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Newsletter

YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE

Thursday 14 March_ TERM 1 WEEK 7_ 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

Term 1

13th to 25th March

Naplan Window of testing

Sunday 17th March

Working Bee

Wednesday 27th March

P&C meeting 6.45pm_Zoom

Friday 22nd March

Harmony Day Celebrations with buddies

March 29 –April 1 Easter Break

Friday 12th April

Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 30th April

First day Term 2



Principal's Message

Update on building C – Initial work had begun on building C for leaks from the major storm that happened after school had finished last year that had flooded parts of the top storey and seeped to the bottom section particularly in the walkway areas. You may remember that we sent a brief note stating that there was some repair work being done to the ceilings. To update this information, once the ceiling space was found to contain traces of mould, we moved classes out of the building as a precautionary measure. A hygienist came to school and reported on the mould problem and suggested remediation work to be carried out. This has been a two-part process; one is the removal and treatment of mould affected areas and the second has been to repair the roof where leaks have occurred. As a precaution no class will return to the site until the hygienist states that it is clear to do so. Last Friday the internal work was completed and as of today, roof works have begun. The Hygienist will return but that advice regarding clearance can take a week to be received. This process is actioned and resourced by the department's asset management unit after the school's notification. We can only act on the advice they provide.

Issues resolution with teachers - Just a reminder that its not often possible for staff to catch up / talk / email during the day. Teachers are on class, at meetings, on daily playground duty or involved in extracurricular activities with our students. Communication with the office is recommended and teachers will get back to you regarding your concerns when they are available. This sometimes means it may not be on the same day.

School sports leaders step up – Friday week ago, our leaders went to the GRIP student leadership conference with Ms. Summer and Ms. Goydych where they had an engaging time listening to speakers talk about aspects of leadership. At school, our sports captains organised and ran the whole school assembly - and did an impeccable job of it. Good to see the leadership qualities of our year 6 cohort developing nicely.

Garden purchase SRC – Last year our SRC raised funds to purchase plants for the school. Some of these plants were utilised in the Bee highway project – best example is the wall to the stairwell of Block A. More plants have been purchased for planting around the school and will be done through our working bee this weekend. Different areas have been identified around the school for the planting of more native plants. Pictured are Evelina, Kaina and Ava who researched the plants to buy. I have discussed with Ms. Stein the plantings of these natives and if you're interested in gardening in general, there is a page in this newsletter with further information.



Principal's Message

Naplan - we are now three assessments into this year's Naplan regime with numeracy still to run. NESA NSW have suggested that some of these results may be available within 5 weeks of the closure of the test window. That would be helpful.

EV - The executive has been working on our submission for our External Validation. As stated previously, all schools complete EV on a four-year cycle. Due to the nature and size of the undertaking, this can sometimes disrupt classes as teachers are involved in discussions or creating artefacts, evidence or annotations.

Class parent liaison – Just an update, our parent helpers for each class will be completed shortly. I apologise for the delay but see previous item as to why.

High school transition - Great to see so many parents attending how HS transition evening on Wednesday night in Wollemi room. My thanks to Ms. Newnham who presented on behalf of the school and to Kristy, Astrid, Amy, and Jeanette who provided invaluable insight into the process as well as talking about what can be expected in high school.

Minecraft - Minecraft club has begun with the least knowledgeable person supervising it (myself). Thanks to all those experienced Minecraft aficionados who have assisted our younger students. I am happy to take students of young age in the group, but they need to know their username and password to log on. Perhaps you can help with this at home.

Foyer / workspace / front door - Just a reminder that the front entry / foyer space isn't open until near home time. If you need access to the school, please use the intercom. I have done this for a few reasons; this is our workspace firstly, but also a means of ensuring - even at busy times that we can be aware of who is entering and ensure that the nature of the visit is appropriate.





Gardening

Wednesday Afternoon - with Ms Stein (art specialist) 3.15 - 4.15pm

Would you like to come and participate in the maintaining of our beautiful garden ?

Meet at Garden shed, near the big Gates on west side of playground.

We have a grove of citrus trees, olives, avocados and pomegranates as well as 4 raised beds.

Parents and guardians need to accompany their children. It's a great chance to get close to nature, learn about plants and observe living things.

Art Materials - Call for donations , please drop at the front office in week 3 and 4



- clean and empty 250ml ,300 ml or 600ml water bottles with lids,
- newspapers (minus glossy inserts)
- 8 - 12 ply wool
- knitting needles
- clean paddle pop sticks
- cardboard boxes 10 x 10 x 6cms or similar.





Buddy Classes



Bottlebrush (Kindergarten) and Melaleuca (5/6) classes have been enjoying their buddy time together. Last week we focused on the Erko Value of 'Creativity' with the older students guiding their younger buddies to create games, mazes and obstacle courses using chalk.





Art with Ms Stein





Merit Assembly



This week, we would like to congratulate:



Early Stage 1: Theo, Meghan, Oliver, Gabriel, Ellie, Amaya & Egan



Stage 1: Will, Nina, Vivian, Persie, Sasha Hanna & Taron



Stage 2: Oscar, Gabriel, Ayana, Duncan, Tom, Penny, Frankie & Thomas



Stage 3: Bradley, Iris, Lucca, Daniel, Josh, Thamari, Laurence, Ollie & Kai



Class of the Week: Lilly Pilly



Student of the Week: Autumn



Sports Captains: you did an amazing job



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

UPCOMING P&C MEETINGS

All welcome at our upcoming P&C meetings. You don't need to be a member to attend, so it's a great opportunity to meet other parents and learn more about what's happening at school.

Our meetings alternate between Zoom and in-person meetings to provide a variety of ways to attend.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Wednesday 27 March (Week 9) via Zoom

Zoom details will be distributed closer to the meeting date. P&C members will receive a calendar invite with all the details, or keep an eye on School eNews if you're not yet a member.

Wednesday 22 May (Week 4, Term 2) in the school library, includes the AGM.

If you'd like to nominate for a position on the P&C Executive, or vote at the AGM, you need to be a member before the March meeting – so now is the time to join!

Current memberships from 2023 are valid until the end of the AGM in May. Join at <https://erkopandc.bigcartel.com/>.

OTHER UPCOMING P&C EVENTS

Read on for more details about these events:

- Working Bee
Sun 17 Mar (end of Week 7) from 10:30am
- Preloved Uniform Co-Op
Fri 10 May (Week 2, Term 2)

PLAYGROUND & GARDEN WORKING BEE

Sunday 17 March (end of Week 7)

A fun and easy way for all families to contribute to our kids' school! There are lots of different projects for all abilities, including indoor tasks. No special skills required, and lunch is provided.

Kids are welcome (if accompanied by an adult) and always have a fun time making new friends and helping at their school.

Register here if you can attend anytime from 10:30am: <https://volunteersignup.org/KQCAK>



YOUR HELP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to the Year 1 families who hosted the **Kindy & New Family Welcome BBQ** last week. It was a lovely evening and a great chance to get to know new faces.

Thanks also Dr Haynes, Ms Newnham-Kell, and the parents of (much!) older kids who shared their experiences of **starting high school**. And thank you to everyone who attended for your thoughtful questions. If you missed it, join the WhatsApp chat for links to information.



STAY IN TOUCH ...

- Read our P&C update in the school newsletter every fortnight.
- Contact the P&C Executive anytime at erkopandc@gmail.com

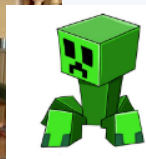


Ukulele Club _ Monday Recess Stage I
Minecraft _ Years 2-6
Knitting Club _ Tuesday 2nd Lunch
Lego Club _ Thursday 2nd Lunch



Erko Clubs 2024

If you have an interest in one or two of the clubs come along and have a **GO**



Minecraft



Lego



Ukulele



Knitting



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or collect a cash order envelope
from your school office

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists



Do you recognise your drink bottle
please pick up from Brown hall lost
property

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

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

**Have you changed your
contact details?**

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

Phone numbers / Email / Home



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



Free Trial Class!



fun mandarin for kids

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 to let us know!

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

www.mandarinstars.com.au ★ enrol@mandarinstars.com.au ★ Ph:1800 18 11 18

lego club

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

Thursday

DRAMA GAMES

*A Fun & Fast Paced Drama Program Where Students Learn
Team Impro Games to Perform 4 You!*

ERSKINEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Fridays 3-5pm : Kindy - Year 2

Fridays 3-5pm : Year 3-4

Fridays 3-5pm : Year 5-6

STARTING TERM ONE!

Hurry!
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Spots!



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\$230
p/term

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

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers Petersham, NSW



Scan the
QR code or
[click here](#)
to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday
19 March, 2024
9:15am to 3:00pm



Petersham RSL Club
301 Trafalgar Street
Petersham NSW 2049

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

 www.positivepartnerships.com.au

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Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news





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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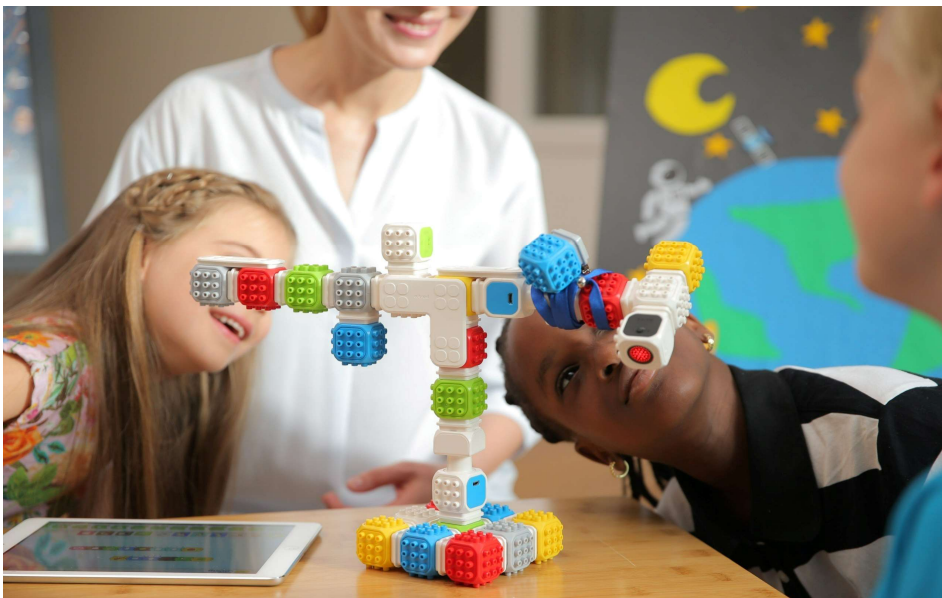
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STEAM CODING BLOCKS

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
SESSION FOR FREE**

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**



Contact us:

Ms Kate (0431 144 823)

Ms Tammy (0401 729 292)

Email: info@skmcube.au

Website: skmcube.au



CODING FOR KIDS

Term 1, 2024

Y2 - Y6 Students

CREATIVE CODING

Erskineville PS

In-person coding classes

Every Monday

5 Feb - 8 April | 9 weeks

BEGINNER

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Y2 - Y5 beginner students

ADVANCED

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Y3 - Y6 experienced students

Laptops are provided

\$243 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 One



Kids learn best through activities that engage their *curiosity* and *creativity*.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ® After School Programs build on the universal popularity of **LEGO®** Bricks to deliver a high quality of educational play. Each hour-long workshop is a fun, enriching experience for your child!

Sports Spectacular!

- * **Wed 14th Feb - Wed 3rd April (incl)**
- * **Classes held at Erskineville Public School Library**
- * **8 sessions, \$190**
- * **3.00pm - 4.00pm**

*Come and join in all the fun of our
BRICKS 4 KIDZ After School
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2024 Athletics

To find out about courses visit
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