

TERM 2/ Week 6 Monday 24 May 2021

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2021

### TERM 2

Wednesday 26 May

SSPSSA Cross Country

Friday 28 May

SORRY DAY Assembly

Tuesday 8 June

P&C Meeting from 6.45pm in the Library

June 21—June 25

NAIDOC Week

Thursday 24 June

End of Term Band Concert @2.30pm

SSPSSA District Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who represented Erskineville Public School at the Zone Cross Country yesterday.

### SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

#### Park legally. Choose safety over convenience

Never park illegally in a No Stopping, No Parking, Bus Zone, or across a driveway, near a school crossing, or in a bus bay.

**No Stopping** – you cannot stop for any reason

**No Parking** – you can stop for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers (also known as Kiss and Ride zones)

**Bus Zone** – you must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus

**Do not park** –

- within 20 metres on the approach side or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing
- across a driveway, footpath, nature strip or median strip.
- within 10 metres of an intersection
- within 20 metres of traffic lights

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Apologies for the delay in this Newsletter coming out but I have been unwell.

### READING GROUPS

After reviewing the logistics of parent helpers Ms. Dragutinovic and I have made some changes which will be communicated to all later this week. Whilst we are appreciative of the support, I would ask that parents don't over commit as non-attendance has an impact on all groups and other helpers.

### REPORT FORMAT

Staff are writing the students' reports for Semester 1. We are experimenting with the presentation within a fairly rigid software package. This will be a second version of reports created from our Sentral software; modified reports were created last year for Covid, based on departmental direction. Before this, we used the momentum program to create reporting templates.

### RECONCILIATION WEEK & SORRY DAY

This week is National Reconciliation Week with the theme "More than a word". All classes have discussed the significance of this on Wednesday which is National Sorry Day. There will be an assembly on Friday afternoon to mark this important event. In the last week of term, we will celebrate NAIDOC week – this is currently being organised and more information will be forthcoming closer to this time.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN online has now been completed and signed off. Whilst there were some logistical issues over the days the testing ran the staff did a sterling job in ensuring students were supported and working to the best of their ability. For more information on the logistics / technical aspects of NAPLAN, I have provided my presentation presented at the last P & C meeting to be shared. Our results should be available earlier than previous years which will allow staff to evaluate our data and look at trends and more importantly, act upon these trends within a timeframe that will assist the following cohort.

### CRAZY HAIR DAY

Many thanks to the support provided by the community - we raised \$560 for Kids Cancer.

**PROTOCOLS** Just a reminder - as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, that parents and visitors are not allowed in any classroom without permission from the school. Enquiries need to go through the front office; from here queries will go to the relevant staff and a decision made. This is a Child Protection protocol so we appreciate your co-operation with this matter.



## Band News



Concert date for Term 2 is locked in: **Thursday 24th June**, week 10 at 2:30. Hope to see you there! The bands are already sounding even better than last term - they are improving all the time! Don't forget all students in the program require a band t-shirt - if you haven't sorted that yet, here is a nice early reminder for you to buy one from the office. The usual external festival we perform at is unlikely to happen this year (IF a primary school event runs, it will be online) however I am currently researching other performance opportunities, so I am sure there will be other events to perform at this year! Keep practicing! -Emily.

## Entering Classroom Before & After hours

This is for the parents who are walking into classrooms looking for lost property. We ask that you pass this responsibility on to your child to develop **their** organisational skills and care for their own belongings. The SSRC Lost Property Team has created a timetable where every class will help sort and distribute items left around the school. Please remember to **put names on all belongings** and the BROWN HALL (next to the office) is where you can find lost things. Teachers do remind children every afternoon to collect their things and pack bags, we also have posters on the walls for those that like a visual reminder. Some families use reward charts to help their child take pride in looking after their hats, jumpers and water bottles. Thank you to those parents who volunteered to sort out the lost properties in your spare time. We appreciate your support.

## Kindergarten 2022

We are taking enrolments for our Kindergarten students commencing in 2022. Enrolling your child now assists the school plan for Kindergarten numbers next year. Please refer to the school website <https://erskinevil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html> for more information. If you any questions, please email the school office at [erskinevil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:erskinevil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or call us at 9557 5206. We look forward to welcoming your child to Erskineville Public school.





## Erko Debating Team

Last Friday, the 14th of May, the Erko Debating Team went against Newtown North PS. Our topic was "Homework should be banned".

We the negative team lost the debate but we hope that we make it into the finals and participate in many more debates!

Zahlia, Lily, Leo & Ted.

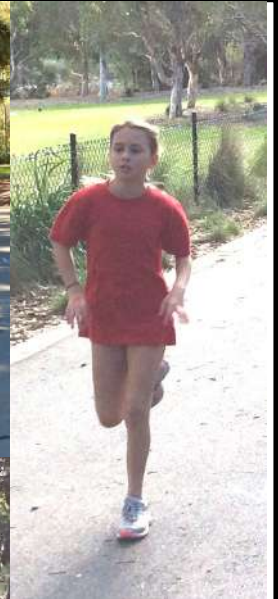


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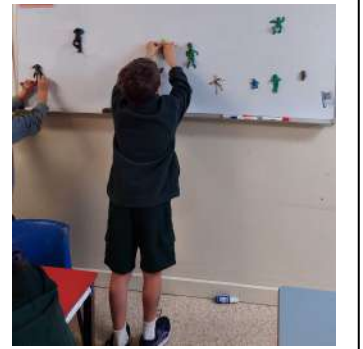
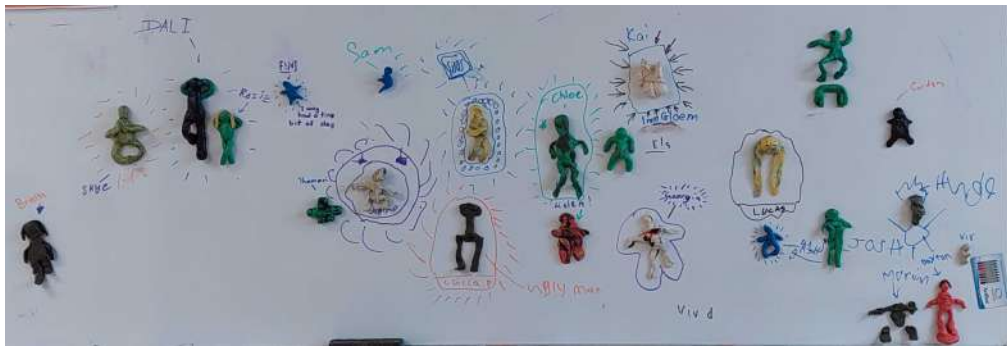
## Erskineville Cross - Country 2021





## Lilly Pilly Art

'Figure It Out' plasticine figures



## Stage 1 War on Waste

Stage 1 have been inspired by their sustainability unit to embark on Erko's own war on waste. The clean up crew has been cleaning up the bottom playground on Wednesday mornings and Thursday lunchtimes with Ms Alexander. Anyone is welcome to join us if you see us on the playground.



## Knitting Group @ Erko

Knitting group continues with some fresh interest this week. Thanks Olive C and Elise G for inviting new people. I have free finger knitting starter kits but if you would like knitting needles please send a gold coin. I have a limited supply. It's really wonderful to see so many enthusiastic crafters building skills to last a lifetime.

Wednesday second half of lunch

Brown Hall

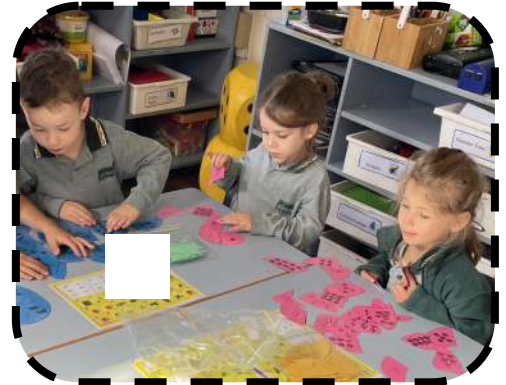
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## Bottle Brush in Action.....

Bottlebrush have been working their socks off this past week! Here are some of them during Maths, news and Developmental play. All of Kindergarten have started to present news to their classes. Ms Hopkinson, Ms Jones and I have been extremely impressed by the confidence and enthusiasm that our students have exuded. Well done Kindergarten. We are proud of you 🌟



**Has your child lost anything?** Before you attempt to buy a new hat, jacket, water bottle or lunch box for your child—why don't you check out the lost property in the Brown Hall.

You'll be surprised at what you will find.

**REDUCE— REUSE—RECYCLE—RETHINK—REBUY**



## Library Fund

### THE TOM BASS LEARNING CENTRE

#### The Rainbow Serpent

The Rainbow Serpent at the entrance to The Tom Bass Learning Centre designed for the children and it's form was inspired by the children. This was a collaborative project between the Erko P&C and the Tom Bass Sculpture Studio School.



#### TOM BASS AM Sculptor

Tom Bass AM (1916-2010) was a former student at Erskineville Public School and a renowned Australian sculptor. He was made a member of the Order of Australia in 1989.

#### THE TOM BASS LEARNING CENTRE

The Tom Bass Learning Centre is the Library and resource hub of Erskineville Public School. As such, it is the learning heart of the school, providing extensive resources to support student learning whilst fostering a lifelong love of books and reading.

#### The Library Fund

A library fund has been established to raise funds to ensure students have access to a wide range of valuable and up-to-date resources. Please note that resources selected and purchased are based solely on the educational needs of the school as determined by staff.

#### How You Can Help

Individuals and businesses in our community are invited to unite and help financially support the development of The Tom Bass Learning Centre. Any donation you are able to give will make a difference. Your gift to the Tom Bass Learning Centre is tax deductible and will help enrich the educational experiences of Erskineville.

#### LIBRARY FUND DONATION

#### THE TOM BASS LEARNING CENTRE

#### Payment Details

I would like to donate to the Library Fund:

\$20    \$50    \$100   Other \$.....

#### Online Payment Only via website:

<https://erskinevil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

#### Donor Details

Name .....

Company Name .....

Address.....

State ..... Postcode.....

Phone.....

Email.....

*All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.*

*Contact the school if you require further information.*

#### ADDITIONAL STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers are in the process of preparing the student progress reports for Semester 1. Parents who have shared responsibility but are not living with the students, may request an additional report. All student reports will be handed to the child unless the school office is informed otherwise. Please contact the school office for your request to be accommodated.



Information for parents  
[click here](#)

Book Club magazines (Issue 4) are coming home this week. If you would like to have a look online at what's on offer, the digital catalogue is now available to view.

## HOW TO ORDER ON **Book Club**



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read
3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.



**LOOP** is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

[View Catalogue](#)

[Place Order](#)

Download the Book Club Loop app







**DON'T FORGET!**

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
 orders are due:

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
 LOOP payments ONLY. **NO CASH**

**CREDIT CARD** Your School is in the **LOOP!** When you order and pay by **LOOP**, do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the app:



## PARENT CONTRIBUTION (SCHOOL FEES)

Parents are asked to contribute a voluntary contribution each year. This year school fees were \$130 for one child and \$260 for two or more children. Please see the table below that shows the voluntary and the learning resources components of the contribution. Erskineville PS would appreciate your assistance. School fees cover the purchase of pencils, student workbooks, art and craft materials, computer consumables and stationery items for each child. Voluntary contributions are confidential. Payments can be made through the school website under 'Make a Payment'.

COSTS	One Child	Two or more children
Learning Resources	\$90	\$180
+ Voluntary School Contribution	\$40	\$80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$260</b>