

Erskine Park High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Chinese Study Group

Thank you to Miss Christensen and Miss Yates for coordinating an excellent exchange program for another group of visiting Chinese students. Our students were given another opportunity to learn about the cultural differences between Chinese and Australian students, with many new friendships being formed. The curriculum patterns between the two schooling systems is vastly different and the Chinese students particularly enjoyed learning through the practical experiences in all lessons, but most particularly the Food Technology, Agriculture and Photography lessons which were all very new experiences. One of our visiting students was even heard to be saying 'Today was the best day of my life'.



Fast Forward

It was my pleasure to deliver the Principal's Address at Western Sydney University last week as we welcomed another group of year 9 students into the Fast Forward program. Our school has had a

Dates to remember - Term 3 2018 Term 3 Week 3 - Term 3 Week 7

6-17 Aug	Year 12 trial examinations
13-17 Aug	Science week
14 Aug	PASS incursion - backyard league
	Sydney Wester knockout netball - St Clair high school
17 Aug	CBCS book of the year - Surry Hills
	Premiers debating round 2 - Dunheved
	Bondi-Bronte coastal walk
20 Aug	Youth employment forum - Parliament house
	Year 10 photography - Newton
21 Aug	Year 10 Vietnam incursion
22 Aug	Book forum - JEPS
	Interschools competition
	PISA test
27 Aug	Parent workshop - 5:30-7pm
	P&C meeting
28 Aug	Blue mountains & Nepean dance festival
	NAPLAN Year 7
	Fast forward - Year 9 uni visit
29 Aug	Arts in the Park opening night
	B-street smart Qudos bank arena
	Nien Tien temple excursion - Year 7
	NAPLAN online - Year 9
31 Aug	Mufti day
3 Sep	Vaccinations
	Colin Shepherd scholarship entries due
4 Sep	Blue mountains festival
	HSC music night

partnership with the university for the past seven years in this program, which identifies students with academic potential in Year 9 and then mentors and supports them through the rest of their schooling years to prepare them for university studies. The program has seen success with most participants



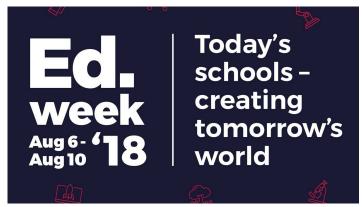
making a successful transition to university studies after year 12.

2018 STEPS Music Festival

Congratulations to all students who performed at this year's STEPs Music Festival. For the first time we had three dance troupes performing, the development troupe and the senior and junior dance troupe. The quality of these performances continues to thrive under the guidance of our dance teachers Miss Chelsea Neubronner and Miss Kristen Tulloch. Thanks also to CAPA staff, Mr Serra, Mr Dallas and Mr Mayes who were once again outstanding stage managers.

Education Week

Every day in our school we see students engage in a wide variety exceptional learning opportunities, but this week is the official 2018 Education Week, and as such gives us the opportunity to acknowledge all the achievements of our students in all areas of school life and their hard-working teachers who provide so many learning opportunities. Some of our students will be showcasing their talents at Westfields, Mt Druitt, this week as part of the Education Week celebrations.



NAIDOC Assembly

To acknowledge and celebrate this import event a group of Aboriginal students led the school through our NAIDOC Assembly. The theme this year was 'Because of her, we can' and we learnt about the important roles mothers and other key women play in our lives. It was a delight to have morning tea with some of the mothers after the assembly.

Ms Leiza Lewis Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS REPORT

It seems we blink and another term has gone. Term 3 started at a hectic pace with parent teacher interviews, subject selection information sessions, a Jeans for Genes fundraising day, NAIDOC celebrations and numerous excursions. We have certainly reflected the outstanding learning opportunities and community spirit of Erskine Park High school so far this term.

Student reports

This year we handed the half-yearly reports to students the day prior to parent teacher interviews. The feedback from parents and teachers was very positive. Parents were able to review their child's report and come prepared with specific questions. As a result, discussions between teachers and parents were more productive.

Parent teacher interviews

During week one we held the last of the parent teacher interviews for this year. This was for Years 8 and 9. These nights are an important process to engage with parents and support the learning of our students. Thank you to all the parents who came to these evenings, especially those parents who came on multiple nights as they have children in different years.

Year 12

Trial examinations start on Monday 6th and run until Friday 17th August. This can be an extremely stressful and demanding time for students, and for families. It is important students minimise pressure. Students received a handout with tips and hints to help them over the coming examination periods. These included:

- Arrive at least 15- 30 minutes prior to each exam
- Leave plenty of time for travelling to school
- No phones or smartwatches are allowed



- Sleep is more important than cramming study the night prior
- Eat well and drink plenty of water
- Write in black pen and have spare equipment

Students interested in applying to university received the 2018-2019 University Admission Guide (UAC). Mrs Macinate and Mr Griffiths meet with these students to highlight important dates and explain the application process.

Cyber Safety

During the week, Dean Perkins, the Police Liaison Officer, presented a Cyber Safety session to a number of parents and students. He highlighted the issues associated with the improper use of social media and the possible long-term effects to those who engage online negatively.



His motto was 'Would you send it to your grandmother? If not, don't send it'.

He suggested the <u>esafety</u> website. This website provides comprehensive information to have safe and positive experiences online. I highly recommend parents visit this website.

Subject Selection

This term students in Years 8, 9 and 10 need to select subject preferences for 2019/2020.

Depending on the year, various opportunities, including information sessions, interviews to discuss career aspirations, subject booklets and subject markets outlined the study options required by students to achieve a ROSA or HSC. It is vital students talk to their teachers, deputy principal's or the careers adviser, to assist them in choosing the best study plan. If parents require further information on the process, they should contact the school.



Each year group was given a coloured subject selection sheet. This sheet must be complete and returned to the front office by the due date – see table.

Due dates		
Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Tuesday 7th	Friday 10th	Wednesday 8th
August	August	August

Mrs Melinda Waddell Deputy Principal

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Congratulations to the students who achieved 100% attendance for Term 2 this year. Our wonderful students are listed below:

Year 7

Emily Baker, Benjamin Bale, Ashleigh Becroft, Scarlett Bishop, Jodie Borg, Alex Bowen, Aaron Brown, Amber Ebirim, Zoe El-Chami, Thomas Fragomeli, Ruby Goble, Shahmir Hashim, Hailey Hutch, Rachael Imad, Hayley Isaacs, Fiona Jasim, Gurnoor Kaur, Jessica Kerr, Hamdan Khan, Jaanvi Kumar, Jessica Majnaric, Bella Mendham, David Mikhaiel, Kirk Murillo, Ethan Patterson, Taylah Rigg, Tori Robertson, Dean Sicat, Rosie Silvio, Ryan Spark, Jemima Taylor, Jazel Verdadero, Kimberley Willdern, Taimani-Rose Wilson.

Year 8

Chantelle Ackroyd, Brendan Arnold, Amy Augustinsen, Cameron Candy, Geoffrey Connolly, Melanie Duarte Smith, Alyson Filmer,Holly Fitzpatrick,Tiago Gigi Correia, Jessica Hayward, Zachary Heffernan, Jessica Hole, Angel-Lina Khov, William Kulmar, Samantha Lim, Jane Lolohea, Jack Marketo, Harrison Martin, Stephanie Marton, Chloe McDonald, Alexander Myers, Dharm Patel, Vacha Patel,Sameeksha Patro, Sukhesh Patro, Zac Robertson, Roha Rogers, Charmaine Sharma, Erin Short, Brock Smith, Tamika Vreeswyk, Lani Wolfgram, Gabrielle Woodger, Annalise Woods, Heidi Yopp

Year 9

Joshua Arnold, Laura Baker, Jamie Brown, Jordan Cairns, Sarah Clarke, Annika Codina,Blake De Giorgio, Daniella Fragomeli, Yvonne Fu, Skye Noake, Ethan Plews, Ravini Ravikumar, Joel Short, Isabel So, Taylor Amos, Ashleigh Thornton

Year 10

Jee Won Byun, Junsung Choe, Mary-Crystal Chung, Dylan Duffett, Dannah Duran, Mohannad Fayyad, James Harms, Tanika James-Pullen, Riley Jarnet, Damon Jeffrey, Daniel Jurisic, Domenic Jurisic, Dylan Mosley, Richard Rothero, Justin Samar, Monica Scandelin, Jayden Sherry, Jarrad Van der Meulen, Kegan Van Gramberg, Linae Williams

Year 11

Lauren Bailey, Ethan Baker, Allan Hope, Chloe Janes, Aaron Mosley, Ethan Mosley, Damon Myburgh-Sisam, Raphael Pinawin, Guruparan Shivan, Brandon Thompson, Tim Yarkov, Joshua Zappulla

Year 12

Arsen Borisov, Hayley Hanlon, Amelia Lees, Abdul Saboor, Kiara Van der Meulen





Some of our winners of the canteen vouchers.



Year 12 Trial Examinations

Year 12 are completing their trial examinations in week 3 and 4 of this term. All students received their exam timetables last term with ample time to organise their study schedule. I would like to remind students of their responsibility to contact the school if they are unable to attend an exam. A doctor's certificate should be presented to the faculty HT of the missed exam.

Absent Days

Students who need to take some time off school because they are ill or have specialist appointments are required to explain all absences. Using the parent portal, responding to the school text messages or submitting a signed absentee note to the front office are all ways parents and carers can notify the school of student absent days. Students with less than 85% attendance and a number of unexplained absences may be referred to the DoE's home school liaison officer (HSLO) for further review. If you are concerned about the number of absent days your child has accumulated or you would like further information about the home school liaison program HSLP, please contact the HT administration.

Lesley Langmack HT Administration

TEACHER AND LEARNING REPORT

Greetings from teaching and learning and welcome to Term 3.

This term like all others is a busy one for the teaching and learning faculty.

We continue our journey with minimum standards testing for Year 10 students and have had a great deal of success. Students who have been involved in the program which has seen small group withdrawal, one to one support and class support in numeracy have given positive feedback about the assistance we have put in place.

We are dedicated to the goal of helping all students who desire to reach the minimum standard receiving support in this area ongoing as each opportunity arises.

As such if you have any concerns or questions feel free to contact us about the minimum standards for literacy and numeracy.

Starting this term, a number of Year 7 students have been selected to participate in a small group literacy withdrawal program to help them improve in the areas of reading and writing. If your child is involved they would have received a note. This program is designed to help students in the early stages of their high school years to consolidate a good grounding in literacy concepts which should hold them in good stead going forward.

Also, this term our school is participating in the PISA examination. The programme for international student assessment (PISA) is a triennial international survey which aims to evaluate education systems worldwide by testing the skills and knowledge of 15 year old students. The last time the test was run in 2015 over half a million students, representing 28 million 15 year olds in 72 countries and economies, took the internationally agreed two hour test. Students were assessed in science, mathematics, reading, collaborative problem solving and financial literacy.

This test is not used to measure our students but to provide a snapshot of students around the world. It involves only a small cohort of students across Years 9-11 who were selected by an external examiner. If your student has been selected to take part in PISA they will have received a leaflet. The examination will take place on the 22nd of August 2018.

During week 6 of this term Year 7 and 9 will be undertaking our second NAPLAN online trial examinations. This will allow the school to prepare for the implementation of the NAPLAN which is being moved on line for all schools in 2019. The test is about testing the capacity of the school to run the exam and there are no results collected or distributed to students.

We in the teaching and learning faculty would like to wish Year 12 students all the best in their trial HSC and their HSC exams in term 4. Our faculty is available to provide support to Year 12 students should they need it during this time.

We wish everyone a productive term 3.

Alison Billiards

HT Teaching and Learning (Student Equity)

MATHS FACULTY

The Mathematics faculty is pleased to welcome all parents and students back to Term 3. This is a particularly busy time of year for both students and teachers, with senior exams, assessment tasks, Year 12 reports and parent teacher evenings. The entire faculty is keen to engage in more quality teaching and learning, anticipating impressive results in all areas.

Mathspace

Mathspace has been our preferred online resource for about a year now, and student results have been



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steadily improving during this time. Mathspace has proven valuable as a teaching and learning platform in the classroom, facilitated by the school's BYOD policy. Parents are reminded that laptops are required equipment for most maths lessons, along with calculators, books etc. Be prepared to learn every lesson with the right equipment.

Did you know that Mathspace is also a valuable resource for revision and exam preparation? While teachers regularly assign extension work and revision tasks on Mathspace, students can also access materials that will help them prepare for upcoming examinations. This includes NAPLAN practice questions. Our teachers are happy to help you locate these resources if you are unable to find what you are looking for.

Tutorials

Senior students and their parents are advised that tutorials are available for both year 11 and 12 students of all levels. Evidence indicates that attending tutorials is an excellent way to develop understanding of challenging course content and concepts. The small group setting is especially conducive to specialised attention to specific learning issues. All senior students studying a mathematics subject are welcome to join a tutorial group, and are encouraged to discuss meeting times with their classroom teacher or myself.

Australian mathematics competition

The Mathematics faculty has facilitated the Australian mathematics competition this year on Thursday 9 August. Students at Erskine Park high school have a history of high achievement in this competition, and we look forward to continuing this trend in 2018.

Equipment

Maths teachers have reported that most students are coming to class with all required equipment to most lessons, which is an excellent start to any lesson. Parents and students are reminded that scientific calculators, exercise books and writing equipment are still essential and expected pieces of equipment in all lessons.

Upcoming exams/tests

Week 2-3	Trial HSC
Week 7	Years 7, 8, 9, 10
Week 9-10	Preliminary yearly exams

Refer to assessment schedules and notifications for specific details.

Looking forward to an enthusiastic and productive Term 3 from all students at EPHS. Remember, effort earns success. Mr S Lester

Head Teacher Mathematics (rel).

SCIENCE FACULTY

"The good thing about Science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it". Neil De Grasse Tyson.

What are we studying in Term 3?

Year 7	Particles matter
Year 8	Separate this!
Year 9	All under control Electrons at work
Year 10	Life on earth

Assessment dates for Term 3

Year 7	Practical assessment - Week 4 Research and writing task - Week 10
Year 8	Practical examination - Week 9
Year 9	Research task - Week 9
Year 10	Research task - Week 10

Subject	Year 11*	Year 12
Biology	Practical investiagion and report - Week 2	Trial HSC examination week 3 and 4
Chemistry	Depth study - Week 3	
Physics		
Investigating science	Depth study - Week 1	
Senior science	n/a	

* Yearly exams for all Year 11 courses in weeks 9-10

Upcoming events

- Science and maths exposed on Friday August 10th students from 8G will accompany some students from our local primary schools. This annual event held at Western Sydney University invites science students to participate in a whole day of science and maths hands on stalls and shows. The science and maths exposed event is one of the biggest National Science Week events in Sydney
- Science week week 4 this term will be our annual science week. Our weekly school assembly will be dedicated to the launch of the science week at Erskine Park high school. This is one week which is entirely dedicated to science.



This year theme is 'Game changers and change makers'. All students will be engaging in a range of tailored science week lessons and experiments based around the theme. Game changers and change makers could refer to individuals, teams, technologies or ideas. Some significant celebrations in 2018 include:

- 200th anniversary of the publication of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (genetic engineering, biotechnologies, prosthetics, bionics, genetic modification, brain enhancement and ethics)
- 40th anniversary of the birth of the first IVF baby (genetic engineering, biotechnology, nanotechnology)
- International year of the reef (coral reefs and the scientists who study them)
- The surfing scientist earlier this year the ABC's The surfing scientist visited our school to educate our students on the dramatic effects of climate change. On Friday 24th August he will be visiting us again to make ordinary stuff do extraordinary things. All students from Years 7-11 are invited to be part of this show for a cost of \$8.50. Ask your science teachers for a permission note. Please be aware – places at this incursion are strictly limited to 100

Big Science Competition

In April this year 39 students from Years 7-10 sat the big science competition. This national test is a 50 minute, 30 multiple choice competition testing critical thinking and problem solving skills. The following students received exemplary results this year.

Credit	Distinction	High Distinction
Emma Shennan	Bailey Manera	Benjamin Tatlock
Hayley Neal		
Gabrielle Woodger		
Ali Haider		
Alexander Camua		

Mr Harris

Mr Harris has taken up a position in our support faculty and will no longer be teaching science. We thank him for all his contributions and ongoing commitment to our students learning over the past 2 years and wish him well in his new role.

Get to know Mr Cisneros

Mr Cisneros has joined us for the remainder of this year, replacing Mr Harris.

- What subjects do you teach? I am teaching Junior science from Years 7 to 10. I am qualified to teach chemistry and biology.
- 2. What is your favourite food? Hainanese chicken rice
- What are your hobbies? photography and videography, music - playing and listening to music, hiking, travelling and eating.
- What countries have you been to? I was born in the Philippines, lived in New Zealand until I was 12 then moved to Australia. I've been to the USA, Canada and China.
- 5. What is your favourite movie? Harry Potter movies
- 6. What was your favourite subject in school? Information technology
- What is your favourite part about joining the science faculty at EPHS? The staff and students have been very welcoming and supportive. I come into class with a smile because I feel so fortunate to be part of the EPHS learning community.
- 8. Any words of wisdom: Close enough, is never good enough!

Winner - Bring Your Own Device 100% of the time



The science faculty runs an initiative which rewards students for bringing their devices to science fully charged every lesson and consistently using them in a positive manner. Each term students who have met these criteria are put in to a lucky draw to win a JB Hi-Fi gift voucher. Term 2 winner was David Mikhaeil of Year 7. Congratulations.



In the Classroom



L - Year 7 students debating whether Wifi is the best Australian Scientific Invention

R- Year 11 Biology students with Miss Christensen and Mrs Rowe at the Museum of Human Disease at UNSW.



L - Year 7 students modelling particle behaviour in different temperature liquids.

R - Year 9 students creating model neurons with plasticine.





Year 11 Biology students undertaking their practical examination.

Have a great term 3,

Ms Kristine Bachtis Head Teacher, Science

PDHPE FACULTY

Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

Students at our school are currently participating in this program. The award is a leading structured (non-formal education) youth development program, empowering all young Australians between age 14 to 25 to explore their full potential regardless of their location or circumstance.

The key elements of our program are:

- Open to all between the ages of 14 to 25.
- Three levels: bronze, silver, and gold, each progressively more challenging
- Four Sections: physical recreation, skill, service, adventurous journey plus residential project (gold level only)
- Achieving an award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and achievement

Through this challenging journey of self-discovery, our participants:

- Are equipped and empowered to achieve their personal best;
- Learn to take responsibility for their goals and choices;
- Become connected to and actively engaged within their immediate community;
- Make a real difference to society through their positive contributions and involvement;
- Learn to persevere and overcome barriers to success;
- · Learn important life skills; and
- Increase their career opportunities.

The Duke of Edinburgh's international award is organised by Ms Laura Giaquinto (DoE coordinator). Spaces for 2018 have now been filled. More information about the 2019 programme will be published at a later date.

Year 11 Senior First Aid Course



Students from elective PDHPE course have successfully completed a work cover accredited senior first aid course on Monday, 18 May 2018. Students completed an online component " First Aid in the box" and an

assessment component conducted by the royal life saving society.



PDHPE Program for Term 3

Year	Theory unit	Practical unit
7 PDHPE	Change and me	Movement sequence
8 PDHPE	Taking control	Team games 1
9 PDHPE	Diversity	Game sense
10 PDHPE	Coping with life's ups and downs	Team games 2
9 PASS	Event management	Tournaments
10 PASS	Fule for perfomance	Balance
11 SLR	Resistance training	Invasion games
11 PDHPE	Fitness choices	Recreational activity
12 SLR	Healthy lifestyle	Fitness, individual and team games
12 PDHPE	Revision	Revision

Project Based Learning (PBL) Year 11 PDHPE: Fitness Options

Students in Year 11 PDHPE are in the process of participating in a PBL activity that investigates and proposes a comprehensive strategy to improve the fitness levels of 16-18 year olds. Students will present their group proposals at a presentation later in the term.

SALSA (Students As LifeStyle Activists) Programme



Thank you to all the SALSA leaders who attended the GWS giants workshop. It was a successful day!

Term 3 and 4 -SALSA leaders

will be participating in healthy cooking lessons and spreading the message of SALSA.

Mr Preggy Naicker PDHPE

LIBRARY

Term three is a big term for us in the library. We have a team going to CBCA kid's event in Surry Hills on 17th August. Erin Galang and Sukesh Patro will be delivering a book review from the CBCA shortlist of young adult novels. Erin is reviewing "Ballad for a mad Girl" and Sukesh is reviewing "Mallee boys". This event will be streamed across the state live on the 17th August.

Our book forum team in are in training and our speakers are: Emily Hardy and Jemima Taylor. Beside our speakers our team consists of: Bren Babu, Jessica Brenna and Scarlett Bishop. The team will attend James Erskine Public School on the morning of 22nd August. Parents of these students are invited to attend this event.

Premier's reading challenge has to be finalised on 28th August. Students need to log into "Premiers' reading challenge NSW" to enter their books. Students who completes this challenge receive a silver award and a bronze award. I would like to wish everyone a continued year of reading and learning.



Belinda Doyle Teacher Librarian

YEAR 7 REPORT

Year 7 have had a busy start to Term 3. They are continuing to be involved and introduced to the programs and activities high school has to offer.

Aim Higher - WSU Presentation

On Friday 27th July, Year 7 were involved in a presentation by Western Sydney University. The presentation was called 'Aim Higher', with a focus on learning about higher education opportunities and how they can benefit with this knowledge in the future.



CLUES Program

This term, Year 7's CLUES lessons each Monday have a focus on 'Bullying'.

Week	Lesson focus
2	What is bullying?
3	Bullying is not ok
4	Bullying in a class
5	Beauty is skin deep
6	Bystander
7	Building values
8	Bullying flow chart
9	Sexting
10	Reflections

iTeach

This year, our Year 7 students are involved in a research project conducted by the Australian Catholic University. This project focuses on how teachers can increase the engagement of early secondary school students in maths and physical education as they transition from primary school into the early years of secondary school. The research is to be used as a powerful enabler for improving life chances and teachers have been identified as having the capacity to strongly influence students'

Earlier in the year, notes were handed out to all Year 7 students about this study. Students whose parent/ guardian did not want them to be involved were asked to return this form to school.

Our students will be involved in this study during Week 5. If there any concerns, please contact either Mrs Tucker or Miss Tulloch.

Year 7 in Sport

There are many sporting opportunities available at Erskine Park High School.

Recently, a few of our Year 7 students were successful in representing our school at either the combined high Schools cross country carnival or the Sydney west athletics carnival. Well done to the following students for their recent success at these carnivals:

CHS Cross Country - Tamia Woods-Fonua

SW Athletics - Kiayla Casserly, Lincoln Hole, Hayley Isaacs, Bella McEachern, David Mikhaeil, Piper Threlfall and Tamia Woods-Fonua.

The following Year 7 students were successful in selection for the U/15 Girls Netball Team: Alana Bolan, Holly Gavin, Amber Goldie, Shirley Lolohea, Charlee Manning, Jade Matthews, Hayley Price, Brooke Ryan and Jessica Ryan. We wish you all the very best as you begin your journey in the Sydney west knockout competition.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on (02) 9834 3536.

Megan Tucker and Kristen Tulloch Year 7 Year Advisor and Assistant Year Advisor.

YEAR 8 REPORT

Welcome back for Term 3! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday break. Year 8 have already hit the ground running this term with their subject selection evening in Week 2. Thank you to all the family and carers who attended the evening. It was a great turn out.

At the end of Term 2, I had the honour of handing out a record number of silver and gold awards at our recognition assembly. Thank you to all the families and carers who attended. I am sure you were as proud as I was to see so many students acknowledged for their hard work.

Upcoming Events Term 3

Week 5 24 August	Surfing scientist
Week 6 29 August	Arts in the park opening

Year 8 into 9 subject selection

As explained at the information night, subject selection is an important process for Year 8 students. They will be selecting their 3 elective subjects for Year 9, 2019. On the form, students must nominate three 200 hour courses (which run over two years) and four 100 hour courses (which run for one year). From the student's list, one 200 hour course and two 100 courses will be selected. Students do not always get their first choice, so it is important they select their classes wisely. Their subject selection forms should have been submitted to the front office by the 7th of August. Any student who is yet to submit



their form, must do so as soon as possible. For more information, please contact the school.





Arts in the Park

In week 6, Erskine Park high school will have its annual arts in the park exhibition. As all of Year 8 are currently completing mandatory visual arts, all students should have a work on display. We encourage you to come to the opening on Wednesday evening (from 6pm) and see their fantastic efforts! Year 8 will be participating in the ever-popular "Bald Archie Prize", where they get to create a portrait of a favourite teacher. The exhibition will be open during school hours Thursday the 30th and Friday the 31st, and until midday on Saturday the 1st of September.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Humphrey to our team. Miss Humphrey has taken over as assistant year adviser from Mr Mayes. Many Year 8 students would be familiar with Miss Humphrey from their food technology classes. She is greatly looking forward to working with our fantastic Year 8 students. Miss Humphrey will now

be responsible for merit awards, and will be notified electronically when a student has earnt a Bronze Award. If you need to contact Miss Humphrey for any reason, you can reach her in the Tas 1 faculty.

All the best for a fantastic Term 3. If you have any concerns, please contact myself or Miss Humphrey through the school.

Miss Emily Riordan and Miss Kaitlin Humphrey Year Adviser and Assistant Year Adviser

SPORT REPORT

Sport is continuing to buzz at Erskine Park high school, with many events and opportunities available to our students. There has been recent success in a variety of sports. Congratulations to all of our school representatives.

Zone and Sydney West Athletics

The Werrington zone athletics carnival was late in term 2. We have 88 students competing at the carnival, and as a school finished second overall. We had a number of students receive honourable mention with their achievements, scoring either first, second or third in the age champions tally.

12 Years

Piper Threlfall - 2nd place Lincoln Hole - 2nd place

13 Years

Bella McEachern - 3rd place Ihsan Al Jabiri - 2nd place

14 Years

Ravini Ravikumar - 2nd place Blake De Giorgio - 2nd place

15 Years

Linae Williams – 3rd place Daniel Jurisic – 1st place

16 Years

Lauren Bailey – 2nd place

17+ Years

Jasmin Zammitt – 2nd place

The Sydney west carnival was held on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd August at Blacktown international sports park. We had 30 students compete and represent our school with pride.

Mark Geyer Cup Rugby League

Our U/14 and U/16 Mark Geyer Cups were successful in progressing to the grand finals late in term 3. Unfortunately both teams lost. Congratulations to all players for their excellent effort and for their positive participation and great sportsmanship shown despite their loss. Thank you also to Mr Jacob Brenner for all of his effort and time spent with the teams.

U/15 Girls Netball

Team trials have been held and the team will be announced at the PDHPE sports noticeboard. The knockout competition is quickly approaching. Round 1 will be held in week 4 or 5 of this term.

Mrs Megan Tucker EPHS Sports Coordinator

SMILES ONSITE

Erskine Park High School is collaborating with Smiles Onsite to promote healthier, happier smiles at our school! This incredible service is being offered for FREE under the federal government's Child Dental



Benefits Schedule (CDBS), and comes along with the chance to grab some amazing prizes.

All students will be given a consent form to bring home so that they can participate, and also so that they can go in the draw to win a prize!

How does it work?

The child dental benefit schedule grants all eligible parents with \$1000 worth of medicare towards dental per child, over a two-year period. Eligible parents should receive a confirmation letter; however if you are still unsure, Smiles Onsite can check for you on completion of their consent form.

Can I make use of this service if I'm not eligible?

Of course! Smiles Onsite can do almost everything that your local dentist can do on board there stateof-the-art mobile clinic. If you would like them to see your child for a scale and clean, fillings, fissure seals etc., these services can be offered with NO GAP payable.

This service is a great opportunity to get kids into the habit of good oral hygiene, and we hope you're as excited about it as we are!

If you would like your child/children or yourself to participate in our service and have not received a dental consent form please click on the blue link below and complete the form. This form can be filled out on your computer, smartphone or iPhone.

https://form.jotform.co/82130865097864

If you have any further questions about this program or your eligibility, please contact Smiles Onsite directly on

1800 276 453.





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