

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
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Upcoming Events

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Wellbeing
Day

8 June
Year 10
Wellbeing
Day

17 June
Year 7
Wellbeing
Day

17 June
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Principals Message

I would like to begin my report by shining a spotlight on two wonderful examples of student learning and service that took place this week. On Wednesday, I popped into the **Year 9 and 10 High Potential Workshop** and saw students deeply engaged and learning summarising skills and techniques and deeper knowledge around accessing assessments in preparation for continued success in Stage 5, but also in preparation for their transition to senior school. What I witnessed was teaching and learning of the highest quality where teachers were guiding highly motivated students in their work. You could feel the positive energy within the room. Congratulations to students and staff involved.

Also on Wednesday, students from Erina High assisted with the running of Holgate Primary School Athletics Carnival and at the end of the day I received an email from the principal thanking and congratulating the students. It read ***“Thank you for sending students to help at our athletics carnival. The students were outstanding EHS role models and demonstrated behaviour exemplary. They were fabulous ambassadors of EHS and should be commended.”*** I know this is just a snippet of a wide range of outstanding experiences and learning that takes place every day at Erina High. Congratulations to all involved.

Reconciliation week - Congratulating the school’s Aboriginal Leadership Team for their organisation and effort towards our Reconciliation Week Assembly and day of activities. The school embraced this year’s theme, “Be Brave. Make Change.” With students being asked to be reflective of the past and current challenges facing Aboriginal students and encouraged to take action, speak up and continue to address the issues surrounding reconciliation. I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic staff leadership of Ms Jeanine Whitfield, Ms Lisa Todd, and Mr Brendan Avis and Ms Benita Kearney for assisting with the organisation and delivery of the Reconciliation Assembly and day of activities.



Subject Selection Evening - Year 8 and 10 parents and carers would have received an email regarding our Subject Selection Evening, scheduled for Thursday June 9 in the MPC. I would encourage all students and families to attend this event to receive as much information as possible to support students in their decision-making process. For Year 10 students it marks a significant step towards their HSC, with students gaining a much greater control of their education. Choosing subjects is a challenging process and the more understanding students have about courses and the year ahead the better equipped they will be to make good choices and succeed in their learning.

Year 7 Fun Day - Last Friday saw around 200 students from our Partner Primary Schools attend Erina High for a Transition Fun Day. A more detailed account of the day will appear later in the newsletter. When talking to students and staff the feedback I received indicated the day was an enormous success with students enjoying the activities on offer and taking time to meet new students and start to form some new friendships.

Parent Teacher Night - I am really looking forward to our upcoming Parent Teacher Nights. With the disruptions due to COVID-19, the school has not been able to host these vital evenings for a couple of years. The involvement of parents in a student's learning and regular communication with the school and teachers does make a positive difference to a student's learning outcomes. I would encourage all parents to keep an eye out for when bookings open and book a learning conversation with your child's teachers.

Uniform Expectations - The wearing of school uniform is often an area where there are differences in opinion between students, families and the school. Students see uniform as a burden and schools see uniform as important. I believe the wearing of school uniform as very important, and I am seeking support from families in helping the school lift the number of students wearing school uniform well. At the moment, there are too many students wearing coloured jumpers, jumpers with logos or writing, white shoes and non-uniform shorts and pants. The wearing of uniform is linked strongly to school pride and respect for a school. When a student wears full school uniform they are being respectful to a school and communicate they are proud to be a student of Erina High School.



Reminders

Queen's Birthday

**Public Holiday
Monday 13 June**

**Can we please remind parents when making payments online to please specify what you are wanting to pay so we can allocate your payment correctly.
Much appreciated**

I understand accessing the correct uniform has been a challenge for some with availability issues. Also, a run of wet weather does mean there are times where uniform is still being laundered. If students are unable to be in full school uniform, I expect them to have a note explaining the reason. Head Teachers and Deputies will be conducting spot checks on uniform during the last few weeks of Term 2. If families need assistance with uniform please contact the school as assistance is available.

Excursion Procedure - To ensure we are meeting Department guidelines I am asking all families to ensure that excursion permission notes and payment for excursion occur by the due date. I am not allowed to support any student attending an excursion without written parent permission and it is not fair on students or families who have paid for excursions for the school to allow students who have not paid for excursion to attend. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact the school and I will be more than happy to talk with you about your concerns.

Internet Access - I am very aware not all families in the school have access to the internet. With schools communicating more and more information through electronic means it is very important the school continues to communicate with all families, including those who do not have internet access. To establish a list of families to whom we need to continue to send hard copy information to, I am asking if you are aware of another family who does have internet access, please ask them to contact the front office to establish the best communication avenue for each family.

Yours Sincerely

Paul Broadbent

Principal



Reminders

REQUEST TO LEAVE EARLY OR TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL PREMISES

Students with a legitimate reason for leaving the school early or leaving the school premises for an interval of time, must present a note to the Deputy Principals between 8.00am and 8.45am on the day. The note, to be written, dated and signed by a parent or guardian, must show the reason for the request, the time of departure and transport arrangements. The student's name and year must be printed on the bottom of the letter.

If you phone the school to arrange an unplanned departure for a student (particularly on a Tuesday afternoon), please note that the student can only leave their class once the teacher has received a note from the office. This will result in a delay in fulfilling your request.

Every endeavour should be made to make medical/dental appointments outside of school hours.

Your support of this process is appreciated.

National Reconciliation Week



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The 27th May - 3rd June is National Reconciliation Week.

These dates mark two important events in the struggle for Indigenous rights and freedoms, the 1967 Referendum and the Mabo decision of 1992.

The theme for this year is "**Be Brave. Make Change**". This is a challenge to all Australians - individuals, families, communities, organisations and government - to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians.

We will be holding a whole school assembly on Friday 3 June and our Aboriginal Leadership Team will be running Indigenous games on the oval.



High Potential Students

Year 9 & 10 High Potential students completed a workshop on skills and techniques in accessing assessment and preparing for life as a senior student.

Great engagement from these wonderful students.

We will continue to develop these skills throughout the year



Year 6 Students at EHS

Future Leaders!

These Year 8 students guided our Year 6 visitors through their tour and taster day and did the best job in helping them enjoy their day. We are lucky to have you all



"Scientists think that there are approximately 10^{80} 'things' in the observable Universe [1]. But almost everybody's reaction to seeing a number written down like this is, "surely that's not that big a number? There's got to be more stuff than that?"

Our year 7 students learn what it means to have a power above a number, also called indices. Most of us have an intuition about what it means to multiply something by itself twice, known as 'squaring', but what about raising some number to the power of zero? What does that even mean? These concepts are explored in junior Mathematics and then expanded upon to develop laws of indices whereby a zero power, negative indices and fractional indices can be computed.

In years 9 & 10, EHS students are shown how to write in scientific notation, which is a concise way of talking about very large or small numbers.

So, is 10^{80} really such a big number? Well, supposing we were to double the number of things in the universe, we would be able to quickly write this as 2×10^{80} . Notice that we have not increased the power of ten at all, and yet doubling the number of things in the universe is a pretty big deal, I'm sure we would notice such an event occurring! In Mathematics we learn that powers of ten can quickly become abstract and hard to visualize but are incredibly useful in describing the world around us."



[1] 10^{80} <https://www.newscientist.com/lastword/mg24732961-500-how-much-stuff-is-there-in-the-universe/>

[2] image of spiral galaxy NGC 4565 <https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/astropix.html>

What's Cooking in TAS



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YEAR 10
FOOD TECHNOLOGY
CHIMICHURRI STEAK
& QUINOA



YEAR 10
FOOD TECHNOLOGY
'CHIMICHURRI STEAK & QUINOA'



YEAR 10
FOOD TECHNOLOGY
PASTA CARBONARA 🍅



Year 12 Food Tech



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YEAR 12
FOOD TECHNOLOGY
MAGNIFICENT
MUFFINS



YEAR 12
FOOD TECHNOLOGY
ASSESSMENT
'FOOD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT'



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FOOD TECHNOLOGY
ASSESSMENT
'FOOD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT'



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Mandatory Technology



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Mirrabooka

Term 2 is well underway with some excellent programs continuing. With the weather changing we would like to remind our students and families about our uniform. Our winter uniform at EHS includes grey pants or trousers or plain navy microfibre, not branded, pants, and a navy jumper or jacket. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us in Mirrabooka!



Mirrabooka, as a part of our PDHPE program is including a focus on healthy eating. We are working on nutrition and implementing this with regular exercise, as well as preparing and cooking our own healthy recipes. We strongly encourage the inclusion of fruit and vegetables in our students' lunchboxes and substantial quantities of these to fuel our eager learners throughout the day.



Check out some great examples of the amazing work being done in Mirrabooka including Cross Country, Mandatory Technology, Music, Science and Maths!

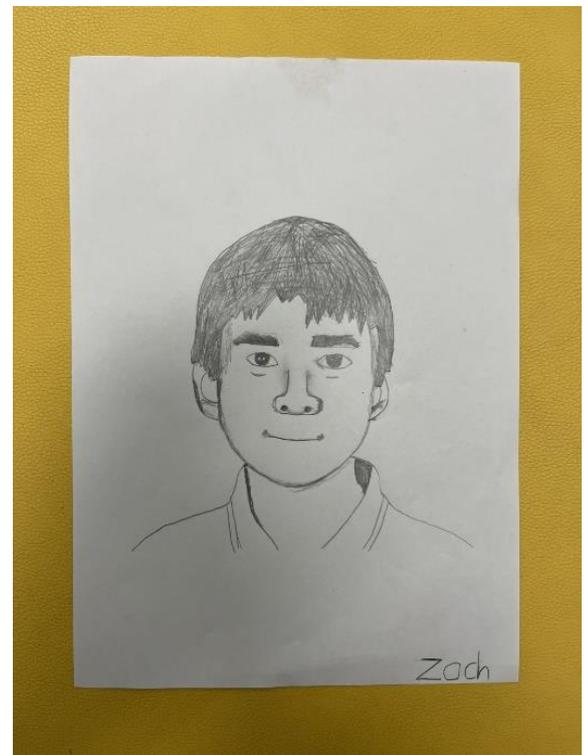


Artist of the Week!

In Mirrabooka, students have been working hard during Art on their portraits inspired by Chuck Close. Zacharia Camara's artwork is featured, and he is our "Artist of the Week".

Our focus in Maths is on financial Maths through budgeting, spending, and problem solving using a range of different resources such as our fun Mathopoly game.

Students are enjoying our awesome resources to apply their knowledge practically.



In other community news, the Mirrabooka faculty will be participating in the Push Up Challenge to support mental health.

The staff will undertake 3139 push ups over 24 days to 'Push for better mental health'.

The money raised by team Mirrabooka will go to Lifeline Central Coast!



Year 6 Primary Fun Day

On Friday the 27th of May, Erina High School held its annual Primary Fun Day for year 6 students from local schools. Students from Woodport, Brisbania, Holgate, Gosford East, and Chertsey Public Schools came to Erina High to participate in taster lessons and became familiar with our learning environment.

They attended engaging lessons across various faculties and met students from other schools. The feedback from the day was excellent and the students had fun. We look forward to having those students enrol at Erina High School in 2023.





Athletics Carnival Results

House Points

1. Henderson 858pts
2. Bean 810pts
3. Kendall 750pts
4. Dunlop 584pts

Age Champions

Males:

- 12 Years: River Stanford
- 13 Years: Kallan Banfield
- 14 Years: Tristan Edmonds
- 15 Years: Blake McDonald
- 16 Years: Luke McHugh
- 17 + Years: Noah Watterson

Females:

- 12 Years: Mikayla Peric
- 13 Years: Millie Durham
- 14 Years: Keira Piggott
- 15 Years: Jayda Durham
- 16 Years: Gemma Batey
- 17 + Years: Baylee LeBreton

New Record:

Girls 12-14 Years Relay

Old: 59.03 1981 Bean

New: 56.70 2022 Henderson

Team: Keira Piggott, Ellie Paine, Lea Naumovski, Malia Latu



2022 Subject Selection Information Evening

Dear Parents and Carers,

Erina High School extends an invitation to all parents, carers and students in both Year 8 and Year 10 to attend our Subject Selection Information Evening. The evening is designed to provide information on subject availability and guide students and their families in appropriate subject selection for 2023.

Thursday, June 9th 2022 - Erina High School MPC

YEAR 8 Students & Parents 5:00pm – 6:15pm
YEAR 10 Students & Parents 6:30pm – 8:00pm

In an effort to make subject selection clearer and easier to understand, your son/daughter will be provided with the Subject Selection Booklet for their relevant year group in advance. We strongly encourage you to go through this booklet with your child. The booklet can also be accessed through the Sentral Student and Parent Portal and the Erina High School website.

During the school day of Thursday June 9th, students will be given the opportunity to listen to information on all courses being offered for 2023. This will be facilitated by faculty representatives who will detail course descriptions and offer advice on all subjects offered within the faculty. The aim of this day session is to raise awareness of options and generate potential interest for students. Parents/carers and students are encouraged to attend the Subject Selection Evening armed with any questions that will be answered by faculty representatives and provide individual advice based on our students aims and aspirations.

Students will make course selections online and provide a printed copy of their choices signed by a parent/carer to the relevant Deputy Principal. Year 8 students to Mr Joyce and Year 10 to Mr Ward by the June 30th (Thursday Week 10, Term 2).

In Term 3, our Year 10 students will be interviewed regarding the subjects they have chosen by the Careers and Transition Team. This is to ensure selections have been made based on aptitude and student goals.

We look forward to supporting your child through their subject selection process.

Kind Regards

Mr P Broadbent
Principal

Mr G Ward
Rel Deputy Principal Y10-12

Mr B Joyce
Deputy Principal Y7-9



Dates for the Calendar



Date	Upcoming Events
3 Jun	National Reconciliation Week Assembly
7 Jun	Girl's U 15's Basketball
8 Jun	ANSTO
8 Jun	9/10 Premier's Debating Challenge Rd 2
9 Jun	Yr 8 into 9 subject selection evening 5pm
9 Jun	Yr 10 into 11 subject selection evening 6.30pm
10 Jun	Plain English Speaking Award Semi Final
10 Jun	Yr 9 & 10 High Potential Student Day 2
15 Jun	16's Boys Rugby League
16 Jun	Sydney North Cross Country
16 Jun	Girl's Rugby League
17 Jun	Mirrabooka Multi-Sports day
17 Jun	Zone Sports Meeting 2pm
20 Jun	Yr 9 & 10 High Potential STEM Challenge Day
22 Jun	Biology Disease Museum Excursion
22 Jun	Whale Watching Excursion
23 Jun	Senior Parent Teacher Evening 5pm
24 Jun	Aim Up Review & Reset Day
24 Jun	Othello Performance



Free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers

All workshops 6-8pm
Tuggerah Library - Thursday 9 June
Erina Library - Thursday 16 June

The two-hour session will offer practical advice about:

- current driving rules and requirements for L and P platers
- how learners benefit from supervised on-road driving
- how you can help make learning to drive a safe and positive experience.

Find out more at:

centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/learnerdriverworkshop or
roadsafety@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



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