



## Upcoming Events

**14 Aug –  
25 Aug**  
Trial HSC Exams

**23 Aug**  
Year 11 B Street  
Smart

**11 Sept**  
Year 11 Exams  
commence

**21 Sept**  
Year 12  
Graduation

**22 Sept**  
Last day of school  
term

## Principals Message

Term 3 has begun strongly with students and staff working collaboratively in classrooms on the core business of improving student learning outcomes. Classes have been settled and students have been demonstrating a high level of engagement. Recent walk throughs show teachers using “Learning Intentions” to outline clearly to students the aim of the lesson, “Success criteria” to show students how to determine whether they have achieved success in their learning during the lesson and “Exit Strategies” where students are asked for feedback on the learning that occurred to allow teachers to reflect on their teaching and know more accurately the most appropriate starting point for the next lesson.

Year 12 students are preparing for the Trial HSC Examination which begins in Week 5 and runs for two weeks. Feedback from staff is students have been preparing well for these very important exams. For Year 12 students it is their last assessment tasks in the HSC Assessment Program and is also the first time they mimic the HSC Examination format where they sit exams of three hour duration.

I wish Year 12 students all the best in these very important exams.



Year 7 and Year 9 NAPLAN results were mailed home to parents last week. NAPLAN performance band descriptors changed in 2023 with students now measured across four performance bands. Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support. Students in the top 2 bands achieved above national baseline proficiency standards and students in the bottom 2 bands achieved below current national baseline proficiency levels. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's NAPLAN results, please contact the school. The school uses NAPLAN result in a variety of ways to support student learning. The school looks at overall literacy and numeracy trends and identifies areas that need greater emphasis.

If students are not performing well in writing, the school uses this information to target writing initiatives across the school. NAPLAN results also allow schools to identify students needing additional personalised support and implement targeted programs for individual students. NAPLAN results also allow school to reflect on their current focuses in literacy and numeracy and provide evidence as to their usefulness and effectiveness

### **Mobile Phone Ban**

As you are aware, the NSW government has made a decision to ban student mobile phone use in NSW high schools from Term 4 2023. This will bring NSW high schools into line with all other states in Australia. The school recently received the Department's mobile phone policy and is working through what this means for students at Erina High School. Students will be allowed to bring their phones to school but will not be allowed to access their phone during the day for any reason, including in the playground and for payment of food at the school canteen. After discussing the options with staff and parents at the P&C Meeting, it has been decided that Erina High School will be introducing lockable signal blocking phone pouches to ensure the school adheres to the policy. I am in the process of preparing an implementation guide for students and parents and will email this home shortly to allow students and parents time to adequately prepare for this change.

### **Parent Forums – Week 6**

To ensure the school is best meeting the needs of the school community we need to seek feedback from parents. To achieve this, I will be hosting several Parent Forums in Week 6 on Thursday August 24. There will be two forums at school with one session at 10:00am and one at 12:00 pm. I will also be hosting an online Zoom forum for parents unable to make it to school during the day beginning at 6:00pm. At the forum I will give an outline of the current school plan and speak briefly to the short and medium term goals for the school. The main aim of the forum is to seek your thoughts and ideas, and I will be facilitating opportunities for parents to provide feedback and ask questions about the school. I will be sending an email home this week with more details, including how to register.

## **Education Week - Public Education Appreciation Awards**

Last week during Education Week schools had the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on 175 years of public education. Schools were also given the opportunity to acknowledge three staff members with Public Education Appreciation Awards for their exceptional ongoing service to the school and students at Erina High School. The following staff were congratulated and presented with their certificates during last week's whole school assembly.



### **Toni Keane (English Head Teacher)**

Acknowledged for "Exceptional teaching and leadership where she has made a difference to thousands of students throughout her teaching career."



### **Kate Magee (Front office staff)**

Acknowledged for "Demonstrating genuine care for all and exceptional customer service skills in her role at the front desk"



### **Kim King (SLSO)**

Acknowledged for "Her outstanding work as an SLSO where Kim goes above and beyond to support all students to achieve their potential in learning."

## **Construction update**

Students returned in Term 3 to see the completion of the final two school improvement projects for 2023. Science rooms F1 & F2 have been upgraded and the walkway at the back of the Administration building has been completed. I am really thrilled with the end products. Excitingly, I have been informed the school will be the recipient of almost \$500,000 school improvement funds in 2024 to continue to upgrade school facilities and resources. The current plan is to continue classroom upgrades, targeting D and F block rooms, upgrade a number of broken paths and add a covered walkway from A Block to F Block in the middle of the school. I am also pleased to announce the school will be upgrading the grounds in front of A Block with enhanced seating.



## **Reminders**

Erina High School has updated the processes that need to be followed if your child needs to leave school during the day. A “passout” will be granted to students to leave the school only if written communication is provided to the administration staff. This must be in the form of a hand written note or an email to the school. We are no longer able to accept a phone call during the school day. This process is in line with Department of Education guidelines.

Should you need to collect your child unexpectedly, then you must present to reception in person to collect your child. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

## NAIDOC Appreciation Day

We were so privileged to have all our Stage 3 and 4 Aboriginal students come together to celebrate NAIDOC at Erina last Wednesday.

The students brought a friend along and took part in a variety of workshops including dance, art, bush tucker, tools and weapons and Indigenous games. It was a beautiful sunny day and the students were all sponges soaking in as much knowledge of Aboriginal culture as possible.



## **NAIDOC Appreciation Day**



## Mirrabooka

### Welcome to Semester 2!

We would like to warmly welcome our students and families back to school for another amazing term! We hope you all managed a restful and enjoyable break and are excited for what's ahead! To begin the term, we would like to remind everyone about the correct jumpers for Erina High School. Student's can wear plain navy jumpers which can have a hood if preferred. If you have any questions regarding the school uniform, please contact Mirrabooka staff.

### PDHPE & SPORT

The students of Mirrabooka have returned to school with a positive attitude in PE. They are currently doing the dance unit involving some classic dances such as the Nutbush and Macarena.

It is great to see the students engaging and learning some new dance moves. We also have a number of exciting programs to come this Semester and are looking forward to seeing the high levels of engagement and participation continue.

In Mirrabooka for Food Technology, students have been exploring how to minimise food waste during cooking and make an environmental impact here at Erina High School. We have also been exploring plating techniques, in both theory and practical lessons where students applied these skills to their chicken wraps.



## Year 9 Marine

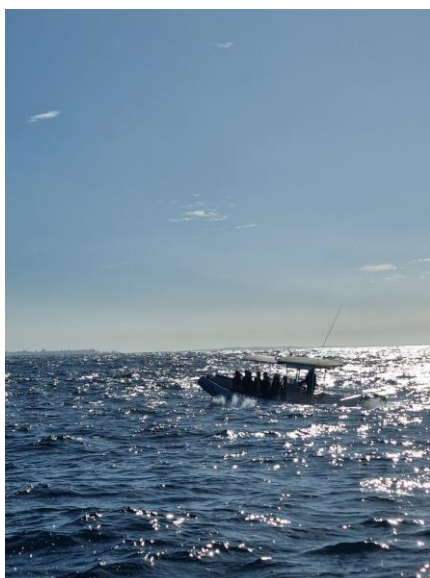
### **Terrigal Whale Watching Excursion: An Unforgettable Encounter with Whales!**

We are thrilled to share with you the incredible experience that our Year 9 Marine Studies students had during their recent whale watching excursion to Terrigal. Witnessing the majestic marine giants in their natural habitat was an unforgettable adventure that left a lasting impression on both students and teachers alike.

As we ventured into the deep blue sea, our patience was rewarded. The first sighting was of a very playful whale, who seemed to enjoy the company of our vessel. It put on a show for us, slapping its tail continuously on water, like it was doing a dance for us. The students were in awe of their acrobatic displays and couldn't contain their excitement.

But that was just the beginning! As if the playful whales were merely an opening act, we soon encountered something even more remarkable: a pod of five humpback whales gracefully gliding through the water. It was amazing watching these gentle giants swim together, moving effortlessly through the ocean. The students were awestruck by the sheer size and beauty of these creatures.

Learning about these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat helped our students gain a deeper appreciation for marine life and the importance of preserving their fragile ecosystem.



## **Year 9 Marine**

We are very grateful to the Terrigal Whale Watching team for their professionalism and commitment to providing a safe and educational experience for our students. Their expertise and passion for marine conservation were evident throughout the excursion, making it an enriching and enjoyable adventure for everyone involved.



## Sport News

A tremendous game from the Under 15 Girls Basketball team on June 29.

Their consistent training and efforts over the semester have resulted in them taking the win against Kariong Mountains High School. Well done girls for all your hard work.

Stay tuned for their next game which is due to be played in Term 3.



# Latest news from our school community



Lewis G has been selected in the 16 boys NSW CHS and then the 16 boys NSW All Schools hockey team. This is an outstanding achievement that will see Lewis head to Adelaide to play in the national championships in August. Congratulations Lewis!



Congratulations to Maddie T who recently competed in the Coast Quest Dance Competition. Maddie did an amazing job taking out three 1st places and a 2nd place, also taking out the Best Overall Senior award.



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### Tennis superstar

EHS is super proud of Lazar N from Year 8. This impressive young man shows outstanding dedication to his chosen sport of tennis and has been reaping the rewards on court.

He was a winner in the Tier 2 U18s competition in the Country Championships in Forster and took out gold in the Men's Tier 2 completion and silver in U16s Tier 2 competition at Newcastle. Great results for Lazar, keep it up. the school is very proud of your achievements

## Some Sydney North Athletics Results

### Gemma A

13 Girls Long Jump-8th

### Tamsin B

13 Girls Javelin- 3rd

### Ella D

12 Girls 100 Meter Dash- 6th

12 Girls 200 Meter Dash-7th

### Bridie-Lee M

12 Girls Long Jump- 10th

### Blake M

16 Boys 110 Meter Hurdles- 6th

16 Boys 400 Meter Dash- 4th

16 Boys Long Jump- 5th

### Riley P

16 Boys 110 Meter Hurdles- 5th

16 Boys Triple Jump-6th

### Jasmin P

17+ Girls Triple Jump- 7th

### Keira P

15 Girls 1500 Meter Run- 3rd

15 Girls Triple Jump- 9th

### Jai S

13 Boys Long Jump- 11th

**Ella D, Bridie-Lee M, Victoria L,  
Juliet L-**

12 Girls 4x100 Meter Relay- 5th



## Sport News

On Monday 19 June, the EHS U15's Netball Team versed Carlingford High School in Round 2 of the CHS Knockout. The girls played with grit, passion and determination in a close competition and came through for the win with the final score being 34-28.

High praise should be given to all of the girls, particularly for their positive attitude and teamwork!

Special mentions go to Ciarn S for Player's Player, Gemma A for Best and Fairest and Charlee F for Coaches Encouragement (whose shooting prowess was unmatched!) Well done girls on such a great game!

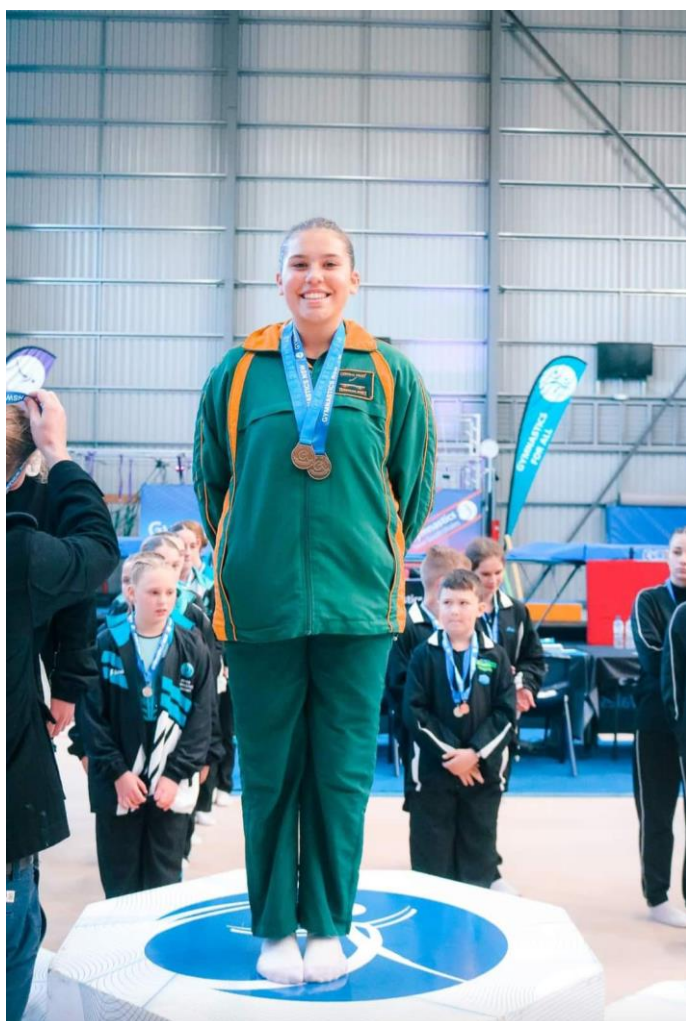


## Sport News

Taylee S travelled to Armidale to compete in the Gymnastics Country Championship for Trampolining during the school holidays. Taylee won two gold medals, she came first in Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline.

Jayden S also represented Darkinjung nation in a recent sporting event for Basketball.

Jayden's team only just missed out on the semi-finals and Taylee's team won gold in gymnastics.



# English News

## Debating

The Stage 5 Debating team consisting of Mia H, Amber A, Henry S and Beau L, they defeated Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy Campus in their second round. We are very proud of their efforts and achievement. Well done team!



## Years 7-10 Term 3

We are currently underway with our new units of work in all classes across Stage 4 and Stage 5. Students will engage in a comparative study by looking at common themes within a novel and film. Students will spend time making connections to themselves, the world and within texts to further their understanding of human experiences.

## Stage 6 English

All courses are currently in their final Term of their HSC and are working towards their Trial examinations coming up in Week 5. Students should be adopting a regular pattern of study to ensure they are well prepared.



# A caring Community committed to excellence



**ERINA  
HIGH  
SCHOOL**

**RITCHIES IGA ERINA HEIGHTS  
COMMUNITY FUN DAY**  
Saturday 5th August | 10:30am - 1:30pm  
375 The Entrance Rd, Erina Heights

**ATTRACTIONS ON THE DAY**

- Face Painting
- Free Show Bags
- Prizes to Win
- Sausage Sizzle
- Lions Club
- Coffee Sampling
- Red Parrot Coffee

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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 Childrens 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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**Tjudibaring AECG - Central Coast**



We would like to invite our local families and community to our first Term 3  
Local Aboriginal Education and Consultative Group (AECG) gathering:

**When: Wednesday 9 August 2023**

**4:30pm Aboriginal families and community - yarn and food**

**5:00pm General meeting**

**Copacabana PS**

**We look forward to seeing everyone.**

**Enquiries & RSVP to [Tjudibaring.aecg@outlook.com](mailto:Tjudibaring.aecg@outlook.com)**

