**Rules and Values**

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**— Dates to Remember —**


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**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents,

**Zone Swimming Carnival**

19 of our students represented the school yesterday at the zone swimming carnival. Mrs Simic was very impressed with the behaviour, competitiveness, and manners of our students. Congratulations to all our swimmers with a special mention of Kiana Pavey, who will compete at the Area Carnival in 50m freestyle. Thanks to all the community members for their support and especially to Alanna Pavey for selling the programs throughout the day. Several of our students: Jason, Marzia, Amelia, Tori, and Armaan were student helpers at the carnival, and

We are creating the future together
receive many positive comments about their work ethic. Thanks to Mrs Simic for attending the carnival as Team manager and to Miss Isaacs who did a tremendous job convening the carnival.

Meadowbank Sports Afternoon
What a busy afternoon it was! Students from K-6 enjoyed 12 different activities organised and led by students studying fitness at Meadowbank TAFE. It was fabulous to see the enthusiasm of our students as they participated.

School Excellence Framework
As mentioned previously, NSW DEC is currently undergoing a number of reforms. The School Excellence Framework is one of these significant reforms. The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading.

Key features of the School Excellence Framework:
The Framework will help schools engage their communities in identifying strategic directions, decide on improvement measures, and assess their progress. Schools will:
- develop their own plans by consulting with their school communities to develop a shared vision
- self-assess and report annually on their progress, and
- within a five-year cycle, have their self-assessment validated against the Framework by a panel made up of two highly experienced principals.

Reading With Your Child at Home
Reading with children is fun and one of the best ways to help assist them in their learning. This is regardless of their age or year group. Children learn about the value and importance of reading as they watch their family reading and writing in everyday life.

Whether reading a novel, sharing a story, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading a street sign, children observe the value of reading and writing.

What you can do at home:
- Be yourself and involve your child in everyday conversations from an early age.
- Read aloud to your child. It will help your child to learn the language of books and encourages the enjoyment of books and reading.
- Talk about books together - make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.
- See that there is a range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
- Read to your child in your first language - research shows that using your first language will help your child when he or she learns to read English.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time - set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.

- Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.
- Give books as treats and presents.
- Discuss the meanings of stories and words.
- Join your local library. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.

The magic of language
One of the keys in learning to read is exposure to literature. Most libraries have guides for recommended literature suitable for children of different ages and grades. These may help you choose books that will introduce your child to the magic of literary language.

You may also want to borrow books with audio tapes. This will help your child learn to track the words on the page as they are being read. You can teach this skill yourself by pointing to the words in a book as you are reading aloud.

Parent Information Sessions
We are looking forward to seeing families at the information sessions this afternoon. Just a reminder of the times:

Kindergarten – 3:15-3:45 (in KE)
1/2D and 1/2H – 3:45-4:15 (in F Block)
2/3H, 4/5S and 5/6I – 4:15-4:45 (in 5/6I classroom)

Kind regards,
Shannan Judge
Principal

STEWART HOUSE
USED CLOTHING APPEAL 2015
Stewart House School, located at South Curl Curl, provides short-term respite care for thousands of NSW school children in need. Although partly funded by DEC and NSW Health, many associated costs must be met from monies raised by charitable initiatives such as the annual used clothing appeals, etc.

Plastic clothing collection bags have been distributed to all students today. This is a great opportunity to make some extra space in wardrobes and drawers while at the same time supporting a wonderful cause. Please send any unwanted items to school in the bag provided.

Please return bags to school no later than Monday 16 March.
My Old Bar Home

By Jasmine Clark

Two years I have been in the city,
And every night I dream of Old Bar.
I miss the sea.
I miss the smell of the ocean.
I miss the sound of the waves when they crash.
I miss when sand goes through my toes.
Every night when I go to sleep I hear my home calling out to me.
The witch's magic potion

Once upon a time there lived an evil witch who had a very pointy nose, a wart on the tip of her very pointy nose and she even had a lime green face. The evil witch was making an invisibility potion in her ancient cottage. She was making an invisibility potion for herself so that she could take over the whole wide world. The evil witch was so excited she didn't read the evil spell book correctly.

The evil witch didn't read the spell book correctly so she put the wrong ingredients in her spell creating pot. There was meant to come out invisibility potion but instead pink sparkles came out. The pink sparkles make her sneeze for a whole year. She didn't give up. She kept trying but it was no use. There were only pink sparkles coming out of the spell creating pot.

The evil witch got very cross so she read the spell book correctly. Guess what happened next? The evil witch read the spell book correctly and put the right ingredients and then came out the invisibility potion. "Heehahahaha! I could now take over the world!"

Kate
THE RUN AWAY POTION

Andy woke as the light from his bedroom window shone on his face. While he was getting ready for rugby his alarm went off. “No I need to be at training now!!!” He bolted down the stairs, then he hopped on his motorbike. He drove off down the road into the tremendous traffic. Finally he got there.

Andy’s team had already finished training. Andy was in shock. “You should have been here an hour ago- if you don’t get here on time you will get fired.”

What can I do? “Oh yeah I have that wizard friend that can brew me some potions.” He brewed two potions, a speed potion and a memory potion for Andy. Andy drank the potions. Every day Andy gets to training really fast. He lived happily ever after.

THE END
Our first Special Canteen Day of the year, SUSHI DAY, was an enormous success. Thanks go to Ace from Ace’s Seafood at Ermington Shops for supporting SUSHI DAY— he provided a great variety of sushi rolls to our school at reduced prices. By the sounds of it, everyone really enjoyed their sushi, with some children trying it for the very first time. Huge thanks must also go to the volunteers who assisted – Surmin, Soula, Naciye and Adam – thank you for giving up your time so that our students could enjoy a special treat.

If you have any suggestions for future Special Canteen Days throughout the year, please get in touch with the P&C – we’d love to hear your ideas!

CANTEEN NOW OPEN ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY!

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 Ermington West school website, click on P&C and then Canteen.

We welcome your suggestions for the Munchbox – menu ideas, feedback on items or prices, and of course, if you can volunteer some time to assist on canteen days, please let us know. We rely solely on volunteers for the Munchbox - any profits made are re-invested in opportunities for your children at Ermington West.

What is the P&C?

Parents and carers, as partners in the education process, have a right and a responsibility to play an active role in the education of their children. The P&C enables parents and citizens to meet to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community. Working together, staff, parents and carers can ensure all children get the best possible education and opportunities at Ermington West.

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month during term time in the connected classroom at the school.

If you can’t get to monthly P&C meetings but want to keep up to date with discussions and decisions affecting your child you can request to join the distribution list and have P&C agendas and minutes emailed to you.

ewpspc@optusnet.com.au

THE NEXT P&C MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 10TH MARCH AT 7PM. ALL WELCOME.

On Facebook? Join the Parents of EWPS group

Parents of EWPS is a great network for all parents and carers in the Ermington West community.

Posts can be whatever is important to members at any time: Am I too late to put in a sushi order? Ideas for new canteen menu items. Request for assistance to collect a prize donated for a P&C fundraiser. Call outs for help with car pooling. It’s an incredibly useful resource to get helpful, quick answers from other EWPS families and provide feedback on issues that affect your children.
MEGA EASTER EGG RAFFLE

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

1. MAKE A DONATION OF EASTER EGGS
   All families are asked to make a donation of Easter eggs for a MEGA EASTER RAFFLE. When you're at the shops, 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 Easter holidays.

2. SELL RAFFLE TICKETS
   Raffle tickets will go home with each student in Week 8. The P&C are holding only two fundraising raffles this year – so please sell as many tickets as you can to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues to help raise money for our school.

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

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**Election Day BBQ**
Saturday 28 March from 8.00am

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**
**CONTACT THE P&C NOW TO DONATE JUST AN HOUR OR TWO OF YOUR TIME!**

Ermington West attracts over 2,500 voters on Election Day!

Election Day BBQs are always great fundraisers but........it takes a community effort to man the BBQ, cook sausages, handle cash and serve customers.

Help boost our fundraising dollars – get in touch with BBQ organiser Shannon O'Keefe via ewpspc@optusnet.com.au and tell her what time you can help out on the day.

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**Car Boot Sale**

Don't put it in the council clean up! Turn it into cash!

On Election Day, the P&C are organising a Car Boot Sale on the soccer fields at school.

Make some extra cash from items you no longer need

Promote your business to hundreds of new customers

Drive in and sell from the boot of your car

JUST $25

Get in quick ewpspc@optusnet.com.au

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**Order your BINGO BOOKS now!**

**FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON**

The Annual Ermington West Family Games Afternoon is on Saturday 14 March – order your bingo books now by using the order form attached. 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. It's always a great afternoon with plenty of great prizes.
FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON

Join us for an afternoon of fun for the whole family!

Saturday 14 March
2.00 – 4.30pm
Ermington West COLA

Pre-order bingo books early to avoid disappointment

Bingo books cost $4 pre-paid or $5 on game day. Each bingo book has enough cards for one player to participate in all rounds of bingo. Players are permitted to play more than one card per round. To increase your chance of winning, you can order two or more books per player.

Don’t forget to bring your gold coins to play the other fun family-friendly games in between the bingo rounds!

This is a family event. All children MUST be supervised by an adult at all times. Children not accompanied by an adult will not be permitted to enter the school grounds or participate in the Games Afternoon. BYO drinks and nibbles. NO ALCOHOL permitted.

This event is run by the Ermington West P&C Association ewpspc@optusnet.com.au / Parents of EWPS facebook page

FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON - Saturday 14 March
Please return this booking form and payment to the school by Friday 13 March

Child’s Name: ____________________________________  Class: ______________

I would like to order ________ X BINGO BOOKS @ $4.00 each = $ ____________

I would like to order ________ X BINGO PENS/DABBERS @ $1.00 each = $ __________

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED $ __________

We will have ________ adult players and ________ child players on our table

Parent/Carer Name: ____________________________  Signature: ____________________________
Around and out and about!
High School Information:

Marsden High School

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

Riverside Girls High School

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

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

Northmead
Creative and Performing Arts High School

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

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH AD/HD?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CHILD’S BEHAVIOUR?

Is your child between 6 and 12 years old?

You are invited FREE OF CHARGE to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University

The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to:
- attend evening sessions
- fill in questionnaires (anonymously)

This study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics at Macquarie University

For more information or to express interest in this study please contact:
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