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# Newsletter

YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE

Thursday 28th March\_ TERM 1 WEEK 9\_ 2024

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

### Term 1

**Sunday 7th April**

Working Bee

**Monday 8th April**

School Photo Day

**Tuesday 9th April**

Stage 3 Maritime Museum

**March 29 –April 1 Easter Break**

**Friday 12th April**

**Last day Term 1**

**Tuesday 30th April**

**First day Term 2**



## Principal's Message

**Communication with school** – Our department has introduced guidelines for 'switching off, for staff and community. Please read the advice contained in this newsletter. Please note that you will be responded to - usually within the next day between 8 a.m and 4 p.m. As you can imagine the school office staff receive a lot of correspondence.

**Twilight sessions** – Next Wednesday our staff will be completing the first of four twilight sessions over the year. These sessions are professional learning sessions to improve practice or knowledge in identified explicit areas. The focus of these sessions is Math, English and well-being for staff and students. This means at the end of the year staff will finish school on the same day as students.

**Naplan** – We have completed our naplan assessments for this year and the testing window has closed. Those students who needed to make up assessments have also now completed them. These results we hope will be released to the school at the start of next term. I am hopeful that we will be able to present our results, findings, trends etc. at the first P & C meeting of term 2.

**AMU update** – Just an update on various developments to some of our building issues. The roof repair is near completion on building C (Kindy classes and library). The hygienist has yet to send the results of post testing for mould in Building C, however I am hopeful that clearance will be given by terms end. We also had another commissioned inspection for the heritage building rooms, (stage 2 and stage 3 classes - Lemon Myrtle, Wollemi, Casuarina, Melaleuca, Boronia and the music room). We are also awaiting the hygienist report for that too, We have also identified floor work that needs to be done in 'break out' rooms (small rooms off main rooms) outside of Melaleuca and Wollemi. At the time of writing, the room outside Melaleuca has been repaired and we await repairs to the one outside Wollemi. I'd like to thank everyone for their patience whilst this extensive work has progressed as we have juggled classes, external providers, community users and band tutors. It has been a big ask of students, community, and staff but everyone has been understanding.

**Carpark safety** - Can I again remind people that we would rather students NOT use the carpark entrance as there is poor visibility and the environment can be very unstructured. On more than one occasion I have nearly opened the door of my car on students oblivious to the danger they are placing themselves in. I continue to press for a solution to access for our community with DoE assets department and the WHS directorate within Dept of Education.



## Principal's Message

**Extended Leave (school bytes)** – We have now moved our Extended leave system online to school bytes. The process hopefully is now quicker and more convenient. It is a department requirement to apply for extended leave in advance, when your child will be away from school for 6 days or more.

For 5 days or less we'd like you to use the **Sentral app**. Sentral allow you to enter day to day non-attendance (sick leave or any other leave type of less than 5 days or less.)

Last week I was at a principal conference where there were several interesting guest speakers. One of the speakers that resonated with me regarded sleep. The one question that had me thinking was 'when something has to give, what is it you give up? My answer like lots of others I'd imagine was sleep. From this I learnt two things; you can't catch sleep up, the other was sleep was important for physical and cognitive repair. As such, included in this newsletter is tips to improve sleep that will in turn improve focus, productivity, and physical / mental well-being.

Have a safe Easter break and see you Tuesday April 2nd.



**Urgent reminder for Year 6 Parent / Carers**  
**Year 6-7 Transition high school online enrolment,**  
**Year 6, 2025 will close on 4th April.**

**Please go to "moving to high school" web page**  
**Apply for Year 7 placement in a NSW Government**  
**high school and, [start expression of interest](https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/)**

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## Music Program

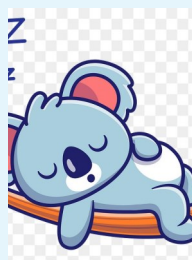
Kindergarten have had a fantastic start to the year during their weekly visits to the music room! They have been exploring percussion instruments and learning to play a variety of simple rhythms using drums, tambourines, guiros, maracas and wood blocks. We have also been singing lots of songs and learning about different instruments from around the world.



**Micaela Cecire**  
Music Teacher & Band Co-ordinator

## Sleep tip for Parents

- Make sleep a health priority and set and adhere to consistent bedtimes for yourself and your children.
- Know how your child is using electronics in the bedroom and set boundaries.
- Talk to your child about the importance of sleep for health and well-being
- Talk to your child's teacher(s) – know if your child is falling asleep in school.
- Create a sleep-support home environment and encourage quiet activities before bedtime.
- Make sure children's activities, including homework, can be completed without interfering with bedtimes.





Blue Gum, Elephants

*Art with  
Ms Stein*



Lilly Pilly , Hands



Wattle, Fruits



## Erko Training Band

Hi Training Band parents,

We've had a wonderful first few rehearsals so far this year. The children are all super enthusiastic and we're making great progress.

### Band Concert

For our end of term band concert on April 10th, we will be playing a selection of short songs from our band book;

19. Hot Cross Buns

22. Kelpie

23. Mary had a Little Lamb

Please ensure that your child is preparing these pieces for our upcoming concert.



### Practice at home

It goes without saying that without practice a child learning an instrument will stand still. In the first term practice is crucial as it's very easy to fall behind at the start of the year. Children have lots of activities during the week, but unlike a 1 hour soccer training or gymnastics session...the practice for band only needs to be 10-15 mins to start with. The amount of content they have covered doesn't require an hour of playing, and spending too long on it can induce boredom. As they learn and develop, that time spent practising will of course increase, and the child's tutor can keep you updated on how much they should be doing for the level they are at.

Lastly, it's really important that you are involved in your child's music development. You don't have to be musical at all, just sit with them occasionally when they're practising, ask them to show/play you some songs, get them to show you the new notes they learnt or what some of the musical terms mean. It helps create a sense that they're not just playing for themselves or the band, but that they're playing for you as well. Plus, showing you what they've just learnt is great for memory retention.



Thanks, Sam

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## Merit Assembly



This week, we would like to congratulate:



**Early Stage 1:** Florence, Lucas, William, Hazel, Marco and Kingston



**Stage 1:** Mark, Freya, William, Leila, Elise, Ambra, Florence, Kyla & Harry



**Stage 2:** Huxley, Tomiris, Jackson, Lily, Molly, Bella, Miles & Wynne



**Stage 3:** Aarav, Gordon, Sarah, Oscar, Hope, Julius, Maksim & Dami



**Class of the Week:** Bottle Brush



**Student of the Week:** Lily and Willa



*Sports Captains: you did an amazing job*



## Buddy Classes

Bottlebrush and Melaleuca buddy classes planted native plants in the bottom playground this week.



## 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.

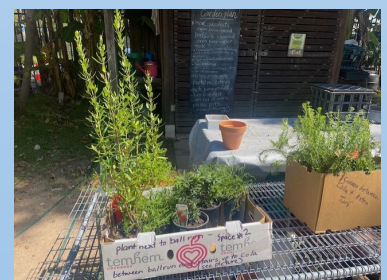
Parents and guardians need to accompany their children. It's a great chance to get close to nature, learn about plants and observe living things.

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.

Many thanks !

Ms Stein







## 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



Mandarin Stars  
Language Clubs  
for schools

Free Trial  
Class!

### mandarin stars



fun mandarin for kids

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## LEGO CLUB!



lego club is back! we welcome all students year 1 and over to have fun playing with lego its 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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## 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](mailto:office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com) for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



# 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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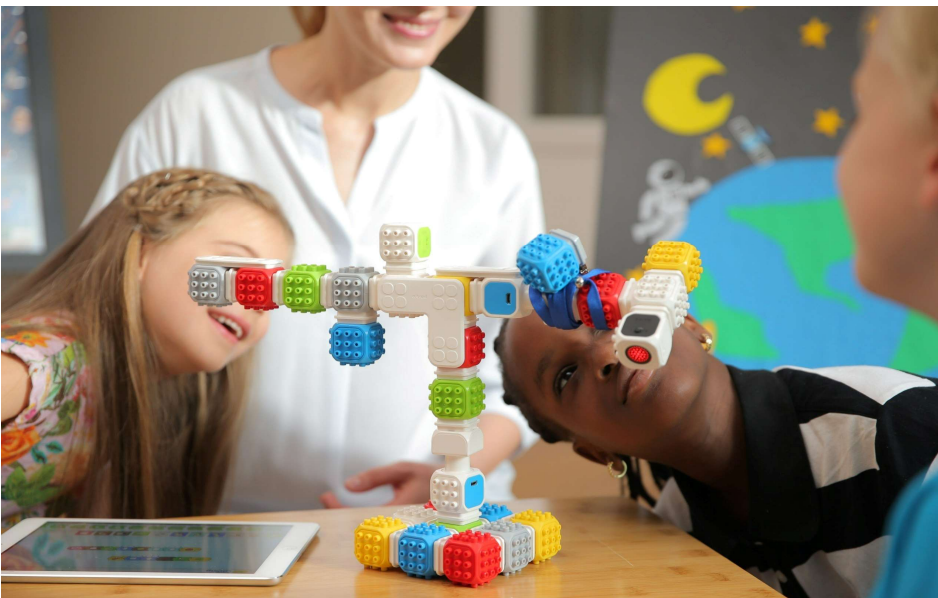
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# STEAM CODING BLOCKS

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:**

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**Ms Tammy (0401 729 292)**

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# 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

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\$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  
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# 2024 Athletics

To find out about courses visit  
[www.lucyestela.com/erkoathletics](http://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