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# Newsletter

YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE

Friday 12th April TERM 1 WEEK 11\_2024

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

### Term 1

**Friday 12th April Happy Holidays**

### Term 2

**Tuesday 30th April**

**Student First day Term 2**

**Tuesday 7th May**

Erko Berzerko "find out more" meeting

**Thursday 9th May**

Selective High School  
placement test for Year 6

**Friday 10th May**

Pre-loved Uniform Co-Op

School Cross Country Carnival\_ Sydney Park

**Wednesday 15th May**

Stage 1, School house Excursion

**Wednesday 22 May**

P&C Meeting & AGM

**Friday 24th May**

Colour bubble Fun Run

**Saturday 22 June**

ErkoQuiz parents & Carers night out

**Saturday 9th November**

**Erko Berzerko**



## Principal's Yarn

School clean up - Thank you to all those parents who gave of their time to make our grounds look so good - the staff appreciate your ongoing support. The plantings on the embankment are native plants purchased from the funds raised by the SRC and are native varieties researched by the SRC as well.

Buildings update – Currently we are still awaiting a sign off to the remediation work done on building C. Since the last newsletter update, further remediation work has been completed. I'd like to thank our kindy team, Ms. Dragutinovic and Ms. Perry for their adaptability and resourcefulness in their continual delivery of programs to all K-6 students. I am awaiting reports and remediation plans for buildings A and B (the year 1 and 2 classes building and the heritage building respectively) to ascertain what work is going to be completed and the proposed timeframe for this.

SDD term 2 - Staff will complete mandated department of education professional learning focused on the new curriculum. This will include work around disability planning and adjustment as well as EALD training (English as an Additional Language or Dialect).

EV - As I have mentioned previously, Erko will be undergoing an External Validation process on Tuesday May 7 (week 2 term 2). This has been a major piece of work for our school over the course of this term and I'd like to publicly acknowledge the work of the executive team in ensuring we made our deadline. Thank you, team!

Open classrooms - Wonderful to see so many parents in rooms this week sharing in their child's learning journey and looking at just some of the work completed thus far this year. Really impressed with the progression of each of our bands too - Thanks to Ryley and Sam for the dedication and expertise in bringing on the bands and Ms. Cecire for her organisation.

Double parking - Can I remind parents that double parking is a dangerous practice and I'd hate for anyone in our community to be hurt from this. Also, please be considerate of our neighbours who are impacted by this practice.

You may have read a lot of stories in the press recently regarding issues related to staffing and infrastructure. At this stage I'm not sure what the implications may be for either of these areas as we await proposed changes. What I am certain of is that whatever happens, the staff here will meet it head on and provide the same level of quality education and care to our students that they always have. I am very proud of our staff and their efforts everyday in ensuring that your child is supported and educated to meet their potential.

Students, have a relaxing break and see you when you return on Tuesday April 30th.



Stage 1



Still life mixed media

*Art with  
Ms Stein*





## P & C working bee

**Huge thankyou** to all the parents, who took part in the working bee at the weekend, some new families joined the team It's a great way for all to connect and get involved in the school community. An amazing effort to clean up every entrance way to the school, weeding and blowing leaves. The garden beds were all weeded , replanted and mulched. The kitchen was cleaned up as well the fridge scrubbed , a fresh start.

A working Bee happens once a term. Watch out for dates to join the team, we always need more parents to help!. "More hands make light work".





## Band Concert



### Band Concert by Audrey & Arlo

On Wednesday the 10th of April, we had an excellent performance by the Training Band, Intermediate Band and Concert band. Parents joined us for the wonderful afternoon and every song was met with wild applause!

It was the Training Band's first concert and it went very well for their first. They played: Hot Cross Buns, Mary had a Little Lamb and Kelpie.

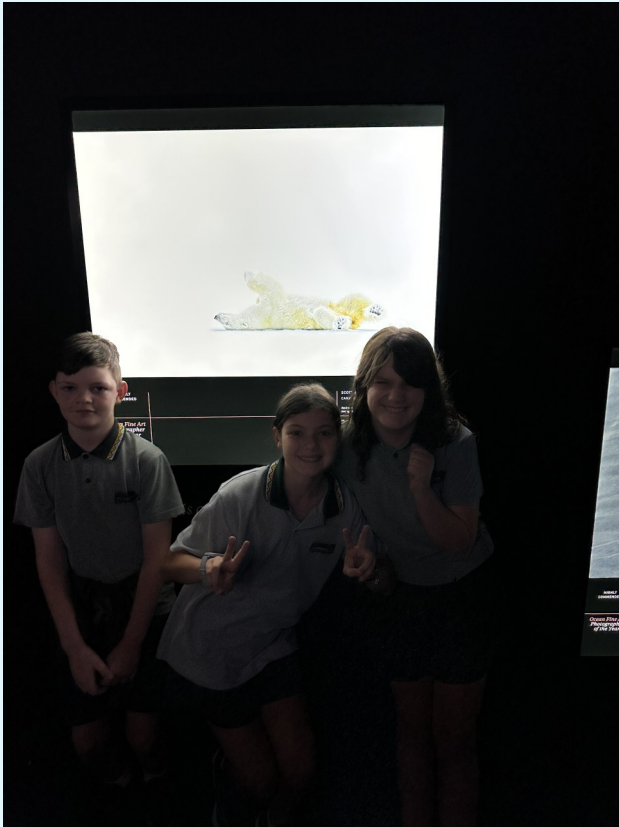
Intermediate Band started strong with Dragon Dance, then played Jurassic Park and The Great Beginning. After only one full year of playing, the Intermediate band already sound ready for Concert Band!

Concert band came in last and launched into YMCA which was fun for everyone. Next was a Dark Adventure, a piece that was prepared especially for the Concert Band by their conductor Ryley. They blew it out of the park!





## Stage Three's trip to the Maritime Museum



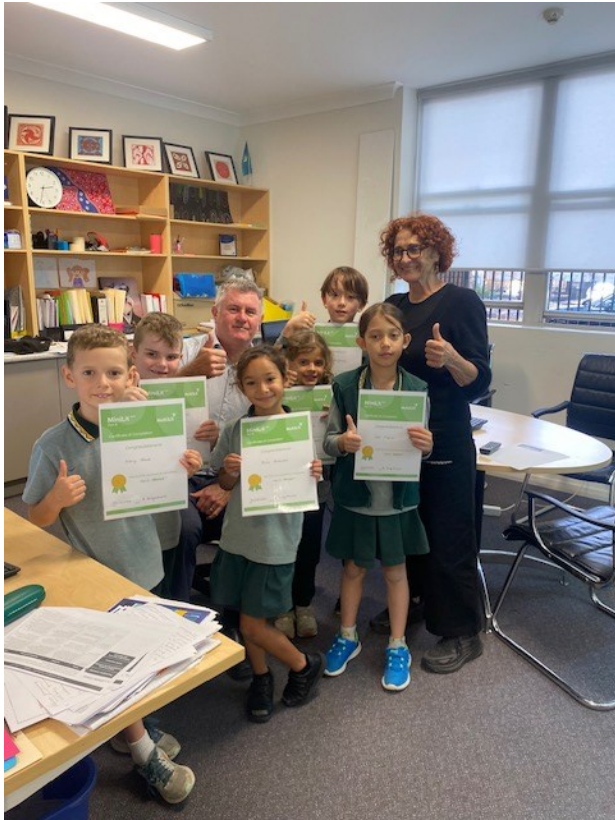
On Tuesday Stage 3 went on an amazing trip to the Maritime Museum. 100% of Wollemi had fun at the Maritime Museum. We learnt about the First Fleet and how they sailed across the world. There was one very interesting story about a ship's captain who got all but one of the passengers of the ship killed. It was a blast and exploring the Vampire was an adventure. There were also some stunning marine photos. In conclusion, the trip was an amazing experience and we would be thrilled to visit again.

By Noah G and Jackson L

One day I went to a museum with my classmates and we split into 2 groups the groups were called group A and group B I was in group A with Miss Newnham and we went on the Vampire (the Destroyer ship) and the Onslow (the submarine). My favourite one was the Vampire because there was more space and room.

By Hope M





## **Congratulation :**

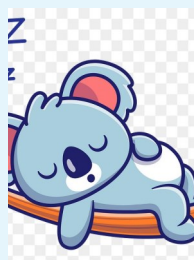
to our newest batch of super readers!

Well Done

Florence G, Olivia B, Rhys C,  
Alexander M, Harry M, Edie S,  
& Kyla S.

## **Sleep tip for Parents**

- Make sleep a health priority and set and adhere to consistent bedtimes for yourself and your children.
- Know how your child is using electronics in the bedroom and set boundaries.
- Talk to your child about the importance of sleep for health and well-being
- Talk to your child's teacher(s) – know if your child is falling asleep in school.
- Create a sleep-support home environment and encourage quiet activities before bedtime.
- Make sure children's activities, including homework, can be completed without interfering with bedtimes.





## Erko Kids Kicking goals

### Congratulations

Rocky has made it into the PSSA Rugby League team. Rocky trailed with the best of the best players in the area, with great successful to represent Primary School Sport Association South Sydney Zone team.



### Anzac Day Assembly

Today's assembly is was a quite and respectful assembly.

Anzac Day honours those who have served through conflicts and on peacekeeping missions. The day reflects the diversity of modern military operation as young veterans join with veterans of earlier conflicts, connected by the experience of service





## ERSKINEVILLE PS PARENTS & CITIZENS (P&C) ASSOCIATION NEWS

### UPCOMING P&C MEETINGS

Upcoming meeting and notice of AGM:

**Wednesday 22 May** (Week 4, Term 2) in the school library. This meeting includes the 2024 AGM and our regular May meeting.

This will be an in-person meeting in the school library.

As part of the AGM, we will be voting to elect our P&C Executive for 2024. Find out more about joining the Executive by emailing is at [erkopandc@gmail.com](mailto:erkopandc@gmail.com) or here: <https://erkopandc.bigcartel.com/p-c-executive-nomination>

### OTHER UPCOMING P&C EVENTS

#### Erko Berzerko 'find out more' meeting

**Tues 7 May 8pm** – read below in the Erko Berzerko section of this newsletter

#### Pre-loved Uniform Co-Op

**Fri 10 May** – read more below

#### Colour Bubble Fun Run

**Friday 24 May** (during school hours) – keep your eye on upcoming newsletters for more info on this fun event for students

#### ErkoQuiz parents & carers night out

**Sat 22 June** – book the babysitter and stay tuned for updates and info on how to book tickets

#### Erko Berzerko

**Sat 9 November** – save the date and check out the Erko Berzerko section of the newsletter below



### A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR WORKING BEES VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the families who joined in our Working Bee last weekend. The playground equipment, gardens, entryways and kitchen are looking fabulous thanks to your incredible efforts.

### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM CO-OP

**Friday 10 May (Week 2, Term 2) 7:45-9:00am** in the Courtyard outside the office.

Pick up a few extra uniform essentials:

- Pickles branded t-shirts, shorts, skorts, pants - \$7
- Pickles branded jumpers, vests - \$10
- Band shirts - \$7
- Hats - \$2
- Unbranded items - FREE!

**Card/efpos only (no cash please).**

If you have uniform items to donate, please drop them at the office by Thursday 9 May. If you'd like to help sort and sell uniforms at the co-op, please contact Lauren on 0413 254 564.

### STAY IN TOUCH ...

- Read our P&C update in the school newsletter every fortnight.
- Contact the P&C Executive anytime at [erkopandc@gmail.com](mailto:erkopandc@gmail.com)



**Save the date: Saturday 9 November**

**[www.erkoberzerko.com](http://www.erkoberzerko.com)**

Erko Berzerko is our famous school fair, with lots of food, stalls and fun in an old-fashioned community atmosphere. It's a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to come together and fundraise while celebrating what makes Erko great.

The fair runs all day and offers rides, entertainment, food and stalls with everything from pre-loved toys and treasures, to crafts, to plants from our school garden.

### **SAVE THE DATE AND FIND OUT MORE**

In case you didn't catch the news earlier ... we've penciled in Saturday 9 November as the biggest date on the Erko calendar! We won't be starting external promotion of the date YET, but pop it in the calendar because you (and the kids!) won't want to miss it.

Join in the planning, share your ideas and find out more come along to our next **kick-off meeting on Tuesday 7 May** at 8pm. Venue TBC, but if you join the WhatsApp chat group we'll send you details once they're confirmed:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CxSrleaLAa6nRTXrkrtR>

**Want to know more but can't make it to the meeting?** Join the WhatsApp chat above, or get in touch with Astrid and Kristy via [erkopandc@gmail.com](mailto:erkopandc@gmail.com) – we'd love to have a chat!



### **THE EASIEST WAY TO SUPPORT ERKO BERZERKO ... RIGHT NOW!**

It's the easiest way to get involved in all the Berzerko action!

Facebook: [@erkoberzerko](https://www.facebook.com/erkoberzerko)

Instagram: [@erkoberzerko](https://www.instagram.com/erkoberzerko)

If you haven't been to an Erko Berzerko before, scrolling through previous posts gives a taste of all the amazing things to come.

Liking and following our social media channels also shows our sponsors (and potential sponsors) how much the school and community loves Erko Berzerko and rewards them for supporting our fair.

### **SAVE YOUR SECOND-HAND GOODIES**

Start thinking about setting aside some of those top-quality items you don't use any more, ready to donate to the Erko Berzerko second-hand stalls.

Always some of the most popular destinations at the fair, they'll be calling out for donations as we get closer to the event, so keep them in mind if you're doing a bit of decluttering around the house. Now's a great time to start thinking ahead and set aside any **good quality clean toys, books, homewares, women's fashion and jewellery** you'd like to donate.

Stay tuned for details of drop-off days closer to the big day.



NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)



### Tips to help improve your child's attendance

- Talk to your child about school and how important it is. You can ask them how they feel about school, what they liked and if there are any problems.
- Reward good behaviour and not bad behaviour. For example, if your child refuses to go to school, do not let them have access to their phones or the internet.
- Set a good example. Show them how you keep to your own commitments.
- Encourage your child to take on hobbies that your child enjoys such as sports and clubs. This will help them develop positive relationships outside of the classroom.
- Have a set time to do homework and go to bed.
- Leave all technology out of their bedroom.
- Pack their school bag the night before with everything they need.
- Have a set time for breakfast.
- Plan to meet up with a friend so they can travel to school together.



## Knitting club

Tuesday 11.30

Learn French Knitting (**BYO paper towel cylinder**) or knitting with needles.

Bring a gold coin if you're interested in taking wool and needles home once you have learnt !  
With Ms Stein years 3 – 6

All Welcome



## How to pack your waste-free lunch



### Yes please

- ✓ Food in reusable containers
- ✓ Drinks in refillable containers
- ✓ Reusable utensils where required
- ✓ A reusable lunchbox or bag

### No thanks

- ✗ Food packed in plastic wrap, single-use plastic bags, foil or wax paper
- ✗ Single-use drink boxes, cans, pouches, cartons and bottles
- ✗ Single-use plastic forks and spoons
- ✗ Pre-packaged single-serve snack items



### Did you know?

The average student's lunch generates around 3kg of waste per school year.

Spend less. Waste less. Eat well.



## Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



### Mandarin Language Club at Erskineville Public School!

#### The Mandarin Stars program offers:

- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion-based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin!
- The discovery of Chinese culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

Taking expression of interests for Mandarin Classes are on a Mon, Tue, or Wed Afternoon

Please email us on [enrol@mandarinstars.com.au](mailto:enrol@mandarinstars.com.au) to let us know!

Please check out [here](#) for more class options.

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LEGO CLUB

lego club is back! we welcome all students year 1 and over to have fun playing with lego its in Brown hall  
Recess on Thursday



# MAKING A SCENE

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SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Erskineville Public School is held on Thursdays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 8 February 2024.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email [office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com](mailto:office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com) for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



# Extracurricular French at Erskineville PS

**TERM 2**

Our classes are designed to be creative and playful, whilst encouraging your child to make serious progress in their ability to understand, read and speak French.

**9 May to 4 July**  
1 hr per week for 9 weeks

**Thursday afternoons**  
3pm - 4pm

**Kindy - Year 1**

**Thursday afternoons**  
4pm - 5pm

**Year 2 to Year 6**



Enrol before **Friday 26 April** for early bird discount

As little as \$27/hr with Early Bird and re-enrolment discount

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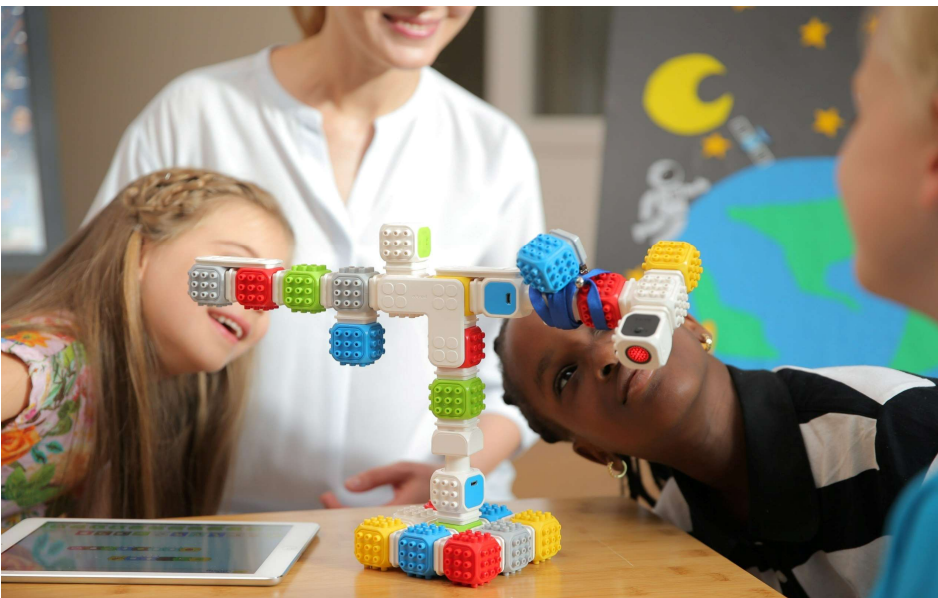
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# STEAM CODING BLOCKS

Term 1 2024 after school STEAM program at  
ERSKINEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

- Great fun to assemble and program different kinds of robots using Coding Blocks Premium Kit
- From Basic Coding for Year 1, 2 to Advanced Coding for Year 3, 4 and Scratch integrated with **Artificial Intelligence** for Year 5, 6
- Project based learning guided by experienced and friendly teachers
- Students earn merit awards and compete in school tour competition



**JOIN OUR FIRST  
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**Registration Here**



**TUESDAY**

**3:10 pm – 4:10 pm**  
**13 Feb 24 – 9 Apr 24**  
**Term 1 / 2024**

**\$29 / session**

**1 session / week**

**Welcome newcomers  
throughout Term 1 & pay  
for the remaining sessions**



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**Ms Tammy (0401 729 292)**

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**Website: [skmcube.au](http://skmcube.au)**





# CODING FOR KIDS

Term 2, 2024

Y2 - Y6 Students

## CREATIVE CODING

### Erskineville PS

In-person coding classes

### Every Monday

06 May - 01 July | 8 weeks

### BEGINNER

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Y2 - Y5 beginner students

### ADVANCED

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Y3 - Y6 experienced students

Laptops are provided

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\$216 per student per term

## Learn to code and build your own games with CODE4FUN

Year 2 to Year 6 students are welcome to join. STEM focused program - students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.



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# ENGAGING AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOPS Term Two



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## Gadgets and Gizmos!

- \* **Wed 8th May - Wed 26th June (incl)**
- \* **Classes held at Erskineville Public School Library**
- \* **8 sessions, \$190**
- \* **3.00pm - 4.00pm**

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**BOOK NOW!**

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# 2024 Athletics

To find out about courses visit  
[www.lucyestela.com/erkoathletics](http://www.lucyestela.com/erkoathletics)

## YEARS 3-6 Mondays 3-4.30pm



Athletes will be put through their paces with a weekly training session focusing on fitness, strength, coordination and agility.

As part of each session they will be introduced to the various events that they will encounter at the School Athletics Carnival which will be in term 3. Sprinting, Relays, Shot Put, Discus Long Jump and High Jump.

## YEARS K-2 Tuesdays 3-4.15pm

**Now Accepting Kindergarten Students**

Join us in the lower playground where athletes will be following a modified Athletics Australia Play program which provides them with a range of games and drills designed to develop and practice the fundamental movement skills of beginner athletes.

Athletes will perform activities that focus on ball skills, jumping, running, agility courses, hurdles, skipping,



sprints



jumps



discus



hurdles



javelin



relays



shot put



high jump



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- Get real time push notifications from your school
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- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



# erko MADE



**Calling all crafters and makers**

**Got a crafty passion or a side hobby and keen to make something for our Erko Berzerko craft stall?  
Please get in touch.**

**Previous popular items have been jewellery, sewn / knitted/ crocheted items, paper crafts, screen printed items & xmas decorations.**

**Contact  
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