

Friday 10th February_ TERM 1 WEEK 3_ 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

TERM 4

Friday 17th February

School swimming Carnival

Monday 20th February—3 March

Proposed parent meetings

Friday 24th February

Kindy Welcome BBQ

Monday 27th February

Stage 2 Australian Museum

Wednesday 1st March

District Swimming Carnival

Botany Pool

Wednesday 15 - 24 March

Naplan

Friday 31st March

Harmony Day Celebrations

Monday 3rd April

School Photos



Principal's Update

Welcome all to another new and exciting year at Erko with lots happening. A big welcome to our new kindy parents, students and families and those students who have joined the Erko community this year. I hope all our families whose children have made the move to secondary school from Erko have had a stress free and smooth transition.

Covid - at this stage, covid restrictions remain the same as those set at the end of 2022. As such students who are unwell should stay home. Students should be monitored for symptoms and tested with a RAT if necessary. Wearing of masks is encouraged. Students who display symptoms of covid will be sent home.

New staff - we have a few staff who are new to our school and some staff who have been made permanent. I'd like to welcome Ms. Coles who has been appointed to our school and welcome Ms. Goydych, Ms. Pak and Ms. Yerrell who have gained permanent positions on merit. I'd also like to welcome Ms. Sarah Dankha who will be working in the front office with Eileen and Maria.

Welcome back to Ms. Barnard, Mr. Lonsdale and Ms. Summer who have been and continue to be integral to the organisation and running of our programs.

Welcome back to Ms. Chan who returns from maternity leave taken in 2022.

Class structure Elsewhere in this newsletter and has previously been communicated, we have formed 15 classes. With our student and staffing ratio as it is we are entitled to 14 so this extra class will be funded by the school. In this way we can avoid larger class sizes and composites that would have included cross stage **classes**. The number of students in a year or stage determine the number of classes in that stage. Staffing formula also applies particularly to K-2 students who have a higher staffing allocation than 3-6.

Formation of classes - the discussion around classes begins in term 4 of the previous year. Once the school has an anticipated number of students, we can formulate a number of plans to be implemented, depending on what our actual numbers are in term 1 the following year. Our first consideration then is our total number of students and then what this split looks like across K-6. All teachers then take into account student academic progress, social needs and wellbeing, relationships with staff, previous class allocations, friendships, learning styles and sometimes requests (both for and against certain placements!). As you can see this is a very involved process. Staff also do a 'handover'; discussing students who are moving to other teachers to ensure the process is as smooth as possible. We ask that you give these classes a chance to settle and trust our professional judgement to make decisions that are in the best interests of all students.



Principal's Update

School bytes - We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to School Bytes finance system, there will be a slight impact to parents. No payments can be made while we transition, this will impact from Wednesday 15th February, payments resume on go live day 21st February. All payments will then go through School bytes, it will also mean you can allocate out any credit on your family account.

See the attached guide on how to register for School Bytes Parent portal a great new way to view all your payments, download receipts, sign permission notes, and see student excursion information.

Parent teacher - in the next few weeks you will receive information regarding term 1 parent teacher meetings. These are optional - you may not feel the need to discuss the year ahead for your child if you have had their current teacher before. The idea is that you tell the staff about your child in a range of areas on a form that will be sent home for you to bring back into the meeting. This assists staff in getting a quick understanding of your child's academic, wellbeing and social needs as well as other areas of interest that may have an impact on learning.

Assemblies - Our school leadership team run our assemblies on Fridays - parents are welcome to attend. These generally occur every second Friday though other events may sometimes result in rescheduling. Special assemblies such as Anzac Day, harmony day etc. will occur throughout the year. Ribbons for carnivals will be distributed at these assemblies.

Crunch 'n Sip - Erskineville PS participates in the Crunch 'n Sip program, supporting students' concentration during the morning session. Children are encouraged to bring a small snack of fruit, vegetables and water to snack on during this time. In order for this to be successful, we kindly ask:

Fruit and vegetables are packed in a small SEPARATE container - There are several reasons for the separate container:

- It is immensely difficult for children not to eat other tempting foods during this time
- The added trips when carting a larger lunchbox around mean more opportunity to drop and spill lunchboxes (eg bento style lunchboxes)
- A small container aids in making this a 'quick' break time so children can return to learning

For younger children, large fruit and vegetables are cut up - to avoid wastage and to support children in finishing their snack within an appropriate time frame

If you need any adjustments to this activity, please let your child's teacher know.



Principal's Update

Band program – Our band program has commenced with Ryley Gillen as our new band co-ordinator replacing Emily. Ryley will conduct the intermediate and concert band supported by Sam conducting the training band - Welcome! We are still sorting out our tutorial groups, times, rooms etc. with some tutors and this will take a little time as we work out our communication protocols with everyone involved in the program.

APCI - This year we officially welcome Ms. O'Connor into the role of Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APCI). The role of the APCI is to support all staff in class practice, planning, pedagogy and classroom management. Ms. O'Connor has worked across all stages and with all teachers providing different means of support and this will continue this year.

Unexplained Absences - in order for the school to be compliant with the department's attendance policy, any absence or partial absence of a student must have an explanation provided either verbally or in writing. If you call, please mention the reason, if you come to the front desk, please state it or if you email, please add it. Our rolls are continuously monitored for accuracy and compliance. If you have reasons that may need an extended period of leave for whatever the reason, please contact the office to discuss. Thank you for your support..

2023 Classes

Kindergarten

Correa- Ms Russo (Assistant Principal)

Hibiscus- Ms Jones

Bottlebrush- Ms Evans and Ms Barnard

Pick up area: Asphalt area between Lucy Woodcock Hall and Library building

Stage 1

Waratah- Ms Summer

Wattle- Ms Grimes

Viola- Ms Mack

Banksia- Ms Coles

Lilli Pilli- Ms Goydych

Pick up area: Around climbing dome in the top playground (enter through Bridge Rd double gates)

Stage 2

Wollemi- Ms Ahearn (Assistant Principal)

Boronia- Ms Chan (W,Th, F)

Blue Gum- Ms Logan

Pick up: Top playground

Stage 3

Casuarina- Ms Newnham (Assistant Principal)

Melaleuca- Mr Rodley

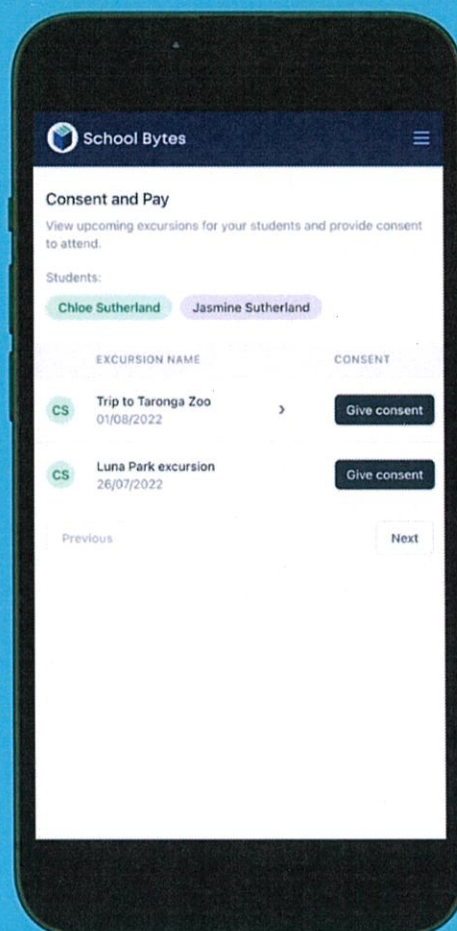
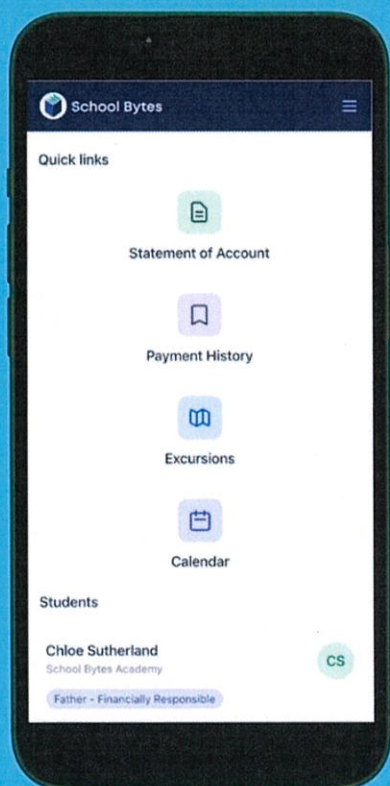
Eucalypt- Ms Pak

Lemon Myrtle- Ms Yerrell

Pick up: Serpent to single gate Bridge rd (students are also able to designate their own meeting point with families)

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 1

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>





WELLBEING

Last year was a big year for wellbeing across the school and we are wanting to continue on this trajectory. During our Staff Development Day, the Wellbeing Team presented a series of actions that we will undertake over the year. These actions have been created after analysing multiple data sets from students, staff and families through Tell them From Me and Be You Surveys. One of the most impactful ways that we are hoping to support wellbeing this year is by strengthening the relationships between home and school, with a focus on communication.

Some of the actions that you might notice being implemented in Term 1 are:

- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Class Parents being organised earlier
- Stage overviews that will explain the learning taking place for each stage
- Harmony Day activities that involve families

Stay tuned for additional information on these actions and more to come over the year!



Have you changed your contact details?

It's important we know in case of sickness or emergency.

Child's Name: Class:

Change of address:

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New telephone numbers:

Change to emergency contacts:

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Please return this slip to the school office or notify us by email



EMERGENCY

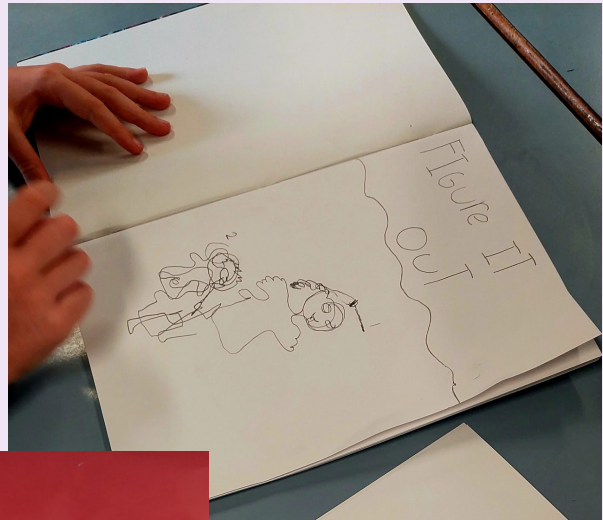
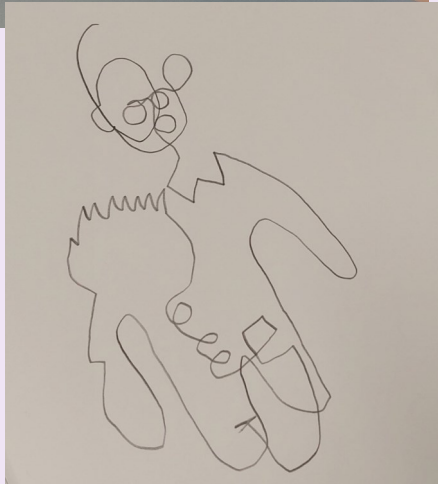
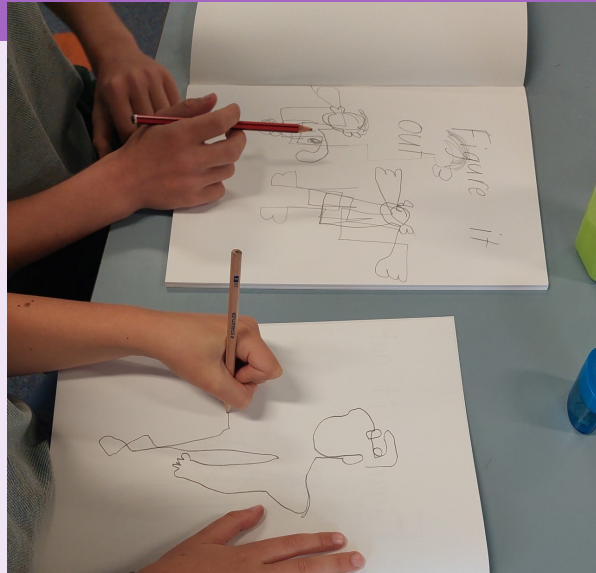
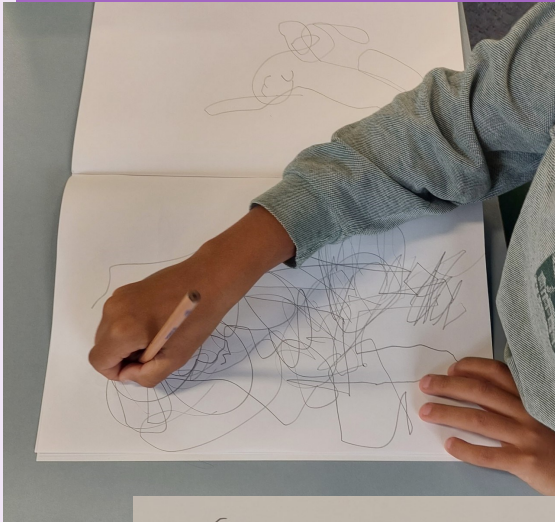


Art Program

Pencil drawings are by Stage 2 students for the unit

"Figure it Out".

With Ms Stein



ink blot drawings
by Melaleuca

Surrealism

Melaleuca's Surrealism
Ink blot drawings



MUSIC TERM 1

Kindy

Kindy will be learning lots of fun songs and how to play simple rhythmic patterns using different percussion instruments.

Stage 2

Stage 2 will be learning to play new ukulele chords which they will then use to play and sing a range of songs.

Stage 1

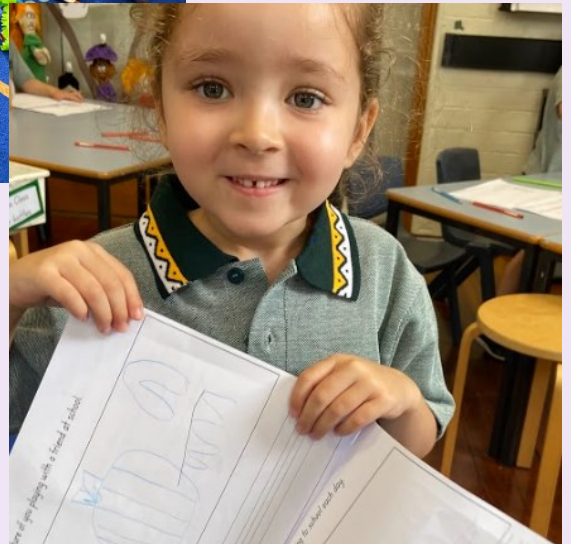
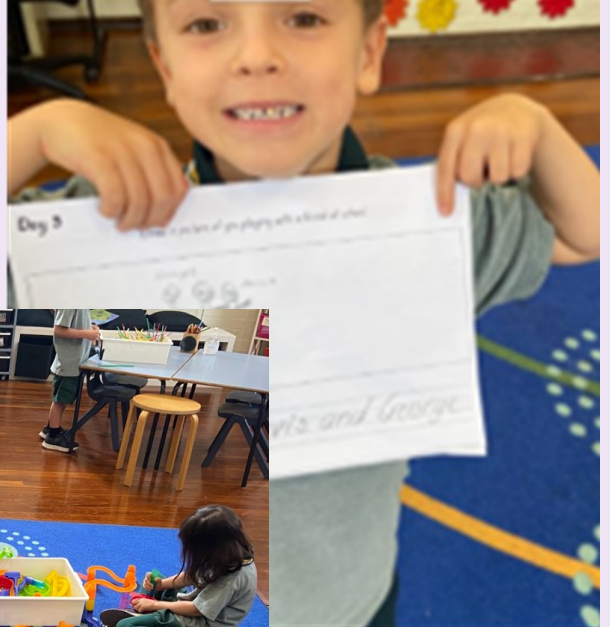
Stage 1 will be learning to read the notes of treble clef to compose and perform songs on the glockenspiel.

Stage 3

Stage 3 will be learning about the elements of music through composition and performance using ukuleles and electronic drums.



Welcome Kindergarten 2023





Knitting club

Wednesday 11.30

Learn to knit, French knit
and macrame

All Welcome



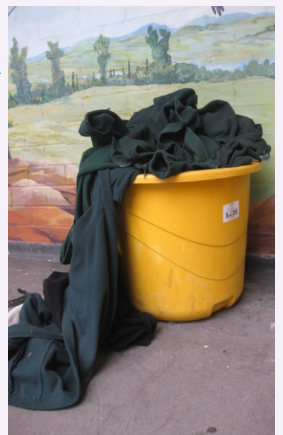
NEW BELL TIMES

8.30AM	Supervised Playground Duty
9.00 - 11AM	CLASS Time
11.10 - 12.00PM	LUNCH & PLAY time
12.00 - 1.30PM	CLASS Time
1.30 - 2.00PM	RECESS
2.00 - 3.00PM	CLASS Time
3PM	HOME TIME

LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost something?

All items should be labelled with your child's name. Please take the time to look through Lost Property in the Brown Hall. It's overflowing. Parents can access the school via Malcolm Street entrance between 9.30am and 2.30pm. Hand sanitisers are available at the front office upon arrival. All unclaimed / un-named uniforms will be sold at the P&C pre-loved uniform coop.





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

P&C WELCOME MEETING: Wine & Cheese & AGM

Tuesday 28 February (Week 6) from 6:45pm in the Library.

A chance for new and existing Erko PS parents and carers to meet and learn more about how the P&C supports our school and how you can get involved. Our Welcome Wine & Cheese event includes the 2023 AGM and February meeting.

All welcome!



Is there something you'd like to see on the agenda? Email erkopandc@gmail.com one week before any meeting date, so we can make sure it gets included.

Future meetings: After the AGM, our next meeting will be Tuesday 28 March (Wk 10). Further P&C meeting dates will be confirmed following the AGM.

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS

Kindy & New Families Welcome BBQ
Friday 24 February (Week 5) from 6pm
Read on below for more information!

P&C Welcome Wine & Cheese & AGM
Tuesday 28 February (Week 6) from 6:45pm
in the library. All welcome!

Playground & Garden Working Bee
Sunday 5 March (end of Week 5) time TBC

Election BBQ & Cake Stall
Saturday 25 March (end of Week 8) all day

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE P&C EXECUTIVE

The P&C Executive ensures that the governance and 'business' aspects of the P&C are looked after. This includes taking care of the admin, finances and processes that help the P&C achieve its objective of supporting the school.

Voting for the Executive takes place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nomination forms and details of what's involved are on the membership website below. If you'd like to know more, the current executive team is happy to answer any questions at erkopandc@gmail.com.

JOIN ERKO P&C IN 2023

Join or renew your membership at www.erkopandc.bigcartel.com

Reminder! Memberships expire every year, so if you're a current member you will need to renew. The annual membership fee for parents and carers is \$2.

KINDY & NEW FAMILIES WELCOME BBQ



Welcome to Erko 2023

Dear Kindy 2023 families
and all families new to
Erko Public School in 2023

You're invited to a free Welcome BBQ hosted by
Year 1 families and the P&C

Join us in the courtyard outside the office on
Friday 24 February at 6pm

No RSVP is required, simply come along to meet
other new families and the Erko PS community

Feel free to contact us anytime:
erkopandc@gmail.com

Year 1 families: please register here if you're
able to help host the BBQ and continue this
great Erko tradition:

<https://forms.gle/NfqCJVfuv73NpGNp7>

And a big **thank you** to the Yr 1 families who
hosted morning tea on Kindies' first day.

HAVE YOU PROVIDED YOUR DETAILS TO YOUR CLASS PARENT?

The class parent program is a great way to
connect to your child's class cohort, teacher,
and the Erko school community.

You should have received an email from
school with the opportunity to register your
details, but if you somehow missed it, you
can pop your details here and we'll pass them
on: <https://forms.gle/VrrDms1AiFgBswmH9>

STAY IN TOUCH ...

- Read our P&C update in the school newsletter every fortnight.
- Subscribe to the P&C option in School eNews to receive updates on upcoming P&C events.
- Contact the P&C Executive anytime at erkopandc@gmail.com

PLANNING FOR HIGH SCHOOL?

Although the school year has barely begun,
for some families it's time to think about the
next phase in our kids' educational journey.

We are hoping to plan a session where Erko
parents with older kids can share some hints
and tips on how they tackled the maze of
options, school tours, forms and deadlines
that can accompany this process.

If you have a child in Yr 4,5 or 6, this
discussion might be useful for you.

Details are yet to be confirmed, but if you're
interested, join this WhatsApp chat and we'll
send a notification once we have details:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KJr9sqqqcAEL60ZBLqrJr>

PLAYGROUND & GARDEN WORKING BEE

P&C working bees are a fun and easy way for
all parents and carers to contribute to our
kids' school. They're a great opportunity to
get to know other Erko families. Kids are
welcome (if accompanied by an adult) and
always have a fun time making new friends
and helping in the gardens.

There are lots of different tasks for all
abilities, including indoor tasks such as
prepping lunch ... which is provided (free!)

Our working bees are usually held on the
Sunday at the end of Week 5 each term. That
means **our Term 1 working bee is on
Sunday 5 March**

Pop the date in your diary – everyone is
welcome to drop in for an hour or so to lend a
hand. To keep updated on working bee plans,
join the WhatsApp chat:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/L0nBh9qC8UOH1ByGw56mXN>



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.



2023 Athletics

Expression of Interest Forms Now Available
www.lucyestela.com/erkoathletics

There's a new short course
each term in 2023.
Visit the website
to find out more.

Sessions start in week 2

YEARS 3-6
Mondays 3-4.30pm
6th Feb - 3rd April
9 weeks \$170

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 will be covered.

YEARS 1-2

Tuesdays 3-4.15pm
7th Feb - 4th April
9 weeks \$160

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, balance and coordination as well as the Luna Park Run!



sprints



jumps



discus



hurdles



javelin



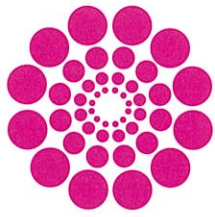
relays



shot put



high jump



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the **Australian Girls Choir** because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they **learn to sing, dance and perform.**

Join us at our
FEBRUARY OPEN DAY!



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS





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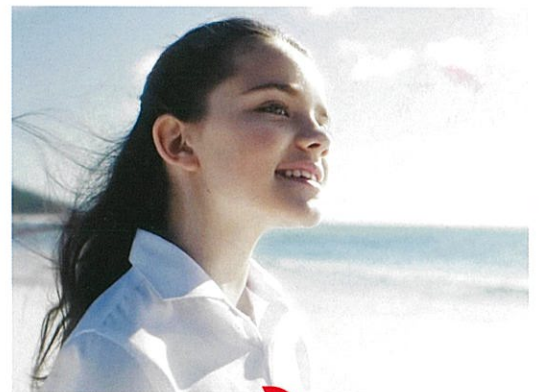


An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Christine Anu. You may have seen our girls perform at the National Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II, the AFL Grand Final or on the recently released 'I Still Call Australia Home' campaign for Qantas.

Now accepting enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Balgowlah, Beecroft, Haberfield, Kellyville, North Parramatta, North Ryde, St Ives, Waverley and Willoughby.



QANTAS

JOIN US AT OUR FEBRUARY OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 02 9922 6733



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS





You can learn French at Erskineville PS

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.

Term 1

6 February to 7 April
1 hr per week for 9 weeks

Save \$100 with Creative Kids



Expressions of interest before **Friday 18 December**
Early bird and sibling discounts available
As little as \$26/hr with Early Bird discount



www.afsydney.com.au
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CODING FOR KIDS

Term 1, 2023

Y1 - Y6 Students

CREATIVE CODING

Erskineville PS

In-person

Every Monday

6 Feb - 3 April | 9 weeks

BEGINNER

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Y1 - Y5 beginner students

INTERMEDIATE

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Y3 - Y6 experienced students

Laptops are provided

\$243 per student per term



Learn to code and build your own online projects with CODE4FUN

Year 1 to Year 6 students are welcome to join. STEM focused programs - students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.



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ON YOUR CHILD'S
ENROLMENT**

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SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood
2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

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 9th February 2023. 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. If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy.

For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



DRAMA GAMES!

A Fun & Fast Paced Drama Program Where Students Learn Teamwork Skills & Impro Games to Perform for YOU at the end of Term!



ERSKINEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

STARTING TERM 1, 2023!

K - 2 : FRIDAYS

YEAR 3-4 : FRIDAYS

YEAR 5-6 : FRIDAYS

Only
\$230 /
Term

ALL CLASSES RUN
3-5pm
ON SITE @ SCHOOL

Limited
Spots!
Hurry!

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Check Out Our History & Testimonials There Too! For Any Other Querles, Email director@redroar.com.au