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# Eurongilly Public School Newsletter



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#### Newsletter

#### 2023 Term 4 Weeks 4-6

#### A message from Mrs Morton

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the midterm edition of our school newsletter. As we find ourselves at the midpoint of our final term for 2023, it is a moment for reflection, celebration, and anticipation of the continued journey of learning and growth.

#### Grandparents Day:

A big thank you to all those who attended our celebration in recognition of our wonderful grandparents. The morning tea hit the spot and our students really enjoyed sharing their thank you letters. Our Keepsakes Recipe book is being collated and we hope to be finalising this soon.

#### K-2 Excursion:

Our Kinders, Year 1 and Year 2 students had a wonderful excursion to Wagga. They enjoyed a few games of hide and seek, before gobbling up some nuggets and chips at Noah's Ark. Mrs Morton is not allowed near the tomato sauce for future reference! I think the fast slide and ball pit were the highlights here. We then went on to Wagga Civic Theatre to watch the Possum Magic production. The performers kept our students amazed with comedy, great storytelling and incredible magic that has us still wondering how on earth they were able to do it! The overall highlight of the trip, however, would have to be singing on the bus with Mrs Morton at the wheel!

#### School Bytes:

Thanks so much for the feedback we have received from some parents regarding the School Bytes Parent App. We are pleased that it is making life a little easier for us all! We are hoping to use the notifications function to keep open lines of communication about upcoming events. We are also keeping the calendar updated.

#### Kinder Transition Days:

We have had our first Transition Day and it was a lot of fun. Our new Kinders were confident in our school setting and enjoyed spending some time with their older siblings. We look forward to our next transition day this week.









#### Outdoor Learning Space:

A big congratulations to Will, who's design for our outdoor learning space was voted in by our students. We have begun our project with the support of Mrs Cherie Smith and the students have started to dig out the yarning circle. They are excited about painting their rocks to add to the circle and repainting the benches to fit our space. We are looking for 3-6 large round stumps to add around our yarning circle for students to sit on. Please let us know if you can help us with this.







#### News from K-2

In English, we have been exploring and comparing informative texts about pollution and its effects on animals and our environment. We have looked at facts and opinions, text structure, language features, and how visual images support a written text.

Maths has been extremely busy with a focus on addition and subtraction. We have been practising and explaining the method we used to discover our answers rigorously each day and are doing very well at communicating the methods used.

In our Science unit, Energy Comes in Different Forms, we have looked at light, sound and heat energy and how they are sensed and produced. With the use of our senses, we explored the properties of familiar objects, identifying similarities and differences. Using popped and unpopped popcorn, students also looked at the cause and effect. They also compared the sounds of musical instruments, a noisy but exciting investigation!

Our History lessons have been about the past, looking at artefacts, local significant events, buildings and people that have helped develop and establish our community today.

In Creative and Performing Arts, we have been working hard on improvisation, movement, and storytelling in Drama. Students have been learning the basic moves and actively participating in line dancing. In Music, we have been learning a new engaging and fun song that we will perform for you soon.



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#### News from 3-6

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through term 4 already, however, it is business as usual in 3-6. In English, in addition to our regular focus on areas such as spelling, reading fluency and comprehension, we are continuing our narrative study using our mentor text 'Blueback' by Tim Winton. This week we took a deep dive into the main characters of Abel and Dora Jackson and created a character map and analysis using direct and indirect characterisation techniques used by the author.

In response to data captured during 3-6 Check-in Assessments, we identified 'number sense' as a target area for our next cycle of learning. During Mathematics we have really enjoyed a 'gamified' approach to reaching this learning goal. Some games we have enjoyed were mastermind, 101 and you're out, dicey addition, celebrity heads and multiplication toss using arrays. Your child may even be able to teach you some of these games at home!



PDHPE has seen us exploring safety strategies within different situations, identifying safety networks and utilising platforms such as the Kid's Helpline while developing our gymnastics and circus skills with Ben from Little Champions.

We have been identifying the social, cultural, environmental and economic reasons that people choose to live and use their environments in Geography with Mr Cox while we have been exploring and applying the concept of Forces in Science with Mrs Kreyts. We have also been working on something special with Ms Young to recap our year. Watch this space!

#### Sports Report

#### Athletics

Well done to our amazing athletes who recently competed at the NSWPSSA Primary Athletics Championships in Sydney. A massive congratulations to our relay team of Lily, Scarlett, Cooper and Tess who finished top 10 in the state! A special shoutout to Tess who also competed against some future champions in the 100m sprint. Thanks again to our awesome families for transporting our students across the countryside.



#### Gymnastics

All students have been loving our weekly visits from Ben from Little Champions. Everyone has been developing and refining their gymnastics and circus skills and it has been awesome to receive ongoing highly positive feedback regarding behaviour and engagement.



#### Swimming

Our 10-day intensive swimming program is commencing next week with Poynter Swim School at the Junee Pool. A big focus during the program will be developing safety strategies, developing emerging swimming skills and refining stroke techniques for our stronger swimmers. Information and permission notes have gone out and we would appreciate if everybody could return notes and money ASAP.

While on the topic of swimming, we will be hosting Black Billy Cup in Junee on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, our first week back at school. There will be more information to come out towards the end of the year and the start of next year.

#### P&C Newsflash

Our Monster Christmas Raffle is well underway! We have some smashing prizes, so keep reeling in those prizes & selling those tickets. There are more tickets available at the school if you need them.

We will be selling them all day at Junee IGA tomorrow, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, so if you're available & haven't let us know please contact myself or Kellie.

Please join our Facebook page Eurongilly P&C Association so we can share the CHOOK YARD for sale. Yes! Its finally complete & ready to go! Small miracles do happen. Might be a great Xmas pressie for someone out there 😨

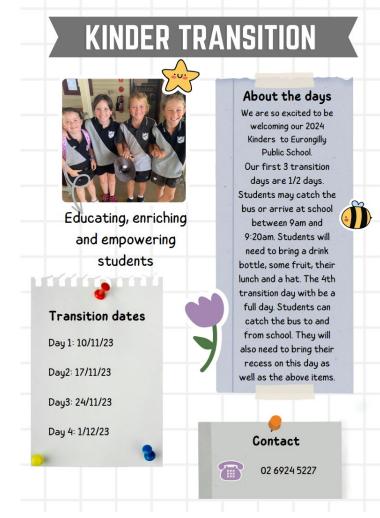
With the end of the year fast approaching, we are catering for the Year 6 Farewell & bringing a savoury & sweet plate for the Presentation Night.

There will be a catering meeting for Black Billy Cup in the holidays, which date is yet to be decided. We also have a new email address: eurongillypc@gmail.com for any correspondence.

Next meeting: Thursday 22nd February

Your dutiful assistant,

Shanan 🐵





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Happy Grandparent's Day

















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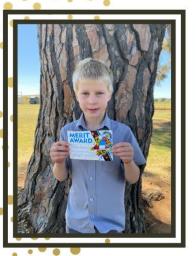
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Eurongilly Public School Term 4 Calendar					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov
6		Scripture	Gymnastics		Kindergarten Transition 9:10- 12:10pm
			CHAMPIONS		Library
	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov
7	Swimming	Swimming	Gymnastics	Swimming	Swimming
			CHAMPIONS Swimming		Kindergarten Transition 9:10- 12:10pm
					Library
	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov	1 Dec
8	Swimming	Swimming	Gymnastics	Swimming	Swimming Kindergarten Transition 9:10- 3:15pm
					Library <mark>Book Club Order</mark> DUE
	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec
9		Scripture Christmas Presentation Night 6pm	Gymnastics		Library
	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec
10		<mark>Year 6 Farewell</mark>			Last day of school!



# Prizes include

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Original Artwork "Flowers in Copper Pot" donated by local artist Amanda Morton valued at \$800 Car Service donated by TSH Contracting Active Farmers Voucher donated by Marliese Heffernan Junee Hotel Voucher 2 x Meals 1 x Rowdy Crowd Pack donated by Fee Hamilton \$30 Eckersley Voucher donated by Yammatree Family Trust

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

Meraki Hair Voucher valued at \$100 Illabo Longhorn Hotel Voucher valued at \$40 1 x Rowdy Crowd Pack Rowdy Crowd Ice maker Ali.ve Pack donated by Railway Café/Gift Emporium

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

Bottle of Red & White Wine donated by Coe & Co Wines Red Cow Hotel Voucher Rowdy Crowd Chilli Blanket

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