RULES AND VALUES

Week 10

Rule: Be safe: Work safely, play safely
Value: Excellence

Rule: Be responsible: Respect the rights and property of the school and others
Value: Respect

--- DATES TO REMEMBER ---

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

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--- NOTES CURRENTLY IN CIRCULATION ---

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Excellence, diversity and opportunity in a caring school
Dear Parents,

What a joy to have some warm weather to chase away those winter chills. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the days of sunshine after the long week stuck inside all day. (I am sure the teachers have too!). Our last few weeks of term have been very busy with PSSA finals, Swim Scheme, and of course, ZooSnooz and the day excursion to Taronga Zoo. I know I have said this before, but we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional team at EWPS.

**School Uniform Review**

At the Uniform Forum held before the last P&C meeting, parents were given the opportunity to discuss the current uniform options. There was a general consensus to move forward on the introduction of a school sports uniform. All parents will be given the opportunity to vote on this early next term. Please take the time to complete the survey and have your opinion counted.

**School Planning 2015-2017**

We are moving forward as a school in establishing the next cycle of school plans. This process will be in collaboration with teachers, students and families. Earlier this year, we looked at the Vision Statement and altered it to reflect what we believe is a positive road ahead. This statement: **That EWPS is a community with a collective responsibility towards a future as successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens** incorporates the key goals of the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians, and also the belief that together, we can achieve amazing things for our students. The following is an extract from an article outlining the key changes in the Australian Curriculum.

The community expects that in addition to knowing facts, on emerging from school, young adults will know how to do certain things, such as such as think well and to live well. These expectations are reflected in the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians.

**Goal 1:** Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence

**Goal 2:** All young Australians become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens

According to the Melbourne Declaration, successful learners: have the essential skills in literacy and numeracy and are creative and productive users of technology; are able to think deeply and logically; are creative, innovative and resourceful; are able to collaborate; are able to make sense of their world and think about how things have become the way they are.

Confident and creative individuals: are able to “manage their emotional, mental, spiritual and physical wellbeing; develop personal values and attributes such as honesty, resilience, empathy and respect for others; have the knowledge, skills, understanding and values to establish and maintain healthy, satisfying lives; relate well to others and form and maintain healthy relationships.

Active and informed citizens: act with moral and ethical integrity; are able to relate to and communicate across cultures, and work for the common good.

Informed by the Melbourne Declaration, The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has identified seven general capabilities as a key dimension of the Australian Curriculum. They encompass the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that, together with curriculum content in each learning area and the cross-curriculum priorities, will assist students to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century. These are:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and communication technology capability
- Critical and creative thinking
- Personal and social capability
- Ethical understanding
- Intercultural understanding

These general capabilities can be understood as the “new basics”: a foundation for success in learning and in life or fundamental life skills.

As you can see, the notion of sticking to the “basics” has changed quite dramatically.

In order for our students to fulfil their full potential, they need to be encouraged to take risks, think critically and creatively and be excellent communicators.

When we enter our new school plan for 2015-2017, we will be asking key questions:

*Why is this important?*

*How will be reach this goal?*

*What does this mean for students, teachers and families? What processes will get us to our goal? What will it mean for our practices and products?*

Term Four professional learning will be dedicated to the planning process, along with the opportunity for parents and students to contribute and build the school plan. You are all invited to the School Planning Session on 14 October, from 5:30-7:00pm in the Connected Classroom. Additionally, an electronic survey will be created, seeking input from parents.

**Meadowbank TAFE – Sport afternoon**

Flying chickens, jelly bean races, and human chairs were all part of the fun during the sports afternoon.
hosted by the training fitness teachers from Meadowbank TAFE. Our students enjoyed the chance to learn new games and practise their sporting skills. Thank you to Tracy Connors for directing this opportunity our way.

Assembly this Friday
Just a reminder that there will be NO assembly this week. EWPS students will be happily participating in adventure hour, well-earned after filling the straw wrapper bin. The students have been collecting these for two terms and I must say there has been a massive improvement in our school tidiness. We discovered at Taronga Zoo today that a cockatoo can be trained to pick up someone else’s rubbish. There is simply no excuse for us humans!

PLAN reports
This Thursday, a Feedback to Parents report will be sent home with your child. This report will detail aspects of your child’s literacy and numeracy development and provide you with ideas of activities which can be completed at home. One of the most important “teaching activities” for all students is play! I don’t mean games on a computer, an iPad or a gaming device. I mean good old fashioned, what can we make with this cardboard box, here’s some old clothes to dress up in, let’s make some playdough, play! Too many of our students spend way too long on “screen time”. I challenge all families to incorporate some non-screen time into the day or week. The upcoming holidays are a perfect time for this. Additionally, encouraging your child to talk to you and share their thoughts is equally important. If children cannot talk “it”, they cannot write “it” and if they cannot write “it” they cannot read “it”. When students have difficulty reading and writing, most of the time the challenges lie in their ability to talk and listen.

Car park
Please DO NOT use the car park unless you have permission to do so. This includes when collecting children from after school learning classes, or when dropping students off for excursions. The only parents who have permission to use the car park are when using the OOSH service, to pick up a child with a disability or if collecting a sick or injured child.

Attendance
Overall, attendance at school is quite pleasing. One area for concern is repeated lateness to school and the high number of unjustified and/or unacceptable reasons for students not arriving at school on time. The graph below will show you the proportion of these. Some students are late by five or ten minutes several times a week. Please organise your morning routine so that your child is able to arrive at school on time, and does not interrupt the class each time they arrive at school late for class.

Absence Trends

Capital Works
There will be some school improvements occurring over the holidays and into next term. D Block (Kinder room, 3/4P, staffroom and library) will be painted which is most exciting! A new ramp will also be installed into C Block.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday break. I am looking forward to Term Four and all of the exciting items on the calendar. Performing Arts Showcase, Year 6 mini-fete, the Year 6 Farewell and our end of year picnic day. But first, must recharge the batteries!

Shannan Judge
Principal
ZooSnooze 2014
Introducing... our students

Each fortnight, our budding journalist and writer, Neda P, will interview four EWPS students. Watch this space for your child!

**Student: Michelle, 4/5S**

Student: Michelle 4/5S – Camp
Neda: Are you excited about going to Tarongaa Zoo?
Michelle: YES!!
Neda: How are you feeling about being away from your family?
Michelle: Happy and sad. Happy because my brother won’t annoy me anymore and sad because I will miss my parents and dog.
Neda: What animal or part of the zoo are you willing to see?
Michelle: The lions, koalas and dolphins if there is any.
Neda: Is this your first time coming to the zoo?
Michelle: No, I’ve been there a billion times.
Neda: Are you enjoying this long ferry trip?
Michelle: No, because I feel sick and hate boats.

**Taronga Zoo Staff: Kat, Merryn and Kendall**

Neda: How long have you worked at this zoo?
Kat: 8 years
Merryn: 7 years
Kendall: 2 years
Neda: What is your favourite part of the zoo?
Kat: The night house or the farm yard.
Merryn: I love the bird show and doing ZoosnooZ.
Kendall: Everywhere but I really love the tree kangaroos
Neda: did you enjoy your time with E.W.P.S?
Kat: ERMINGTON WEST IS THE BEST GROUP EVER AND WE ONLY WANT TO WORK WITH ERMINGTON WEST IN THE FUTURE!!!
Neda: How do you take care of all these animals at the one time?
Kat: Lots and lots of keepers.
Merryn: Yeah we have lots of staff and lots of volunteers as well who come in for free JUST to help the animals.
Kendall: And we have our youth at the zoo kids who come and help ALL those people out.
Neda: Do you know when any animals have special occasions like birth and birthdays or just something special?
Kat: ALL the animals get special treats and toys for their birthdays, Easter and Christmas.
Kendall: And we recently had a 3rd birthday party for our tiger cub and we gave them meat wrapped up in beautiful shiny boxes.
Neda: How do you celebrate Christmas and Easter like you don’t give chocolate eggs to the rhinos?
Kat: We give them their favourite foods and wrap it up in beautiful boxes and get all the left over Christmas trees from Mosman people bringing them when they’re finished and the animals love the smells.
Kendall: And we cut things if they eat fruit like watermelon we can cut it in the shape of a Christmas tree and give it to them.

**After ZoosnooZ . . .**

**Student: Nirav, 4/5S**

Neda: Are you excited about going to the zoo?
Nirav: Yep!
Neda: How are you feeling about being away from your family?
Nirav: Good
Neda: What animal or part if the zoo are you willing to see?
Nirav: Snow leopard and Tarantulas.
Neda: Are you enjoying this long ferry trip?
Nirav: No

**After ZoosnooZ . . .**

ABSENT.
Merit Certificates and recognition of other special achievements are awarded to students each week and presented at the weekly assembly. Congratulations to the following students who recently attained awards:

**Merit Certificates:**
- KE: Tyson S, Owen L, Hunter S, Giselle D.
- 1-2D: Hayden A, Zara D, Kieren L, Elliott C.
- 1-2H: Elena S, Fahad D, Tahlia L, Krishang T.
- 3-4P: Ryan C, Emmanuel P, Filip S, Toufic Z.
- 4-5S: Luis T, Marzia H, Tyler P, Ehab D.
- 6I: Warren B, Chris G, Alisa A, Simran K.

**Special Merit**

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

**Bronze Striver:**
- Kadijah R.

**Silver Striver:**
- Ava G, Kate L, Kadijah R, Jia Y, Jackson R, Ani N.

**Gold Striver:**
- Tyler P, Kadijah R.

**Principal’s Banner:**
- Lara F, Toufic Z, Tameeka C.

**Sport Awards:**
- Hayden A, Amelia H, Bianca C, plus all members of EWPS soccer teams

A snapshot of our school: Kinder fairy bread, Art class, Meadowbank sports and science class!
Father’s Day

As usual a BIG thank you needs to go to Tina Pandoulis for her amazing work towards the Father’s Day stall this year. Tina has now for many years been instrumental in EWPS having Mothers and Father’s day stalls for the children and on behalf of the school community and the P&C we thank you so very much.

Listed below are our lucky winners of the Father’s Day raffle

1st Prize: Sienna Jackson  
A guided whitewater rafting session for one adult donated by Penrith Whitewater Stadium

2nd Prize: Haydee Bugarin  
One hour Aroma Massage donated by Aston Medispa

3rd Prize: A Bathgate  
Hamper of skincare and household products donated by Unilever

4th Prize: Hamish Cooke  
River cruise for a family of four donated by Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler

Once again thank you also to the support of the school community, without your support we would not have managed to fundraise the following amounts for the benefit of our children.

Father’s Day Mufti Day $134.00  
Father’s Day Raffle $545.00  
Father’s Day Stall $879.55  
Total Profit $1,558.55

I would like to acknowledge the following ladies who gave their time at the Father’s Day Mufti/ Wrapping Day and the Father’s Day Stalls: Kelly Aiston, Jenny Watson, Sonia Jaff, Alana Gardoll, Jeni Sistrom, Soula Carlson, Abir Lakkis, Surmin Kaur and Davina Mackenzie.

These ladies wrapped gifts, tied ribbons, and helped our children select gifts for their dads. This job took hours of dedication to accomplish. Thank you for your commitment and support.

Thank you also, to the parents and carers for supporting this fundraiser. And finally, the biggest thanks of all, is to the children the “little shoppers”. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing their excited little faces as they choose the perfect gift for their dad.

A job well done! We raised $1013.00 in profit from the stall sales and Mufti Day donations. The best achievement ever!

Tina Pandoulis (Father’s Day co-ordinator)

Fundraising Catalogues

These will be distributed on Friday to each family and due back by week 2, Term 4.
ERMINGTON WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION

‘PARENTS OF EWPS’ FACEBOOK PAGE

Want to be kept updated on activities happening at Ermington West Public School?
Have any queries about events happening at Ermington West Public School?
Why not join our group of members? It’s simple & easy!
If you are already a Facebook user, all you have to do is login to Facebook, search for ‘Parents Of EWPS’ & click the ‘Join’ tab & the administrators will then accept your request.

Please Note: This is strictly for Parents only & we are NOT able to post photos as this breaches many issues regarding confidentiality and child protection.

To those that are already members, we hope you are finding our Facebook page useful.

Some upcoming events to put in your diaries:-

Tuesday, 7th October Term 4 Commences
Wednesday, 8th October School Banking Resumes
Tuesday, 14th October P & C General Meeting
Thursday, 23rd October Year 6 Mini Fete
Monday, 3rd November Kindy Orientation Day 1
Friday, 7th November School Disco
Tuesday, 11th November P & C AGM & General Meeting
Monday, 10th November Kindy Orientation Day 2
Monday, 17th November Kindy Orientation Day 3
Friday, 5th December Performing Arts Showcase Evening
Monday, 8th December Presentation Day

We very much welcome any parents to join our passionate group of volunteers to help make a difference to our school for our children.
Please note:
Families from Ermington West Public School will need to purchase and pay for their tickets on the night at Oatlands PS.