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Calendar

Term 3, Week 7

Friday 4 Sept 'Footy Colours Day'

Term 3, Week 10

Friday 25 Sept **Last day for Term 3**

Term 4, Week 1

Monday 12 Oct **First day for Term 4**

Feature Photo



K-2 students during a 'volume and capacity' mathematics lesson

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A message from Mr Gill

'Learning Together' project

As part of Education Week in Week 3 of this term, all our families took part in the 'Learning Together' project, which has resulted in a fantastic mural and a short film. School staff are currently exploring options for mounting our mural.

The short film can be viewed from our school website, <https://eurongilly-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/education-week-2020-project.html>.

We were so impressed with the engagement of every family and all the creative ideas that were produced. Thank you!



Happy School Administration and Support Staff (SASS) Week

This week we are officially acknowledging the wonderful contribution our school administration and support staff make towards our school as part of SAS Staff Recognition Week. We are so lucky to have Nichole, Kim and Rodney as part of our team, who constantly go above and beyond their role statements to cater for our school community. Thanks team! The cakes on me!

COVID-19 updates

Sadly, there have been further postponements and cancellations due to the updated policy and recommendations in response to COVID-19. Our annual Sports Leaders day held at Junee High School has now been cancelled, whilst our planned Book Week activities for this week have been postponed until Term 4. Details of the most current Department of Education COVID-19 guidelines are summarised in this newsletter. For further advice and ongoing updates, please visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>.

School attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe;
- they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home. NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school. Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands;
- avoiding sharing drinks or food;
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately;
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

Activities on hold until further notice

The following activities remain on hold for the remainder of Term 3

- Kindergarten orientation & Year 7 Transition;
- School camps;
- Excursions;
- Interstate excursions;
- School or community run playgroups;
- Face to face professional learning for staff;
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events;
- Parent and carer volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted);
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings

such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events;

- Interschool sport, drama, debating and other events that are not within the local community or zone including gala days and regional sporting carnivals;
- Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed. Many large-scale arts events and sports tournaments rely upon feeder activities and have long-lead time organisational arrangements.

Visitors to the school

- Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents and carers except for face-to-face parent/teacher meetings that are essential (e.g. to discuss disciplinary or other welfare matters);
- All visitors, including parents attending the office will be required to fill out a visitors declaration form, each time they enter the school grounds.

Check-in and ICAS assessments

With NAPLAN not going ahead this year, the school opted into the 'Check-in' Reading and Numeracy assessments. These short online tasks provide instant results to teachers, supporting the tracking of learning progress. Year 5 completed their tasks this week, with Year 3 due to do their two tasks later in the term. I'd like to acknowledge the students who elected to take part in the 2020 UNSW ICAS assessments in English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling. Well done for taking the opportunity to test your skills, we look forward to seeing how you went when the results are returned.

Book Week

Staff have decided to postpone our Book Week activities to align with the revised National Book Week dates of 17 October- 23 October. This gives families plenty of time to plan for a book character costume. This year's theme is '*curious creatures, wild minds*'. Hopefully by next term, we might even be able to have some parent participation in our planned book week activities.



Tell Them From Me Surveys

Our Tell Them From Me parent survey window is currently open. Our school is about to go through an intensive situational analysis in preparation for our next four-year school plan cycle. We are aiming to have all parents participate in this survey, as our first step of collecting valuable data from the family perspective. The link to the survey has been emailed and texted to each family. Year 4-6 students and teachers have also completed their surveys this week.

School Photos

School photos will be arriving home today with the newsletter. The photos look fantastic with our school uniform and beautiful background. We are always happy to receive feedback for future photo shoots.



Family Conferences

It's that time of the year again to be holding family conferences. This is an important opportunity for students, teachers and parents to come together and discuss current student learning goals. This time around we will not be able to meet face to face, so we will be trialling Zoom as the online platform to link up. An information note will be sent home with further details and an appointment slip.

'A day at the footy' Footy Colours Day

Footy Colours Day, an all-important national fundraising campaign supporting kids living with cancer, will be celebrated at school next Friday 4 September. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite footy jersey or colours and donate a gold coin that will be passed onto the Fight Cancer Foundation. In recognition of the day, we will also be offering 'A day at the footy' lunch pack and a footy focus during sport. Further information on Footy Colours Day can be found at <https://www.fightcancer.org.au/footy-colours-day-homepage>

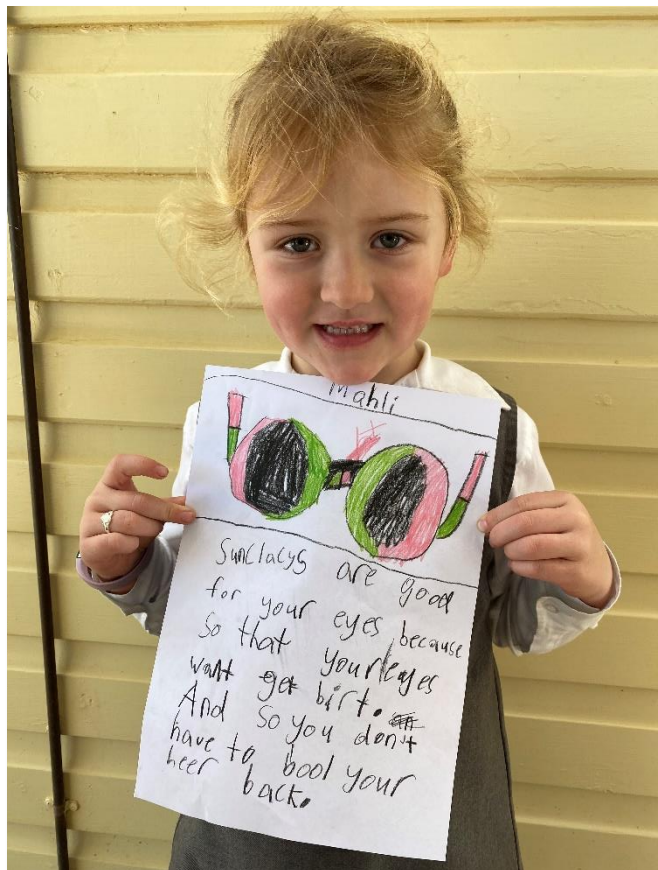
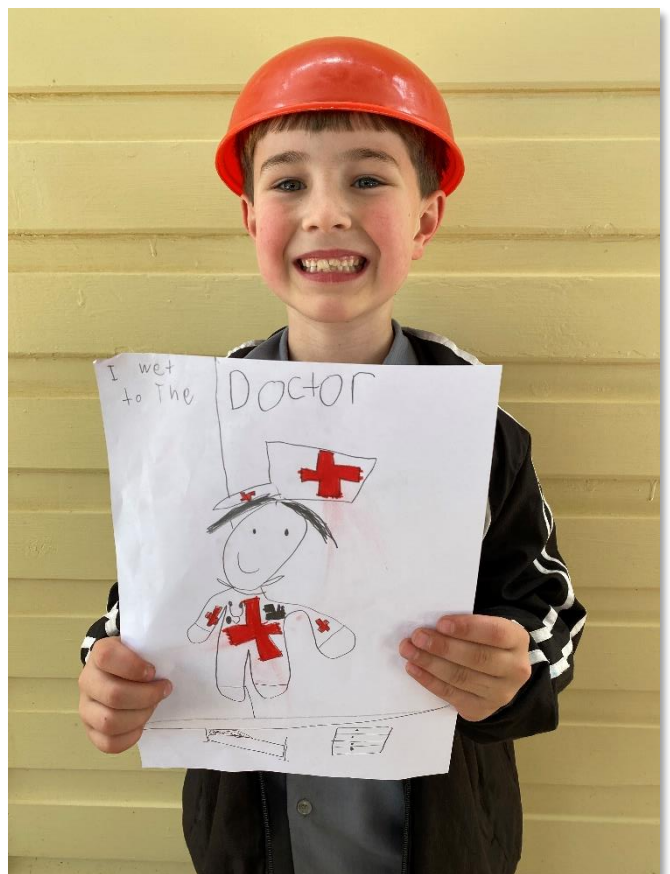
2020 Country Study

Year 3-6 students are currently completing their Country Women's Association (CWA) 2020 Country Study. This year students are studying Ecuador. Ecuador is located in South America, neighbouring Colombia and Peru, with the Amazon Jungle making up some of its landscape. Our country study projects will continue throughout Term 3. We are awaiting further advice on our much-anticipated annual meeting with the local CWA, this opportunity being heavily dependent on COVID-19 restrictions.

News from K-2

This term in K-2 we have been participating in a PD/H/PE Unit called 'Keeping Myself Healthy With Healthy Habits'. We have explored making good choices when it comes to our health, safety and wellbeing; we have investigated nutrition and the importance of having a balanced diet to benefit our health; and we have looked at health services and products that can help us stay healthy.

This week students created advertisements to help promote awareness on the people who help us and products that can help keep us physically active and healthy.



Letters to Mr Gill from 3-6

Ellouise Drew
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Eurongilly NSW 2663

19 August 2020

Dear Mr Gill,

Do you know what it's like not having any sports equipment? Children at our small school are not feeling energetic! And that's plain old terrible! We NEED new sports equipment for lot's of reasons NOW! Those reasons are, children have been hurt by our old, dangerous equipment, children will become healthier if we buy new sport's equipment and become better athletes. We will succeed in getting new sports equipment!

Firstly, current students at this small school have been hurt by our old, dangerous equipment! This is devastating and it needs to stop now! You can make a change by letting us buy new sports equipment which is afe and not hazardous. Please let our school buy new, much-needed sports equipment so we can become safer and happier!

Secondly, children will become healthy and happier if we buy new sports equipment. Kids are suffering from being inside for far too long and when they are finally let outside, there is nothing appealing to play with! If we don't do something about it now, kids at Eurongilly Public School will become obese and not healthy, laughing children! If we do buy brand, spanking-new equipment, children will be more healthy and fit by getting exercise and school daily. Children at Eurongilly will be healthier, Children will be happier and children will be fitter!

In addition, children at Eurongilly Public School will become better and more athletic kids if we buy new sport's equipment! Our tiny school can become a state team if we practice with new equipment that is appealing and safe. We NEED new sport's equipment NOW!

In conclusion, we need new sports equipment now because children have been hurt by old, dangerous equipment, kids will become healthier AND better athletic kids. New equipment means new opportunities which means a new perspective on sport.

Kind Regards,

Ellouise Drew

Lydia hodge
Eurongilly Rd
Eurongilly NSW 2663

19 August 2020

Dear Mr Gill,

Our school must have a school canteen. Everybody else has one. It is very unfair. Why should our school suffer because we are small?

Firstly, canteens make fun and yummy lunches. Sometimes kids have boring lunches and it is very unfair because other students have yummy lunches.

Secondly, a canteen would make parents not have as much work to do. Especially parents that work 24/7.

Finally, if a kid forgets their lunch they would starve to death but with a canteen they wouldn't even know what starve means.

Our school will be happier, healthier and stronger if we have an awesome canteen.

Regards from Lydia

P&C News

ECO soap fundraiser

I hope you are all going well with the soap selling. Just a reminder that all money and unsold soap is **due back in by the end of next week Friday 4 September**. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me or the school. Nichole still has some soap available in the school office if anyone is after some more.



Mango tray fundraiser

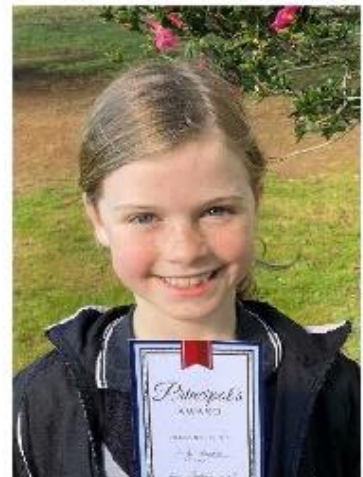
At the end of next week we will aim to send out some more information regarding our mango fundraiser for Term 4. We will be selling trays of fresh North Queensland mangos for \$25 a tray. These trays contain around 7kg of mangos each (between 12-23 mangos depending on size). We will need to have our **orders finalised by Saturday 31 October** for delivery in early December. Please keep a look out in your emails for further details so we can start collecting orders.

Thank you for all your efforts with our fundraising this year. It has certainly been different trying to raise funds for our little school without actually being able to get together!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 29 October at 3:30pm

Thanks Fi Rankin

HONOUR WALL



Hey kids!

Do you like to write letters?
Would you like to make friends
from other towns?

Riverina Regional Library
invites school kids to
participate in the
"You've Got Mail"
penpal program.

Register for a penpal
at a participating
library for \$5 and
receive a

"You've Got Mail"
letter writing kit
and the opportunity
to make one or more penpals
from across the Riverina.

Come on kids...

LET'S GET WRITING!

