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Newsletter

YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE

Friday 10th March_ TERM 1 WEEK 7_ 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

TERM 1

Friday 10th March

First week Stage 2 AFL program

Wednesday 15 - 24 March

Naplan

Wednesday 22-24 March

Stage 3 Camp_ Canberra

Saturday 25th March

P&C Election day BBQ

Tuesday 28 March

P&C Welcome wine & cheese +
AGM 6.45pm School library

Friday 31st March

Harmony Day Celebrations

Monday 3rd April

School Photos

Thursday 6th April

Last day Term 1

Wednesday 26th April

Student Return Term 2



Principal's Update

Grounds - thank you to all our parents who helped in some capacity in the working bee last weekend; the grounds look refreshed and inviting. Thank you for making yourself available and on behalf of the staff know that we appreciate the effort.

Naplan - Wednesday the 15th of March, Naplan will begin for our students in years 3 and 5. Naplan assessment is completed online and covers numeracy, reading, grammar and spelling conventions. There is a two-week window to complete the testing which ensures we can cover any eventuality such as **IT issues and absences**.

Swimming - congratulations to all Erko students who have won the school the district swimming carnival by some margin. Congratulations to our school champions Hamish, Olive N, Laurence and Clara Street and winning house Parkes. This year was much closer due to the number of students who picked up points for participation for their house.

Yr. 6 HS enrolments - A reminder that all parents who have a year 6 student need to lodge an online expression of interest. This process is open from March 6 to March 31. On Wednesday night the school hosted a session on this process along with the types of schools (specialist, selective etc.) that are available to be chosen and the process involved. This information will be sent out to parents. For those parents not in attendance I'd like to reiterate that this process is at the start of transition and that once it is lodged through our school, the schools you have nominated are the source of further information related to year 7 enrolment. A very big thanks to Kristy Barker, Astrid Gill, Amy Leenders and Jeanette Wong who provided valuable insights and points of consideration based on their experiences of the process.

Harmony day activities - for the first time in years, our harmony day celebrations will have to be moved due to congestion in our school timetable. Harmony Day related activities will occur after Naplan and the stage 3 camp.

Gates - A reminder that the pool gates beside the LWH and the gates to the bottom playground are locked once Gowrie commences. This is to ensure child protection compliance. If there are classes running in the Brown Hall, please do not enter here, rather move through the foyer entrance.

Twilight sessions - this year, Erko staff will complete twilight learning sessions over terms 1, 2 and 3. These dates will be confirmed later this term. This means that staff will finish the year at the same time as students.





WELLBEING AT ERKO

Hello Erko Families!

Our buddy program has commenced for 2023. Buddies are a chance for students to build relationships across the school and offer an opportunity for older children to show responsibility in caring for those who are younger. They also promote a sense of community and belonging to our school. Last week buddy classes met for the first time to get to know each other.

The children also had time to work with their buddies and make a wonderful contribution to our school environment on Friday with their participation in Clean Up Australia for schools. Working together on projects such as this ensures children are contributing to school in a community minded way, helping them realise their actions can make a positive difference to our environment.

Buddy classes will continue to run each fortnight on Fridays, alternating with our assemblies.





Zone Swimming Carnival 2023

On March 1st the top swimmers from Erko went to compete in the South Sydney PSSA Zone swimming competition. We competed in all strokes and placed first in all four relays. Over half of the students that competed have made it to the next level, Regionals. Erko placed first in the swimming competition with a score of 221 combined points for all our entries. Second place had only 90 points. So Erko knocked them out of the pool! The age champions for the day were: Frankie Colpo (8 Years), Lola Smith (10 Years), Harrison Ephraums (11 Years) and Hamish Saunders (12 Years).

Here are the relay teams...

Junior boy: Laurence, Oliver, Jackson, Bradley

Junior girls: Lola, Clara, Indigo, Amber

Senior boy: Hamish, Harrison, Rocky, Sam

Senior girls: Maya, Ella, Olive, Thamari



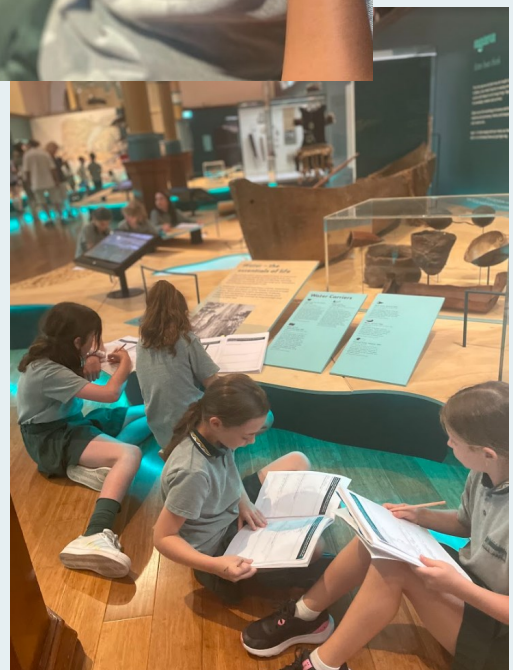


Australian museum

Hi, I'm Laurence and last week I went to the Australian Museum with Stage 2. It was mainly work about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of the land, but still a great experience. I learnt lots of new things like why a species of bird is black like the dark ashes of a deadly fire.

I did lots of factual writing on artefacts like the leaf bag, the didgeridoo and all the creative patterns on it, also that Australia looked different in the past. On a machine I saw all of the little creatures from the past (all the animals too). We saw all of the old tools that First Nations Peoples used like the stick spear to kill the animals and collect food for dinner. Apparently they use cool oars to paddle their kayaks that they've cut out of trees.

It was all really fun and a great place to hang out with my mates and my mates from other classrooms. I enjoyed every last bit of it and hope we all could go back there soon.





Grip leadership Conference

On the 8th of March the Erko leadership team attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Homebush, with 172 other schools around Sydney. We learnt a lot about leadership topics including being an others first leader, who a leader can impact the most, how to communicate ideas and much eye opening advice through games and activities during the conference. During our day we had two breaks where we played epic games of survival tag and had lots of fun!

Our favourite parts of the conference were ran by the Loud Noise Boys (who were called Levi and Andy) which included being loud and having lots of fun!

When we got on the train to get back to Erskineville, midway we had to stop due to technology issues. We stayed on the train thinking that it was a small issue until after twenty minutes we heard an announcement that it would take another half an hour to be fixed. It was just as well that we had attended this conference before hand because this instance put our leadership values such as resilience and responsibility to the test. Knowing that we would stay on the train for too long, Ms Ahern and Ms Yerrell ordered us a maxi taxi back to school.

We had lots of fun and we learned a lot about leadership skills. It was an amazing experience overall and we hope that the leadership team next year will have a cool excursion just like we did.





Merit Assembly

As an additional part of our newsletter, we now take photos of students in each stage if they are awarded a merit award. These students have gone above and beyond on the playground and in class.

This week, we would like to congratulate:



Early Stage 1: Will Indiana, Josie



Stage 1: D'annam, Rhys Brooklyn, Alfred, Isabelle, Remi, Evelyn



Stage 2: Toby , Annie, Leia,



Stage 3: Charlie, Nicholas, Lewis, Myroslav.



Class of the week: Waratah



Music Program

Kindy Music Lessons

Our Kindy classes have started their music lessons this year with lots of excitement and enthusiasm! In music lessons, students have been learning to sing fun songs and use both body percussion and lots of different percussion instruments to explore sounds and create short patterns. We will continue learning about the fundamental elements of rhythm and melody this term.

Ms Cecire
Music teacher





Art with Ms Stein
Silhouettes
by Wollemi

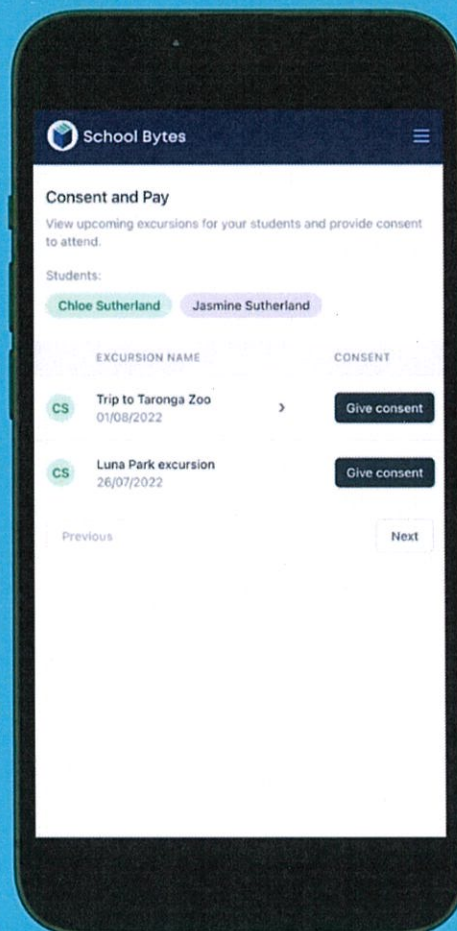
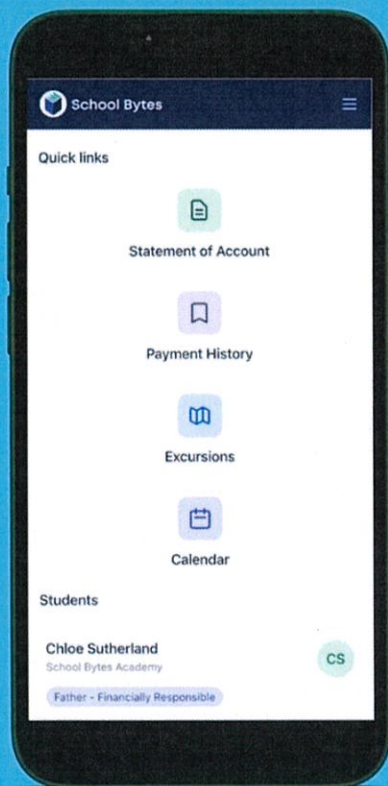


Figure it Out.



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

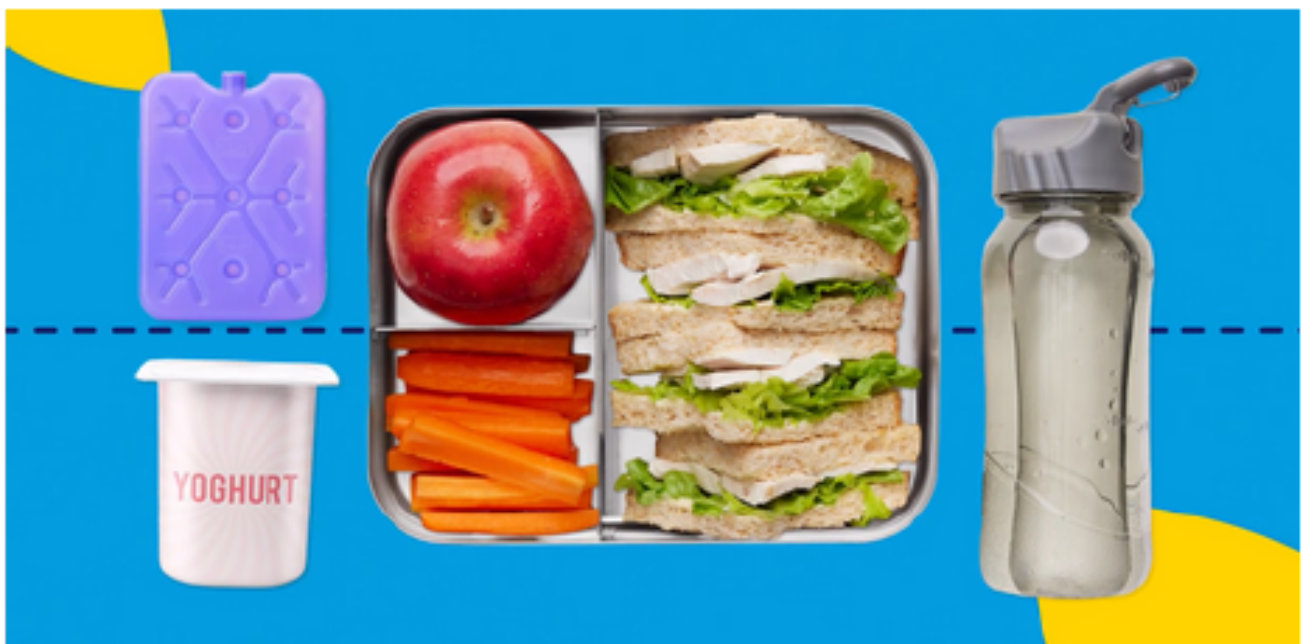
Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



Nutrition Snippet

HOW TO PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX



A good lunch gives children energy and nutrients to learn, play and grow.

But what does a healthy lunch box look like? Find out in our short video.

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box



REGISTRATION

**NO COSTS TO PLAY
WITH THE ROVERS**

FREE REGO & INSURANCES

FREE JERSEY, SHORTS & SOCKS

ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY

MEET NEW FRIENDS

BOYS & GIRLS



SCAN TO REGISTER NOW





Knitting club

Wednesday 11.30

Learn to knit, French knit
and macrame

All Welcome



ERKO UKULELE ENSEMBLE



Erko Ukulele Ensemble is back for 2023!

Who: Year 2-6

When: Monday lunchtime

Where: Music Room





SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

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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!

To Register Now - Go To www.redroar.com.au - Click on the 'Register Online Today' Button, Fill In the Form & Send!
Check Out Our History & Testimonials There Too! For Any Other Querles, Email director@redroar.com.au



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 1-2

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

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.

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



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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ENROLMENT**

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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



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