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**RULES AND VALUES**

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<th>Rule:</th>
<th>Be safe : Be in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing.</th>
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<td>Value:</td>
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<th>Week 5</th>
<th>Rule:</th>
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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


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<td>Week 4: Tuesday February 17</td>
<td>School Swimming Carnival</td>
<td>Students aged 8 and older</td>
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<td>NO Assembly – due to Meadowbank Sports Afternoon</td>
<td>All students and families</td>
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<td>Week 6: Tuesday March 3</td>
<td>Zone Swimming Carnival</td>
<td>Selected students</td>
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<td>Parent Information Session</td>
<td>All students</td>
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<td>Assembly</td>
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<td>PSSA - Round 3</td>
<td>3-6 students</td>
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<td>Week 7: Monday March 9</td>
<td>Milo Cricket</td>
<td>Selected 3-6 students</td>
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<td>Week 7: Tuesday March 10</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting</td>
<td>All parents welcome</td>
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<td>Selective HS Test</td>
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<td>Week 8: Monday March 16</td>
<td>Sydney West Swimming Carnival</td>
<td>Eligible students</td>
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<td>NO Assembly – due to a large number of staff out on professional learning courses</td>
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<td>Week 10: Tuesday March 31</td>
<td>School Cross Country Carnival</td>
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<td>Student – teacher – parent learning conferences</td>
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<td>Easter Eggstravaganza</td>
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<td>Last Day of Term 1</td>
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**Term 2**

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<td>Week 1: Tuesday 21 April</td>
<td>First day of Term 2 for students</td>
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**NOTES CURRENTLY IN CIRCULATION**

Please also check our school’s website at:


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<td>Jellybeans Music Fees</td>
<td>7 March</td>
<td>All students</td>
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<td>Past Due</td>
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Dear Parents,

Swimming Carnival
What a wonderful day we had yesterday at our annual Swimming Carnival. We were blessed with perfect weather and enjoyed a full day of water activities.

Mrs Simic and Miss Isaacs spent a considerable amount of time organising the carnival to ensure that all students were able to participate in swimming activities at their level of confidence in the water. A big thank you to both of these teachers for arranging such an outstanding day.

Well done to all of the students who competed in such great spirit; we have 20 students who will represent the school at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

Our carnival also represented the enormous contribution made by our families. Without the active support of the community, such a day could not be held. Thank you to the numerous parents, grandparents and family members who came to support the children and to lend a hand.

The staff at Granville Swimming Pool commented on how well behaved our students were, and that the carnival shows them what kind of a school community we have at Ermington West.

2015 Timetable
The timetable for Wednesday will be changing as of this week. On Wednesday, each class will have a 40 minute lesson with Miss Kim (Korean), Miss Nouragas (Public Speaking) and Miss Donovan (Jellybeans Music)

The bell times for Wednesday will be:
8:55am – warning bell, games cease, line up at classrooms
9:00–9:30am – Scripture (commencing 18 February)
Eating time – 11:35–11:45am
Lunch – 11:45am–12: 15pm
Recess – 1:35–2:05pm
Home time – 3:00pm

Assembly
As previously noted, assembly will be held on a fortnightly basis. We will be holding assemblies on Thursday afternoon from 2:00pm for the remainder of the year. We apologise for the change of day, however this is an unavoidable alteration due to the professional learning commitment of teachers. Assembly will normally be held on the same week as the newsletter. This week there is no assembly due to a previously planned sporting afternoon run by Meadowbank TAFE. Parents are welcome to come and watch the activities. We have a large number of educational programs running in the school this year and we will be using the additional time to ensure these are a success.

Parent Information Sessions
At the last P&C meeting there was a request for information sessions for parents to find out about the programs run within the classroom and across the school.
The information session is scheduled for Wednesday March 4.
Kindergarten – 3:15-3:45
1/2D and 1/2H – 3:45-4:15
2/3H, 4/5S and 5/6I – 4:15-4:45

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts HS
The following information has been included at the request of the principal of Northmead Creative and Performing Arts HS.

Audition Information for Parents and Students
Years 7 - 11 - 2016
Auditions for Year 7-11, 2016 will be held on:
Wednesday 18th March 2015 - Visual arts.
Thursday 19th & Friday 20th March 2015 - Dance, Drama and Music.

Talented students in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music are encouraged to apply for positions in the 2015 specialised pathways in either Dance, Drama, Music or Visual arts.

Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program MUST also audition.

NCAPAHS is a specialist Creative and Performing Arts High School offering a broad comprehensive curriculum. Students benefit from a range of curriculum and welfare initiatives, specialist teachers, modern performance and technical production facilities in a supportive whole school ethos towards promoting excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts.

Audition application forms can be obtained via our school website (www.northmead- h.schools.nsw.edu.au), or can be posted or emailed to you directly by contacting NCAPAHS and speaking with Mrs Stepic on 9630 4116 or june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au

Kind regards,

Shannan Judge
Principal

As previously advised, the fortnightly newsletter will now only be produced in print form on request. Please advise the office if you need a print copy. All publications are available for download from the school website and can also be viewed on the notice board outside the staffroom. Thank you.
2/3H Class Work

17/2/15

I am brave because I touched the dolphins and I swam with them.

Benjamin V.

By Giselle D.

By Benjamin V.
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: Alexandra G, Hunter P.
- 1-2D: Jacob E, Tyrone S.
- 1-2H: Thomas M, Kate B.
- 2-3H: Jiya L, Kieren L.
- 4-5S: Shirley W, Lars V.
- 5-6I: Sebastian L, Lachlan P.

**Bronze Striver:**
- Luis T, Amelia L, Mitchell E.

**Silver Striver:**
- Amelia L, Elliott C, Maria K, Mitchell E.

**Gold Striver:**
- Patrick H, Gabe O, Michelle L, Rebecca S, Maria K.

**Principal's Award:**
- Melanie C, Charlotte L, Shirley W, Fahad D, Ben V, Samara M.

**Sport Awards:**
- Leandré P, Tevita S, Giovanna P, Elliott C.
We have some great photos up on the wall hi-lighting the children’s experiences please feel free to pop in and have a look around

**Weekly overview**

We have had another exciting and busy week at EWOSHC. We are slowly getting our clubs up and running. Adam will be returning to EWOSHC this week, the children are excited to have him back kicking a ball around during outdoor play.

This week our clubs have had some awesome experiences.

These include:

- Oz tag
- Planting Jasmine and Oregano
- Omelet making
- Cheese cake slice
- Spring roll making
- Cookie decorating (valentine’s day)
- Dancing
- Mural painting

For this term the clubs are as follows:

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Families can contact staff at the Centre by calling 0429 311 118 or emailing ewoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au.
Centre Managers can be contacted directly by emailing headoffice@primaryoshcare.com.au.
Swimming Carnival 2015
SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION

Win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, the Commonwealth Bank are introducing a new Grand Prize competition in 2015.

Students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 will automatically enter the draw to win a trip to California’s Disneyland where they can enjoy Space Mountain and everything the park has to offer.

The Grand Prize

- Return economy airfares to Los Angeles, California from Sydney, Melbourne, or Brisbane for up to two adults and two children.
- Five nights’ accommodation at Disney’s Paradise Pier Hotel
- Return private airport to hotel transfers
- A three day Theme Park Hopper ticket (includes same day admission to both Disneyland Park and California Adventure Park)
- A Disney Family Breakfast Dining Experience
- AUD$2,000 spending money.


School Banking gives every child the opportunity to start saving and earning rewards and is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 for every NEW Activated Account via the School Banking program (i.e. for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time) & a 5% commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Last year the school received $1,111.02 in commission payments from the Commonwealth Bank.

DON’T FORGET: Our School Banking day is every Wednesday.

Tina Pandoulis  Soula Carlson
0433.061.350  0410.499.292
School Banking Co-ordinators
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to all swimmers who took part in the Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 17 February at Granville Pool. It was wonderful to see everyone giving it a go, no matter what their swimming ability is. It was also great to see so many parents and grandparents supporting our students – cheering, timekeeping, assisting with water activities and marshalling. Good luck to those who will go on to represent Ermingtion West at Zone Swimming soon.

Term 1 is packed with plenty of activities and events to look forward to. Please save the date for our upcoming Family Games Afternoon on Saturday 14 March at 2.00pm under the COLA. With the NSW State Election on Saturday 28 March, we’ll take the opportunity to hold a fundraising BBQ and Car Boot Sale. And a sweet way to end the term is the Easter Egg raffle. More details in this edition of P&C News.

Vanessa Julien
President, Ermingtion West P&C

UPCOMING P&C DATES

Orders due for SUSHI DAY
Friday 27 February

SUSHI DAY
Monday 2 March

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 10 March, 7.00pm

Family Games Afternoon
Saturday 14 March, 2.00pm

Easter Egg Raffle – tickets on sale
Monday 16 March

Election Day BBQ & Car Boot Sale
Saturday 28 March from 8am

Easter Egg Raffle – prizes drawn
Thursday 2 April

CANTEEN NOW OPEN ON TUESDAY!

For the rest of Term 1, the Munchbox Canteen will now be open on TUESDAY and THURSDAY every week for lunch orders and recess snacks.

To see the menu, go to the Ermingtion West school website, click on P&C and then Canteen.

Join the conversation. Connect with our Facebook community Parents of EWPS

Parents of EWPS is an informal way to chat about school-related issues, get reminders about important events and connect with other families at Ermingtion West.

FROZEN FRIDAY

Once the final bell goes on Friday afternoons, eager smiling faces make a quick dash to the canteen... keen to get their Friday icy treat. Come over and join us! Ice blocks can be purchased by students, siblings, mums and dads and even grandmas and grandpas from 3.00pm every Friday at the Canteen.

You’ll find your children’s usual favourites – Zooper Doopers, TNTs and Moosies, but look out for some new treats too. Smoove’s are a new item on the menu – dairy free and 100% natural with no artificial additives - just fruit juice and coconut milk. They’re the perfect healthy treat – not just for the kids! Frozen Friday - every Friday during Term 1, 3.00pm – 3.15pm at the Canteen.
EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We’ve got a sweet treat planned for the end of Term 1 and we need your help!

The P&C is asking all families at Ermington West to make a donation of Easter eggs for a mega Easter Egg Raffle. When you’re doing your grocery shop, please pick up a couple of extra Easter treats. Bring them in to your child’s classroom and put them in the special Easter egg collection box. We’ll make them into delicious hampers to be raffled just before the Easter holiday break.

Books of raffle tickets will go home with each student on Monday 16 March. There will only be two fundraising raffles this year – so please help by selling tickets to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues.

If you’re crafty and can help turn these mouth-watering donations into colourful hampers, please contact ewpspc@optusnet.com.au

SUSHI DAY

The P&C is organising a SUSHI DAY on Monday 2 March

Order forms have gone out to all families this week. Please note that SUSHI DAY is for pre-order and pre-pay only, so if your child would like to have sushi for lunch on SUSHI DAY, you must return your order with full payment by Friday 27 February

With thanks to Ace’s Seafood at Ermington for supporting SUSHI DAY

Election Day BBQ

Saturday 28 March from 8.00am

The NSW State Election is on Saturday 28 March and Ermington West is a polling place that attracts thousands of voters.

We’re taking advantage of this opportunity by holding a fundraising BBQ. Election Day BBQs at Ermington West always raise substantial funds – which all get put back into resources and additional opportunities for your children.

We need an army of volunteers on the day to man the BBQ – cook sausages, handle cash and help serve. If you can spare an hour or two, please get in touch ASAP and let us know when you’re available and what job you’re interested in. Email ewpspc@optusnet.com.au

Car Boot Sale

On Election Day, we’re also organising a Car Boot Sale on the soccer fields at school. It’ll be Ermington’s biggest “marketplace” and with thousands of voters, it will attract plenty of buyers!

DO YOU
- want to make some extra cash from items you no longer need?
- have your own business and want to get new local customers?

Drive in and sell from the boot of your car

JUST $25

Get in quick ewpspc@optusnet.com.au

Save the Date!

FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON

The Annual Ermington West Family Games Afternoon is on Saturday 14 March – save the date! The fun takes place under the COLA from 2.00pm. You and your children can enjoy a few rounds of bingo and other family-friendly games and get to know other Ermington West families. It’s always a great afternoon with plenty of prizes to be won. Stay tuned for more information - a booking form being sent home soon!
“Tell Them From Me” Student Feedback Survey

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Shannan Judge
Principal

Please check the notice board for full information regarding the following:

Auditions for Years 7-11, 2016
Applications forms available via school website: www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Open Day
Tuesday 10 March – 4:30 to 6:00pm
for information:
Phone: 9874 6544 – or
Email: marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Open Day
Thursday 5 March 2015
3:30 – 6:00pm
Phone: 9816 4264
www.riversideghs.nsw.edu.au

COME AND PLAY SOCCER
“Mixed” competition played Saturdays
“Girls only” competition (from Under-6’s) played Sundays

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Ray Anjoul Junior VP U9- U16 0411 594 794
Rob Laird Girls VP 0447 606 672

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