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Newsletter

YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE

Thursday 23rd March_ TERM 1 WEEK 9_

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

TERM 1

Saturday 25th March

P&C Election day BBQ and cake stall

Tuesday 28 March

P&C Meeting 6.45pm in School library

Thursday 30th March

OC applications open online.

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

Wednesday 3 May

Selective School Test—Year 6

Friday 5th May

Preloved Uniform Co-Op 7.45- 9.30am

School Cross Country



Principal Talk

Stage 3 camp - as we speak stage 3 students will be experiencing many of the attractions and sites of Canberra with a focus on our democratic institutions. A reminder that any communication regarding camp / camp issues (such as arrival times etc.) are to go through the school office. Staff on these camps are on active supervision and often not in a position to take calls. Thanks for your understanding.

Scope of work – In the holiday period, repairs are being made to the weather shed wall, bordering Bridge St. I am hopeful that this work will be completed by the time students return to school. Some painting within the foyer of Building C and the first level of Building A (Grevillia, Lilli Pilli level) and the stairwell will also be completed with that work due to start on Monday 27th March.

Online High school enrolment - A reminder to parents of year 6 parents that the online enrolment period is due to close next week. ALL parents need to submit an online enrolment regardless of whether they are going to our local feeder high school (Alex Park), have chosen Out of Area options, selective or private. Once your submission has been completed the DoE will send through a confirmation email with information about the submission process and what the next steps are. If you make a mistake or change your mind you simply start the process again online and follow the prompts.

Extra-curricular activities – We try to provide as many opportunities in as many different areas of interest as possible for our students to cater for the wide range of interests and abilities that our students have. Due to requests from students, we have a Dungeons and Dragons group, Lego building groups, Minecraft, knitting and library groups. We also have dance groups for K-2 and 3-6. All of these activities require staff leadership and supervision. Generally, we can work these groups around staff commitments such as stage planning meetings, curriculum, professional development and playground duties. We also are involved with department initiatives such as debating and multicultural speeches which run according to department timelines. We are conscious of potential conflicts with some of our events and try to avoid these where possible, but we have no influence on when department events are scheduled. In essence, it is a student choice for which of these activities they wish to participate in.

Lost property – as the temperature begins to drop, and winter uniforms come forth from the wardrobe can I remind everyone to label your child's clothing. Our lost property is overflowing, and this is from summer! If you have second hand clothing, please label this as it helps students identify their own clothing and the SRC in returning it to its rightful owner.

Band performance postponed - unfortunately due to logistical issues, we will be postponing the band performance. I am hopeful that early next term we will be able to showcase the training, intermediate and concert bands.

School photos - a reminder that school photos are on Monday 4th April (week 11).

Staff twilight – Next week on Thursday afternoon and evening, staff will participate in their first twilight PD session. These sessions will cover policy work and practice for behaviour, continue our work on improving writing for K – 6 students, Math pedagogy and practice and explicit teaching pedagogy.



WELLBEING AT ERKO

Hello Erko Families!

Erko’s Harmony Day celebrations will be taking place next week (Friday 31 March), due to other calendar events. We are excited about the events we have planned, where students and families can participate in activities that foster a sense of belonging at school and the wider community. Communication went out earlier this week inviting families to talk to the class about their culture. Please get in touch with your child’s teacher if you would like to share.

Another element of our wellbeing strategies for this year is to embed our school values. Last year during Buddy Classes we were talking a lot about Resilience, Responsibility, Respect and Creativity. This year our focus will be enacting these values in our daily lives at school. **Responsibility** is an area of focus this term, with our new saying, “**Leave nothing behind!**”. To help your child with this important value of being responsible, please remind them to take care of their belongings at school, take initiative to locate missing items and label everything! Lost property is located in the Brown Hall and the Lost Property SRC Committee is working hard to reduce the items that have accumulated. Please take a look if you are missing any belongings

OC applications open online.

If you would like any more information please contact Ms Katie Ahearn through the front office.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

School term	NSW student school term dates
Term 1 2023 NSW	Tuesday 31 January 2023 - Thursday 6 April 2023
Term 2 2023 NSW	Wednesday 26 April 2023 - Friday 30 June 2023
Term 3 2023 NSW	Tuesday 18 July 2023 - Friday 22 September 2023
Term 4 2023 NSW	Monday 9 October 2023 - Tuesday 15 December 2023

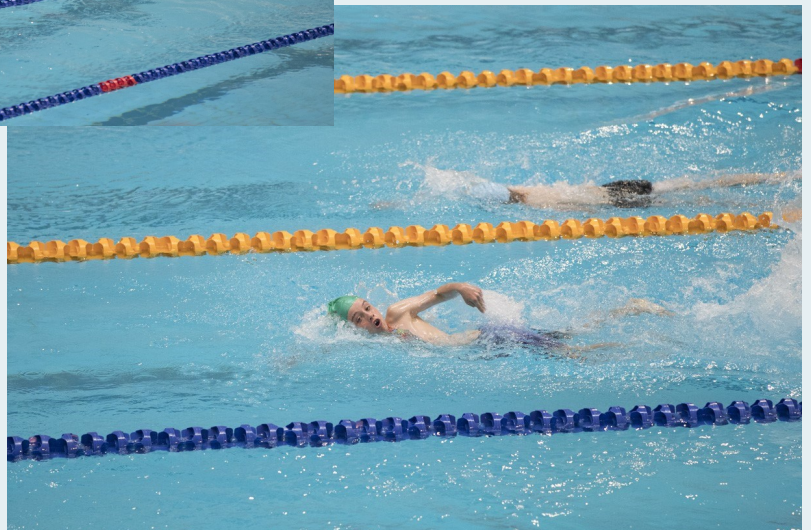
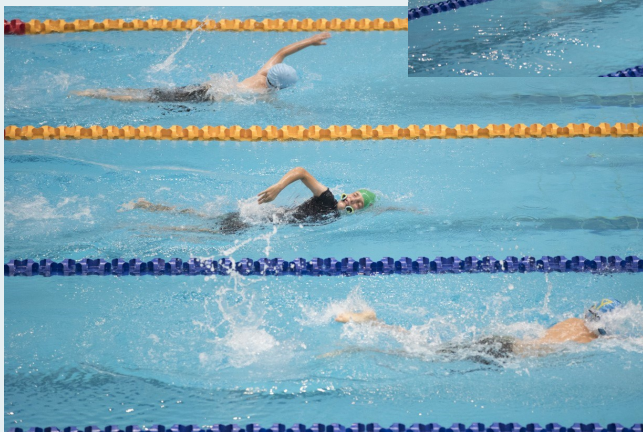
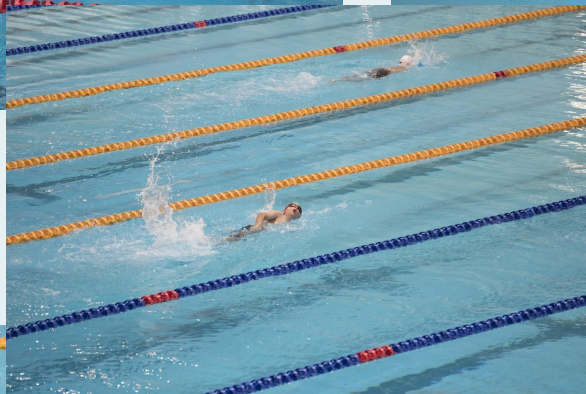
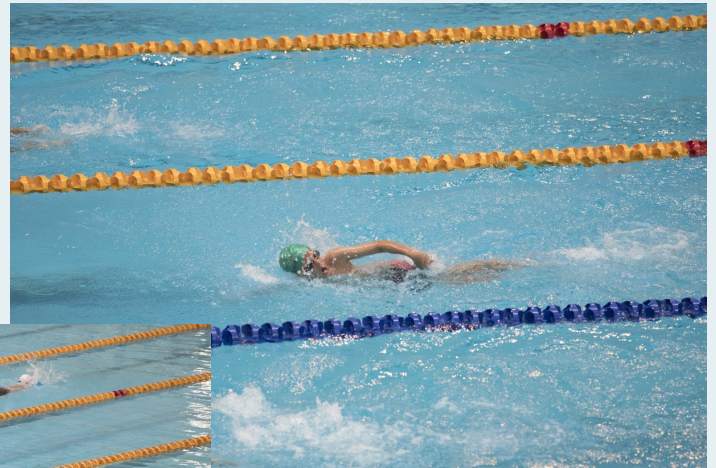


District Swimming Carnival 2023

This year we had an incredible 19 students represent Erskineville Public School at the Sydney East SSA Swimming Championships. The Regional Carnival took place on Monday 13th at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre Homebush. Erskineville PS qualified in relay teams across every division, sending four teams in total as well as many individual events. Congratulations to all of the following students that participated.

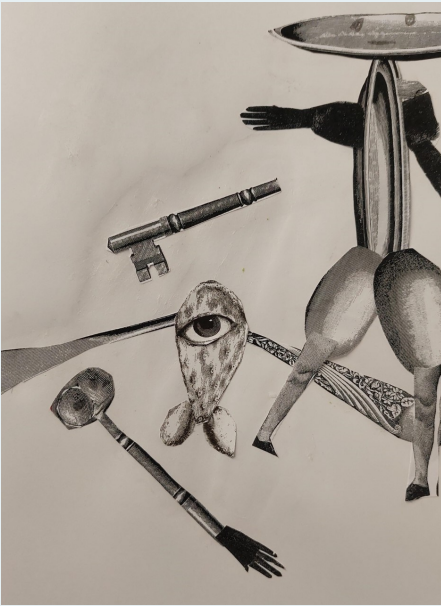
Jackson Lewin, Bradley Adams, Amber Gray, Hamish Saunders, Ellena Delic, Lola Smith, Sam Butler, Harrison Ephraums, Indigo Abicic, Rocky Bolton, Oliver Gilett, Thamari Knapman_Lago, Frankie Colpo, Olivier Culjkovic, Laurence Haines, Clara Street.

**A big congratulations to Olive Neely,
who qualified for State Championships in 50m breaststroke and 50m butterfly.**





Art work by
Melaleuca and Eucalypt class, "Surrealism"



Art with Ms Stein





Art with Ms Stein

Stage one butterflies,
after Damien Hirst



Attention Creative parents !

I need about 45 mins - 1 hours help per fortnight to put up art displays around the school, I'm teaching Tuesday/Wed.

Let me know if you can spare some time.

Contact me via front office

Thanks,

The Garden needs You !

We currently have ripe pomegranates and avocados! If you have a lopper that extends, would you like to help harvest fruits ? We garden after school on Wednesday from 3.15 or you could pop in another time, just check in at the office.

Many thanks, Maggie Stein



AFL Program

Beginning on March 10th, Stage 2 students have been participating in AFL skills workshop run by AFL Schools at Erskineville Oval every Friday. Students have been practising fundamental AFL skills like handballing, kicking, reflex work, marking, cardio exercises and passing. The program is run by professional AFL teachers and aims to teach students about relevant skills and allow students to play in modified versions of the game. The program will run until the last Friday of term, Friday 31st March.





Merit Assembly

This week, we would like to congratulate:



Early Stage 1: Ada, Leila, Ellie, Chloe, Rose, Loki.



Stage 1: Julia, Annabelle, Anna, Edie, Felicity, Max, Amelia, Ruby, Gabriel, Alexa, Isabelle, Millie, Noah,



Stage 2: Hunter, Clea, Lily, Eric, Oliver, Charlotte, Alexandra, Destar



Stage 3: Abby, Vivienne, Charlie, Myles, Edan, August, Luka, Dali, Oliver.



Class of the week:
Bottle Brush



Student of the week Ash and Aiden



Our students are among 980 *young people* who assisted in providing over 12,500 hot & cold meals, breakfast boxes, snack packs, care packs, writing empathetic, positive messages to 13 charities around Sydney. These students demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, compassion, and a strong sense of civic responsibility. They truly embody the spirit of giving back.



Alexandra _ Scarlett _ Laurence _ Indigo _ Abby-Rose

Kids Giving Back

<https://kidsgivingback.org/>



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

P&C MEETING

Tuesday 28 March (Week 10) from 6:45pm in the School Library

All welcome at our P&C meeting. Come along and find out what's planned for the year, share your ideas, and hear school news first-hand from the Principal.

You don't need to be a member to attend a meeting, but if you'd like to participate in voting or make a proposal, you need to join online:

<https://erkopandc.bigcartel.com/>

We hope to see you there!



CAN YOU HELP?

This Saturday is Election Day! Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help make this a great fundraiser for our school.

We still need a few extra helpers to:

- serve customers on the Cake Stall and BBQ (no cooking required if that's not your thing!)
- bake sweet treats for the Cake Stall

If you have a few hours to help on Friday night or anytime on Saturday, please signup for your preferred timeslot here: volunteersignup.org/TKD8X

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM CO-OP Fri 5 May (Week 2, Term 2) from 7:45am

Get ready to play your part in keeping old uniforms out of landfill. Preloved items will be sold for \$5-10.

Plan ahead and schedule the whole year in advance! Uniform Co-Ops will be held on the Friday of Week 2 each team.

If you have outgrown uniforms to donate, you can drop them at the office any time. Please remember:

- we can't take donations of stockings, socks, shoes, underwear or casual clothes
- items with holes, rips and tears can't be sold, so please check items before you donate
- please wash clothes and cross out any nametags before donating

If you can help set up or serve, please contact Lauren on 0413 254 564.

INTRODUCING THE NEW P&C EXECUTIVE FOR 2023

At our AGM last month, the new P&C Executive was elected. The Executive team ensures that the governance and 'business' aspects of the P&C (all the admin, finance, etc) are looked after.

Look out for these friendly faces around the school playground, or get in contact at erkopandc@gmail.com



Back row (left to right): Dan C, Gabrielle G, Dan K, Dan M, Cassie A, Karlie H-S. Front row: Astrid G, Kristy B.
Not pictured: Mel S, Alison H.



Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the **families** section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)

Walking together safely to and from school

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

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Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

STOP!

one step back from the kerb

LOOK!

continuously both ways

LISTEN!

for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK!

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across



Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under **16** and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

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Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

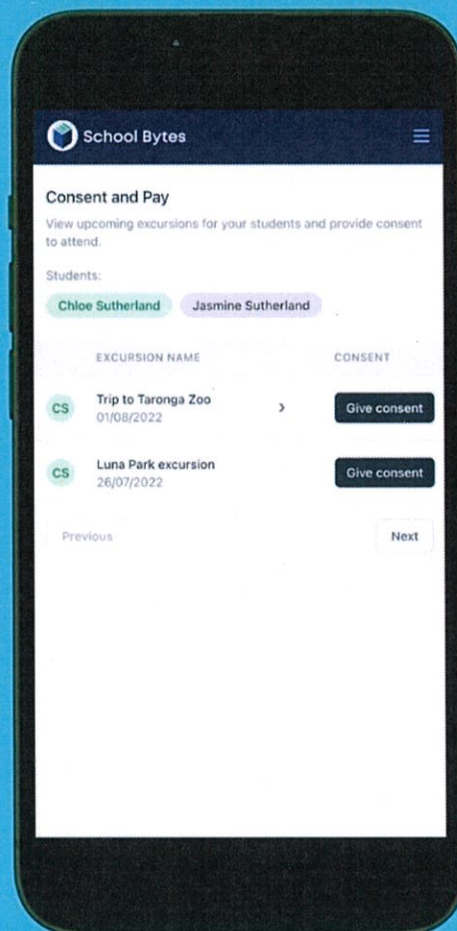
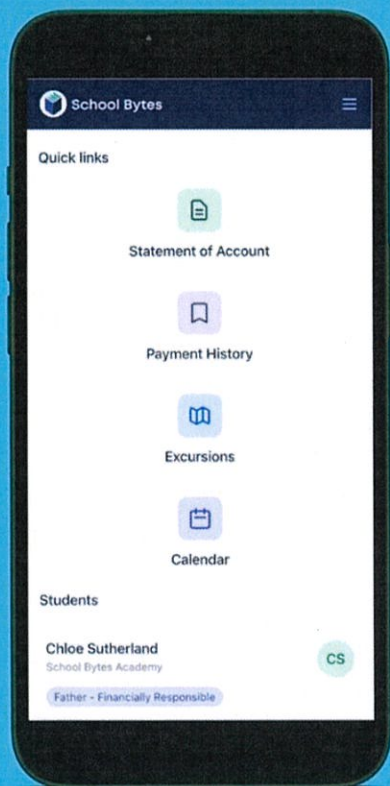
- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

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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>





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

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

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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 2

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4 May to 29 June
1 hr per week for 9 weeks



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(02) 9292 5700



Alliance Française
Sydney



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.

YEARS 3-6

Mondays 3-4.30pm
May 1st - June 26th
8 weeks \$155

please note: public holiday 12th June

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.

Kindy athletes may now join

YEARS K-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



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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MEET NEW FRIENDS

BOYS & GIRLS



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