

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
ERINA HIGH
SCHOOL



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Upcoming Events

20 February
School Swimming
Carnival

22 February
Stage 6
Curriculum
Evening

1 March
Stage 4 and 5
Curriculum
Evening

9 March
School Photo Day

15 March
Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN
commences

Principals Message

Welcome back to all Erina High School families. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday break and spent time relaxing with family and friends. 2023 has begun with students returning to school happy, relaxed and refreshed. Students are wearing school uniform well and have started the school year with focus and enthusiasm.

I would like to give a special welcome to our new Year 7 students and first-time high school families. School has been up and running for approximately three weeks and there is a very strong positive energy in the school. I am very excited about the year ahead and have every confidence that 2023 will be a great year of learning.

School Contact

Please remember the school is always available for parents and carers if they have questions or concerns. Open channels of communication are very important, and students and parents need to know they will be listened to and have any questions or concerns addressed in a timely manner. To ensure your query is managed appropriately please use the following as a guide. If your question or concern is class based, please direct your query to your child's class teacher.

If you have a wellbeing issue or question, or a query where you are not sure who to direct it to, please contact your child's Year Adviser as first point of call. For anything more significant, please direct your query to the relevant Deputy Principal. Mr Ben Joyce (Years 7, 8 & 9) or Mr Glenn Mallon (Years 10, 11 or 12). I will also make myself available for any parent to discuss any matter relating to their child's education.



Early Notice – Term 2 Staff Development Day (change of date)

Every school in NSW has a gazetted Staff Development Day (SDD) on the first day of Term 2 and Term 3 each year. This is a day where students do not attend school and staff undertake a range of professional learning activities targeted at Department of Education Priorities and the needs of students.

In 2023, all NSW schools are required to focus their Term 2 SDD activities on Aboriginal Education.

As a result, schools have been given the opportunity to move their SDD to another day to allow them to access personnel and resources to support the delivery of high quality Aboriginal professional learning.

Erina High has chosen to move the Term 2 Staff Development Day scheduled for Monday April 24 to Friday April 28. This means school will resume Monday April 24 with all students attending school. On Friday April 24, students will remain at home.

There will not be any scheduled lessons and teachers will undertake professional learning activities on this day.

School upgrade

In some exciting news, the school will be receiving a range of small upgrades and improvements during the next few months. The Department has allocated almost \$400,000 for classroom improvements. Works include new carpet and painting of A Block classrooms, some re-roofing to address roof leaks, repair and replacement of covered walkways and a refresh of both the senior and junior toilets.

The school is also upgrading the senior study area by concreting underneath the existing COLA and investigating improvements to the MPC and Admin buildings.



IMPORTANT

Until further notice, bell times on a Tuesday will remain at 2.35pm, until the issue with the buses is resolved.

Term 1 School Events

We will be hosting a number of important events in Term 1. The most significant of these are our two Parent Teacher Evenings which will take place in Weeks 8 & 9. We want early learning conversations to take place and believe shifting Parent Teacher Evenings to Term 1 fosters a stronger parent school relationship.

Year 11 & 12 Curriculum evening. Week 5 Wednesday February 22 MPC 5-7pm

Years 7-10 Curriculum evening. Week 6 Wednesday March 1 MPC 5-7pm

Year 10, 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Evening Week 8 Wednesday March 15 MPC 5-8pm

Year 7, 8 & 9 Parent Teacher Evening Week 8 Wednesday March 22 MPC 5-8pm



Our Year 12 class of 2022 performed well in the HSC Examination. Students obtained five Band 6 results and fifty Band 5 results with many students exceeding their expectations.

Our top performing student was Lilly Brodie who achieved an ATAR of 92.6. This placed Lilly in the top 10% of all students who sat the HSC in 2022. This is an amazing result, and the school is very proud of Lilly's achievement. Our top performing students were:

Top ATARS



Lilly Brodie **ATAR 92.6**

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|--------|
| Modern History | 92 | Band 6 |
| Earth and Environment | 92 | Band 6 |
| Biology | 82 | Band 5 |
| English Advanced | 88 | Band 5 |
| Visual Arts | 87 | Band 5 |



Baylee LeBreton **ATAR 84**

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|------------------|----|--------|
| Ancient History | 92 | Band 6 |
| English Advanced | 83 | Band 5 |
| Maths Standard 2 | 81 | Band 5 |
| PDHPE | 84 | Band 5 |
| Biology | 75 | Band 4 |



Nathan Matthews **ATAR 84**

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|------------------|----|--------|
| Ancient History | 87 | Band 5 |
| Physics | 82 | Band 5 |
| Maths Standard 2 | 89 | Band 5 |
| Modern History | 81 | Band 5 |
| English Standard | 77 | Band 4 |



Sammi-Lee Edwards **ATAR 81**

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|-------------------|----|--------|
| Business Studies | 87 | Band 5 |
| English Standard | 81 | Band 5 |
| Maths Standard 2 | 81 | Band 5 |
| Hospitality | 89 | Band 5 |
| Society & Culture | 79 | Band 4 |

Band 6 Students

Lilly Brodie

Ancient History – 92%

Earth & Environment Science – 92%

Baylee LeBreton

Ancient History – 92%

Maddox Burnett

Mathematics Standard 2 – 91%

Sophie Steele

Music – 91%

High Expectation Culture

We have begun the school year with a strong focus on building a 'High Expectation Culture' within the school. Our four high expectation priority areas are: Learning, Behaviour, Attendance and Uniform. We have started communicating regularly to students, encouraging them to strive to meet these high expectations every day. I would encourage parents to talk to their children about our high expectations and reinforce the messages communicated at school.

Our '**Learning High Expectation**' encourages students to strive for excellence and give maximum effort (personal best) in all learning situations. Students are also expected to take risks in learning and step outside their current comfort zone. When students do this, their growth in learning is maximised.

Our '**Behaviour High Expectation**' encourages students to take responsibility for their actions, always show respect and behave in a safe and supportive way. If students do this every day, we will have a highly productive school with minimal disruptions to learning. Students will feel safe and happy at school which supports their opportunity to thrive.

Our '**Attendance High Expectation**' reinforces the message that attendance matters. We expect students to be at school every day unless they are unwell or have a valid reason for non-attendance. Our minimum attendance expectation is 90% with gold standard attendance being 97% or above. There is a very clear link between attendance and achievement, and it is almost impossible for students to reach their potential in learning if they are not at this high expectation standard.

Our '**Uniform High Expectation**' is full uniform every day. If students cannot be in uniform a note explaining the reason why and for how long is the expectation. I believe the wearing of school uniform well has numerous direct and indirect benefits. Wearing uniform demonstrates respect for the school and assists in building a positive reputation for students who attend Erina High in the community.

We have also been revisiting our core values and encouraging students to use the core values to guide their thinking, decision making and actions.

At our first school assembly I spoke about the core value of 'Care' and encouraged students to care ABOUT: their learning, the environment, themselves and show care TOWARDS: others through acts of kindness.

I encourage parents to speak with their children about their understanding and application of the core values at school.

New staff in 2023

We have had several new staff begin at Erina High School in 2023.

New teachers joining a school is always exciting. They bring new ideas, new skills and new perspectives.

Mathematics: Mr Jae Highlands
Science: Miss Maddison Johnson & Mr Stephen Drummond
HISE: Mr Tom Model
Japanese/Maths: Mr Alex Wilks
Music: Mr Scott Deakes
Mirrabooka: Mr Paul Farrah
TAS: Mr Barry Taylor



Latest news from our school community

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

Reminders

Lateness to school

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

Attendance

In the event of an absence, if you have not phoned or emailed an explanation prior to 9.00am, one nominated parent will receive an SMS message letting them know of the child's non-attendance at school. There is an option to reply to this SMS with an explanation for the absence.

Leaving the grounds early

Students with a legitimate reason for leaving the school early, or leaving for an interval of time are asked to present a note to the office between 8.00am and 8.45am on the day, or if unable to, send an email to erina-h.school@det.nsw.com.au. The request is to be written, dated and signed by a parent or guardian, must show the reason for the departure, the time and transport arrangements. The students name and year must be printed on the letter.

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

Sport News

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SPORT

It has been fantastic to see so many students from Years 9 and 10 participating with enthusiasm during Tuesday afternoon sport at Erina High School, and our partner venues in the local community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and families who have embraced our new online sport-selection process and been patient with us through some minor hiccups. Previously, it would have been unfathomable that within 72 hours of school returning for the year, we would have approximately 280 students enrolled in a selected sport and appropriately invoiced. This process will hopefully run even smoother each time we perform it.

Across Years 9 and 10 we have students participating in School Sport, Ice Skating, Ten Pin Bowling, Impact Gym, Anytime Fitness, Fernwood Gym, Beach Walking, Swimming/Surfing and Surf Survival.

I would like to specifically highlight the Surf Survival programme. For students to participate in Swimming/Surfing at the beach, they must first complete their Surf Survival certificate, should they not already hold a Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate attained through their local surf life saving club. Under the guidance of Mr Keyes and Mrs Scully, students learn about how to identify unsafe surf conditions, basic First Aid and resuscitation techniques and how to perform water rescues, including board rescues. This involves both theory and practical components, as to allow students to gain experience in simulated rescue environments. These skills enhance our students' value as citizens in the local community and equip them with critical life-saving knowledge.

Students and parents are also reminded of the requirements for uniform each Tuesday. Students should be wearing their gold Erina HS sport shirt and plain black pants to school for the duration of the day. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds for sport if they are not in correct uniform, exceptions are made for students entering the water at the beach and those with a signed and dated explanatory note from home. We appreciate families assistance with ensuring that Erina HS maintains a strong and proud image while out in the community.

If you have any questions regarding Tuesday afternoon sport for Year 9 and 10 students, please do not hesitate in contacting the school or emailing warwick.whitmore@det.nsw.edu.au

Mr Whitmore
PDHPE Dept



Sport News

OPEN BOYS CRICKET TEAM

The Erina HS boys cricket team played against Terrigal HS on Thursday 16 February in Round 2 of the NSW CHS Alan Davidson Shield.

Erina HS batted first in the match and openers Harry Levi and Kane Dwyer made a solid start to the innings before Levi was caught out in the sixth over with Erina's score on 26. Lewis Gifford-Cock then came to the crease and from this point on, he and Dwyer took total control.

The pair batted for the remainder of the 29 overs in the innings and put on a 181-run stand. Dwyer finished with a score of 68* and Gifford-Cock scored his second century in as many years for the school, finishing on 104* which included 11 fours and 2 sixes.

Erina's total of 207 was always going to be difficult for Terrigal to chase down, and on a picturesque day at MacKillop Oval Kincumber the Erina bowlers went about their work, Ben Briggs, Morgan Campbell, Kynan Brian and Harry Levi all took wickets. However, the standout was debutant Bowen Knippler who claimed figures of 4/9 from his five overs – an excellent effort from the youngster. The match concluded when Terrigal's tenth wicket fell in spectacular fashion. Running to his right across the deep-mid-wicket boundary, Zac Stokes leapt up high and took what can only be described as “one of the all-time speccies”, a marvellous catch.

Erina dismissed the Terrigal side for 71 runs for a dominant 136 run victory. The performance was even more impressive for the fact that in an Open Age competition, Erina fielded several Year 7 and 8 students who are just beginning their cricketing journey in the school's green and gold. Furthermore, the entire Erina Learning Community can be proud of the sportsmanship, camaraderie and integrity with which our students played the match.



Year 7 Science

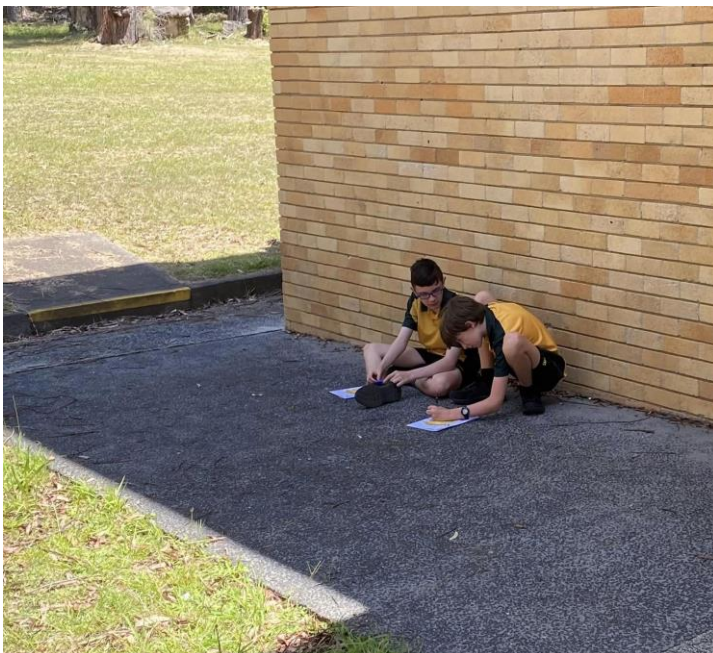
Some of our Year 7 students got to use Bunsen Burners in Science recently. It has been a great start to the school year for all Year 7 students!



Masterclass News



Year 7 and 8 took part in our newly designed Masterclasses. Students are solving real world problems focusing on a school wide design process and future focused skills.



English News

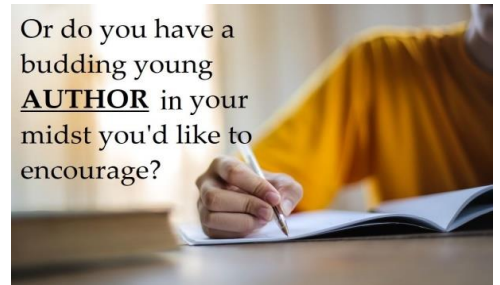
The English and Drama department is extremely proud of the wonderful work already completed by our EHS students thus far. We are excited about teaching and learning in 2023 and look forward to the insightful discussions and varied perspectives on texts that our students offer.

There are a few new focuses in English as we are always looking at ways to improve our teaching strategies and enhance the learning of our students.

Writing Competition



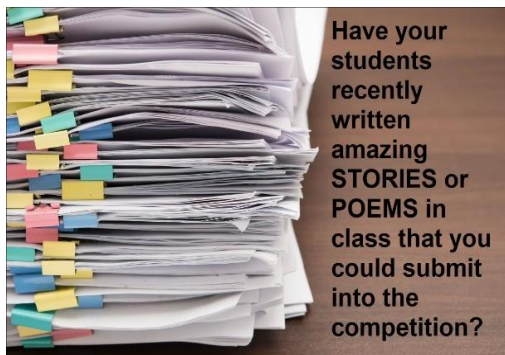
Or do you have a budding young **AUTHOR** in your midst you'd like to encourage?



The 2023 'Cool Writings' Schools Writing Competition is NOW OPEN!

School students across Australia are invited to get creative and battle it out for the great cash and prizes on offer. Including a \$1000 CASH first prize with \$500 awarded to **their school** and \$500 to the **winning student**.

ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY 26 MARCH



Have your students recently written amazing **STORIES** or **POEMS** in class that you could submit into the competition?



Looking for a fun homework task to set?



Searching for a **creative emotional outlet** for your youngster?

Or maybe a **boredom buster**?

Write4fun encourages students to read and write through these FUN competitions that are EASY to enter. We have over 25 years of supporting these writing competitions throughout the schools in Australia and we'd love your school/kids to be involved.

The competition is designed to encourage creativity with literacy and many schools and libraries use it as a "project" to inspire students to write. We hope you will too!

Mirrabooka News



It is with great enthusiasm that the Mirrabooka team welcome all our students and families to Term 1 2023.

We hope all our students and families had a restful and joyous break and are just as thrilled as us to be back to school for another amazing year.

We have another exciting year head of us and want to remind families to keep an eye on their emails and the Mirrabooka mobile for permission notes and other important information. Staff and students are well and truly in the swing of things and our community access program is just around the corner so watch this space!

With the new year well underway we wish to remind families to ensure they have all the equipment for learning including books etc. If you have any questions, please contact one of the staff. Finally, regarding uniform students are welcome to leave their PE uniforms with us at Mirrabooka to ensure they always have it for practical lessons. See link below for the uniform information chart for your reference and clarification.

<https://erina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/doe/sws/schools/e/erina-h/www/about-our-school/what-we-offer/school-uniform.html>

Mirrabooka News





SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Erina High School

Day of Photography

9/3/2023

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:
WC3 G3E PH1
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or Latitude Pay
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact **advancedlife** directly:
www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists



school photographs are coming up soon



Please note: Traditional, Composite or High-Resolution Virtual Group format is chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:
WC3 G3E PH1
in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography.
Please note this delivery timeframe is dependant on proofing and additional photography days at your school.

cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

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school photography & print specialists



Reminder

Year 7 – Great Aussie Bush Camp – Lake Macquarie

Year 7 camp consent forms and payment link are now available online via Sentral's parents and carers email accounts. Please complete the note and make a payment to secure a spot



We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 7 March 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any online or EFTPOS payments.

What this means for you

No payments can be made online or via EFTPOS from 4pm, Wednesday 1 March 2023

We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date

Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system

After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)

All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)

Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions

Download a receipt for payments made

View all historical payments in one place

Complete and submit digital permission notes

View the status of all permission notes

Request a refund if required

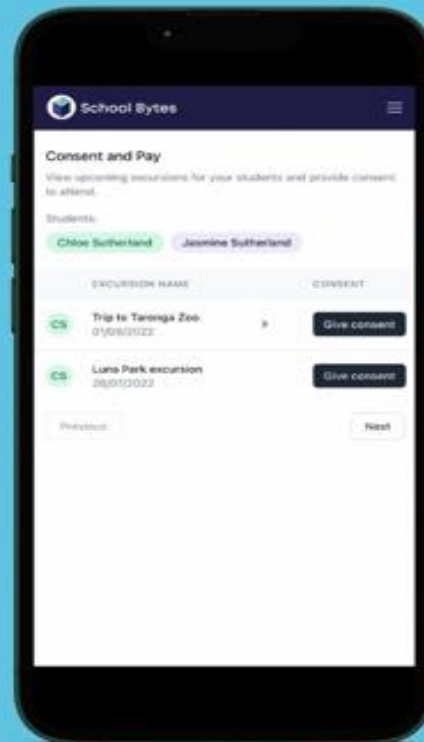
This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 1



School Bytes

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



SHARKIES

2023

REGISTRATIONS OPEN DEC 1ST

- MINI \$120
- INTERNATIONAL & MODS \$170
- FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
- GIRLS PLAYING BOTH GLT & TACKLE, SECOND REGO IS ONLY ADDITIONAL \$30




NEW 2023 POLO SHIRT FREE WITH REGO



Contact- registrar.twjrl@gmail




BE A DEVIL PLAY RUGBY FOR GOSFORD



**Calling all Junior Rugby players .
We are looking for U'11 and U'13 players
to come and join the Gosford Rugby
Club.**

**Registration is open now !
Come and be a Devil in 2023**


For more information, visit
www.gosfordrugby.com.au/



COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT PLAYING JUNIOR RUGBY FOR THE GOSFORD DEVILS IS ALL ABOUT .

MEET OUR JUNIOR COACHES , JOIN IN ON SOME FUN RUGBY DRILLS AND ENJOY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE .
WE WILL BE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE REGARDING OUR UPCOMING SEASON.
EVERYONE WELCOME, NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

**THURSDAY 23RD
FEBRUARY.
GOSFORD
SHOWGROUND
5.30PM**



Until further notice, bell times on a Tuesday will remain at 2.35pm, until the issue with the buses is resolved.



A caring Community committed to excellence



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Tjudibaring AECG – Central Coast



We would like to invite our local families and community to our first 2023 Local Aboriginal Education and Consultative Group (AECG) gathering:

When: Wednesday 22 February 2023

4:30pm Aboriginal families and community – yarn and food

5:00pm General meeting

Kincumber High School Common room

(enter via Kincumber St and through bus gate)



We looking forward to seeing everyone.
Enquiries & RSVP to Tjudibaring.aecg@outlook.com

Woodport Netball club is looking for players, the registration link is below if you can't make the Registration evening. We would love to see some new netballers join, start a team with your friends for some fun and be part of our amazing club. We are holding a Registration afternoon Wednesday 1st February 2023 or please click on the link below to register.

Should you have any questions please email us and we will call or email you as per your request.

Winter comp age 10 through to seniors
<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/70841a>

**Woodport
Netball Club
needs you!**

**Come and join us for the
2023 season | 29 April – 16 Sept**

- Registration at Erina Leagues Club, February 1, 5pm – 7pm or visit our website www.woodportnetball.com
- Register online from **January 1 to February 10, 2023**
- All training and games are held each week at **Adcock Park**
- **Active Kids Rebate** available

If you would like further information please email the club
Contact: Mel Fowler, Registrar | E: wpnc.registrar@gmail.com

Woodport Netball Club

Register online in the month of January or at the ELC on 1 February to be in the draw for SYDNEY SWIFT tickets

Until further notice, bell times on a Tuesday will remain at 2.35pm, until the issue with the buses is resolved.

Find out more

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