

TERM 2 WEEK 6_2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

Monday 9th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th June

Ezra Dance for School_ K-6 runs for 4 weeks on Tuesdays.

Friday 13th June

Stage 3 Excursion to
Chau Chak Museum

Saturday 21st June

P&C Trivia Night

Tuesday 1st July

Ezra/Band/ Open classrooms

Friday 4th July

Last day Term 2



Principal's Message

Surveys – the new school surveys for students replaces Tell Them From Me (TTFM) surveys that were mandatory for schools to complete. This year as these surveys is rolled out, only students will complete them. We have a deadline of the end of this term to complete these. We aim to start these on Monday in week 9 and go from there. A school bytes email will go out with the option of opting out of the survey. If you do not reply, we are going to assume that you are willing for your child/ren to participate.

Assemblies – Could I ask that parents wait until students return to class before coming onto the grounds before assembly? We'd like to ensure our students remain safe. Recess ends at 2pm and generally students will return to their rooms and then to the hall. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Open day - week 10 – please mark in your calendar Tuesday (June 30). At this stage we are looking at having open rooms, band performances with Ryley and then whole school dance with the team from Dance curriculum.

Naidoc week - We are currently looking at a number of events for Naidoc week to determine dates, time and resourcing. More information will be released closer to week 10 (June 29 – July 4).

Reconciliation week assembly - My congratulations to Wollemi class and all students for an excellent assembly sharing with the whole school issues and history regarding both reconciliation week and sorry day. They were well prepared and as such presented well. Thank you to Ms. Newnham for her preparation of the class and Ms. Cecires stepping in at the last moment to run the assembly. Much appreciated.

Lost property - I have noticed that our lost property trays are full to overflowing again which is odd as we enter winter. Can I ask that if you take items out can you please put them back for the convenience of other parents who are there for the same reasons you are. Thank you.

Assembly week 7 - possible reschedule – Stage 3 students are on excursion to the Chau Chak museum on Friday week 7. This is also our scheduled school assembly which is organised and run by our school leadership team. As such if there are delays in returning, this assembly may be rescheduled. If so, an email will be sent out on the day.





Principal's Message

NSW Public Schools Student Survey

In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>

Development of Children's Online Privacy Code

Children's Online Privacy Code The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC), the Australian Government's privacy regulator, is seeking input from parents and carers to assist them in its development of the Children's Online Privacy Code (the Code). The Code will put children at the center of privacy protections in Australia. By the time a child turns 13, it's estimated that 72 million pieces of data will have been collected about them. The aim of the Code is to strengthen privacy protections for the handling of children's personal information. Your insights as a parent or carer are important. To have your say, please take a few minutes to complete the parent discussion paper here

[childrens-online-privacy-code-consultation-for-children-and-parents](#)

Your support is also important in helping your child or young person to take part too, please assist them in filling out the appropriate worksheet, provided in the link above. This consultation will be open until the 30 June 2025. You can read more about the Code here

[Children's Online Privacy Code | OAIC.](#)



Stage 1 Students Explore Weather and Seasons at Pocket City

This week, our Stage 1 students visited Pocket City Farms in Camperdown as part of our English and Science unit on weather and seasons. Activities included exploring the D'harawal calendar in the cultural garden, observing seasonal plant changes in the Food Forest, mapping sun and shade patterns, testing soil and rock types, weeding and learning about sustainable farming practices. The students represented the school with pride, showing their best manners and impressing the farmers with their knowledge.

A special thank you to our parent volunteers—Kristen, Beth, Eb, Kirsten, and Tetiana—for their invaluable support during the excursion.





Erko Kids Kicking Goals



Freya and Adriana performed admirably in the weekend's Irish dance competition. Freya secured first place in the Primary Grade and sixth place in the Advanced Grade, while Adriana achieved second and fourth places in the Primary Grade competitions.

Erko P&C Works

A big thank you to the P&C for their efforts in enhancing the school's environment with the Year 6 2024 bird tiles attached to the south side of the hall, the re-painting of the rainbow serpents and installing the buddy bench. These initiatives not only beautify our school but also foster a sense of community and pride among students and families.





EST 1 Sculpture



*Art with
Ms Stein*





PSSA Zone Cross Country

Today we went to the cross country zone carnival ! Erko did a great job!

Kai came 1st

Laurence came 5th

Jackson .F came 10th

Marlowe came 3rd

Iris came 5th

Alexa came 7th

George came 8th

Leo .A came 3rd

Ashton came 4th!

We all had a great day!

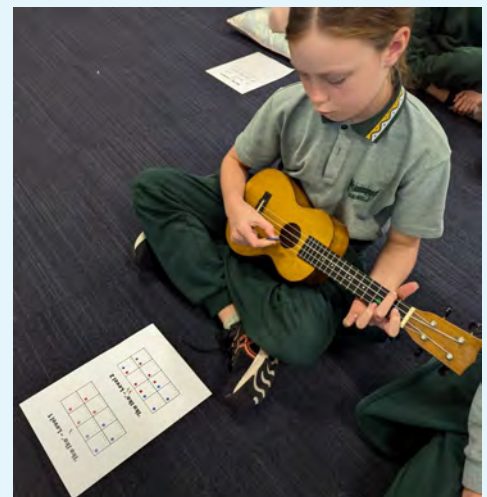




Music Program



This term in music, stage 2 classes have been working hard learning to play songs on the ukulele that require complex strumming patterns. For the last few lessons, we have been learning to play Riptide which uses a syncopated (off the beat) strumming pattern called the Island Strum. We are now learning to play a song called Iko Iko, a traditional song from the city of New Orleans. This song uses 2 simple chords, but the chord pattern requires some tricky counting. Soon we'll be moving onto a unit of composition based on the web platform Chrome Music Lab.





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

UPCOMING P&C MEETINGS

Our meetings are generally held in Week 4 and Week 9 of every term.

Our next meeting will be:

Wednesday 25 June (Week 9, Term 2)

This will be an online meeting. The link to join will be distributed closer to the meeting dates. Please aim to be online by 6:45pm so the meeting can start promptly at 7pm.



UPCOMING P&C EVENTS

Last day to buy ErkoQuiz tickets

Friday 13 June: www.erkopandc.com.au/erko-quiz

ErkoQuiz Parent's & Carers Night Out

Saturday 21 June (end of Week 8)

June P&C Meeting

Wednesday 25 June (Week 9)

Coming soon...

Commemorative teatowels go on sale

Stay tuned for more details of these fabulous mementoes of your little ones' school days.

Next term...

Preloved Uniform Co-Op

Friday 1 August (Week 2, Term 3) 7:30-9:00am

Cyber safety sessions for students, parents and teachers Tuesday 12 August (Week 4, Term 3). Students will attend sessions during the school day. Parents and carers: save the date for an evening session.

August P&C meeting

w/c 11 August (Week 4, Term 3) – day and time TBC

ERKOQUIZ PARENTS & CARERS NIGHT OUT

Saturday 21 June (end of Wk 8)

Don't miss out – **ticket sales must close on Friday 13 June** (end of Week 7):

www.erkopandc.com.au/erko-quiz

This great social event includes a hosted trivia event with a professional quiz master, followed by our house DJ spinning records to get us all on the dance floor.

If you're looking for a table to join, simply indicate what class your kids are in and we'll try to match you up with other peeps from the same year.

Volunteers needed

We can't make all this fun happen without volunteers. We need helpers to set up on Saturday afternoon AND cleanup immediately after the music stops on Saturday night - unfortunately, we have to clean up that night as the hall is rented out on Sunday morning, so lots of helpers will be essential! Extra helpers are also needed on Sunday for a final tidy-up.

🎵 Register here to volunteer:

<https://volunteersignup.org/CPQ8C>

STAY IN TOUCH ...

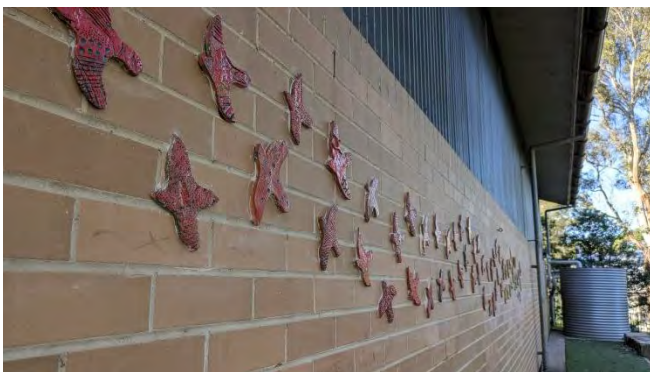
- Visit the P&C website at www.erkopandc.com.au
- Contact the P&C Executive anytime at erkopandc@gmail.com

THANK YOU! PLAYGROUND REJUVENATION WORKING BEE

What a fabulous weekend for a working bee! Thank you to the small but mighty band of volunteers who got busEE over the weekend beautifying the school!

The Rainbow Serpent is glowing with freshly-painted colours, beautiful bird tiles created by Stage 3 have been installed, and the Buddy Bench is firmly in place.

Well done and THANK YOU to all the volunteers!



For updates on when and how you could help beautify the school, **join the Working Bee WhatsApp group:** <https://bit.ly/ErkoWorkingBees>

Or if you have some hidden arty or crafty talents, join Lesley and the creative crew who are busy planning more beautiful updates like murals and mosaics: <https://bit.ly/ErkoArtyCrafty>



P&C MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2025/26

Join or renew online now:

<https://www.erkopandc.com.au/membership>

Thinking of joining? Becoming a member gives you an opportunity to join the discussion, raise a topic, and vote at meetings. It's the best way (and for only \$2 also the cheapest way!) to have your say and contribute to the future of the P&C and the school.

Remember that memberships only become valid at the close of the meeting after you join – so you can't join on the spot if you suddenly realise you'd like to participate in voting or raise an idea for discussion

If you were previously a member, have you renewed? P&C memberships for 2024/25 have now expired. If you joined before April 2025, it's likely that you need to rejoin.

Not sure if you're a member? Search your inbox for messages from "Erko P&C". When you joined, you will have received an email confirming your membership – check that yours says "2025/26".

OUR 2025/26 P&C EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Congratulations and thank you to the wonderful crew of parents and carers who were elected as our Erko P&C Executive Committee at our recent AGM:

- President: **Dan M**
- Vice Presidents: **Astrid G** and **Ajanta M**
- Treasurer: **Gabrielle G**
- Assistant treasurers: **Phil M** and **Dan K**
- Secretary: **Michael S**
- Other general committee & Communications subcommittee: **Lesley V, Kristi P, Lauren T, Laura B** and **Alison H**



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.

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.
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LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost something?

All items should be labelled with your child's name.

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DRAMA GAMES

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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 office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



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



jumps



discus



hurdles



javelin



relays



shot put



high jump



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- ★ **Classes held at Erskineville Public School Library**
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- ★ **3.00pm - 4.00pm**

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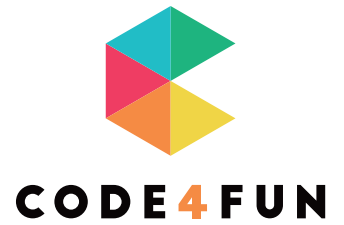
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