Term 4 Week 1

Monday 6 October  Public Holiday
Tuesday 7 October  Students return to school
Wednesday 9 October  Uniform Shop open 5:30pm
                     P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Sunday 12 October  Ryde Spectacular Rehearsal

Term 4 Week 2

Monday 13 October  Ryde Spec Performance
Tuesday 14 October  Musica Viva
Wednesday 15 October  Student Leaders to State Parliament
Thursday 16 October  K-2 Assembly (12:30pm)
                     3-6 Assembly (2:05pm)
Saturday 18 October  Granny Smith Festival

Term 4 Week 3

Tuesday 21 October  Kinder 2015 Orientation
Wednesday 22 October  Epping Festival Concert

Principal's Message

Welcome Back
Welcome back to the final term of the year. This is a busy one with each week being filled with events. Please find attached to the email a Term 4 calendar.

P&C Meeting
Please note there will be a P&C meeting this Wednesday commencing at 7.30pm. P&C meetings usually fall on the first Wednesday of each month but we would have missed the October meeting due to the recent school holidays. A brief overview of the school’s performance in NAPLAN will be presented. A copy of the agenda is available.

Pre-Service Teachers
Next week our pre-services teachers from the University of Western Sydney will commence their four week teaching block. I know that you will make these students welcome.

Chicken Pox
During the first week of the holidays a case of chicken pox was reported to OOSH. Please report any cases to the school.

New Appointment
Mrs Tracy Connors has been appointed to the permanent 4 day a week position working in the school office and library. Mrs Connors has been working in the school in a temporary capacity for the previous couple of years.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Welcome back to Week 1 of Term 4. This week’s sound is ‘ie’ and the tricky words are ‘clothes’, ‘food’, ‘shelter’ and ‘shopping’. We have lots of exciting things planned this term. This Thursday we will have some special visitors from the Granny Smith Festival to talk about the upcoming festival. Next Tuesday we will have a special Musica Viva performance and on Thursday KW will be presenting the K-2 assembly and KL will be performing at the assembly. Have a fabulous week!

Stage 1
Welcome to Term 4! We hope you have had an enjoyable break. This week the students have Granny Smith visiting them on Thursday at 12:30pm. Also on Thursday Year 1 have maths groups commencing at 2:30pm, we look forward to seeing our parent volunteers and new faces are always welcomed. Next week there is a K-2 Assembly on Thursday starting at 12:30pm. We remind all students to have their hats and a drink bottle with them at school every day especially now the weather is heating up.

Stage 2
Welcome back. I hope the two week break brought some rest and some wonderful family adventures. The students should be returning in their summer uniforms as spring has finally hit us. Please ensure that your child’s stationery supplies have been replenished. Students will be bringing home a Speaking & Listening task this week, please encourage your child to begin this task straight away, it is due in Week 3.
Many students completed the times table challenge last term, so this term they will focus on increasing their speed and accuracy with mixed tables. We look forward to a productive term 4.

**Stage 3**  
Welcome back to Term 4! We are looking forward to a great term. Please ensure all stationery supplies have been replenished and stay tuned for further news.

**Around the school**

**School Expectations**  
This week our focus is STAY SAFE in and around our school. Students can demonstrate this in many ways including:

- Be in the right place at the right time
- Walking on hard surfaces
- Playing safely and fairly in the playground
- Moving around the classroom with care, including tucking in chairs.

**Science & Technology**  
This week Kindergarten students will be bringing their pea plants home in a pot. I hope you have a spot in the garden ready for them. They will need water, sunlight and a garden stake or stick for the plant to grow tall. In a couple of months you should be harvesting yummy peas to eat. Mrs Amat

**Ryde Schools’ Spectacular - Choir**  
This Sunday 12th October is our final rehearsal for the Ryde Schools’ Spectacular concert on Monday, 13th October. For Sunday’s rehearsal, please ensure you are in your school sports uniform (as requested by the organisers) and meet Miss Blackman at the Stage Door of the Sydney Opera House at 8:15am. Please bring a water bottle and recess (no electronic devices or mobile phones).

The evening performance at the Sydney Opera House is on Monday 13th October. Girls are to wear black leggings or jeans, black shoes and the red choir t-shirt. Boys are to wear black jeans or pants and their red choir t-shirt. All students will need to wear black shoes. Please bring a very small back pack / bag with a water bottle, their purple maracas and yellow sunshine props.

Students are to meet Miss Blackman at the Stage Door for the evening performance at the Sydney Opera House at 6:15pm.

Miss Blackman

**3-6 Dance Group**  
There will be a final rehearsal for our 3-6 Dance Group on Thursday morning at 7:45am. This is in preparation for our upcoming dress rehearsal and performance at the Sydney Opera House on Sunday 12th and Monday 13th October for the Ryde Schools’ Spectacular. Looking forward to the big event!

**Athletics Carnival Champions**  
Athletics Champions and Runners-up trophies and medals will be presented at the next K-6 Assembly which will be held in the school hall on Thursday 30th October (Week 4) at 2.05pm.

**PSSA**  
Softball and T-ball will be played at Meadowbank Park this week. Cricket is also being played at Meadowbank.

**Child Protection**  
This term as part of our PDHPE scope and sequence, students in Kindergarten, Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be participating in child protection lessons. Child protection education aims to assist students to develop skills in:

- recognising and responding to unsafe situations
- seeking assistance effectively
- establishing and maintaining non-coercive relationships and strengthening attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility.

**Uniform Shop**  
Customers will be able to use their credit cards for purchases.

Please also note we had to return a quantity of size 8 and 10 zip jackets because they were faulty. As a result we ran out of stock and we have a few orders that are waiting for the replacement stock to arrive.

We’re still looking for volunteers on a Tuesday morning. Please contact Sara on 0408 209 332 if you’re interested in joining the uniform shop family of volunteers.

Please also note that there is a variety of ways in which items can be purchased and paid for.

1. **Orders** – Fill in an order form and enclose correct cash or cheque. This can be left at the front office if there is no one attending the uniform shop.
2. **In person** – Come to the shop and pay by cash, cheque or credit card.
3. **School24** – Order online and pay by Paypal or direct deposit to the Uniform Shop bank account. Go to www.school24.com.au to sign up – our school registration ID number is 25130963.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers so if the Uniform Shop seems like your thing please contact Sara on 0408 209 332.

**Kiss and Ride Roster**  
PLEASE email colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au if you can help on Mondays or Tuesdays.

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MONDAY SUSHI DAY
Don’t forget to order your sushi.
$2.70. Chicken, Chicken & Avocado, Tuna, Salmon & Avocado, and Vegetarian.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 8/10 La, HELP NEEDED URGENTLY
Thursday 9/10 Colette, Kate E, Anne H (pm)
Friday 10/10 Wendy, Melissa, Teresa
Monday 13/10 Wendy, Ana
Tuesday 14/10 Robyn B, Donna
Wednesday 15/10 Beth, Teresa, Danni (am)
Thursday 16/10 Sonja, Meena (am), Louise (pm)
Friday 17/10 Wendy, Sue, Clarissa

2015 Fundraising Calendars, Cards, Mouse Mats, Diaries and Iphone Covers
If you missed the return date for orders for Calendars, Cards, Mouse Mats, Diaries and Iphone Covers last term, then this is your last chance to order these items with your child’s wonderful artwork or photo on them. To ensure processing, return and distribution of these items in time for posting for Christmas, orders can be placed until Wednesday 15th October (Wednesday Week 2 Term 4). Examples of the products can be viewed at the office. You can also use your own photo instead. Go to www.kidsartworks.com.au and follow the instructions to download your photo.

All orders with payment can be handed to the classroom teacher. Order forms can be printed from the newsletter or are available from the office.

For further information contact Fiona 0408417161

Newsletter Deadline
Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon Monday. These should be sent to: ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Subject: Newsletter Insert

Private Piano Lessons
• High school teaching experience +10 years piano tuition experience (A.M.W.B)
• Bachelor of Music / Education UNSW
• Amus. A in piano
• Studying Music Therapy UWS
• 1st lesson half price

For more information please contact Peggy Shen on 0433677233 or p.shen29@gmail.com

The school often publishes information on behalf of community groups – parents need to decide on the appropriateness of activities involving their child. It is the responsibility of each parent to research the bona fides of any organisation in which you wish for your child to be involved. The school accepts no responsibility with regard to advertisements placed in the newsletter. Parents and guardians should make their own decision.
Kids Art Works

Have your child's piece of art or photo made into superb Calendars, Greeting Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats & iPhone covers

Calendars:
Easy to post
(A4 size when closed) 12 tear-off months and a single laminated copy of your child's own art or photo.

Mouse Mats
Lightweight and easy to post overseas our mouse mats make perfect gifts for all occasions

Cards
Suitable for all year round, school name and logo on the back pack of 8 cards with red envelopes

Diaries
Strong wire binding A5 size (148mm x 210mm) 7 days at a glance Hard cover

Child's Name:
(Fill out one form per child)

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I have submitted my photos through www.kidsartworks.com.au My reference # is: (Required)

Total enclosed: $ Please return by: 17th September 2014

Cheques payable to: Ermington Public School P&C

Photos: Digital photos produce the best results (min 300kb). To submit your photo online go to www.kidsartworks.com.au & click on submit photo. Photos must be submitted before order form is returned to school and reference number entered above. Or supply the photo to the school on a CD.