

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
ERINA HIGH
SCHOOL



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Upcoming Events

15 March

Years 10,11 & 12
Parent Teacher
Evening

**16 March –
27 March**

NAPLAN Years 7
& 9

22 March

Years 7,8 & 9
Parent Teacher
Evening

3 April

School Athletics
Carnival

28 April

Staff Development Day.
No students on site.

Principals Message

As we pass the midway point of Term 1, I must congratulate students for their continued focus and commitment to learning.

The majority of our students have maintained a very positive approach to learning and have been engaging in their lessons deeply and making sound progress. Sustained effort and strong engagement in class is the key to progress.

I would also like to thank teachers for their leadership and ongoing tireless work in ensuring students are challenged in their learning in a highly supportive environment.

Term 1 is always a very busy and productive term. Students have already had opportunities to participate in a wide range of academic, sporting, and creative and performing art events.

We have also hosted a number of successful curriculum evenings and conducted our Open Night for our Year 7 2024 students.

We are currently preparing students in Year 7 and 9 for NAPLAN exams and looking forward to meeting parents and engaging in learning conversations with families at our two Parent Teacher Evenings.



Parent-Teacher Nights

Parent-Teacher Nights are occurring over the next two Wednesdays. We have the Y10, 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Night taking place Wednesday March 15 and the Y7, 8 & 9 Parent Teacher Night occurring Wednesday March 22. We have moved these forward this year to allow parents opportunities to get to know your child's teachers early and have learning conversations prior to the release of school reports. I feel the best way to help our students maximise their learning outcomes is to have conversations to reinforce the positive aspects of their learning and discuss ways we can work together to support and make improvements in areas of need.

Winter Uniform – high expectations

We have had great support from the majority of our students and families with regard to our higher expectations of students wearing full school uniform every day. I thank these students for this. Typically, the wearing of non-school uniform rises in cooler months as students start to wear winter uniform.

Can I please ask all parents and carers to continue to support our uniform high expectations by ensuring your child has the correct trackpants and school jumper. Our trackpant colour is navy blue for juniors and black for seniors, however black is allowed on sport day. (Grey trackpants are not school uniform) Trackpants should be school branded, available at Lowes or be plain. Trackpants with brand logos are not allowed. This is the same with jumpers or jackets. Juniors wear navy blue and seniors wear black. Again, school logo uniform jumpers are available at Lowes but plain jumpers of the correct colour (no brand logo) are also acceptable. The school has purchased jumpers and is available to support any student or family who needs support with school uniform when necessary.

Please contact the school if you need assistance with school uniform.

High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE)

I am thrilled to be able to communicate to you we have planned a range of HPGE opportunities for Erina students this year. Maddison Johnson, one of our new Science teachers, has taken ownership of our HPGE program and has been working very closely with Mr Joyce to create a scope and sequence of activities for our HPGE students. A range of workshops including Examination Preparation and Technique, Deconstructing Rubrics, using course syllabi more effectively and Extended Response writing are our starting points. It is hoped students will gain a deep understanding of the skills and requirements needed to be successful in these areas. HPGE education is important and encouraging and supporting students to develop higher order thinking and be creative in their learning and ability to answer questions is essential.

P&C AGM

The P&C Committee's Annual General Meeting will be held next Tuesday March 14 in the school library starting at 6:30pm. The AGM is the meeting where office bearers are elected for the upcoming 12 months. We have had a small P&C committee since my arrival at the school and I would encourage any parent interested in a stronger connection to the school to join the P&C.



Reminders

**The Term 2 Staff Development Day has been moved to Friday 28th April.
All students will return Monday 24th April**

Latest news from our school community



NAPLAN Test 2023

Many of you would be aware the annual NAPLAN tests have moved from Term 2 to Term 1 and take place over the next few weeks.

Whilst these tests are a single point in time assessment that can cause some students angst, they are very important tests that provide schools clarity with strengths and areas of focus for all students in reading, writing and numeracy.

Results from NAPLAN identify areas to target as a school and also allow us to provide additional learning support to individual students when required.

I encourage all students to do their best in these exams to ensure their results are a genuine reflection of their current ability.

Our construction and upgrade projects have commenced and are moving along nicely.

The reroofing of our Ag Farm building has almost finished and preliminary work on the roof replacement for A, D, F, H storerooms has begun. Our basketball posts and backboards under the COLA are being replaced this week and The Central Coast Council has seeded the main playing oval with Rye Grass to maximise grass coverage on the school oval over the winter period.

I also have a start-up meeting next week with School Assets to finalise replacement of the walkway cover behind the Administration Building and re-carpeting and repainting to A Block rooms.

New School Bytes Parent Portal is live!

Now that we have successfully transitioned to the School Bytes Finance Module, online payments can be made via the School Bytes Finance Parent Portal. You will need to make an account using the email that we already have for you on our system. Please see the attached information regarding this Portal.

The link for the Finance Parent portal is: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>

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

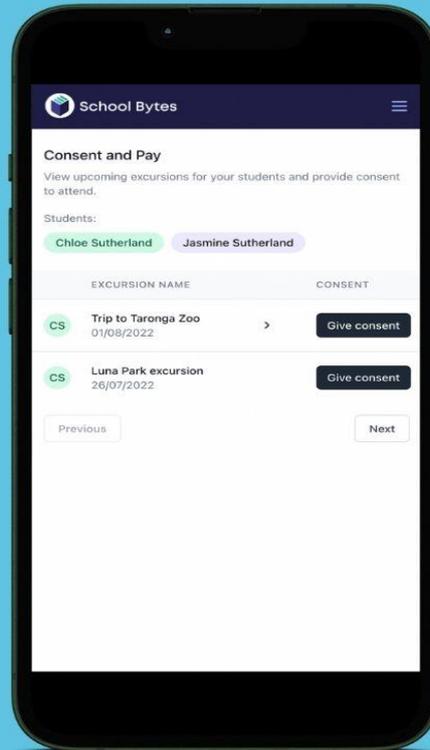
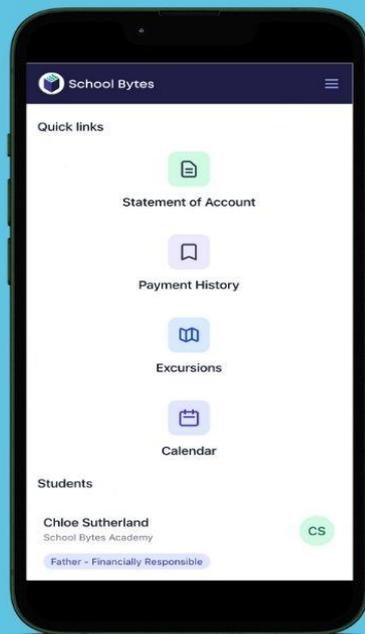
This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

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



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 1

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



As we pass the half way point in the Term it is important to remember that attendance does matter in students success at school. The expectation is that students attend at a 90% rate or above. We love seeing our students at school and hope to see a huge amount of students eligible for our 90%+ prize draw at the end of term!

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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

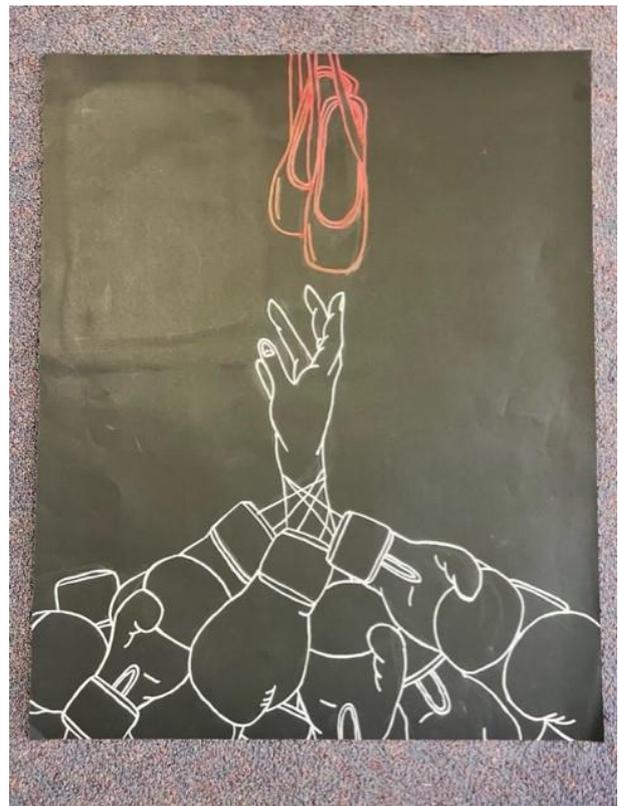
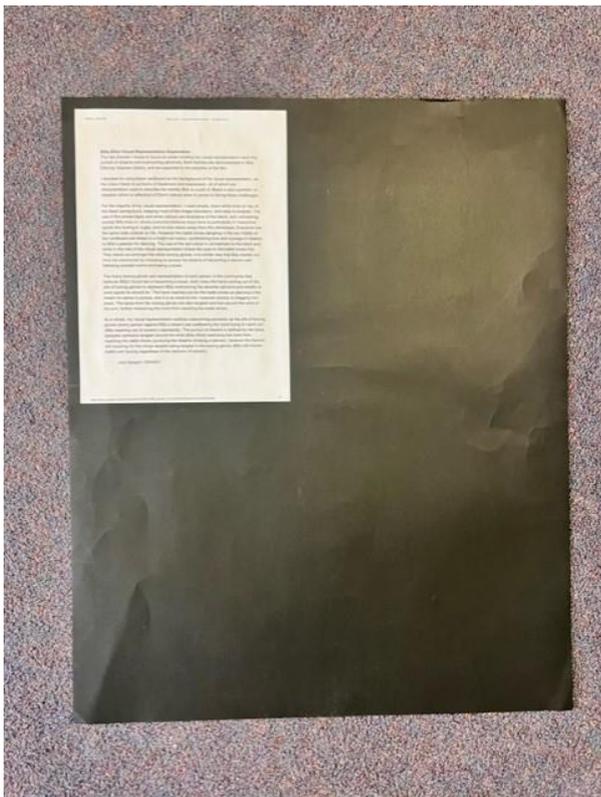
1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

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

English News

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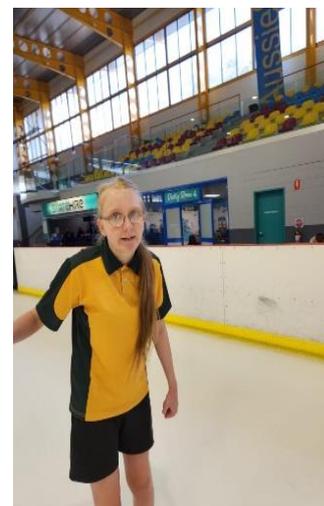
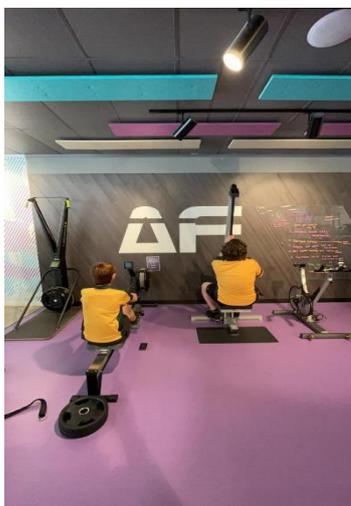
Years 7- 10 have been given their first Assessment Task for the year which is a Visual Representation of the themes they have explored within their study of poetry. Students are required to submit an A2 sized piece of cardboard with an A4 explanation printed out and glued onto the back of their poster. We look forward to seeing amazing creations from our students. Here is an example of a previous submission.



Mirrabooka News!

Term 1 so far

Term 1 continues to fly and we have enjoyed some wonderful teaching and learning throughout! Students are working diligently in class and have been demonstrating our core values with pride. We are thrilled with how Mirrabooka has embraced another year and are excited to see what's to come.



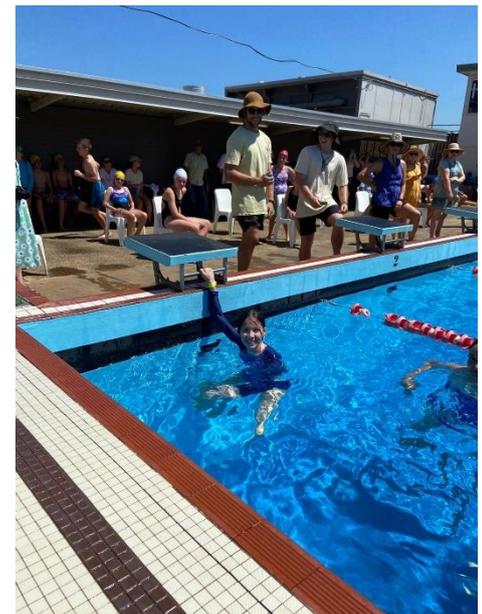
All students will return Monday 24 April in Term 2



Mirrabooka News!

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all the staff and student's who attended the swimming carnival on the 20 of February. Our team represented themselves, Mirrabooka and EHS with enthusiasm and deserve to be commended for their participation. We wish to thank Miss Todd, Mr Dodd and all the staff for their efforts in organising such an awesome event and can't wait for next year!



Mirrabooka News!

Community Access

Mirrabooka has begun Community Access for 2023 and are engaging with a Surf Awareness program. Students will be accessing some local beaches for the remainder of Term 1 building their capacity and awareness of ocean and beach safety, as well as building their skills to work towards a Surf Survival certificate. Students have conducted themselves with maturity and are thoroughly enjoying the program. We enjoyed a sunny day at The Entrance Baths where students completed the first round of swim assessments and should be proud of their efforts!

Parents are reminded on Wednesdays to pack swimming gear including shorts and a rash vest as well as a towel. This can also be left at school to ensure it is available each week.



Girls Water Polo

Erina High School Water Polo team competed in the Sydney North Gala day in Week 7. The girls played some tough opposition in Kincumber, Gosford and BWSC. Unfortunately, we lost all 3 games but the girls had so much fun and were really supportive of each other.

The majority of the team was made up of junior students in grades 10 and below so the girls are showing plenty of promise for the coming years. Best and fairest on the day went to Bree S. She scored or set up all our goals and was always back helping out in defence. The coaches award went to Leilani S - playing in the opens team in her first year of high school, she didn't look out of place. She pulled off some great defensive plays and won the ball back on multiple occasions.



Masterclass News

Year 8 Masterclass students attended the Clean4Shore field trip as part of their environmental education program that they have been learning about over the term. Students got dressed in protective gear and waded through mangroves to remove litter from the foreshores of Brisbane Water. We would like to thank our students who took part in the removal of plastic, polystyrene, and large household waste items, to help protect our beautiful waterways.



Zone Swimming Carnival

Our amazing Erina swimmers displayed some real heart at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday at Peninsula Leisure Centre. In one of our best results in the past few years, Erina came 4th in the Zone with 13 of our swimmers making it through to the Sydney North Carnival later this term. We had several 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in a variety of different events. Some of our standout events were:

Leilani S- 1st place in 100m Backstroke

Ciarn S - 1st place in 100m Backstroke

Bree S- 1st place in 100m Backstroke

Will H- 1st place in 100m Backstroke & 100m Breaststroke

Nate D - 1st place in 100m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle & 200m Freestyle.

Congratulations to all of our Erina students who really dug in and gave it their all. We are so proud of each and every one of you!



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Year 12 History

Year 12 History travelled to the Jewish Museum today for a Source Analysis Workshop. They also got to experience the deeply moving displays and stories on show at the museum.



A caring Community committed to excellence



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Australian
Air League
NSW Group

NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING



Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

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The Health4Me research study provides support through text messages about physical activity, nutrition and wellbeing. We want to find out if this program can help to improve your health. If you're between the ages of 12-18 and have an active mobile phone, consider joining our study!

All participants will receive a gift voucher for their time completing each of the study activities.



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