



COMING EVENTS

Week 3 – Education Week

Wed 3 August

- TEPS Got Talent Auditions
Years K-2

Fri 5 August

- Infants Assembly – 1K

Week 4

Fri 12 August

- Whole School Assembly

Week 5

Fri 19 August

- District Athletics, Mingara

Week 6 – Book Week

Thurs 25 August

- Book Character Parade
12.15pm-1.15pm

Fri 26 August

- Class Public Speaking
Finals

Week 8

Fri 9 September

- Year 6 Fete

Week 10

Mon 19 – Wed 21 September

- Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Mon 19 September

- Sydney North Athletics
SOPAC

NOTES YOU SHOULD HAVE

- Kindy Excursion Farm & Fun Park
- ICAS Assessments

The Entrance Public School

TERM 3 Week 3 2022

A Safe, Respectful and Engaged Community

Kindergarten Enrolments open!



We are currently making plans for our Kindergarten Transition to School (Headstart) program for students starting in 2023, which will commence in Term 4. If you have a child or know of a child that may be starting at The Entrance Public School in 2023 could you please advise the office to assist us with planning for the Headstart program and enrolment at The Entrance Public School.

Please contact the office on 4332 2422.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week marks Education Week for the Department of Education. Whilst our school will not be having an Open Day this week, we will be having it later in the year, after all our planned maintenance and Oval Upgrades have been finalised.

The theme for education week is, 'Creating Futures'. Our staff have a saying, 'You take away many things from people, but you cannot take away their education'.

At The Entrance Public School, we are committed to giving all of our students a quality education, to give them the best opportunities to follow whatever path it is in life.

I believe we are 'Creating Futures' at The Entrance Public School.

School Athletics Carnival

Thank you to all who came and watched at the Athletics Carnival. It was an incredibly enjoyable day. Miss Chaffer is putting together the final results, and we will advertise our awards assembly soon.

School Work's Update

I have been advertising major works around our school for some time now. It has been a long and slow process to get to the point of shovels in ground, but I can report that we are not too far off that happening. All major work will be completed by the beginning of Term 4, which gives us all a lot to look forward to. We are waiting for final artists impressions to show our community, but in the meantime, I have put an example of the proposal for you all to see.

I would also like to report that many of our classrooms and external building spaces will be getting new paint and upgrades as well.

Onwards and Upwards.

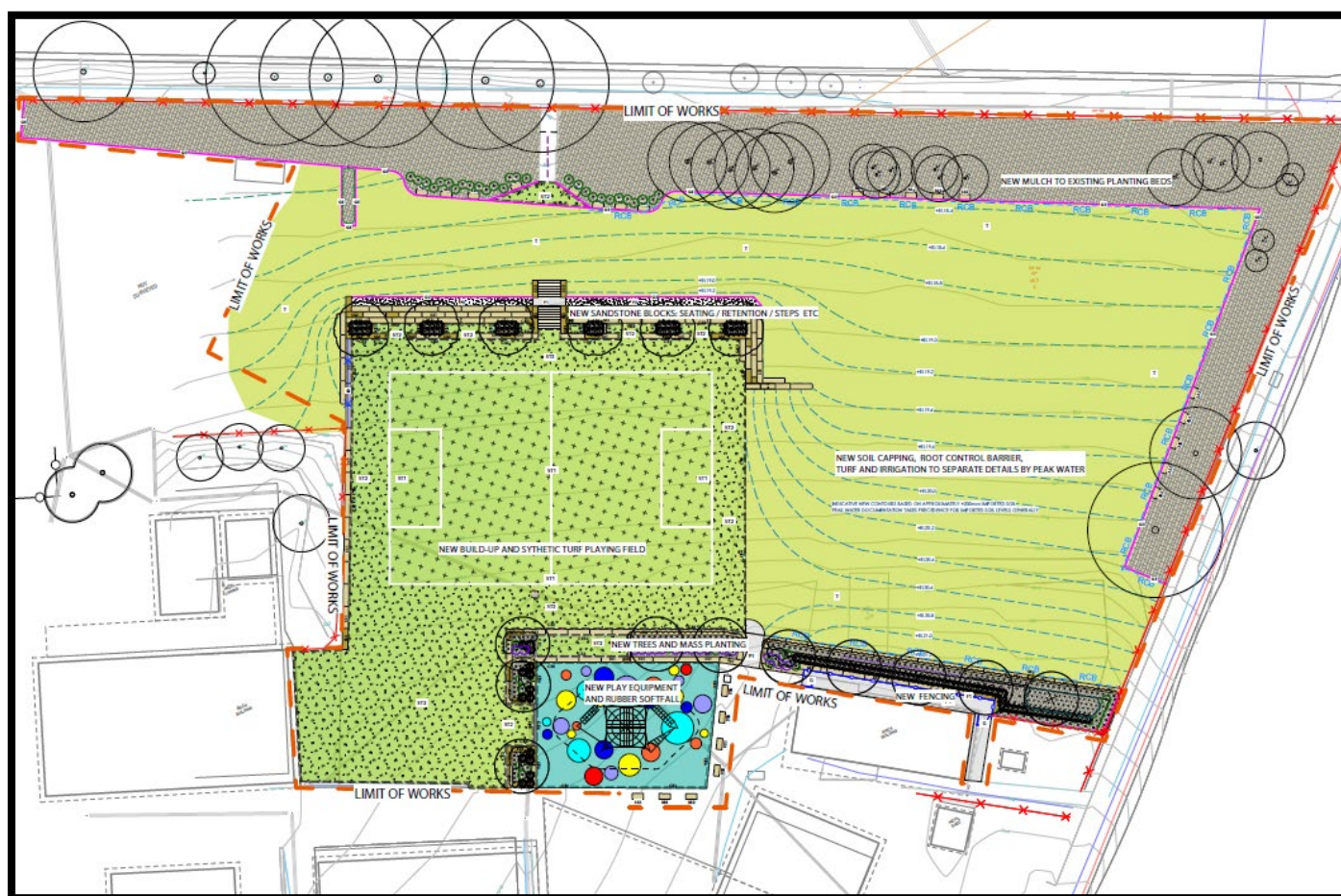


Image of new Playground Development – Top View

Thank you P & C

A massive thank you to our wonderful P & C who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes on giving to our school. They have applied for and received two grants to help improve school facilities.

1. \$10,000 towards a hall upgrade including new lighting system and control deck, curtains, and signage.
2. \$20,000 Queen's Jubilee Tree Grant – Finishing off hedging around school property, citrus trees for our garden and increased shaded areas around the school.

The P & C also ran the sausage sizzle at the athletics carnival.

The P & C involve a small yet extremely dedicated group of parents who give so much of their time to the school. They meet week 3 (in school) and week 8 (after school hours) on the Tuesday.

For more information on how you can be involved contact:

theentrancepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Early Arrivals

There has been a large increase in students arriving well before teachers are on duty in the last few weeks. A reminder that teachers are on duty at 8:45am and students should not be arriving at school before that time. Students and families can access our Before and After School service run by TASK. Parents can access significant subsidies for this service including the Before and After School Care (BASC) Voucher. Which gives families \$500 towards care. More information can be found at:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-basc-voucher>

New School Uniform

Just an update on our new school uniform. We are finalising the shirt design and are currently having the three options made up so we can see a physical copy. We anticipate that Lowe's and Gosford Tailoring will be able to offer orders at the end of Term 4. Parents are also able to utilise the Back-to-School budget boost from the government. \$150 towards uniforms and school resources. TEPS will be organising a Back-to-School package in mid-term 4.

Community Educational Beliefs Survey

Coming out next week will be a **Community Educational Beliefs Survey**. This is designed to give us some input into our community's beliefs about education and seeing if our school and staff beliefs align. Those who return the survey will go into the draw for an I-pad.

Survey link is below. It takes around 10 minutes:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPD3SFW>

Public Speaking Competition

Our Public Speaking Competition is well on the way, and we hope that your children are preparing well for the class side. Stage finalists will speak next week.

Volunteers

Our Stephanie Alexander Garden/Kitchen Program is running beautifully this year with Stage 2 students enjoying all the benefits. Our teacher Mrs Harvey is looking for any volunteers who would like to help with either the cooking or gardening side of the program. The program runs on a Wednesday and a Thursday. If you are interested, please leave a message with your name and contact number at the front office.

Dave Stitt
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations Brad Woodward

Congratulations to Brad Woodward for his Commonwealth Games achievement! Brad is a former student of TEPS, who is now a Commonwealth Games bronze medallist in backstroke. This will go with his gold and silver medal from the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.



ICAS Assessments

Following a long break due to COVID-19, this year we are pleased to offer students in Years 2–6 the opportunity to participate in the ICAS Assessment program. This program is a series of optional tests for students to test their knowledge and skill in a variety of areas while also building confidence to sit formal tests. Students will be able to select tests to participate in including topics of Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling Bee and Writing. The tests will be conducted at school during Week 4 – 7 of Term 3.

Week 4 – 8 - 12 August – Digital Technologies and Writing

Week 5 – 15 – 19 August – English

Week 6 – 22 – 26 August – Science and Spelling Bee

Week 7 – 29 August to 2 September – Mathematics

To maximise opportunity for our students to participate, the school will provide access to the English, Mathematics and Science tests at a reduced rate of \$5.00 per test (normally \$17.50). More information on the ICAS assessments can be found at <https://www.icasassessments.com/>

A permission note was sent home on 1st August. If you would like your child to participate, permission notes and payment are due by Friday 5th August.

School Travel Pass (OPAL Cards)

There are many students who are not using OPAL cards when travelling to and from school each day on local buses. Use of OPAL cards allows the bus companies to be paid for their services to students.

A school travel pass is available for free for all students in Kindergarten to Year 2. Students in Years 3 to 6 are eligible if the straight-line distance from the student's home address to school is more than 1.6km or the walking distance from home to school is 2.3km or further.

Please help support our local businesses by applying for an OPAL card and using it each day. Further information can be found at <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply>. If you need assistance with your application, please contact us at school, we will be happy to help.

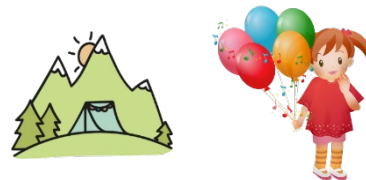
Matthew Browning
Deputy Principal

Stage 3 News

Camp: The Stage 3 camp is fast approaching! Please continue to make payments to the office or online. All payments need to be finalised by 2nd September. A reminder note will be sent home soon with the amount owing. Please make contact with your child's teacher or the office if you have any questions regarding the cost of camp.

Stage 3 Fete: The Stage 3 teachers are so happy to confirm that the Stage 3 Fete will go ahead this year! The date is set for Week 8, 9th September. Our last fete was held in 2019 and the year 6 students were able to raise over \$5,100. We are hoping to match or exceed this amount after not having had a fete for two years!

Kind regards,
Ms Martinez
Stage 3 Assistant Principal



Greetings from the learning support centre!

My name is Karla Feeney, and I am a social work student from the University of New England. I am currently here at the Entrance Public School on a 500-hour social work placement. I have had the pleasure of meeting most of staff. However, I wanted to take the time now to introduce myself to those who don't know me.

Essentially, my role here at the Entrance Public School will be to support student well-being. Helping those who may need a little extra assistance. Although, my main role will be to support the social and emotional needs of students, I am also here to support all members of the school community. Including principals, students, staff, and their families. Therefore, if you would like any assistance, please let me know and I can schedule a time to meet with you/your student(s). You can contact me either via the learning support office or via email: karla.feeney1@det.nsw.edu.au, on Monday's, Tuesday's, Thursday's, and Friday's.

I want to thank you all for your warm welcome and for having me here at the Entrance Public School. I believe it is going to be a wonderful and worthwhile learning experience! I have already had the pleasure of observing Luke's year 5/6 class, and I must admit, I was very impressed.

Once again thank you all for having me here at the Entrance Public School. I am looking forward to working with you.

*Warmest Regards
Karla Feeney
Social Work Student from the University of New England.*



*Creating better
futures together*



everyone's family

Smith Family Learning Club every Friday from 8am

CANTEEN MESSAGE

Roster

Monday

Help needed

Tuesday

Amy

Wednesday

Help needed

Thursday

Judith

Dianne

Friday

Sam

Amy

Emma Brophy

Canteen Manager

If any families have uniforms that they would like to donate, please bring into the office or canteen.

Term 3

Winter Warmer Healthy Lunch Box Promotion



\$7

Meal 1

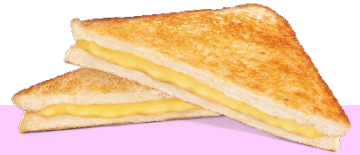
Spaghetti bolognese & hot chocolate or juice popper



\$5

Meal 2

Cheese toastie & hot chocolate or juice popper



FRESHKIDS

1. The 'Eat Fresh and Win' campaign will commence on **Monday 1st August 2022** and end on **Friday 16th September 2022**.
2. Simply purchase 2 pieces of fruit or salad on your burger or sandwich and receive an entry into our Eat Fresh and Win Promotion.
3. Upon collection of 2 stamps, students must return their entry form to the Canteen to be rewarded with a prize.
4. The major prize draw will take place on **Wednesday 12 October 2022** at Sydney Markets with all winners published on the Fresh for Kids website on **Monday 17th October 2022**.
5. Prizes will be sent to the winners by **Friday 28 October 2022**.

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BAZZA BANANA



TAMARA TOMATO



MEGABITE APPLE



SUMMA STRAWBERRY

Dear Parents and Carers,

P&C Father's Day 2022 Pre-order Stall

Father's Day will be celebrated on Sunday 4 September. This year, to help ensure students can get the gifts they would like to share, we will pre-order Father's Day gifts. There will not be a stall.

This year, four gift options are available to choose from. The Back Scratcher Shoe Horn and Magic Towel gifts are \$5.00 each. The Deskmate Clock and Best Cook Apron gifts are \$10.00 each. If you would like your child to buy a gift from the Father's Day Pre-order Stall, please select from the options on the order form below and return the completed order with payment to the school Canteen by **Friday 12 August 2022**.

All gifts will be delivered to students before Father's Day.

Unfortunately, late orders will not be accepted.

P&C Committee



P&C Father's Day 2022 Pre-order Stall

Student Name: _____

Class _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

 <p>Back Scratcher Shoe Horn</p> <p>Qty <input type="text"/></p> <p>(Colour may vary)</p> <p>\$5</p>	 <p>Magic Towel</p> <p>Qty <input type="text"/></p> <p>\$5</p>
 <p>Deskmate Clock</p> <p>Qty <input type="text"/></p> <p>\$10</p>	 <p>Best Cook Apron</p> <p>Qty <input type="text"/></p> <p>\$10</p>

Please return orders to the Canteen by Friday 12 August 2022



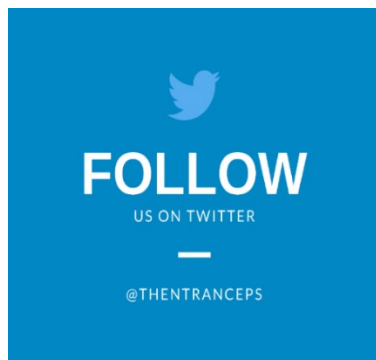
Students will be walking the runway to show off their favourite book characters at the **Dreaming With Eyes Open Book Character Parade** on **Thursday 25th August**, from **12.15pm-1.15pm**. Students are welcome to remain in character for the whole day and are encouraged to parade with their book.



Our **Book Fair** will be open in the library during Book Week from **Monday 22nd August – Thursday 25th August**. Parents and carers can visit the Book Fair before and after school **8.30am-9.00am** and **3.20pm-4pm**. The fair will also be open first break **11.30-12pm** for students who are unable to visit before or after school. The library will be looking to use proceeds from this fair to improve the display space in the library.



The TEPS community would like to thank Bunnings Warehouse Tuggerah for the generous donation of bags of soil, Sugar Cane Mulch and the wide variety of seedlings.



NEW School App

Our FREE SCHOOL APP is here! Access school news, alerts, digital permission notes and more quickly and easily.

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- 2) Search for "The Entrance Public"
- 3) Download our FREE APP with this icon:



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We are now accepting the NSW govt BASC vouchers at *all* our TASK services. We are aware that some families may not currently use TASK due to financial constraints and these vouchers may give them an opportunity to access our service, for zero cost to them!

Information on the vouchers can be found here: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc-voucher>

Families can enrol at TASK by going to task-kids.com.au, selecting "Schools" from the top menu, choosing their school from the drop down menu and clicking "the "Enrol Now button.

PART-TIME JOBS AVAILABLE

TASK
THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB
is hiring!



EDUCATORS NEEDED BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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- Supportive team with growth opportunities
- Permanent part-time positions, training provided
- Home grown, completely independent Australian provider
- Current Working With Children Check required
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EVENT

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