for after hours travel or weekend usage.
- Visit www.opal.com.au for further information or to apply.
- The Entrance Red Bus Services
- Red Bus Services Pty Limited ABN 44 000 103 524 Tel: 02 4332 8655 PO Box 3186 Bateau Bay NSW Australia 2261 Email: info@redbus.com.au Web: www.redbus.com.au



**Tap on
and tap off
every time**

because it tells us how many people are using the public transport service. This allows us to better plan buses and trains for you.

Tap on and tap off your School Opal card every time

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It is a condition of the School Fees Terms and the Student Code of Conduct when travelling that students in possession of the School Opal card must tap on and tap off every time when using public transport to travel to and from school. For section 3.2 of the Opal Privacy Policy, Transport for NSW collects information from taps on and taps off to support coordination, planning and policy development for transport, transport services and transport infrastructure.

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