

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ERINA HIGH SCHOOL ISSUE 6 | 1 JULY 2022



### Upcoming Events

1 Jul Praise & Reward Ice skating **1 Jul** Last day of term 2 **19 Jul** First day of term 3

28 Jul Junior Parent Teacher evening

### **Principals Message**

As the term draws to a close, I would like to sincerely thank the entire school community for their continued support and effort to improving student outcomes at Erina High School.

My first term as Principal of Erina High School has been wonderful, and I have been impressed by the commitment of staff and the willingness of students to work collaboratively with each other and with staff to maximise their learning opportunities.

Term Two has been a very tough term with staff shortages and the school's ability to replace unwell teachers with casuals has been extremely challenging. I wish to acknowledge Ms Claire Walsh, (relieving Head Teacher Administration) for her amazing effort and skill in keeping the school functioning at the level it has been.

I would also like to acknowledge every teacher and non-teaching staff member who has stepped in and assisted during these very challenging times.

The number of staff who have taught additional lessons, supervised activities with very little notice, covered a staff member who was unexpectedly unwell has been significant and is a reflection of the dedication and care staff have for Erina High School.



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I continue to be amazed by the breadth of activities students have the opportunity to participate in at High School. Reflecting on the wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities available for students of Erina High, I know we are delivering, not only a broad range of quality learning opportunities but also supporting students in sport, the leadership. culture. arts. career development and in wellbeing.

Congratulations to all students for your participation, the role-modelling you provide for others and the outstanding way you have represented Erina High School in undertaking these pursuits. Extra-curricular activities would not be possible without teachers volunteering numerous hours above their regular teaching responsibilities and I know students and parents greatly appreciate "the extra" teachers do on a daily basis.

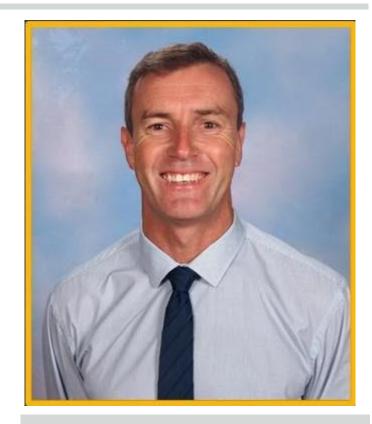
It was wonderful to see parents of our Senior students at school on Thursday 23 June for our Senior Parent Teacher Evening. Meaningful learning conversations with teachers is a fantastic way to support your child's educational journey. Thank you to parents for making the effort to attend and engage in this process.

To conclude, I would like to wish the entire school community all the best for the upcoming July school holidays and wish everyone a safe and restful break. School commences in term Three with Staff Development Day on Monday 18 July, with all students returning Tuesday 19 July.

Sincerely

Paul Broadbent

Principal





# Reminders

Can we please remind Senior students to utilise the parking spaces in the Erina High School carpark to help free up parking on Ernest Street. Spaces are limited for parents picking up children.

Can students please take care when crossing the road from Ernest Street to the service station to catch buses. Please cross in a safe and timely manner and be alert at all times This will help keep our students safe.



## Latest news from our school community

### 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 <u>reason</u> for the request, the <u>time</u> 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 <u>outside</u> of school hours. Your support of this process is appreciated.

### Uniforms

When students wear a school uniform, they feel included in our school community.

- Students, teachers, parents and carers, as well as members of our local community helped develop our school uniform to make sure it:
- meets the requirements of occupational health and safety, antidiscrimination and equal opportunity legislation
- includes items that are affordable, comfortable and made from easycare and easy-wear fabrics
- is appropriate for the full range of school activities
- is suitable for all body shapes.



### Lateness to school

Latecomers must have some kind of notification from parents or guardians, explaining the lateness. This can be a note, a phone call, an email or in person. They are to report to the Front Office for registration of lateness and a late note.



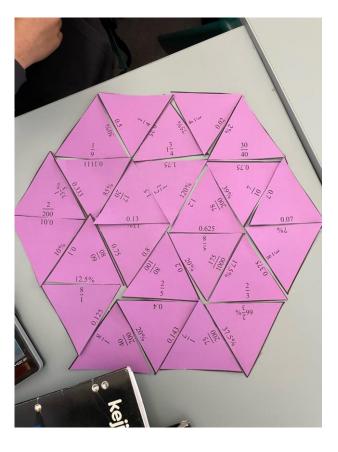


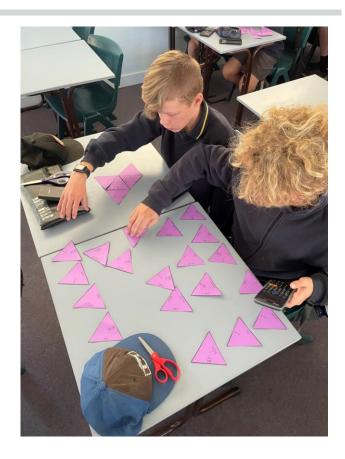
### Maths News

Year 7 have been looking at how fractions, decimals and percentages relate to each other this term. Here 7R are trying to fit together a 'Tarsia' puzzle where they match up the equivalent quantities to make one big hexagon.

They found it very challenging and were competitive to be the first team to win!

Congratulations to Leo & Diesel who were the first to complete the puzzle, pictured here.







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**HSIE Update** 

This semester, Years 7-10 HSIE students have been busy studying Geography, with Year 10 exploring environmental change and management.

Next semester all junior HSIE students will commence their studies in History.

Year 9 Commerce is currently exploring the Employment and Work Futures unit of work and preparing for a topic test in Week 2 of Term 3.

Year 10 Commerce have recently finished looking at Law, Society and Political involvement and have examined aspects of both civil and criminal cases. Their knowledge of this unit has been assessed through an in-class test.

The Year 11 Mock Trial Team is to be congratulated for their victory over Lake Munmorah this term. They will now set their sights on the next Round, where they will face Saint Edwards College. We wish them every success!

Year 12 HSIE students will soon be invited to take part in HSIE extended response writing and summary note seminars, to help prepare them for next term's Trial HSC Examinations.

HSIE HSC Examinations require the ability to produce high quality, detailed extended responses. This is a skill that takes time and effort to develop.

All HSC HSIE students are encouraged to take part in the upcoming seminars. More information will be provided shortly.





**Tuesday Sport** 

### Tuesday Sport (Year 9 & 10)

Sport permission notes for term 3 were handed out to students in Years 9 and 10 on Wednesday at a special sport assembly. Students are being offered ten options to choose from in term 3 and their participation in these elective activities satisfies a compulsory element of achieving their ROSA at the end of Year 10 studies. It is appreciated if payment, where applicable, can be made prior to the school holidays and notes returned to the front office as this assists with the coordination of hiring venue facilities. However, payment and notes will be accepted during week 1 of term 3.

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, the first day back for students in term 3, students will participate in their current sport arrangements. Term 3 sport selections will then begin on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July where the available options are; Pulse Rock Climbing, F45 Gym Erina, Gosford Ten Pin Bowling, Flip Out Trampolining, Erina Fair Ice Skating, Impact Gym, Black Belt MMA Kick Boxing, Yoga/Pilates, Archery and On-Site School Sport.

Students have been reminded of the necessity to be in full Erina High School sport uniform each Tuesday. Sport uniform is composed of the EHS gold sport shirt, plain black pants (no large logos) and if required, a plain, navy blue jumper. If full uniform is not possible, students are requested to bring a signed and dated note from home to the PDHPE staff room during Break 1. Text messages and emails from parents will not be accepted for uniform issues as we strive to develop citizens with strong organisational skills and the responsibility for ensuring they have a note falls upon the student.

It is also requested that, where possible, medical appointments are made outside of school hours. However, should circumstances dictate that a student requires a pass out from school on a Tuesday, they will be required to bring a signed and dated note to the PDHPE staff room during Break 1. For 'last minute' pass outs, please phone the school and ask to speak to Mr Whitmore or Mr Keyes.

We greatly value the opportunities that school sport offers our student body. While participating in sport, students develop physical skills, fitness and coordination, enhance their social and teamwork skills and engage in activities that are beneficial for strengthening mental health. I would like to thank all of our community partners, listed above, for their support of Erina High School's sport programme and catering for our student's interests and needs.



# School Sport Wrap Up



Morgan from Year 12 has been making waves in the touch and tag world.

Morgan has been recently selected in the U18 Australian Oz tag Team, The U18 Australian Touch Squad, The U20 NSW State of Origin Touch team and the Sydney North Opens Touch team.

She has been very busy!!!!!

We super proud of your are amazing achievements. Well done.

Ebony Nash from Year 10 has recently been selected in the Australian Cadet Water polo team.

This is an outstanding achievement from this lovely young lady.

Ebony will travel to Greece in August to take part in an international tournament, The FINA World Championships.

We are so proud of you Ebony!!





Congratulations to the 16's Boys Rugby League Team who recently competed in the City Cup for public and private schools at Erina Oval. The boys started the day extremely strongly with a massive 40 - 0 win over Gosford High. Connor Gauslin off the back fence proving too much for Gosford to handle.

Round 2 saw the boys defeat North Lakes 32 - 0 continuing their dominance. Jaiden Perse scoring a number of tries backed up by some strong defence by Harry Adnan-Berry and Luke Beamsley.

The final pool game was to decide who went into the semi-finals was against Brisbane Water. The boys started strongly with a gritty try by Zac Stokes. Unfortunately, the boys let the ball bounce off the next kick off and never really regained enough possession in the short games. Final Score 4 - 12. The guys were very unlucky to not make the semi-finals with a for and against of +64 from three games.

Player of the day goes to Jaiden Perse and Coaches award Harry Adnan-Berry. All players represented EHS with pride and we are very proud of their efforts.





**Sport Continued** 

Sydney North Hockey Semi-Finals- Erina High School Vs Wadalba Community College

It was a quick start to the game this time and Wadalba found Erina too slow off the mark getting a goal in the first 5 minutes of play.

The Erina Boys did not like the initial setback and set in for their task, getting stronger on the ball and beginning to move around the field more. Lewis Gifford-Cock was the first for Erina to drive a goal in from the top of the circle. There was some banter between the Gifford-Cock brothers but making them all step up to the plate, Cooper was the next to put the ball in to the net to make it 2 - 1 to Erina. Lewis scored another to bring us up to 3-1 but Wadalba soon converted and brought it to 3-2.

In the 4th and final quarter a scramble in the circle saw Beau Lawson too strong for the opposition and putting the ball in the net. In the last 5 minutes Wadalba scored another to bring it to 4-3. It was getting too close to handle so Erina toughened up and used great passing from Lachlan Sellars from halfway, to Ben Briggs up the field who moved it on to Beau Lawson who slapped the ball flying into the goals in a terrific goal to seal the deal for Erina 5 - 3.

Erina now moves to the FINAL of the Sydney North Competition.





### English

This term we have been learning about play texts in all Junior English classes. Students have had the opportunity to utilise the Drama Room for exploration of their play texts through role play and performance. Students have been working on their vocal skills and imagination in their lessons to enrich their skills in other areas.

Year 7 have also been using the NEXUS technologies this term. They have had experience in creating video advertisements based on That Sugar Film study. They are currently recording their very own Podcast where they are interviewing characters from the play. The Year 9 Debating Team have showcased their teamwork and critical thinking skills, taking a win against Woy Woy and a close loss against Gosford. They will verse Gosford again soon. Best of luck to this team!



#### Drama

Our Stage 5 Drama classes have been working on their Physical Theatre class productions. Year 9 Drama have been utilising all their individual talents to create a performance based on the Ghostbusters.

It has been a pleasure to watch them work as a group to create a polished piece that will be ready for performance in week 3 next term.





Semester 1 Academic Reports are live on the portal.



# Whale Watching Fun

Year 9 Marine Studies had the opportunity to go and observe whales in their natural environment.





We headed out to Terrigal beach to meet with Terrigal Ocean Tours where we first got a raft over to the boat. We were very lucky to see several whales. The highlight was a male teenage whale that put on a show for us, breaching multiple times. We were also lucky enough to see a pod of dolphins that came to play with the whale. Definitely an experience the students will not forget.



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# **EHS** Human Disease Museum



To give some hands-on, eye-opening experience to support their studies of infectious and non-infectious disease, Year 12 Biology students attended the Disease Museum at The University of NSW. The museum contains over 2,500 disease human tissue specimens. The collection demonstrates hundreds of diseases and their complications including HIV/AIDs, cancer, strokes, heart attacks, diabetes, genetic diseases and the effects of drugs. Out of respect for the people who have donated their tissues and organs for study and furthering our understanding, no photos were taken inside the museum.

The students were engaged in learning activities that were highly pertinent to the Biology syllabus they are currently studying and they walked away with improved key skills. It was a long day for the students travelling to Sydney and back, however, their behaviour and conduct was highly commendable and they represented Erina High School with integrity.





**EHS** Mirrabooka Update

Semester One, 2022 has seen some wonderful programs and progress for all students. We wish all students and families a happy and safe break and look forward to another positive semester!

#### Lola

It is with sadness that we inform our community that Lola, due to medical reasons, will be retiring. Although short, she has thoroughly enjoyed her time working at Erina High School and will miss everyone. She has slowly transitioned into retired life, however, EHS is where her passion remains. Thank you to everyone who assisted her and cared for her.

Good luck in the future Lola!





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#### **MULTI SPORTS DAY**

Last Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> of June, our students from Mirrabooka participated in the Multi-Sports Day at Niagara Park Stadium. There were a variety of sports on offer including Wheelchair NRL, Basketball, Tennis, Touch Football and Cricket. Our students did a fantastic job at representing Erina High School and had a ball! We had some standout students who participated to the best of their ability and gave everything a go - well done to Arnav Arora, Zachariah Camara, Paige Norton, Eric Van der Walt and Lachlan McElhinney, our sportspeople of the day!





#### **Visual Art**

In Mirrabooka, students have been working hard during Art on their portraits inspired by Chuck Close. They have been practicing the 'grid method' and shading skills. Blake Taylor's artwork is featured, and he is our next "Artist of the Week".





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Young people below the age of 17 who have completed Year 10 must be:

•in school, or registered for home schooling

•in approved education or training, such as a traineeship, apprenticeship or TAFE

•in full-time paid employment (average 25 hours a week)

•in a combination of work, education and/or training (average of 25 hours a week combined).

Students 17 years and over who are enrolled in school must attend school regularly to meet HSC course requirements.

As a parent or carer, you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day when they are of compulsory school age.

You must explain all absences to the school within 7 days.



### Important Information: Sentral for Parents App



From Thursday 23rd June 2022, versions 3 and 4 of the Sontral for Parents App will no longer be supported. If you are on one of these versions, you need to update your app to continue accessing information and receiving notifications.

#### How do I check what version I am?

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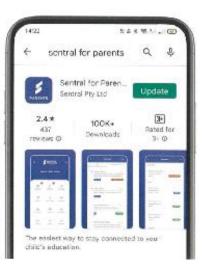
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# **Fun School Holiday Ideas**









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# Expectations 4 Learning

- Be on time, line up and be prepared to learn.
- Enter the classroom, get equipment organised and bags in the Bag Zone
- Phones and earphones in your bag during class.
- Remove hats when entering the classroom.
- Eating is for Break 1 and 2.
- Demonstrate good manners and respect yourself and others.

- Listen actively, follow teachers instructions and engage in learning.
- Respect the learning of others.
- Complete work to your personal best and have it neatly organised.
- Work independently and collaboratively as directed by your teacher.
- Take pride in your presentation, your classroom and the school.
- Encourage others, be curious, positive, and celebrate achievements.



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