RULES AND VALUES

Week 2  
**Rule:** Be responsible: Let others learn as much as they can  
**Value:** Respect

Week 3  
**Rule:** Be safe: Work safely, play safely  
**Value:** Care

— DATES TO REMEMBER —

*Please also check our school’s on-line calendar at:*


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<td>ICAS Mathematics</td>
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<td>Book Week - activities</td>
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<td>Moran Arts Foundation photography workshop</td>
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<td>Australian Girls Youth Choir visit @ 10.45am</td>
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**Term 4**

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— NOTES CURRENTLY IN CIRCULATION —

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Dear Parents,

**Education Week 2014**

Last week marked the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week. At Ermington West PS we celebrated 57 years of a strong tradition of excellence. I recently learnt a new word – ‘dangerous’. This means bringing about a positive impact using dangerous thinking. I think this is what was meant when the tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was chosen: “Lighting the way to a better world”. Believe it or not, the 1950’s marked the beginning of the education revolution. Up until this point, education in Australia had not really changed in over 100 years.

At Ermington West PS we aim to provide all students with an education that allows them to be successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens. We believe when school and home works together and the responsibility for this goal is collective, then students experience excellence and equity.

Last week, two wonderful students experienced a day in the life of a school leader. Dania approached me earlier in the year requesting the opportunity to become principal for the day. You can read Dania’s recount of the day on the next page. Katelyn a little later about their day. You would assume that they learnt from me and I hope they did, but I also learnt a lot from both of the girls. From Dania, I learnt what a privileged position I am in to be the principal of this great school. It is a position that should be considered with determination and sincerity. I will endeavour to be as focused and organised as Dania in my future endeavours. From Katelyn I learnt that school should be fun. Students should be heard laughing and talking. That you should do things “just because they make you feel great about coming to school each day”. Katelyn, I will make sure that every day I take the time to think about what made me happy.

I would like to recognise the community of EWPS. Mrs Simic and Miss Haynes do a wonderful job in leading learning across the school. Miss Elias, Ms Dixon, Miss Pickrell and Miss Isaacs continue to show their dedication and commitment to our students. Our support teachers, Ms Marshall, Miss Nouragas, Mrs Farmer and Mrs Richardson allow our students to access the curriculum through their work in the classroom. Our SASS staff, Mrs Neilson, Mrs Chambers and Mr Smith for the behind the scenes work: assisting students and teachers at EWPS to go about their core business, teaching and learning.

We have an amazing group of parents who continually support the school through their work on the P and C. For a small school, our busyness shows that opportunities are not about how many students are enrolled at the school, but when it is for the kids, that is all that matters. Everybody pitches in. My interactions with the parents and community of this school have revealed a passionate interest in education. I thank you for this, it makes our job so much more rewarding knowing that our efforts are valued.

Finally, to the most important people in the room: the students of Ermington West PS. You show every day that if we strive, success will follow. This motto and ethic will serve you well as you enter into high school, become young adults.

**Absences from school**

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the punctuality and attendance of students across the school. On Thursday 7 August the Home School Liaison Officer, will visit our school in order to assist us with our policy and procedures for attendance.

Arriving at school each day, on time, is an essential skill for life. Students who arrive five minutes late each day miss over 16 hours’ worth of learning per year. That is two and a half days of school. We certainly understand that events out of your control may lead to an occasional lateness, however many children are consistently arriving at school past the 9 o’clock bell time. When they enter the classroom they disrupt the learning of the entire class as the teacher must then go back over the content covered immediately after entering the classroom. When planning your morning routine, please consider these facts and the impact five or ten minutes has on, not only your child, but their classmates.

When arranging family holidays with an absence of more than three days, you must request a leave form from the office. For absences of more than ten days, it is the discretion of the principal to grant an exemption. Travel can be an amazing learning experience for children and we would certainly not want to detract from this experience, we ask that parents try to minimise disruption to learning where possible.

The following is an extract from the DEC policy explaining the role of parents in this process:

**Parents and Carers**

4.1.1

It is the duty of the parent of a child of compulsory school-age to cause the child:

(a) to be enrolled at, and to attend, a government school or a registered non-government school, or

(b) to be registered for home schooling with the Board of Studies and to receive instruction in accordance with the conditions to which the registration is subject.

4.1.2

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly.

An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of a single day absence or within 7 days from the first day of a multiple day absence.

We thank you for your support in this very important matter.

**Shannon Judge**

Principal
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

Principal for the Day
On Wednesday 30 July Katelyn and I were Principal and Assistant Principal. We enjoyed our day. It started with a staff meeting. I felt quite embarrassed with all the teacher's eyes on me. We then supervised scripture in the connected classroom. We watched the students enjoy their time doing activities on the computers. After that we went to every class to collect two pieces of art for the Ermington West Art Gallery in the office. Once the gallery was completed we went to the library to show the two pre-schoolers from Active Kids around while Amelia and Gemma borrowed books with them. When it came to recess we had the student leader morning tea. We invited Miss Isaacs, Mrs Simic, Mrs Judge and the year 6 leaders. It was really good. We then went to 3/4P after recess and taught them about apostrophes and expositions. Then we had the Open Day practise. We saw lots of people singing beautifully and handed out strivers to students who were being sensible. We also ran a CAPA afternoon session with Zumba lessons. When the day came to an end we supervised home learning in Miss Dixon’s room. We also visited the 3-6 home learning session in the connected classroom. We had an amazing day. Thank you to Mrs Judge for letting us have this opportunity to experience being a principal for a day.

Written by: Dania J (Miss J) & Katelyn P (Miss P)

SRC REPRESENTATIVES - Semester 2
Education Week @ EWPS
Learning, Visiting and Playing @ EWPS
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**
  - Elizabeth F, Bilan R, Rebecca S, Reuben K.
- **1-2D**
  - Chloe B, Rabie D, Joshua J, Cooper H.
- **1-2H**
  - Amelia B, Issa M, Tatiana S, Samara M.
- **3-4P**
  - Tevita S, Charlotte L, Kate L, Mya D, Leandré P, Jeminah K.
- **4-5S**
  - Neda P, Sebastian L, Yasemin O, Jason C.
- **6I**

**Student of the Week:**
- **Value:** “Excellence”
  - Primary: Tameeka C. Infants: Tatiana S.
- **Value:** “Respect”
  - Primary: Amelia H. Infants: Sophie C.

**Bronze Striver:**
- Tiymika L, Ayden B, Tre C, Filip S, Kate L, Logan L, Olivia V.

**Silver Striver:**
- Mitchell E, Nicholas V, Sebastian L, Molly W, Sophie C.

**Gold Striver:**

**Principal’s Banner:**

**Sport Awards:**

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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
Crazy Mid-Winter Uniform Clearance – August only

The P&C has undertaken a uniform stocktake and we have too much stock on hand. To move it out, we are having a mid-winter clearance sale with prices slashed on many pieces of winter uniform. Please see the attached flyer for details of the uniform items being reduced.

To help you make the most of these bargains, the uniform store will be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.30am (for August only).

Trivia Night

On Saturday 16 August we will be having a ball,
With laughing assured in the EWPS hall.

Games and giggles are scheduled to start
With Vanessa and Tracy at 7:00pm sharp.

Make up a table of 6 to 8
Bring your drinks and your favourite cheese on a plate.

$10 a head, cheap at twice the price,
Fundraising this way is so very nice.

It’s trivia night, so come one, come all
To an excellent night that is sure to enthral.

Get in quick, don’t you be the one
Who missed out on partaking in all the fun!!

PS: Just a reminder – this is an 18+ event.

There will be lots of prizes and games throughout the night so please come armed with a pocket full of gold coins. Details of how you could host an exclusive VIP table are on the following page.

Rachel Evans
Vice President (2014)
EWPS P&C
P & C TRIVIA NIGHT

It’s only 2 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 *
* Cup & Spoon Café * Event Cinemas * Golden Hawk Restaurant * Hosome Gingerbread * Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler *
* Noshu * Penrith Whitewater Stadium * Random House Australia * Riverside Theatre * Scholastic Australia *
* 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)
## Ermington West Public School Uniform Shop

### Mid-Season Sale

**August Only***

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* All stock is on sale until the 29th August, unless sold out prior.

* Open every Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30am–9:00am for the month of August only.

* Order form orders will be accepted for the sale items. Please ensure you forward the correct money by the 29th August.