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# Newsletter



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#### A message from Mr Gill

#### Term 2 recap

We are almost at the end of another school term and semester. It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the year. Our school has been lucky to have had a relatively interruption free term. The Flu and Covid-19 continue to circulate in the community, but we have managed to avoid any major impacts to daily school operations. Thank you to our parents ongoing contribution towards minimising the spread of illness by being responsive and supporting Covid-19 guidelines.

Term 2 started with a bang, with us hosting the Junee Small Schools Athletics Carnival. Students have enjoyed several different events, with our recent Grandparents Day being one of the main hits. Staff have been extra busy the last few weeks, following up on student assessment data and preparing written reports. Our Year 3-6 excursion to Sydney will be a particularly exciting focus for next term.



#### Farewell for now Miss Case

Next week we will be sending Miss Case off with best wishes as her and her husband Bish excitingly prepare for the birth of their first child. Miss Case joined us at the start of Term 3 in 2020 and has worked tirelessly leading the K-2 classroom. This semester, she has been a wonderful mentor for Miss Dickey whilst filling the Learning and Support Teacher and RFF teacher roles with great professionalism. Miss Case has brought in new whole school initiatives with energy and enthusiasm, whilst being so caring and relational with her students. On behalf of the whole school community, I recognise and thank Miss Case for her service and contribution to Eurongilly school community. Thank you!

#### Touch Football

As shared in our last newsletter, our Year 3-6 class has entered as a team in the NSW Primary Schools Sporting Association (PSSA) small schools touch football knockout competition. We have been training hard all term and finally met our first opponents, Illabo Public School, on Friday 10 June. The whole match was a tight contest and both teams showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Eurongilly were the eventual winners 1-0. Jesse and George worked tirelessly in the middle. Lily and Cooper defended the edges well and proved to be elusive with the ball. Mahli, Willow, Tom and Angus played their roles within the team extremely well and can be proud of their contributions. Scarlett played particularly strongly, playing as our dummy half, linking and communicating effectively with the rest of the team. We now await results on other matches to find out who we play next.

Our whole school took the opportunity to travel to Illabo Public School for the touch football match. Our K-2 students participated in activities with Illabo peers and cheered on our team from the sideline. After the game, we all enjoyed hamburgers and a social catch up. Thank you to Illabo Public School for hosting us on a great day out.







#### District Athletics

Jesse, George, Archer, Lily, Scarlett, Cooper, Tom, Tess, Arthur and Mahli will be school representatives at the Cootamundra District PSSA Athletics Carnival held in Temora next Tuesday 28 June. We wish them all the best of luck in their individual events.



#### Industrial Action Week 10

NSW Teachers Federation has announced a 24-hour strike on Thursday 30 June. Due to the impact this will have on school operations, we have had to move our planned end of term assembly to the afternoon of Wednesday 29 June, starting at 2.1p5pm. We sincerely apologise for the disappointment this may cause for school community members who cannot attend on Wednesday.

#### End of term assembly

We will now be holding our end of term assembly next Wednesday 29 June, with a revised time of 2.15pm, followed by farewell afternoon tea. We invite our school community to come along and share student achievements for Term 2. Our students are looking forward to putting on a little performance for the audience.

#### Semester 1 Student Reports

Semester One Student Reports will be distributed in Week 10. Parent and teacher interviews are not planned but can be arranged if parents wish to discuss the report in more detail. Family conferences will be held in Term 3 to recap student progress and discuss ongoing learning goals.

## Year 3-6 excursion to Junee High School Production

This week our Year 3-6 class travelled into Junee to

watch the Junee High School productions super groovy night's dream'. It was a great opportunity for students to witness how high school students perform on stage. Our students particularly liked the high school band renditions dancing. Whilst in town, we took the opportunity to treat ourselves with a rare privilege of hot chips and a milkshake at Railway station café. A big thank you to Laurie for hanging out and providing transport, saving parents a trip into town.







#### News from K-2 Classroom

Wow! What a term it has been and hasn't it gone by quickly! We have been so busy this semester with sporting days and lots of learning. I am so proud of all our students' achievements, and accomplishments this semester!



We have been learning about positive thoughts and moments which led to a discussion about a particular 'highlight' our students had over this past semester. Semester Highlights:

Clancy – "In visual arts, I loved drawing the details of my eyes in my self-portrait. I enjoyed playing handball with my friends at play times and making Ace for the first time!"

Sophie – "I loved lots of things about this term like going to Illabo Public School for touch footy, writing Miss Case a baby letter, learning about history and making a hot chocolate."

Fred – In visual arts, I really liked drawing the other side of my face in half and half art. I loved writing Miss Case a letter for when she goes on maternity leave. I found it really fun and cool travelling to Illabo Public School to watch the 3-6's play touch."

Leo – "In writing, my highlight was writing a letter to Miss Case and Bishnu. I also enjoyed Healthy Harold and playing touch football at play times with my friends."

Will – "I liked writing a letter to Illabo Public School K-2 class and also to Miss Case. I loved learning and helping my class put together a procedure on how to make a hot chocolate. Digital technology was also really fun, and I enjoyed playing handball with my friends at play times."



Arthur – "My highlight was learning about visual arts and

sketching my jacket on my self-portrait. I enjoyed doing maths problems, procedure writing and playing handball with my friends at play times. Digital technology was also really cool."

Tess – "In science, I liked experiencing with how grass grows. In drama, I loved narrating in our class play 'Who the Sank the Boat'. I have fun memories playing touch football with my friends."

Savannah – "I loved history when we got to move to different tables and learn about the past with Miss Case. Learning about digital technologies and ways to communicate was pretty fun."

Elly – "My highlight was in PE because I enjoyed balancing on the beam and playing netball. I loved learning how to play handball with my friends."

Miss D – "My highlight for this semester would undoubtedly be watching the growth and continual desire to learn from each student. Witnessing those 'lightbulb' moments and watching their confidence grow are moments of pride as their teacher."



A Mount-Everest thank you to my wonderful colleague, Amanda. Amanda, you have been a huge support to me during our time at EPS and I am so grateful for not only the abundance of time you've spent with me, but the sharing of your knowledge and mentorship. This will no doubt enable enhancement of myself as a teacher, which in turn will benefit our students. Amanda and Bish, K-2 would like to wish you both all the best for your pending arrival. We are all absolutely so happy and excited for you both and we cannot wait for cuddles when bubs is here!

News from Miss Case

It was on my birthday in 2020 when I received a message from Mr Gill offering me a casual teaching day on the K-2 class at Eurongilly. After I accepted the job he replied that K-2 were a lovely class and that it would be worth the drive. Little did I know then that I would be teaching that lovely K-2 class for the following 18+ months and taking that drive oodles and oodles of times!

It had been about 15 years since I had last taught in such a small country school. I completed my final year internship at a one teacher school called Milbrulong Public School, just outside of Lockhart. There were eight students in the school at that time! Coming to teach at EPS I felt like I was returning to my roots in a way. These Eurongilly, predominately 'farm kids', were certainly a unique bunch. They knew every type of farm machinery that would drive past the school during break times and knew each other so well, that they could tell whose unlabelled and discarded school jumper or jacket was laying out in the yard just by giving it a good sniff to determine the family's choice in fabric softener!

There is something special about the parents, grandparents and other community members attached to a small country school. Despite the pandemic and needing to keep our distance for most of my time at Eurongilly, I always felt welcomed and appreciated by the parents and am always blown away by the generosity and support they give to one another and in particular the funds the P&C are able to raise to support the school! Incredible!

It is with such a heavy heart that I say goodbye to the staff and students of Eurongilly Public School. I will always look back fondly at this chapter in my teaching career and will be taking such great memories with me. I wish the students nothing but the best for the remainder of their time at Eurongilly and in their futures.

I am so proud of how much they look out for one another and try their best.

I will definitely pop back for visits, with baby in tow and who knows, I may even find myself back teaching at Eurongilly someday!

Thank you for everything these past 2 years Owen, Victoria, Kim, Sadie, Jess, Rod, Lozza, students and parents. I will miss you all.

Adios for now,

Miss Case. J



#### P&C News

A BIG thank you for everyone's awesome pie selling! The pies will arrive **tomorrow** and ready to sort by 11:30am at the Eurongilly Hall.

Our amazing, hard-working P&C has raised an incredible \$2442 from the Illabo Melodrama. Thank you again for all the support and effort!







## Honour Wall

















## Touch Football

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, Eurongilly school headed to Illabo to the touch knockout competition to play touch against Illabo school.

In the morning, we went to school and did some practise. We were looking good but still very nervous. Everyone had a position. George and Jesse were the centres, Cooper and Archer the links and Scarlett and I the wings. Tom, Mahli, Willow and Angus rotated in the positions as well. We then got picked up by parents and headed towards Illabo.

When we got there, we had a bit of a wait and then decided to do some more training. Finally the game was on! In the first half we were going well. It was 0-1 our way, Jesse had scored our try. The wing position was hard, when Illabo was close to the try line, George Croker kept diving in for the try heaps of times. I nearly missed him but got him right before the ball touched the ground.

The game was finished, we had WON!!! 0-1. We then had lunch at Illabo and headed back home to celebrate our victory!





