Another term has disappeared with students working towards their personal best. Congratulations to everyone on a very successful completion of Semester 1, 2014. Senior reports have now been issued and junior reports will be issued week 1 next term. Thank you to the many parents who attended our senior parent teacher night, it was great to see the night so well attended. The junior parent teacher nights will be held in the first few weeks of next term, details will be provided in the reports.

We are in full swing for our 50th birthday celebrations and hope parents will spread the word and encourage past students and families to help celebrate this significant milestone in the history of Erina High School. We will be hosting an open day at on September 6 to proudly showcase our school and the many changes that have taken place. We will be facilitating a number of events and finishing with a birthday dinner at Gosford sailing club. We would love to have as many past students and families join us to help celebrate. Tickets will be $10 a head and people are asked to book tables of either 6, 8 or 10. A bistro menu is available for those that would like to have dinner and drinks available at bar prices. Please contact the administration office to book your friends and family a table. It will be a great night as we celebrate 50 proud years of Erina High School. To keep up to date with our birthday celebrations visit us on our Facebook page.

What a great day was had on June 4 where students and staff enjoyed our 50th Athletics Carnival. It was terrific to see each a strong representation of students competing and supporting this annual event. Huge congratulations to Mr Keyes who managed such a wonderful day topped off with the most magical weather. I hope families have seen the amazing photos on Facebook of our most talented athletes and the student “50” formation, what a magnificent feat!! Congratulations to Nick Petsianas and his extraordinary technology skills in using a drone to take the fabulous photo and to Ms Johnson for her exceptional skills as our resident paparazzi!

It was my great pleasure to attend the signing of the partnership agreement between Tudibaring, our local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), and Erina High School. It was a very proud moment as I signed this agreement with the president of the AECG Alicia May, particularly knowing that the Erina High School students Shannon Pulbrook and Bradley Bartley had designed and developed the artwork that won the prize as the background to the partnership agreement. Congratulations to Shannon and Bradley, their artwork along with the partnership agreement will take pride of place in our new administration foyer.
Thank you to the many families that have paid the school contributions and course fees, it is greatly appreciated and makes a huge difference to the quality of resources we can provide to support teaching and learning. I need to remind year 12 students that it is an expectation course fees have been paid before being eligible for an invitation to the formal. I appreciate the communities support with this decision. Please contact me at school if financial assistance is required to support these charges.

I would like to congratulate Mr Grant Jensen who has been successful through merit selection in securing a permanent teaching position at Berkley Vale Campus. Mr Jensen has made a significant contribution to the learning of many students as a member of the science faculty this year and I would like to publicly thank him and wish him every success in his new school. Well done Mr Jensen, all the very best of luck and thank you!!

Students and families will notice a hive of activity around the school as we have had unsafe and dying tress cut down and our old portable classrooms are being removed. This is making a positive impact on our school grounds as we work through these improvements. Thank you to students for their maturity in keeping away from these areas as work is being completed.

Focus on Reading has been an integral component of staff training this year and I would like to acknowledge Mr Chapman, Mr Schoffl, Mrs Holmes and Ms Jansons on the strong leadership they have demonstrated in facilitating this training for a number of our staff. It is firmly embedded in all curriculum areas and is making a difference with improving student literacy skills. Our term 3 School development day will be training staff in a number of strategies to support Focus on Reading in all curriculum areas.

Enjoy the winter break, be safe and look after one another. School resumes for all students Tuesday July 15.

Karen Nicol
Principal
Erina High Schools 50th Annual Athletics Carnival

Age Champions
12  Lara Clark     Dally Singh
13  Ashlee Russell Nathan Ide
14  Bronte Fenech Kane Douch
15  Kim Meyer     Harry Wilson
16  Isabel Peterson Jameson Flynn
17  Emma Lowe     Sam Evans

New Records
Girls 13 Years 100m
• Old      -   13.71      2004  Ashleigh Parish
• New    -     13.29     2014   Ashlee Russell               Aaron Dudman

Boys 14 Years 100m
• Old     -    12.41      2013  Harry Wilson
• New    -    12.19      2014  Aaron Dudman

Boys 15 Year 100m
• Old     -    11.89       2004  Chris Dodd
• New   -     11.80       2014  Harry Wilson

Girls 15 Years Shot Put
• Old     -    9.63m       2003  Ellen Paterson
• New    -   13.60m      2014  Sisifa Mafile’o

Boys 14 Years 4x100m Relay
• Old    -    53.80    1980   Bean
• New   -   51.29     2014   Bean
(Matthew Cahill, Aaron Dudman, Kane Douch, Mitchell Deegan)

House Points
1.     Henderson  1877 pts
2.     Bean    1730 pts
3.     Kendall 1677 pts
4.     Dunlop 1499 pts

Grant Keyes
Erina High School
Sports Organiser/ Year 10 Year Advisor
Erina High Schools 50th Annual Athletics Carnival
Erina High English and Drama students are finishing the semester with a range of pursuits, and staff are pleased with the gains that have been made as a result of their focus on learning. Teachers were thankful that so many parents of senior students came to speak about their child on Thursday June 19, as such interviews allow for invaluable personal feedback. Junior reports will be issued early in Term 3 and we encourage all families to book and attend interviews to discuss student progress.

Leticia Lihou is to be congratulated for her participation in the Bendigo Bank Public Speaking Competition semi-final. She spoke about the notion that “Tolerance is the Best Value” and we are very proud of her effort. Classes in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are now completing assessment tasks during English lessons that involve them viewing a scene from the film they have been studying in class and answering a series of multiple choice and short answer questions about the information conveyed to the audience.

Preliminary Advanced English students are presently studying Shakespeare’s Othello. Those in the Preliminary Standard course are studying the film Mullet, with focus on the ways in which visual techniques are used to convey meaning. Students in the Advanced course will complete their assessment task, a speech, Week 1 Term 3, while Standard students will submit theirs on the Wednesday of Week 9. English Studies students are engaging with a range of texts relating to the concept of being “On the Road”, and will submit a portfolio of writing in Week 9.

The HSC Advanced students are conducting a critical study of Hamlet and will be assessed on their understanding in Term 3. The Standard classes have examined the novel Briar Rose and will construct an essay about this text for assessment in the week of Term 3. The Year 12 English Studies students are continuing to work through their study of English and the Media.

On the Primary Fun Day, Wednesday June 18, Ms Johnson and a group of Year 11 students ran play building workshops with Year 6 students from the Erina Learning Community. Special thanks go to Nick Langthorne, Katherine Fletcher, Waisale Easton and Josh McRohan for the amazing leadership skills they displayed on this day.

The HSC Drama students are still focusing on their group performances. Year 11 students are learning about 20th Century performance styles and will choose one of these as the focus for their group performances. Year 10 Drama students are currently learning about aspects of Indigenous Theatre. They will perform scenes of the play The 7 Stages of Grieving for students from other year groups as part of the school’s recognition of NAIDOC week. Year 9 students are currently performing duologues of the play Hoods for assessment.

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
CAPA News

'Battle of the Bands'

Battle of the Bands is on this Friday night at The Hub, Erina Fair. $5 entry and this is an all ages, alcohol free event. The show starts at 7 pm and will feature one of the Erina High School bands from Yr 10. Come along and support our students while having a heap of fun.

'Lizottes Performance Night'

The year 12 Music classes will be performing at Lizottes on the 17th of July which is Thursday, week one of term three. The students will be performing pieces from their HSC repertoire which may include covers of artists like Dire Straits, Jimmy Hendrix and Adele. This is always a great night and all in the Erina Community are most welcome. The cost of each ticket is $15 and tables can be booked online at www.lizottes.com.au

YEAR 11 2015 COURSE SELECTION

15 July 2014
(Week 1, Term 3)
Course Booklet distributed
EHS website: Careers/Yr10—11 Subject selection booklet

21 July 2014
(Weeks 2 & 3, Term 3)
Year 10 career lessons with Mrs Pursehouse

6 August 2014
(Week 4, Term 3)
Parent Information Evening
Subject selection open. Students will be given a log on address and code to access the subject selection choices.
Subject choices Due by 15August 2014.

18-29 August 2014
Student interviews and confirmation of subjects. Parents notified.
YEAR 12  2014

Facts you need to know -

Courses and Subjects and ATAR

To be eligible for an ATAR, you must complete at least 10 units of ATAR courses. These ATAR courses must include:

* eight units of Category A courses
* two units of English
* three Board Developed courses of two units or greater
* four subjects.

Some tertiary courses also require you to have studied certain HSC subjects, or equivalent, to have achieved a specific standard or to have assumed knowledge. You need to consider these things when choosing your courses and subjects.

What are Category A courses?
Category A courses have academic rigor and depth of knowledge to provide background for tertiary studies. Examples include Mathematics, Geography, Community and Family Studies, Legal Studies, Biology and PDHPE.

What are Category B courses?
Category B courses are courses that don't provide an adequate background for tertiary studies, but they can contribute to the ATAR when combined with Category A courses. No more than two units of Category B courses can be included with the ATAR calculation. Examples include Human Services, Hospitality and Construction.

Adapted from:  http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/faq/atar-courses.shtml

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