

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2021

### TERM 2

#### Monday 19 April

Staff Development Day

#### Tuesday 20 April

Students Return to school

#### Tuesday 20 April

Opportunity Class Application Opens (Yr.4)

#### Friday 23 April

School ANZAC Assembly

Kindy Welcome BBQ from 6pm

#### Tuesday 27 April

Parent Helpers Zoom Meeting

#### Wednesday 28 April

Uniform Co-Op @7.45-9.15am

#### Friday 30 April

Colour Bubble Fun Run

#### Thursday 6 May

Colour Bubble Fun Run (backup date in case of postponement)

#### Tuesday 11 May

P&C Meeting from 6.45pm in the Library

#### Tuesday 8 June

P&C Meeting from 6.45pm in the Library



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Collaboration Plan for Stage Teachers

Each Stage will have a Collaborative Planning Day this week. These days enable staff to create and share programs and units in each key learning area to ensure consistency between classes in terms of assessment, content covered and resourcing.

### ANZAC DAY School Assembly

As ANZAC Day falls on Sunday this year, Erko will be having our traditional ANZAC assembly on Friday 23rd from 2.00-2.15pm. Thank you Eucalypt for preparing and running this special assembly.

### NAPLAN

This year we will be completing most of the NAPLAN tests for Years 3 & 5 online. This will be a first for us so we are unsure of what all the logistical challenges may be. The testing period itself is longer to cater for some of the issues that have been identified by the department and may have a possible impact on it's running. Staff have ( and continue) to be given professional development around the processes and protocols of this new regime. I encourage you to gather more information from the NAPLAN website . Details on page 2.

### Reading Groups

We have organised Zoom sessions and the link has been sent out via Enews. The form of the session will be twofold: to look at the administrative aspects/compliance and what specifically is expected from parents helping out. As this is the first time we have attempted to do something like this, the effectiveness of the program will be reviewed in Week 10. For this initial session we put no limitations on groupings or the number of helpers .

## PACER REBATE (Parliament and Civics Education Rebate)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.





## COVID UPDATE

The latest advice is that there are no restrictions on catering or capacity.

- \* Covid safety plans are only needed for indoor events of over 100 people and 200 people if outdoor.
- \* No mask wearing and physical distancing required.
- \* No restrictions on group work or any school related activity.

As such singing, dance and many other activities will commence this term and parents may attend events as per school advice .

## SSRC in Action

Action Plans underway for SSRC Teams. A strong start to Term 2 and authentic student voice to be shared.....watch this space!





## BAND NEWS

Congratulations to all band students on a terrific concert at the end of last term. Thanks to all the parents and teachers for your support! I am already noticing a wonderful improvement in all our students with the new tutorial system. Remember that regular practice is important for improvement too! Looking forward to a musical Term 2.

Emily

## School Organised Extra-Curricular Activities Term 2

Activity	Where	When
<b>Choir Stage 1</b>	LWH	Thursdays 1 <sup>st</sup> half of lunch
<b>Dance K-2</b>	LWH	Thursdays 8.15am—9am
<b>Ukulele Years 2-6</b>	Music Room	Wednesday Lunch
<b>Dance Troupe (Senior students- By audition only)</b>	LWH	Monday After school (starts in Wk5)
<b>Knitting</b>	Brown hall	Tues & Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch
<b>SSRC</b>	LWH	Tues & Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch
<b>Rock Band (by audition only)</b>	Music Room	Tuesday Lunch Starts in Wk5

**Park Legally**  
 CITY OF SYDNEY *city of wellbeing*  
 choose safety over convenience



## ANZAC DAY School Assembly

On **Friday the 23rd of April**, Eucalypt class will be running a special assembly to show our respect for the fallen soldiers of war. Eucalypt have been learning about what it means to be an ANZAC and the students will contribute to the running of the this very special assembly. We hope you can join us. **Assembly will start at 2pm in the Lucy Woodcock Hall.** Mr.Charlton



## ERKO Stage 1 Choir IS BACK

Stage 1 Choir is open to all students in Years 1 and 2. Any interested students must attend a meeting on **Thursday 29th April in the Lucy Woodcock Hall** during the first half of lunch. This first meeting is an opportunity for students to receive information and decide if they would like to join. Please remind your child on the day if they wish to attend. An announcement will also be made at school prior to the meeting. Ms Logan & Mr Lonsdale



Kindergarten - Yr 2

**DANCE CLUB**

@ Erko

**Thursday Mornings @ 8.15am.**  
Commencing Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

WHEN:  
WHERE: Lucy Woodcock Hall  
Students need to attend first day to sign up and commit to attending every Thursday morning session.

REQUIREMENT:

Thank you Sofia M for designing the new-look Principal's Award!





## Year 5 Entry To An Opportunity Class In 2022

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2022, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **Friday 7 May 2021**.

Year 4 parents will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**.

Parents and carers should read **Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022** for information about the process.

<https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/49795d1c-b339-43e9-aa48-02e496d165f1/oc-applicpack.pdf>



## NAPLAN YEARS 3 & 5

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Online tests from the 11th - 21st May. Classes will have scheduled times to complete the writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy tests over the test period. For more information head to <https://www.nap.edu.au/>

## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL



# EVERY DAY COUNTS...

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4



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

### UPCOMING P&C MEETINGS

**Tuesday 11 May** (Week 4, Term 2)

**Tuesday 8 June** (Week 8, Term 2)

All parents and carers are welcome to attend our monthly P&C Meetings from 6:45pm in the School Library. Come along to hear what's happening at school and how you can get involved.

There's no need to RSVP but you'll need to scan the COVID check in on arrival.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

Tell us what's important to you, to help make sure our P&C meetings and activities are relevant to our school community.

Complete our 3-minute online survey by **this Friday 23 April** [surveymonkey.com/r/N5JDKSR](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N5JDKSR)

### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM CO-OP

**Wednesday 28 April (Week 2) 7:45-9:15am**

Pre-Loved school uniforms priced from \$5-10. Card purchases only (no cash please).

QR code sign-in will be essential. If you don't have a phone to sign in, please stop at the school office first, so they can manually sign you in.

If you can **VOLUNTEER** anytime from 7:15am (even for as little as 15 minutes!) please call or text Nina on 0406 744 124. The Co-Op can't run without volunteer help.

If you have items to **DONATE** please drop them off at the school office.

### SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS' LITERACY & LEARNING

Thank you to everyone who supported P&C fundraising events in 2020. Some of last year's funds were invested in **more than 640 new home readers**. These new books have now arrived at school.

Thanks to Gabrielle for a mammoth effort covering them all with contact, and to Mrs Hopkinson and Mr Perry for the careful selection and labelling of these fabulous new resources.

We look forward to seeing these new books going home in students' home reader bags this term. Enjoy!



**Stay in touch.** You can contact the P&C Executive at any time at [erkopandc@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.erkopandc.bigcartel.com).



## READY SET GO ... COLOUR BUBBLE FUN RUN

Permission notes and payment due **THIS WEEK**

Colour Bubble is like a fun run ... but more colourful AND more fun. Students will walk or run around the oval with the opportunity to walk or run through bubbles and/or coloured powder. It's messy and the kids love it!

Since this event is coordinated by the P&C, please don't make any payments to the office or via the school website. You can pay your \$10 entry fee online at:

[erkocolourbubble.bigcartel.com](http://erkocolourbubble.bigcartel.com)

There'll be a prize for the class in each stage that raises the most money, so if friends and family would like to contribute a little extra, simply send them this link:

[erkocolourbubble.bigcartel.com/product/donate](http://erkocolourbubble.bigcartel.com/product/donate)

If you're missing the note with all the details, please see the office or ask your class teacher for another copy.



## KINDY & NEW FAMILIES WELCOME BBQ

**Friday 23 April (end of this week) from 6pm**

All Kindy families, and any other families who are new to Erko PS in 2021, are invited to a Welcome BBQ in the courtyard outside the office. BBQ dinner will be provided, with vegetarian and gluten free options available.

It's a great chance to get to know other new families and the Erko PS community.

**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.



## BECOME A MEMBER

To have a say and vote at meetings, become a member at [www.erkopandc.bigcartel.com](http://www.erkopandc.bigcartel.com).

It only costs \$2 per year!

Remember that memberships need to be renewed every year – take a moment to renew yours now.

## 2021 P&C EXECUTIVE

Got a question or something you'd like to raise at a meeting? 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 Mel	Mum to Oliver (Yr 3) and Alexander (Yr 1)	0414 632 782
		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