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**CANTEEN CLOSED TOMORROW**

(Wednesday, 22nd October)

**Principal's Message**

**Student Leaders at State Parliament**

Last week our School Student Executive had the opportunity to visit our State Parliament. The students witnessed the stepping down of the Leader of the Nationals as well as seeing 7 politicians ejected from Question Time. It was certainly an experience for our students. Thank you to the parents and Miss Claro for accompanying the students.

**Pedestrian Safety**

Many of our families use the pedestrian crossing located in Winbourne Street and Brush Road. We are very fortunate to have a crossing supervisor appointed for both of these crossings. It is important that these crossing are not obstructed by people chatting on either side, as this could create a "blindspot" for drivers.

**Lost Property**

We have a number of students who are missing items of school uniform that cannot be located at the school. We kindly ask that all parents/guardians check their child's uniforms (especially hats, tops and sports uniforms) and return any clothes that may not be theirs to the school office. We also request that parents ensure all clothing is clearly labelled — there are many items without names or where the name has faded over time.

**Survey**

Today a survey has been sent home with the eldest child in each family. This survey will assist the school with our directions in 2015 and beyond. Mandarin and Korean translations have also been provided. Please return these surveys by Friday, 31st October. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**Granny Smith Festival**

Well done to our school senior band who performed at the Granny Smith Festival last weekend. I have heard they were amazing and did a fantastic job. Well done.

**Fixed Playground Equipment**

I would like to remind all students and parents that children are not permitted to play on the fixed play equipment without a member of school staff or a member of the OOSH staff present. At all other times this equipment is out of bounds.

**Smoking**

Smoking on DEC premises is banned at all times. However, I request that parents refrain from smoking in areas that are congested by our students (such as near the front and back gates) when children are coming to and from school.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

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Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 3. This week’s sound is ‘ou’ and the tricky words are ‘our’, ‘them’, ‘time’, ‘very’ and ‘were’. Thank you to KS and KW families who bought in some yummy food for the Kindy Orientation today. As the World Food Stall is fast approaching please begin to think about food items that can be sold at the stall. Food items should represent a country of origin and be able to be sold individually. So we can begin preparing our menus for the day, it is important that you send back the return slip as soon as possible stating the food item and its ingredients. We are also after some parent helpers for the morning. We are still missing some blue student portfolios. If you have one sitting at home can you please send it back? This is a message for KW families - can you please send in a black long adult sock suitable to make a hand puppet in preparation for our assembly performance in Week 6. Hopefully, you might have some odd socks lying around at home that you no longer want. Have a fabulous week.

Stage 1
Welcome to Week 3! We would like to remind you to check to make sure all items of clothing and belongings are clearly labelled so they can be easily returned if lost. Year 2 need to return pink and blue notes for their Sydney Town Hall concert on October 29th and please bring umbrellas, gumboots and raincoats back to school if you have taken them home. Year 1 look forward to seeing our parent helpers again at 2:30pm on Thursday afternoon for Maths Groups. Next Tuesday we have a visit from the Responsible Pet Education Program. If your child is frightened of dogs please let your classroom teacher know as there will be a dog visiting as part of this program. We hope you have a great week!

Stage 2
Welcome to Week 3. This week, students are reciting poems in front of their class as part of the speaking and listening task (next week for 3/4B). Please see your child's teacher if you need help with any aspect of the task. The Years 3-6 Silver Morning Tea will be held next Monday. Congratulations to all students who have achieved a Silver Award. This Wednesday, we have many of our students going to the Tiger Tag Gala Day. We hope everyone involved has a fantastic day. Have a wonderful week.

Stage 3
Last week saw many opportunities for Stage 3 children to participate in a variety of activities outside the school. Firstly Years 5 and 6 participated in sporting lessons directed by Year 9 Marsden High students last Monday and they will attend more lessons this Thursday. The Band performed at the Granny Smith Festival and last Wednesday our leaders attended a leadership forum at Government House and enjoyed a talk by a local member Victor Dominello. Tiger tag gala day was postponed to this Wednesday under the guidance of Mr Clark.

The PSSA competition is proceeding well with much success enjoyed by T-ball girls and Softball boys who have not lost a match yet this year also. Please check to see all belongings are clearly marked as many lunch and recess containers are thrown out as they are not named and names on hats and jumpers are becoming difficult to read.

Around the school

School Expectations
This week our expectation is on STAY SAFE. We can all do this in and around the school in many ways, including:
- Walking on hard surfaces
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Follow all instructions given out by teachers
- Play safely and fairly in the playground.

PSSA
Softball and T-ball are playing at Boronia Park. Cricket Seniors will be playing at Gannon Park and Cricket Juniors at Ryde East Public School.

Student Leadership Nominations 2015
During Term 4, elections will be held to select members of the Student Leadership Team for 2015. Next week, nominations will be collected for students who wish to stand for election to the Student Executive (captains, vice-captains & prefects). After the membership of the Student Executive has been finalised, elections will also be held to select Sport House Leaders for 2015.

Throughout their years of schooling, students at Ermington Public School have experienced a broad range of leadership opportunities to prepare them as student leaders. In Year Six, students have the opportunity to represent their school as a member of the Student Leadership Team. This includes the roles of Captain, Vice-Captain, Prefect, House Captain and House Vice-Captain. Year Six students also have the opportunity to be Library Monitors, SRC Representatives and Peer Support Leaders.

Becoming a member of the Student Executive is a big responsibility. Students must carefully consider whether they meet all the criteria for the role. They must also consider whether they are willing to carry out the many responsibilities associated with the role.

Nominations for the Student Executive (captains, vice-captains & prefects) must be submitted to Year 5 class teachers by Monday 27th October. A student may nominate themselves or another Year 5 student by completing the pro-forma at the end of the letter provided. When making a nomination, reference is to be made to the criteria listed below. All nominations must be in writing. Nominations will be assessed by a convened Selection Panel. The panel will consist of the Principal (or delegate), Assistant Principal (Stage 3) and Year 5 teachers.

Juniors at Ryde East Public School.

Seniors will be playing at Gannon Park and Cricket
Following is a list of the Roles and Responsibilities that members of the Student Executive have within the school. Also listed are the criteria that students should be able to demonstrate in order to nominate for a position on the Student Executive.

The captains, vice-captains and prefects could be called upon at any time to assist with a variety of leadership roles and responsibilities such as:

- Do their best at all times
- Represent the school with pride at public events
- Assist staff with school activities and events
- Host assemblies such as K-6, 3-6 and ANZAC service
- Assist with special school events such as Orientation Days
- Welcome and escort visitors to our school
- Thank visitors to our school for special performances
- Host Presentation Day.

Students must be able to demonstrate evidence of the following criteria:

- Actively follow the four School Expectations.
- Be reliable, trustworthy and display initiative.
- Be positive, enthusiastic and willing to assist with school events.
- Show confidence in public speaking and demonstrate good listening skills.
- Demonstrate good leadership skills.
- Display exemplary behaviour, including respectful attitudes towards adults.
- Involvement in school life in both classroom and extra-curricular activities.
- Be a good role model for their class and their school.
- Take pride in their school, including full school uniform.

Please discuss these roles, responsibilities and criteria with your child to help them make a decision on whether they wish to nominate themselves or another student.

Students should also be aware that members of the Student Executive publicly pledge to perform the role to the best of their ability. Should a member of the Student Executive not perform their role to the best of their ability, disciplinary action will be taken. This could range from a warning to removal of the privilege of being a member of the Student Executive.

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

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Choir Festival at the Sydney Town Hall
The Junior Choir, string group and Year 2 students have been practising hard and will be performing at the Choral Festival at the Sydney Town Hall on the evening of Wednesday 29th October. This involves a whole day rehearsal at the Sydney Town Hall and an evening concert at the same venue. Students have been given notes about this event. Permission notes and money for both the day time rehearsal and tickets for the evening concert need to be returned to school as soon as possible. If you are not planning on attending the concert, please make arrangements with another parent for your child to be transported to and from the concert.

Thank you, Mrs Barton and Ms Vallentine

Granny Smith Band Performance - by Lachlan D 6C
On Saturday 18th October our school senior band, which consisted of 33 band members, performed at the Granny Smith Festival in Eastwood where around 80,000 people were estimated to be in attendance throughout the day.

On the stage at Eastwood Oval, with big speakers and sound amplifiers, we performed 6 songs, which were Rock-a-Saurus Rex, Theme from New York, Monster Rock, My Favourite Things, I Gotta Feeling and Wild Thing. Thank you to Mr. Butler for preparing us for the day and Mr. Lavis for conducting us and transporting the equipment. It was a wonderful experience as it was the first time we have performed at a local community event. It was a great experience which we all enjoyed.

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

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.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

**SUSHI - EVERY MONDAY** – Don’t forget to order your Sushi. Limited amounts only, so get in quick! Flavours are Chicken, Chicken & Avocado, Tuna, Salmon & Avocado, and Vegetarian - $2.70 ea. Please note that online orders for Sushi close at 8.30am.

**CANTEEN CLOSURES** – Due to insufficient volunteers the canteen will be closed on the following dates:
- Wednesday 22nd October
- Wednesday 12th November
- Wednesday 26th November
- Wednesday 10th December.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
- **Wednesday 22/10**
  - CANTEEN CLOSED
- **Thursday 23/10**
  - Shienny, Louise (pm)
  - HELP NEEDED
- **Friday 24/10**
  - Wendy, Mel, Teresa
- **Monday 27/10**
  - Eunice, Jine
- **Tuesday 28/10**
  - Kate, La
- **Wednesday 29/10**
  - Beth, Theresa (5th Week)
  - Thursday 30/10
  - Shienny, Louise (pm) (5th Week)
  - HELP NEEDED AM
  - Friday 31/10
  - Wendy, Patricia (5th Week)
  - HELP NEEDED

**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](mailto:ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Subject: Newsletter Insert

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.

**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](mailto:p.shen29@gmail.com)

**Coffee and Prayer**
The first “Term 4” gathering will be at Claire’s house - 16 Murdoch Street, Ermington, 7:45pm, this Wednesday evening, 22nd October, 2014. For further details please call Claire 0400-376-008 or Anne 0422-619-008. All are welcome :)

**INTUITION STUDIOS**
- 6 brand new music tuition studios located in lakemba
- Performance stage with regular student concerts
- Piano, Drums, Singing, Guitar, Bass, Ukulele, Brass, Woodwind & More
- Professional tutors with AustT qualifications in contemporary and classical styles

**OPTOMETRIST**
Tom Geroulas
B. Optom (U.N.S.W.)
Behavioural Optometrist
1093 Victoria Road,
(Corner Bellevue Ave)
West Ryde, NSW 2114
Ph: 9804 6896
Ermington United Sports & Recreation Club

Netball Registration Day

Registration Day for 2015 Day Comp
Turning 7 or older in 2015 and would love to play netball, we would love to see you on Registration Day
October 25th, 2014 at Cowells Lane, Ermington.
(Tennis Courts – Club house)
10am – 12pm, $50 deposit required
More information Phone: 0415 618 977 or Email: netball@ermingtonunited.com.au

Brush Park Bowling Club

Friday 31st October – Halloween Night

- BBQ (7pm) & Meat Raffle (7:30pm)
- Remote control cars on the green,
- Steak Dinner $12, Sausage Dinner $6
  (Meal Tickets sold from 6pm – 6:45pm at the bar)
- Games on the green
- Prizes for the “Best Dressed”

All children MUST be accompanied and supervised by a Parent/Guardian at all times.

Dental treatment for children under 18 years of age is free at NSW Public Dental Health Clinics.

Clinic Locations:
HORNSBY | TOP RYDE | ROYAL NORTH SHORE | DEE WHY
PHONE 1300 732 503