

Monday 1 March 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2021

TERM 1

Monday 1 - Friday 5 March

PARENT & TEACHER INFORMATION NIGHTS

Wednesday 10 March

PHOTO DAY

Wednesday 10 March

High School Info Night—Yr6 Parents only

Thursday 11 March

Selective High School Test

Sunday 14 March

Working Bee

Monday 15—Friday 19 March

Harmony Week

Friday 19 March

Mufti Day— Cultural Colours

Students dress in national dress/ colours

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 Information Nights

It has been lovely to meet a number of parents from Kindy, Year 1 & 2 thus far. There are two parts to the Information Nights. The Stage Presentation made by each stage gives you an idea of the expectations, protocols and practices/programs that have been collaboratively developed by the stage teachers and are used across the Stage. This is followed by a Class Presentation presented by the teacher specifically for that particular class. After the presentations, parents can negotiate with the teachers if need be a time to meet further to discuss student's needs that have not been addressed.

Please keep in mind that the current set up is a response to Covid measures from the DoE and that this early in the year Staff are assessing student performance in various subjects. In previous years, initial meetings have been for 10 minutes only and having twenty or more students in a class makes meetings difficult for staff to administer. In this way, we hope the same messages for all stages and classes can be conveyed, with an option for further meetings if needed. There will be another session in second semester where the format will be different and more geared towards student progress.

Class Parent

We will be announcing the Class Parent for each class shortly. Thank you for those who have volunteered to pick up this role for the year. The role of the class parent/helper is to collate information for the class teacher and relay information regarding the class from the staff to parents.

Staffing

Sadly for us, this week is Ms Celic's last. She has picked up a Substantive Assistant Principal role commencing next week at Homebush Public School. Good luck and Best wishes Adriana and thank you for all the hard work you have done behind the scene to make our learning programs so robust.

I would also like to thank Mr Rodley who will step down as Relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 3. Mr Rodley has done an exceptional job across many areas, including but not limited to Learning Support, IT and Curriculum Development. Both AP positions will be filled internally and we are currently in the process of completing this. [Cont' pg 2](#)





FROM THE PRINCIPAL continues

Reading Groups

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to help as class readers next term. We have 31 helpers and 82 slots over three days from 9.30am—11.00am. Specific information will go to those involved directly in the program. Some aspects of the program worth mentioning:

- ◆ WWCC required
- ◆ All volunteers will go through an induction relating to reading practices and protocols
- ◆ Groups are non negotiable and will involve 3-5 children
- ◆ No parent helper will have their own child
- ◆ Groups will run for 30 minutes sessions and it will be held in Brown Hall or the Courtyard.

P&C

Congratulations to our new executive office bearers. I look forward to working with the team and continuing our productive partnership in benefiting our students.

Year 6 High School Information Night

Wednesday 10 March

@5.00pm—5.30pm in LWH.

2022 High School EOI will be sent home on this night.

If you cannot attend, your child will bring the form on the following day.

Selective High School Test

Thursday 11 March 2021

Early Stage 1 / Kindergarten were introduced to sculpture today. They made 3D form of themselves and their family group.



Double Demerits

1 - 5 April



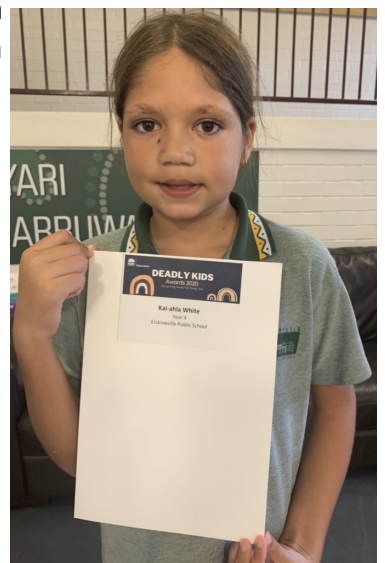


Deadly Kids Award 2020



We would like to officially acknowledge the achievements of Kai-ahla since coming to Erko. She has demonstrated a positive approach to her learning, community spirit around the school and responsibility when helping the younger children on the playground.

Congratulations Kai-ahla and we commend you on your 'Deadly Award 2020'



GOWRIE AWARDS

Congratulations to all the students who received the Gowrie Awards at last week's assembly.

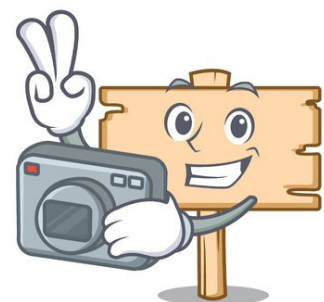


SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Wednesday 10 March

Come in your full school Uniform. Band Students please bring your band shirt on the day.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SMILE:)



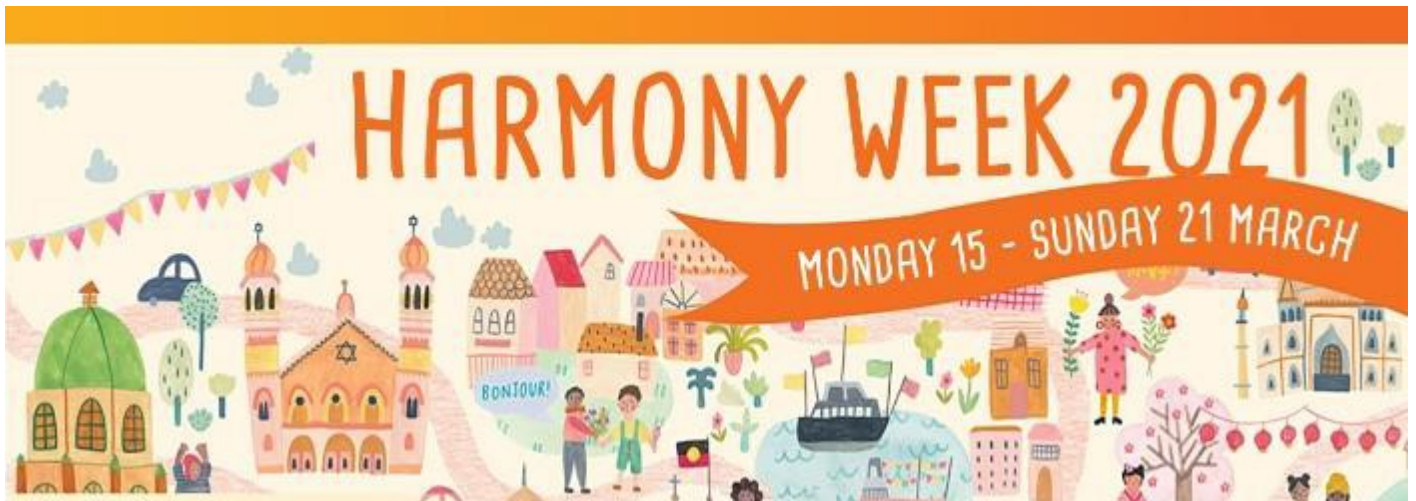


District Swimming Carnival 2021



Students in Stage 2 and 3 have received their ribbons for their achievement at this year's swimming carnival. Some of those students qualified to represent ERKO at the Zone— South Sydney District Swimming Carnival on Monday 1 of March. Congratulation to all our Swimmers. You were all amazing. Thank you Sports Coordinators for all your hard work.





Our school will be celebrating Harmony Week during Week 8. The theme for this year is, **'Your Story'**. Classes will learn about different cultures and countries to celebrate the diversity of Erko. **Friday 19 of March will be a mufti day.** Students are asked to wear their national dress/ colours to represent where they are from and their culture.



LIBRARY NEWS

Access to online resources

Erskineville PS Library offers even more amazing online resources 24/7. Students can access the OLIVER Library page via their student portals with their DET login & passwords which enables them to read and research at home.

Available now are LINKS to:

- ePlatform - Fiction ebooks
- World Book Online - Non-Fiction & Research materials
- Story Box Library - Story favourites read aloud by engaging storytellers
- PRC Website - Students can participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) by searching books included in the program and logging them online.

How to guide: Follow the prompts to OLIVER Library.

<https://sso.det.nsw.edu.au/sso/XUI/?goto=https://portal.det.nsw.edu.au#login/>

Step 1. Login to student portal

Step 2. Click on Oliver Library

Step 3. Begin exploring the online resources by clicking on the information boxes and links.



Erko Garden



Garden/ Sustainability News

So nice to see parents and children enjoying the fruits of the garden again!

Fruiting at the moment are the pomegranates and avocado.

The pomegranates are surplus to our needs so pick one if it's reddish, they're great in a salad.

Gardening on Wednesdays @ 3.15 - 4 pm unless raining

Contacts : Maggie Stein (Art Specialist teacher) and Jannine Miguez parent helper.

All parents or guardians are welcome to come to the garden at this time with their children.

Weekly activities include watering, planting, weeding, harvesting and compost turning.

Sometime we will taste some fruits or do some craft. It's a great opportunity to relax after school, meet other parents and be in nature.

Compost - Bins are located next to the top gates on Bridge street.

All parents are welcome to bring their food scraps to the school compost bins - please bring along some shredded paper or egg cartons to add with other scraps as this keeps our composts healthy. If you have time, turn the compost with the turner (skewer action). Cockroaches, slaters and fly larvae are all part of composting (along with worms) system so don't be surprised to see them!

Coffee Grounds Initiative (Cafe Sophia)

Anyone able to spare 5 minutes a week to pick up coffee grounds at about 2.55 pm ?

We need daily volunteers to pick up the caddy, empty into the compost and to drop it back to Cafe Sophia on MON, TUES, THURS and FRI.

Cafe Sophia can provide us with a bucket of coffee grounds each day - perfect for the compost - contact Maggie 0414394280 to join.

Waste minimization

Single use food packaging is a major source of waste within the school, creating a littered environment, more work for the cleaners as well as contaminating our food scrap bin. Tips on minimizing lunch box waste are attached.

Gowrie joins the garden

Children attending aftercare will now be able to be involved in the garden!

Aftercare are taking ownership of the lowest raised bed in the veggie plot area and starting a worm farm! stay tuned for more exciting activities.



How to pack your waste-free lunch



Yes please

- ✓ Food in reusable containers
- ✓ Drinks in refillable containers
- ✓ Reusable utensils where required
- ✓ A reusable lunchbox or bag

No thanks

- X Food packed in plastic wrap, single-use plastic bags, foil or wax paper
- X Single-use drink boxes, cans, pouches, cartons and bottles
- X Single-use plastic forks and spoons
- X Pre-packaged single-serve snack items



Did you know?

The average student's lunch generates around 3kg of waste per school year.

Spend less. Waste less. Eat well.



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

NEXT P&C MEETING

Tuesday 16 March (Week 8) from 6:45pm in the Library

All parents and carers are welcome to attend our monthly P&C Meetings – no need to RSVP but you'll need to scan the COVID check in on arrival.

Come along to hear what's happening at school and how you can get involved.

If you have ideas or suggestions for topics to discuss at our meetings, or any other activities or events, we'd love to hear about it. Bring your ideas and questions to the meeting or email erkopandc@gmail.com.



PLAYGROUND WORKING BEE

Sunday 14 March from 10am – 2pm

Our working bees help improve the school grounds with gardening, tidying and occasional handy-person tasks. We'll be getting the edible garden ready for autumn planting, tackling some overgrown areas and starting preparation work for our new playground equipment.

No skills are necessary and kids are welcome.

There's no pressure to stay for the whole time, just come along for an hour or two, or whatever suits you. No RSVP required.

P&C MEMBERSHIP

All members of our school community are welcome to attend meetings at any time.

However if you'd like to make a proposal or vote on decisions, you need to be a member before the close of the previous meeting. You can join online (it only costs \$2) at erkopandc.bigcartel.com.

INTRODUCING THE 2021 P&C EXECUTIVE

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM and participated in the election of the 2021 P&C Executive. It's great to have representation of parents from all stage groups. Our Executive are always happy to have a chat and hear your ideas and suggestions – feel free to get in touch!

President	Kristy	Mum to Matthew (Yr 5) and Emily (Yr 2)	0403 697 117
Vice Presidents	Jannine	Mum to Sam (Yr 3) & Jamie (Kindy)	0402 694 116
	Jane	Mum to Clara (Yr 3), Toby (Yr 6) & Owen (now in Yr 8)	0404 220 690
Treasurers	Gabrielle	Mum to Oliver (Yr 3) and Alexander (Yr 1)	0414 632 782
	Mel	Mum to Lily (Yr 6) and Lola (Yr 3)	0403 401 244
Secretaries	Alison	Mum to Eadie (Yr 2)	0423 614 162
	Nicole	Mum to Eadie (Yr 2)	0401 946 658
General Committee	Daniel	Dad to Alex (Yr 1)	0413 669 923
	Astrid	Mum to Anika (Yr 6), Bailey (Yr 3) and Ayana (Kindy)	0424 208 947