Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Debating Challenge**

On Monday our debating team went to Erina High School to be involved in the Erina Learning Community Debating Challenge. This day is all about developing skills and confidence in debating, and joining in with other schools within our network. Thanks to Jodie Campbell for not only organising the day but for initiating the project.

**Mini Fete**

This Thursday is our Year 6 Mini Fete. For those that are not aware, the Mini Fete is run by Stage 3 students who hold a range of activities, such as a haunted house and a fairy walk. The students buy a book of 10 tickets which allows them to participate in the activities they choose. The money raised goes towards a Year 6 gift that the students choose. It is always a good couple of hours and I thank Mrs Sansom for her coordination, our Stage 3 students and of course their parents who often help with resources and prizes for the activities.

**Erina High Fun Day**

On Wednesday, 19th November many of our Year 5 students will be attending a Year 5 Fun Day at Erina High School. They have the opportunity to do such things as Wacky Science, cooking, Drama, and building a whistle in metalwork. Many thanks to Erina High for providing this opportunity to our Year 5 students so they can see how a High School works, the range of facilities that they have and the different subjects that are taught.

Graeme McLeod
Assistant Principal
Our school swim scheme begins next Monday and will go for two weeks. If your child is attending they should bring their swimmers, towel, goggles, sunscreen, rash shirt and a spare plastic bag. Students may wear their swimmers under their uniform to school but must change out of their swimmers after the lessons. Due to time constraints there is not enough time for showers afterwards, however, if your child requires one, please send a note along.

Rade Travica
Regards,
Radoslav Travica
Teacher
Year 3/4T
COUNSELLOR CORNER

MAKING FRIENDS

Having good friends is important to a child’s self-esteem but, unfortunately, children do not always know how to look after friends. You can lend a hand by helping your child develop good social skills. Talk to your child about being a good friend and encourage your child to practise skills such as:

- Looking at and listening when someone is speaking to them, such as a friend telling them a story.
- Taking turns in games and activities.
- Asking what others might like to do rather than assuming that other children will always want to follow.
- Thinking about other people’s feelings. “I wonder how Tom is feeling now. How do you think you would feel if that happened to you?”
- Helping others.
- Being friendly and welcoming to a new child in class.

By Professor Matt Sanders, Triple P International Pty Ltd.

SCHOOL APP

Great News! We now have a mobile phone app. What’s that you may ask, it is a little application that sits on your phone and gives you instant access to our local community information when you click on it, 24/7. The app is going to give you the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, find our venues and most importantly receive important pop up notifications from us. We will be sharing many of the other features with you over the coming weeks, but for now download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for Gosford East Public School. Once you have found it press install or download.

LOST PROPERTY

With the weather warming up, we have again accumulated quite a lot of lost property items - mostly jumpers. If your child has lost or misplaced any items this term, please come and have a look as they may just as well be hiding amongst the lost property!

Remaining items of clothing at the end of term will be donated to the second hand clothing pool in the uniform shop.
STUDENT CORNER

Term 4, Week 5

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD:
Lucinda, Amy, Cameron, Misha, Sarah, Logan, Zac, Harry.

QUALITY WORK:
Hunter, Blair, Lucinda, Alicia, Dylan, Harry, Vivienne, Stevie, Erin, Elizabeth, Liana.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK:
Kiara

MERIT AWARDS:
Billy KE; Grace KF; Lachlan KC; Blair K-5W; William K-4B; Jimi 1/2H; Alexis Grace 1F; Kaden 1P; Vincent 2B; Connor 3-6M; Thomas 3/4E; Emily-Rose 3/4T; Ashton 4/5C; Ashleigh 5/6M; Kieren 5/6S.

HARMONY CORNER

November 12  Birth of Baha'u'llah
On this day, Baha'i followers commemorate the birth of Baha'u'llah in 1817. Baha'u'llah is the founder of the Baha'i faith and is known to his followers as the 'Messenger of God for this age'.

November 13  World Kindness Day
World Kindness Day is about being kind to our planet, its people and its environment.

November 14  World Diabetes Day
The World Health Organisation (WHO) first drew attention to the problem that diabetes poses for world health in 1989. The first World Diabetes Day was proclaimed in 1991 co-sponsored by WHO and the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). These bodies have the responsibility for providing advice to member states on appropriate policies and strategies for monitoring, preventing and controlling diabetes.

November 16  International Day of Tolerance
The International Day of Tolerance was declared by the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1995. This day reminds us to accept and acknowledge difference and the uniqueness of every individual.

November 17  International Students' Day
International Students' Day began in 1941, in commemoration of university students who were killed protesting fascism on the streets of Prague, in what was then Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic). Since that time, the theme of the global day for tertiary students has always revolved around efforts to achieve 'Peace, Equality and Freedom', not just for students, but for the peoples of the world.
Hi Everyone

I am pleased to say that I have found a distributor for the Gluten Free Piranha’s and we have a new flavour—Salt & Vinegar—to add to our Honey/Soy and Italian.

Our Christmas Party is planned for Monday, 1st December at Gosford RSL Club at 7:00pm. Come in for dinner or just for a drink. If you are a member you can catch the courtesy coach to and from the Club. Invitations will be out by the end of the week so keep a lookout in your child’s bag.

Thanks
Jo C

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School Readiness Intensive Course

Course includes:
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