Erina News

As the term draws to a close I would like to thank staff, students and parents for such a positive start to the 2013 school year. I could not be more pleased with the focus and dedication our students are demonstrating towards their learning and to the staff for the sheer hard work in providing the very best educational opportunities for our young people to be successful.

As a result of unexpected reduced student numbers at Erina High School we will need to restructure our timetable to accommodate the reduction in staffing. A significant amount of care and consideration has been given to this process and parents of students affected by the changes will be notified. Class sizes will increase in some courses but will always be in line with Department of Education and Communities guidelines. Minor changes have occurred in the senior school and the changes and reasons will be clearly communicated to students. Students will be strongly supported through this change as some classes have been collapsed and students will have new Teachers. I am very aware of the anxiety that this may cause some of our students, families and Teachers and can assure you every measure will be taken to make this change as seamless as possible. Please contact me at school if you have any questions about the process and I would be happy to explain this in further detail and offer any necessary support.

Congratulations to our very talented rock band “Metaphorically Speaking” who have been accepted into Youth Rock 2013. They will compete in the semi-finals in Sydney in April, all the very best of luck to Veronica Lawson, Katherine Fletcher, Max Stewart, Brad Robinson and Will Northcote!! Go Erina!!!!

To accommodate the introduction of the Australian Curriculum our School Development days in term 2 will focus on professional learning for our staff to develop teaching and learning programs for the new curriculum. Monday April 19 and Tuesday April 20 will be student free days to facilitate this professional learning. An additional day has been allocated by the Department of Education and Communities to allow staff further planning time for this significant change to curriculum implementation.

The Australian Curriculum sets out what each Australian student should be taught in relation to learning areas, general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities. Key elements of the curriculum are content descriptions and achievement standards organised in learning areas. The content descriptions specify what teachers are expected to teach. Achievement standards describe what students are typically able to understand and to do as they progress through their schooling. The Australian Curriculum provides examples that
illustrate each content description, called elaborations. Student work samples illustrate the achievement standards. The Australian Curriculum is presented online at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au to enable all Australians to see what is being taught across the nation. An online curriculum also helps teachers to plan and share information and resources across the country.

The timeline for introduction of the Australian curriculum at Erina High School will be for English, Mathematics, Science and History in years 7 and 9 in 2014 and years 8 and 10 in 2015. As the draft syllabus documents in other curriculum areas are approved these courses will follow over the next few years. Throughout 2012 there will be extensive consultation across all educational sectors reviewing the senior secondary curriculum with a review to provide draft syllabus documents in English, Mathematics, Science and History alter in the year. Watch this space for further updates on the Australian curriculum and what it means for our school and students.

With the cooler weather creeping up on us can I please remind students and their families of our winter uniform, as included in this newsletter, and sincerely congratulate our students on wearing their uniform so proudly during term 1.

I wish all staff, students and families a wonderful vacation, be safe, be happy and enjoy the break. School will resume for all students on Wednesday May 1 2013.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Karen Nicol
Principal

### WINTER UNIFORM

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY MARCH 8

On March 8th, International Women’s Day was celebrated around the globe to recognise and applaud the achievement of women and the significant role they play in society in the 21st century. Thousands of events were held throughout the world to inspire women and reflect on the great improvements that have been made, especially in the last 50 years, in regards to moving towards a more gender-neutral world where equality for women exists.

Erina High School thought globally and acted locally by holding a special International Women’s Day assembly for all female students and staff to celebrate the successful women in our local community and to be inspired to be the best we can be by making the most of opportunities around us. Hosted by EHS female school captain Charlotte Levi and EHS female vice captain myself the assembly was a great success! Special guests included Mrs Shayne Player Principal for Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Tumbi Umbi Campus and recently recognised as the Australian Principal of the Year, and Ms Chantelle Dagasso successful EHS HSC graduate from the class of 2006. These two inspiring women spoke to the assembly with such energy and pride; they told two very different yet equally as valued perspectives as to how utilising all the opportunities you have will help you strive to reach your personal best and ultimate goals as a woman.

In conjunction with talented music performances by Sarah-Jane O’Connell, Ebony Bender, Veronica Lawson, Claudia McNaught and Elise Boland, the response from all the girls who attended was overwhelming with a real sense of pride felt by all. I’d like to send a big thank you to the female members of the Senior Leadership Team who contributed to making the EHS Women’s Day ribbons and helped organise the event with Mrs Nicol who did a fantastic job putting together such an effective and successful assembly.

On the following Sunday, March 10th, Mrs Nicol, Charlotte and I were privileged to attend the Brisbane Water Soroptimist International Women’s Day Breakfast at Reef Restaurant at The Haven, Terrigal. Erina High School was one of three local schools, along with Central Coast Grammar School and St. Joseph’s Catholic College, to represent themselves at a well-respected function held annually to acknowledge and celebrate the continuous development of women’s rights and freedoms. We enjoyed the hot catered breakfast with another 200 or so female special guests including Federal member for Robertson Deborah O’Neill. Special guest speaker Emily Caska who is the State Policy Coordinator for National Disability Services spoke exceptionally well about the hurdles women are still yet to overcome in gaining equality and proved that she is a phenomenal role model for women. Personally I was honoured to be so involved in celebrating a cause that is so important in modern society; equality for all is a basic human right that urgently needs prioritising by the future generations of the world.

Alicia Scott
EHS Vice Captain
SPORTS NEWS

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all of the EHS students who participated in the 2013 Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 7th March. We were very lucky to have the most crowd support at the carnival and the loudest cheers always came from Erina’s section. We had 7 swimmers make it to Sydney North to compete at Homebush Olympic Pool. Special mention to Kane Douch who was crowned the Zone 13yrs boys age champion. Well done Kane and all of our great swimmers.

YEAR 9/10 TOUCH FOOTBALL

Well done to our Girls and Boys Touch Football sides who recently competed at Umina in the Central Coast Touch tournament. Our boys team performed very well winning 3 of their 4 games but narrowly lost to St Edwards to make the finals. Our girls side, who included a few new girls tried extremely hard all day and their performances improved with every match. Well done to both teams.

Grant Keyes
Sports Organiser
SOCcer 7’S CENTRAL COAST CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our Open Boys Soccer 7's side who are now the Central Coast Champions. We had 10 boys travel to Tuggerah to compete in the first ever Opens Soccer 7's tournament. Our boys were extremely successful winning 6 games straight. We defeated Tuggerah Lakes in the final by two goals. For winning the tournament the boys received the perpetual trophy and a signed Central Coast Mariners ball. Well done boys, a great effort.

OPEN boys CRICKET

After two false starts due to terrible weather, the Open Boys cricket team finally played BWSC Woy Woy at McEvoy Oval, Umina on the 12th of March. We lost the toss and were sent in. The boys faced an experienced and powerful bowling attack that bowled an excellent line and we were dismissed cheaply after 17 overs. The Woy Woy team cruised to the small total and our knock out season was over. The boys were very disappointed with their performance, but were already talking about next year. We have the nucleus of a good team and we can build on that for 2014.

Thanks to the team for their patience in waiting to play and to the parents who were able to deliver the boys to Umina at relatively short notice.

Thanks
Mr B Jones

FAMILY DETAILS

It is essential that the school has up-to-date contact details for students. This is particularly important in the case of an emergency. If you have recently changed address or contact phone numbers, could you please either phone the school (4367 7353) or send an email to the school email address - erina-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
LOTE NEWS

Welcome to our Year 7 students this year! We are very excited in the LOTE faculty to be offering Languages Other Than English to Year 7 from this year forward. The compulsory component for LOTE will now be spread across Years 7 and 8 with Year 7 studying Japanese for 2 periods per fortnight and Year 8 studying Japanese for 3 periods per fortnight.

Years 7 and 8 have just finished completing their first Assessment Task, a cultural interest poster on Japan. We were overwhelmed with the quality of work that the students produced. We have included some photos of the marvellous work of Year 8 students. We will include some of Year 7 in the next newsletter and some may be chosen to display at Erina High School’s Open Evening.

(Photos: Jaclyn Chambers, James Rhodes, Luka Radovanovic, Sophie Ware, India Jacobs, Johnson Pimkot)
As we welcome the Art Faculty into the LOTE staffroom (bottom F block) Mrs Ruming and Mrs Scott have teamed together to offer students the opportunity to enter The Art Gallery of New South Wales/Japan Foundation’s “Art Speaks Japanese Comes Alive” Art Competition. Please see Mrs Scott or Mrs Ruming or visit the following website for more information: http://artalive.jpf-sydney.net/

Coming up in August students will also have the opportunity to undertake the Assessment of Language Competence test. These tests are aimed at second language learners and are designed to celebrate and enhance the learning of languages in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region. The skills testing program includes listening and reading comprehension tasks in a multiple choice format designed to be both challenging and to enable all students to experience success. Each participating student receives a certificate which describes the skills they have demonstrated in listening and reading. Students will be issued with information notes during LOTE lessons this week.

It has been a great start to Term One. The LOTE faculty commends all of our students for their focus on learning this term.

Julie Ruming
LOTE Faculty

P&C NEWS

Congratulations to the newly appointed 2013 P&C Executive:

President: Joy Cooper
Vice President: Gordon Scott
Secretary: Kate Jacobs
Treasurer: Elizabeth Brien

The P&C are holding a working bee at Erina High on Sunday April 28 between 9-11am. Everyone is welcome to help with some planting of new plants at the front of the school.

BULLYING KNOWS NO BOUNDS

When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she’d done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home
ENGLISH NEWS

Units of Work for Years 7 -10 English and Drama students are coming to an end and the students should be preparing for their assessment tasks. If you would like any further information regarding any of these tasks, please look on the school website or call your child’s teacher.

Students in Years 7 – 10 will be commencing a Unit of Work on Film in Week 10. A permission letter will be coming home. Please sign this note and have your son/daughter return it to their English teacher. If you have any concerns with the film selected or would like to discuss its content, please contact the Head Teacher.

Having completed an essay on the topic of Freedom, Year 11 students will be sitting their Half Yearly English exam on Thursday, 4 April, 2013. Students will be expected to write a narrative on the concept of Freedom. The exam is worth 10 per cent of their final assessment.

Year 12 students are nearing the completion of their first module of study. Students in both Advanced and Standard English will be preparing for an assessment task. These tasks are due over the coming weeks. Also, students in these classes should use the holidays to complete any outstanding work; prepare summary notes; read the text for the next module of study; and, write responses in preparation for their HSC.

Drama Excursion – Thursday 2 May, 2013 - Year 11 and 12 Drama are going to see Forget Me Not at the Belvoir Street Theatre, Surry Hills. The cost of the tickets has been subsidised by NSW Arts – Arts Access Program. Students will only need to pay for their return train ticket to Sydney. Please note that the excursion is on the second day of Term 2.

If you would like to discuss any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mr Mark Chapman, Head Teacher, English/Drama, on 4367 7353.

PRACTISE TO BE A JOURNALIST

This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp

The Australian Museum of Clothing & Textiles cordially invite you to our latest exhibition “To Have And To Hold”. The exhibition traces the customs surrounding weddings through the decades and how fashions have changed. The exhibition will held from 16 March to 13 July 2013 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday between 10.00am and 3.00pm at Lt. Governor’s Residence, John Street, East Maitland. Admission is $3; (Concession $2.50). For enquiries please call 0458 505 280.
YEAR 11 CROSSROADS PROGRAM
2013

Crossroads is a mandatory course in PDHPE for all students and is a requirement for the successful completion of Stage 6 Year 11 Preliminary Studies.

Crossroads was developed by the Department of Education & Training to continue senior student exposure to PDHPE material including the issues of drugs, relationships and personal growth.

This year the Crossroads course is going to be delivered as a 2 day residential overnight camp at Active Outdoor Education Wyee/Morisset Centre. Conducting a residential program for Crossroads is a great way to empower students to challenge their beliefs and values away from family and school environment, have maximum saturation of the subject matter and create an atmosphere where the genuine issues of the students can be discussed. Outdoor activities will compliment the program and will include canoeing, flying fox, giant swing, high ropes course & initiative games. These activities will further strengthen achievement of the course outcomes of decision-making, communication and risk minimisation.

The residential program is going to be Term 3, Week 4 Thurs 8th August – Fri 9th August 2013 (2 days inclusive overnight excursion) - we will be staying at the Wyee Centre & doing our day activities at Morisset Centre.

The program will cost each student $140.00 which includes accommodation, all meals, bus transport and all activities for both days.

A NON-Refundable deposit of $50 is required by Term 1 Week 10 - Friday, 5th April 2013. This deposit is to be paid at the office. Please attach permission note and medical forms to payment.

For a permission note or further information – contact Year 11 Year Advisors or Ms P.Williams (PDHPE Dept)
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**GOSFORD REGIONAL SHOW**

The Gosford Regional Show this year will be held on **4th and 5th May 2013**.

Once again the Show is having a section for children to enter produce that they have grown either at home or at school. The Show committee look forward to another successful year with children from all backgrounds entering produce that they have grown. This year we are also holding a baking section for those children who love to cook. More information is available on the website [www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au](http://www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au)

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**NSW Office of Communities Sport & Recreation** will be running a number of activities to get children active during the April school holidays.

For further information and bookings call 131302 or 4362 3184 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)
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Erina High School
Come See The Future

Erina High School Open Evening
Wednesday April 3 2013
6.00pm MPC

Come to EHS to see how staff cater for 21st Century learners providing an academic and or vocational pattern of study. See performances by future stars, listen to future leaders, see work by future creative artists, all supported in a quality learning environment. Future chefs will provide an informal supper where parents can meet staff and discuss learning opportunities at your future school, Erina.

For an academic or vocational pathway to your future contact Erina High School on 43844674 or visit http://erina_h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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