From the Principal...

Evacuation Day

As you are probably aware we are required to have a number of evacuation and lockdown drills each year. On Tuesday we had an evacuation practice where we all assembled on the oval. Our older students have done this many times but for our younger students it may be their first time. We do explain why we do this so to alleviate anxiety etc. If they do mention it to you please take some time to help them understand why we do this. We will also have a lockdown practice in the near future where we keep everyone indoors and lock all external doors.

Mariners Soccer Program

Many of our students were involved in a soccer skills program last week. It was a great program that was very professionally done and was at no cost to our students. Thanks once more to Marg Sansom for organising this and to the Mariners for supporting our kids.

Attendance

Just a reminder that student’s absences must be supported by a note from their parents. Alternatively you can use the school APP to send the reason for the absence in. For extended absences for such things as a holiday we have applications for extended leave at our school office. We are required by the department to notify the Home School Liaison team of any child that is having a lot of absences for their follow up.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the many students that received their place getter ribbons from our school cross country at last week’s assembly. It seems so long ago since we had our carnival but we finally got the opportunity to recognise this wonderful group of athletes.

Kindergarten 2016

It is that time of the year that we begin taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. We already have about 25 students that will be joining us next year. If you have a child that will be joining us or know of a child that will be coming please get a package from our school office.

Graeme McLeod
Principal

Notes out this week

- Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)
- NAIDOC Day 2015
- Hoyts Fundraising Movie Day
- Regional Creative Arts Camp
Student Corner Assembly News...

Caught You Being Good... Molly, Brianna, Chelsey, Josh, Emily, Oliver, Josh, Harrison, Niamh, Judy, Zack, Matilda, Ashleigh, Elizabeth, Roseanna, Owen, Phoenix, Abbie, Alisha.


Quality Work... Harry, Caitlyn, Gianni, Liam, Tyler, Jocelyn, Kaden, Lillyara, Ava, Angus, Tiger, Lucinda, Meisha, Daina, Jozua, Peter, Billy, Zoe, Emmett.

House of the Week... Kiara/Chakola


Sports News... Boys’ Basketball: won 2, lost 1, came 2nd. Tennis: didn’t win ☹️ but tried their best. Boys’ Soccer: lost 2-1. Boccie: came 1st!!!

Other News... New Class: 1ST. Challenges at Erina High Awards.

Dates for your Calendar...

27th May - Fitness First Excursion
29th May - K-6W Multi Sports Day
3rd June - Primary Fun Day EHS
23rd June - School Photos
25th June - The Witches

Regular Events...

Student Banking - Wednesday
School Assembly 1:45pm – Friday
Uniform Shop – See Jo in canteen

TERM 2
21/04/2015 — 26/06/2015
TERM 3
14/07/2015 — 18/09/2015
**Assembly Item Change...**

1/2B will not be doing an assembly item this week, Friday 29th. They will do it next week, 5th June, with 1P.

**Boys’ Basketball...**

On Thursday 21st May, the Boys’ Basketball team participated in a Gala Day at the Peninsula Leisure Centre in Woy Woy. For a team with such little basketball experience prior to the day, they played tremendously well and finished second in the round robin competition with a 2-1 win-loss record. Their first game was against eventual champions Ettalong which resulted in a 25-12 loss. But the boys dusted themselves off and won the next two games, 22-2 v Brisbania and 22-0 v Copacabana. We had a support group of parents who could surely put any European fans to shame with the noise they were generating for their sons. The team showed great sportsmanship in winning and losing, and were excellent representatives of our school. Well done boys.

*Radoslav Travica*

*Basketball Coach*

**BIGGEST Morning Tea...**

This is to raise funds for Cancer Research. It will be held on Tuesday, 2nd June at recess and the children need to bring a gold coin donation to purchase a cupcake.

I will be needing some lovely people to bake some delicious cupcakes to sell on the day. We currently have 336 children at the school so will need at least that many. If you could let me know if you’re able to assist with baking or helping serve on the day, then please let me know on 0413 199 647.

Thanks,

*Mel Hogston*

*P&C*

**Video Conferencing Lesson...**

GEPS finalists in Art Express are being given the opportunity on Wednesday to participate in a connected classroom lesson ‘Put Yourself in the Picture’. It is presented through The National Portrait Gallery by Alana Sivell, who will lead the students to explore a selection of historical and contemporary Australian portraiture, revealing how identity and narrative are represented by the artist. Students will be practicing important visual literacy skills to notice, interpret and understand these techniques and conventions, while employing them in a series of activities that build up a considered self-portrait of their own.

Keep posted for the artwork they create!

*Lorell Masters*
**Movie Fundraiser...**

Keep 4:30pm on Sunday, 21st June free and invite Mums, Dads, cousins and neighbours to join GEPS, to watch the new movie ‘Inside Out’ (PG). A fun animated movie where everyone is guided by their emotions, Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness. When a girl, Riley, moves to a new town, her emotions are plunged into chaos and conflict with each other as they try to take control of her mind.

The movie is showing at Hoyts Erina with all tickets $12. Money raised will go towards buying a printed sun shelter/banner for the school. All students are to be accompanied by an adult and money returned by Monday, 15th June. Tickets will be handed out at school.

See you the movies!

*Lorell Masters*

**Boys PSSA Soccer...**

The GEPS Boys Soccer team played their first game of the knockout competition against Kariong on Wednesday 20th May at Frost Reserve Kincumber. It was wonderful to watch two evenly matched teams play such an outstanding game. The final score of 2-1 in favour of Kariong did not do justice to the amazing play and teamwork of our boys.

Our boys’ skill, determination and teamwork saw them get the ball to Theo who pounded it into the back of the net for the first goal of the game. Kariong were able to equal the score and just before full time put their second ball into the net to claim victory. The boys’ sportsmanship should be commended.

Our team was supported by the fantastic skills of our two goalies Lachlan and Tariq. They were able to catch or deflect many balls that were headed in their direction. The teamwork from all was exceptional. Well done boys!

Thanks also to Kyle Rendall, a former GEPS student who kindly offered his services to referee our game. Kyle also did an intensive coaching session at school with both the girls and boys teams.

Thank you to our wonderful supporting parents and drivers. Without your continued support we would not be able to transport the students to the various venues and these opportunities could not be offered to our students. It was also great to see so many ‘friends’ arrive to cheer on our great team.

Thank you to all for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

*Marg Sansom*

Boys Soccer
**Counsellor Corner...**

*Calling all Year 6 Parents*: As part of Gosford East/Erina High School transition you are invited to attend the...

‘**ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS’ COURSE**

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 and current information, and practical strategies for dealing with adolescent behaviour.

There will be three two hour sessions in Term 3. 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 Michael Lamm, School Counsellor at Erina High School on 4367-7353 or by email on michael.lamm@det.nsw.edu.au

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**Canteen News...**

Food allergies and intolerances are something that we take very seriously in the canteen. We try to stock foods to meet all types of diets and are always on the lookout for new products. As many will know we have to follow strict criteria when it comes to the food we can sell and follow the Fresh Tastes for Kids guidelines introduced by the NSW Health, Department of Education, Independent Schools, Healthy Kids NSW and NSW P&C Association. While we would love to make everything from scratch it is just not feasible time-wise, people-wise or price-wise. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

Thanks,

*Jo*

*Canteen Manager*

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Gosford Tennis Centre

The Gosford Tennis Centre offers a host of exciting programs for Junior’s and Adults to enjoy, and for all standard of players from Beginner to Elite.

Our all new Membership system caters for all your families tennis needs and begins for as little as $5 per week. Member benefits include Free Court hire, Coaching classes, Competitions, Member Prize Draws and much, much more.

The daily Program includes:

- Tennis Australia Hot Shots Program
- Group Lessons
- Private Lessons
- Competitions
- Tournament play
- A host of fun filled events
- Fully stocked Pro Shop
- Delicious Café food

Call to speak to our friendly staff on 43252921 or email us at info@gosfordtenniscentre.com.au

Join us at Gosford Tennis Centre and let the games begin!

Harmony Corner...

27 May - Citizen Rights for Aboriginal People Referendum 1967. This national referendum resulted in increased rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. There was overwhelming support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to become Australian citizens and for them to have equal voting rights. This milestone in Australia’s history is seen as a turning point for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people after a long struggle by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal activists.

27 May—3 June – National Reconciliation Week. This is a time for all Australians to actively support reconciliation, to explore and discover a shared heritage and to understand and respect the local Indigenous people’s culture. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) falls between 27 May and 3 June—two significant dates in the relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which 90% of Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians. The referendum also gave the Australian Federal Government the power to make laws on behalf of Indigenous Australians. The High Court of Australia handed down its judgment on the Mabo Case on 3 June, 1992. The High Court overturned the concept of ‘terra nullius’ meaning that Australia had been empty of people when settled by the British, and acknowledged the pre-existing rights of Indigenous Australians.