Getting ready for our end of term Dance Party!

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Calendar

Term 1, Week 10
Tuesday 2 April Cricket Clinic
Wednesday 3 April CZPSSA Rugby League Trials
Saturday 6 April Birthdays: Scarlett & Stanley

Term 1, Week 11
Friday 12 April End of Term Assembly
Friday 12 April EPS ANZAC Service

Thursday 25 April ANZAC DAY

Term 2, Week 1
Monday 29 April SDD Staff return for Term 2
Tuesday 30 April Students return for Term 2
Thursday 2 May Ellouise’s Birthday

Term 2, Week 2
Thursday 9 May Bongongo Cross Country
Friday 10 May Zone Touch @ Cootamundra

Term 2, Week 3
Tuesday 14 May NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
Wednesday 15 May NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
Thursday 16 May NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)

Term 2, Week 4
Tuesday 21 May Junee Mortimer Shield (Stage 3)
Wednesday 22 May PSC @ JHS (Stage 3)
Thursday 23 May Liam’s Birthday

Feature Photo

Our dance party is coming up!!

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A message from Mr Leary...

As we near the end of Term One, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff team and school community for a tremendous start to the school year at Eurongilly PS. Each day we work, learn and play in a harmonious, safe and supportive environment where individual needs are catered for and expectations are high. Our parents/caregivers and wider community members support the decisions we make regarding learning and moving the school forward. Our school planning is based on ‘equity’ for all students and families and maintaining the extremely high standards expected by all.

I commend you all for upholding the uniform expectations of our school. Each day the students are immaculately attired and they are proud of their appearance. Attendance rates have been excellent this term, allowing all students to maximise their learning. In the playground the students get along and are inclusive of everyone in games and activities. We are blessed to have such an expansive playground with many different activities available for students.

The Baldry Shield was postponed due to threatening weather and will now be held next Thursday 4 April at Wallendbeen. All students are to meet Miss Breen, Mrs Scott and Mr Leary at the oval by 8.45am to prepare for the march. Please adhere to the uniform requirements outlined in the permission and information note sent home previously. Attached with this newsletter is a program for the day and a canteen price list. I would like to remind you all that this is a ‘non-competitive’ athletics carnival and we are restricted with the number of entries we can have for the field events and ball games. There will be plenty of activities throughout the day to keep the students active and engaged. We are all preparing and looking forward to a great day next Thursday.

Next week I will be submitting our entries for the Junee Small Schools Athletics Carnival to be held at the Nangus Recreation Grounds on Friday 17 May starting at 9.15am with the March Past. This carnival is more competitive and results will be used to inform our entries for the Cootamundra Zone Athletics carnival. Further information will be sent home early next term regarding this carnival.

Our sport and PE sessions have been focused on sprinting and ball games for the Baldry Shield, but also on long distance running in preparation for the Bongongo Cross Country to be held at the school on Thursday 9 May. An information and permission note will be sent home next week. Please put this date in your
diary as parents will be required to provide/coordinate transport to and from Bongongo.

Riverina Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our relay team who competed at the Riverina Swimming Carnival recently. We entered an extremely young team on the day and the experience of competing at this level will certainly prepare them for the years to come. Ellouise, Callum, Rasmus and Lydia swam their best and placed a commendable 6th place overall. They hope to improve their time and placing next year.

End of Term One Activities

With the end of term only two weeks away, please find below information regarding activities for our end of term celebration and ANZAC day service.

Friday 12 April

11.30am  EPS ANZAC Day Service (at school)
11.45am  Morning Tea (Hot Cross Buns) for parents and visitors
12.15pm  End of Term Assembly

Stem 4 Ten Workshops

Next term all students will participate in STEM activities each Friday morning for an hour. Each fortnight they will be introduced to a new ‘gadget’ to explore. Usually, $2500, the school will cover costs so that all students have the opportunity to participate. This program not only allows our students to try the latest STEM technologies, but it enables teachers to explore different opportunities to embed STEM and coding across our curriculum.

We already have the robotics equipment and are exploring other technologies to purchase later in the year. One of these is a new interactive TV for the K-2 classroom to replace the aging Smartboard. Mr Leary is attending ICT professional learning next week to learn more about the many new technologies available to schools.

Persuasive text introduction – written by Harriet

Introduction
Rainforests are extremely hot, humid and beautiful natural environments that are found mostly near the Equator, in an area called the Tropics. Despite only covering a small part of Earth’s surface, rainforests contain many plants and animal species that are not found anywhere else in the world. They are diverse habitats and must be protected into the future.

Chalk pastel lion by Archer
Three-Way Learning Conversations

During Week 11, Mr Leary and Miss Breen will be available for parents/caregivers to discuss your child’s progress throughout Term 1. These informal conversations are optional and will be for 15 minutes. Teachers and parents will meet and then be joined by students for their input. An important part of the process will be to establish learning goals, both short and long term, for the future. A booking schedule is attached for you to complete and return.

Formal parent/caregiver-teacher interviews are held at the end of next term after student progress reports go home.

K-2 Paintings: natural environments by Lily and Mahli

Harmony Day

Last week the students and staff designed Harmony Day hands. On the palm we could draw a picture of ourselves or something else that was representative of ‘us’ as an individual. On each of the fingers we had to write personal traits that portrayed us as a culturally respectful person. Below are some of them.

Students in Miss Breen’s class have been writing recounts. We hope you enjoy reading Stanley’s “Weekend Recount” below. He was very proud that he wrote it by himself.

On Saturday

On Saturday I went to nan and pops house for a sleep over because mum and dad had to go to a party. While mum and dad were at the party Isaac and Darcy went to the chook yard to collect the eggs.

Then it was night so we had to go to bed. It was morning time and I played with my farm animals. Then it was lunch time and mum and dad came back to nan and pops.

By Stanley
P&C News

Due to unforeseen circumstances our Eco Soap fundraiser will be held over until Term 2. We apologise to those families who have been waiting for them to arrive. Next term fundraising will also consist of providing catering for the long awaited ‘Illabo Melodrama’ which is held every 2 years and another pie drive to treat our bellies through the winter months.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 May at 3:30pm everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you – Dianne

Community News

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 23 June at 9.30am for Catholic students in Year 3. We will be holding a Parent Information Meeting for any interested families on Tuesday 7 May at 6.00pm. This meeting will be held in the Year 3 classroom at St Joseph’s Primary School and will provide information about the preparation for this Sacrament. For further information please contact Maria Makeham at St Joseph’s Primary School on 6924 1717.