

15 February 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2021

TERM 1

Friday 19 February

Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6

Monday 1 - Friday 5 March

PARENT & TEACHER INTERVIEW

Friday 5 March

KINDY Welcome BBQ

Wednesday 10 March

PHOTO DAY

Sunday 14 March

Working Bee

Friday 19 March

Harmony Day

Wednesday 24—Friday 26 March

Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Thursday 1 April

Last Day Term 1

Monday 19 April

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 20 April

Students Return to school

Early Term 2 (Wk 1 or Wk 2)

P&C COLOUR BUBBLE RUN

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEW

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 6 from 5pm in Stages. Days are as follows:

Monday 1st March— Kindergarten

Tuesday 2nd March— Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Wednesday 3rd March— Stage 2 (Years 3&4)

Thursday 4th March— Stage 3 (Years 5&6)

More detailed information will be sent out shortly by Stage Supervisors.

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

As restrictions ease, I have included a list of extra curricular activities that will commence. Depending on staff, space availability and of course Covid restrictions.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY (TTFM)

TTFM notes have gone home. These notes, to recap, are exempt based. If you do not wish to participate you must inform the school. Feedback supports school directions for planning targets and programming and is sought from students, staff and community.

GOWRIE (Before & After Care)

The tender process has been finalised, with Gowrie continuing their services with a number of adjustments/ improvements to the program. Besides regular liaison with the school in a formalised process, Gowrie will also establish stronger links and communications with both school staff and families utilising the service.

METRO RENEWAL PROGRAM

We have been advised (informally) that we were successful in the second round of the AMU school assets plan. The Assets Unit who look after School Infrastructure have matched our funds to enable us to install a variety of play equipment around our school grounds. These works will now be scoped and a tender process entered into.

SSRC

This year we are trying a new approach to our SSRC. Rather than having only 2 nominated students per class, it will be open to all students. Students who attain a certain number of meetings will be awarded with a badge. I hope to encourage all students to be involved, engage civically with our school and develop their initiative, self motivation and self reliance.





Con't. From the Principal

COUSELLOR REFERRALS

I would like to clarify our process for access requests for Counsellor appointments. Your first discussion must be with the class teacher. From this point, referrals are forwarded to our Learning Support Team. We have re-iterated this process to our staff and new staff in particular.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Thank you for your patience and understanding in relation to current advice. Changes at a school level can be slow due to the many channels this advice passes through before it reaches us. As, and when, advice changes, this is forwarded to our community.

PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered their time. At this stage we are looking at implementing reading support early next term. This will most likely happen after NAPLAN and will begin with an induction for parents involved.

STAFFING

Congratulation to Ms.Celic who has been successful in gaining the substantive Assistant Principal role at Homebush PS. This will necessitate a change in roles and this will be done internally. Thank you too to Mr. Rodley who will step down from the Rel. AP role here at ERKO to continue as class teacher. Both these roles will be hopefully filled over the coming weeks.

Band News

Erko PS has been lucky enough to have been donated not one but two beautiful timpanis from Sydney Grammar School. These drums will be a fabulous addition to our Band program and our percussion students are very excited to start using them in lessons and rehearsals. Thanks very much to Sydney Grammar and all involved in making this happen.



Congratulations Anais P and Louis T for successfully obtaining a position in the 2021 Primary Dance Ensemble



School Leaders



Mr Haynes and the Erko Leadership Team had their first initial meeting last week to discuss fundraising and SSRC processes and initiatives for the term.



Sports Captains

For 2021

Congratulations to all these Students who have been selected by their peers last Week as House/ Sports Captains.

Knight - Ruby A & Essie
Ingram - Annika & Flynn
Cusack - Marlow & Toby
Parkes - Tabby & Tim



*Photo below:
Congratulations Toby Street
PSSA District Swimming
Senior Boys Champion 2020*



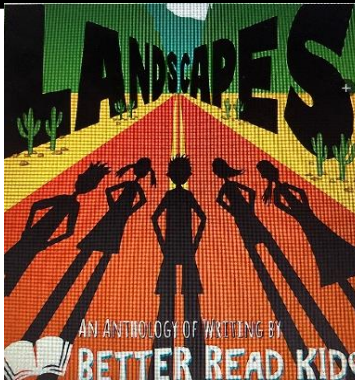
*Gowrie
Assembly
Award*

**Congratulations
Margad,
Laurence and
Jessica G.**

ERKO Students helping the Community

A 'Big Thank You' to **Oliver S** and **Ted B** who participated in community volunteering programs at Kids Giving Back. These students have undertaken these opportunities in their leisure time. The program facilitators have been unanimous in their praise for the enthusiasm and engagement of these students. Kids Giving Back is a charity organisation whose mission is to create the next Generation of Generosity. They offer opportunities to assist vulnerable people in the community. Congratulations Boys!

Look who's published!



Congratulations!!!

Sierra, Emma, Zahlia, Aarav, Siana, Edan & Gavin who entered the Landscapes Writing Competition. Their works have been published in Better Read Than Dead's latest Anthology.

Here is what the team at Better Read Than Dead had to say:

Each of the 120 authors interpreted their theme in an utterly unique way and captured the natural environment beautifully through their stories, poetry and biographies. What stood out most to us this year was the incredible sense of social justice these young authors have, as well as the empathy evident in each voice.

Kids aged 6-9 embraced the theme Bush and wrote wondrous tales of heroism during the devastating bushfire season, witty stories of talking animals and epic adventures through the quintessential Aussie bush.

Desert was the theme for those aged 10-12, and these authors were truly on fire! From Uluru and outback Australia to the deserts of Mars, each story took us on an incredible journey inspired by this arid and barren landscape.

Watch the launch video link [here](#)

Purchase a copy in store or via BRTD [website](#)



Erko Garden



Erskineville has a wonderful fruit grove and 4 well positioned raised herb and vegetable herbs situated on the northwest corner of the school. Some of the fruits and vegetable that are grown directly support our kitchen garden program. We have resumed gardening after school on Wednesdays so you are welcome to come along with your child/children. We also have 4 compost bins that can be added to with your foodscraps.

Ms Stein (Art Teacher)

Extra- Curricular Activities During School Hours

Activities	Staff Supervisor	Where?	When ?
STAGE 1 CHOIR	Ms Logan & Mr Lonsdale	LWH	THURSDAY lunchtime Commencing Term 2
UKULELE CLUB YRS 2-6	Ms Cecire	Music Room	WEDNESDAY lunchtime
ROCKBAND By Audition	Ms Cecire	Music Room	TUESDAY lunchtime Commencing Wk 5
SSRC	Mr Haynes Ms Hopkinson & Wellbeing Staff	Brown Hall	Tues & Thurs 2nd Lunch
KNITTING GROUP	Ms Stein	Brown Hall	WEDNESDAY 2nd Lunch



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Thursday 4th March
Tuesday 9th March

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