Dear Parents,

What a fabulous start to the term! So many excited faces greeted the staff on Tuesday morning as we began our second round of teaching for 2014. How wonderful that the students of EWPS love to come to school.

On Staff Development Day, we took the opportunity to reflect upon the learning projects led by the teachers. It was very interesting to discover what the research says about differentiating the curriculum and how the needs, strengths and interests of individual students can be catered for within the classroom.

Thank you to Mrs Simic, Miss Pickrell, Miss Elias and Mrs Dixon for all of the work undertaken in Term 1 regarding this initiative.

Miss Haynes, Mrs Farmer, Mrs Nouragas, Miss Isaacs and Ms Marshall showcased their research on iPad technology in supporting curriculum. This group of teachers will lead the implementation of the iPads into classrooms across the school. We are extremely fortunate to have such talented teachers who are so dedicated to the students at the school.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
**You Can Do It**
The school has invested in the You Can Do It program, which teaches social and emotional skills to children. We will be holding an information session for parents on Friday 16 May from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Please complete the attendance slip attached. For more information about the program visit: [http://www.youcandoit.com.au/](http://www.youcandoit.com.au/)

**NAPLAN**
The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy will take place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for students in Year Three and Year Five. It is important that all students arrive at school on time, and have a substantial breakfast before the assessments, as they are required to sustain their concentration for the full time allocated. Further details about the assessment can be found via [http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html)

**Community news**
A big thank you to the Connors, Lee, Evans, Carlson and Cripps families for their gardening efforts during the holidays. We were able to start clearing the garden along F Block, and complete the painting of the mushroom and frog seat under the trees. Congratulations to Bradley C, Callan M and Chris G who designed the colour scheme and completed the majority of the painting. Take a look at the photos at the end of the newsletter.

Sincere thanks to Tina Pandoulis for her efforts in organising the Mothers’ Day stall. Tina has been working on this event since Term 1 and the smooth operation of the mufti day, wrapping of gifts and the stall yesterday is the result of her outstanding organisation. Of course, a team of volunteers assisted with this and we greatly appreciate the time and effort given. Thank you to Sonia Jaff, Jenny Watson, Alana and Rebecca Gardoll, Kelly Aiston, Shirley Han, Yuying Liu, Rachel Evans, and Vanessa Julien.

**Bell Times**
Our bell times have been amended slightly in order to maximise learning programs across the school. These are the new times:
- 9:00-11:00 Morning session
- 11:00-11:30 Recess
- 11:30-1:15 Middle session
- 1:15-2:00 Lunch (with eating time)
- 2:00-3:00 Afternoon session

**Congratulations**
…to Miss Pasfield who had her baby during the holidays. Castiel John 'CJ' Grey was born 23 April, weighing in at 3.592 kilos and 50 cm long. Both mum and bub are home and doing well. We are looking forward to a cuddle from CJ when they come to visit.

Congratulations also to Miss Isaacs who became engaged during the holidays. A very exciting time for Simone and Aeron.

**Sporting news**
PSSA sport commences this Friday. Congratulations to all of the students who were successful in gaining a position on one of the teams. We are sure you will represent the school with great pride and sportsmanship.

Olivia, Katelyn and Michelle participated in a gala day as part of the Zone soccer team on Tuesday 6 May. They won 2 out of 5 games and enjoyed playing at this elite level.

**After school learning centres**
Our after school learning centres commenced this week. It was fantastic to see our students working on educational goals, using technology for learning and receiving support from teachers. All teachers across the school have committed one hour to support this program. We are fortunate to have such dedicated, professional teachers at EWPS.

Next Monday, Parramatta Mission will hold a drop in centre for parents in 3/4P classroom. Please take the time to visit them and find out about the services they provide to the community.

When students are leaving the school on Monday and Wednesday afternoon, please ensure they are doing so in a safe manner. The carpark is out of bounds for all students.

Happy Mothers’ Day to all of our mums, aunts and grandmas. I hope you have a wonderful day on Sunday, get to have that coveted sleep in and are spoiled more than adequately. I am looking forward to having lunch prepared for me by my two teenage children and am hoping they clean up properly afterwards!

**Shannan Judge**
Principal
Our Active and Engaged Students
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**  Patrick H, Reuben K, Thomas M, Jacob M.
- **1-2D** Luisa T, Joshua J, Rabie D, Xavier H.
- **1-2H** Siti F, Amelia B, Arabella P, Logan L.
- **2-3P** Lachlan C, Toufic Z, Matthew S, Charlotte L.
- **4-5S** Neda P, Carl N, Amelia H, Tyler P.
- **6I** Tameeka C, Katelyn P, Jay L, Jayden L.

**Student of the Week:**
- Value: “Democracy”
  - Primary: Callan M.
  - Infants: Sarah R.

**Bronze Striver:**
- Rebecca S, Leanne D, Molly W, Yasmin K, Yousef K, Patrick H, Gabriel O, Jackson R.

**Silver Striver:**

**Gold Striver:**
- Milan S, Chloe B, Tahlie L.

**Principal’s Banner:**
- Rhys M, Sophie C.

**Sport Awards:**
- Joshua T, Jia Y, Olivia V, Issa M, Bianca C, Thomas M.

SCHOOL BANKING

**COMPETITION UPDATE — Win a share of the Dollarmites’ sunken treasure in Term 2**

This term the Commonwealth Bank is giving students, schools and our School Banking Co-ordinators the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings.

Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

**Major student prize:**
- Five nights’ accommodation at Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- a $3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

**Runner up student prizes:**
- 130 Toys’R’Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

**School and School Banking Co-ordinator prizes:**
- There will also be a separate draw for schools. As long as you have at least one student who is eligible for the competition, you will be in the running to win:
  - $1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory of Australia.
  - Plus the School Banking Co-ordinators of each winning school will receive a $250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card.

**DON’T FORGET:** Our School Banking day is every Wednesday. Look for us in the playground before the 9:00am bell.

*Tina Pandoulis  Soula Carlson*
*0433.061.350  0410.499.292*
School Banking Co-ordinators
MUNCH BOX WINTER MENU 2014

Please contact Alison on 0402 202 788 if you are free to volunteer some of your time to assist in the canteen. New helpers are welcomed and will be trained.

**HOT FOOD - GREEN**
- Corn Cobs (margarine if requested) $1.00
- Lasagne $3.20
- Spaghetti $3.20
- Macaroni Cheese $3.20

**HOT FOOD - AMBER**
- Nacho Dippers $3.50
- Pizza $3.20
- (Ham and Pineapple or Cheese and Bacon)
- Chicken Burger (with lettuce & mayo) $3.20
- Hot Dog (with tomato sauce) $2.20
- Chicken Nuggets/Fish fingers $0.50
- Lean Meat Pie/Sausage Roll $2.00
- Lean Meat Pie/Sausage Roll (Halal) $2.00
- Chicken Pie $2.50
- Chicken Noodles $2.00
- Potato Hash Brown Ovals $0.50

**FRESH FOOD - GREEN**
- Wraps with various fillings $3.50

Sandwiches:
- Salad $3.00
- Chicken or Ham $2.00
- Tomato $1.50
- Cheese $1.50
- Vegemite $1.00

*Sandwiches can be toasted at no extra cost*

- Salad Tub $3.00
  (lettuce, tomato, grated carrot, cucumber, shredded cheese)

*Addition of meat or tuna to sandwich or salad tub $1.00*

**SNACKS - GREEN**
- Goulburn Valley Fruit Cups $1.20
  (Peaches, Fruit Salad)
- Fruit slices (watermelon etc) $0.50
- Popcorn $1.00

**SNACKS - AMBER**
- Homemade muffins $1.00
- Mamee Noodles $1.00
- Small Cookie $1.00
- Honey Soy chips $1.50
- JJ’s Chicken Crackers $1.20

**DRINKS - GREEN**
- 100% Just Juice Poppers $1.00
  (Apple & Blackcurrant, Orange, Apple, Tropical)
- Plain Milk (30mls) $1.30
- Up & Go $2.00
  (Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla)
- Water $0.80

**DRINKS & ICE BLOCKS - AMBER**
- Milk with Sippah Straw $2.00
  (Chocolate, Strawberry)
- Aroona Mineral Water $1.50
  (Raspberry, Coca, Blue)
- Juice Bombs $2.00
- Moosies – dairy ice blocks $1.20
  (Chocolate, Blue Moon, Strawberry, Banana)
- Zooper Doopers – water ice blocks $0.40
- TNT – water ice blocks $0.60

Remember: Lunches must be ordered on a brown paper bag (found in supermarkets), otherwise a 10c fee will be charged for the use of one of our bags. Please ensure your child’s name and class is clearly marked. Correct money is appreciated, otherwise change is returned in the corner of the bag.
Volunteers Wanted

Australia Table Tennis Open

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

The Oczare 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 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: 013 3669 4999
Email: nem@tabletennis.org.au

Australia Table Tennis Open

I would like to volunteer at the Oczare 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;
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Ph: 013 3669 4999
Email: nem@tabletennis.org.au
Deadline: April 28th

Thank you for your assistance in making the 2014 Oczare Australia Open ITTF World Tour event a success.

Eastwood Girl Guides invite you to Come and Try Guides!

For Girls Aged 10-14 years
Monday 19 May 6.45-8.45pm
Guides enjoy cooking, craft, games, badges and camping
Eastwood Guide Hall Cnr Brush & Warrawang Rds
Please call Val on 0402 143 825 to register for this free event.
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVE FUN, LEARN NEW SKILLS, AND MAKE FRIENDS PLAYING AUSTRALIA’S FAVOURITE GAME!

HILLS LIONS ARE LOOKING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5 – 17 TO PLAY AFL ON SUNDAY’S IN 2014.

Gregg Frost
0421 618 633
frostgi@bigpond.com
Doyle Ground, North Parramatta
OR VISIT PLAYAFL.COM.AU FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Once you have registered, call 02 8867 7400 and quote the promo code “FOOTY” to go into the draw to WIN a Sony PS4, Lego voucher or an iPad!