

Erskine Park High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is with mixed feelings that I write my last Principal's report as Principal of Erskine Park High School. It has been a privilege to lead a school that is highly supported by the local community and I feel proud of the achievements we have made during my time as Principal. I have recently been appointed as the new Principal of Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus to commence next term, and while excited about the new challenges of leading an inner-city high school, I am saddened by the thought of leaving behind so many wonderful students and their families, outstanding teachers and incredible support and administrative staff. Erskine Park High School is a most outstanding school and deserves the exceptional reputation it has in the community.

In my absence, Mr Nat Doidge will relieve as Principal while the recruitment process for my replacement takes place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both deputy principals, Mr Doidge and Mrs Waddell for their exceptional leadership and support. Together, with the executive team of teachers the school is well placed to lead quality education for the future.

Dates to remember - Term 1 and 2 2019 Term 1 Week 10 - Term 2 Week 3

2 Apr	Year 12 Auburn Mosque excursion	
3 Apr	Whitecard training	
	Community service at Summit Care	
	Year 9 Welcome to Western night at WSU	
5 Apr	Community service at Summit Care	
9 Apr	Year 11 Leppington Pastoral company excursion	
	Year 12 Parent/Teacher night	
10 Apr - 12 Apr	Year 7 Camp	
11 Apr	Year 12 Sydney University tour	
12 Apr	Sydney Royal Easter show excursion	
29 Apr	Staff development day	

30 Apr	Anzac assembly
2 May	NAPLAN trial
6 May - 8 May	Year 11 Crossroads camp
9 May	Year 11 Liverpool hospital excursion
	Year 12 Jewish museum excursion
14 May - 16 May	NAPLAN
17 May	Year 11 PDHPE First aid course

It was pleasing to see so many Year 7 students participate in Aquatic week. Not only did students improve their swimming ability but they also learnt many life-saving techniques for a range of emergency situations. These are valuable skills that every Australian should have.



On this week's assembly I congratulated the students on their participation and involvement in the many extra curricular activities on offer at the school. This includes the dance program, sporting teams, the band program, the cross country carnival, Daren Dunn Aboriginal art workshops and the highly valued Dare to Lead program. Erskine Park High School has a strong school spirit and all students are encouraged to task a risk and try something new during their time at the school.

Education

Our recent Open Night was very well attended, indicating strong interest in enrolment for Year 7 2020. Current data for local enrolments into Year 7 next year indicate there will not be as many places leftover for out of area students. The process for applying as an out of area enrolment are outlined on the website.

All the best for the rest of the year and have a safe and enjoyable autumn break.

Ms Leiza Lewis Principal

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DEPUTY PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 1 has almost come and gone like the Christmas holidays, as we move from summer into autumn sees the beginning of Easter preparations, ANZAC day, Year 7 complete their first term of high school and Year 12 are halfway through their HSC year. I would like to congratulate our students, particularly our Year 7 cohort for their successful start to 2019.

Year 12 Parent/Teacher night

Year 12 Parent/Teacher night will be on Tuesday 9th April 2019 from 4pm to 7pm.

Bookings are done via the online booking system. This is available through the <u>Parent portal</u>.

Rewards BBQ

Each term we celebrate our student's application and effort to their school life through the Rewards BBQ's. BBQ's will be held for students from each year group who have applied themselves to their learning and consistently followed our school policies each day. In week 11, students who have zero negative incidents will attend a barbeque, play sports and receive a Certificate from the Principal.

Assessment tasks

As Term 1 moves to an end, students will have several assessment tasks due. It can be a difficult time to manage and meet each due date. It is critical students manage their time effectively and stay on top of their work. Our Teaching and Learning Centre (T&LC) is available to students to help plan and complete assessment tasks. Each teacher is available to provide additional support and guidance for class work and completion of assessment tasks. It is important Year 11 and 12 utilise their study periods and continue to work at home to revise, make study notes and practice past HSC papers in preparation for exams.

Year 7 Swim School

For students in Year 7 it is an exciting time beginning high school and partaking in different sporting activities. Last week Year 7 were involved in Aquatic Week, where they went to Mt Druitt Pool to learn how to swim and basic water skills. Congratulations on student's effort and enthusiasm even with the wet weather.





Uniform

As we move from the hot weather to the wet and cold, students are required to wear navy pants, not tracksuit pants. It is important parents are aware of the school standards and have bought the correct pants over the holidays to begin the winter terms, as tracksuit pants do not meet the high standards of our school.

Please check flyers at the end of this newsletter for Uniform shop holiday trading hours.

Year 11 Crossroads Camp

Year 11 Crossroads camp is week 2 Term 2 at Nepean Adventure Centre, Douglas Park. The students will depart from Erskine Park High School at 8.30am Monday 6th May and return Wednesday 8th May at 2:40pm. Payments need to be finalised by Wednesday 10th April 2019.

Mrs Melinda Waddell Deputy Principal

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Students are reminded they need to bring their laptop to school every day fully charged for their learning.

Supporting Your Child with BYOD parent workshop

Each term we offer parent information workshops.



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This term we held a session to introduce parents to the online applications their child uses for learning. Parents were given an introduction to Google Drive and Classroom, Microsoft Office 365, the student portal and they we informed of applications used in Maths and Science. Thank you to the parents who attended the workshop for your patience when the internet went down. It made an interesting technology workshop.

Computer Safety



Computer and social media safety is of upmost importance. The Office of eSafety Commissioner website (hyperlink - https://www. esafety.gov.au/) is an excellent

resource which provides parents and carers with tips and advice on helping children to have safe and enjoyable experiences online. If you have any questions or need Information for cyberbullying, gaming, sexting, and time online, this website will help.

Facebook

Thank you to all the parents, carers, students and community members for your support with our Facebook page. This platform has been a successful means to communicate messages and share photos of our students in their learning environment.



You've just reached 2,000 Page likes. Good job!

Mrs Melinda Waddell Deputy Principal

TAS 1 REPORT

Year 8 Technology mandatory - textiles

Students learnt how to use a sewing machine. Their project this term was to construct and decorate a drawstring or tote bag. Fabulous bags were designed.

Many students chose to use the tie dyeing method.



Year 10 Child studies

Students have been participating in a parenting program using the RealCare Baby infant simulator. Students are involved in caring for the infant overnight or for an entire weekend. The infant simulator cries to be fed, burped, rocked or changed and makes a cooing sound when its needs have been met. The electronic baby simulator tracks, measure and reports on the type of care it has received. This interactive "robot" baby provides unforgettable lessons in parenting skills and Infant health and wellness.



Year 11 Hospitality

Students have been working hard learning how to run the cafe. The students each complete 35 workplace hours in the cafe and 35 hours in an industry setting. Hospitality students learn how to prepare and serve a range of hot and cold beverages. They develop skills in customer service and working together as a team.





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Year 9 Food Technology

Students are currently learning about the history of Food In Australia. They have developed skills in preparing a range of recipes including Damper, Scones, Anzac Biscuits and Shepherds Pie as well as increasing their knowledge about the use of native foods in modern-day recipes and early European influences on the Australian diet.





Year 9 IST

This term Year 9 Information Software Technology students have been learning the coding language Python to code BBC Micro.bit chips. Students completed different activities including learning to program a temperature sensor and collected data from around the school to find the hottest location at EPHS. Students found the hottest location to be the quad concrete at 42oC and the coolest location was the classroom at 23oC, thanks to our air conditioners! Students enjoyed learning how to use the Micro.bits and code them to perform different functions.





Mr Greg Tilley Head Teacher TAS 1

TAS 2 REPORT Graphics Technology Year 9

This year in Graphics Technology the students will be studying graphics principles, techniques, the use of computer graphics to develop and communicate ideas, scale, orthogonal drawings and product drawing.

The students will be completing group work and individual work this year in Graphics Technology. Some of the projects will be designing a bracket, designing a logo, designing a product and architectural drawing. Software such as Tinkercad will be used to design products. Tinkercad will be used to create products.





Year 7 Technology Mandatory

There is a new Digital Technologies component for the Technology Mandatory classes that emphasises learning about computer coding. Students will be using their laptops to learn about coding, data transmission and engineering. Software such as Bitsbox will be used to make phone apps. Software such as Tinkercad will be used to create circuits.









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Our 2019 Year 12 Construction students have just undertaken a project in contructing a concrete slab on our school farm.

Mr Inben Pather Head Teacher TAS 2



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HSIE REPORT

Students have returned to EPHS in Term 1 with some verve and vigour. Some Year 7 Indigenous students have been in an art workshop with artist Daren Dunn. They have been creating artworks, some of which will feature in the ATSI Commemoration Day in Hyde Park this year. Jazmin Felstead found the art workshop was something that helped her to concentrate and relax. Cooper Finnigan enjoyed the dot painting process and didn't mind eating some of Daren Dunn's lunch. Niahri Aldridge also enjoyed the dot painting and how students could paint items to match her culture. She also added it was good to be able to get along with each other and make new friends. Liam Ross and Martyn Taylor enjoyed painting cricket bats and their footy boots, but enjoyed meeting new people and learning about their culture much more.



The Year 11 Modern History class visited the Jewish Museum to partake in their "Site Study" in the Constructing History Topic. Students made the following observations:

"It was great listening to Mimi's experience as a Holocaust survivor because we saw a point of view that most people don't get to see." - Hayley Wiles "It was interesting that Mimi didn't consider herself a Holocaust survivor because she wasn't in a concentration camp, we believe that she was a Holocaust survivor because she was a Jewish person during the Holocaust who spent the years on the run and narrowly avoided Nazis." - Nathan Novak

"We were surprised to find out that she had to hide on farms and that people offered to assist and hide including farmers and town mayors" - Jarrod McKay

"We were also spoken to by an expert in the area -Simon, he discussed with us about how the Catholic Church had begun to teach that the Jews could not be persecuted." - Nathan Novak

"On the tour we were shocked by the Children's memorial which contained names of all the children who had died. There were so many names and most children did not have pictures about them. We also heard the story of a nanny who loved her Jewish family so much that she went to the gas chambers with them." - Alice Swan

Year 7 students have submitted some excellent assignments in the topic of "Mapping". Some examples have been included here.



Mr Grant Kelly Head Teacher, HSIE

LOTE REPORT

Welcome Year 7 students to our Chinese classes. During this year our Year 7 students wll be studying both Chinese language and its culture which is important as China is Australia's biggest trading partner, with a record \$183 billion two-way trade last year. The Asian region is fast growing, and is home to more than half the global economy. Therefore, the study of Chinese provides our students with opportunities for continued learning and for future employment, both domestically and internationally, in areas such as commerce, tourism, hospitality and international relations.

Students have started to learn some Chinese characters by developing a pattern structurally for writing characters instead of copying them. To understand the Chinese world view, one needs to



gain an insight into the Chinese written language.

To help non-Chinese speakers learn to speak Chinese, "Chinese Pinyin" was designed to help learners speak and pronounce Chinese properly by using the English alphabet to read. Year 7 students started to learn Pinyin systematically from Term 1 and will go on doing so through Term 2; this will lay the foundations of Chinese learning for them. It is of great value to learn the pronunciation correctly from the very beginning.

By the end of this term they should be able to count Chinese numbers 1-99, sing a couple of Chinese songs, use appropriate greetings accordingly, and introduce themselves and more.

Of course, these students would have fun in the process of learning Chinese language and Chinese culture through being introduced to a set of ICT skills using their laptops such as Quizlet and E Stroke Order.





Thank you for your continued support; without which we would not be experiencing our current level of success.Until next time.

Mrs Mona Hu LOTE Teacher

SRC REPORT

The Council includes elected student representatives from each of the Junior school years as well as the Senior Leadership Team. Regular meetings provide members with a forum to discuss issues raised by the student body. The aim of the SRC is to be a strong voice for young people in schools. Students involved in the SRC can learn immensely from their experiences. It can teach young people to be confident in public speaking, presenting and communicating with others, building on those skills learnt in the classroom.

SRC students will have input into important school issues, such as rules and administration, curriculum, student wellbeing and buildings, and grounds. The SRC will also make contributions to charity which gives valuable experiences in event organisation and coordination. It will be the duty of the SRC students to seek input from their class members and to report suggestions during meetings. Conferences will take place with local schools to exchange ideas.

2019 representatives have now been selected, with five students from each year group representing their grade. There will be a number of exciting opportunities and events coming up this year that will help develop personal leadership skills and foster teamwork and cooperation. So far the SRC have organised weekly assemblies, a Valentines Day stall, a mufti day where \$1400 was raised to assist flood-affected people in Queensland and Bullying Awareness activities.



Miss Laura Giaquinto and Mrs Julie Walker SRC Coordinators

CAREERS REPORT

Vocational Education and Training (VET) classes have commenced at TAFE. Good attendance at these courses is essential. The courses that students attend away from our school are run on Monday and Wednesday afternoons for 4 hours and to miss one of the lessons would be like missing a week of school.

Year 10 students will undertake preparation for Work Experience during Careers classes in Term 1 and will be issued with the necessary forms. Work Experience is an optional program. Year 10 students may undertake one week of work experience during Term 2. It is possible to do work experience a second time during Year 10 to experience different occupations or



a variety of employers.

Year 11 and 12 students may also undertake work experience. All they need to do is come and see me for the forms and discuss what they want to do.

Work Experience helps students with making decisions on senior subject selection, testing out their job or career choices, gain confidence and maturity by experiencing an adult work environment, learn about what employers want from employees, and making informed decisions about their employment and further education options. It is useful to start thinking now about what students will do for Work Experience. If students wish to undertake Work Experience in the building industry they will need to obtain a WH&S Induction for Construction ("White Card") before commencement.

Year 12 students have been invited to attend a tour of Sydney University near the end of Term 1. Permission notes for this excursion have been issued. Whilst touring the University students will be provided with information on the transition from school to university, entry requirements and the ATAR, course information, scholarships, student services, accommodation options, university societies, and sporting groups.

Students and parents are invited to contact me with any queries about things such as Career choices and prospects, subject choices, VET courses, TAFE and University applications and information, School to Work, finding employment, or any other related issues.

Jeff Griffiths

Careers Adviser and TAFE VET Co-Ordinator

YEAR 11 REPORT

Welcome back to all of our returning Year 11 students. **SRC Representatives**

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC representatives. Peter Levin, Riley Jarnet, Teegan Ryan, Alice Swan, Georgia Fraser, Alessandra Timeteo and Angela Byun have been chosen to represent the cohort.



Year 11 Camp

Year 11 Camp is on Term 2 Week 2 May 6th - 8th at the Nepean Adventure Centre at Douglas Park. Full payment of \$275 is required by Wednesday 10th April at the office or via the online payment portal. Students with any dietary or medical conditions need to see Mr Parkhill in the HSIE staffroom.

Mr Brent Parkhill and Miss Chelsea Neubronner Year 11 Adviser and Assistant Year Adviser

YEAR 12 REPORT

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts." ~ Winston Churchill

Congratulations Year 12! You are almost half way through your final year of school and you should each be proud of your achievements. Now is the time to look back at how far you have come and look forward at all that you hope to accomplish.

Mentoring

The aim of the mentoring program is for Year 12 students to have a trusted member of staff to talk with during the stressful times in their HSC year. With assessment tasks coming up, Year 12 students are reminded to continue to speak with their mentor teacher as they approach this stressful time of year. Students are also encouraged to refer to their HSC assessment booklet and to adopt a study regime in the lead up to the tasks due date.

National Day of Action

In CLUES on Monday 18th March, Year 12 students participated in activities centred around the National Day of Action against bullying and violence. Students created anti-bullying messages and pledged to take a stand against bullying. We are very proud of our students for taking steps to enact change within our school community.





Elevate

On Wednesday 20th March, Year 12 students participated in an Elevate study skills seminar. The aim of this program is to provide students with the necessary skills that will assist them in preparing for their upcoming assessment tasks and, eventually, their Higher School Certificate examinations. The presenters provided information on how to effectively study and gave tips on improving time management which will come in handy as Year 12 continue in their final year of schooling.

Get to know your Assistant Year Adviser Mr Giaquinto

How long have you been working at EPHS? Almost 2 years.

What subject do you teach? I work in Learning and Support. And I currently teach HSIE.

What is your favourite food? Italian, Indian, Mexican, seafood....

What are your hobbies? Music-- listening and creating. Reading and writing.

What countries have you been to? All over Italy, Greece, most of Europe, The USA, a bit of East Africa, a bit of South East Asia.

What is your favourite book?

Too hard to choose one. Some favourites: The Great Gatsby, F.Scott Fitzgerald; Catcher in the Rye, J.D.Salinger; Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck; The Secret History, Donna Tartt.

What was your favourite subject in school and why? History and/or English. We studied some incredibly interesting novels, minds, events and ideas.

What is your favourite part about working at EPHS? Having the opportunity to play a positive role in the intellectual journeys of young people.

Any words of wisdom?

"All generalisations are false, including this one." \sim Mark Twain

Be sure to ask questions and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. Mr Giaquinto is located in the Teaching and Learning Centre and Miss Mills can be found in the English Staffroom. We are looking forward to an amazing 2019 with you!

Miss Nikeisha Mills and Mr Mark Giaquinto Year Adviser and Assistant Year Adviser

ST MARYS RSL SUB BRANCH ANZAC 2019 at St Marys

The RSL will be conducting the usual two ANZAC Commemorative Services again this year. You are invited to lay a floral tribute at either/both services.

- On Sunday 14th April they will conducting the annual march and service. Following advice from authorities, they have altered the start location and time for the march and also the time and location of the service. The march will commence from the western end of Cook Park in Wilson Street, St Marys at 11.00am. The march will proceed to the War Memorial in the grounds of St Marys RSL Club, corner of Mamre Road and Hall Street, St Marys, where a service will commence on its arrival (likely around 11.20am). The march is 0.7km.
- On ANZAC Day, Thursday 25th April, a Dawn Service will be held at the St Marys RSL Club, corner of Mamre Road and Hall Street, St Marys, commencing at 5.00am. They suggest an early arrival as car parking areas often become congested soon after 4:30am.
- The St Marys RSL appreciate that these events fall at either end of school vacation however they would truly welcome attendance and participation of interested students from EPHS (and behind the school banner for the march).





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Holiday Trading Hours

Erskine Park High School Uniform Shop will close for the school holidays on Friday 12th April at 3.00pm.

The uniform shop will return to normal hours on Tuesday 30th April.

Throughout the school term our opening hours are:

Tuesday	8.00 am - 4.00 pm
Friday	12.00 pm - 3.00 pm

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Mt. Druitt High School Chifley College

would like to invite you to come and celebrate on 18th October 2019 at Chifley College Mt Druitt School Hall Stuart Rd, Dharruk 5.00pm - 8.30pm \$35.00 per person Come and share the memories

The evening will commence with a school tour from 5.00pm followed by dinner and a trip down memory lane in the school hall. This is a NON ALCONDL event. Tickets available via link provided.

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 18 MARCH 2019 - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! Book tickets online at penrith-city-library.eventbrite.com.au



Family Shows



YOU BEAUTY! STORIES OF AUSSIE SPORTING LEGENDS with Charlie Truscott

with Charlie Truscott Shelly is spending the holidays with her sport-crazy grandmother. She has a video project to finish on Aussie Sports Legends and looks for inspiration in grandma's dark, dusty attic full of sports memorabilia. Watch on as Shelly recreates historic moments of sport in all sorts of weird, crazy, cool ways. Shelly discovers that sport has the ability to unite, excite and inspire us all. In this children's theatre show, Charlie Truscott brings to life the stories of sporting legends like Don Bradman, Catly Freeman and Dawn Frazer using high energy physical theatre, circus, slapstick, storytelling, characterisation and audience participation. Don't miss it! WHO: For the whole family WHEN: Wednesday 17 April, 10.30-11.30am TICKETS: \$7 per person (children under 2 free)



3D ORIGAMI with Midori Furze

Young People

GAME PLAY DAY with Stephanie Cooper Check out great new board games like Dixit, Codenames, One Night Vampire and lots more. Social game play to stretch the mind and imagination and get you thinking on your seat.

 WHO:
 12-16 year olds

 WHEN:
 Tuesday 23 April, 1-2.30pm

 TICKETS:
 \$7 per student



This workshop is for high school students. We are making some 3D shapes by connecting origami units without glue or scissors. Challenge your mind WHO: 12-16 year olds WHEN: Tuesday 16 April, 12.30-1.30pm TICKETS: \$15 per student

ORIGAMI FOR BEGINNERS

with Midori Furze

GAMES, GAMES, GAMES

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Dungeons & Dragons - a Penrith library branch only



Children

BRICK WORX with Brickany



workshop includes a range of fun, team-based and individual creativity challenges where children can let their imaginations run wild. Brickany's bubbly character and high-energy instruction will encourage children's creativity and co-operation. Age limits apply.

Workshop 1:

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 WHO:
 4-7 year olds

 WHEN:
 Thursday 18 April, 10-11am

 TICKETS:
 \$10 per child
 Workshop 2: WHO: 8-11 vear olds

WHEN: Thursday 18 April, 11.15–12.15pm TICKETS: \$10 per child JOU SAID ABOUT

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With Stephanie Cooper Bring a friend and try out some great new board games and card games like Dixit, Spot It and Rhino Hero to name just a few. Socialise and have fun stretching the mind and imagination at the same time.

 WHO:
 8-11 year olds

 WHEN:
 Tuesday 23 April, 10-11am

 TICKETS:
 \$7 per child

POSSUM MAGIC LIBRARY TRAIL At Penrith, St Marys &

St Clair Library Branches

Join Hush and Grandma Poss as they travel around Australia and through the library shelves to find the famous Australian food that will make Hush visible again! Collect all the food stamps on the way. Glue them on your map and receive a special free gift.

 WHO:
 3-6 year olds

 WHEN:
 Saturday 13 April - Sunday 28 April - during library opening hours.

 TICKETS:
 Free