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Challenge

Fri 8 Apr

Last day of Term 1

Principals Message

As we move towards the end of the term it is timely to reflect on the many challenges, we have all had to face in 2022 and continue to try and recover from bushfires, droughts, floods, storms and COVID-19. Resulting in property devastation, loss of lives, cancellations, disappointments, financial uncertainty, educational challenges and business collapses to simply name a few.

I would like to acknowledge the significant effort the staff have made in managing student wellbeing and maintaining delivery of quality teaching and learning. To our front-line staff in administration who have shown high level communication with families to check on children's wellbeing and providing accurate data around absences for daily reporting to the Department.



To our students who have been incredibly co-operative and respectful as they embrace the many changes in schooling that we have now adopted, and to our wonderful parents who have demonstrated the most amazing support as they embraced online learning and such high-level support during challenging times. It has been a difficult time for everyone and as always, I sincerely appreciate the strong support of our community as we do our best to navigate these complexities.

I do not recall reading how to manage a Pandemic in the Principal's manual but feel incredibly proud to be part of such a strong, caring and highly supportive community as we all united in our genuine commitment to keep each other safe and focus on the educational wellbeing of the children in our care.

Thank you.

Year 7 2023

EHS has provided each of our partner Primary Schools information for year 7 enrolments in 2021, the transition folder distributed contained information on our class structure, wellbeing programs, uniform and expectations for learning. We are well underway with this process with expressions of interest to enrol at EHS in year 7 2023 now being accepted. If parents require any additional information, please contact me at school so I can manage your enquiry.



Reminders

STUDENT LEAVE

If you are going on leave, could you please notify the school in writing prior to taking leave, it will then be approved.

This makes teachers aware and office staff can correctly record absences.

**Last day of Term 1
Fri 8 April**

**First day of Term 2
Wed 27 April**



Farewell Mrs Nicol

Monday March 14th was a wonderful celebration for Mrs Nicol. The student community of Erina High School gave a fitting farewell for their much-loved Principal. All students formed a guard of honour on her arrival and an assembly highlighting her career, was a great way for the students to say goodbye.

Mrs Nicol was also presented with her DoE Retirement Medal along with a NSW Parliament recognition of Services to Education Medal, presented by Mr Adam Crouch. Mrs Nicol has left her mark on Erina High School, and we wish her all the best in retirement.



Latest news from our school community

NAPLAN

Weeks 3 and 4, Term 2 will see the implementation of NAPLAN. It is a welcomed return of the national approach to literacy and numeracy assessment, as the last 2 years it has not been delivered. In 2022, NAPLAN will move to an online approach. Further details will follow in early term 2.



Principals Message Continued

P & C- Annual General Meeting - Wednesday March 16th at 6.30pm

Our Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is made up of parents and carers, teachers and community members. The P&C meets regularly to contribute to decision-making, developing policies and management plans as well as fundraising. Our meeting on **Wednesday March 16th at 6.30pm**, will be the Annual General Meeting. We will be accommodating parent feedback and will have a blended virtual and physical meeting. For those parents that prefer to join the P&C in person, the meeting will be onsite at Erina High School in the staff Common Room. For those who have enjoyed the convenience of the Zoom facility, please join us via the Zoom link below.

Topic: Erina High School P&C Annual General Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/64352169468?pwd=eIZ0RUdjbjzBHU0VadUMwNVBqZGdWQT09>

Meeting ID: 643 5216 9468

Passcode: 944503



ANZAC Day

Erina High School will commemorate ANZAC day in the first week of Term 2, due to ANZAC day falling in the school holidays. The return of the usual participation in local ANZAC services is welcomed and we will be reconnecting with our normal attendance at Tarragal Glen, Pine needles, Davistown, Terrigal and Gosford services in 2022. Please make a point on ANZAC day this year as a family to reflect on the extraordinary sacrifice of men and women in the armed forces and those at home during war time, paid the ultimate price to make the world a safer place.



Yours Sincerely,

Mr Glenn Mallon

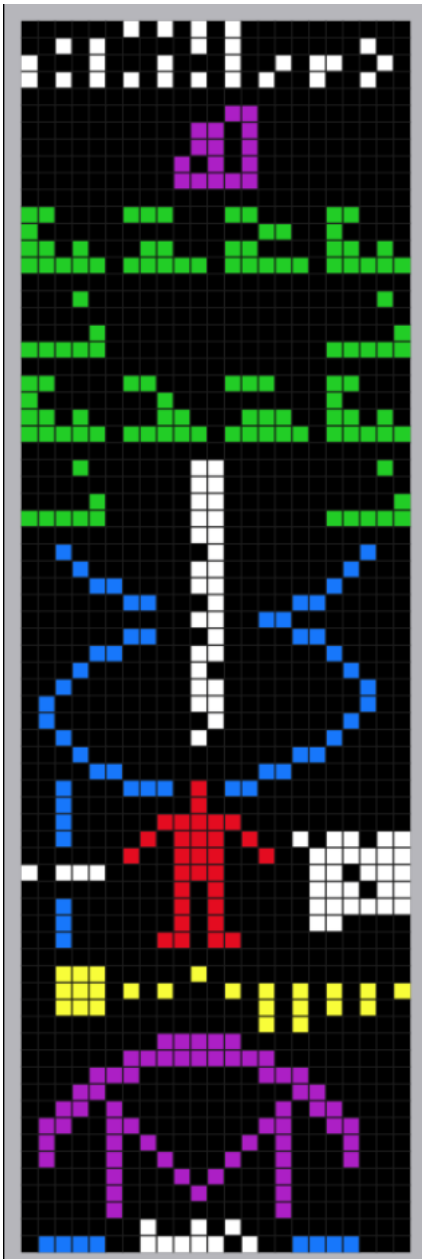
Acting Principal

7-10 Interim Reports

The Year 7-10 Interim Reports have now been published and can be accessed through the [Sentral Parent Portal](#). These reports give parents a basic indication of student progress across all subject areas. Staff assess students on their overall application and commitment to studies and provide a rating against predetermined performance descriptors. If you require further clarification of a report rating, please make contact with the teacher of that course to discuss your child's progress. This can be done via the messaging system within the [Portal](#) or via school reception on 02 43677353 .



Year 7 Math students have enjoyed finding a link between encrypted images and prime numbers. All integers greater than 1 have prime factors and it is possible to multiply two prime numbers together and make a 2-dimensional grid on which to encode pictures. In fact, in 1974 an image known as the Arecibo message was sent to the Globular Cluster M13 from a Puerto Rico radio telescope carrying crude drawings of humans and DNA into outer space. EHS Mathematics students from 7E have taken the same principles to encode their own images knowing that with just a little bit of Math power they could be easily de-coded! The use of prime numbers is now ubiquitous in encrypting messages in all forms of digital communication.



It is Assessment Task time in English, it is great to see our Years 7-10 students working hard in class. Students have been studying a suite of poems in class selected by their teacher and have explored the various themes and ideas represented in these poems. The Assessment Task requires them to write a Narrative utilising literary techniques to communicate the themes or ideas explored in the poems. Students in Years 9-10 will submit a Reflection on the due date of the Assessment Task justifying their language and stylistic choices for their Narrative composition.



Debating

We currently have Junior and Senior Debating teams training for future debates with Miss Kronja at break times.

Drama

Year 9 Drama have been working collaboratively in groups to create their first performance piece based on Fractured Fairytales. Students have been developing their play building and improvisational skills in workshops to help them refine their acting skills.

Year 10 Drama have been studying Political Theatre and developing group devised performances. They have worked collaboratively on utilising Brechtian Techniques to communicate a strong message about contemporary issues in society.

Year 11 Drama have been studying the topic Acting, Improvisation and Play building focusing on building and refining their performative skills. Their assessment task requires them to work in pairs on a duologue, students have been rehearsing their lines in class.



Drama Club

Drama Club is back on every Monday after school in the Drama Room! All years are welcome! It has been great to see return attendees from last years Drama Club this week!



Mirrabooka staff and students have been hard at work this term with several amazing practical opportunities such as Mandatory Technology, Language, Music and Science. We have been working with our amazing specialist staff to apply our skills in these areas and gain experience in our labs, workshops and specialist classrooms.

Masterclass

It has been another positive term in Masterclass with Mirrabooka students taking full advantage of these creative and engaging lessons. Students have produced quality work samples and collaborated with their mainstream peers and staff. Great work Mirrabooka!



Science

Our students have been working diligently in Science this term and thoroughly enjoyed their time in our amazing science labs. Our students have gained their Bunsen burners licenses, and participated in practicals to separate mixtures and discover the boiling point of a range of different substances.





Some of our students took the opportunity for a day outside of school at the swimming carnival, we were fortunate to have sunshine and the chance to participate in some novelty activities which involved students getting into the pool for a swim and noodle race!

Swimming Carnival





On Thursday the 3rd of March Erina sent a 40 strong team to the Peninsula Leisure Centre for the Brisbane Water Zone swimming carnival. We would like to acknowledge all swimmers who showed outstanding school spirit by swimming and filling in races for us on the day.

We are incredibly proud of our efforts as Erina finished in 4th place out of 8 schools and had 8 swimmers making it through to the Sydney North Championships.

Special mention must go to Bree Spalding for taking out the 15 years girls age champion for her amazing efforts over the day. Bree, along with Ciarn Spalding, Tiana Amour, Isabella Barnett, Eva Faunce, Ebony Nash, Baxter Pedersen, and Charlotte Slyney will represent Brisbane Water Zone at the Sydney North Swimming Championships later this month. Go Erina!



It has been fantastic to once again be able to utilise venues in the local community for the Erina High School Year 9-10 Sport programme on Tuesday afternoons.

Each week we have had more than 170 students attending either Erina Ice Arena, Impact Gym, Erina 5 Star Swim Centre, Gosford City Bowl (10 Pin) and Flip Out West Gosford. The weather has caused some disruption to those sports who generally walk to their venue, thankfully however, we have been able to make transport adjustments with the assistance of Red Bus Service.

We attempt to provide opportunities for each student to select a Sport that they will enjoy participating in each term and with Term 2 options currently being formulated, students are encouraged to come and see Mr Whitmore in PDHPE if they have any suggested activities.

It has been excellent to see almost all students in full sport uniform each week and the behaviour of our students in the community is to be commended. We continue to strive to maintain these high standards and the Expectations 4 Sport ensure that each student is aware of their responsibilities each and every week. Thank you to all parents and guardians for their assistance and support in relation to this.

Notes for Term 2 Sport will be distributed in approximately a fortnight's time and it is appreciated if students can return their notes and payment (online payment available) prior to the end of Term 1. This will assist us in confirming venues in a timely manner which is appreciated by the community partners that we are very grateful to have on board.

Warwick Whitmore
School Sports Coordinator

Expectations 4 Sport



- It is a student's responsibility to know where they need to be and when.
- Arrive promptly to Sport areas for roll call.
- Full and proper PDHPE/Sport uniform is required for participation, including leaving the school grounds.
- Take responsibility for providing signed and dated notes from home for uniform issues or injury/illness.
- Be prepared and pack any required equipment for Sport.
- Always act in a positive manner that encourages participation and reflects EHS values.
- Follow teacher's instructions the first time that they are given.
- Show initiative with assistance of setting up and packing down equipment.
- Represent EHS with pride in public.

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