RULES AND VALUES

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please also check our school’s on-line calendar at: http://www.ermingtonw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar

Term 2

- 22 May GRIP Leadership SRC – Sydney Olympic Park
- 26 May Playground opening (11:30am) – Member for Parramatta, Geoff Lee to attend
- 27 May School Photos
- 3 June Athletics Carnival
- 4 June ICAS Science Competition
- 16 June ICAS Writing Competition
- 17 June ICAS Spelling Competition

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NOTES CURRENTLY IN CIRCULATION

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Great news regarding our technology initiatives! The furniture for the Technology Hub (formerly the Connected Classroom) has arrived and will be installed by Thursday, thanks to Mr Smith. On Monday, the cabling in A Block will see us able to facilitate up to 30 desktop computers in the Hub, with wireless access for portable devices.

The school has signed up to a program called ‘One Laptop Per Child’, which means all students will have access to a laptop at school. This has been made possible via the One Laptop organisation, donations from the P & C, and school based funding. We ask all parents to purchase a USB stick and ear pods for their child, in order for the successful integration of technology in the classroom. A Code of Conduct regarding technology use will come home over the next week, we ask all parents to give this the necessary attention and return promptly. The Code of Conduct and the USB + ear pods will be required before students receive their laptop. The laptops are for school use only.

All students have received their Reading Eggs username and password. It’s fabulous to see K-6 students enjoying using this subscription. It is urgent that all parents pay their technology levy ($25 per family) in order to continue accessing this website. A note will be sent home to all families who are yet to pay the levy asking for your assistance. As you can see, technology is being upgraded at the school to the benefit of all students, so your support is appreciated.

A big THANK YOU to Ermington Dental for their sponsorship of our school. Ermington Dental donated $750 for us to purchase the protective covers for the iPads, and combined with a donation from the P & C,
this means we can have the iPads in the classroom very soon.

Congratulations to all of our Year Three and Year Five students who sat the NAPLAN tests last week. They all attempted the tests with a fabulous attitude. Thanks to the parents who contributed to the NAPLAN breakfast by shopping, preparing, cooking and cleaning in order for the students to have a great start to the day.

Our Zone-Cross Country team represented our school with great pride on Tuesday. Thank you to Miss Pickrell and Miss Isaacs for their organisation and supervision on the day, and to Dani Bourke for assisting with the marquee. When I arrived at the field, our school was the only school where all of the students were sitting in their designated area. Outstanding behaviour and responsibility from our EWPS students.

All parents and families are invited to attend the official opening of the playground, which will occur next Monday morning at 11:30am. Geoff Lee, Member for Parramatta will attend to officially open the playground.

A reminder that our school photos will be taken next Tuesday 27 May. All students are required to wear full winter uniform, which means black shoes. Many students are coming to school in the incorrect shoes. For 3-6 students, sports shoes may be worn on Tuesday and Friday, and for K-2, on Friday. Also, school jackets may be purchased from the Uniform Shop. The process has begun to review the current school uniform and parents who are interested in contributing to this process are encouraged to confer with Mrs Judge.

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

Thank you to Mr Smith, who took a trailer load of paint to the Clean Up service at Meadowbanks netball court, and to all of the parents who also dropped off paint at the collection point. Mr Smith spent a considerable part of his day on Sunday to do this, and we certainly appreciate his efforts.

Shannan Judge
Principal

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School Leaders Report

Katelyn and Dania asked a student from every year what they think about the new playground equipment. This is what they had to say:

"I liked it because it looked cool and my favourite part was the spider web. I rate it 10 stars because it is cool and awesome."
...Daniel, KE

"It looks good, I like the monkey bars. I rate it 10 stars because it's cool."
...Chloe, Year2 - 1/2D

"I liked the yellow discs. I rate it 10 stars because it's so fun."
...Amelia, Year1 - 1/2H

"I like the monkey bars because I can reach without standing on my toes. I rate it 6 stars because it doesn't have many things."
...Shyann, Year3 - 3/4P

I like the monkey bars because they are fun. I rate it 9 stars because it's fun and it's playful."
...Emma, Year5 - 4/5S

"I like the yellow discs because I struggle to get on them because I spin around a lot. I rate it 8 stars because the monkey bars should be raised a little bit."
...Gemma, Year5 - 4/5SI

"I like the yellow discs because it's very enjoyable and it's a part of the new playground and takes lots of skill. I rate it 9 stars because it's a really fun playground but they should raise the monkey bars."
...Simran - 6I
BREAKFAST, ASSEMBLY AND OUR NEW PLAYGROUND!
Yesterday’s zone cross country carnival at Parramatta Park was an exciting yet tiring event. Eleven girls and thirteen boys represented Ermington West Public School, competing against students from a number of schools. All students showed what it means to ‘Strive Your Best’. The 8, 9 and 10 year olds ran a distance of 2km, with 11, 12 and 13 year olds completing 3km.

"On arriving at the park and playing Eye Spy to find the yellow and green of Ermington West amongst the sea of yellow and green, I spotted a group of students all seated exactly where they were supposed to be doing exactly what they were supposed to be doing, encouraging each other along," Mrs Judge.

"Even when the cards were stacked against us Ermington West showed great persistence and hard work, finishing their races with great pride," Miss Isaacs.

"The cross country race was a tiring 3km for those who ran," Katelyn Prosser, 6I.

"As I was finishing off my final lap I heard my name yelled with enthusiasm from my supportive school mates," Olivia van Uden, 6I.

"I was proud to beat my personal best by 31 positions," Milan Spanovic, 6I.

"The Zone Cross Country was challenging compared to the School Cross Country," Molly Wells, 4/5S.

"It was my second time at Zone and I was happy to do better than last time," Charlie Fabian, 4/5S.

"I've been to Zone Cross Country four times and each time I've beaten my personal best," Warren Bourke, 6I.

"Cora and I banded together and completed our race, crossing the line as a team," Tiymika Leslie, 6I.

Congratulations to Olivia van Uden who successfully made it to Area Level having come fourth in her age race. A special thank you to Miss Pickrell and Miss Isaacs for their tireless organisation and supervision at the Zone Event.

By Katelyn Prosser (with a little help from some friends!)
My apologies for no P&C update last newsletter. I was completely overwhelmed with other commitments and did not get to Mrs Judge in time for it to go to print.

Anzac Day
THANK YOU to our lovely students and families who came along to Timor Barracks on Anzac morning for the Dawn Service. As usual it was a moving experience and made all the better this year with 12 of our EWPS Students attending and looking very smart in their school uniform. They stood united as a group during the service, followed by the school leaders laying the wreath on behalf of EWPS families. It was commented on by one of the soldiers organising the event how smart they looked and asked which school they represented. He also thanked them for their commitment to coming and laying a wreath. We look forward to a bigger group next year to do our school proud once again.

Front: Sienna, Chloe, Mitchell, Melanie, Lars
Rear: Olivia, Nicholas, Warren, Amelia, Charlotte L, Charlotte E, Callan

Thank you to Mrs Connors for organising the wreath

Mother’s Day
Once again a huge thank you must go out to Mrs Tina Pandoulis who has again single handedly shopped for our Mother’s Day stall. Tina started planning this event basically a week or so after Mother’s day 2013, so a lot of thought and time goes into making this happen for our children. Thank you also to the helpers on the day and previously with the wrapping of the gifts and some gorgeous donations.

It would be remiss not to mention our supporters who donated prizes, Sydney Living Museums, Brentwood Interiors, DFO Homebush, Captain Cook Cruises, School Specs Australia and Taronga Western Plains Zoo. Without this support we would not be able to reach our fundraising goals and enhance our children’s opportunities at EWPS.

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TOTAL $1401.75

Congratulations!!
Our lucky winners of the Raffle were:
1st Prize: Sarah Marsters (Jackson KE)
2nd Prize: Mine Ugur (1/2D)
3rd Prize: Shirley Wang (3/4P)
4th Prize: Chris Gardoll (6I)
Trivia Night
Our Annual EWPS Trivia Night will be in August.

This is a great night of fun (adults only – no children, so start thinking about lining up some babysitters and organising your tables. You are more than welcome to ask friends and family, OR you might want to get a parents table together with people you know from school.

The set up will be tables of 6-8 people at $10/head (bring your own nibbly snacks and drinks - tea and coffee will be available for sale on the night).

We will keep you posted!

Uniform Stall
Just a call out for anyone wanting to take this over. Our Uniform Store Manager will be leaving us at the end of the year, however with a change in working hours we need to find a replacement soon and have some training.

Friday mornings from 8.30 – 9.00. Some set up required a little earlier, cash handling and keeping a record of stock sold on a weekly basis.

Please let one of the P&C executive know if you are interested.

NAPLAN Breakfast
With the recent NAPLAN testing, came some very hungry children! Thank you to the P&C who provided breakfast for the 3 mornings. Toast with spreads, raisin toast, yoghurt, fresh fruit, pikelets and juice was provided, and without using names, the winner was a young Year 3 man who ate 8 pieces of Raisin Toast in one morning!!!!! Thank you to our Kindy mum, Surmin, for her time shopping and donations made.

Recent P&C Donations
As you are aware, the P&C raises money through fundraisers for the benefit of our children and their learning experience. As such, last Tuesday night we approved the expenditure of $6699.00!

By now I’m sure you are aware that each and every child in our school will have their own Laptop to work on in their classes. This was made possible after by Mrs Judge followed through on an initiative called “One laptop per child”. The school contributed to his initiative and the P&C was happy to pay $4500 towards the remainder of the cost.

We have also donated $2199 for the purchase of an IQ traveller/Sinc Station for the IPAD’s we have in our school, that will be rolled out soon. On that note a MASSIVE thank you to Vanessa Julien who in her smooth delivery and ability to approach some wonderful local business, was able to obtain a donation of $750 from Ermington Dental (on Bartlett Street) which enables us to purchase a secure rubber cover for our 15 IPADS. Should you need any Dental work done, I hear that Ermington Dental is a wonderful family practice!

To keep you in the loop, we also have some dedicated P&C members looking at and researching some more grants. We are wanting to do such things as replace the old timber picnic tables and seating with new colourful modern equipment, obtain a projector and screen for the school hall and also look at a new sound system as well. There are more technology systems/items that need to be purchased and also something as simple as more PSSA jerseys. So as you can see, there is a lot our school can do with, and these grants area way of making it happen.

A great showcase for grants is our new play area, where we were successful in a $25,000 grant.

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.

Anne van Uden
President, 2014
EWPS P&C
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: Charles C, Owen L, Miriam L, Jia Y.
- 1-2D: Kiana P, Cooper H.
- 1-2H: Amelia L, Krishang T, Tahlia L, Logan L.
- 2-3P: Leanna D, Shyann C, Lupe T, Moe D.
- 4-5S: Alisa S, Marzia H, Faith K, Ani M.
- 6I: Chris G, Dania J, Jayden L, Manulevu T.

**Student of the Week:**
- Value: “Excellence”
  - Primary: Mustafa R.
  - Infants: Samara M.
- Value: “Care”
  - Primary: Callan M.
  - Infants: Logan L.

**Bronze Striver:**
- Tiymika C, Jia Y, Adam G.

**Silver Striver:**
- Dania J.

**Gold Striver:**
- Bradley C, Mohammed R, Charlotte E, Tima D, Elliott C, Kiana P, Charlotte L.

**Principal's Banner:**
- Mitchell E, Charlotte E.

**Sport Awards:**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Thanks you Ermington Dental for your generous support of our school.

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**Walk Safely to School Day**

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

Some objectives of Walk Safely to School Day are:

- to encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour
- to promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age
- to ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road
- to help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians

Any students who walk to school on Friday 23 May 2014 will receive a Walk Safely to School sticker. Help support this community event by leaving the car at home and walking to school.