

# Newsletter

YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE

TERM 3 WEEK 4 Thursday 11 August 2022

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

### TERM 3

#### Monday 8th August

Dance for school

#### Tuesday 9th August

P&C meeting in the library 6.45pm

#### Wednesday 10 August

Combined Schools Dance Concert.

#### Wednesday 17th August

Zone Athletics Carnival

#### Sunday 21st August

Working Bee + drop-day for Erko  
Berzerko Donations

#### Monday 22 August

Erko Education week/ Erko Book week

#### Thursday 25 August

Open morning & book parade

#### Tuesday 30th August

Band Excursion

#### Wednesday 31st August

K-2 Author talks

#### Thursday 1 September

Stage 2 Camp Yarramundi\_ Over night

#### Saturday 3rd September

Parent's Carers Big Night Out (Trivia + DJs)

#### Monday 5th September

Australian Girls Choir Talk

#### Wednesday 6th September

Stage 3 Camp Dubbo / Bathurst

Return Thursday 8th September

#### Saturday 29 October 10am-4pm

**Erko Berzerko!**





## Principal's Update

**Athletics** – It was wonderful to have students compete again in athletics at the oval. This was the first carnival we have had in three years and the first for students from year 5 down. I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of Ms. Le Calvez in organising the carnival - there is a lot of work that goes into preparing for such a large event. Thank you too to the staff who assisted on the day and all those parent assistants / volunteers on the day who helped move the carnival along - thanks for your time and efforts. Appreciated. This was also the first time we have engaged outside support for athletics with Dance fever / Multifit helping us to streamline both track and field events into the same day for the first time. Having done so there are areas we will look at and 'tweak' to further streamline the event going forward.

**PSSA** – Good luck to all students who have made South Sydney PSSA district carnival (and there a lot of well performed students in this regard) on the 17th August Hensley oval, Eastgardens. If parents are to attend, can I remind you that the PSSA is an organisation run by volunteers; staff are released from schools and their attendance has to be covered by their school (casual cover for example). They are doing their best to ensure our students get the chance to compete so be kind.

**Open day** – Pencil in Thursday 25th August as our delayed education week open day. We will also be incorporating book week parade into this day as it will also be book week. A tentative schedule will look something like 8:30 book sales, 9:15 – 10:15 book parade top playground, 10:15 – 11:15 open classrooms. Lunch with students from 11:15 – 12:00. A concert for parents and possibly students from 12 – 1 with students either signed out to go home or back to regular class schedules. There are many aspects still to be worked through including contingencies for wet weather. Regardless of how, this will proceed unless department covid advice changes and we are not allowed to proceed.

**New leadership protocols / policy** – executive have been working on a new, comprehensive policy for the selection of school leadership positions from 2023 on. This will be explained to year 5 students early next week and then to families before being released to the wider school community. In this regard I hope to make the process a reflection of our values and encourage more students to run as they identify with the principles associated with leadership as will be outlined. The skill set required of leaders is multifaceted, all of which impact on an individual's ability to lead effectively.

**Staff carpark** – The staff carpark is for staff only. It is not a drop off point for students. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Dance with Ezra** – Ezra has gain done an excellent job with all our dancers from K-6. Initially there was to be a performance for parents, but due to covid restrictions this will not occur however, we will film each stage and share. To clarify, this has been miscommunicated to our community as circumstances changed from when the initial discussions occurred with 'Dance curriculum' and what the program may look like. Some of the advice we receive is obviously not shared with the wider community but is expected to be implemented. On a more positive note, I have had discussions with Ezra and there may be a break in his schedule for him to come back to have a performance for community. We are currently looking at scheduling to see if this is possible.



# ERKO LEARNING

## ENGLISH

### PHONICS, SPELLING AND WRITING

ESI- Students are learning the ck, ng, ss, ff graphemes. They will be exploring persuasive texts by writing their opinions and informative texts about living things.

S1, S2, and S3 are focusing on the /s/ phoneme in week 4. In week 5, students will examine the ir, ur, or, er graphemes.

In writing, S1 students are focusing on informative descriptions and persuasive discussions.

S2 students are studying procedural and imaginative texts and S3 students are working on creating narrative arcs and summarising information to write paragraphs.

How can you help?

Spelling: Log on to find your child's spelling focus words and extension words that they may use in class. Play some of the online games to reinforce phonics knowledge and the skill of segmenting ([https://online.fireflyeducation.com.au/services/student\\_login](https://online.fireflyeducation.com.au/services/student_login)).

Are you looking for some books to read with your child? Please see our Erko Library enews from Ms Perry to keep up to date with library information, borrowing, new texts and author visits. For more resources, take a look at your local library for copies of texts and the BorrowBox and Libby apps (for local library members) for ebooks and audiobooks.

## MATHEMATICS

### NUMBER AND ALGEBRA, MEASUREMENT AND GEOMETRY

In Term 3, weeks 4 and 5 students will particularly focus on:

ESI: Multiplication, division, whole number

S1: Multiplication, division, whole number

S2: Data, patterns and algebra

S3: Whole number, volume and capacity.

How can you help?

K-2 Does your child know their friends of ten (eg  $4 + 6$ ), friends of twenty (eg  $13 + 7$ ), doubles (eg  $6 + 6$ ) and near doubles (eg  $7 + 8$ )?

3-6 Does your child know their times tables? And the matching division facts?

Fluency in addition, subtraction multiplication and division helps reduce cognitive load when solving more complex problems!

## MORE

### WELLBEING

Staff have been collaborating during meetings to continue building a sense of belonging in all of our students at Erko. The focus this week has been on clarifying expectations to ensure that there is consistency across all areas of the school. We know that children are safe and can thrive in environments where routines are established and expectations are clear. Linking these expectations to our school values will also help students to understand why it is important to follow expectations. In this week's buddy lessons students will also have the opportunity to share their voice and opinions about expectations around the school. They will think about expectations that are clear in our school and areas where they might need extra support or explanation. If you would like to read some information about setting expectations at home have a look at this article from the Raising Children website: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers/behaviour/rules-consequences/family-rules>

If you require additional information regarding any of the above, please contact your child's teacher.

\*\*please note that due to school events, some areas may be taught at different times





## Erko's 2022 Athletics Carnival

This year we engaged the Dancefever Multisport team to help run our annual athletics carnival, on Friday the 5th of August, their expertise resulted in a successful, inclusive and enjoyable carnival. This year we also welcomed the 8-year-old students from year 2 to join in our junior events (8-10-year-olds). Multi-sport instructors were with us for the day, setting up the fields and running some events.

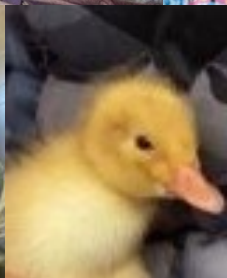
The day began with the 800m for those who were interested in competing in Juniors, 11-year-olds and Seniors races. After the 800m races, the students rotated through the other track and field events including discus, shot put, long jump and the 100m races. All the sports houses did their best. More house points were earned due to an increase in student participation this year!







Last week Kindergarten received a special delivery of duck eggs from *Hatch 'n Grow*. Each class received a set of 10 duck eggs with an incubator to keep them warm. Throughout last week, we watched on as our duck eggs wriggled, moved, cracked open and finally, hatched. This week we have observed our ducks getting bigger and stronger. We even took them for their first swim! Each classes ducks have been the focus of many lessons and activities during the fortnight, including English, Maths, Science and Art. We have learnt about their life cycle, habitat, and features. On Friday, we will sadly say goodbye to the ducks as they'll be big enough to start their new life on the *Hatch 'n Grow* farm. We're really going to miss our fluffy new friends!







Wattle, Magic Beach



Wattle



Viola



"Fish and Sea Creatures",  
Stage 1



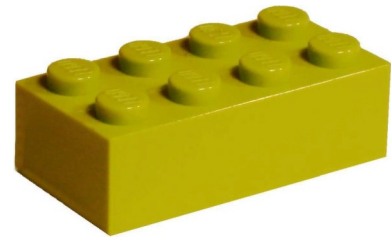
Wattle





Congratulation to Malcolm Nickolas, Evelyn Ball & Ashton Knapman-lago, with there team mates from Alexandria Rovers won the South Sydney District Junior Rugby League - Under 6's Division 1 competition . They played La Perouse in the Grand Final. Both teams were undefeated in the Grand Final as they DREW their games during the regular season. The final score was Rovers 60 - La Perouse 56.

# Lego Masters



## INFO:

Lego Masters is a club where you Can have fun, use your imagination and creativity and make new friends you will make awesome builds and complete hard challenges like this →

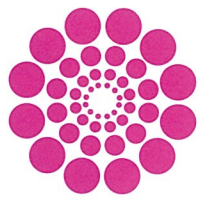
Well, maybe that isa little too big but our builds will be awesome!

Lego masters club is on Tuesdays, 1st half of lunch. Lego masters club will be in Wollemi



**SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JOIN NOW**





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.**

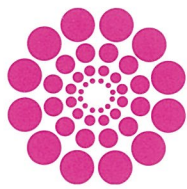
## JOIN US IN 2023



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

[aspagroup.com.au](http://aspagroup.com.au)





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

**Take the Stage**

Performing Arts Holiday Program  
for girls and boys

[aspagroup.com.au](http://aspagroup.com.au)



**An experience that goes far beyond the stage!**

We believe in growing girls through the hidden elements of our curriculum; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

**THE AGC WILL BE VISITING YOUR SCHOOL TO HOLD AN ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP WITH INTERESTED GIRLS.**

The group assessment workshop includes singing and movement activities and is designed to be a fun and positive experience. Following our visit, we will post a personalised report and further information about 2023 classes to you.

[Register Online](#) or [return the permission slip to school](#)



**Register Online**

**AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR assessment** (Please return to the front office by Friday)

Girl's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my daughter to attend the group assessment for the Australian Girls Choir

Parent/Caregiver Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_





# BIG BERZERKO WORKING BEE

## Sunday 21 August 10am - 3pm

Come along and (hopefully!) enjoy some late winter sunshine in the gardens and grounds. Stay for as little or as long as you like.

As always, **everyone is welcome** and no special skills are required. Kids are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

**Lunch will be provided.**

Any questions or suggestions? Email [erkoplandc@gmail.com](mailto:erkoplandc@gmail.com) and we'll be happy to help.

### What's happening?

Help prepare for the best school fair you'll ever see:

- ♣ Planting seedlings, cuttings and succulents for the Plant Stall
- ♣ Creating kokodamas → →
- ♣ Harvesting citrus to be made into marmalades for the Cake Stall
- ♣ Pruning and tidying so the school looks its best for our guests
- ♣ Sorting donations and stocktaking supplies (if gardening isn't your thing)



### Learn to make a beautiful kokodama

These gorgeous living decorations (pictured above) are a popular best-seller at the Erko Berzerko plant stall ... and they're fun and easy to make.

**Join Selene and Bec from 10:30am** and they'll provide all the materials and show you how it's done. Once they're made, the kokodamas will have time to grow ready for the fair.

### Donations accepted!

Could you (or any grandparents, friends or neighbours) contribute:

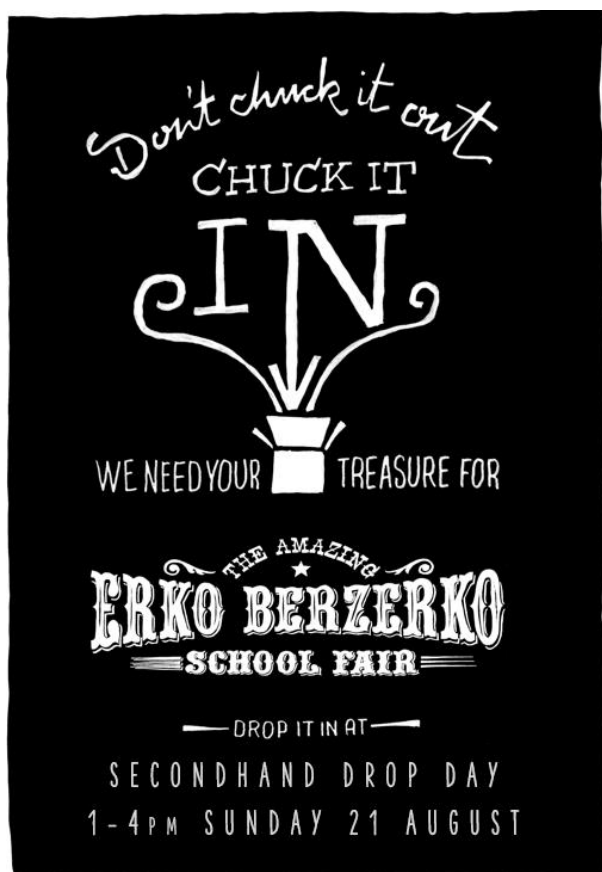
- ♣ pretty planters or pots
- ♣ cuttings or bare-rooted plants – prepare them a day or two before and we can re-pot them. Google info on taking cuttings or dividing plants, or come along and ask us for tips
- ♣ garden trays (to borrow – we'll return them after Berzerko) that hold multiple small plants

### Please RSVP if you can come

This helps us plan, including catering for lunch. We can also let you know of any last-minute changes (eg. wet weather). Sign up at the link or scan the QR code. [volunteersignup.org/38QRA](https://volunteersignup.org/38QRA)







The first drop day for Erko Berzerko secondhand goods will be 1-4pm Sunday 21 August.

Our secondhand stall coordinators will be in the weathershed, near the astroturf opposite the Lucy Woodcock Hall, ready to accept your generous donations.

## IF YOU WOULDN'T GIVE IT TO A MATE, PLEASE DON'T DONATE.

**All items should be in great condition:** something you'd pass on to your bestie, a gift you received that's not your style, things you could sell yourself but instead you would like to donate to your kid's school for their future!

To keep donations manageable and sellable, **our stall coordinators will be checking and sorting items at the drop days.** There are some things we won't be able to accept, so please don't bring them with you or you'll have to lug them home again and we'll feel bad!

There'll be another drop day later in the term – date and time will be announced soon.

**PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ITEMS AT SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE DROP DAYS.**

## ERKO OP-SHOP TRASH & TREASURE

Yes please!

- Homewares and kitchenware
- Good-quality gifts and decorative items
- General household items in great condition

No thanks

- Anything broken, dirty or damaged
- Bedding or towels
- Child carseats
- Bikes
- Electrical items
- Anything oversized that would be difficult to carry around the fair

## TOYS & BOOKS

Yes please!

- Books for kids (ideally age 5+), teens & adults
- Boardgames and puzzles with all pieces
- Clean indoor and outdoor toys

No thanks

- Books with torn/missing pages or scribbles
- Puzzles or games with missing pieces
- Toys that use button batteries
- Baby teething toys
- Anything broken, dirty or damaged
- Anything with a musty smell or mildew

## ERKO BOUTIQUE LADIES' FASHION

Yes please!

- Quality clothes you still love, but perhaps don't fit or suit you anymore.
- Dresses, blouses, tops and skirts
- Jackets and blazers
- Jeans, pants and shorts
- Accessories: handbags, belts, sunglasses, scarves and jewellery

No thanks

- Menswear or kidswear
- Shoes
- Swimwear
- Basics or corporate wear
- Clothes that are stained, damaged or faded
- Anything that smells musty

## PLUS ...

Some of our other stalls need specific items:

- Extra-large (1 litre) jars or vases for flower stall
- Attractive planters/pots for the plant stall
- Large cardboard boxes (eg. from meal kits or WGAC toilet-roll deliveries) for sorting items





## Erko Band Program

The bands are already sounding fantastic this term, with rehearsals underway! As per the recent news announcement, the school has put a delay on education week activities - and sadly this includes our concert. Brendan, Ms Cecire and Emily are hard at work brainstorming other opportunities and crossing all our fingers that things will be a bit better later in the term. Please keep encouraging the musician in your house to practice their instrument regularly, and know that we are working hard to do what we can (and prioritising safety!)

The music program also welcomes a new sax/clarinet tutor Sam Legzdin this term, and farewells Olivia Ormonde and Jemma Bartlett - who will be greatly missed!



## Reminders

### Zone Athletics Carnival:

**Wednesday 17th August** \_ Time: 7.30 am – 4pm

Students will need to arrive at school at 7:30 am to catch the bus to the venue. and the bus will return to school at about 4 pm. Student competitors will need to wear suitable clothing for participating in athletic. All students will be provided with school representative shirts to wear at the carnival. Students will need to bring their lunch, recess, and a bottle of water.

**2022 Combined Education and Book Week will be in Week 6.**

**SAVE THE DATE 25 August Open Morning.**

**Band Excursion Tuesday 30th August 9.30 -12.30** \_ Bring Lunch

**Stage 2 Camp Yarrumudi\_ Thursday 1 September 2022 7:30am -**

**Friday 2 September 2022 2:30pm**





### 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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### Early Pick-up & Late Arrival

If your child is leaving the school early or arriving late for any reason, they must sign in/ out at the office.

### Our school has a new look **online payment page!**

We're now accepting payments for **Erskineville PS** via the school's website. To make a payment, simply:

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



Visit our school website on your mobile, tablet or desktop computer



Select 'Make a payment' from the main page menu



Enter the required student, contact and payment details

Note: You are NOT required to provide the 9-digit Student Registration Number.



Check your email for a copy of the receipt of payment







# 2022 Athletics

Expression of Interest Forms Now Available  
[www.lucyestela.com/erkoathletics](http://www.lucyestela.com/erkoathletics)

There's a new short course  
 each term in 2022.  
 Visit the website  
 to find out more.

## YEARS 3-6

Mondays 3-4.30pm

25th July - 19th September

9 weeks \$175

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 K-2

Tuesdays 3-4.15pm

19th July - 20th September

10 weeks \$175

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!

Kindergarten athletes  
 welcome to join!



sprints



jumps



discus



hurdles



javelin



relays



shot put



high jump





## HERO'S JOURNEY!

*A Fun & Fast Paced Drama Program Where Students Learn Storytelling & Solo Acting for Performance to YOU at the end of Term!*



**ERSKINEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**STARTING TERM 3, 2022!**

**K - Year 2 : Fridays**

**Year 3-4 : Fridays**

**Year 5-6 : Fridays**

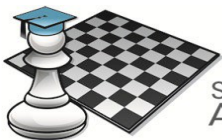
**ALL CLASSES RUN 3-5PM ON SITE @ SCHOOL**

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### Extra Curricular Activities



SYDNEY  
ACADEMY OF CHESS **CHESS!!**

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

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 221 July 2022.

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](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.





# CODING FOR KIDS

Term 3, 2022

Y1 - Y6 Students



## CREATIVE CODING

### Erskineville PS

In-person

### Every Monday

25 July - 19 Sept | 9 weeks

### BEGINNER

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Y1 - Y5 beginner students

### ADVANCED

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Y4 - Y6 experienced students

Laptops are provided

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\$225 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.



**SAVE \$100**  
**ON YOUR CHILD'S**  
**ENROLMENT**

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# Extracurricular French Courses



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 3

25 July – 22 September

1 hr / week for 9 weeks

Enrol before Friday 15 July to enjoy 5% off

Re-enrollers enjoy an additional 5%

**Only \$215 with 10% off**

**Only \$25/hr with Early Bird discount**

## Save \$100 with Creative Kids Rebate

As a registered provider for the Service NSW Creative Kids program, school-aged children between the ages of 4.5 – 18 years are eligible for one \$100 voucher per calendar year to put towards their enrolment into any of our Kids and Teens courses. Visit our website for details.



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