FOCUS OF THE WEEK – Be Ready To Learn

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EASTER HAT PARADE & EASTER BASKET RAFFLE

Wow what a fantastic effort from our Kinder, Y1 & Y2 families in creating amazing Easter hats. Thanks P & C for running the raffles, thanks parents for donating eggs. Thank you Mrs Heazlewood for her organisation of the parade.

ERINA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Erina High School will hold an open evening on Wednesday 3rd April at 6pm starting in the school hall. Parents and students are welcome to attend.

BOYS HOCKEY TRIALS

Congratulations to Joseph on being selected to attend the second round of trials for the Regional Boys’ Hockey Team.

BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

Congratulations to Lachlan on making it through to the next round of Rugby League trials. Lachlan has been selected in a combined Central Coast team to now try out against the Northern Sydney team.

BOYS’ SOFTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to our boys’ softball team on their win over Gosford Public School last Wednesday. The boys won 14-4 in a strong display.

CENTRAL COAST DANCE ENSEMBLE TRY OUTS

Congratulations to Ashlee, Tiarna, Kiah and Maya on being selected to be part of the Central Coast Dance Ensemble. Six girls tried out last week and it is a great effort to have four girls make it through the selection process. The Central Coast Dance Ensemble is a troupe of dancers selected from primary schools across the coast. They will perform at various events during the year.
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL IGA
Kevin and Amy from our local IGA are supporting the school this year through the Community Chest program. Whenever someone buys a specially marked item a percentage is given to the school.
So hop along to our local IGA and buy up the weekly specials.

SCHOOL DISCO –Tuesday 9th April (week 11)
The P & C will hold its first disco for 2013 next Tuesday evening. Staff will supervise the disco.
P&C representatives will provide refreshments and collect money.
The P & C will operate a canteen selling pizza slices, drinks and a range of snacks. Volunteers are needed in the canteen and to help collect money at the door.

Where: School Hall
When: Tuesday 9th April, 2013
Infants (K-2): 4.30 – 5.45pm
Primary (3-6): 6.00 – 7.30pm
Cost: $3.00

Children need to be picked up in the hall at the conclusion of the disco by an adult.
If you are sharing the drop-off/pick up with a friend or relative, please notify the teachers in writing to ensure the safety of all children.
Only Brisbania PS students are allowed to attend the disco. Pre-schoolers and older brothers and sisters should not be in the hall.
Children cannot walk home from the disco alone.
Sensible footwear needs to be worn.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE – BRISBANIA
On Friday 12th April at 9.05am, (Last day of Term) we will be holding our ANZAC Day service with Mr Walter Sheargold and Mr Don Blackmore from the Davistown RSL Sub-Branch in attendance. Thank you Mr Anderson for arranging this service.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AT DAVISTOWN RSL
Thursday 25th April
During the second week of the school holidays, around 30 of our senior students will represent our school at the Davistown RSL Sub-Branch Dawn Service for ANZAC Day.
All other students are welcome to join us in uniform. Please arrive by 5.50am.
Parents can take their children into the club following the service for a free breakfast.

2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
Our 2012 Annual School Report is available for viewing on our school website. The report is a summary of achievements during 2012.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
At the beginning of next term staff will be involved in two professional learning days.
On Monday 29th April teachers will be involved in work on our Empowering Local Schools project. Teachers will reflect on their own teaching practices, engage with current research and begin planning for visits to other teacher’s classrooms.
On Tuesday 30th April teachers will spend time learning about the new English syllabus and planning for the implementation of the syllabus.
Students do not attend on these days. Students return on Wednesday 1st May for the start of term two.
POLICE CYBER AWARENESS FORUM

As part of upcoming Youth Week “April 5th - 14th”, the Police School Liaison Officer and Youth Liaison Officers are going to be running a “Cyber Awareness Forum” for parents of primary and secondary school students at the

**Erina Youth Centre, Friday 5th April 6.30pm-8pm.**

The aim of the forum is to supply parents with practical information on “Cyber Bullying” and the steps to take to protect your children.

This is a great opportunity for parents to gain valuable information on the effects of “Cyber Bullying”, resources that are available to young people experiencing bullying and where to seek help.

Booking can be made via our Youth Liaison Office on 43235514 or via email on: bwadmin@police.nsw.gov.au

COOLER WEATHER

Now that we are entering the cooler months and children start wearing their new green jackets to school, we have had several students taking home the wrong jackets. Parents please ensure that your child’s name is clearly labelled inside the jacket, and check that the jacket your child is currently wearing does not belong to another child.

As they are all similar in colour, it is easy for this to happen.

Also remind your children to bring their jackets up from the playground after they warm up playing and put it in their school bag or tie around their waist until returning to class.

NEWSLETTER COMIC

This week’s newsletter comic comes from Ben in KB.

TERM 2 ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR DIARY

POLICE SAFETY TALKS

On Thursday 2nd May, students, Kindergarten, Years 1, will participate in personal safety talks with the NSW Police Schools Liaison Officer. The talks are presented in a fun way through the story of a penguin that meets some challenges. The talks provide students with a range of strategies to protect themselves.

CROSS COUNTRY – 2nd Week next Term

Wednesday 8th May we will hold our school Cross Country at Davistown foreshore.

Students will walk to the waterfront after recess and will return to school following the running of the cross country.

**APPROXIMATE ORDER OF EVENTS**

1. 11 yrs girls 3kms
2. 11 yrs boys 3kms
3. 8/9 yrs girls 2kms
4. 8/9 yrs boys 2kms
5. 10 yrs girls 2kms
6. 10 yrs boys 2kms
7. 12/13 yrs girls 3kms
8. 12/13 yrs boys 3kms

MOTHERS DAY STALL & BREAKFAST

On Friday 10th May, the P & C will be holding a Mothers’ Day Stall for students to purchase small gifts for their parents/carers.

NAPLAN – Week 3

| Tuesday 14th May | - Language Conventions & Writing |
| Wednesday 15th May | - Reading |
| Thursday 16th May | - Numeracy |
| Friday 17th May | - Catch up day – only for students absent on the day |
YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 – AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM EXCURSION
Year 1 and Year 2 students will be travelling to the Australian Museum in Sydney on Tuesday 4th June to support work they will be undertaking in class during term 2.

Y5 BATHURST EXCURSION
Year 5 will be travelling to Bathurst for their annual excursion on Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th & Friday 21st June.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION (repeat)
This week you will receive a letter asking you to contribute to helping us provide the quality of education your child deserves. We receive government funding that allows us to fund a basic education for your child.

Often the funding we receive doesn’t cover the costs we have to run the school. For example there isn’t an allowance for electricity to run the air conditioners in the school. Air conditioning is not a standard part of equipment and was installed by parents and the school for the comfort of students. The cost of maintaining the air conditioners and running them (electricity) is the responsibility of the school community.

Money raised through the voluntary contributions goes directly to providing additional reading and mathematics materials, sporting equipment and technology for use in classrooms. This then allows us to cover other costs such as running the air conditioners.

The voluntary contribution is endorsed by the P & C association.

The contribution this year has been reduced to reflect the additional costs of parents supplying textbooks for students.
First Child - $40
Two Child - $60
Three or more children $70

Mr Burgess
Principal

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Student’s Full Name: ________________________  Students Class: ________

Parent’s name: ____________________________  Parent’s Signature: ______________
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3rd April
Erina High School—Opening Evening 6pm

Tuesday 9th April
School Disco
Infants (K-2) 4:30pm - 5:45pm
Primary (3-6) 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Cost: $3

Friday 12th April
School ANZAC DAY Service 9.05am
Last day of Term 1

Thursday 25th April
Anzac Day Dawn Service—Davistown RSL @5.50am

TERM 2 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th April
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30th April
Staff Development Day

Wednesday 1st May
Students Return to school

Thursday 2nd May
Kinder & Year 1 Police Safety Talks

Wednesday 8th May
School Cross Country—Year 3—Year 6 (also students turning 8 in Y2)
12.00—Davistown Waterfront

Friday 10th May
Mothers Day Stall
Zone Cross Country—Umina

Tuesday 14th May
NAPLAN - Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday 15th May
NAPLAN - Reading

Thursday 16th May
NAPLAN - Numeracy

Friday 17th May
NAPLAN — Make up Day

Monday 27th May
School Photos

Tuesday 4th June
Year 1 & Year 2 Sydney Excursion to Australian Museum

BOYS SOFTBALL REPORT

Last Wednesday Brisbania played Gosford P.S in the first round of the NSW PSSA Softball Knockout. Brisbania won 14-4. The team of Rory, Joshua, Mikey, Lachlan, Ben, Tom, Kieran, Lachlon, Max, Daniel and Toby batted brilliantly. Each boy scored at least one run home! The game had many highlights but three notable plays were Joshua’s huge hits into the outfield, Mikey’s accurate throw to Lachlan at 2nd plate who tagged out a runner and a brilliant double play between Tom and Lachlan.

What a team effort!
The boys now face Killarney Vale at a date yet to be announced.

Kim Tialshinsky
By Ben

Comic - Class KB