

YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE





Principal's Message

Meet the teacher – Good to see such a turn out for parent teacher meetings. This is the first of two for the year. The onus is on parents to provide background to your child to assist with our learning programs and welfare support. It is also helpful for our new staff and an effective way of gaining important information quickly.

Naplan - Naplan is about to begin for years 3 and 5. Reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy are the assessments students will complete here at school. If there are any enquiries you may have about this organisation (and this organisation has implications for our whole school based on how it must be administered) please call the school and you'll be forwarded to one of administrators of the test.

Traffic survey – Our P & C have constructed a very comprehensive survey of our traffic conditions and issues for you to complete. We are hopeful that these findings based on your input will help us come up with solutions to our traffic, parking and access issues.

Exits - Just a reminder that entry to the school during home time is through the front office after 3 o'clock, once the gates are closed. We request that parents who are engaged in activities with our external providers outside of Gowrie, wait outside the front entrance to the school where these community users will bring your children. In this way we are keeping everyone as safe as possible without interfering with Gowrie's activities during this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Replies to emails - As you can imagine we receive a lot of correspondence via phone and email. We do our best to reply to each as quickly and promptly as possible. Response time can depend on the seriousness of the matter and the backgrounding we may have to do to resolve an issue. Some issues we deal with are quite complex and some may even be ongoing in nature. One thing that is important to me is that matters are handled discreetly and with the privacy concerns of all involved. I'd like to also note that some matters are delegated to our very capable Assistant Principal's who have an expertise and knowledge of the matters that are referred to us.



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Kindy BBQ – Hopefully everyone enjoys the new kindy's BBQ, and everyone stays cool! This is a good opportunity to create new friendships and connections that will come in handy in years to come.

Class liaison parents - Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered their time to help all our class teachers in their administrative duties. We are unable to have everyone who has volunteered be given a role. It is also helpful if you have put your name forward that you understand how events within the school are run.

EOI for year 6-7 parents - This is open from the 3rd of March and closes on March 27. There will be an information session here in Wollemi on Wednesday March 12th.





Erskineville Public School

School Photography Date: 7/04/2025

Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up soon and will take place on Monday 7th April (week 11). Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below or by returning the order envelope with your payment to our photographer on school photo day.

2 easy ways to purchase:

1. Visa, MasterCard or PayPal

Cash – complete the envelope supplied and return it to our photographer on photo day

Link: Order photos here

Or visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

And enter online order code: GEE XQ9 CK1

School photography information:

- Online orders <u>do not</u> require an envelope returned to your school
- **Sibling Photos** Don't forget to pre-order your sibling photos online up to 24 hours before photo day. We provide your school with a list of sibling orders right up to the day of photography, so no one misses out. If you miss the online order deadline, you can submit a completed sibling order envelope first thing in the morning of the day of photography, so your school is aware you want the photo taken and can bring your children together in time for it. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at your school. Please note not all schools offer sibling photos
- Late fees a late fee will be applied to each package purchased after photo day due to the additional cost of producing these packages separately
- Package delivery School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography. Please note this delivery timeframe is dependent on proofing and additional photography days at your school.
- **Previous Years' photos** Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available to order under the "previous years or group photo" tabs at your school's **advancedorder** site when you click on the "Order School Photos Here" button above. You can also order past packages, portrait images and gifts from your child's unique, individual and secure **advancedyou** image archive site using the unique 9 digit image code found on packages you have ordered in the past





ERSKINEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS

Ms JENNY LEONG (Newtown)—On behalf of the Newtown electorate, I would like to recognise the 2024 Erskineville Public School Student Leaders and their contribution to the school community. The 2024 Student Leadership Council includes Arlo C, Audrey G, Christina Y, Clara S, Georgia D, Harry A, Indigo A, and Lewis P. Representing your school is a highly rewarding way to contribute to the strength and wellbeing of our community - whether at school, in our neighbourhoods, or around the world. It has been so wonderful to see these Student Leaders enact some incredible initiatives over the past year. I acknowledge Erskineville Public School's 2024 Student Leaders, and thank them for their contributions to the school, their community and beyond.

Erko 2025 leadership Team



Front_ Eva, Laurance, Hugo, Reeva, Back_ Aarav, Katherine, Ruby, Sierra.





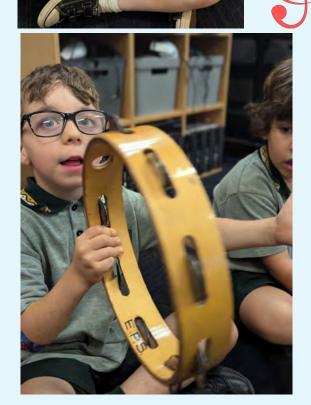
Music Program

In music this term, Kindy have been learning how to play untuned percussion instruments and using them to play different rhythmic patterns. We have also been doing lots of singing and learning about different instruments and the sounds they make! Later this term we will learn some simple note values and use beat blocks to create different

rhythmic patterns.



Micaela Cecire Music Teacher & Band Co-ordinator











Stage 3 art, ink blot drawings "Surrealism"



Art with

Ms Stein



Merit Assembly

We would like to congratulate:





Early Stage 1; Hudson, James, Dilan, Zach, Jade and Louis



Stage 1; Marlon, Theo, Kingston, Amaia, Will, Aria, Nina, Josef, Orlando, George and Vera



Stage 2; Alexa, Abi, Aiden, Kyla, Ruby, Emerson, & Xavier.



Stage 3; Timmy, Sam, Emilia, Ella, & Daniel.







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

UPCOMING P&C MEETINGS and **MEMBERSHIP**

Wednesday 26 March (Week 9, Term 1)

Wednesday 21 May (Week 4, Term 2) – includes the AGM

Please arrive from meetings from 6:45pm so the meeting can start at 7pm sharp.

P&C Membership is only \$2 and can be purchased online at any time:

www.erkopandc.com.au

You don't need to be a member to attend a meeting, but you DO need to be a member if you want to vote or propose an item for discussion.

Current 2024/25 memberships are valid until the end of the AGM on 21 May.

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS

Kindy & new families Welcome BBQ

Friday 28 February (Week 5) from 6pm Backup date in case of bad weather: Friday 7 March (Week 6)

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 26 March (Week 9) from 6:45pm

High School Information Night

Wednesday 12 March (Week 7) 6-7pm

Colour Bubble Fun Run – date TBC – stay tuned!

Federal Election BBQ & Cake stall – date TBC

Preloved Uniform Co-Op

Friday 9 May (Week 2) from 7:30-9:00am

KINDY & NEW FAMILIES WELCOME BBQ

Friday 28 February (Week 5) – this week!



New families, don't forget!

Erko P&C and our Yr 1 families are looking forward to hosting Kindy families and any families who are new to the school, with our traditional welcome BBQ.

It's a great way to meet other new families and enjoy a free Friday night dinner you don't have to cook! No need to RSVP – just come along from 6pm.

A huge THANK YOU to all the Year 1 families busily planning this fun and friendly welcome event. If you're able to volunteer hand haven't already signed up, Lesley and Sharon would still love your help on Friday from 3pm until it's all packed up – please email erkopandc@gmail.com for details.

VISIT THE P&C WEBSITE FOR ALL THE ERKO INFO YOU NEED:

- Join the P&C
- Browse upcoming events
- Find out how to volunteer

www.erkopandc.com.au

STAY IN TOUCH ...

- Read our P&C update in the school newsletter every fortnight.
- Visit the P&C website at www.erkopandc.com.au
- Contact the P&C Executive anytime at erkopandc@gmail.com



HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 12 March (Week 7) from 6pm-7pm

At this in-person info session, Dr Haynes and Ms Newnham will give an overview of different high school options available in the local area.

Then Erko parents with older kids will share some hints and tips on how they tackled the options, tours, forms and deadlines that can accompany this process.

If you have a child in Yr 4, 5 or 6, this discussion might be useful for you. Parents and carers of younger children are also welcome to attend.

To allow all parents to discuss their questions and experiences openly, this session is intended for parents and carers only.

If you're unable to leave students at home, space will be provided for them to wait in a nearby classroom - please ensure they have activities to occupy them while they wait.

CALLING ALL CREATIVE PARENTS & CARERS

We're on the lookout for any parents and carers with some experience in art/craft to help plan and/or participate in a specialised working bee.

It will involve getting out the paint brushes, spray paints, scissors and tape and touching up some areas of the school that are in need of some arty, crafty, creative love.

Come join Lesley for some community spirit, music and snacks and meet other creatives in the area!

If you're keen to know more, email erkopandc@gmail.com and Lesley will add you to the WhatsApp group for more information.

COMING SOON ...



Colour Bubble Fun Run ... lots of FUN and a little bit of FUNDraising! This event is for all students and will be held during school time.

We're in the process of confirming dates and availability of the oval. Check SchoolBytes for a permission note and the P&C website for more information soon.



Federal Election BBQ and Cake Stall

Elections are a big event in Erko! Aside from the chance to participate in democracy, our Sausage Sizzle BBQ is legendary and the cake stall has to be seen to be believed!

If you're a keen baker, start thinking about what you could make and donate. And if you're ready for a fun day with fellow Erko parents and carers, keep an eye on SchoolBytes and the newsletter for details of how to volunteer on the day.

As soon as the date is confirmed – put it in your diary so you're ready to go!



Erko Kids Kicking goals



Ashton represented Canterbury Touch at this year's Junior State Cup in Wagga Wagga. Since being selected in the team Ashton has been travelling twice a week to Menai for training and at state cup his Ashton and his team mates showed why they were selected.

Day 1: 2 wins and 1 loss

Day 2: 1 win and 1 draw

This took the team in to the quarterfinals where the boys went down 6-3 ending the tournament for them; this placed them third out of 19 teams in the southern division. A massive achievement for these boys.



INSPIRING STUDENTS TO GIVE BACK!





Service-Learning Programs – Incursions & Excursions & Multi-Day Experiences

Bring hands-on, meaningful learning experiences to your students. Our excursions to our Hub in Paddington or custom incursions at your school provide primary and high school students with an opportunity to connect, contribute, and learn about the power of giving back.



School Donation Drives - Make a Tangible Impact!

The simple act of collecting essential groceries and toiletries can go a long way. Let us help guide your school in running an impactful donation drive. Your students collect the items, and our volunteers transform them into beautifully curated care packs for those in need.



Mufti Day Fundraiser – Help Us Help Others!

Hosting a gold coin donation day for Kids Giving Back is an easy and powerful way to support our work. Every dollar raised helps provide food and essentials for people experiencing hardship.





Green Team, Tuesday's 2nd half of lunch, meet in the fruit garden.



The Green Team

Where: Meet at the Garden shed
When: Tuesday 2nd half of lunch
Who can come ? Years 2 - 6 OR younger students with a buddy.

Green Team run by Ms Stein as a
lunch times activity

We will be watering - collecting compost and rubbish.
- planting and weeding.
- maintaining the worm farm.
- learning about plants.



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Wednesday

3:00-4:00pm

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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Erskineville Public School is held on Thursdays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on **13 Febrary 2025.**

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad https://www.chesssquad.com/which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email <u>office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com</u> for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



Community Action for Safe Speeds (CASS Study)

Express your interest!

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

Would you like to join a community discussion on how to encourage safe speeds in your local area? The CASS (Community Action for Safe Speeds) study offers you a chance to contribute ideas to help create safe journeys on our roads. Join a community jury – a group decision-making process that brings together a diverse group of local citizens who listen to a variety of expert content in a certain field, deliberate on what they have heard, and make suggestions from the community's perspective.

Together with your peers, you will help create a set of community-driven recommendations for local education and awareness initiatives to be trialed in your community to help curb speeding and keep all road users safe.

What is involved?

- 4 community jury meetings across a 4-week period with other community members (14 hours total).
- Hear from experts about a variety of aspects relating to driving speeds, speed management, initiatives to reduce speeding
- Propose your own solutions on how to encourage safer driving speeds on the roads in your community.



Will I be reimbursed?

YES! You will receive \$40/hour, which will cover your time and any expenses you may have during your participation.



To participate you must:

- Be aged 18 years and older;
- Willing to travel to Community Jury locations and to commit the time required for participation;
- Be comfortable speaking English;
- Live or work in, or frequently drive through The City of Sydney LGA.

*Individuals who have worked in a road safety profession are not eligible to participate. Socio-demographic targets will be set, and once these targets are met, additional participants from those groups will be placed on a participation waitlist in case of drop-out.

Express your interest here!



Or contact the research team via:
P: +61 2 8052 4431
E: CarSafety@georgeinstitute.org.au

Are you an **LGBTQ+ Parent?**

For Rainbow Families, it's important that children who have LGBTQ+ parents have access to places where they can be comfortable, have a voice in the community and pursue their own path.

Rainbow Families formed its Youth Group in recognition of how important the voices of our young people are, and to create a safe and supportive peer network of other young people who understand

The Youth Group accommodates younger and older youth:

- LITTLE RAINBOWS is open to the younger 9 -12 age group, and offers an opportunity for social connection and age appropriate activities.
- YOUTH GROUP is designed for 13-17 year olds. They develop projects and initiatives for young people and young adults in the community.

Each group meets twice a month over food and fun activities with our group leader and school teacher, Geoffrey Parry-Ewing, in the Inner West area





"I like going to Little Rainbows because it is really fun and we to meet new friends too"

get to do amazing activities. You can just be yourself and you get

If you're a Rainbow Family and would like to connect with us to find out more about the Youth Group and Little Rainbows, go

friendship, learning. Join us!

to: Rainbow Families.com.au

You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram.

E: geoffreyp@rainbowfamilies.com.au





2025 Athletics

To find out about courses visit www.lucyestela.com/erkoathletics

YEARS 3-6 Mondays 3-4.30pm



Athletes will be put through their paces with a weekly training session focusing on fitness, strength, coordination and agility.

As part of each session they will be introduced to the various events that they will encounter at the School Athletics Carnival including Sprinting, Relays, Shot Put, Discus Long Jump and High Jump.

YEARS K-2 Tuesdays 3-4.15pm

Join us in the lower playground where athletes will be following a modified Athletics Australia Play program which provides them with a range of games and drills designed to develop and practice the fundamental movement skills of beginner athletes.

Athletes will perform activities that focus on ball skills, jumping, running, agility courses, hurdles, skipping,

PLEASE NOTE:

Kindys may join courses from term 2 onwards





sprints



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relavs





jumps

discus

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shot put

high jump



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ERSKINEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL



(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, MATHS)

CODING BLOCKS

THE FIRST TRIAL SESSION FOR FREE

TUESDAY 3:10 pm - 4:10 pm Week 1 - Week 10

\$ 29 / session
1 session / week







AFTER-SCHOOL ROBOTIC PROGRAM

- Fun, project-based learning, building and programming different robots using the SKM Coding Blocks Premium Kit
- Learn Basic Coding for Kinder/Years 1/2 to Advanced Coding for Years 3/4, to Scratch integrated, **AI Coding** for Years 5/6
- Experienced teachers will help students strengthen both **technical skills** and **soft skills**
- Students earn merit awards and prizes over the term, with an annual school competition





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Contact us:

info@skmcube.au Ms Kate (0431 144 823)





Learn to code and build your own games with CODE4FUN

Year 2 to Year 6 students are welcome to join. STEM focused program - students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.



CODING FOR KIDS

Term 1, 2025 Y2 - Y6 Students

Erskineville PS

In-person coding classes

Every Monday 10 Feb - 07 Apr | 9 weeks

CREATIVE CODING

3:00 - 4:15 pm Y2 - Y5 New students are welcome

GAME DEVELOPMENT

4:30 - 5:30 pm Y3 - Y6 Experienced students

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