

Erina News

Term 3 is well underway with students and staff actively engaged in quality teaching and learning. Our year 12 students are in the second week of their trial exams and have worked hard to be well prepared for these important exams. I would like to commend year 12 students who have all now completed major practical projects as part of their HSC courses in Society and Culture, Textiles and Design, Visual Arts, Industrial Technology Timber and Multi Media. The quality of these works is exceptional and a credit to the students and their teachers who have all spent hours inside and outside of the classroom to complete. We eagerly await the final performances for our Drama and Music students who have equally worked as hard to prepare for their practical pieces.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending the Erina Rotary club meeting where Alicia Scott Year 12, Eilish Boyack and Lucas Morley Year 10 were guest speakers. Our students spoke about the Rotary Program RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) a youth leadership program that they had been involved with. They impressed the audience with their confidence, maturity and genuine enthusiasm for the program and acknowledged the significant support that Erina Rotary had provided for them. Like their parents, teachers and Rotarians I was very proud of them.



Erina continues to impress - four of our year 9 students recently competed in a debating competition against Morisset High School on the topic "That we should reserve seats in parliament for Aboriginal people". Our team spoke for the negative and while they fought hard, they were narrowly defeated. Congratulations to Leticia Lihou, Ainslea White, Nischala McDonnell and April Thompson and thank you to Mrs Serrano for supporting the girls.



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School Events

**14-23 August
Trial HSC
Exams**

**20 August
Year 8 Textiles
Enrichment
Day**

**21 August
NAIDOC Day**

**P&C Meeting
6.30pm Library**

**28 August
Year 8 into 9
parent evening
6-7pm MPC**

**5 September
Central Coast
Public
Education
Awards**

**9 September
Year 11 exams
commence**



Leticia, Ainslea,
Nischala and April

On September 5 the Erina Learning Community will be hosting the Central Coast Public Education awards where we recognise and celebrate the exceptional people in our community that make a difference to our school. To host this event Erina High School is rolling up its sleeves to tidy up our grounds with some weeding and re planting. Thank you to our wonderful P&C who have formed the "Wednesday Weeders" who volunteer their time and expertise each Wednesday between 9-11. Thank you to the parents that have worked so hard to make our school gardens look fabulous. If you are interested in helping out you would be very welcome, no experience necessary!! Please contact me at school for further information.



I am currently reviewing the plans for the upgrade of our toilet block. As decisions are made I will publish the plans for the community to view. This is a major capital works program that will commence this year and be operational for the 2014 school year. It is disappointing that we have needed to lock the toilets during lesson time again as a result of increased damage and graffiti in the toilet block. Students will be expected to use the toilets before school and during break times and if needed during class time will require a note from their teacher and use the administration toilet.

It is pleasing to see so many students embracing our new reading program each morning in roll call. This is aimed at improving students' reading and comprehension that in turn will result in improved application in all subjects. Thank you to the many families who have been so positive about the program as well as our staff that have supported the direction.

The Multi Sport Challenge
Drama
Mathematics
Mathematics for Fun
Debating and Public Speaking
Ceramics
Creative Writing
Film
Drawstring Bags
Computers in Our World
Race around the school
Wacky Science



This is a great opportunity for our year 6 students to get to know staff and students at Erina High School and strongly supports the transition process. My thanks to Mr Chapman for coordinating and the many staff that have volunteered to run these workshops. Thank you to the Woodport boys who wanted a photo in the Principal's office!!

Thank you to the many students that continue to wear their uniform with pride and uphold the 4 C's,

Care, Cooperation, Courtesy and Commitment.

Enjoy the rest of the term.

Yours sincerely

Karen Nicol
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

“Jam tomorrow and jam yesterday, but never jam today,” said the Mad Hatter from Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*.

At EHS Library, however, we celebrate the past, present and future with equal enthusiasm.

It has been an exciting time in the Library's Archive Room. Past student and 30 year EHS Reunion organiser Cheryl Parsons spent time in the library gathering some extraordinary material from the golden decade of the eighties. We feel confident that the Class of 1983 (Year 10) will thoroughly enjoy their journey back to the sporting fields, science labs, home economics kitchens and fancy dress moments of their youth.

In the here and now, EHS students continue to read with enthusiasm. All Junior Roll Call classes have been issued with personalised bookmarks. Connor Reeves and Sharna Scott of Year 8 are pictured here with the bookmarks: yellow for Year 7; green for Year 8; blue for Year 9 and orange for Year 10.



The close of the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is a highlight of the Library calendar. In entering the book lists, it is heartening to see the ongoing commitment of our readers and the maturity of their book choices. Two of our participants deserve special mention: Thandi Nyathi of Year 8 and Jack Mayne of Year 9. Congratulations to you both on your outstanding commitment to the challenge. It has been a pleasure to talk to you about your favourite books along the way!

We had a glimpse of the future with our Stage 3 GATS Challenge Day. Forty delightful students from our Partner Schools participated in the day. Here at the library, it was great fun to see the teams working together using cryptic clues to solve a mystery and achieve a goal. The theme of Ancient Egypt certainly engaged the imaginations of our future students and we enjoyed their visit to "the keeper of the books."

It was a great honour to host a visit from the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies for students of Year 12 Advanced English. Students had the privilege of listening to Vic Alhadeff (CEO) and Suzanne Green (Education Manager) present material on The Holocaust from both an academically rigorous and a deeply personal perspective. The presentation enriched our understanding of the Nazi genocide against the Jewish people. As supervising teacher, I was tremendously proud to be in the company of our mature and respectful students.

Inspired reading!

Nerida Cronin (Relieving) and Rosemary Horton
Library Staff

SPORTS NEWS

Year 7/8 Touch Football

Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls Touch Football sides who recently competed at the Central Coast All Schools Touch Football tournament held at Adock Park, West Gosford.

Both teams performed extremely well all day with very close games. Our girls side performed especially well making the semi finals and closely going down to the eventual winners. Well done to both teams, you represented Erina High School with pride.

Grant Keyes
Erina High School
Sports Organiser/ Year 9 Year Advisor



Athletics

We are proud to report that we had 2 relay teams and 20 students overall successfully make it to Sydney North to compete at Homebush stadium for our Zone. All of our students performed extremely well with both our boys' relay teams narrowly missing out on the state finals. A huge congratulations to Harry Wilson of Year 9 and Matthew Sheppard of Year 10 who both came second in Shot Putt and will now move on to compete at the state finals to be held in September. Good luck boys.



Under 15's Basketball

Recently our boys' under 15s Basketball side competed against Umina High School in the state knockout competition. The game was of a very high quality with the score see-sawing throughout the entire match. Our boys never gave up and staged a great comeback during the 4th quarter but unfortunately were left one point short, losing the game 44 to 45. Well done boys, you represented Erina High School with pride.

State Gymnastics

We are very proud to have had three of our students represent Erina High School at the State Gymnastics Competition held at the Hunter Sports Centre in Glendale. Our three students Kimberley Meyer (Year 8), Amelia Lynch (Year 10) and Harley Lynch (Year 10) all performed very well in a huge range of events. Kimberley competed in WAG division C and placed 3rd in Floor and finished in 13th overall; Harley competed in MAG division B and competed well in all his events which earned him 6th position overall and Amelia competed in WAG division E finishing 1st in Bar, 2nd in Floor, 3rd in Vault and 3rd Overall. Well done to these outstanding Gymnasts.

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PDHPE NEWS

Year 10 – don't forget that your Horizon's project work is due to be submitted to your teacher in Week 6. This includes your My Futures profile (sent as a digital portfolio, or printed on paper) and your reflection journal. See you teacher for more details.

All Year 10 will be involved in the “**Vision Day**” assessment task later this term. Using the work they have developed in PDHPE theory lessons, the students will have a chance to talk to industry representatives about career and life pathways. 10PEE, 10PER and 10PEI will be involved on Tuesday the 10th of September (during the sport afternoon), and 10PEN, 10PEA and 10PEH will be on Tuesday the 17th of September. Make sure you are wearing full school uniform on those days.

We have an opportunity to see some interesting **Welfare performances** early next year, and we'd like your feedback on them to help us choose. Go to this link (type goo.gl/lkcltP into your browser address bar) and complete the survey. There are links on the survey form to more information about the presentations.

PE Uniform – just a reminder that for practical PE classes students should have a change of clothes. The PE uniform is a yellow polo top and green shorts. Any variation to this uniform must be accompanied by a note. Singlets, briefs and shoes with heels are not acceptable.

Mobile phones in PE classes. Students are reminded that all mobile devices are to be left in their bags or given to their teacher for safekeeping prior to practical classes.

B Jones
Head Teacher, PDHPE



Erina Under 17s Rugby League Team were the proud winners of the inaugural Erina Ourimbah Luke Sivis Memorial Trophy

ENGLISH NEWS

On behalf of the English/Drama Faculty, we would like to commend our Year 9 girls who have won the Zone Division of the 2013 Premier's Debating Challenge!

Congratulations to Leticia Lihou, Nischala McDonnell, April Thompson and Ainslea White. With the guidance of Mrs Serrano and Miss Bissett, the girls have worked extremely hard to develop their impressive debating skills and will continue to achieve outstanding results in the future.

We would request that all students return any novels and textbooks that they have in their possession to the English faculty as soon as possible please. This is very important as future students need to be able to study these texts. Thank you to those students who have already done so.

English students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are reminded that The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge ends on 23 August, 2013. This is a compulsory component of the 7, 8 and 9 English courses and does affect your classroom marks. Please advise your English teacher of all of the books you have completed reading by that date to be added to your list. You are to complete 20 books (only 5 books of your own choice – the rest have to be off The Premier's Reading Challenge List – and only two (2) of any series permitted). There is no limit on the amount of books you have on your list, some students have already read over 50 books – good luck and thank you!

Year 7 English students have finished their Unit of Work on Introduction to Poetry and Aboriginal Poetry and submitted their Narrative Assessment Task. They are now working on their Area of Study which is **The Unnatural**. Their next Assessment Task will be an Essay Response which will be due early in Term 4.

Year 8 English students have also completed their Unit of Work on Poetry and Song and Narrative Assessment Task. Year 8 students have also started their Area of Study on **Multicultural Australia** and the Assessment Task for this will also be an Essay, due early in Term 4.

Year 9 English students have finalised their Unit of Work on Poetry and Refugees and submitted their Narrative Assessment Tasks. Year 9 students have begun their Area of Study on **Aboriginal Experience** with an Essay as their Assessment Task, again due early in Term 4.

Students of Year 10 English have also concluded their study of their Unit of Work on Drama and finalised submission of their Visual Representation Assessment Task. Year 10 students have commenced their Area of Study of **War Poetry**. They too have an Essay Response as their Assessment Task, due early in Term 4 as well.

Year 11 Advanced English students are continuing their study of Markus Zusak's *The Book Thief*. Year 11 Standard English are also continuing with their study of *Experiencing the World – Poetry* and working on their Assessment Task which is an Essay/Listening Task due in Week 7 of this term. Year 11 English Studies are continuing their work with the Module on **Discovery and the World**.

Apart from the interval of the Trial HSC Examinations, the Year 12 Advanced English students are progressing well in the study of *The Fiftieth Gate*. Year 12 Standard English student are still working on Module C – The Global Village. The Year 12 English Studies students are enjoying their study of film in *The Big Screen* Module, which will continue once the examinations are over.

In Drama, the Year 9 students have started a Unit on Short Film and will be creating their own short films for their assessment task. Year 10 are working on Monologues and will be presenting their own monologue for their assessment task. The Year 11 students are studying Theatrical Traditions and their assessment task for this unit will be a Group Performance. The Year 12 students continue to work on their Group Devised Performances - HSC Practical Component.

Year 10 and 11 Drama students will be attending an excursion on Wednesday, 28 August, 2013 with Ms Johnson and Ms Kearney. The production, Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead*, will be presented by the Sydney Theatre Company. Students are to be at Gosford Railway Station no later than 8.30am. For those who are intending to go and have not yet brought in their permission notes and \$20 for the theatre ticket, please give this your urgent attention and pay this to the front office immediately.

Years 9, 10 and 11 Drama students have been offered an excursion to the Sydney Theatre Company to watch *Waiting for Godot* on 19 November. Limited tickets – please return notes and \$20 as soon as possible to secure a place.

In addition to this, Year 11 Drama students will be attending a free performance at the Pilgrim Theatre on 30 August. This devised performance will provide great insight into form and structure for the students' HSC Group Performance. First in, best dressed! Limited seats are available.

All Drama students are encouraged to take advantage of live theatre experiences when possible.

If you would like to discuss any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mr Mark Chapman, Head Teacher, English/Drama, or your child's classroom teacher, on 4367 7353.



The canteen now has a "Pay Wave/Pay Pass" terminal that students can use to make purchases at the canteen.



HSC TEXTILES

On Monday the 12th August, Yr 12 Textiles and Design students submitted their Major Textile Projects to the Board of Studies for marking. After a hectic day the girls were all relieved after the 3pm deadline was achieved. A large variety of practical items and folios were submitted.





MAX POTENTIAL

I am Dylan Crawford and I am in year 11 at Erina High School. Max Potential is an amazing program which helps young adults to reach their, well, maximum potential. I am heaps keen to be a part of Max Potential as I am heading into a stage of my life where everything is beginning to happen, HSC and all those things, pretty intense stuff and I know from what I have experienced so far and what I have heard from those who have taken part in the past that Max Potential will help me to realise and improve on my personal skills as well as motivate me and teach me important life skills. And all of this I am sure will be achieved through the help of my coach Peter Fenton. My community service project is more focused towards my school, it is a Drama night that I hope will encourage all the Drama students to excel and feel a sense of achievement while at the same time showing the parents and the rest of the school just how much work we actually do. This shall be held at my school on the 23rd of July and I hope that the students involved realise just how hard they have worked and attain a sense of achievement and I hope that it shall be something that will continue to happen for years to come. Through this program I have gained great self-confidence and have proven to myself that I can get things done.



I'm Emily, I'm in year 11 at Erina High School and I'm part of the Max Potential program for 2013. Max Potential is an exciting program that works with young adults like me to help discover and work towards our goals, whatever they may be. We were each given a coach who shares similar values and interests as us who would work one on one with us as we worked towards our personal goals. One of the really rewarding parts of the program was my coach's genuine interest in my growth and plans for my future.



As a part of the program we were asked to plan and execute some form of community service project. This project had to be run by us and not involve raising money. We were told to play on our strengths and interests to help us with this project. I chose to run a drama workshop at my local primary school with the students, as I am an enthusiastic drama student at school and am interested in working with children later in life. The workshop will focus on teamwork and problem solving, whilst hopefully building self-esteem and positive relationships with the kids. Planning an event like this seemed to be such a huge task but with the help and encouragement of my coach it has been made possible.

Through max potential I have learnt that anything is possible and to have a positive "can do" attitude when working towards my goals.

CROSSROADS 2013



ADVERTISING/COMMUNITY NOTICES



Terrigal Matcham Junior Cricket Season 2103/14 season
Open to ages 5 to 16 years
Registration dates:
Saturday 17th August 2pm to 5pm at Breakers Club, Wamberal
Thursday 22nd August 4pm to 6pm at Duffys Oval, Terrigal
 Or register online from 1st August (except for Family package) at
www.tmcricquet.com.au



Want to know more? Contact Juniors Secretary on kayekelly1@bigpond.com

KINCUMBER AVOCA CRICKET CLUB will be holding registration days at Erina Leagues Club on Thursday August 22 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and Sunday August 25 from 10.30am to 12.30pm. For more information contact Rod Ursem on 0425 210 570 or rodursem@hotmail.com

The Sue Suters Ovarian Cancer Fund Inc

The Sue Suters Ovarian Cancer Fund was established by her friends after her death in October 2010. It was felt that her memory should live on and do some good for those stricken by this horrendous disease.

Erina High would like to thank The Sue Suters Ovarian Cancer Fund Inc for the wonderful support they have provided to two of our students, Renee and Kate.

You can contact the fund in the following ways:

The Sue Suters Ovarian Cancer Fund Inc

PO Box 4124, East Gosford, 2250

Phone: 1300 734 374

Email: secretary@ssoc.org.au

Website: www.ssoc.org.au



5KM WALK



JDRF APPROVING LEVEL 1 CLINIC TYPE 1 DIABETES

walk to cure DIABETES 2013

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

Davistown to Kincumber

11am start at Davistown RSL Club, 5km waterfront pathway walk to Kincumber and return



Register Today!

Family & Friends Welcome!

For more information:
Margaret Sheridan - 0416 013 388
email margaretsher@gmail.com

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Dogs permitted along the walk route
Pram and wheelchair friendly

Join us at Davistown RSL Club after the walk for a BBQ, jumping castle and loads more fun!



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the kdr group

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Only 200 metres from McDonalds

Saturday, August 24

&

Saturday, September 28

9am-2pm

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Enjoy a coffee and a bite to eat in the café...
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EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP) AUSTRALIA offers academic student exchange and volunteer abroad programs for secondary students and high school graduates. For more information contact Judith Ortmann at WEP on 1300 88 4733, email judithortmann@wep.org.au or visit www.wep.org.au

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE (SCCE) is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in February 2014. For more information contact SCCE on 1800 500 501, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or visit www.scce.com.au

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND LTD is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is seeking host families for exchange students that will be arriving in January 2014. For more information contact Student Exchange on 1300 135 331, email cspencer@studentexchange.org.au or visit www.studentexchange.org.au

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SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING FOR YEAR 9, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Erina High School extends an invitation to all parents, caregivers and students in Year 8 to attend our Year 9 Subject Selection Evening. The evening is designed to provide information on subject availability and guide students and their families in appropriate subject selection for Year 9 in 2014.

Date: Wednesday, 28 August 2013
Time: 6pm – 8pm
Venue: Erina High School MPC

PARENTING TIPS

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/say-no-to-cyberbullying>

Helping your teen study for an exam

Lots of chocolate, last-minute cramming, avoiding the hard questions ... there is a better way for kids to study for their exams.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/helping-your-teen-study-for-an-english-exam>

How much screen time?

'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/screen-time>

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