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Newsletter

YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE

TERM 2 WEEK 8_2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

Saturday 21st June

P&C Trivia Night

Wednesday 25th June

P&C meeting

Monday 30th June

Naidoc week celebrations

Tuesday 1st July

Dance program/Band/ Open
classrooms _ all starts _1pm

Friday 4th July

Last day Term 2

Tuesday 22nd July

First day of Term 3

Friday 1st August

Preloved Uniform Co-Op 7.30-9am

Tuesday 12th August

Cyber Safety session , evening session

Week 4 Term 3

P&C meeting _ day TBC



Principal's Message

Carpark gate - ramp – As our new access point to the school is fully functional, can people please use the pedestrian gate. It will be unlocked even if it appears shut. Staff, external agencies and contractor's use this entrance from early morning to the evening.

Naplan – We are awaiting the finalised reports from DoE for Naplan. When this is received our results and insights will be shared at P & C.

Lost property - Earlier this week you would have received a message regarding the lost property in Brown Hall. We have tried any number of initiatives to improve this space to no avail. Last year the school spent over a \$1000 with storage and tubs. This is impacting on our learning spaces and Gowrie's space when they are running programs. From next term collections for good will, the second-hand store and waste will occur three times a term.

School bytes - Notifications - Just a reminder that to ensure all communications are received that you turn on notifications for school bytes.

Last week events - In week 10 of this term we will be hosting the following events - *Monday* - Naidoc week celebrations - information to arrive shortly.

Tuesday open rooms, dance with Tai (from Ezra's Dance curriculum) and band performances with Ryley - from 1 p.m

Reports – We are aiming to send home reports from Wednesday in week 10. Currently Assistant Principal's and I are looking at reports for final edits if needed. Our reports will look very similar from last years, the only changes being point form in the comments section will make feedback succinct and to the point and the 'sound' grading has become 'expected'.

Parent communicating with School – We have finalised communication guidelines for parents when staff and parents need to meet to discuss concerns and the way these processes are to occur. This has been endorsed by the P & C executive. If you are interested in looking at this document, it will be found on the school website under policies.

Process for dealing with issues - Our process for the dealing with issues, behaviour or incidents is as follows. Generally, staff on class or teachers on duty will investigate issues and manage the outcomes arising. If issues persist or are part of a larger issue, Assistant Principals will deal with this situation and help to resolve it. It is only after this point that I will become involved. This may mean that going through this process, issues of concern get to me after these first stages have been working through. I am always happy to discuss with any concerned individual - via email, phone or in person what their concerns are at this stage.



Principal's Message

New Maths Resources Funded by Our P&C!

We are delighted to welcome the arrival of our new Maths resources, generously funded by our P&C Association this year. These resources are specifically designed to support the implementation of the new Maths curriculum that is being rolled out across our school.

With these innovative materials, our students will have access to a wider range of learning tools that will enhance their understanding and engagement in Mathematics. We are confident that these resources will not only support our teachers in delivering the curriculum but also inspire our students to develop a love for Maths.

A heartfelt thank you to our P&C for their continued support and commitment to improving our educational programs. Together, we are making a positive impact on our students' learning experiences!



New Charging Stations for Stages 2 and 3.

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our new charging stations for students in Stages 2 and 3! These state-of-the-art pieces of equipment are designed to store, charge, and protect our iPads and laptops, ensuring they remain in excellent condition for all learning activities.

Not only do these charging stations provide a safe and organised space for devices, but they also offer essential protection against potential damage. Additionally, they help to minimise fire risks associated with charging equipment, enhancing the safety of our school environment.

We believe that these new charging stations will greatly benefit our students and staff, providing peace of mind and enabling a more efficient learning experience. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to enhance our educational resources!





Stage 3 Chau Chak Wing Museum

On Friday, Stage 3 had an excursion to Chau Chak Wing Museum in the University of Sydney. There were 4 groups. One with Ms. Newnham, one with Ms. Cooper, one with Ms. Cecire, and one with Ms. Pak. Some went to see the 12 labours of Heracles (Hercules), while some went to identify ancient artifacts. We also saw a Lego version of Pompeii and saw some ancient Egyptian stuff. Then, stage 3 saw a statue of a naked Hermes. We also saw a goat's skull that was like Janus and a horse's skull that was like a cyclops.



We then saw animals and went to see the China room. There was a video playing there and it looked a lot like fungus. We then went back to school with lunch and recess merged.

Kaina



On Friday, the 13th of June, stage 3 went to the Chau Chak Wing Museum in the University of Sydney. We were split into four groups with supervision to explore the museum, we saw a 'ginormous' Lego Greek city that was shown as a present and past tense of Pompeii and the explosion. We also examined real Ancient Greek artefacts from headless figures to mummy bandages. We sketched them and answered fun facts. We also found some answers to weird Greek mythology monsters like the cyclops that look like the rare conditions a goat gets where it only has one eye. Some groups got to see special areas in the museum. Then we came back for a conjoined lunch and recess. **Bella**





Erko_ Premier's Debating Challenge

On Monday Week 8, our two debating teams, the Erko Bin Chickens and the Erko Spookiburras, hosted students from Gardeners Road Public School for Round 2 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Both teams argued their cases superbly and were successful in winning their debates. This leaves the Spookiburras with one win and the Bin Chickens undefeated with two wins. Congratulations to all the students involved.



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>



*Art with
Ms Stein*

Stage 3

Eyes after Rene Magritte

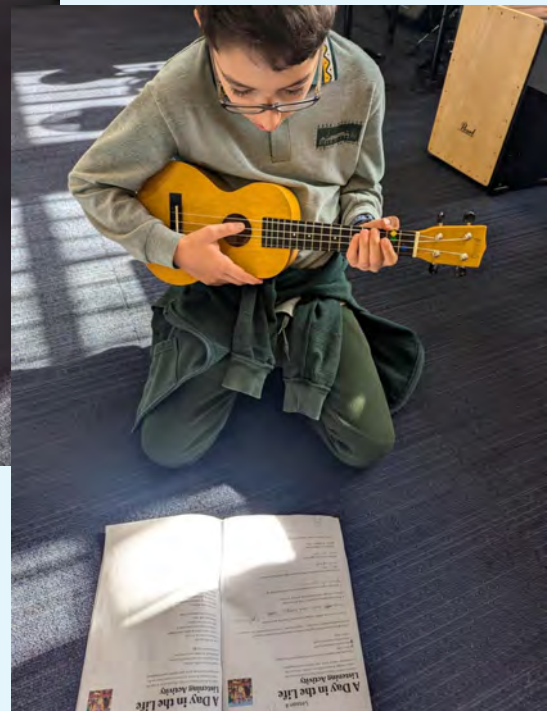




Music Program



In music this term, Stage 3 have been exploring the music of The Beatles. Each week they have studied one well known song by either learning to play it on the ukulele using chords and tablature, analysing the song through various concepts of music, or by composing new versions of the song. Some of the songs they have been studying include Penny Lane, A Day in the Life and Here Comes the Sun.



Micaela Cecire

Music Teacher & Band Co-ordinator



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.

Join or renew your membership online:

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

You need to be a member to propose an idea, or vote at meetings. Joining is only \$2 and ensures you can have your say on what's important to you!

ERKOQUIZ PARENTS & CARERS NIGHT OUT

Saturday 21 June (end of Wk 8)

Ticket sales have now closed. If you've booked your tickets, check your email for all the final details.

We need helpers to set up on Saturday afternoon and cleanup on Sunday. If you can help, please register here to volunteer:

<https://volunteersignup.org/CPQ8C>

WORKING BEES: CALL FOR 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 the **Creative Crew** who are busy planning updates like murals and mosaics:

<https://bit.ly/ErkoArtyCrafty>

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS

ErkoQuiz Parent's & Carers Night Out

Saturday 21 June (end of Week 8)

June P&C Meeting

Wednesday 25 June (Week 9)

Preloved Uniform Co-Op

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

Commemorative teatowels go on sale

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

Cyber safety sessions for students, parents and teachers Tuesday 12 August (Week 4, Term 3). Save the date for an evening session for parents and carers.

August P&C meeting

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

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM CO-OP

Friday 1 August (Week 2, Term 3) 7:45-9:00am in the Courtyard outside the office

It's the perfect chance to buy a new jumper to replace the ones your kids have left this term!

Card/eftpos only (no cash please).

Donating old uniforms: If you have uniform items to donate, please drop them at the office anytime – just look for the donation box next to the couch. Please make sure all donations are CLEAN and have no rips, tears or holes.

If you'd like to help sort and sell uniforms at the co-op, please contact Lauren on 0413 254 564.

STAY IN TOUCH ...

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

Premier's Reading Challenge 2025

K - 2	30 books Parents can read to students and log their books for them on the PRC website
3 - 4	20 books Students read and log their own books on the PRC website
5 - 6	20 books Students read and log their own books on the PRC website



Artwork by Matt Ottley

NSW Department of Education

2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Key dates for students in K-10:
 Challenge opens Monday 24 February
 Challenge closes for student entries Friday 22 August

Partners: ePlatform, PETAA, NSW

<https://online.education.nsw.gov.au/prc/home.html>

Inner West Libraries Book Week Drawing & Writing Competitions



Grades K- 2 Drawing Competition Grades 3 -6 Writing Competition
Closes 31st July (entries to Ms Perry for submission)

[Visit the IWC Book Week Website for entry details and terms & conditions](#)

Better Read Than Dead – Writing Competition

See website for details

<https://www.betterreadkids.com/2025-writing-competition>

OUT OF THIS WORLD

KIDS WRITING COMPETITION 2025 ~ ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 1ST

YOU'RE INVITED TO WRITE A FANTASTICAL STORY ON THE THEME OF 'OUT OF THIS WORLD' FOR OUR ANNUAL KIDS WRITING ANTHOLOGY!

THINK COSMIC THOUGHTS, BLAST OFF WITH STELLAR WORDS AND BRING US YOUR STORIES OR POEMS FROM THE STARS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR SHORT STORIES NO LONGER THAN 300 WORDS THAT WILL SEND US SOARING INTO THE STRATOSPHERE!

ALL ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO NSW ONLY AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A BETTER READ KIDS WRITING ANTHOLOGY, WITH THE WINNING ENTRY IN EACH AGE CATEGORY (6-9, 10-12 AND 13-17) RECEIVING A \$100 BETTER READ THAN DEAD VOUCHER, AND TWO RUNNERS UP RECEIVING A \$50 VOUCHER.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ENTER VISIT
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BETTER READ THAN DEAD
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Better Read Than Dead – Drawing Competition

See website for details

<https://www.betterreadkids.com/>

OUT OF THIS WORLD

KIDS ART COMPETITION 2025 ~ ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 1ST

YOU'RE INVITED TO CREATE A FANTASICAL PIECE OF ART THAT WILL BECOME THE COVER FOR THIS YEAR'S KIDS WRITING ANTHOLOGY 2025

THINK ALL THINGS INTERSTELLAR, THINK ALL THINGS COSMIC, THINK ALL THINGS 'OUT OF THIS WORLD'. LET YOUR IMAGINATION TAKE FLIGHT AND GIVE US YOUR MOST SPECTACULAR VISIONS

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL KIDS
AGED 6-17 YEARS OF AGE.

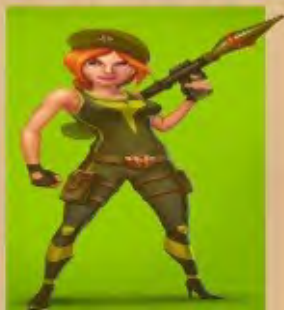
AS THERE ARE THERE IS A FRONT AND BACK COVER THERE WILL TWO WINNERS, WHO WILL EACH RECEIVE

A \$100 BETTER READ THAN DEAD VOUCHER, AND THE RUNNER UP RECEIVING A \$50 VOUCHER.

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**K-2 : Fridays 3-5pm
Year 3-4 : Fridays 3-5pm
Year 5-6 : Fridays 3-5pm**

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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.





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.

LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost something?

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

Please take the time to look through Lost Property in the Brown Hall.

All unclaimed / un-named uniforms will be sold at the P&C pre-loved uniform coop.



CODING FOR KIDS



Term 3 , 2025 • Y2 - Y6 Students

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

Erskineville Public School
In-person coding classes

Every Monday
28 July - 22 Sept | 9 weeks

\$252 per student per term
Laptops are provided

New students welcome

CREATIVE CODING

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Y2 - Y4 students

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Monday | 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Y4 - Y6 students

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- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Erskineville Public School Chess Classes, 2025

Thursdays 8:00AM - 9:00AM in the Brown Hall

Term 1	Cost: \$162	13th Feb - 10th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$180	1st May - 3rd Jul
Term 3	Cost: \$180	24th Jul - 25th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$180	16th Oct - 18th Dec

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneymacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code **TZ6UXER4Y5** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**There are no credits or refunds for missed classes, clashing activities, sickness, school excursions, staff development days, teacher strikes or change of mind. Any missed classes can be made up at one of our online chess classes. Please visit <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/online> for more information. Payment must be made the day before attending the first lesson of the commencing term. The participant will not be allowed to join the class until payment has been received. Joining midway through the term is welcome. Use the payment code above and follow the online instructions.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery)		
To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment		
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$25 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$40 [SPECIAL OFFER]	Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$33 [For Advanced Players]
Workbook 2 – Cost: \$25 [For Intermediate Players]		
Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$25 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus – Cost: \$55 [Recommended for All Ages]	DGT Starter Box (Fold-up Chess Set + DGT Bonus) – Cost: \$85 [Recommended for All Ages]

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A black silhouette of a person in a yoga pose, specifically a standing balance pose with one leg raised and arms extended upwards. The silhouette is positioned on the left side of the poster, with a white outline that has a slight drop shadow effect.

Yoga Classes

Erskineville Public School
Brown Hall All adults (18+) welcome
Term 3 classes (9 weeks):
Wed 23 July -17 Sept. 6.15-7.45 pm

For information and enrolment,
contact Kerry:
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Enmore Yoga Association



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