### Rules and Values

**Week 6**

**Rule:** Be responsible: Let others learn as much as they can.  
**Value:** Democracy

**Week 7**

**Rule:** Be safe: Work safely, play safely  
**Value:** Participation

### Dates to Remember

Please also check our school’s on-line calendar at:  

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<td>Cyber Bullying</td>
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<td>Kindergarten Orientation – Day 3</td>
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<td>Tues 18,25 Nov &amp; 2,9 Dec</td>
<td>Dance2BFit</td>
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<td>Principal’s Banner Morning Tea @11:00</td>
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<td>Performing Arts Showcase Evening</td>
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<td>Monday 8 December</td>
<td>Presentation Day</td>
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<td>Wednesday 10 December</td>
<td>Combined Scripture Service</td>
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<td>Picnic Day</td>
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<td>Dance 2BFit (final) – 2:15-3:00pm in hall</td>
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<td>Tuesday 27 January</td>
<td>Staff return – Professional Development Day</td>
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<td>Students in Years 1 to 6 return to school</td>
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### Notes Currently in Circulation

Please also check our school’s website at:  

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Dear Parents,

**Selective high schools**


**Choosing the right shoes**

Although the end of year may be looming and thoughts of new school shoes may be far from your mind, the following information will be useful when selecting school shoes for 2015.

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Geoffrey Crichton, a podiatrist with more than 27 years' experience says the shoe needs to pass these three simple tests:

1. Hold the shoe, one hand at the heel, the other around the middle of the shoe and twist. There should be resistance through the middle of the shoe.
2. Hold the shoe at the heel and squeeze. The shoe should have a strong heel counter which means the heel should hold firm.
3. Flex the shoe at the forefoot (or where the ball of the foot would be). The shoe should flex enabling natural movement of the foot.

4. A good shoe should weigh about 250 grams.

Please note the shoes acceptable shoes for students to wear on non-sports days in 2015.

**School Planning 2015-2017**

We have been working hard to create three strategic directions to define the future priorities of EWPS. This is what we have developed so far:

**Strategic Direction One: Students as leaders and learners**

Purpose: We aim to create a genuine and powerful culture of learning and leadership which pervades the entire school and becomes a natural part of the way the school operates. Students will experience differentiation of content, product, environment, outcomes and processes. Successes will be celebrated, along with learning when the results are less positive and a shared opportunity for improvement is found.

**Strategic Direction Two: Staff as lead learners**

Purpose: For learning opportunities to effectively build collective and individual capacity and place emphasis on collaborative learning. To develop strong leadership at all levels of the school that is capable, willing and actively working to shift thinking and practice. To create systems for assessing professional learning which focus on the needs of teachers and ensure a comprehensive approach to learning.

**Strategic Direction Three: Partnerships in learning**

Purpose: There is a high level of engagement across the entire school community. Students, parents, caregivers and the community are informed, engaged and influential in the learning culture of the school. Capacity building is designed to incorporate cycles of learning and application within and across the school and with other schools.

**P&C Association**

Last night the Annual General Meeting of the P&C was held. On behalf of the school community, I would like to acknowledge the important contributions of the outgoing executive: Anne van Uden (President), Tracy Connors (Vice President), Rachel Evans (Vice President), Soula Carlson (Treasurer) and Jodie Visagie (Secretary).

I would also like to congratulate the newly appointed executive: Vanessa Julien (President), Corey Lee (Vice President), Shannon O’Keeffe (Vice President), Soula Carlson (Treasurer) and Kirsty Archer (Secretary). I am confident the P&C will continue to support the school in all aspects.

Did you know that through the work of the P&C and the financial contributions of families, the P&C has contributed $44,437.57 to the school this year? For a small school this is an amazing achievement. All children benefit from this, and we are grateful for the resources you have allowed us to provide. May I urge you to consider taking on a role within the school, as we desperately need volunteers to assist in the canteen, in the uniform shop and at special events.

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**ACCEPTABLE SHOES**

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Shannon Judge
Principal
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<th>Student: Yousef KE</th>
<th>Student: Nicholas 3/4P</th>
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| Neda: What is your favourite subject?  
Yousef: Maths  
Neda: Why is maths?  
Yousef: Because you get to learn how to count on. This means using your fingers, e.g. 8+6=14. I can work out 28+6 by counting on too!  
Neda: Why do you like coming to school?  
Yousef: I like learning at school  
Neda: How is your wonderful teacher Miss Elias?  
Yousef: Good because she lets us do what we want  
Neda: If you could make any changes to the school what would they be?  
Yousef: Make more lessons on Maths  
Neda: Are you excited for next year?  
Yousef: Yes | Neda: How is Miss Pickrell?  
Nicholas: Nice because she lets us use our XO’s a lot  
Neda: Could you tell me what you use the XO’s for?  
Nicholas: We use the XO’s to go on Studyladder, which is a program where you can practice skills you are learning in class.  
Neda: If you could make any changes to the school what would it be?  
Nicholas: Nothing  
Neda: Are you excited for next year?  
Nicholas: Yes  
Neda: What are you looking forward to?  
Nicholas: Doing new things that I haven’t done before.  
Neda: Is AFL good?  
Nicholas: Good  
Neda: Why do you like coming to school?  
Nicholas: I like learning new things |

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<th>Student: Corey 1/2D</th>
<th>Student: Tori 4/5S</th>
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| Neda: How is your great teacher Miss Dixon?  
Corey: Good  
Neda: What are you learning about in class at the moment?  
Corey: We are learning our times tables. I know my 10 times, like 10x10 is 100! I can also work out 10x1 and 10x3.  
Neda: Are you excited for next year?  
Corey: Yes because holidays come first  
Neda: Why do you like coming to school?  
Corey: It’s fun  
Neda: What is your favourite subject?  
Corey: Sport and reading  
Neda: If you could make a change to the school what would it be?  
Corey: Transport around the school! | Neda: How is AFL on Fridays?  
Tori: Really fun  
Neda: What is it about AFL that you enjoy? I enjoy it because it is fun and active.  
Neda: How is fantastic Mrs Simic?  
Tori: Awesome  
Neda: Are you excited for Year 6 next year?  
Tori: Yes because we are going to able to receive more opportunities.  
Neda: If you could make any changes to the school what would it be?  
Tori: Nothing  
Why is that?  
Tori: It’s already new changes and I wouldn’t want to change anything about it.  
Neda: Why do you like coming to school?  
Tori: I like coming to school to see my friends |
MERIT CERTIFICATES

Merit Certificates and recognition of other special achievements are awarded to students each week and presented at the weekly assembly. Congratulations to the following students who recently attained awards:

### Merit Certificates:

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<td>Lehla N, Dania J, Bradley C, Jayden L.</td>
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### Student of the Week:

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<td>Primary: Melanie C.</td>
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### Bronze Striver:

Charlotte E, Kiana P, Hephzibah H, Elliott C.

### Silver Striver:

Hephzibah H, Kieran L, Thomas M, Mohammed R.

### Gold Striver:

**Principal’s Banner:** Bradley C.

### Sport Awards:


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**Principal’s Banner Award**

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**EWPS BOOK FAIR**

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those families who supported our book fair which, as always, proved very popular with our students. In total we raised in excess of $130.00. This money will be used to offset the considerable costs involved in our efforts to provide the latest editions of popular fiction and non-fiction resources for all students to enjoy. Thanks are extended to the MacKenzie and Pandoulis families for their book donations to the school.

Again, many thanks for your support of our library through this endeavour.

*Leigh Farmer*
Toys ‘n’ Tucker

Toys ‘n’ Tucker, an initiative of Anglicare Sydney, aims to share the joy of Christmas by providing food and gifts for those who would otherwise go without. Anglicare believe that Christmas is a time to give, to share and to be a blessing to those in our community who need it most.

All donations go straight to the Anglicare Warehouse where they are sorted and packed, ready to be distributed. The sorting and packing process is carried out by teams of dedicated volunteers from churches, schools and businesses. The food hampers and gift parcels are then distributed through Anglicare’s Emergency Relief and Family Support programs which assist thousands in our community who would otherwise go without.

Some examples of food which can be donated are long life custard, pasta sauce, tinned tuna/salmon/ham, Christmas cake & puddings, small packs of biscuits and small packs of lollies.

Gifts for babies, children and teenagers may include new toys, Gift cards, toiletry gift packs for teenagers, sports equipment, family games and books for all ages.

If you wish to donate to this cause please bring your items to the 4/5S room on or before Thursday 4 December 2014.
Ermington West presents

FROZEN FRIDAY

THE CANTEEN
WILL BE OPEN ON
FRIDAY AFTERNOONS
FOR THE REMAINDER OF TERM 4
SELLING ICE BLOCKS!
COOL OFF AT THE CANTEEN
FROM 3PM TO 3.15PM

(Parents and siblings can purchase too!)
Hurry – ends this Friday!

Ermington West Public School Uniform Shop

**Summer Sale**
4 Weeks Only*

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*All stock is on sale until the 14th November, unless sold out prior.

*Open every Friday morning from 8:30am–9:00am for 4 weeks only.

*Order form orders will be accepted for the sale items. Please ensure you forward the correct money by the 14th November.
“Discover and Be Inspired”

A Gifted and Talented Experience for YEAR 5 Students

A Science experience with a difference – Be part of our giant Science classroom

Registrations are now open for this special day with limited places and it’s free of charge.

Dear Parent/Guardian

An invitation to a unique event for Year 5 students and their parents, meet the Surfing Scientist, see his Science tricks, be part of a giant Science experience, be a scientist doing experiments and have fun.

Cumberland High School is a comprehensive high school with a stream allocated to Gifted and Talented students. Cumberland offers a curriculum for students who aspire to achieve exceptional results.

You are invited to attend a unique Science Challenge Experience, which will be held at our school.

Ruben Meerman, The Surfing Scientist from the ABC will present his special Science Challenge Performance.

Date: Monday 24th November 2014
Time: 9.00am to 12.30
Venue: Cumberland High School
183 Pennant Hills Rd.
Carlingford 2118

Telephone: 9871 7718
Fax: 9872 5381
Web: www.cumberland-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

To register: Ring the school or email for the attention of Mrs Diane Orpen providing the name of the parent/guardian and the names and number of students that are interested in attending. Please notify us by Wednesday, 19 November 2014.