Rules and Values

Week 8
Rule: Be safe.
Value: Work safely; play safely

Week 9
Rule: Be responsible: Respect the rights and property of others.
Value: Participation

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

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Notes Currently in Circulation
Please also check our school’s website at:

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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

2015 – 2017 School Plan
The 2015 – 2017 School Plan was presented at the P&C meeting this month. The School Plan has three strategic directions which will underpin our work over the next three years. These strategic directions are:
- Staff as Lead Learners
- Partnerships in Learning
- Students as Leaders and Learners

Our vision statement, as defined through a lengthy process of “playing with words” is We Are Creating The Future Together. This statement, and the strategic directions were finalised after consultation with the school community in 2014.

The plan will be available on the school website from the beginning of Term 2. Should you require further information, or have a suggestion, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Macquarie University
We have three students visiting and completing practical experience at the school. These students are all in their final year at Macquarie University and will be completing a 30 day placement in 1/2H, 4/5S and 5/6I. I am sure our community will make them feel welcome.

We are creating the future together
Congratulations to Melanie Carlson, who has shown signs that may lead to be a promising career in politics! The following is a snapshot of John Alexander’s Facebook page.

Local student Melanie Carlson wrote to my office a few months ago to ask for a new flag at the Arrunga Aged Care Centre where she and her classmates from Ermington West Public volunteer their time. Delighted to deliver the flags today, and congratulations to Melanie and her friends for their great initiative!

Mathematics Program
Our school is following a scope and continuum for mathematics which means that all classes will be covering the same content. The following are the Term 1 and Term 2 schedules, and may provide parents with further information about what we are teaching at school. May I reiterate that all students have literacy and numeracy learning goals that they are working towards. These goals should assist students in home learning. If you ask your child “Do you have homework?” they will say “no!” Re-phrase the question to “What are your learning goals?” and your child should be able to inform you of these.

Term 1 Content
1 Whole Number
   Pre-testing/Revision
2 Patterns and Algebra
   Time
3 Patterns and Algebra
   Time
4 Addition and Subtraction
   Money
5 Addition and Subtraction
   Length
6 Multiplication and Division
   2D Space
7 Multiplication and Division
   Data
8 Fractions and Decimals
   Area
9 Fractions and Decimals
   3D Space
10 Data
   Volume and Capacity- ES1
   Chance- Stage 1, 2, 3

Term 2 Content
1 Whole Number
   Pre-testing/Revision
2 Patterns and Algebra
   Mass
3 Patterns and Algebra
   Time
4 Addition and Subtraction
   Volume and Capacity
5 Addition and Subtraction
   Length
6 Multiplication and Division
   2D Space
7 Multiplication and Division
   Data
8 Fractions and Decimals
   Area
9 Fractions and Decimals
   3D Space

Learning Conferences
Student – teacher – parent learning conferences will be held on Wednesday April 1. The notes will go home for these on Monday. Please complete as soon as possible and return to school. Students are required to attend the learning conferences with their parents. Your child’s teacher will also provide you with a copy of their latest PLAN report, which will detail their literacy and numeracy skill development.

Thank You
I would like to take this opportunity to extend a hearty thank you to Vanessa Julien and the P&C for organising the Bingo afternoon. Special thanks must go to Leanne Swift and Louise Nicholson for calling the numbers and coordinating prizes. Thank you to all members of the community for coming along on the afternoon and helping make it a success.

Kind regards,

Shannan Judge
Principal
Around and out and about!
Damian

I love my mum and dad.

Great sentence, Damian!

Arguing

I love my mum and dad.

Excellent sentence!
“KE have been very busy with a range of exciting activities”
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: Aryanna K, Damian C.
- 1-2D: Catherine C, Moustafa Z.
- 1-2H: Rebecca S, Reuben K.
- 2-3H: Rabie D, Hamish C.
- 4-5S: Mitchell E, Shirley W.
- 5-6I: Faith K, Jasmine C.

**Bronze Striver:**

**Silver Striver:**

**Gold Striver:**
- Amelia H, Emma S, Mya D, Yasmin O, Elliott C, Andrew H.

**Principal’s Award:**
- Miné U, Amelia H, Yasmin O, Neda P, Cooper H, Molly W.

**Sport Awards:**

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**Thank you TenPin City for donating a prize for the ‘Games Afternoon’**

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**Información sobre el beneficio de la salud:**

Health and Wellbeing is something that we are all interested in and at Tenpin City, we understand not everyone is into highly physical sports or activities. That is why we believe that Tenpin Bowling – A sport for life – is something that suits all ages for lots of people wanting something active to do that they will enjoy with physical benefits. Bowling is like moderate aerobic exercise, strength training as well as stretching. Bowling also has social benefits strengthening friendships and creating new ones.

We will teach you in 4 weeks how to bowl and how to bowl better all for FREE.

**Bowling is a great sport for any age group**

Bowling is great for men, women, boys and girls of all ages, size or ability. Bowling is a lifetime sport. The social aspect of bowling allows you to make new friends. Great for improving balance, hand & eye co-ordination skills. Most of all, Bowling is FUN.

**Learn to bowl in 1234 weeks**

For Adults, Teens & Kids

**New classes now forming**

**Where:** Tenpin City - 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
Top level Carpark - The Marketplace Auburn

**Cost:** FREE

**Form:**

- **NAME:**
- **Preferred DAY:**
- **TIME:**
- **BIRTHDATE:** Day_____/ Month_____/ Year_____
- **ADDRESS:**
- **CITY:**
- **P'CODE:**
- **PHONE HOME:**
- **MOBILE:**
- **EMAIL ADDRESS:**

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**Starting Date**

**For Juniors**

**Parent/ Carer Name:**
The Uniform Store is having a pre-winter sale for 4 weeks only, with many items drastically reduced. Get in quick, because once these items are sold out, they will not be re-stocked in the future. See the notice in this newsletter for details on sale items, including jumpers, long sleeved polos and long pants. Discounts range from 25-60% off usual prices. Please note the Uniform Store will be open as usual every Friday morning from 8.30am – 9.00am, with thanks to our volunteer Uniform Store Co-ordinator Danie Bourke, who gives up her time each week to offer this service to families at Ermington West.

Eggsceptional Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets for the Eggsceptional Easter Raffle will go home to each family in Week 8 (week commencing 16 March). Each family is asked to sell all ten tickets in their book to family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours. Please return the ticket stubs and money collected by Wednesday 1st April.

Prize draw: Thursday 2nd April

Don’t forget donations of Easter Eggs can be brought to your child’s classroom and placed in the special collection box until Friday 27 March

The family who sells the highest number of Easter raffle tickets WINS A FAMILY PASS to see a performance at Riverside Theatre in the upcoming holidays valued at $60

GET INVOLVED!

Now is the time to commit to volunteering at the Election Day BBQ
email ewpspc@optusnet.com.au and join the team

The initial preparation for this fundraiser is taken care of with thanks to Shannon O’Keeffe and the support of Rachel Evans. Now we are asking all families to volunteer 1-2 hours to help on the day. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and a great opportunity to showcase our fantastic school spirit to the wider community.

Don’t leave it to others to step up – take this opportunity to get involved in your community. Meet some new people, and show your kids that by working together, we can all pitch in to raise funds for extra opportunities and resources for all students at Ermington West.
FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON

What a fantastic afternoon was had by approximately 70 children, parents, grandparents, friends and cousins at the annual Ermington West Family Games Afternoon. A huge thank you to Leanne Kirby for her assistance organising the day, including gathering some incredible prize donations, and calling the bingo. Well done! And thanks also to Louise Nicholson for assisting with the bingo draw and games in between rounds. It’s wonderful to see some new faces taking the lead on P&C activities, and doing such a wonderful job! I must also mention the helpful students who carried tables and chairs to the COLA area prior to the weekend – thank you 5/6I and to two special students who helped set up tables and chairs on the day and assisted with the games – good job Elliott Cripps and Emma Swift!

We were overwhelmed with support from local businesses who donated prizes for the event – TenPin City, Bondi Pizza, Code Red Laser, Lollipops Playland, Hog’s Breath Café, and parents in our school community including Naciye Bottos who donated a gift voucher to use in her online store Escential Perfumes, and Louise Nicholson for the gorgeous handmade soft toys and hair accessories. Thanks also to Tina Pandoulis for her prize donations including board games and activity packs.

The success of P&C events relies on the ongoing support of school staff – so thank you, in particular, to Simone Isaacs for equipment set up and Shannan Judge for all her support, including joining the fun on the day.

In total we raised $549, which will be used to support future school and P&C projects and initiatives.

munchbox

New Winter Canteen item!

WARM MILO JUST $2

stuck on you

A new fundraiser for Ermington West

Looking for personalised items such as labels, drink bottles, lunch bags and party invitations?
Visit www.stuckonyou.com.au

Remember to put ERMINGTONWEST in the fundraising box on checkout and 20% of your purchase will be invested back into Ermington West.

 Couldn’t make it to the March P&C meeting but want to know what we discussed?

Join the e-distribution list and have agendas and minutes emailed to you. Stay up to date with decisions affecting your family.

Our March meeting had 17 attendees discussing child safety issues, the school hat policy and upcoming events and activities. The school plan was also circulated, which is a highly detailed plan showing the direction our school is heading towards, now and in the future. It provides information on how the school will give our children skills for life, and build their critical thinking and collaborative skills. This is an exciting phase for the development of Ermington West Public School and we’re all invited to be a part of it.

Email ewpspc@optusnet.com.au to receive a copy of the minutes. The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 12 May at 7pm in the Connected Classroom. All welcome to attend.
A special event to celebrate Mother’s Day
Please save the date and join us
for breakfast on Friday 8th May

The P&C would love to celebrate with all
mums and grandmothers
in our school community.
We hope that by hosting a breakfast
(rather than a lunch or morning tea)
it will enable more people to arrange their
schedules so they can attend,
including working parents.

You and your children (including younger siblings)
are welcome to join us
between 7:30am and 8:45am
Further information will be provided at the beginning of
Term 2

Please note that all children are required to be supervised by an
adult at all times during the Mother’s Day Breakfast
Mother’s Day 2015

Mother’s Day Gift Stall

The P&C will be holding the Mother’s Day Gift Stall on Monday May 4. Students will be able to purchase gifts with their class teacher on this day. A selection of gifts ranging from $2 to $12 will be on sale. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to purchase a Mother’s Day gift from the Stall, please provide them with money on the day.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with the wrapping of gifts on Monday April 27. If you are able to help with gift wrapping please come to the Connected Classroom from 9:30 am.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Gift Stall on Monday May 4. If you are able to help at the Gift Stall please come to the connected classroom from 9:30am.

If you have an appropriate gift that you wish to donate for the gift stall leave it with your child’s teacher for collection by Monday April 27.

Please contact me if you are able to help on any of these days.

Tina Pandoulis
0433 061 350
# Ermington West Public School Uniform Shop

**Pre-Winter Sale**
4 Weeks Only*

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*PLEASE NOTE: Excluding the long sleeve shirts, once these items have sold out they will not be re-stocked.*

*All stock is on sale until the 1\textsuperscript{st} May, unless sold out prior.*

*Open every Friday morning from 8:30am–9:00am.*

*Order form orders will be accepted for the sale items. Please ensure you forward the correct money by the 1\textsuperscript{st} May 2015.*
When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

**Session 1: Where did I come from?**
1-hour session: years 3-6

$25 per family for one session
$30 per family for both sessions

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty**
1-hour session: years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

**Date:** Tuesday, 21st July 2015 from 6:00pm
**Ermington West Public School**

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
BRUSH PARK
FAMILY EASTER PARTY

WHEN
March 27th, 2015
From 6pm

WHERE
Brush Park Bowling Club
Cnr Rutledge St & Marsden Rd
Dundas 2117
PH: 02 9658 1166

FEATURING • FaceFiction Children’s Entertainer • Robert Oatley Wine Tasting • Friday Night BBQ • Meat Tray Raffle • Easter Hampers • Special $3 Kids Sausage Sizzle (<12 years)

FACEBOOK.COM/BRUSHPARKBOWLINGCLUBLIMITED

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
ALL AGES - KIDS WELCOME!

GAMES ON THE GREEN
Kids Entertainers:
FaceFiction

FREE WINE TASTING
Launching the Club’s new Wine List

COMPETITIONS
Win a TRIP for 2 TO MUDGEE!
Buy any Robert Oatley wine between 27th March and 29th May 2015 to be in the draw

JOIN THE FUN!
Easter Hampers to be won
Meat Raffles
Friday Night BBQ
Support your local Club!

ROBERT OATLEY
FRIDAY NIGHTS AT BRUSHIE
Brush Park Bowling Club
Cnr Rutledge St and Marsden Rd Dundas
KIDS RC CARS ON THE GREEN
BRING ALONG YOUR RC CAR FOR HOURS OF FUN ON THE GREEN
SLICK TYRES FROM 7PM
RAFFLES 20 MEAT TRAYS TO BE WON
LIVE FOOTY ON THE BIG SCREEN
NO.1 DRAGON 88 RESTURANT
FAMILY BBQ LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
$12 T-BONE $6 SAUSAGES
SERVED WITH SALAD AND CHIPS