Upcoming Events

2 March
Stage 5 Curriculum Night

3 March
Zone Swimming Carnival
Woy Woy Pool

4 March
Open Girls Netball

9 March
Stage 6 Curriculum Night

10 March
Year 7 Immunisations
Selective H.S Test

11 March
School Photos

17 March
Regional Swimming Carnival
Homebush Pool

Message from the Principal

What a great start to the term students continue to impress with their strong focus on learning and commitment to achieve their personal best. The sun was shining on Monday with a huge crowd at Gosford Pool for the annual Erina High School Swimming carnival with a record number of students attending, well over 400 the best ever!!! Congratulations again to Bean the winning house. It was a great day of strong school spirit with many students participating and others cheering on their class mates. Thank you to Mr Keyes for another great carnival. Highly organised and efficiently executed. Well done Mr Keyes and our House Captains! See our facebook page for great swimming carnival photos.
On Wednesday night February 24 we hosted our information night which attracted many potential year 7 students for 2017. It was a terrific night that showcased the high quality programs we have in place to support the learning, social and emotional needs of each and every student. With over 120 people attending there was nothing but admiration of the amazing work being done at Erina High School and the quality of our staff and students. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the many staff that attended and promoted their curriculum areas and to our wonderful students who assisted with catering, classroom displays and demonstrations and as tour guides they were a credit to their school and family.

Wednesday February 24 2016 will also be a moment when history was made with not only ONE Erina High School student proudly taking out the zone competition for public speaking in Lions Youth of the Year but TWO Erina High School students. Applause and accolades to Ethan Howard and Nischala McDonnell for their outstanding performance. The audience were on the edge of their seats as these amazing year 12 students performed their exceptional public speaking skills. Both Ethan and Nischala go onto the next level of the competition and compete at a zone level at Halekulani in about a month! Congratulations to both students we are so very proud!!!

During first term we have been delivering parent information sessions for each stage group that provides curriculum updates specific for each year group. I appreciate the support of parents at these meetings as it is an opportunity to be well informed about the demands and expectations of secondary schooling and gives parents an opportunity to learn more about ways to improve their children’s application to their studies. Our stage 5 meeting will be held on Wednesday night March 2 and stage 6 March 9 both starting at 6pm in the library.

Schools are required each year to report on their achievements and progress on their school targets as set out in the school plan. This is the result of a rigorous evaluation of school programs identifying areas of success and development. The Erina High School 2015 annual report will be available on the schools website by the end of the term and provides historical data related to HSC, NAPLAN data, school attendance, enrolment, destination surveys and retention rates. I encourage families to access this report to see the significant progress our school has made in 2015.
I appreciate the effort students and families make in the wearing of school uniform it sends a strong positive message to our community and demonstrates the pride we have in our school. If families need assistance with purchasing school uniform please contact me at school so I can provide some assistance.

Currently Erina High School and Woodport Public school are working with Public Works, Department of Education, Gosford City Council, Roads and Maritime Service and local bus services to develop an improved design for traffic control and safety management between the two schools along Ernest Street. The plan will be to develop more parking spaces, an extended kiss and drop zone and improve the flow of traffic along Ernest Street. This includes a proposed removal of the chicane and a possible roundabout in its place, in an attempt to open up the road as well as provide better walkways and safety railings. As the design develops I will advise the community.

Enjoy the rest of the term where teaching and learning is the main game at Erina High School.

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Karen Nicol
Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS 2016

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who competed in the 52nd annual school swimming carnival. We had record attendance at the carnival and even broke 2 records. The Zone carnival will be held on Thursday the 3rd of March.

HOUSE POINTS
1. Bean - 546 pts
2. Henderson - 413 pts
3. Dunlop - 287 pts
4. Kendall - 256 pts

AGE CHAMPIONS

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NEW RECORDS
Girls 12-14 Yrs 200IM:
Old- 3:41.31 (Indie Elms) 2014
New - 3:16.23 (Tahlia Smith) 2016

Boys 16 Yrs 50m Freestyle
Old - 27.57 (Mitchell Tysoe) 2008
New - 27.30 (Kane Douch) 2016

Grant Keyes
Erina High School
Sports Organiser/Year 12 Advisor
OPEN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The conditions were perfect for Erina to host a volleyball game against Terrigal. Members from years 10, 11, and 12 banded together to show Terrigal what they are made of. The nerves were building for the start of the game, but were quickly shaken off after witnessing a powerful first serve by Kim. Shortly into the first set, the girls realised they had a chance, and worked well together to win many rallies. They have come along way from learning how to get their serve over the net, but now they can be happy with their first, very convincing, 2-0 win over Terrigal. Kim Meyers scorching serve has made her a well deserving winner of this teams best and fairest, and Sam Kentwell's enthusiasm and commitment as earned her the coaches award. Well done girls!

Grant Keyes
Sports Co-Ordinator
OPEN GIRLS TOUCH

A valiant effort from the open girls touch team today, playing out a hard fought game against Lisarow in 35 degree heat. The girls were outstanding on the field narrowly going down in a 3-4 loss with victory to Lisarow coming in the final 2 minutes. Outstanding effort by Janai Edwards who two of our three points with one coming from a fantastic intercept. Ainsleah white scored our third point with a dazzling display of footwork opening up a gap in the middle that she darted through and scored. Other strong players were Kim Meyer and Tahlea Kirkman in the middle. First time touch players Caitlin Munnoch and India Jacobs deserve a special mention for their participation in the game playing very strong games in attack and defence. All the girls were exceptional ambassadors for Erina High School displaying tremendous sportswomanship towards their opponents and the referee at the end of the game. Well done girls!

Mr Dodd

INTRODUCTION TO THE TAS HOME ECONOMICS FACULTY 2016

This year we have students completing courses in:
- Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory (Food and Textiles)
- Year 9 Food Technology
- Year 10 Food Technology, Child Studies
- Year 11 Food Technology, Textiles & Design, Community and Family Studies, VET Hospitality
- Year 12 Food Technology, Textiles & Design, Community and Family Studies, VET Hospitality, VET Hospitality (Specialisation)

Later this year during the elective subject selection process for Year 9 and 10, we will, in addition to the above courses, offer Textiles Technology and Design and Technology, both of which our students in 2015 won an array of 1st and 2nd place ribbons at the Gosford Regional Show.

For students interested in Textiles Technology a special workshop is being organised to provide a taste of what choosing this subject as an elective might be like. At the moment it is looking like this will happen in Week 4, Term 2.

This year we have teaching across our faculty subjects: Mrs Sandra Adamski, Ms Lea-Ann Best, Ms Carly Kekwick (Administration Coordinator), Mrs Barbara Maguire, Mrs Kim Trousdale, and Mrs Vicki Smith (Deputy Principal Development).

Our Kitchen Assistants for 2016 are Mrs Deborah Matheson and Mrs Narelle Taylor, also Mrs Kate Magee who is working on a casual basis. We are a strong team and work together to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

The year so far

All students have begun practical lessons in the above subjects after completing essential safety-based theory work. Practicals require fully enclosed leather footwear; hair tied back; an apron, tea-towel and container (cooking) and full Chef’s uniform (Hospitality). It is also a requirement that subject fees are paid to allow us to purchase consumable ingredients and materials for these practical lessons. Your child should have received a letter/note to take home about this, please ask them if you haven’t seen it.

Special Report: Year 11 Hospitality

VET Hospitality classes in Year 11 are in full swing with students focusing on a variety of different recipes that develop their skills in hygienic work practices and precision cutting. Students are demonstrating an excellent level of skill for beginner Hospitality students and I am extremely pleased with their progress thus far.
If you have any questions regarding TAS Home Economics please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school.

Mrs Melinda Holmes  
Head Teacher TAS Home Economics/VET Coordinator

MATHEMATICS REPORT

The year has started with a bustle of activity with the HSC students preparing for their Half Yearly Examinations. Both staff and students are starting to work through extra tuition to prepare for the first formal exam block of year 12. Good luck to all students.

The faculty development this semester is about broadening the educational opportunities for our years 7 and 8 students. We are very excited to be constructing the outdoor Mathematics classroom this term which should provide an opportunity for ‘hands on’ activity based lessons which will allow a wider range of students to participate in the learning process. Hopefully next newsletter we should have some photos of the space in operation.

Next Thursday we will commence work on an upgrade of the website Mathematics page with a focus on instructional videos for parents. The idea being that we will develop an online resource for parents to work with their children in a supportive and empowered way. Although there has been research questioning the value of homework for the sake of homework, short, well supported and directed activities each evening after a Mathematics lesson has been found to have significant positive effects.

Lastly Mr Ross Knight is coordinating the Computational Algorithmic Thinking Competition which can be an indicator for students with coding and computer application abilities. Any students interested should see Mr Knight for applications. A big thank you must also go to Mr Kiss for his efforts with the homework club every Wednesday afternoon 3.30 pm to 4 pm. Any parents who are looking for support I would highly recommend this option.

Joshua Wade HT Mathematics
TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEYS

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students soon. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday March 11, 2016. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Mrs K Nicol

PINK STUMPS DAY

In 2016, we are once again taking part in Pink Stumps Day. Pink Stumps Day encourages clubs, businesses and schools to show their cricket skills and play for the McGrath Foundation. We will be hosting a Pink Stumps Day on March 18 and we are encouraging people to support our event. We will have a Staff v Students match and a raffle in order to meet our target of $250. Sponsor a teacher or student per run they score, wicket they take! We would be most grateful if you could generously help by donating so that together we can raise more to help the 42 women diagnosed with breast cancer each day.
Our fundraising page (for online donations) is located at http://pinkstumpsday2016.gofundraise.com.au/page/ELCPinkStumpsDay
Thank you for your support!

MILO T20 BLAST COMES TO ERINA HIGH SCHOOL.

The MILO T20 Blast Gala Day gives our Year 7 students the opportunity to play action packed games of cricket in an active and social setting - all on the one day in a gala day format. Every player gets a chance to bat, bowl and field. It’s an exciting atmosphere, complete with music and dancing just like the KFC T20 Big Bash League.
Our students will have a chance to experience the Milo T20 Blast day on April 1, 2016. Just come in your PE uniform for a day of fun with your friends.

Mr B. Jones

NDIS

To all parents of children with a disability, there is a NDIS forum/workshop being run at Gosford Golf Club on Wed March 23 from 10.00am—12.00 noon, and a second session on the same day from 5.00pm—7.00pm.
Parents/carers need to register for the event through this website: www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au/information-forums
ENGLISH

The English / Drama department is extremely proud of the wonderful work already completed by the students of EHS thus far. Our firm focus on teaching and learning has enabled our students to work to their personal best and to effectively engage with course content. We look forward to the many achievements that are to come as the year progresses.

Year 12 Standard English students are currently undertaking a study of Henry Lawson’s short stories, analysing how images are used to create meaning. Advanced English students are working through their comparative study looking at the poetry of Elizabeth Barrett Browning and the novel The Great Gatsby, with a focus on how these texts reflect their context. Our English Studies students have launched into their media unit, engaging with a variety of texts, allowing them to gain a well-rounded understanding of the many facets of the topic. Our Extension English students are currently studying the poetry of Samuel Coleridge.

Year 11 Preliminary English students have settled into their senior courses. Both Standard and Advanced students are exploring the Area of Study- Change, analysing how texts vary in their depiction of this theme. Students are currently working towards their upcoming Comprehension assessment task. Year 11 English Studies students are working through the unit “On the Road,” focusing on stories of travel.

All junior classes are continuing with their poetry study. Through the use of poetic devices, students are analysing and interpreting poetry, sourcing meaning and gaining insight into the context of each specific poetry topic. This unit of work will conclude with an assessment task in Week 9 which will involve the construction of a narrative. Students will choose one of the poems studied in class and use the themes and ideas within their chosen poem to compose their own narrative.

Intensive literacy lessons have continued in junior English classes. In years 7 to 9 these lessons are designed to improve every student’s literacy skills with the NAPLAN tests in mind. Year 10 students also have a literacy lesson each week to develop their grammar, punctuation, writing and spelling skills. This will ensure that all students are equipped with the skills required to complete senior level English. Students have been working through literacy booklets, targeting particular exercises which will be to their benefit.

Year 9 Drama students are about to begin a Fractured Fairy-tale play-building task, allowing them to build upon their skills and knowledge of the elements of drama before attempting their first group performance task later in the term.

Year 10 Drama students will soon begin a unit on Political Theatre. Students will devise group performances based on important and powerful political issues.

Year 12 Drama students are currently continuing their study of Contemporary Australian Theatre. They will have the opportunity to attend the production of one of their HSC texts, Fearless, on March 23rd.

Jo Bayliss
Relieving Head Teacher

WANTED!

Terrigal United Football Club M16A need a GOALKEEPER for the 2016 season. If you were born in 2000, are athletic and enthusiastic, please contact Lucy on 0422 016447 or lucy@roperfamily.co.uk
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12th & 13th March 2016

FAIR VENUE:
Lions Club Hall, Russell Drysdale St, East Gosford

EXHIBITION and FAIR TIMES
Saturday 12th March 10am to 4pm
Sunday 13th March 10am to 2pm

ADMISSION
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The program does not address the management of mental health problems in teens, however many parents have found the program useful in reducing the everyday conflict and stress associated with parenting teens.

DATES: Monday 14th March 2016
       Monday 21st March 2016
       Monday 4th April 2016
RAISING RESPONSIBLE TEENAGERS
GETTING TEENAGERS CONNECTED
RAISING COMPETENT TEENAGERS
TIME: 6PM – 8PM
VENUE: WYOMING COMMUNITY CENTRE
       147 Maiden’s Brush Road, Wyoming 2250
PRESENTERS: Ruth Phelan and Jo Heap

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL: To book into our seminars or for more information, please phone Children & Young People’s Mental Health on 4328 7350 and ask for Ruth or Jo

www.triplep.net
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 Acct: 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.

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