

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2020

### TERM 4 2020

**Wednesday 11 November**

REMEMBRANCE DAY

**Friday 13 Nov @ 7.30pm**

ISO - Tube film screening via ZOOM

**Wednesday 18 November**

Opportunity Class Placement Test

**Friday 11 December**

Year 6 Graduation & End of Year Party

**Wednesday 16 December**

Students last day at school

**Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December**

Staff Development Days

### TERM 1 2021

**Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 January**

Staff Development Days

**Friday 29 January**

Yrs 1-6 Return to school

**Wednesday 3 February**

Kindergarten 2021 start



Monday 09 November 2020

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### NAIDOC WEEK

On Monday we had a very successful incursion for the start of NAIDOC Week. The Buuja Buuja Butterfly Dancers provided stimulating and educational performances for the students. This is the first time we have used this group and we were impressed by their program. Many thanks to Ms Hopkinson and Aunty Bianca for their organisation of the day.

### Top Playground

It's been a long testing year and our grounds have suffered for it. Covid-19 restrictions have prevented our hardworking parents group from maintaining the grounds regularly. Last weekend however, Jane Street, Guillermo Pagella and Hugo Pagella Guthrie did an amazing job in restoring the playground to its intended glory. Gone are the confusing yellow lines. We have an array of line work to support active and passive play as well as clearly marking transition areas. Thank you so much.

### COVID-19 update

A brief recap: Parents are still not to enter the school grounds. From Nov 11 the P&C meetings may return onsite with restrictions to number. Events such as band performances and others which usually open to parents will remain remote as we must adhere to 4sqm rule and capacity numbers for indoor and outdoor spaces. We will have more news on Year 6 farewell shortly as we work through some logistical issues.

### Student Numbers

Our numbers continue to grow and as such, we are far from certain about what our classes and staff composition will look like heading into 2021. We are currently interviewing for a position in the school and there will be changes accordingly.

### Kindy Orientation

Our Covid flavoured orientations for the 2021 intake have gone quite well. On Thursday Ms O'Connor, Ms Hopkinson and myself will be hosting a zoom Q&A for new parents from 12.30 as a way to engage and answer questions as we haven't been able to in person.





## TOP PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

The Erko staff and students would like to thank Jane Street, Guillermo Pagella and Marco Pagella-Guthrie for removing the old lines on the top playground last weekend. It was an epic job, over several days last year and this year and we are extremely grateful for the final result! A shout out of course must also go to Marc Deuschle for designing these artistic and versatile lines. We are all looking forward to using them to their fullest!





## Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

Each year EPS runs an internal public speaking competition. This year's theme was multiculturalism. Some example topics were, "Belonging in School", "Racism No Way" and "Our National Anthem." The top entrants from each stage were recorded and submitted to the NSW DoE Arts Unit to compete against other schools.

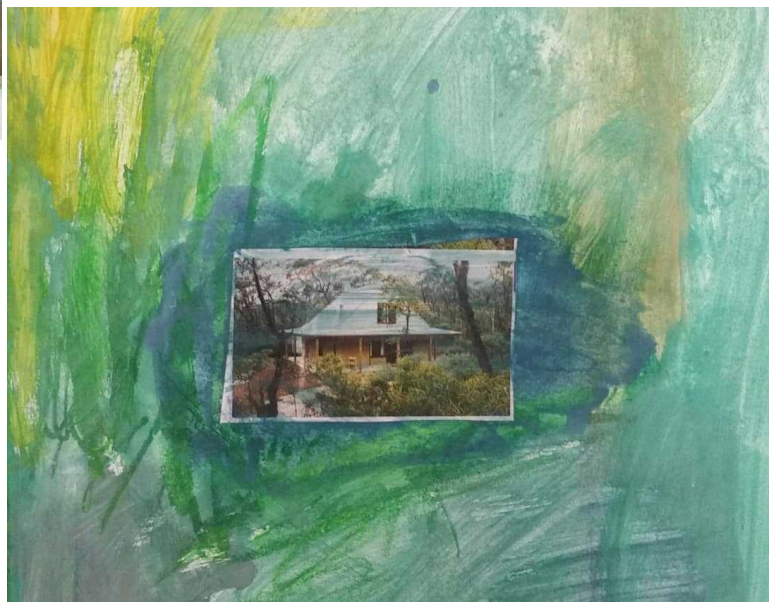
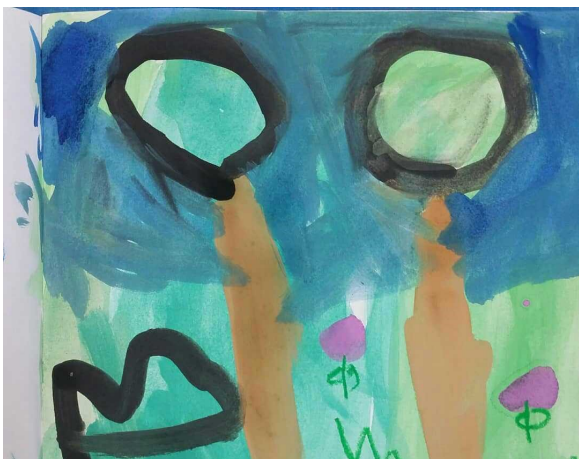
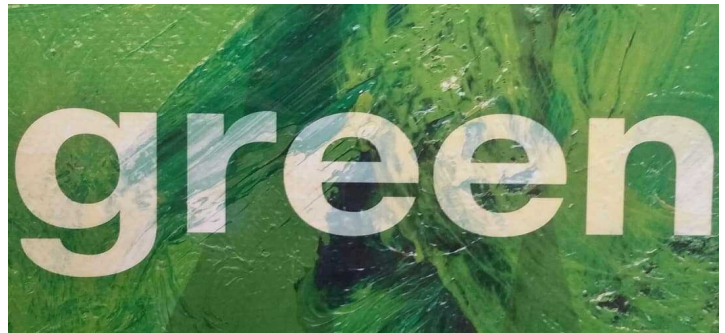
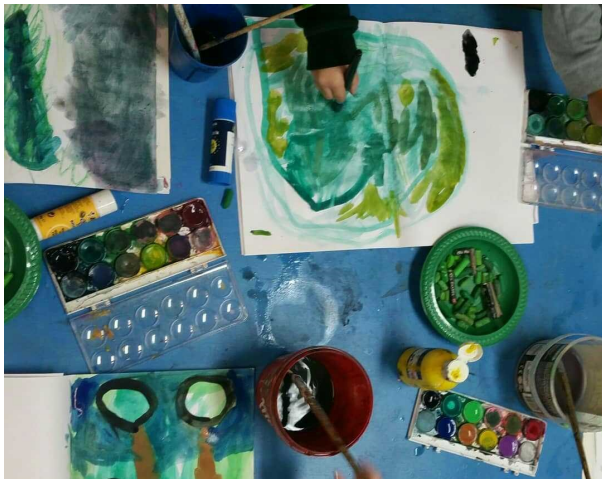
This year's stage 2 entrants were Evelyn E. (Wollemi) and Sylvie C (Wollemi). Stage 3 entrants were Ava P (Eucalypt) and Emily M (Melaleuca). Congratulations to these students for their amazing effort!

The speeches were judged by a panel of DoE judges and winners were selected from our district (30 schools). There was remarkable effort put into all the speeches by all students through all stages of the competition. Although our EPS entries did not progress to the next round against other NSW districts, Evelyn received a "Highly Commended" award. Well done, Evelyn!

We couldn't have done it without Miss Russo. She organised, judged, filmed our speeches and helped with entering Erko into the competition. We are all sending a big thanks to her!

Once again, great job to all those involved. We're excited to hear more great speeches in 2021!

## 'GREEN' by Bottle Brush





## NAIDOC WEEK

### Art Making by Stage 1 and Early Stage 1





## Buuja Buuja Butterfly Dancers



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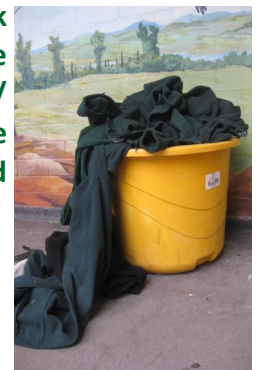
#### TERM 4 STATEMENTS

Student statements will be emailed to parent / carers at the end of this week. We would appreciate it if all outstanding accounts could be settled before the end of the year. Unpaid amounts will be carried over to the new year. Year 6 students have a substantial amount outstanding, it would be greatly appreciated if these amounts could be paid before leaving the school.

### LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost something?

Please take the time to look through Lost Property in the Brown Hall. All unclaimed / un-named uniforms will be sold at the P&C pre-loved uniform Co-op.





## 'Together Soon Enough'

### *Street Art by Eucalypt*

Eucalypt has recently been studying a unit on street art and were fortunate to receive a 'Together Soon Enough' poster from Peter Drew, a talented street artist from Adelaide. The class were involved throughout the 'postering' process: selecting the location, making the wheat-paste glue, applying the poster, photographing the event and even cleaning all the equipment following. The poster now takes pride of place on Bridge St at the Year 5/6 entry gate in anticipation of the return to regular school activities and interaction with the wider community. We hope you all enjoy it!





## ERSKINEVILLE PS PARENTS & CITIZENS (P&C) ASSOCIATION NEWS

### UPCOMING P&C MEETINGS

**Tuesday 17 November (Week 5) from 6:45pm**  
Emily McKnight, along with Ms Cicere and Mr Chadbond, coordinators of our school band program, will be attending the November meeting to provide an update on the band in 2021.

**Tuesday 8 December (Week 9) from 6:45pm**  
Although there haven't been many big fundraising opportunities this year, at our December meeting we will hold a vote to allocate any available funding to small purchases requested by the school. If you want to vote on funding allocation at the December meeting, you need to ensure you have updated your P&C Membership before the end of our November meeting. Memberships need to be renewed every year, so make sure you are up to date:  
[www.erkopandc.bigcartel.com](http://www.erkopandc.bigcartel.com)

#### How to attend:

Recent changes to COVID guidelines have reopened the possibility of in-person P&C meetings. However, due to the late notice, our November meeting will continue to be held on Zoom as planned. We will discuss options for a possible in-person but socially-distanced December meeting.

If you'd like to join the November meeting, please email [erkopandc@gmail.com](mailto:erkopandc@gmail.com) and we will send you the access code for the Zoom meeting.

### HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

#### Last chance!

The tender review process is well underway. If you haven't yet let us know what you'd like to see from an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) provider, this is your last chance.

You can email [erkopandc@gmail.com](mailto:erkopandc@gmail.com) or complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGMYJJX> by Friday 13 November (end of Week 5).



Keep an eye on kids' bags for details on how to join the **ErkelsoTube live stream this Friday from 7pm.**

Huge thanks to event sponsor, Brad Gillespie of The Agency, and all the local businesses that have supported our budding filmmakers.

### THANK YOU!

Thanks to Nina and all the volunteers who ran TWO uniform co-ops in the past fortnight. And thanks to all the attendees for signing in and respecting the necessary COVID-safe restrictions.

Have you seen the top playground lately? Big thanks to Jane and Guillermo for cleaning the asphalt and getting the line markings looking fab!

Thanks Amy for coordinating the commemorative teatowels – 2020 won't be forgotten in a hurry!

### VOLUNTEER CORNER

Can you help support our school? Email [erkopandc@gmail.com](mailto:erkopandc@gmail.com) if you're able to spend 30 minutes helping with:

- **Data entry.** Yes, it's boring, but you can do it from your sofa! Help update our sponsorship database so we are ready to kick-start fundraising in 2021.
- **Letterbox deliveries.** Take a stroll and deliver some notes to locations in the Erskineville, Alexandria and Newtown areas.