Excellence, diversity and opportunity in a caring school

RULES AND VALUES

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--- DATES TO REMEMBER ---

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

2014 : Term 1

1 April Zone Soccer – postponed until Tuesday 6th May (Week 2, Term 2)
7 April Cross Country Carnival – 9:15am (to be confirmed)
8 April Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews
9 April Primary School Sport Skills Gala Day (Marsden High)
10 April Anzac Day service – 2:30pm
11 April Easter Eggstravaganza

Term 2

9 May Stewart House Donation Drive
20 May ICAS Computer Skills Competition
4 June ICAS Science Competition
16 June ICAS Writing Competition
17 June ICAS Spelling Competition
29 July ICAS English Competition
12 August ICAS Mathematics Competition

--- NOTES CURRENTLY IN CIRCULATION ---

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Literacy Continuum

Teachers at Ermington West PS use the NSW Literacy continuum K-10 as a tool for tracking student progress against the objectives and outcomes of the English syllabus.

The NSW Literacy continuum is a powerful tool that identifies literacy skills and understandings regarded as critical to literacy success. It maps how these critical aspects develop through the years of schooling by describing key markers of expected student achievement.

It has been informed by an extensive range of international and Australian studies, reports and research. When used together with syllabus documents and other support materials, the continuum assists teachers to deliver a quality program in every key learning area.

The eight critical aspects which form this framework are considered essential to student literacy development and are no particular hierarchy. These are:
- Reading texts
- Comprehension
- Vocabulary knowledge
- Aspects of writing
- Aspects of speaking
- Phonics
- Phonemic awareness
- Concepts about print

This data is utilised for planning and programming learning opportunities for all students. As you know, all students achieve at varying levels and learn using different strategies. At the three way conferences on Tuesday, teachers will specifically refer to the literacy continuum, discuss where your child is placed and highlight their future goals.

**Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences**

The timeslots are filling quickly, so if you have not completed your note, do so as soon as possible. As the students will attend these interviews, we have not booked interpreters at this point in time. If a further interview with an interpreter is required, we will arrange for this to occur in Term Two.

**Cross Country Carnival**

The Cross Country Carnival was postponed this week due to the condition of the course. It has been re-scheduled for Monday 7 April to commence at 9:15. Parents are more than welcome to attend. Please ensure your child has plenty of water and sensible running shoes.

**Asthma**

If your child has asthma, they must have their puffers every day at school and should have it on them during sport and when playing at recess and lunch. An updated medical record request will be sent home at the beginning of next term to allow us to create a register of medical conditions across the school.

**Anzac Day Service**

We will commemorate this on Thursday, 10 April at 2:30pm. All families are invited to join us as we reflect upon the sacrifices made by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and what this means for all Australians today. The service will be held in the hall.

**End of Term Celebration**

On Friday 11 April we will have our Easter Eggstravaganza. This day will include the Easter Hat Parade, the world’s biggest treasure hunt and an eggssibition of Eggoramas. We understand many families do not celebrate Easter for religious reasons and have made provision for students to enjoy the day, regardless of their religious denomination. K-2 students will need to make a hat, decorated at home and brought to school on Thursday 10 April. Years 3-4 will make a mask, decorated at home and brought to school on Thursday 10 April.

- Years 5-6 will create an Eggorama, an Easter diorama which will be placed on display on the day. It will need to be brought to school on Thursday 10 April to enable us to set up the display.

**In appreciation**

Sincere thanks to the entire school community for their support of the Bunnings cake stall which raised $957.45. This is an outstanding effort and I would like to commend the P and C on this fundraiser. In particular, thank you to Barbara Britton for organising a space and time for us on the opening weekend of Bunnings, Rydalmere and to Anne van Uden and Rachel Evans for coordinating the event. All money donated to the school contributes to the educational opportunities for our learners.

**Arunga Visit**

Today Callan and Chris visited Arunga and shared their favourite books with some of the residents. They both did our school proud and enjoyed the reminiscences of times gone by.

Shannan Judge
Principal

**PRINCIPAL’S BANNER AWARDS**
Our Community of Learners

Our students engaged in mathematics, dance, outdoor play and some yummy treats sold at the Bunnings BBQ.

The dynamic team of parents take a break from serving customers to have their photo taken with ‘Fast Ed’ who was cooking up a storm at Bunnings, Rydalmere.
MERIT CERTIFICATES

Merit Certificates are awarded to students each week by their teachers and presented at the weekly assembly. Congratulations to these recipients who recently attained the following awards:

**Merit Certificates:**
- KE: Rebecca S, Jasmine R, Jackson R, Lucas W.
- 1-2D: Lara D, Emeline K, Sarah R, Corey R.
- 1-2H: Damon K, Tatiana S, Samara M, Mostafa A.
- 2-3P: Ben P, Charlotte L, Jemimah K, Mya D.
- 4-5S: Nikita M, Nirav P, Michelle L, Lars V.
- 6I: Simran K, Alisa A, Tima D, Lara F.

**Student of the Week:**
- KE-3D: Lara D, Emeline K, Sarah R, Corey R.
- 1-2H: Damon K, Tatiana S, Samara M, Mostafa A.
- 2-3P: Ben P, Charlotte L, Jemimah K, Mya D.
- 4-5S: Nikita M, Nirav P, Michelle L, Lars V.
- 6I: Simran K, Alisa A, Tima D, Lara F.

**Value:**
- “Responsibility”
- Primary: Shyann C
- Infants: Elizabeth F.

**Bronze Striver:**
- Melanie C, Dania J, Mustafa R, Tiymika L, Tyson S, Daniel A.

**Silver Striver:**
- Alisa A, Mohammed R, Mustafa R, Benjamin V.

**Gold Striver:**
- Olivia V, Callan M.

**Principal’s Banner:**
- Cora A, Kadijah R, Ava G.

**Sport Awards:**
- Chloe B, Tiymika L, Demircan D.

P&C NEWS

**Ermington West Public School P&C Contacts:**
- Email: ewpspc@optusnet.com.au
- Phone: 0413 928 126 – Anne van Uden (President 2014)

**Executive P&C Members for 2014:**
- President: Anne van Uden
- Secretary: Jodie Visagie
- Treasurer: Soula Carlson
- Vice President: Rachel Evans, Tracy Connors

**Bunnings Cake Stall**

WOW………..what an amazing effort by our school community!!!!

For everyone who baked and helped prior to and on the day, I thank you so very very much, not just personally but on behalf of the P&C and the children of EWPS. We raised a profit of $957.45. Such an amazing effort from everyone and I have to say on the day I was so very proud to be standing in front of our sign saying we were from Ermington West Public School as we projected an enthusiastic and supportive group. Thank you also to Mrs Judge who took time out of her own weekend to come and support us at the stall and help promote our wonderful school.

**Aussie Farmers Direct**

Aussie Farmers Direct have a Fundraising Program which has been running for a few years now. All you have to do is link your account & 2% of your weekly Aussie Farmers Direct shop can be donated back to our school every six months. You can either link your account via [http://www.aussiefarmers.com.au/fundraising/customers/link-your-account](http://www.aussiefarmers.com.au/fundraising/customers/link-your-account) or ring them on 1300 645 562.

**EWPS Parents Facebook Page**

Thank you to all our new members!! We hope you are finding our Facebook page useful. Just a reminder that if you have not joined, it may be a useful tool to catch up on things and keep in the loop of conversations happening. The page is for sharing information and putting out notices and reminders. We are NOT able to post photos however as this breaches many issues regarding confidentiality. Please request to join and the administrators will accept your request.

**P&C  “a very special thank you to all of our new members for your interest and support”**

The P&C meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the school library. We very much welcome new members joining our passionate group to help make a difference to our school for the children. If you want to come along and see what we do and how we do it, our next meeting is Tuesday 8th April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and see how we work together to benefit the children’s learning experience at EPPS. If you want to “join” the P&C, it is a gold coin donation which then at the next meeting you attend gives you voting rights on issues voted on.

Anne van Uden
President 2014
EWPS P&C
Mother’s Day 2014

Mother’s Day Mufti
All children can come to school on Wednesday 30 April dressed in mufti. This is a non-school uniform day where children can choose to make a gold coin donation or donate an appropriate gift for the Mother’s Day stall (suggested value $5-$12).

The Mother’s Day Gift Stall
The P&C will be holding the Mother’s Day Gift Stall on Tuesday 6 May. A large range of gifts will be on offer to all students, ranging from $2 to $12. Students will be able to purchase gifts with their class teacher. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to purchase a Mother’s Day gift from the stall, please provide them with money on the day.

Volunteers Needed
Volunteers are needed to assist with the wrapping of gifts on Wednesday 30 April, (Mufti Day) from 10:30am and to assist with the Gift Stall on Tuesday 6 May, from 9:30am in the connected classroom. If you can help, please contact me for details and enquiries.

Tina Pandoulis
0433 061 350

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE PARENTING COURSE

*Triple P* is a free Positive Parenting Program for all families
Providing practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

**Seminar 1 (Thurs 8 May, 10am-12pm)**
The Power Of Positive Parenting:
Introduces parents to the five core principles of positive parenting: ensuring a safe, engaging environment for children, creating a positive learning environment, using assertive discipline, having realistic expectations, and taking care of yourself as a parent.

**Seminar 2 (Thurs 15 May, 10am-12pm)**
Raising Confident, Competent Children:
How to teach children important values and skills, including encouraging respect, cooperation, getting on with others, learning to be independent, to develop healthy self-esteem and to become good problem solvers.
These competencies enable children to do well both at school and beyond.

**Where:** Dundas Area Neighbourhood Centre, 21 Sturt St Telopea NSW 2117
Child care: FREE limited childcare places are available for children birth – five years.

**For more information or to book please contact** Dundas Area Neighbourhood Centre, on 9684 4250

This program is delivered in partnership with Community Migrant Resource Centre.
Volunteers Wanted

Australia Table Tennis Open

Australia Table Tennis Open is holding the Ozcare Australia Open at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Halls from the 23rd – 25th of May 2014.

The Ozcare Australia Open will be part of the International Table Tennis Federations WORLD TOUR and will be the first time in over 15 years a World Tour event has been held in Australia.

Table Tennis Australia needs your help to make this World Tour event a success. We urgently need volunteers throughout the competition to help with jobs such as program and ticket sellers at the front desk, crowd management personnel with the different areas inside the venue, VIP hosts and people to help set up and pull down the venue.

Come along and watch some of the best players from around the world compete over the 5 days of competition and help be a part of the NEW Australia Open.

To register your interest in being a volunteer, complete the following form and return to:

Bonnie Elliott
National Events Manager
Table Tennis Australia
Ph: 07 3369 4999
Email: nem@tabletennis.org.au

FREE Family Fun Day
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Parramatta Park
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Literacy Workshops for Parents

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This is for you.

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Children are welcome and will be supervised by library staff.
FREE | Bookings Essential | 9806 5159

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