Welcome back to term 2. I hope student’s staff and families have had a wonderful Easter vacation. I was very proud to accompany our students to the ANZAC service at Terrigal Glen where Shelby Jacobs and Lizzy Herganoother were invited to participate in the service. They spoke beautifully and we were honoured to be a part of such a moving commemoration. Erina High School was well represented at several ANZAC services across the coast from Terrigal, Davistown and Gosford and I appreciate our students being willing to represent their school at such a significant Australian event where we remember the many service men and women that paid the ultimate sacrifice to make our world today a better place. Thank you to all the students that attended the ANZAC services, Charlotte Zorro, Henry Chan, Shelby Jacobs, Eamon Snow, Lizzy Herganoother, Emma Forrest, Casey Smith, Ethan Brown, Norma-Rose Bell, Skylah Sargent, Nathan Boler, India Jacobs, Ella Holland and Jack Elliott.

Erina High School hosted our ANZAC service on the first Tuesday back for the term in a memorable service, congratulations to Nischela McDonnell, April Thomson, Ethan Howard, Jade Boland and Lindsay Pike for leading this service and to Ms Jansens for organising this important event.

As advised through a courtesy parent note at the start of the term, we have revised our timetable to reduce some split classes and provide greater continuity for student learning. Most of the changes have occurred in the junior school and, whilst minimal, some students will have a new teacher in some cases. Please contact me at school if you would like any further clarification of the new timetable.

All senior students have recently completed ½ yearly exams and I would strongly encourage them to actively seek feedback from their teachers and build on areas to improve. The HSC is less than 2 terms away and it is critical that students have a strong study pattern in place that balances course work, study and time for family and friends. Please contact the year advisers Mr Pickett and Mrs Maguire if students or parents need further support in the lead up to the HSC. For year 11 students it is also important they are spending adequate time in preparing for assessment task and building on the foundations for their HSC in 2015.

Term 2 is always a busy term with assessment and reporting. All students will receive their semester 2 reports at the end of the term and we will schedule parent teacher evenings later this term for senior students and early term 3 for junior students. Staff look forward to meeting as many parents as possible to discuss their children’s educational progress and strategies to support further development.

A reminder to all staff and students that our school gate to the car park is locked from 8.45am until 3.15pm Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Tuesdays the gates will be locked at 8.45am and opened at 2.30pm. For staff and students on a flexible timetable, the gates will be open during break 2 at 1.50pm and closed at 2.30pm Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and re-opened at 3.15pm.
Authorised users of the car park, that is Erina High School staff and senior students, who wish to park on site will need to be aware of the opening and closing hours. This decision has been made due to previous use of our car park by unauthorised users, illegal parking practices and for safety reasons. Parents are welcome to drive into the school car park to drop off their children before 8.45am to avoid dropping students off in the NO STOPPING zone in the bus turning circle. Parents may also drive to the top of Ernest Street, Fountain Plaza or Red Rooster and allow students to walk to school. Council rangers are regularly in attendance and heavy fines apply for breaching this road rule. I am aware this is a significant issue for families and advise that we are working with Gosford Council, Roads and Maritime Authority, the Department of Education and Communities and local bus companies to try and develop a better solution.

This week all students in years 7 and 9 will sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy and will participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy over the next three days. Students are expected to make a genuine and serious attempt during each test so an accurate measure of their ability at this point in time can be determined. The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that are already conducted in schools. NAPLAN test results are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs. The data from these tests is vital to our school to identify the success of programs implemented to improve our student’s skill level in literacy and numeracy as well as guide future teaching and learning programs. Further information regarding NAPLAN can be found at www.boardofstudies.nsw.au

I was delighted to see the Term 1 timber projects that a number of year 7 students completed. The quality of the work is exceptional and any Mum would be proud to have one of these unique chopping boards in their kitchen. Well done Indie Elms, Bailey Hill, Olivia Boland and Teya Davies!!
As the cooler weather is now upon us I am concerned our standard of uniform is slipping and seek parent support in ensuring students have, and are wearing, the winter school uniform. A copy of the uniform code is attached to the newsletter. Please be aware that girls wearing tights without a skirt over the top are being given a skirt to wear from the uniform clothing pool or parents are called to bring the skirt to school. Tights without a skirt over the top are usually not flattering and I seek parent support with this matter. Jeans are also NOT school uniform, it is GREY pants for junior boys, NAVY pants for junior girls, BLACK pants for senior boys and girls. Jumpers/cardigans/hoodies/sloppy joes are NAVY for the junior school and BLACK for the senior school. Parents needing assistance with school uniform should contact the school where support can be provided. Looking forward to another great term of learning at Erina High School.

Karen Nicol
Principal

SCHOOL FEES
I would like to thank the many families who have already made a contribution towards their child’s school fees. Your support of the curriculum that Erina High offers is most appreciated.
I would like to remind families that the fees can be made in instalments if preferred. Many families have indicated that they would like to pay the fees using electronic banking. Below you will find the bank details for Erina High if you would like to make a direct deposit. Please ensure that you specify which student the payment is for and what fee is being paid.

Account: Erina High School Administration Account
BSB: 032-001
Account No: 148118

Regards
Karen Nicol
SPORT

Sydney North Netball

Well done to Emily Campbell of Yr 11 who has been selected in the Open Girls Sydney North Netball side. Emily will now travel to Coffs Harbour at the end of May to compete in the NSWCHSSA State Carnival. Good luck Emily!

Erina High School 50th Annual Athletics Carnival

Erina High School's 50th Annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday the 4th of June at Adcock Park (Back up: 11th of June). Students will receive a information note in week 4 at house assemblies. We hope to see as many students at the carnival as possible wearing house colours and supporting their house. The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Mingara on Monday the 23rd of June.

Sydney North Rugby League

Congratulations to Harry Wilson of Yr 10 and Matthew Downey of Yr 12 who were selected in the Sydney North Rugby League side. Harry will now travel to Shark Park in Cronulla and Matthew will head to Narrabeen to take part in the Metropolitan Rugby League Championships. Well done boys and good luck!!!

Cross Country Age Champions

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Well done to all of our excellent runners!
The Zone carnival is to be held at Adcock Park on Friday the 23rd of May.
**Girls U15 Bill Turner Trophy**

On the last day of Term 1 the girls played their preliminary round game against BWSC Umina on the school oval. The game was a very close affair, with Umina leading 2-1 late in the second half. Our girls staged a brilliant comeback and levelled the scores to take us into golden goal sudden death. After another 20 minutes with no scores, it was penalty shootout time. Our goalie Breesha made some great saves, but unfortunately we couldn’t score as well as the opposition, and we went down 2 (3) : 2 (4). It was a fantastic team effort, and the girls didn’t leave anything on the pitch. Player’s player was Natalie Toka who never stopped running all day. Great effort girls – we have the nucleus of a greater team next year. The team was – Teya Davis, Jessica MARTINEER, Anelisha Rawson, Breesha Davies, Phoebe Dekker, Eleebana Hoban, Taylah Micallef, Tahlia Nugent, Jessica O'Donnell, Natalie Toka, Madison Ward, Shanaye Clifford-Bray, Peta Gillon, Emily Hughes, Kim Meyer.

Thanks,
Mr Jones

**Boys U15 Bill Turner Cup**

The boys were the second half of the Bill Turner ‘Erina v BWSC Umina’ double header on a warm last day of term. In a very willing and competitive game, the boys showed great determination to lead for most of the game, only for Umina to equalise late. In golden goal extra time, a brilliant long range strike from Aaron Dudman saw the boys progress through to Round 2. It was a solid team effort, with Johnson Pimkot in goals showing great composure under pressure.

The team is: Tom Boaler, Matthew Cahill, Ben Campbell, Nathan Cowell, Aaron Dudman, Baxter Langlar, Curtis Lamach, Oliver Vanderslot, Shane Annabel, Byron Evans Brereton, Blake Irwin, Tyrone Paddison-Taukitoku, Dylan Payne, Johnson Pimkot, Jacob Rawson, Lachlan Walter. Good luck in the next round.

Thanks to Lachlan Bolter, Nathan Bolter and Andrew Hodgson and for being our officials on the day. You were great.

Grant Keyes
Erina High School
Sports Organiser/ Year 10 Year Advisor

**Waratahs v Hurricanes Excursion**

On a windy and cold night, a group of Erina High students and teachers went to the NSW Waratahs v Wellington Hurricanes Super Rugby match at Allianz stadium on May 3rd. We were there as part of the NSW Rugby ‘Schools March past’ initiative, where schools were invited to participate in a March past around the inside of stadium before the match. Check out some of the photos on the school Facebook page – they convey the excitement of the students being there quite well! Erina was the only government school present on the night. After our lap, we took our place in the stands and were entertained by what some commentators described as the best game of the season with NSW scoring a thrilling win. Everyone was glad to get back to the warmth of the bus, and we returned to Erina tired but happy after a great night.

Thanks to Mr Keyes for his enormous effort in turning this experience from an idea to a fantastic reality. Thanks too to Miss Smith for giving up her Saturday night to make this trip a success.

Mr B Jones
Jamberoo trip

In the last week of Term 1, Mr Jones and Mrs Pursehouse took 23 intrepid campers to the South Coast on a PASS excursion to Jamberoo. The bus trip down was uneventful, but slow, with Mr Jones entertaining us with tales of his childhood. Most of the students chose to sleep.

We arrived at Killalea Camp ground, set up camp and then visited Kiama for much needed supplies. Any visit to Kiama has to include the Blowhole and Lighthouse, which we duly ticked off. We also saw the dead centre of town (dad joke). The weather in Shellharbour was on the improve, but persistent showers made the first night at Killalea Camp Ground a test of our tent construction skills. Unfortunately Mrs Pursehouse’s tent failed that test and she sought refuge in the dry but funny smelling trailer. Mr Jones also learned the hard way that walking around a camp site without a torch can be a hazardous pastime, scoring an impressive ‘shin dinger’ on a camp fire thing for his troubles.

Tuesday morning saw sun and excitement about a day at Jamberoo. We were the first there, and after a cold water safety test, we were soon controlling the action. An energetic and wet day was had by all students, and we finally waved goodbye then headed back to Kiama to restock.

A much quieter set of campers went to sleep a bit earlier that night. Wednesday woke to sunshine. A quick pack up and we were back on the road for the (slow) trip home. Once again Mr Jones told his tales. Once again, most students slept.

I would like to thank the students for their outstanding conduct over the three days - they were great ambassadors and worked as a team. Thanks to Mrs ‘Happy Camper’ Pursehouse for her resilience and good humour – it was great to have you aboard.

Thanks, Mr Jones

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

HSC Coach: HSC Coach is an online study support tool for year 12 students offered by the Equity and Diversity Unit of Newcastle. This resource provides students with subject-specific HSC expertise online.

Hyperjinks High: Hyperjinks High is an interactive program designed to help high school students to borrow books located at the University of Newcastle’s library at both the Newcastle (Callaghan and City precinct) and Central Coast (Ourimbah) campuses. Membership costs $22 annually and expires in December of each year.

PaCE Program: The PaCE Program is designed to engage parents of Indigenous students in years 10 to 12 with their child’s post-school study options. Parents participate in workshops with current university students and Wollotuka Institute staff members to gain an insight into options available to their child, what life is like as a university student, and the support services offered to Indigenous students by the Wollotuka Institute. PaCE supports the Wollotuka Institute programs offered to Indigenous high school students.
ENGLISH

English/Drama Faculty Report

Students have a very busy term ahead in English and Drama classes. With NAPLAN taking place for Years 7 and 9 on May 13, 14 and 15, Year 11 returning from exams, Year 12 completing their half-yearly in the first two weeks of term, and junior assessment tasks approaching, students are focused on demonstrating their skills in all aspects of English. Erina High was also selected to participating in the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) Equating Tests, which involved some Year 7 and Year 9 students, in week 2. These students are thanked for the wonderful way in which they conducted themselves during this process.

Our Year 9 and 10 Debating Teams are busily preparing to take part in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Coached by Ms Serrano, these students will compete against local schools in the first competition rounds in coming weeks. We wish them luck in their endeavours.

Classes in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are almost ready for their next assessment task, which requires them to construct a persuasive text in response to a stimulus they will be given on the day. Students will have 50 minutes in which to compose their answers, and will be expected to structure their work appropriately while incorporating a range of persuasive devices. They will then begin film studies, examining how visual techniques are employed to express meaning.

Preliminary Advanced English students are presently conducting a comparative study of texts. Those in the Preliminary Standard course are studying a film, with focus on the ways in which visual techniques are used to convey meaning. English Studies students are engaging with a range of texts relating to the concept of being “On the Road”. When the HSC students finish their exams they will begin the Module B components of their courses, with Advanced students conducting a critical study of Hamlet, and Standard classes examining the novel Briar Rose. The Year 12 English Studies students will work through their study of English and the Media. The HSC Drama students are congratulated for their fabulous practical exam performances. They will now focus on their group performances, while the Year 11 students are learning about theatrical traditions and performance styles. Year 10 Drama students are currently learning about aspects of Indigenous Theatre, while the Year 9 students are learning duologues from the play Hoods.

Erina High students have recently had wonderful theatre experiences in Sydney. Stage 5 were lucky to view Pinocchio, and Year 11 saw The Government Inspector. Such opportunities are educationally invaluable and we thank the students and their families for their assistance in allowing us to successfully run excursions to Sydney theatres. Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you have any concern regarding their progress in English or Drama.

Mark Chapman
Head Teacher English
On Wednesday 7th May Mr Roberts & Ms Smith took Year 9 & Year 10 Marine Aquaculture classes to the IMAX and Aquarium. The students viewed the 3D movie Sharks, which was a documentary on the Great White Shark. After lunch the students went to the Aquarium and viewed the various species of Marine and Freshwater organisms. Mr Roberts & Ms Smith would like to thank the students for being very considerate of others on the train, as various students gave up their seats for adult passengers without being asked. Each and every student displayed exemplary behaviour throughout the day. Well done guys!
Cycle Event

The Rotary Club of Erina is currently organising the 2014 Century Challenge Cycle Tour. This is their major fund raising effort to support community projects. Each year they have a Family ride for children over 9 - 18 years. Also a Kids Challenge bike ride for young riders aged 4-12 years. This event will be held on Sunday 18th May within the grounds of Mt Penang Parklands. There are lucky rider prizes, novelties, sausage sizzle and a variety of other activities.

Funds raised go to Coast Shelter which is a Central Coast organisation providing accommodation, food and assistance for the homeless and needy people or those at risk of becoming homeless. It is also a great opportunity to promote fitness among young people.
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Charity Markets
at the IMPACT CENTRE
19 Chetwynd Road
opposite McDonalds off Terrigal Drive
Saturday 24th May.

The markets are held indoors so it is the perfect ‘all-weather’ outing for the entire family.

There is a separate children’s play area as well as a café and ample parking for everyone.

This venue is also wheelchair friendly and funds raised will help support over 160 local people with a disability and for the continuation and expansion of vocational and residential services.
### WINTER UNIFORM

**JUNIOR GIRLS**
- Shirt: Lemon polo or polyester blouse with school logo
- Pants: Navy long
- Sweatshirt: Navy ‘V’ neck/school logo or navy ‘V’ neck jumper
- Jacket: Navy fleece zipped jacket **NO HOOD**
- Skirt: Checked pleated (Junior colours)
- Stockings: Natural or black
- Shoes: Black solid leather

**JUNIOR BOYS**
- Shirt: Navy polo with school logo
- Pants: Grey canvas/long or shorts
- Sweatshirt: Navy ‘V’ neck/school logo or navy ‘V’ neck jumper
- Jacket: Navy fleece zipped jacket **NO HOOD**
- Socks: White walk or short socks
- Shoes: Black solid leather only

**SENIOR GIRLS**
- Shirt: White polyester blouse with school logo
- Skirt: Checked pleated (Senior colours & style)
- Long Pants: Black
- Stockings: Black
- Socks: White, or black shoes
- Shoes: Solid black shoes
- Sweatshirt: Black ‘V’ neck /school logo or plain black jumper
- Blazer: Black with school logo
- Rugby jersey designed in school colours for year 12.

**SENIOR BOYS**
- Shirt: White polyester shirt with school logo
- Shorts: Black shorts
- Trousers: Black drill pants
- Socks: Black or white
- Shoes: Black solid shoes
- Sweatshirt: Black ‘V’ neck /school logo or plain black jumper
- Blazer: Black with school logo
- Rugby jersey designed in school colours for year 12.