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

- 17 June: ICAS Spelling Competition
- 19 June: ICAS Writing Competition
- 20 June: Cumberland HS band visit and concert

Term 3

- 14 July: Staff Development Day – staff only, no students
- 23 July: K-2 excursion
- 29 July: ICAS English competition
- 18 July: NAIDOC performance
- 5 August: Years 5/6 T20 MILO Cricket Day
- 5 August: Stewart House Clothing Collection
- 15-16 September: ZooSnooz at Taronga Zoo – Years 4, 5 and 6

— Notes Currently in Circulation —

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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

Teachers have been extremely busy with assessment and reporting so that parents are provided with relevant and important knowledge about student progress. For the first time, teachers will also include a general comment in the Semester One reports, which will outline your child’s work habits, goal setting, areas of strength and social interactions.

As a school, we believe the development of the whole child is important, and we aim to reflect this in our reports. We would appreciate feedback from parents about the reports and look forward to working with the parent community to improve these further.

Miss Elias visited Parramatta North PS to watch a demonstration lesson on the L3 program, and has been working extremely hard in the classroom to ensure all of the students achieve and succeed. Miss Elias was also observed last week teaching a literacy session and received positive feedback on this lesson by her L3 mentor. It is fantastic to see kindergarten so engaged in their learning. Their performance of “I’m a gummy bear” at last week’s assembly was delightful and well received by the many parents who attended.

Excellence, diversity and opportunity in a caring school
A reminder to all families that the technology levy is now overdue, this $25 from families is extremely helpful to our significant investment in technological infrastructure and devices. Thank you to all of the families who have paid this amount, and purchased earpods and a USB for use on the XO laptops. This USB should be a new device, as there have been some issues with USBs that already have data stored on them. The acceptable use agreement is at the end of this newsletter and has also been sent home with students for you to read and sign together. Fifteen students from 6I will attend the XO MasterClass on Thursday, where they will learn advanced features and repairing and maintaining the laptops. I am sure we will call upon their newfound expertise in the near future!

Congratulations to Olivia van Uden who represented our school and the zone at the regional cross country carnival and finished 44th out of over 100 runners. Olivia ran a very challenging course and did extremely well to finish so strongly.

Our dance groups auditioned for Celebrating the Arts last Tuesday. Both Miss Haynes and Miss Elias were impressed with the students who certainly took advantage of the dance workshop (held in Week 6) to polish their moves. I had the chance to watch the senior dance during their rehearsals and can’t wait to see them in their costumes. Thanks to Davina MacKenzie for her ongoing assistance with the costumes.

On Friday morning, the Cumberland HS band will entertain us as they perform a one hour concert. Our PSSA players will unfortunately miss out on this concert, however we were allocated a day and time by the high school as they are very much in demand.

**Shannan Judge**  
Principal

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**School Leaders’ Report**

This week Ermington West students K-6 enjoyed researching in the new technology hub, receiving their XO laptops and connecting to Wi-Fi. Students so far have been using these great tools to:

1/2D: create graphs on the popularity of car colours using the Chart Activity

1/2H: practise number equations using the Tux Math Activity

3/4P: write a sentence a day in the Write Activity

4/5S: use the Internet Browse Activity to research where their belongings are made

6I: create graphs using the Chart Activity that represent current data from the 2014 FIFA World Cup

All student feedback has been positive:

"I like playing games that teach us new things,"  
Amelia L, 1/2H

"I like writing narratives on the Write Activity, it makes editing easier,"  
Charlotte L, 3/4P

"I enjoy all the activities, from writing to games,"  
Melanie C, 4/5S

"I enjoy how we can connect with numerous students using them,"  
Mohammed R, 6I

"Being able to access the internet from our classroom, without the use of the computer lab has been fantastic,"  
Callan M, 6I
Technology for learning
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: Hannah S, Gabriel O, Yasmin K, Daniel A.
- 1-2D: Emeline K, Ava G, Cooper H, Bianca C.
- 1-2H: Kate B, Catherine C, Arabella P, Tahlia L.
- 3-4P: Filip S, Leandré P, Shirley W, Toufic Z.
- 4-5S: Lars V, Alisa S, Tori S, Demircan D.
- 6I: Tyrone M, Milan S, Tiymika L, Katelyn P.

**Student of the Week:**
- Value: “Cooperation” Primary: Tori S. Infants: Catherine C.
- Value: “Responsibility” Primary: Charlotte G. Infants: Chloe B.

**Bronze Striver:** Charlotte E, Sophie C, Charles C.

**Silver Striver:** Gabriel O, Rebecca S, Patrick H.

**Gold Striver:** Katelyn P, Cooper H, Amelia B.

**Principal’s Banner:** Olivia V, Kieran L.

**Sport Awards:** Joshua J, Saja Z, Jay L, Callan M, Nicholas V, Leanne D.

**PRINCIPAL’S BANNER AWARDS**

*Place-getters in events held during our School Athletics Carnival*
Trivia Night
Save the date for a really fun night - Saturday 16 August in the school hall.
It will start at 7.00pm sharp. Tables can be made up of 6-8 players. $10 a head. BYO food & drink. 18+ event.
The best way to have fun is to have a huge crowd so……. ask your family, friends, neighbours, in-laws, etc. There will be lots of prizes and don’t forget to come armed with a pocket full of gold coins for the mini games that will happen throughout the night.
Limited VIP Tables with the following benefits:

- your team won’t have to worry about soft drinks and snacks - it’s all covered, including unlimited tea and coffee all night
- plus other great perks like VIP parking, premium seating and an exclusive VIP-only prize round
- all for an extra $10 per person on top of the trivia entry fee

Thank you to Vanessa Julien and Tracy Connors for their hard work so far.

Uniform Shop
** Required for Term 3** A call out for anyone wanting to take this over. We need to find a replacement ASAP. A hand over will take place so you feel comfortable running the show. The uniform shop is open 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 know if you are interested.

Thank You
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C members for all of their hard work. There are so many things that happen behind the scenes and go on seemingly unnoticed.

- The Canteen which is headed up by Alison Minter and Corey Lee is a big job and given they both work as well, I would like to thank them for their dedication – along with the hardworking volunteers giving up their time on a weekly basis to keep it running.
- The uniform shop, headed up by Linda Prosser and lately Kelly Parker – a great job that happens every week for the benefit of our children.
- Our secret gardener Joyce Page giving up her own time to keep on top of some of the gardens we have. (Not a secret now!!)
- Davina McKenzie, Rachel Evans, Jodie Visagie and Alana Pavey for organising/distributing and collating of the chocolate fundraiser over the past few weeks.
- Rachel Evans, Jodie Visagie and Vanessa Julien for their dedication to finding and applying for grants so that our school can benefit with hopefully some successful outcomes.
- Soula Carlson and Tina Pandoulis for their time committed to giving the children the opportunity to do school banking.
- Danie Bourke for keeping the Scholastic ordering program up and running for the children – always an exciting day when the order form comes home!

There are many more people who put their hand up to help at a moment’s notice and I thank you all.

The staff of EWPS – thank you to the teachers and staff who are part of why our school is so amazing. The dedication, support and enthusiasm that is evident is why our school is fast becoming the best school in the area to come to!!

Finally to our principal Mrs Judge – Thank you for the amazing impact you have had and continue to have on our school community as a whole. The children make it very clear that they value you, respect you and love having you as their school principal. As a parent I can only thank you for your incredible passion to the teaching profession and willingness to try new things and introduce the children to the possibilities of learning in new and different ways.

P & C Meetings
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.
Ermington West Trivia Night Public School P&C Trivia Night 2014

Name: ____________________  Child’s Class: ______  Phone: ________________

Email: ______________________________

Please select one of the following options. I would like:

☐ An exclusive VIP table: Number of players (min. 6/max. 8): _____ = $160 enclosed

☐ A full table for my team: Number of players (min. 6/max. 8): _____ @ $10 each = _____ enclosed

☐ I don’t have enough players for my own team (min. 6). Please combine us with another team:

Number of players: _____ @ $10 each = _____ enclosed

(Please place in an envelope marked P&C Trivia Night and return to the school office by Wednesday 13th August 2014)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hawkesbury and District Basketball Association

Hawkesbury Hoopsters 2014

LEARN TO PLAY BASKETBALL PROGRAM
FOR 5 TO 12 YEAR OLDS

TERM 3 2014
Starting 19th July
SATURDAYS AT
9AM to 10AM
$50 for the term
($10 registration)

Summer Comp Starts Term 4

WWW.HAWKESBURYBASKETBALL.COM
EWPS ICT Agreement

Our students are users of information and communication technologies in their everyday lives and in their learning programs at school. To assist us to enhance learning through the safe use of technology, we are asking that you read this document with your child and both sign the attached ICT Agreement Form.

Our computer networks, internet access, computers and other devices bring great benefits to the teaching and learning program at Ermington West Public School. The equipment we provide and use is for educational purposes appropriate to our learning environment, regardless of where and when it is used.

An overall goal of our school is to create and maintain a cyber-safety culture that is in keeping with our values and with legislative and professional obligations. The ICT Agreement includes information about obligations, responsibilities and the nature of possible consequences associated with cyber-safety breaches that undermine the safety of the school environment.

Material sent and received using our networks is monitored and filtered by the Department of Education and Communities to restrict access to some sites and data including email or social media.

While every reasonable effort is made by schools and DEC to prevent student’s exposure to inappropriate content when using our technology, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure. In particular it is difficult to filter content accessed by your child at home, from other locations or mobile devices not connected through our network. We recommend appropriate filtering software.


Please contact us if you have any concerns about your child’s safety in using the internet and ICT devices.

As a school we have made a considerable financial investment in technology, in partnership with the P&C. This investment has allowed us to commence upgrading the school network; create a technology hub which will facilitate 30 desktop computers and wireless internet access for multiple devices; purchase an XO laptop for every student; and purchase 15 iPads for classroom use.

In Term One, we asked every family for a $25 technology levy, and require this payment to be finalised as soon as possible. This payment will allow your child to access Reading Eggs at home and school, and allow our technology focus to be sustained across the school. In addition, we request you provide your child with a USB (of at least 4GB) and a set of earpods. See picture below. These do not need to be ‘Apple’ earpods. Please provide a zip lock bag or suitable container with your child’s name clearly labelled on the USB, earpods and bag. These are to remain at school, unless your child has been granted permission to take them home to continue working on school activities. We are not able to offer assistance with these items, and they will be necessary for your child is to use the school devices for learning.

+ Technology Levy
EWPS ICT agreement

Parents play a critical role in developing knowledge, understanding and ethics around your child’s safety and safe practices regardless of the time of day. Being cyber safe is no exception. Ermington West Public School has laid down the following rules and guidelines and we would invite you to work through these with your child and adopt some of them for your child’s use of technology outside of school hours. We want your child to be a responsible user of technology and to be safe.

1) I will use the computers and other digital equipment, at school, only for my learning.
2) I will go online or use the internet at school only when a teacher gives permission and an adult is present.
3) If I am unsure whether I am allowed to do something involving ICT, I will ask a teacher first.
4) I will only log in with my own user name and I will not allow anyone else to use my name.
5) I will keep my password private and not share it with anyone. I understand that I will be held responsible for anything which is done in my name.
6) I will use the Internet, e-mail, or any digital devices only for positive purposes. I will not use school or personal equipment to be mean, rude or offensive, to bully or harass or in any way harm anyone else or the school – even if it meant to be a joke.
7) While at school I will attempt to search for things online that I know are acceptable at our school. This would exclude anything that is rude, violent or uses unacceptable language such as swearing.
8) I will report any attempt to get around, or bypass, security, monitoring and filtering that is in place in our school. I am aware that if I know about this but do not report it I may be held partly responsible.
9) If I find anything that upsets me, is mean or rude, or I know is not acceptable at school, I will:
   a. Not show others
   b. Turn off the screen
   c. Get a teacher straight away
10) I will ask my teacher’s permission before I put any personal information online. Personal information includes my full name, address, e-mail address, phone numbers and photos of me or people close to me.
11) I will respect all school technology and equipment and treat this with care. This includes:
   a. Not intentionally disrupting the smooth running of the school’s systems
   b. Not attempting to gain unauthorised access to any system
   c. Following all school cyber-safety strategies
   d. Not participating in any irresponsible actions by other students
   e. Reporting any breakages or damage to my teacher.

☐ I understand that if I break this agreement and do not follow the cyber-safety practices the school will inform my parents. In serious cases, the school may take disciplinary action against me including loss of use of school equipment.

☐ I have paid the technology levy of $25 per family

☐ I have a 4GB USB and a set of earpods, which are allowed and placed in a ziplock bag.

Student’s Name: .......................... .......................................................... .......................................................... (please sign)

Parent/Carer’s Name: .......................................................... .......................................................... (please sign)

Date: ..........................................................