

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2021

TERM 2

Friday 7 May

Opportunity Class rego closes today

Tuesday May 11—May 21

NAPLAN

Tuesday 11 May

P&C Meeting from 6.45pm in the Library

Monday 17 May

Multicultural Public Speaking (Years 5&6)

Tuesday 8 June

P&C Meeting from 6.45pm in the Library

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TERM 2/ Week 3 Monday 03 May 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Colour Run

What an excellent way to re-introduce the community to the school! Students thoroughly enjoyed the event as well as the Erko staff. Many thanks to our hardworking P&C and parent volunteers as well as Miss Jones and Ms Lecalvez for their organisational skills.

ANZAC Assembly

With assemblies beginning again, it was lovely to see Eucalypt Class present an impressive ANZAC assembly that showcased the Public Speaking skills of our students. Well done Eucalypt and Mr Charlton.

NAPLAN

Next week marks the beginning of the NAPLAN Online testing period. A time frame of two weeks has been allocated to cater for absences, student issues or any technical issues that may arise. Students generally complete testing on Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling and grammar) and Numeracy. Years 3&5 will be participating in these assessments. It's important to remember that this process is one of many assessment processes the school will utilise to track how students are progressing. It is not a test and we do not rank students based on this. The data we are given is used to inform our practices and target specific curriculum areas. It's a few days in the approx. 1400 that students have in primary school.

Parent Helpers—Reading

Thanks to our parent helpers for their assistance in reading with individual students this week. As NAPLAN is now upon us, the program will be paused for 2 weeks. In the meantime, we will be making changes to this process based on our experiences with this initial run.

Carpark / Grounds

Can I remind parents and students to not enter the school grounds through the carpark. Also, I'd like students to not climb on our serpent presently as it's looking 'worse for wear'. Thank you for your support with these matters.



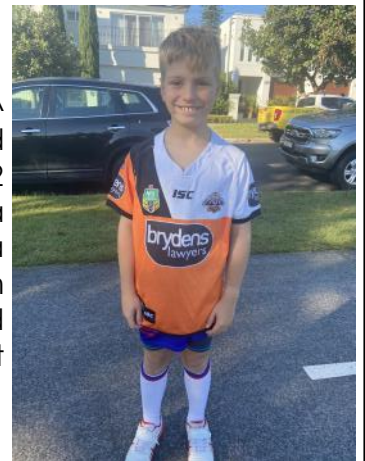
**No pedestrian
access through
Malcolm Street carpark.
Please use small
pedestrian gate**



ERKO Students in Action!

Congratulations Rocky.....for his exceptional effort in the PSSA knock out rugby league trials on Monday 26 April, representing EPS and the Balmain district. Rocky was the youngest in the competition by 2 years competing in the under 11's getting picked in the team through a trial in March, he was outstanding and extremely brave to take on a much larger and older competition. He was an amazing team member, tackling and running at boys almost double his size. He missed out being chosen for the PSSA team but onwards and upwards next year. Thanks to the school for giving Rocky the opportunity to play.

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## COLOUR BUBBLE FUN RUN

A massive 'THANK YOU' to all our wonderful P&C for organising this fun day for both students and staff.....



*'I want to do it again'*





## Colour Bubble Fun Run



*'This is the best day ever!'*

Student





## EPS ANZAC Assembly

Well done Mr Charlton and Eucalypt Class!



### MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL

We would encourage parents and carers not to make payments by cash for the next few weeks. The preferred method of payment is by POP (online payments) - invoices issued by the school have a direct link to the online function but you can also access it through the school website:

<https://erskinevil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au> (see below)

All payments can be made through here - any purchases made at the school such as hats, instrument reeds etc.

You don't need to enter a reference number—the only information we need is:

- Student Name
- Class
- Reason for payment

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Kind Regards



### TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.





## ART DISPLAY

### Wattle Guided Tree Drawing.....



### Stage 2 have started a new art unit ...'Figure It Out'

#### Wollemi



#### Boronia







## TEAM PLANNING @ ERKO

**LEADERSHIP TEAM Planning** — Leaders working on the School Values project.



## SSRC Team Planning

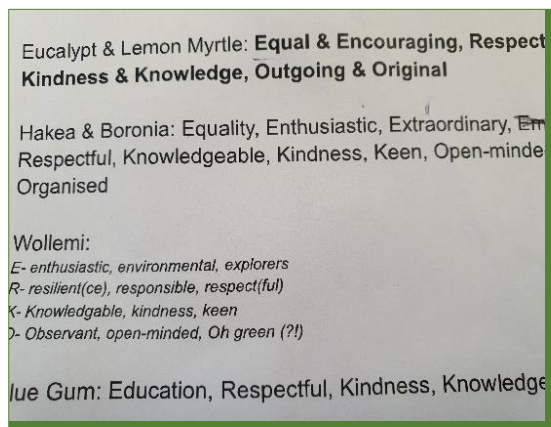


## Handball Tournament Planning Team



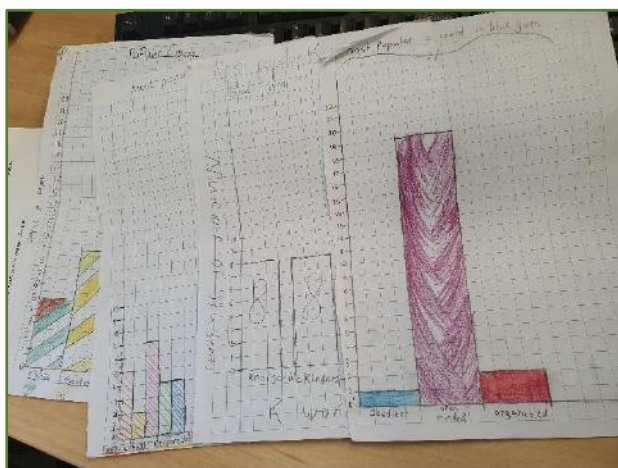
# ERKO VALUES 2021

## From the Leadership Team



At the beginning of the year, all teachers and students worked together to discuss, vote and agree upon the values that represent the culture here at Erskineville Public School.

Each class then chose the four top voted values to represent ERKO and these were presented to the leadership team of 2021.



In order to promote a culture where authentic **student voice** is heard throughout the school and across the school community, we left the final decision of the school values for 2021 to the student leadership team. After much debate and discussion, the values most important to students in 2021 have been decided.

**E = Equality, R = Resilience, K = Kindness, O = Optimism**



As part of their commitment to guiding the direction of the school, we as the leadership team will drive the ERKO VALUES 2021 project. At school assemblies we will give a short presentation on each of these values, to reinforce the kind of behaviour and attitude we wish to promote here at ERKO. In class, students will then discuss these values as part of their Personal Development and Health lessons to get a deeper understanding of what it actually looks like at school, home and in the community.



This year, we want you to know that Equality, Resilience, Kindness and Optimism are the key values for ERKO 2021.





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

### UPCOMING P&C MEETINGS

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

*Special discussion topic:*

*"Thinking about High School?"*

**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.

### COLOUR BUBBLE FUN RUN

**Thank you to everyone who helped or contributed!**

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help with the Colour Bubble Fun Run last week. The kids had a fabulous time!

There's also one last chance to make an extra donation ... one or two small contributions could be enough to decide which class receives the class prize.

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

**DONATE  
A BIT  
EXTRA**

### THINKING ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL?

Our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 11 May from 6:45pm will include a 'Thinking about High School' presentation and discussion. It aims to help answer some of your questions about the process and deadlines for applying to NSW Govt schools and will also include an update on the building upgrades at Alexandria Park. Watch eNews for a detailed agenda shortly.

Please RSVP using this form:

<https://forms.gle/KpjL9CvTVNwYhx579>. You can also use the form to pre-submit your questions so our speakers can come prepared to answer as many as possible.



### VOLUNTEER CORNER ... CAN YOU HELP?

We are still looking for volunteers who have, or who are willing to get:

- Safe Food Handling Certificate
- Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)

Both these qualifications are available online. If you're interested in taking one or both courses, the P&C can pay for you to attend, in exchange for your assistance at upcoming events.

Let us know if you can help by emailing

[erkopandc@gmail.com](mailto:erkopandc@gmail.com)

### UNIFORM CO-OP THANK YOU!

Thanks to Nina and all the volunteers who helped run the uniform co-op last week.

The co-op will run again on Wednesday of Week 2 next term. In the meantime, you can drop donations of preloved uniforms to the office.

**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).



# GOWRIE ERKO NEWSLETTER!

What's been happening  
@ Gowrie ERKO



## NEW FAMILIES

It was amazing to see new families visiting our program on the holidays! We love expanding our Gowrie ERKO Community!

## CHAMPIONS

We had some amazing challenges on the holidays, including child-lead creative building competitions on our Greece day!

## LEADERSHIP

We loved seeing some of our senior children support the engagement and learning of our younger children in the program!

## INCURSIONS

One reason last holidays was so amazing, is because it was planned by our amazing Gowrie Children. We got together and chose Incursions that excited and engaged all children's interests. One awesome incursion we experienced was our Amazing Beyblade Tournament!







## GOWRIE GREEN THUMBS

On the holidays our children got into supporting our garden and local critters by working on our new Worm Farm!

## EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

Alongside our amazing children and families, we also have some amazing educators in our program. Each month, our team, children and members of our community, are acknowledging one team member for their great work at Gowrie.

Last month, we recognised IVY.

Ivy has only been with us for close to 4 months now, but Ivy has been an amazing asset to our program. From planning engaging craft activities like clay, and ceramics, to running our Gowrie Sustainability club, and working with members of the school community to implement a Gowrie Worm Farm.

We are really proud of Ivy's accomplishments and hope our ERKO community will join us in recognising her hard work.



IVY



## ACTIVITIES

We got to experience some beautiful cultural experiences with our families and educators these holidays. On our India day, one of our amazing Educators facilitated beautiful Henna Tattoo on our children!