

THE LATEST **NEWS FROM** ERINA HIGH SCHOOL

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Upcoming **Events**

Fri 17 Sept Mon 5 Oct

Last Day of Term 3

Term 4, **Students return** to learning

Thurs 9 Sept

Are U Ok? Day - Check out the back page for details

Principals Message

Thank you

It has been a term like no other and my greatest hope is it will never be repeated. I could not be prouder of the staff, students, parents, and community for what we have collectively achieved. We have delivered online face to face learning for 10 weeks, we have provided high level wellbeing support to our students and prepared year 12 for the 2021 HSC as best as we possibly can and facilitated the completion of the preliminary course for year 11.

Managed subject selections for year 10 into 11 and ensured we provided continuity of learning for the junior school. It has been a challenge, but we have survived, and I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to everyone. Sending you all the biggest floral tribute of appreciation that I could find, from my place to your place.

Be safe, take care and I cannot wait to see everyone back at school next term.

Karen Nicol

Principal.

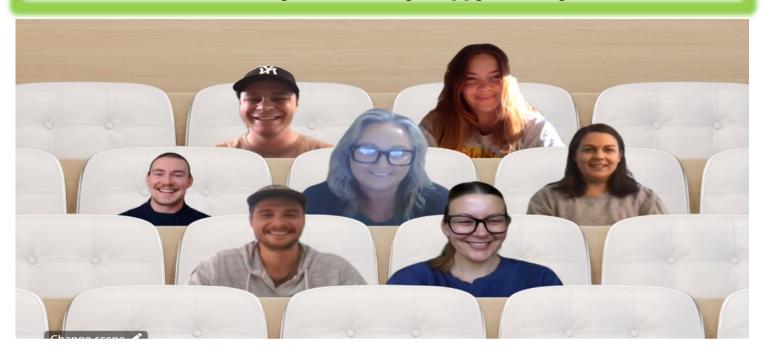




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A BIG thank you to the students and parents of Mirrabooka. We wish you all a very Happy Holiday!



Mirrabooka ZOOM roll call



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Albert Spinestein and Grace Skelly have been dying to show you the new PDHPE equipment that's waiting for you when you return to school.





Science

Week 6 was National Science week for Australian students, and although they are learning remotely and do not have access to a laboratory or many materials, students worked hard at conducting experiments at home.

A range of experiments were provided including, Magic Milk, Making Salt Crystals, Sugar Candy, Newtons Second Law, Pin Hole Cameras, and others.

The quality of work that has been handed in via Google Classroom has been amazing, and the Science faculty would like to commend the effort of students and thank caregivers for supporting the continued learning at home.



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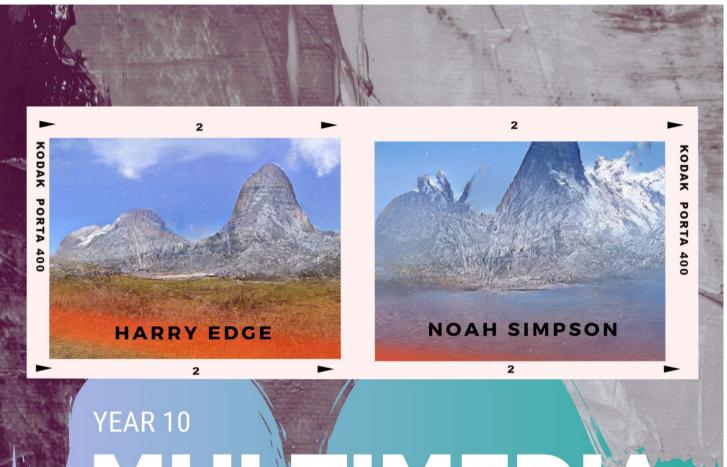
A Message for Senior Science Students

Our senior classes need to know that we are extremely proud them! You have overcome remote learning (twice for year 12) and have all stepped up to the challenge at this crucial time of your HSC. You can never be disappointed in your results if your efforts have been the best that they can be. We can't wait to be back in the classroom with you all. Together (online for the time being) we work towards improving our learning.



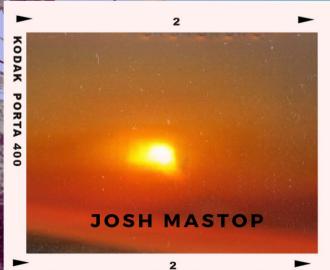


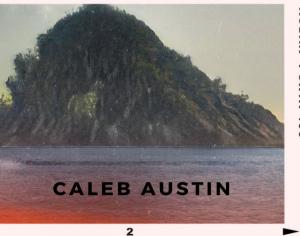




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ENGLISH

Miss Kronja by Heidi Annabel

My chosen teacher for the teacher book recommendations was Ms Kronja. I asked her if she read outside of school and she confidently replied with a big YES! I also asked her what text types she enjoys to read and she said she likes reading novels and news articles.

Her favourite place to read is on the back deck in the hammock and her favourite author is Khaled Hosseini. She said that her favourite book now is <u>A Thousand Splendid Suns</u> and she enjoys it because it offers a different perspective on how people live. Her favourite book from when she was at school was Mary Shelley's <u>Frankenstein</u>. She said she enjoyed it because it makes you think closely about society.

Not sure how to keep occupied during lockdown?

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Take a look at what our amazing teachers are recommending that you read!



A Multicultural Poster from 8F

Miss Kekwick by Skarlett Betteridge

I chose to interview Miss Kekwick. She said that she likes reading outside of school for pleasure. She likes to read on the beach or in a cafe, which I can imagine can be guite calming. Miss Kekwick also said while being at these relaxing places she also likes to read novels and news on social media. Her favourite author is John Marsden. Marsden is a writer and a former school principal, who has written many books for all ages that are fiction and non-fiction. Miss Kekwick said the books are wonderful and engaging and they keep you interested. Apart from all that, her favourite book is Alice in Wonderland by Lewis carroll. 'Alice is a dreamer, faces challenges and overcomes them, good life lessons.' she stated. It is clear that teachers do like reading and reading can be a great hobby to have. These books can teach you a good life lesson and influence you in having a better future. The variety of styles of writing Miss Kekwick likes is a great way to learn and have a better education



We miss you!!!

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FROM THE SAS STAFF

This week we're celebrating the role of School and Administrative Support Staff. The problem is, we can't celebrate with the people we support - students, staff and community members. While everyone loves a bit of quiet time, school is very lonely without you. We miss the fact you've lost your timetable and don't know where you need to be. We miss providing ice for your ant bite. We miss your phone calls. We miss giving you an apron for cooking because you left yours at home. We miss preparing items for your Science experiments and your cooking classes. We miss printing your work. We miss you borrowing books. We miss supporting you face to face in a classroom. We miss sharing the animals on the Farm with you. We miss supporting you while you help out with the grounds.

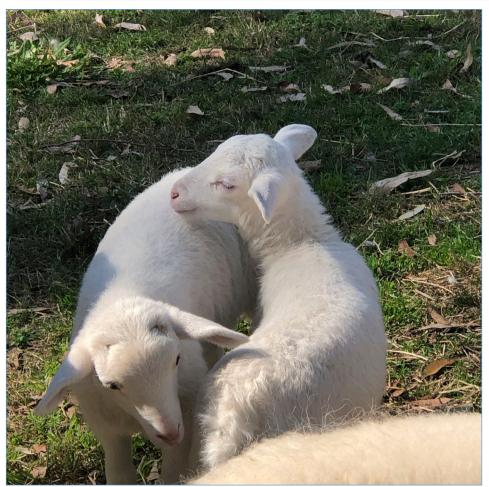
But most of all we miss your faces and your voices, the smiles, the laughter and the tears. We look forward to the return of students and staff to the school site - not long now! And we look forward to regular contact with our community members over the phone - one day you too will be able to come back on site!

Take care and stay safe – better days are on the way!



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Our new lambs! Twins - Tilly & Gus



The cows are missing you



Can you spot a new friend in the tree?



And the chooks are missing the scraps...

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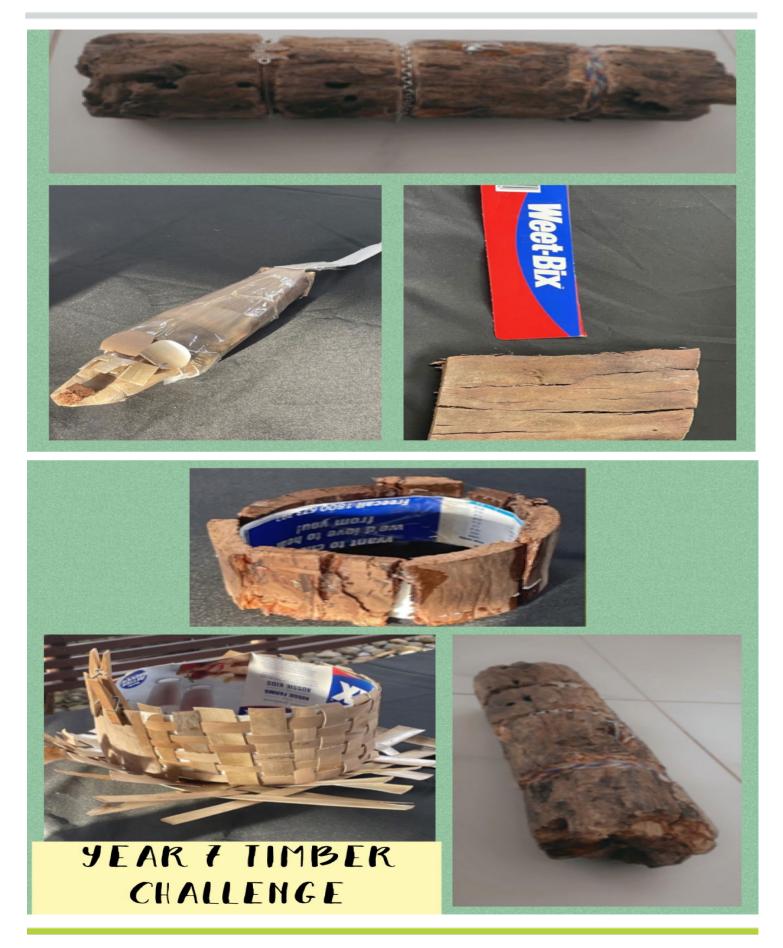


YEAR 7 TIMBER CHALLENGE

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THIS YEAR THE MESSAGE IS: Are they *really* OK? Ask them today.

Do you know how the people in your world are really going?

Life's ups and downs happen to all of us. So chances are someone you know might be struggling. Your genuine support can make a difference whatever they are facing, big or small.

So, don't wait until someone's visibly distressed or in crisis. Make a moment meaningful and ask them how they're really going.

Are they really OK? Ask them today. Your conversation could change a life.

Click on the link below to learn more about 'Are you OK Day'

https://www.ruok.org.au

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