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Newsletter



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A message from Mr Gill

P&C latest

Eurongilly Public School Parent and Citizens Association (P&C) recently held their Annual General Meeting. I'd like to formally congratulate and welcome Shanan Mitchell as the new president and Kellie Howard as the new secretary. It is wonderful to have parents being elected for their first time within our very active and supportive P&C. Congratulations to Di Cusack who was elected as the ongoing treasurer. We will be looking for a new treasurer next year after Di has completed her maximum three-year term. Thank you, Jessica Carter, for doing a brilliant job as secretary over the last 3 years. Enjoy your time off, no doubt a new executive role will be calling before too long. And finally, a massive thank you to Fiona Rankin who has finished her tenure as president. Fiona has been a consistent supporter and active member on the P&C throughout Sam and Lily's time at EPS, including a couple of executive roles. She has done a phenomenal job leading the team over the last 3 years, in particularly trying circumstances due to the pandemic.



Newsletter update

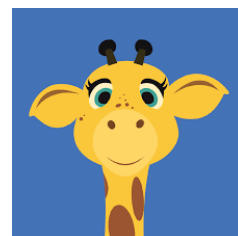
I'd just like to reassure the school community that our newsletter is staying the way it is, for now. School staff collected valuable data from the parent body late last year and the feedback was overwhelmingly requesting for the newsletter to stay in its current form. In particular, there were multiple references to the amount of issues published being a good amount, appreciation for a paper copy, a good length, reports and photos were informative and families enjoyed time looking through the newsletter together. Nearly everyone commented on how important the term calendar is. In this edition, you will find teacher and student profiles. This was put together by Lily and Willow. Profiles were one suggestion from a parent on how we can improve our newsletter, by getting to know us a little better. We are also looking to act on more suggestions soon. We hope you enjoy this edition of our much-loved newsletter.

Family Conferences

Teachers are gearing up for our Family Conferences next week. We are looking forward to welcoming parents alongside their children to identify and agree on numeracy and literacy goals that students will begin to target at school and at home. Parents will receive their invitations with confirmed times by Friday.

Life Education Van and Healthy Harold

Healthy Harold will be visiting our school on Monday 20 March. As Life Education lessons cover important content of the PDH syllabus, we expect all students will take part in this opportunity. Permission notes are being sent home with this newsletter, along with the optional merchandise order form. Please return both to the office with the correct cash.



School Information session

School staff will be hosting information sessions on 'Reading and Decodable Texts' and 'Community survey results' on **Tuesday 21 March from 5pm until 6pm** (Week 9). Whilst we have been unable to find a suitable time for everyone, we have decided to record these sessions so everybody can access them at their desired time.

Football (soccer) gala day

Yesterday, our whole school ventured into Junee to take part in a Junee District Football (known to most as soccer) Gala Day. It has been a long time since K-6 students from Eurongilly, Illabo, Junee, Junee North and St Josephs schools have all been part of the one event. This was a fantastic day, hosted by Football Wagga Wagga and Junee Jaguars. Junee High School students participated by refereeing and running the canteen, which raised hundreds of dollars for CanAssist. I really want to praise our students, along with the Illabo students who we adopted for the day, on the way they conducted themselves. They made it such an enjoyable day to be at work. Every student got in and tried their hardest and showed just the right balance of being serious but also enjoying themselves and making sure others were happy as well. They supported each other on the field, sharing opportunities and were even empathetic to their opponents, helping them have a good time too. Well done Eurongilly and Illabo students! So proud!



Clean Up Australia Day

Our school's contribution to Clean Up Australia Day took place last Friday, with our students finding lots of smaller unnoticed plastics and rubbish in garden beds and in out of bounds areas of our school. Whilst we always aim to remain responsible and tidy citizens, it is quite an informative process for students to take part in.

Complaints handling

Our school is committed to building a safe and happy environment for students, staff, parents and the broader community.

The following information is not specific to any case, nor has there been an increase in complaints. This simply supplies parents with information as good practice from our school and the Department of Education.

We value your feedback.

We are constantly improving the way we work, so let us know if you have any suggestions.

We would also like to know if you think we are doing something well. It helps us to make sure we continue to do great things in public education. We'll make sure your message is passed on.

What can a complaint be about?

You can make a complaint about:

- any aspect of the services we provide
- any decision, including those about enrolment
- any practice, policy or procedure
- staff behaviour or conduct.

Making a complaint.

We are committed to resolving complaints promptly at a local level. If you wish to make a complaint about our school, start by talking to the teacher or myself as principal.

We encourage you to raise your complaint directly in person, by email, over the telephone or by letter if you prefer.

The five key stages of managing a complaint are:

- Acknowledge and Advise
- Assess, gather information, meet
- Resolve (with possible actions)
- Advise outcome
- Follow-up and record

Depending upon the seriousness of the complaint will determine how the complaint is handled.

Easter Celebrations

Easter celebrations will be held at school on **Wednesday 5 April**. Students and younger siblings will parade Easter Hats, displaying hats they have created at home. We look forward to welcoming our families along to celebrate with us.

Sport sport sport

Football hasn't been the only highlight within sport. We are almost sported out and it is only Week 7!

District and Riverina Swimming

Cooper, Lily, Scarlett and Tom represented our school in the Small Schools 4 x 50m freestyle relay at the District Swimming carnival and qualified for the Riverina carnival. With Lily sustaining an injury, Mahli joined the relay team and they did particularly well for a young group. We didn't qualify for the State Championships this year but it was a great experience for our students ahead of next year.

District Swimming

Scarlett- 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Back Stroke, Relay

Lily- 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Back Stroke, Relay

Tom- 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Relay

Mahli 50m freestyle, breaststroke, relay

Will- 50m Freestyle

Cooper- 50m Freestyle, Relay

Willow- 50m breaststroke

Tess- 50m Freestyle

Notable achievements

Earl McGee 4x50m Freestyle Relay team- 2nd

Scarlett- 50m Breaststroke 3rd

Tom- 50m backstroke- 2nd

Cooper- 50m freestyle- 3rd

NSW State Cricket Championships



Scarlett recently spent a week in Bathurst as part of the Girls PSSA Riverina Cricket Team and played against the best under 12 girls throughout NSW. This was a wonderful achievement for Scarlett, who is only in Year 5 with a year of opportunity ahead of her. We are so proud of your hard work and determination, and it is great to see Eurongilly students competing on the state stage.

Touch Football trials

Lily, Willow, Cooper, Tom and Mahli recently trialed to make the Cootamundra District Touch Football Team. This was yet another great opportunity for our students, mixing it with the best touch footballers from within our local area. Congratulations to Cooper and Mahli who have both made the side, despite coming up against older competitors, and will now head off to play other Riverina districts where a Boys and Girls Riverina Touch Football team will be selected for the NSW championships later in the year. A fantastic achievement.

AFL

Auskick will be running a free promotional session for our Eurongilly students next week on Friday 17 March at Eurongilly Public School. There will be game-based activities to introduce the students to the sport of AFL.



POP (Parenting Payments Online)

Go to the school's website

<http://eurongilly-p.schools.nsw.gov.au> and click on **\$Make a Payment** at the top and follow the prompts to make a school payment online with either your Visa or Mastercard.

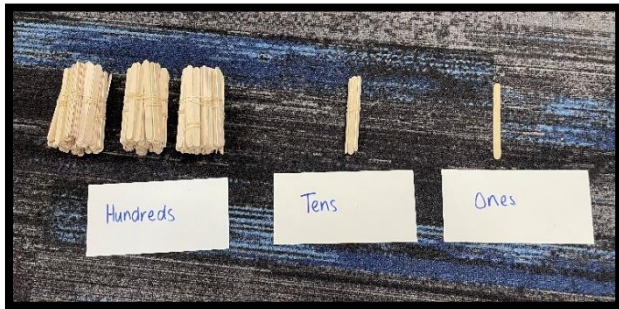


HAPPY 🎉 BIRTHDAY



News from K-2

In the K-2 classroom we have been working hard to understand numbers and how they work. Understanding how numbers work is important in developing deep, meaningful mathematical skills, confidence and growth. A big part of understanding how numbers work is knowing how to group and rename 10. Students have been learning that ten can be ten 1's and also ten as a single unit. This has also led to exploring how 2 tens can be renamed as 20 and 10 tens can be regrouped and renamed as 100.



We explored this concept using paddle pop sticks. The students enjoyed making their bundles of ten using rubber bands to create the new unit of 1 ten. During this process the students displayed strong mathematical thinking and vocabulary.

Layne: "I rolled a six!
Now I have eight."
(While rolling a dice)



"Come on....please roll a 2!"

Leo: "I have two bundles. I need a 3 and then I will have 30."

Fred: "I have thirty already!"

Georgie: "you have to check that you have ten before making your bundle."



By using the paddle pop sticks, students were able to see how the bundles of ten are created. They had a great deal of fun and loved seeing how many sticks we had altogether. The counting of the sticks was easier because we had made the bundles.



News from 3-6

It has been an exceptionally busy time in 3-6. With all our time spent on the sporting field, we have had to be creative with our learning time. In Literacy we have begun to experiment with writing narratives. We are continuing to get into routine with our literacy groups and we are really enjoying engaging with the school magazines with a particular love of readers theatre.

In Maths, we are moving from our Addition and Subtraction focus onto Multiplication and Division. We are continuing to explore identity and practice our athletics skills in PDHPE. In History we are looking at the events that have led to Australia being the country it is today with First Nations perspectives being a large focus of our current learning.



ALL ABOUT MR GILL

FAV SPORT : AFL.

FAV COLOUR : BLUE.

FAV ANIMAL : ORCA .

FAV HOBBIES : FISHING, CAMPING.

FAV FOOD : SAVOURY.

FAV MOVIE : DEPENDS ON HIS MOOD.

FAV BOOK : A FORTUNATE LIFE.

FAV PLACE : THE OCEAN.

FAV EURONGILLY MEMORY : GRANDPARENTS DAY 2022.



ALL ABOUT LILY

FAV SPORT : LEAGUE TAG

FAV COLOUR : PINK.

FAV ANIMAL : JAGUAR

FAV HOBBIES : COOKING, READING

FAV FOOD : SWEETS

FAV MOVIE : HARRY POTTER.

FAV BOOK : NEVERMOOR SERIES.

FAV PLACE : A FRIENDS HOUSE.

FAV EURONGILLY MEMORY : MISSING A DAY OFF SCHOOL .



P&C Newsflash

Thank you to all who attended the AGM on the 23rd.

As you may have already heard I have been bestowed with the honour of El Presidente & hope to live up to the exceptional job our illustrious Fiona Rankin has done over the years.

Kellie Howard, who I'm sure will be invaluable to myself & the committee is taking over from Jess Carter, our stellar Secretary.....so you can all breathe easy for the next 3 years.

Dianne Cusack remains as our trusted Treasurer.

Term 1 Fundraiser is the Chook yard & we hope to have this finished & up for sale within weeks. If you can lend a hand please contact Elissa Drew ASAP for details on working bee. Any other fundraiser ideas are always welcome.

P&C Memberships are a little low at the moment, so if you could please pay your \$5 membership fees ASAP that would be greatly appreciated or I will chase you down.

Thanks!

Shanan Mitchell/Hornsby





Soccer Gala Day



HONOUR WALL



Eurongilly Public School Term 1 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Family Conferences	13 March Riverina Boys Touch Trials	14 March Scripture	15 March NAPLAN	16 March NAPLAN Riverina Girls Touch Trials	17 March NAPLAN Library AFL 12:00-12:40pm
9	20 March  Healthy Harold NAPLAN	21 March Scripture HARMONY DAY  NAPLAN Parent Information Session 5-6pm	22 March NAPLAN	23 March NAPLAN	24 March Library NAPLAN Scholastic Orders Due
10	27 March NAPLAN	28 March Scripture	29 March	30 March	31 March Athletics Carnival
11	3 April	4 April Scripture	5 April Easter Celebrations	6 April Last day of term!	7 April Good Friday

