RULES AND VALUES

| Week 8 | Rule: Be a learner: Follow teachers directions. | Value: Participation |
| Week 9 | Rule: Be responsible: Let others learn as much as they can. | Value: Integrity |

--- DATES TO REMEMBER ---

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

**Term 3**

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<td>Commbank Start Smart Workshops</td>
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**20 September – 5 October**

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--- NOTES CURRENTLY IN CIRCULATION ---

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Dear Parents,

**SASS Recognition Week**
School Administrative and Support staff Recognition Week gives us the opportunity to give thanks and pay tribute to the people who work behind the scenes and without whom the school would not be able to run. Mrs Neilson, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Richardson and Mr Smith form the SASS team at Ermington West PS, and we would all like to thank these people for the support they provide the school in ensuring leaning is at the centre of our decision making.

**Zone Athletics**
Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Zone Track Carnival at the Sydney International Athletics Centre, Homebush on Monday 25 August. Thank you to Miss Pickrell and Mrs Simic for their work in the lead up and on the day of the carnival. By all accounts our students represented the school with pride.

It was a case of: off again, on again, off again with all the rain leading up to this week, which saw a number of disappointed faces amongst our students. Imagine their delight with the announcement of the Field carnival being rescheduled for this Thursday. Let’s all cross our fingers and hope for the best!

**Celebrating the Arts**
Congratulations to our Junior Dance group who had the entire audience dancing in their seats as they performed their dance ‘Let’s Get Ridiculous’ at the Celebrating the Arts concert last night. Putting together such a performance is an enormous undertaking and is only made possible through the commitment of teachers, students and families. Thank you to all of our performers, Miss Elias and Miss Haynes and to the families of EWPS who attended the event. We will be holding a Performing Arts Showcase evening on Friday 5 December. Be sure to put the date in your diary.

**Teachers Assessment Review Schedule**
I had the chance to meet formally with all of the classroom and specialist teachers at EWPS this week as part of the TARS process. TARS is an annual schedule where principals and teachers formally review teacher efficiency. It was wonderful to hear our teachers reflect upon their learning and their thoughts around their role within the school. These meetings further iterated how fortunate the students at EWPS are to experience such dedication and knowledge.

**Merrylands East PS Visit**
Last week, Miss Haynes, Miss Isaacs and myself had the opportunity to visit Merrylands East PS where we met with the principal, John Goh and had a tour of the school. Merrylands East PS has a range of innovative programs, such as their sustainability initiatives and the modified school hours. The purpose for our visit was to look at the learning spaces and discuss the project-based learning occurring in the school.
It was a thought provoking visit, which was shared at a staff meeting later that day. Whilst it was agreed that we have the opportunity to plan to make a difference to the learning of our students; upon reflection it was also clear to all staff members that EWPS students are currently benefiting from a range of initiatives. Some of these are: after school learning centres, our whole school CAPA program, individual and targeted support for students, and our peer leadership programs. As we enter into the next school planning cycle, the centre of all strategic direction is to create a learning environment where all students experience success, are active participants and creative contributors to our community.

The new school plan will allow schools to strengthen partnerships with community. It will focus on transformational school leadership with improved delivery of quality teaching, learning and leadership outcomes for all schools. In order to allow this to occur, EWPS will be working closely with students and their families to determine the strategic direction of the school over the next five years. On **Tuesday 14 October**, from 5:30-7:00pm parents, carers and interested community members are invited to form a working party to contribute to this process. We look forward to seeing many of you there. A separate note will be sent home with further information.

**Student Voice**
It is so rewarding to see our students aspiring to leadership in their chosen fields. There have been a number of students who have taught lessons to other classes and small groups of students since Dania became Principal for a Day in July.
Tori and Michelle will be teaching an art class each Wednesday at lunchtime to interested students. The girls have created their own program, made models for each lesson, collected resources and promoted their classes at whole school and daily assemblies. Another great example of leadership is the ‘Sugarlesstember’ challenge set down by Olivia. This is to raise funds for children’s diabetes. Upon sign-up with a gold coin, students can join Olivia’s Boot Camp which will run of a morning during September. Also, congratulations to Neda, who has just published her first novel: a story where teenage angst is juxtaposed by fairy tale. Neda’s story – My diary, will be available for students to borrow from the library starting next week.
NAPLAN 2014
The 2014 NAPLAN results have been sent home to families of Year Three and Year Four students. It can be difficult for parents to interpret the results of NAPLAN and we tend to focus more on the ‘score’ than what the results can actually tell us about student achievement. I would urge parents to look at the details of questions rather than the actual score. For example, if you find a – next to a particular question, it tells you that your child did not attempt this question. The questions are ordered in complexity from most difficult to those where students across the state performed well. For more detailed information about NAPLAN, the school can discuss your child’s performance and their responses to questions. This data will be made available to schools starting next week, so if you are interested in understanding your child’s results, please make a time to see Mrs Judge or Mrs Simic.

Fathers’ Day
It was wonderful to see our students supporting the Fathers’ Day stall this week. Thank you to Tina Pandoulis and the team of parents, who shopped, wrapped and sold presents to the students throughout the week. We would like to wish all of our dads, grandpas, pops and uncles a very happy Fathers’ Day on Sunday.

Please note that all Fathers’ Day raffle tickets (including any unsold ones) and money must be returned by Friday 5 September 2014.

Uniform – repeat article as wrong date was put in last newsletter
Last week at the P&C meeting, a motion was put forward to investigate current attitudes about the options for altering the current EWPS school uniform. This does not mean that the uniform will change, but that parents and students will be given the opportunity to express their thoughts about the current school uniform.

The sale on at the uniform shop is due to excess stock, not because the uniform will be changing next year. Altering a school uniform is a length process, with many checks and balances for ensuring the decisions embrace the needs of all families.

The new (if any) school uniform will not commence until 2016. Parents and community members are invited to attend a forum regarding uniform on Tuesday 9 September at 6:00pm in the library. The P&C meeting will follow on at 7:00pm.

Presentation Day 2014 - Save the Date
The annual celebration of learning will be held on Monday 8 December, starting at 9:30am. This ceremony will see academic, cultural and sporting achievements being recognised. All families are invited to attend this event. Parents of award recipients will be notified by letter prior to the assembly.

Kindergarten Orientation
At present we are experiencing a flurry of activity in the office with families enquiring about enrolling their child at EWPS in 2015. Our Kindergarten Orientation program is to be held on Monday 3 November, Monday 10 November and Monday 17 November. If you, or a friend or relative has a child starting school next year, please drop by the office and request an enrolment form. All out-of-area applicants will be required to complete a separate form which will go before the enrolment panel.

Shannon Judge
Principal
Mr Smith’s Impromptu Woodwork Class

We need you!!!!

At EWPS we are in the process of changing our learning environment to reflect the needs of our 21 century learners. We have a ‘vision’ of dynamic and engaging learning environments with furniture that allows students to collaborate and learn from each other. Unfortunately a lot of this furniture is very expensive – up to $3000 for a set of booth seats like the ones below. If there is a carpenter or cabinet maker in our community who would be able to assist us we would love to hear from you! We would of course supply the materials and a yummy lunch!
Just a normal week @EWPS
# Introducing... our students

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

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<th>Student: Mitchell 3/4P</th>
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| **Neda:** What’s your favourite subject at school?  
Molly: Library and art  
Neda: If you could make changes to this school what would they be?  
Molly: Make the library bigger and add ‘Our Australian Girl’ books.  
Neda: Do you enjoy time with Mrs Simic?  
Molly: Yes because she is a good teacher.  
Neda: Are you excited for Year 6?  
Molly: Yes because nominations are exciting and I can’t wait for a new classroom and class.  
Neda: Why do you like coming to school?  
Molly: Because I get to see my friends every day. | **Neda:** What is your favourite subject in school?  
Mitchell: Sport.  
Neda: Why do you like sport?  
Mitchell: Because it’s fun and healthy and people can get fit and active.  
Neda: Why do you like coming to school?  
Mitchell: I get to learn new things.  
Neda: How is your wonderful teacher Miss Pickrell?  
Mitchell: Good because she allows us to sit anywhere.  
Neda: If you could make changes to the school what would it be?  
Mitchell: Play outside on rainy days so we can get muddy.  
Neda: Do you like peer support and why?  
Mitchell: Yes because you get to learn the five keys of success. |

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| **Neda:** What is your favourite subject?  
Kate: I like art.  
Neda: Why do you like art?  
Kate: Because you can get messy, be creative and let your mind go wild.  
Neda: Why do you like to come to school?  
Kate: Because I get to play with my friends.  
Neda: Do you like Miss Haynes?  
Kate: Yes because I like it when she wears her big glasses. It’s very funny.  
Neda: If you could make changes to the school what would they be?  
Kate: Make the playground bigger and add a swimming pool.  
Neda: I doubt that will happen but you could be lucky! Anyway, how is Mrs Judge our principal?  
Kate: She is fun and I like when she lets us play on the equipment to see how we move. | **Neda:** What is your favourite subject?  
Bilal: Sport because it’s my favourite.  
Neda: Why do you like buddies and what do you do?  
Bilal: Olivia is my buddy and I like buddies. We do art.  
Neda: Do you like Miss Elias?  
Bilal: Yes because she is the best teacher.  
Neda: Do you like coming to school and why?  
Bilal: Yes because we learn and play fun games.  
Neda: Do you like our principal Mrs Judge?  
Bilal: Yes because she gives me short cuts in races and she is the best principal in the world!!! |
MERIT CERTIFICATES

Merit Certificates:

KE
Jackson R, Patrick H, Benjamin V, Jacob M.

1-2D
Moustafa Z, Rabie D, Luisa T, Sarah R.

1-2H
Noah E, Ayden B, Kate B, Arabella P.

3-4P
Rhys M, Nicholas V, Jemimah K, Mathew G.

4-5S
Michelle L, Faith K, Jasmine C, Thomas H.

6I
Tima D, Callan M, Bradley C, Saja Z.

Student of the Week:

Value: “Cooperation” Primary: Emmanuel P. Infants: Adam G.

Value: “Responsibility” Primary: Charlotte E. Infants: Elena S.

Bronze Striver:

Silver Striver:

Gold Striver:
Dania J, Maddison G, Elizabeth F, Alisa A.

Principal’s Banner:
Tyrone M, Elliott C, Xavier H, Lars V, Tahlia L, Amelia L, Kate B.

Sport Awards:
Ava G, Cooper H, Lars V, Filip S, Olivia V.

Celebrating the Arts 2014

“Let’s Get Ridiculous!”
Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

24 SEPTEMBER 2014
10:00am—3:00pm
Bring your own helmet & bike
Road Safety Information
Safety Check & Skills Course
NSWP Push Bike Squad
Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle
Face Painting
Participant Show Bag

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au

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Information Mornings
for Year 7 2016

To assist parents, two Information Mornings will be held in the School for those interested in the 2016 Year 7 selective intake.

Friday 19 September 2014 9.30am – 11.00am
Tuesday 7 October 2014 9.30am – 11.00am

Please telephone the School on 9489 1077 for more information or contact us at: normanhurb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au OR www.normanhurb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au