

Term 4 | Week 5, 2023



# CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER

## ISSUE #3



*Hello EPHS Team!*

We are very happy to share another snapshot of some of the things that have been happening and what's coming up at EPHS this term. We hope you enjoy it!

## COMING UP

- **Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews** - Tues 7th November
- **Year 12 sign out day** - Tues 14th November
- **Year 12 Formal** - Fri 17th November
- **School Spectacular** - Fri 25th - Sat 26th November
- **Year 6-7 2024 Orientation Day** - Tues 28th November

# THE ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS SYDNEY -

## *Exploring Our Culinary Heritage*

In Week 10 of Term 3, our Year 9 Food Technology class embarked on an exciting journey to the Royal Botanical Gardens Sydney. This educational excursion complemented their ongoing studies, centered around the theme of "Food in Australia." During a guided tour, students investigated, prepared, and tasted bush foods. They explored how First Nations Peoples' diets evolved as settlers farmed on this land.

This hands-on experience not only enriched their knowledge but also deepened their understanding of Australian cuisine's rich history and First Nations' contributions. Here are some snapshots from their enriching day of learning and discovery.



# YUMTOWN

Pop-Up Eatery

In Week 9 of Term 3, Year 10 students created dishes as part of their assessment task “YumTown Pop-Up Eatery” based on different themes. Students showed their creativity and culinary skills to plan, design, and prepare mouth-watering dishes and came up with unique names and themes such as Waffles on a stick, Thai food (Mother's special recipe), Cooking outside the border, Bite-size bliss, All-day pancakes, an Italian food truck, a Mexican/Chinese mix, and a Big Burger Bar (BBB).



# SCIENCE Faculty

In Week 9 of Term 3, Year 9 Innovation lessons were happening across the school. The Science faculty arranged for students to learn about “The origins of life and the anatomy of dissections”.

It was a fun-filled two days and included activities such as making a timeline of life, hunting for microscopic life, ethical understanding, and the most engaging part of all, undertaking organ dissections and whole organism dissections.

Students performed several dissections including a cow’s eye, a sheep’s brain, a cane toad, a crayfish, and a squid.

Dissections provide students with an interesting and hands-on way to learn about the anatomy of living things.





New additions to the Wall of Influential Scientists in Lab 5! After receiving their awards in August our 2023 Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute School Science Award recipients Millie Sobiecki and Luke Keckes have made it to the wall. Congratulations again!

## Principal Network Awards

We would like to congratulate the recipients of the Principal Network Awards 2023. These Awards recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to the achievement of the goals of the Department of Education and to the promotion of public education in NSW.

At Erskine Park High School we are proud of all the recipients of these awards. The recipients and their categories for 2023 are:

**Michelle Wolthers:**

Parent/Community Member

**Karina Ardizzone:** Administrative and Support Staff

**Emily Howell:** Early Career Teacher

**Joshua Katic:** Classroom Teacher

**Manvir Singh:** Executive Member



# Support Unit



Some of our students in the Support Unit continue to participate in Work Experience at Thorndale Industries with much success. We are looking forward to having more students join us soon.



We've been hard at work growing a range of herbs and vegetables that students have been able to use in cooking lessons and to take home for their families!



# SCHOOL SPECTACULAR *Rehearsals*

A dedicated group of students from our support unit have been tirelessly rehearsing for the upcoming School Spectacular. Their unwavering commitment and enthusiasm have not only showcased their immense talent but also exemplified the power of inclusion in the world of arts and education.



## STUDENT SHOUTOUTS



Sameeha created this totem pole in Ceramics. Its theme is desserts as that's something Sameeha loves. The desserts represent parties with family and how everyone can enjoy desserts together. Nice one, Sameeha!



A huge congratulations to Daniel Zullo who has qualified to compete in the All Schools National Athletics Championships in the Under 17 200m event! The National Championships are held in Western Australia and runs from 8th - 10th of December. We can't wait to hear how you go and we wish you all the best! Good Luck!!

# CAPA Faculty

Term 4 in CAPA began energetically with our junior Visual Arts students immersing themselves in a range of art-making techniques learning new processes and skills. Year 8 students particularly enjoyed the hands-on unit of Ceramics constructing a ceramic fish and tile. Students explored the history of Ceramics and experimented with various tools, creating art that reflected traditional values, challenged perceptions, and embodied ideals about the world.

The course was intensive, hands-on, and engaging and fostered a focused and driven atmosphere within the ceramics room. After countless years, we finally bid farewell to our original ceramic kilns and welcomed two new units. This has greatly increased our firing capacity and opportunities to create even more work.

The Concert Band continues to play, with student musicians rehearsing a contemporary repertoire every Wednesday afternoon in Music Room 2. The unwavering dedication of our musical student



community has made the Concert Band a success as we continue to rebuild.

We extend our gratitude to Year 12 Music student, Samantha Cridland, who dedicates her Wednesday afternoons to co-conducting this group of over 20 musicians along with Mr. Dallas. Samantha's passion for music performance is commendable, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors when the year ends.



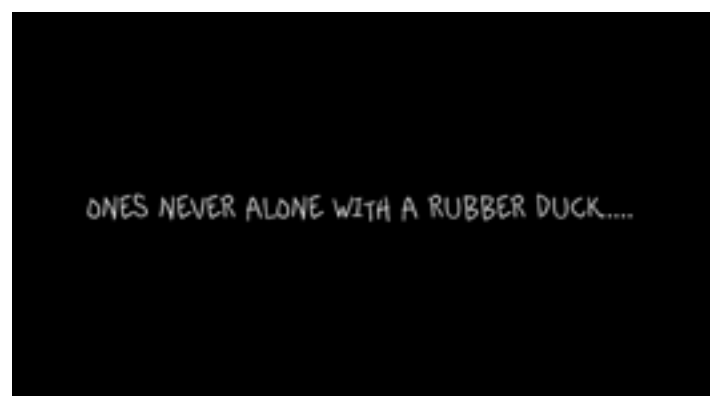


In other news, our HSC Music One and Visual Arts students successfully completed their Higher School Certificate Examinations at the beginning of Term 4.

Our Year 7-10 students also completed their course content examinations.

Our Year 10 Photographic and Digital Media cohort concluded Term 3 by revealing some budding new directors with a screening of their short films, marking a celebratory moment for the students. Students were tasked with planning and executing a short film of 3-5 minutes in length. They needed to include a rubber “one is never alone with a rubber duck” while the genre was of their own choosing.

This task was a true test of their creativity and we saw some amazingly quacktastic short films created and edited by our Year 10 Photographic students.



# LOTE Faculty

Throughout 2023, Erskine Park High School has embraced LOTE (Languages Other Than English) into its curriculum, and the chosen language for our Year 8 students has been Italian.

The introduction of Italian has sparked a newfound passion for language learning among our students, providing them with a rich and immersive cultural experience.

From delving into the complexities of grammar to exploring the beauty of Italian cuisine and arts, our students have not only expanded their linguistic horizons, but have also developed a deep appreciation for Italian culture.

The journey of learning Italian has not only enhanced their linguistic skills, but has also broadened their global perspective, fostering a sense of cultural understanding and inclusivity within our diverse school community. As the academic year has progressed, the impact of this new language study continues to enrich the educational and cultural experiences of our Year 8 students including the much anticipated incursion of making the perfect Italian Tiramisu.



# EPHS

Muffi Day

EPHS enjoyed a fun-filled mufti day for Halloween, here are some snapshots!



# FAREWELL TRINA!

EPHS would like to say a heartfelt goodbye to our wonderful lab assistant **Trina Chambers.**

She has been an integral part of our success, and her dedication and hard work have left an indelible mark. Her legacy will continue to inspire us and we wish her nothing but success and happiness in her future endeavours.



*We wish  
you  
all  
the  
Best*