Erina News

The term is certainly flying by with students actively engaged in learning and teachers working hard to prepare semester 1 reports as a result of ongoing assessment practices. We will issue senior reports week 7 this term and provide a senior parent teacher evening on Thursday June 11, details will provided in the reports. Our junior reports will be issued week 1 term 3 and the parent teacher evenings held over two sessions on July 23 and July 28 again details will be provided in the reports.

Congratulations to all students who have recently completed half yearly examinations and to year 7 and 9 who have completed NAPLAN. It was very pleasing to see the commitment our students made in preparing themselves for the exams to ensure they achieved the best results possible. It is a skill to learn to sit for examinations and we are hopeful that introducing the junior exams will assist students in developing these skills.

I am concerned with the decline in our uniform standards and would urge families to please encourage students to be in full school uniform. I am mindful with the colder weather upon us there is a temptation to wear jeans and a variety of coloured jumpers, this is not school uniform. Please contact me at school if families need assistance with purchasing uniform items.

I was delighted to see students utilising their aprons they have made in technology for their food preparation lessons well done to Jessica, Michael and Drew great work!!
We are slowly recovering from the damage of the storms earlier in the term and have had trees removed and are working on removing and repairing our damaged awnings and fences. Our school sign was also damaged and is undergoing repairs so hopefully this will all be completed before the end of the term.

The Department of Education and Communities have introduced a new policy for better supporting Teacher’s professional practice in the Performance and Development Framework. To facilitate this training our staff will be engaged in a 3 hour training session after school on June 2 to implement these new procedures. We will also be holding an extended staff meeting in September to provide training to the staff on 8 ways of learning, a package that focuses on Aboriginal education. As a result of these 2 extended meetings the Teachers will not be at school on the last day of Term 4 Friday December 19 which is a scheduled student free day anyway. The school will still be open with the administration office open and the senior executive available for enquires for 2016.

With more and more forms of electronic communication it is a timely reminder about the misuse of social media as a tool to harass others and voice inappropriate and offensive comments. People need to be aware that it is a breach of the Communications Act to engage in this behaviour. Students are often unaware that their comments once on social media are there for a wider audience and setting their social media pages on private is often not enough to safe guard their conversation. It is out there in the world for anyone to see. Many employers today are accessing social media to do a search on people before employing them to look into their character. I need to remind users of our school Facebook pages to exercise appropriate protocols at all times. It is a tool to communicate school events and achievements and is not the place for negative comments. All issues of concern with the school, staff or students should be directed to me. There is an excellent YouTube clip called “digital footprint your first new impression” that is worth looking at and discussing with your children to educate them about the permanency of their conversations using social media. I appreciate parent support in supervising their children’s access to social media.

Our athletics carnival will be held on Friday May 29 fingers crossed for fine weather!! It is expected that all students attend the carnival either as a participant or supporter, please ensure all students return their permission notes ASAP. Thank you to Mr Keyes for all his hard work in preparing the school for another great athletics carnival.

Enjoy the rest of the term as we focus on the main game, quality teaching and learning.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Karen Nicol
Principal

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Mrs Vicki Smith
Deputy Principal—Development
**English/Drama**

Erina High English and Drama students have now finished their Half Yearly Exams. This is the first year that our junior students have completed formal exams of this nature and such practice will stand them in good stead for future years.

Our Year 8 and 9 Debating Teams are preparing to debate Terrigal High School and Kariong Mountains High School on June 4. We wish them well in their endeavours and will keep you informed of their progress in the competition.

English classes in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have recently composed a persuasive response for assessment of their skills are getting ready for their next assessment task which will take place in Week 8, which requires them to complete a listening task based upon an excerpt from a film. They will also be preparing a speech based upon an aspect of their novel for submission and presentation during the first week of Term 3. Preliminary Advanced English students are presently studying Shakespeare’s *Othello*, while 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 both these courses will submit visual representations pertaining to their texts in Weeks 8 and 9. Preliminary English Studies students are engaging with a novel relating to the concept of being “Achieving through English” 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 are examining the novel *Briar Rose* and will construct an essay about this text for assessment. The Year 12 English Studies students are continuing to work through their study of “Playing the Game”.

The HSC Drama students are now focusing on their group performances for the HSC. Year 11 students are learning about Theatrical Styles and Traditions. Year 10 Drama students are currently learning about aspects of Political Theatre and will perform a group performance for assessment, while the Year 9 students are learning duologues from the play *Hoods*.

Parents are reminded that there is a huge range of fantastic reading material available for young teens and adolescents at the moment. Please encourage your child to borrow from our library, or the local library, and to read every day. There is no better way for students to develop their understanding of language and vocabulary than engaging with a variety of texts. Your support in this is appreciated.

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
**Board of Studies Literacy and Numeracy tests**
These are optional tests in literacy and numeracy available for students who intend to leave school before completing their HSC. They are designed to show an overview of a student’s level of achievement in these areas and may be used for perspective employers.

**Dates for the literacy and numeracy tests**
- In 2015, the tests will be available for school leavers from 21st May until 17th December.

**Content of the tests**
- The tests focus on the literacy and numeracy skills required by school leavers for employment and further education.
- There will be one test for literacy and one test for numeracy, with concepts drawn from the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) developed and endorsed by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).
- The test results are reported separately from the RoSA and are not a requirement for award of the credential.

**Test Procedures**
- When a student indicates they are leaving school and would like to sit for the tests, their school will be required to enter them for the tests via Board of Studies.
- The tests will be delivered online and at school.
- Students who wish to do both tests must complete them in one sitting. Students can determine which test they do first and may choose to do only one of the tests.
- Students must undertake the tests within three weeks of the school entering them.

**Reporting test results**
- At the conclusion of each test, students will see onscreen their scaled score and the corresponding level from the ACSF.
- The following day, students will receive a more detailed report for each test.
- Test results will NOT appear on the RoSA credential.

For further information please contact Mr Jackson.

Mr Brian Jackson  
Head Teacher Careers, School to Work, BOS, Curriculum.  
Erina High School

**ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS**
The teenage years can be a challenge. Parents often struggle to maintain positive relationships with their adolescent children.

- How do you set limits?
- What behaviour is acceptable and what isn’t?
- What do we do when an adolescent has behaved in a way that breaches family values and expectations?
- The answers aren’t always clear cut.

The Engaging Adolescents program helps parents learn some new skills to make life with their adolescent more peaceful and enjoyable for all. It is designed to give parents relevant, current information and practical strategies for dealing with adolescent behaviour.

I recently completed the necessary training to deliver this program to parents and I am hoping to conduct this course at Erina High School early in Term 3, 2015. This is an open invitation for parents interested in learning new skills to move towards better, more open, communicative relationships with the adolescents in their lives.

At this stage I am asking parents who are interested in attending the course to contact me so that I can get an idea of possible numbers. The course will run in the first 3 weeks of Term 3, 2015 and will consist of three two sessions. These sessions will take place during school hours. The cost will be around $12 for the Parent Workbook.
If you are interested or have questions regarding the course please contact me at Erina High School on 43677353 or by email on michael.lamm@det.nsw.edu.au

I look forward to meeting you at the course and presenting ideas and strategies that may make a difference.

Michael Lamm
School Counsellor
Registered Psychologist No. 1372238

Dance News
Erina High School has successfully auditioned both dance groups for the Central Coast Dance Festival for 2015. Both items are almost finished and in the polishing stages, getting ready for performing at the end of this term. We have a combined years 7 and 8 group as well as a combined years 9 and 10 group! All students should be congratulated for their hard work and efforts put in to their item so far.

Congratulations to Rhiannon Waters from Year 7 who performed at YIPA this month. Rhiannon was in a tap duo through her dance school GC Dance. Well done, Rhiannon!

Ms Gemma Padroth
Mathematics Teacher

Sport

Under 15 Boys Soccer

Congratulations to our Under 15 Boys Soccer Team.

On the 29th April, 2015, Erina High’s under 15 Boys Soccer Team defeated Central Coast Adventist School in the first round of the Bill Turner Cup. This game had been cancelled twice due to bad weather, but the boys played a very successful game. There was good communication and wonderful passes among our hard-working boys and they were able to control and take possession of the ball most of the time on the field. Players, parents who came to watch and student spectators enjoyed playing and watching an entertaining game. The end the result was a whopping 11-2 against the Adventist School. This was a wonderful victory. Once again, our students at Erina High School are demonstrating their skills not only in academia but also in sports. Thanks to some of the parents that came along to watch our boys play such a wonderful game. We are looking forward to our next game. Well done. Go Erina!!!

Mr. A Bangura.
Coordinator of Under 15’s Boys Soccer

Grant Keyes
Erina High School
Sports Organiser/Year 11 Advisor
Volleyball

Congratulations to Kim Meyer of Year 10. Kim recently travelled to Temora near Wagga Wagga to compete in the NSW Open Girls Volleyball Championships. Kim was selected in the Sydney North side and has competed against all the other regions in NSW. With Kim’s help, the Sydney North side had some great wins against Sydney East, North Coast, North West and Hunter. Kim was one of the youngest players at the championships and hopes next year she will be selected in the NSW side. Well done Kim!!!

Open Boys Soccer

We are the champions. Congratulations to the Open Boys Soccer team who are now the Central Coast Champions! The boys played their fourth round match at home against a very highly rated Narara Valley side who had just come off a great win against Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College.

Both teams started the game with great passion and the referee very quickly stamped his authority on the match with a few yellow cards within the first 5 minutes of play. After 10 minutes of play, our boys started to gain the advantage and on top of this dominance, left midfielder Harry Clark hit a left footed strike straight between the keepers legs to lead the game 1-0. After this goal the game tightened up again with no major shots on goal in the first half. The second half saw Narara come out firing, scoring a goal from the corner to lock the scores at 1-1 with 25 minutes to play. On the back of their first goal, Narara continued to push for another goal and were rewarded with 15 minutes to play, 2-1 Narara. To our boy’s credit, they didn’t drop their heads and led by their captain, Jameson Flynn, he scored a brilliant goal displaying lightning fast footwork to lock the game at 2-2. And if there wasn’t enough drama, Narara then had 2 players sent off for their second yellow cards. Final score at full time 2-2.
Golden goal extra time began with both teams showing new found pace and focus. Our boys felt confident having 2 extra players, but Narara continued to fight and held out many great scoring opportunities in extra time to send the game to a penalty shoot out. A quick goal keeper substitution saw David Ryden stand between the sticks. The boys were very nervous but still confident they could come away the victors. Erina's penalty takers saw a mix of youth and experience but after 5 shooters from each side the game was still locked up. Both teams were scrambling to work out the order for their next penalty takers but although our boys were nervous, all walked up to the penalty spot with a quiet confidence. After what seemed like an eternity, Narara missed a penalty and our captain, Jameson Flynn, walked up to try and seal the win for Erina. Loving the pressure, Jameson smashed away the winning goal, securing a dramatic win for Erina!! Final score 9-8.

Grant Keyes
Erina High School
Sports Organiser/Year 11 Advisor

**Athletics Carnival Reminder**

With the Athletics Carnival drawing closer, it’s timely remainder to revisit some of the important information for parents and students.

The carnival will be held at Adcock Park, West Gosford on Friday the 29th of May. For the latest updates and information check our school Facebook page http://www.facebook.com/ErinaHighSchool

Students can make their own way to the venue, or can catch a bus from school at 9am sharp. The cost of a return trip on the bus is $4, which needs to be paid to the Front Office as soon as possible. There will only be 140 seats on the two buses, so students are encouraged to secure their seats early.

This year **ALL students must return the slip on the information note to indicate how they will be travelling to the carnival.** These notes will be collected during roll call. Copies of the note can be downloaded from the school website http://www.erina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Events start at 8:20am for the 1500m and 800m and the regular program starts after roll call at 9:20am.

Students are encouraged to dress in House colour mufti, wear sun protection and dress warmly. If students want to buy food and drinks the canteen will be open at the carnival. All sales go toward the Year 12 fundraising effort. There will also be a BBQ selling our famous sausage sandwiches too.
Match report Opens Boys League

The open boys league team had a tough day from the start with only 13 players available on the day meaning they had to play all games with no reserves. Our first game was against Henry Kendall. The boys started well early with a strong run by Dylan Bain seeing him over the line only to be denied by the referee for a knock on upon scoring. Wais Easton soon atoned for this error by barging over in the corner to put us ahead 4-0. A late try in the first half saw Henry Kendall finish the half 6-4 in front. A nervous second half was played until Brad Deegan stepped his way over next to the post with 4 minutes remaining to put us ahead 10-6. From the kickoff a big run by Jameson Flynn set up Oscar Perricone to score in the corner to finish the game off 14-6 victors.

Gorokan came out hard and fast in our second game and our boys found themselves trailing 8-0 at half time. A strong start in the second half playing smart football finally paid off for us with Dylan Baines muscling his way over with four defenders on his back. A close kick for goal just missed to see us trail 8-4. With the wind in our sails the boys dug in deep but an injury to one of our forwards saw us finish the game with just 12 players and unable to produce any more points.

Our third and final game against Wadalba saw us trailing 4-0 after an early try, before we hit back with a special effort from Jameson Flynn who stepped around half the team following a charge down attempt from Wadalba. A very unlucky call against us from the kickoff gave them possession deep in our half and they were able to capitalise on the field position and score out wide just before half time to lead us 10-6.

A strong start in the second half gave us good field position early on and Matt Shepard steamrolled his way over next to the posts to put us 12-10 in front. Simple errors invited Wadalba into our half again and they were able to take advantage of an overlap and score to put them 14-10 in front. The boys started to feel the effect of having no reserves and an injury to one of our players saw us finish the last ten minutes a man down with only 12 players and Wadalba were able to run away with a 22-10 victory.

A monster effort by all the team who really dug deep on the day to play without any bench players. Special mention must go to our forwards who didn’t slow down all day regardless of how tired they were, Matt Shepard who was very strong up front taking every second hit up and Josh Blakeway putting his body on the line to put together a strong defensive effort for the day.

Mr Chris Dodd
PDHPE
### Indigenous Students: Up-coming events Terms 2 and 3

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#### Smoking Ceremony

On Friday, 8th May, Aboriginal Elder, Uncle Terrance, conducted a traditional smoking ceremony for Erina High’s indigenous students and their guests. Before the ceremony he spoke passionately to them about traditions and culture and what it means to be indigenous. The ceremony involved the lighting of gum leaves to create a spiritually cleansing smoke as the students formed the rainbow serpent and wound their way around the smoking leaves. Uncle Terrance also accompanied the school’s didgeridoo group with authentic clap-sticks to create a wonderful atmosphere in which the students could celebrate their culture. Several students told Uncle Terrance where they were from and he could then tell them who their mob was. Overall, it was a great day for Erina High’s indigenous students to learn about, and take pride in, their culture.

Julie Ruming, Paul White, Robyn Miller.
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**PAYMENT OF FEES AT THE OFFICE**

Welcome to all our new families. For your information and as a general reminder to all parents and students below is information on payments and office hours.

Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card or direct deposit.

The office is open to accept payments from 8.15am. Students (including Seniors) may only make payments before school commences, at Break 1 and at Break 2. The office closes at 3.30pm, therefore no payments are accepted after school.

Due to OH&S, cash handling arrangements payments cannot be accepted after 2.30pm. If you find it difficult to make it to the school before 2.30pm there are a number of other options available:

- Send the payment to school with your child (cash or cheque)
- Complete a credit card payment authority to have the fees deducted from your credit account (Your child can collect one from the front office or phone the school to have one posted to you)
- Phone the school and pay your fees via credit card over the phone
- Pay by Direct Deposit to Erina High School – BSB: 032 001 Act: 148118
  (Please enter Student name and what you are paying for as the Reference)
  (e.g. J. Sample – Yr 7 Camp or T Morrow – VisArts)

Please note: The office cash register closes promptly at 11.50am (the end of Break 1) on the last day of each Term. Unfortunately, no payments can be accepted after this time.

Thankyou

## 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,
- **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**
Music

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Youth In Performing Arts (YIPA) concert at the Laycock Street Theatre on Wednesday the 20th May.

Francis Carriage Year 12
Nischala McDonnell Year 11
Loose Connections Band Year 11
Ebony Bender Year 10
Jacqueline Chambers Year 10

Well done and good luck to all the students who auditioned for the Central Coast Showcase.

Ms Leanne Broadley

Indigenous Students

National Reconciliation Week is from 27th May to 3rd June. Families may like to visit the “5 Hands Walk” Exhibition at the East Gosford Regional Art Gallery. Exhibition runs from 23rd May to 12th July.

Julie Ruming, Paul White, Robyn Miller.

2015 CARNIVAL DATES

Cross Country
Sydney North - 11/6/15, Gosford Racecourse
State - 17/7/15, Eastern Creek

Athletics
School - 29/5/15, Adcock Park
Zone - 22/6/15, Mingara
Sydney North - 20th & 21st of July, Homebush