

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2021

TERM 1

Monday 15—Friday 19 March

Harmony Week

Tuesday 16 March

Regional Swimming Carnival

Friday 19 March

Mufti Day— Cultural Colours

Students dress in national dress/ colours

Tuesday 23 March

GRIP Leadership Conference

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 Survey

On Tuesday Night I presented to the P&C the survey results and some context concerning the survey sent out last year.

I have included the results in this Newsletter but wanted to clarify it's purpose and some background information. The survey was drawn predominantly from two departmental resources: 'CESE'—what works best and the 'School Excellence Framework'. These are internal resources for staff. This survey was very specific in it's intent and it was produced to help the school develop it's School Improvement Plan (SIP) which is mandated by the department for all schools. The SIP is targeted strategies and activities to meet goals in student outcomes in numeracy and literacy only.

The survey response was at only 10% of our parent population, which means we are conscious of the fact that the findings here may not be true representation of the whole. However, this feedback has been invaluable in allowing the executive to plan for our learning goals. I have left out the individual comments regarding school focus and vision due to privacy concerns, however much of this again has been insightful and were helpful in looking at other aspects of school practices.

Courtyard

Please refrain from collecting students in the courtyard after school. The noise can be disruptive to the office and to Gowrie setting up programs. Stage 1 and Stage 2 now go to the top playground.

Morning Drop-off

Just a reminder that no teachers are on duty before school until 8:30am. Students who arrive before this time are expected to sit and wait on the bench outside the office for the staff on duty. This is due to duty of care/ WHS issues for our staff. Students who do not follow these rules may end up on reflection time. Please remind your child of these rules and expectations.

Stage & Class Presentation

We are compiling staff presentations to send home from Parent/Teacher information night. Please be aware that some of these slides have been designed as prompts or talking points for staff on the night. Please note that there will be another session later in the year where parents will meet with teachers.

Regional Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all those students who made it to the Regional Swimming Carnival. Thank you for representing our school so well. You are all CHAMPIONS!!



Regional Swimming Rep. Team

Olive, James, Leo, Archie, Toby, Zahlia, Ava,
 Hamish, Maya, Pola, Lola, Anais, Clara, Anika,
 Audrey, Lola.



PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Questions	Responses	%
Rate your level of agreement with the following statement:		
1. The school has high expectations regarding student performance	Neutral	40
	Strongly Agree	3
	Agree	38
	Disagree	14
	Strongly disagree	5
2. Are you aware of the teaching practices within rooms?	Totally	3
	Somewhat	46
	A little	33
	Not at all	18
3. Does your child ever speak about feedback from teachers?	Often	5
	Sometimes	35
	Rarely	32
	Never	28
4. Does your child ever speak about feedback from students?	Often	5
	Sometimes	35
	Rarely	32
	Never	28
5. How aware are you of the academic progress your child has made in literacy / numeracy?	Totally	15
	Somewhat	36
	A little	32
	Not aware	17
6. How well do you understand the link between curriculum and assessment practices?	Somewhat	29
	A little	31
	Not at all	40
7. My child/ren talk about behaviour in class	Often	14
	Sometimes	56
	Rarely	25
	never	5
8. wellbeing is an intrinsic part of school practice	Strong agree	44
	Agree	47
	Neutral	9
	Disagree	0
9. Please rate wellbeing domains in order of importance	Emotional	37
	Social	24
	Physical	15
	Cognitive	14
	Spiritual	10
10. How important is collaboration as a skill for teachers / students	Very important	80
	Somewhat important	18
	Neutral	2
	Not important	0
11. Rate your level of support for homework	Very strong	30
	Strong	16
	Neutral	42
	Against	7
	Strongly against	5
12. How important is creativity in schooling?	Very important	73
	Somewhat important	24
	Neutral	3
	Not important	0



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.

Fire Evacuation 17/03/2021

We had a false alarm on Wednesday afternoon which forced the staff and students to evacuate to Harry Noble Reserve. The students especially our Kindergarten were very co-operative and stayed calm the whole time. Well done Kindergarten!



2022 High School Expression of Interest

Thank you to families who have returned their completed Expression of Interest forms for the Moving into Year 7 NSW Government Schools 2022. All forms must be returned to office by Friday 19 March even if your child will be attending a private school.

Student Fees

Student's Statement of Account has been emailed to all families and financially responsible adult. We would appreciate if all camp fees be finalised before the end of the term. Thank you for your payments.

NAPLAN Online Preparation

Students in Year 3 and 5 will undertake online assessments in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy, in Term 2 from 11 May. To ensure this occurs smoothly, our school will join with the majority of schools across the nation in March, to undertake a practice session to ensure devices and our internet are working correctly. Further notices will be send out shortly.



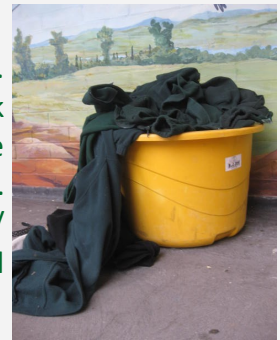
Clean-Up Australia Day



LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost something?

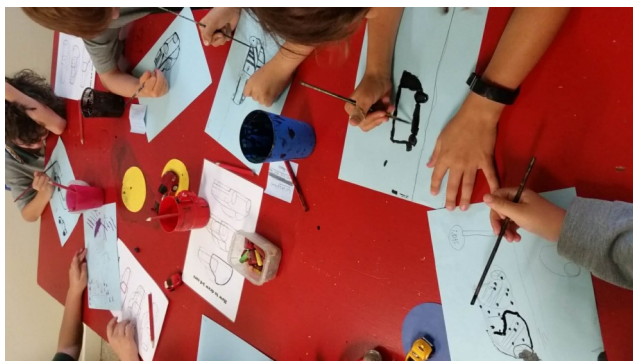
All items should be labelled with your child's name. Please take the time to look through Lost Property in the Brown Hall and After-Care hall. It's overflowing. All unclaimed / un-named uniforms will be sold at the P&C pre-loved uniform co-op.





Art Classes

Check out our Stage 2 Transport Transformation artwork.



Stage 1 Matisse inspired Creature Feature Collage . Work done by Wattle and Banksia.





School Assembly



Have you changed your contact details?

It's important we know in case of sickness or emergency.

Phone numbers / Email / Home Address / Emergency Contacts



Erko Garden



Sustainability Update:

Food Waste Bin:

- ⇒ Fabulous to see less yogurt drink packets in the food waste bin. Great work all.
- ⇒ This week (from Monday and Tuesday) I found 4 whole apples discarded and 2 sandwiches in plastic wrap in the food waste. Some kids may need these larger fruits cut up.

Recycling:

- ⇒ We have one **Yellow lid** recycling bin (between halls). Please use for coffee, cans and paper. Most coffee cups are NOT recyclable, they need to go in the **Red lid bin**.

Thank you.



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

- ✗ Food packed in plastic wrap, single-use plastic bags, foil or wax paper
- ✗ Single-use drink boxes, cans, pouches, cartons and bottles
- ✗ Single-use plastic forks and spoons
- ✗ 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 11 May (Week 4, Term 2) from 6:45pm in the Library

Meetings will generally be held on the second Tuesday of the month, with some exceptions due to school holidays – for example there's no April meeting since we will all be on holidays.

All welcome – no RSVP needed.

Come along to hear what's happening at school and how you can get involved, or request to add an item to the agenda by emailing erkopandc@gmail.com.

KINDY & NEW FAMILIES WELCOME BBQ

At last! Year 1 families and the P&C invite all Kindy families, and any other families who are new to Erko PS in 2021, to a Welcome BBQ in the playground on **Friday 23 April (Week 1, Term 2) at 6pm**. It's a great chance to get to know other new families and the Erko PS community.

Due to COVID restrictions, an RSVP may be required, so pop the date in your diary and keep an eye out for a note coming home in school bags soon.

Year 1 families: it's your turn to welcome our new families in traditional Erko style! Please text Daniel on 0413 669 923 if you can help organise or serve at the BBQ, and help continue this great Erko tradition.



PLAYGROUND WORKING BEE

NEW DATE! Sunday 28 March from 10am – 2pm

Our last attempt got rained out, so we're trying again! Come along to help improve the school grounds with gardening and maintenance. No skills are necessary and kids are welcome.

We'll be harvesting avocados and olives (take some home with you to enjoy), getting the edible garden ready for autumn planting, tackling some overgrown areas and starting preparation work for our new playground equipment.



COLOUR BUBBLE FUN RUN IS COMING BACK!

Our colourful fun run is set to return in Term 2. If you'd like to join the organising team and help coordinate this fun fundraising event, please contact Kristy on 0403 697 117.

Stay in touch. You can contact the P&C Executive at any time at erkopandc@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Become a member. To have a say and vote at meetings, become a member at www.erkopandc.bigcartel.com.

GOWRIE NEWS

ERSKINEVILLE OSHC

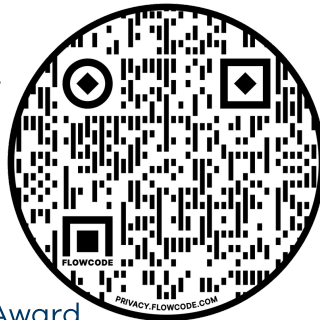
VACATION CARE IS ON THE WAY!

We're so happy that we are ready to commence accepting bookings for the Autumn School Holidays!

These holidays, ERKO OSHC is adventuring across the world as we explore culture and community by learning about, and exploring the countries of origin, and cultures of families and educators from our Program! From Japan to Vietnam, Greece and even Germany! Ge ready for an exciting adventure you don't want to miss!

See our QR code below for your copy of the flyer, or check out the Gowrie Website for more info.

[HTTPS://WWW.GOWRIENSW.COM.AU/OUT-OF-HOURS-CARE/ERSKINEVILLE](https://www.gowriensw.com.au/out-of-hours-care/erskineville)



GOWRIE AWARD WINNERS!

Congratulations to our Gowrie Award Winners for the past fortnight:

- Evelyn B
- Jackson
- Maya
- Oliver
- Rhys
- Lily
- Alexandria
- Jacob
- Wolfgang



WHAT'S NEW!

Gowrie is very excited partner with the School P&C, and gardening teachers, to commence the **Gowrie Sustainability Club!** We are excited to commence Gardening, Composting, managing a worm farm, and other activities to grow **Greener and Greener** each day! We'd love suggestions to support our continual goal of supporting, and role modelling sustainability in our community!



APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Gowrie NSW Erskineville

6 April - 19 April 2021 (7am - 6pm)



WEEK 1

M O N T U E W E D T H U F R I	5 APR	Public Holiday (Centre closed on Easter Monday)	
	6 APR	Destination: Turkey! (In House) Adventure through OSHC Day 1: Let's tour Turkey and learn about the beautiful art and delicious food of Turkish culture!	\$55
	7 APR	Travel to Vietnam! (In House) On day 2 of our OSHC adventure we explore the beautiful country of Vietnam! Let's cook and learn about the heritage of many ERKO students!	\$55
	8 APR	Gone to Greece! (Incursion) Let's see who can build the biggest towers with the biggest rockets on Day 3 of our Adventure whilst we go to Greece!	\$70
	9 APR	Sail through Scotland! (In House) Aye! Let's visit wee Scotland and learn about the land of Lochs and Legends!	\$55

WEEK 2

12 APR	Let's Explore Japan! (Incursion) – Beyblade Tournament こんにちは！日本に行って、 ベイ・ブレードとしましょ う！ (Hello, Lets go to Japan and play with Beyblades!)	\$70
13 APR	Adventure through Germany! (In House) It's Day 6 and the end of our adventure draws near; we feast on fresh bread and dishes from Germany	\$55
14 APR	Let's learn about Indigenous Australia! (Incursion) – Bush Tucker (Hort 4 Kidz) Let's get together and learn about Bush Tucker from the custodians of our lands!	\$70
15 APR	Off to India! (In House) Let's learn something new on Vacation Care from our educators and families in Gowrie and learn about all different parts of India!	\$55
16 APR	Last Stop, China (In House) Final Boarding Call! We arrive in our final destination, China! Our heavily requested Dumplings are going to be a cooking experience that'll put your knowledge to the test!	\$55

WEEK 3

19 APR	Welcome Term 2! (Incursion) – Ultimate Water Wars Woohoo! Term 2 starts tomorrow! Let's celebrate the end of Vacation Care with a dance party, a water play incursion and cook a Gowrie favourite, PIZZA!	\$70
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Register online today at gowriensw.com.au



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Terms & Conditions

- All booked vacation care sessions must be paid in advance.
- Cancellation of any vacation care sessions require 7 DAYS written notice. In the absence of required notice regular session fees will be charged.
- A failure to notify fee of \$5 is charged to family's accounts who do not inform the Program Manager that their child will not attend a booked session of care, OR if they arrive late to a booked excursion session.
- Children must be at the centre before the schedule bus departure time on excursion days.
- Programs, incursions and excursions may change to accommodate adverse weather conditions or due to unforeseen circumstances. Parents will be advised of any changes.