--- RULES AND VALUES ---

| Week 2 | Rule: Be responsible | Let others learn as much as they can |
| Week 3 | Rule: Be safe | Work safely, play safely |
| Value: Respect | Value: Care |

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

--- Term 3 ---

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Dear Parents,

As I prepared the calendar for this newsletter I realised just how many events were scheduled for a ten week period! It just goes to show the variety of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities our students have.

On Staff Development Day, Ermington West PS teachers looked at Quality Teaching principles and the implications these have on teaching gifted and talented students. This complimented a workshop attended by classroom teachers last term, and will allow us to continue our focus on extending outcomes for students.

Mr Mitchell King, Assistant Principal from Rydalmere East PS, delivered a session on the new Mathematics syllabus. Mr King will complete a further three sessions with EWPS teachers to enable us all to implement the syllabus in 2015. Mr King was seconded to a consultancy position in 2012 and is extremely knowledgeable about the requirements of the new syllabus.

In the afternoon, we joined up with the team from the Itinerant Vision unit and participated in training at the Apple Store. The session on iPads with extremely useful and we learnt a lot about the iMovie app.

It was wonderful to see the enthusiastic faces of our students as they returned to school on Tuesday. It is a credit to our school community to see how quickly and smoothly students settled back into school routines and focused on their learning.

NAIDOC week celebrations on Friday were outstanding. Our students actively engaged in aspects of indigenous culture, starting with the performance by Sean Choolburra, followed by information about the Aboriginal flag and the meaning of NAIDOC. After recess, our indigenous students did an amazing job of teaching the school about their culture. Our hotdog lunch raised $305.73 for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation. A big thank you must go to Ms Aiston and Mrs Gardoll for their coordination of the lunch. They spent all day at the school preparing and serving the hot dogs. Finally, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Ms Dixon, who planned and coordinated the entire day. An event like this requires many hours of organisation and planning. On behalf of all of the teachers, students and families, thank you Ms Dixon!

Did you know? Under the Companion Animals Act, dogs are prohibited in school grounds. For the safety of all students, toddlers, babies and adults, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Some children have a genuine fear and it can be quite distressing for them as well as for parents, particularly those with very young children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

You are all invited to join with us to celebrate Education Week at EWPS on Thursday 31 July. Students across the school will share their knowledge of mathematics; demonstrate their XO laptop skills to parents and our entire school will be showcased in an assembly. Please keep this date in your diary.

Shannan Judge
Principal

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

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**CELEBRATING THE ARTS 2014**

**FESTIVAL TICKETS**

Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Dance groups on their auditions for this year’s Celebrating the Arts Festival. Students in our Junior Dance Group will be performing and representing Ermington West Public School in the CTA Festival on Tuesday 2nd September at the Riverside Theatre. Unfortunately due to the overwhelming numbers of auditions from 25 other schools, our Senior Dance group were not successful this year. The Junior Dance group is rehearsing and we are very excited about performing on the night. Please save the date for this event with the performance beginning at 7pm. Tickets for Celebrating the Arts Festival go on sale on Monday 4th August, 2014. Tickets can be purchased direct from the Riverside Theatre Box Office or by phone 8839 3399. Tickets are $18 each, no concessions. Please book your tickets early to ensure a good seat.

Miss Elias
Junior Dance Coordinator

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**NAIDOC DAY**

"On Friday 18 July Ermington West celebrated NAIDOC day. The day began with a performance by Sean Choolburra. He performed various traditional dances and explained different indigenous words. Additionally he presented various indigenous stories, dances, didgeridoos, paintings and artefacts from fishing nets to hunting shields. The middle session of the day saw students rotating around different activities: dreamtime stories, artefacts, rock paintings, colouring competition, Aboriginal flag design bookmarks and woollen craft. The hunger of students from all of these activities was fulfilled with hot dog meals at lunchtime. The afternoon saw students rotate around physical activities which were put together by the Indigenous students of our school: volleyball, stuck in the middle, kangaroo, hoop shots, bowling wall and box shot. It was a very eventful and exciting day. Thank you to Miss Dixon for all her hard work in organising the day as well as the parent helpers who lent a hand with serving the hot dog meals."

Written by: Tiymika L & Jay L (6I)
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:**

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**Student of the Week:**

**Value:** Democracy

Primary: Melanie C.  
Infants: Tahlia L.

**Value:** Participation

Primary: Tyrone M.  
Infants: Elliott C.

**Bronze Striver:**


**Silver Striver:**

Mariam L, Lucas W, Lachlan C, Ben P, Charlotte E.

**Gold Striver:**

Leanne D, Tianna S, Hannah S, Ben V, Amelia L.

**Principal’s Banner:**

Kiana P, Maddison G, Kate L, Filip S, Ayden B.

**Sport Awards:**


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**PRINCIPAL’S BANNER AWARDS**

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**STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2014**

The second and final used clothing collection for this year will take place on Friday 5 August. All students have been given a collection bag and we would ask that you return these by Thursday 4 August at the latest. This is a great opportunity to have a clean-out of your unused clothing while at the same time helping a worthy cause.

Thank you for your support.

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**EDUCATION WEEK - 2014**

**Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August**

**OPEN DAY**

To celebrate Education Week, Ermington West will be holding Open Day on Thursday 31 July.

Parents and family members are warmly invited to come along and help celebrate Education Week with your child/ren by visiting the open classrooms and attending a special Education Week assembly.

Open classrooms will commence at 10:00am and conclude at 11:00am. During this time students will be completing mathematics groups. Parents are then welcome to have morning tea with their child/ren.

K-6 assembly will be held in the hall from 11:30am to approximately 12:30pm.

For the rest of the day classes are ‘as normal’ for students.

We look forward to seeing members of the school community on Thursday 31 July 2014.

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**SRC RAFFLE**

Each year the SRC holds fund raising activities to help subsidise the cost of the bus for a leadership course which SRC students attend.

The SRC will be holding a raffle from Monday 28 July to Friday 8 August, with tickets costing $1.00 each. The SRC will be selling tickets before school every morning under the COLA. In addition, tickets will also be on sale on Open Day during recess.

Winners will be drawn during assembly on Friday 8 August 2014. Please help support the SRC by purchasing a ticket.

The prizes are:

1. Signed wooden cricket bat - size 6. The bat is signed by Adam Gilchrist, a former Australian cricketer.
2. Jacket and bag donated by the AFL Schools Coles Ambassador Program
3. Bayliss hand cream and body lotion set
4. Rexona men’s pack
5. Smiggle pencil case, Smiggle pair of scissors plus signed Wests Tigers development ball
FREE Parenting Program

CIRCLE OF SECURITY

The Circle of Security Program aims to:
- Support parents to fully recognize their innate desire to do the best they can for their infant/child.
- Give parents a roadmap to better understand their children's needs.
- Invite parents to reflect on their own experiences of being parented and how it impacts on their parenting.
- Provide a safe environment where parents can focus on their strengths and struggles as parents.

WHEN: Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August & 3rd, 10th September 2014
(Term 3 Weeks 4-9 for six consecutive Wednesday.)

TIME: 12:30pm-2:30pm (afternoon tea provided)

WHERE: Telopea ‘Schools as Community Centres’ Project
(Based in the grounds of Telopea Public School)
Chestnut Ave., Telopea, NSW 2117

CHILDCARE: FREE A limited number of childcare positions are available.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL and offered in order of course registration.

TO REGISTER: Contact: Brittany Kelly
Phone: 0407903362
Email: brittany.kelly@parramattamission.org.au

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Telopea ‘Schools as Community Centres’ Project
Term 3 2014

MONDAY
Australian Red Cross ‘Good Start Breakfast Club’ 8:00am-8:45am Telopea SaCC Rooms.
A healthy breakfast is provided free for Telopea Public School students in a friendly inclusive environment.

TUESDAY
Sing, Play, and Story Time 9:30am-10:00am Yates Avenue Public School
A weekly Early Literacy Program for children with children birth to 5 years. This program was awarded Honourable Nominee in 2011 Kodakauria Awards.
Meet and Greet 10:00pm-11:30pm Telopea SaCC Rooms
Information sharing session for families with baby birth to 12 weeks. Facilitated by Community Health.

WEDNESDAY
Guardian Team 8:00am-9:00am Telopea Public School
Telopea Public School students enjoying the outdoor garden space through this leadership program.
Supported Playgroup 10:00am-12:00pm Telopea SaCC Rooms
Organized indoor and outdoor activities, story time, music and dancing for families with children birth to 5 years. A friendly, inclusive and supportive program where adult involvement is encouraged and supported.
Circle Of Security Six week program commencing 6th August, 12:30pm-2:30pm. The Circle Of Security is a relationship based early intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children. Decades of university-based research have confirmed that secure children exhibit increased empathy, greater self-esteem, better relationships with parents and peers, enhanced school readiness, and an increased capacity to handle emotions more effectively when compared with children who are not securely bonded.

THURSDAY
Australian Red Cross ‘Good Start Breakfast Club’ 8:00am-8:45am Telopea SaCC Rooms. Description as above.
Jagglin’jam Music Program 9:30am-10:30am Telopea SaCC Rooms. Description as above.
3 x half hour age specific classes Birth to 12 months; 12 to 18 months; 18 to 30 months.
REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL for 130pm toddler class.
New Parent Group 10:00pm-11:30pm Telopea SaCC Rooms
Social gathering for families with children birth to 18 months in safe, air conditioned environment with toys.

FRIDAY
Supported Playgroup 10:30am-11:30am Telopea SaCC Rooms. Description as above.
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 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.

We have a limited number of 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
- only 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.

Chocolate Drive Money
Just a reminder that all chocolate money is now due back to school. Please return by the end of the week.

Can you sew?
We have our Junior Dance Troupe performing at Celebrating the Arts this year. It is not a dance performance without costumes and as such we are asking our community if anyone can sew?

Davina McKenzie is heading up a working bee to get the costumes made. If you can use a machine (and can bring it along), if you can hand sew or are good with an iron – “we need you”

At this point it looks like the group will meet at school on Fridays between 10am – 2pm and Friday nights at a local venue from 5pm – 8pm (children welcome if you do not have babysitters)

The dates so far would be Friday 15th and Friday 22nd August. Please make contact with Davina on 0413 852 122 if you can help out.

Upcoming Working Bee
During the holidays Jodie Visagie, Jenny Sistrom and I did a bit of gardening at the school, and as the job is so mighty, I’m sure nobody noticed©. So.........at the next P&C meeting we will chat about a date and I will put it in the next newsletter for a community working bee.

The Aboriginal garden in particular needs a lot of work, as does the garden along Kissing Point Road. It will mean lots of bodies, gloves, gardening tools, wheelbarrows, perhaps even a trailer or two! I will keep you posted.

Anne van Uden
President (2014)
EWPS P&C
It’s only 3 weeks until the TRIVIA NIGHT
Have you booked your table yet?

WHEN:  Saturday 16th August
        Registration 6.30pm. Trivia starts 7.00pm sharp

WHERE:  Ermington West Public School Hall

COST:  $10 per person (plus gold coins for mini games)

DETAILS:  Teams of 6-8 players. BYO drinks & food

VIP TABLES
Play in style with an exclusive VIP package

★ Complimentary snacks & soft drinks for your entire team to last you all night PLUS we’ll supply you with an esky full of ice for your BYO drinks

★ Premium seating closest to the trivia screen and right in the centre of the mini game action to maximise your chances of winning a great prize

★ Hassle-free VIP parking on school grounds – don’t walk for blocks in the cold!

★ Exclusive entry for all VIPs to a free “minute to win it” prize round

★ Unlimited tea, coffee, hot chocolate and chocolate biscuits all evening

With thanks to our supporters * Adora Handmade Chocolates * Aston MediSpa * Barilla * Bunnings *
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* Strike Bowling * Sydney Living Museums * Sydney Observatory * Tenpin City * Unilever Australia * Wholeberry Folk

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)