RULES AND VALUES

Week 2
Rule: Be safe: Work safely, play safely
Value: Integrity

Week 3
Rule: Be responsible: Respect the rights and property of the school and others
Value: Excellence

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

2014 : Term 1

18 March Stewart House used clothing collection
20 March African Beat Harmony Day performance
31 March Cross-country carnival
1 April Zone Soccer

NOTES CURRENTLY IN CIRCULATION
Please also check our school’s on-line calendar at:

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Technology News
The IWB for 4/5S will be installed by the end of the term. We thank the P and C for their generous contribution in purchasing this item for the classroom. We are currently in the process of acquiring quotes regarding the Connected Classroom. The aim is to establish a computer lab, with wireless internet to tie in with the video conferencing facilities. This room will then become a technology hub for the school community.

In appreciation
Thank you to the parents who assisted with the clean-up in the P and C storeroom during the week. We are fortunate to have such hard working parents! The P and C Bingo challenge is on this Saturday afternoon from 3:30pm. Without the support of the school community we would not be in the position to purchase large scale items such as interactive whiteboards. Thank you in anticipation of your support and sincere thanks to the parents who have organised this fundraising event.

Scripture
Scripture commenced last week and the students are in their nominated groups. Scripture will run on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 – 9:30am.

Playground Works
You will have, no doubt, noticed the hive of activity at the school over the weekend and during the week. This was part of planned works organised by the Department of Education and Communities.
We have had some enquiries regarding the safety of trees in schools following the tragic accident at Pitt Town PS. May I assure you that we, like every other public school, are in the process of having our trees inspected by an arborist. There are strict guidelines we must follow in this process and, needless to say, the safety of our community is always paramount. For more detailed information, please come and see me as I am happy to discuss this further.
The 3-6 playground equipment has been ordered and we are awaiting a date for installation. The K-2 playground will also have some modifications to it;
namely the removal of the fireman’s pole, which will be replaced by a net climber, and the installation of a smaller step.

Professional Learning
Last week the learning support team held a two day conference. During this time the specialist teachers met with classroom teachers and the school counsellor to prepare a model of delivery which best supports the learners of EWPS. On Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 2:00–3:00pm, the specialist teachers are able to meet with parents in order to provide information and strategies for literacy and numeracy. If you would like to access this facility, please see Mrs Marshall or Mrs Nouragas.

Targeted Early Numeracy Strategy: Miss Haynes will attend a three day course in order to train as a facilitator in this highly successful mathematics program. Once qualified, Miss Haynes will then provide professional learning for teachers who have not yet trained in this program.


L3: Miss Elias and Mrs Marshall will begin their professional learning journey in the L3 program. L3 is a literacy program which addresses reading and writing processes. It has been specifically designed for Kindergarten students. The picture below gives an indication of the growth of learners throughout the program.

Term Two will see the school review the student welfare and discipline policies and procedures. This review is part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning program currently used at EWPS.

In Term Three, our focus will be on Mathematics and the new syllabus document. We will be working within a community of schools to undertake professional learning and future planning.

In Term Four, the new school planning process will begin and all of the community will be invited to engage in focus groups and review of practices and policies in order to create a new school plan which will integrate teaching, learning, budgeting and reporting progress.

Parent Forum
Next Tuesday, 11 March from 6:00 – 7:00pm we will be holding a forum to which we invite all of our EWPS community. The venue will either be the library or the hall depending upon the number of attendees. The purpose of the forum is future focused. We value your ideas and thoughts regarding the learning opportunities your child receives and aim to strengthen our ties with the community. Some ideas for discussion:

*Homework
*Personalising learning
*Technology
*Reporting to parents

Could you please complete the attached form and return to your child’s class teacher to let us know of your availability. If you are unable to attend, but wish to have input, there is provision for this on the parent form.

Sporting News
Good luck to our swimming team who will represent EWPS at the Zone Carnival on Thursday. Our Zone swimmers are: Elliott, Tatiana, Kate, Charlotte L, Andrew, Lachy, Tyler, Carl, Lars, Molly, Emma, Michelle, Callan, Milan, Bradley, Olivia, Jay and Cora.

Thank you to Miss Isaacs for her impeccable organisation and to all of the parents who are assisting with transport.

Our school Cross Country carnival will be held on Monday 31 March 2014.

Stewart House Clothing Collection
Collection bags are being sent home today for the annual used clothing appeal in support of Stewart House, a residential preventorium for students in NSW public schools. This is a good time to have a sort through your children’s clothes and dispose of those items which are too small or simply excess to needs. Please return all bags by Monday 17 March ready for pick-up.

The secret of success:
Finally, I would like to repeat two stories I shared with the school community at last Friday’s assembly. The first occurred during a Year 6-Kinder buddy afternoon, where a Kinder student announced that he could not imagine being able to complete the activity without the help of his big buddy.

The second involved the opinion of two Year Five learners who stated that they had improved their understanding of 3D objects because they: listened as the teacher led the way, practised, practised and even when they found it tricky, never gave up! What wonderful values and skills!

Shannan Judge
Principal
Our active and engaged learners
Parent Forum

I/We will attend the parent forum next Tuesday 11 March from 6-7pm.

Name:_____________________________________
Child’s name:_______________________________ Class_______________

I am interested in discussing:

☐ Homework  ☐ Personalising learning  ☐ Technology
☐ Reporting to parents  ☐ Other

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I/We are unable to attend the forum. We would like to contribute our thoughts:

Name:_____________________________________
Child’s name:_______________________________ Class_______________

☐ Homework

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☐ Personalising learning

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☐ Technology

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☐ Reporting to parents

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Thank you for your time and support.

Shannan Judge
Principal
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: Yasmin K, Gabriel O, Daniel A, Sharmaine K.
- 1-2D: Mine U, Bianca C, Zara D, Kieren L.
- 1-2H: Maria K, Ayden B, Sophie C, Kate B.
- 2-3P: Shirley W, Andrew H, Nicholas V, Matthew S.
- 4-5S: Molly W, Emma S, Yasemin O, Demircan D.
- 6I: Bradley C, Tiymika L, Cora A, Callan M.

**Student of the Week:**
- Value: "Respect"  
  - Primary: Simran K.  
  - Infants: Catherine C.
- Value: "Care"  
  - Primary: Charlotte L.  
  - Infants: Hannah S.

**Bronze Striver:**
- Benjamin V, Thomas H, Mohammed R, Hannah S, Tiymika L.

**Silver Striver:**
- Callan M, Katelyn P, Michelle L, Tima D, Milan S, Kiana P.

**Gold Striver:**
- Damon K, Matthew J, Chris G, Filip S.

**Principal's Banner:**
- Tiymika L, Simran K, Jay L, Leanne D, Molly W, Nicholas V.

**Sport Awards:**
- Hayden A, Leanne D, Callan M, Moustafa Z.

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**PRINCIPAL’S BANNER AWARDS – Week 4**

**PRINCIPAL’S BANNER AWARDS – Week 5**

**SRC OFFICERS – SEMESTER 1**

**SRC Officers**
- Armaan K, Michelle L, Rhys M, Filip S, Ayden B, Cooper H.
**P & C NEWS**

**Ermington West Public School P&C Contacts:**
Email: ewpspc@optusnet.com.au  
Phone: 0413 928 126 – Anne van Uden (President 2014)  
President:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:  
Vice President: Rachel Evans, Tracy Connors

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

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**BINGO**
This is a fun event not to be missed. Keep Saturday 8th March free for the school family Bingo night.

$3 per book pre-paid to the school OR $4 on the day. If you have pre-paid, please come to school by 3pm to get your table and tickets. Please see attached.

There will be games and fun for all the kids, big and small and don’t forget to bring your spare change, nibbles and drinks.

*Please note: All children must be supervised by an adult at all times. This event is for all members of the family.*

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**Clean up**
The rear toilet block (used for storage) needs to be cleaned out. There are left over books from our last year’s fete, BBQ’s and some sports equipment. We really just need to clean out the books and throw out wet, dirty unreadable ones (or donate good ones) into the skip bin that Shannan has had delivered to the back of the school hall.

Any hands on deck would be appreciated – just chat to one of the P&C members and we will see when the next date is.

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**Canteen**
Please find attached a survey to help us with gaining some more volunteers for shifts. If volunteers prove fruitful on days other than Monday or Thursday – we may change the canteen lunch days. Stay tuned.

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**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.

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**P&C**
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 11th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and see how we work together to benefit the children’s learning experience at EWPS.

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
Family Bingo/Games Night

Saturday 8\textsuperscript{th} March 2014, 3:30pm start,
Under the School Cola
Bring your family and friends for a fun afternoon

$3 per book (covers 5 games of Bingo)

Bring your loose gold coins for other games that will be held during the afternoon.

**ALL Children** are to be supervised by an adult at all times during the event and no children will be allowed to attend the function if an adult is **NOT** accompanying them

Books will be handed out on the day, so please arrive at 3:00pm to collect your Bingo Books

First game is at 3:30pm

*Remember: This is a family night and we are encouraging **ALL** members of **ALL** families of EWPS to have fun night with family and friends*

Please feel free to bring your own nibbles and drinks

Alcohol is **NOT** be permitted on school premises at anytime.

N.B NO catering from P&C will be available

Books are limited, so please forward your order to avoid disappointment. If there are any books left over, they will be on sale on the night @$4 per book

Thank you for supporting our little school, all monies raised goes towards helping the school in purchasing items / equipment for the students at EWPS

Please return the slip below back to school to avoid disappointment

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**EWPS Family Bingo/Games Night**

Students Name: ____________________________ Class: ________

Bingo books x _____ @ $3 each = $ ________

Marking Pens x _____ @$1 each = $ ________

I will require a table for _____ people.

(The P&C will ensure a table is reserved for your group if you pre-purchase books)
**ERMINGTON WEST CANTEEN**

The Ermington West Public School canteen can only operate with the help of volunteers.

The canteen is currently open for recess and lunch or Mondays and Thursdays - these are both full lunch order days.

We also aim to open the canteen during Terms 1 & 4 for lunch time only to sell snacks, ice blocks, drinks etc (no lunch orders) and we are desperately in need of volunteers especially on these days.

Two people are required for each shift so you won’t be alone and training will be provided.

If you can spare some time to help keep our canteen going please fill out the availability survey attached and return it to school at your earliest convenience.

*Your help will be very much appreciated.*

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**Canteen Availability Survey**

Please tick days available

or contact Alison Minter on 0402202788 for more information or to discuss availability

- Mondays (lunch order day) 9am - 1:45pm
- Tuesdays 1pm - 1:45
- Wednesdays 1pm - 1:45
- Thursdays (lunch order day) 9am – 1:45pm
- Fridays 1pm – 1:45

Thanks again for your support.

Name: ________________________________

Contact phone number: ______________________

or e-mail address _______________________

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**Volunteers Wanted**

Table Tennis Australia is holding the Ozcare Australia Open at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Hall from the 21st – 25th of May 2014.

The Ozcare Australia Open will be part of the International Table Tennis Federation’s 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 door, 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

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**Australia Table Tennis Open**

I would like to volunteer at the Ozcare Australian Open. Please see my below contact details and when I am available to assist.

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

Contact Information:
Ph: ________________________________
Email: ________________________________

Availability: (answer Yes or No in the column and include the times you are available)

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Please return this form to:
Bonnie Elliott
National Events Manager
Table Tennis Australia
Ph: 07 3369 4999
Email: nem@tabletennis.org.au
Deadline: April 26th

Thank you for your assistance in making the 2014 Ozcare Australia Open ITTF World Tour event a success.
OPEN DAY
11th March 4.30 - 6.30pm

Partners in education with: Macquarie University
Northern Sydney TAFE
Johnson & Johnson

Tours from 4.30pm and Principal’s address 5.30pm

Take this opportunity to meet our students and staff and see all that Marsden High School can offer.