FOCUS OF THE WEEK – BE SAFE
Stay out of roped off areas.
Stay clear of workers and construction areas.

MORE ON THE BUNNINGS BBQ
As is often the case when you try to list everyone that helps out at an event people inadvertently get missed. So a big thanks to Georgina Collin & Janine (her mum) for serving up drinks and filling ice for the much needed eskies. Also a big thank you to Annemarie McCarthy in the office for her communication via Facebook and Twitter and her assistance in many other ways.

CRAZY HAIR DAY
Thank you to everyone that made the effort to make their hair crazy last Wednesday. There were many fabulous designs that must have taken a long time to create!
$450 was raised for the Leukaemia Foundation and will be distributed evenly to the nine students that are officially fundraising via the Be Brave and Shave or Colour program. Congratulations to Teya, Ava, Cheyenne, Ruby, Jemma, Daniel, Paige, Maya and Karissa on being brave to colour their hair.

P & C MEETING 7:30PM – KAREN NICOL PRINCIPAL OF ERINA HIGH SCHOOL
This Thursday is our monthly meeting of the P & C Association. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm in the library.
At the P & C meeting Mrs Karen Nicol, Principal of Erina High School, will give a short presentation and answer questions about EHS.
I encourage parents to attend to hear about the future directions of Erina High School and to take the opportunity to ask questions you may have about your child moving to secondary school.
Mrs Nicol will be the first item on the agenda of the P & C.
Whilst the P & C would love you to stay, and be part of the P & C meeting, they also recognise that you may need to leave following Mrs Nicol’s presentation.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL & SYDNEY NTH REPRESENTATIVES – 18TH MARCH
Last Tuesday our team of 30+ students attended the Zone swimming carnival at Peninsula Leisure Centre. Congratulations to all of our swimmers for their efforts and in particular Ashlee, Sam and Skye on making it to the regional carnival.
Thank you to Belinda Eddy for acting as team manager and also to parents & grandparents for providing transport and cheering. Thank you to Mr Anderson and Mr McKeown for their organisation and work at the carnival. Thank you to the students in our team for your excellent conduct as representatives of our school.
The Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on Monday 18th March.

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OPEN EVENING ERINA HS
Open Evening postponed until 3rd April.
HARMONY WEEK
This week we celebrate Harmony Week. Harmony Week is all about accepting and celebrating the differences between people, especially cultural differences. Each class has adopted a country for the week and they are learning about the culture of that country.

COMICS
Recently a student, Cody, came to me to ask if we could look at putting comics into the newsletter to make them more interesting for students. So today in the newsletter is the first of a series of comics from students. I hope you enjoy reading them. Today’s comic is by Haven. Thank you to Cody for his idea.

EASTER HAT PARADE
Next Thursday (28th March) students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be involved in Easter activities in the morning and an Easter Hat parade after recess. Parents are welcome to attend the Hat Parade from 11.20am in the COLA. The P & C Easter Raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the Hat Parade.

RIBBON PRESENTATION
This Friday afternoon we will be holding a special assembly to present the ribbons from this year’s swimming carnival. The assembly will be held at 2pm in the school hall and parents are welcome to attend.

EASTER HOLIDAY
A reminder that Easter falls within the school term this year. Easter Friday is the 29th March and Easter Monday is the 1st April. Students will not attend on these days. School continues from 2nd April to the last day of term 1 on Friday 12 April and students will return to school, following the Autumn holiday, on Wednesday 1st May.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY
Congratulations to Abbie on being announced as our citizen of the month for February. Abbie received her award for consistently adhering to the values of our school, for being a helpful student and for the assistance she gave to a visitor to the school that had injured herself. The Citizen of the Month Award is sponsored by Ray White Real Estate at Saratoga. The recipient receives a certificate and a $30 gift voucher to a book shop.

FOOTBALL (soccer) Trials – SCCPSSA Zone
Leah & Sara tried out for the District Football Team on Friday 8th March. The trials were held in great spirits and were highly competitive. Congratulations to Leah for gaining selection into the Southern Central Coast Team. The SCCPSSA Zone Football Team will attend the combined trials on the 29th of March.
Good luck Leah!

RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS –SCCPSSA Zone
Two students (Josh, Lachlan) attended the zone rugby league trials on Friday. We hope the boys went well and we will hear how they went this week.

MYSCHOOL WEBSITE
The MySchool website was updated last week with information from 2011 and 2012. The MySchool website provides information on all schools in Australia. Information includes details of staffing, funding, socio-economic background and performance in the National Testing Program. The link to the MySchool website is: http://www.myschool.edu.au/

P & C EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS
Thank you for the many donations of Easter Eggs towards the P & C raffle. Thank you also to everyone that has sold their book of raffle tickets. Please return your book of raffle tickets and money as soon as possible. If you are unable to sell your tickets please return your unsold book so that we can give them to others that want to sell more tickets.
APPROACHING THE SCHOOL
From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of their own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

- Trying to talk to teachers when they are trying to teach, manage children or are engaged in another conversation is inappropriate.

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P & C BUNNINGS BBQ (repeat)
Wow thank you to the large band of volunteers that cooked and served hundreds of sausage sandwiches last Sunday. Many other families visited to buy a sausage. It was a great school effort.
The BBQ raised around $1400 towards the P & C’s goals for 2013.
Thank you also to those that supported the BBQ and helped add to the profit via their donations.

- **Bunnings West Gosford** – provided the BBQ facilities and the gas free of charge
- **IGA Saratoga** – soft drinks
- **Saratoga Quality Meats** – gave us a great deal on the sausages, par boiled them and cryo-packed them. (And they tasted so good many people came back for a second sausage!)
- **Clarksons Cash and Carry** – bottles of water
- Pete and Nicole Barr – donated soft drinks
- Lisa Blyton – donated money to pay for the bread.
- Andrea Young – Sauce, onions, plastic gloves
- Erin Rutherford – Canola Spray, napkins
- Jemima Trigg – Paper Towel & plastic gloves

Thanks to Sharon Wallace, Andrea Young, Belinda Aldrick and Megan Ashman for the use of their eskies.
Thanks to Aaron Taylor’s family, Luke Farr’s family, Cindy Trigg’s family and Sophie Brunnengraber’s family for donating cash to help pay for items.
Thank you to the following volunteers who helped out on with the raffle, serving, preparing and cooking the BBQ:
Kate Boni, Greg Smith, Annemaree Smith, Karen Cattley, Daniel Chiu, Sharon Wallace, Chris Conroy, Craig Ayre, Richard Martz, Sonia Carmichael, Sam Butcher, Samantha Davies, Suzanne Sapsford, Karl Le Breton, Pete Barr, Michael Burgess, Rebecca Hunt, Michelle Shedden, Sam Binstead, Nicole Heazlewood, Sally Turbitt, Bill Devanney, Belinda Aldrick, Tim Aldrick, Leanne Nolan, Georgia, Janine Collin, Dannan Chiu, Rohan, Maddy, Ava, Molly Moulton, Paige and Annmarie McCarthy.
Thanks also to Andrea Young for her organisation of the BBQ and staying around the whole day to ensure it ran smoothly.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK/FOLLOW US ON TWITTER (Repeat)

One of our goals in our three year plan is to phase out paper copies of the school newsletter in favour of a digital version. The first step in this is to establish a Facebook page and a Twitter account so that we can send the link for the newsletter to parents.

Parents won’t have to join Facebook or Twitter as the newsletter will still be available on our website. The use of Facebook and Twitter is just a way to send a reminder, to those that use these services, that the newsletter is ready for viewing.

Of course if you are not an internet user you will still have the option of receiving a paper copy.

During this transition period we will send both the paper copy home to all families and post to our social media sites. In a couple of weeks we will give families the chance to opt out of receiving a paper copy.

As we develop our use of social media we will use these services to provide reminders to parents about school events and news.

Please like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

[Facebook icon] www.facebook.com/brisbania

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Mr Burgess
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S GOLD BOOK

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P & C NEWS

Easter Chocolate Raffle

Thanks to everyone who has been selling their raffle tickets. Please don't forget to return your sold books to the office as soon as possible. Remember that if you haven't sold all your tickets, simply return them to the school office and we will sell any un-sold tickets at the IGA on Saturday 23rd March. Remember if anyone wants to help, please let me know, I would appreciate any time you can give - even 5 minutes will help!

Thank you to everyone that has donated eggs to the school - we have some awesome chocolate baskets to win!!

P&C Monthly Meeting

We would love to welcome you along to our monthly P&C meeting this Thursday in the school library from 7.30pm. At this month's meeting we will also have a presentation by Erina High School showcasing the changes and opportunities for your children at Erina. It is always an informative and enlightening presentation, so we hope that if your child is in year 5 or 6 you can come along to take advantage of this opportunity.

Don't forget light refreshments are available at the meeting to help tempt you!

Here's to a great week at our great school.

Andrea Young
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andrea.young264@bigpond.com
SWIMMING RIBBON PRESENTATION

A special assembly will be held on Friday 22nd March to present the ribbons from this year’s Swimming Carnival. The assembly will commence at 2.00pm. Parents are very welcome to attend.

K-2 2013
EASTER HAT PARADE

This year, the K-2 Easter Celebrations will be on Thursday 28th March. All children in the K-2 school will be taking part in Easter fun activities during the morning. After recess, at 11.30am, parents, friends and family are invited to come to our spectacular......

BRISBANIA EASTER HAT PARADE!

So it is time to start collecting Easter ‘stuff’ to decorate your child’s Easter bonnet or hat. Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students will need to make and decorate their creations at home. A separate note will come home with some ideas. We hope you can hop along and join the fun!

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STAR OF THE WEEK

KD—Skarlett  KB—Emma
KS—Rosie  K/1T—Austin
1C—Allie       1/SF—Harrison
1/2H—Matilda

YEAR 2 LEADERS

Paige & Jackson

ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 7 TERM 1

STAGE 1—Charli, Xander, Hayley, Connor, Arian, Dean, Ryder, James, Jack, Kolby, Charlotte, Connor, Nicholas, Holly, Kara, Chloe & Liam.


STAGE 3—Jacob, Teliah, Ashlee, Tom, Rory, Joshua, Jordan & Jasmine.

Home Reader Awards—20 Books

Isabella, Isaac, Kara, Chloe, Ava, Jessica, James, Bailey & Anouk.
I tried out for and got a part in Oliver the musical. I got to sing, dance and act. I was part of the Fagin Gang. My favourite part was when Charlie said ‘these sausages are mouldy!’ in an angry voice. It was our job to protect Oliver. I went down to Sydney after school some afternoons and some weekends for six months to practise my part in the musical.

Toby 3/4K