Dear Parents,

2015 Australian Principals’ Korean Study Tour
During the holidays I had the opportunity to represent Ermington West PS on the APKST. This was an amazing experience and I feel privileged to have visited this country which has become a world leader in development in the past 30 years. The tour was extremely busy, as we visited over 70 places in 10 days!

The highlights for me were visiting schools, talking with principals, teachers and students about their learning programs and how they provide a balanced curriculum for the future leaders of society. Interestingly, the Minister for the Seoul Education District talked of the shift towards holistic education and ensuring students can collaborate, innovate and communicate.

Touring cultural sites, industry and educational campuses showcased Korean culture, business and education which are all deeply tied to the traditions and history of the country. On return to Australia, I had time to reflect on the experience and I think the take home message to me is: how can we make sure our students know their family history and story, as well as the story of Australia and use this knowledge to continue to develop into the very best that they can be?

School Cross-Country Carnival
Unfortunately the school cross-country carnival had to be postponed last term due to bad weather. We were most fortunate with the weather yesterday and the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be outside! Thank you to Mrs Hutchens and Miss Haynes who organised the day, making changes to
the arrangements even up to the last minute to ensure all students were able to participate safely.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Monday 18 May with students requested to wear full winter uniform. Please note: boys wear white socks, not grey socks. Girls may wear long pants, or the winter tunic.

Awards
The new Principal Award badges have arrived and will be presented in place of the Principal’s Banner. Students should wear these with pride to school each day as part of their school uniform.

The long awaited swimming carnival ribbons will also be presented at tomorrow’s assembly. Apologies for the delay with these; the supplier had quite a backlog of orders and we had to wait our turn.

Mathematics Program
Following is the schedule of learning in mathematics which all students will undertake this term.

Term 2 Content

Week
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
Thank you to all of the families who took the opportunity to meet with the teachers at the learning conferences last term. This year we trialed a new system for the student-teacher-parent conferences by holding these in the hall and affording parents with the opportunity to meet with the specialist teachers. It was wonderful to see our community coming together to discuss the development of the students. Also thank you to the parents who completed the questionnaire for the Annual School Report.

2014 Annual School Report
The ASR is now uploaded to the school website, under Our School and then Annual School Reports. This is a summary of 2014 and provides a snapshot of what was a very busy year. I encourage all our families to have a look at the report. If you would like a paper copy, please send an email to the school account, or come and see a member of the office staff who will happily supply you with a copy.

2015-2017
Ermington West PS has developed a comprehensive school plan in consultation with the school community, connected to a budget and student outcomes. All equity funding based on student need will be planned, implemented and expended in the year of allocation.

The School Plan is available on the school website (look under Our School) and was presented at the last P&C meeting. We hope you enjoy reading our plans for the future – a future we are creating together.

Hall Upgrade
On Friday, the hall will have a multimedia upgrade, with a mechanised screen and projector installed. This is made possible through the Communities Building Partnership Grant. Additionally, as part of this grant, covered walkways to the buildings will be installed over the coming months. A very big thank you to Roslyn Bathgate for her leadership of this grant and to the parents who form the team: Rachel Evans, Vanessa Julien and Jodie Visagie.

Kind regards,
Shannan Judge
Principal

WIN a $4,000 HOLIDAY to a destination of your choice

Stewart House Donation Drive 2015
Please support Stewart House and the wonderful opportunities it provides to children in NSW public schools by participating in this initiative.

For a chance to win this great prize simply place a $2.00 coin in the envelope provided and return it to school by Friday 8 May 2015.

Good luck to all supporters!
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Merit Certificates and other awards are presented to students each fortnight at the Thursday assembly. Congratulations to the following students who attained awards at the final assembly of Term 1:


Principal's Award:
Ayden B, Sienna J, Elizabeth F.

ERMINGTON WEST OSHC CENTRE
ewoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au
0429 311 118

Welcome back, this term will see some educator changes at EWOSHC Hayley Scriven has started a full time position at Sutherland hospital. Hayley has been a part of our OSHC family for 7 years and we wish her all the best for the future.

This term we have made some changes to our clubs with the introduction of our Science Club! We are very excited about what this club can offer and the children are very eager to get involved.

The beginning of this term we will be focusing on our goals to see how we can meet and build on these. One of our goals is to “explore ways life and how living things are interconnected “. This falls under our principal QA 3 Physical Environment. The educators will be researching this to see how we can incorporate this into our daily programme or routine.

Some of you may not be aware that all educators in oshc are required to attend Child protection training and are required to keep this updated with any changes to legislation. Every educator has undergone a working with children’s check these are updated every 5 years. Also any visitor to the centre must also hold a working with children’s check.

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.

Thanks for all of your support and encouragement - See you soon!

Kate, Alex, Jess, Adam, Carl, Suzanne and Maria
Information bulletin for primary schools

Changes to the opportunity class placement process

Changes have been made to the process of opportunity class placement for entry in 2016. These will have implications for the primary school. They include the following:

- All applications must be made online. Paper applications are no longer printed.
- Late applications will not generally be accepted.
- Schools will receive application information booklets for distribution to parents.

Important dates

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<td>Monday 27 April 2015</td>
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<td>Application information booklets available in schools</td>
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<td>Friday 15 May 2015</td>
<td>Application website closes (Late applications will not generally be accepted)</td>
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<td>Tuesday 19 May 2015</td>
<td>Principals’ online processing site opens (government schools only)</td>
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<td>Friday 5 June 2015</td>
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<td>Non-government principals complete principal’s page and return it to the Unit</td>
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<td>Test centre advice received by schools. Test authority letter received by parents by mail and email</td>
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<td>Wednesday 22 July 2015</td>
<td>Opportunity Class Placement Test</td>
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<td>Mid-October 2015</td>
<td>Parents advised of placement outcome information</td>
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<td>Monday 2 November 2015</td>
<td>Parents hand appeal in to school principals</td>
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<td>Monday 9 November 2015</td>
<td>Appeals forwarded to the Unit* with principals’ comments</td>
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Note:

*In this document ‘parent’ is defined under the Education Act 1990 as ‘a guardian or other person having custody or care of a child’.
^ In this document, ‘Unit’ refers to the High Performing Students Unit.
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
**Location:** 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.
Korean Classes at EWPS

Years K - 6 …….. Seasons

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Stage 2 & 3 …….. Sentences

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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 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.

Please contact me if you are able to help on the day.

Tina Pandoulis
0433 061 350
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.
say cheese
School Photo Day is
Monday 18 May 2015

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day

- Family envelopes are provided to the eldest child in each family

- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.

- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our friendly MSP Office staff prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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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 1st 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 1st May 2015.