Term 4 Week 7

Monday 17 November  2015 OC Orientation
Tuesday 18 November  K-2 CSIRO Incursion
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                          Marsden HS (Yr3)
Thursday 20 November  2015 Aerobics Auditions
Friday 21 November  Student Leadership Elections

Term 4 Week 8

Monday 24 November  Band Cake Stall
Tuesday 25 November  Presentation Day
                        No School Banking
Wednesday 26 Nov  Year 6 Mini Fete
                        Canteen Closed
Thursday 27 November  K-6 Assembly 2:05pm

Term 4 Week 9

Monday 1 December  School Concert Rehearsal
Tuesday 2 December  Silver Morning Tea
Wednesday 3 December  Year 6 High School
                        Orientation
                        7.30pm P&C Meeting
Thursday 4 December  School Concert

Principal’s Message

CSIRO Incursion
Today and tomorrow our K-2 students have had the opportunity to participate in an incursion where they have worked with the CSIRO staff exploring toys. These incursions provide significant hands-on experiences and are an important component of our teaching program.

Year 6 Mini-Fete
On Wednesday, 26th November our Year 6 students will be holding their annual mini-fete. This is usually a very exciting day for all the students. There will be games to play, prizes to win and food to be purchased. It will start after Recess.

Carpets Steam Cleaned
This weekend the classroom carpets will be steam cleaned which will brighten up the classrooms.

Parent Surveys
Thank you to the 70 families who returned the parent survey sent out by the school. They certainly contained a lot of valuable information and I appreciate the thoughtful responses. I am still collating the data but will hopefully be able to provide a summary in a future newsletter. We have also surveyed the students for their opinions.

Request for 2015
Thank you to those parents who have submitted letters to the office highlighting aspects of their child’s life which may impact on class placement next year. If you have a concern regarding your child’s placement, please note this concern in a letter addressed to myself and marked confidential. Please note that this information is only used for 2015 placements so if you have issues that have extended over a few years, you will need to write a new submission. The school will listen to your concern but class placement is the decision of the school.

Leaving at the End of 2014?
Thank you to those families who have already informed the school that they will not be at Ermington Public School in 2015. If you are planning on changing schools, please inform the office as soon as possible – this will assist with our planning for 2015.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY
You are invited to attend our 2014 Presentation Day to be held on Tuesday, 25th November at Marsden High School. It will commence at 9.30am.
**Stage News**

**Kindy**
Welcome to Week 7. This week’s sounds are ‘dr’ and ‘tr’ and the tricky words are ‘bought’, ‘called’, ‘will’ and ‘than’. Today and Tomorrow the K-2 students will be visiting the CSIRO science incursion. A note was sent home to those students who have not yet paid for this in their school fees. We have another busy week ahead of us, next Monday is the band cake day, Tuesday is Presentation Day and the parent helper morning tea and Wednesday we have the Year 6 mini fete. Please ensure that all Caught You Being Good cards and bronze awards are sent back to school to finalise the last silver and gold awards for the year. We are also after the remaining blue portfolios. Semester 2 reports will be sent home soon and we need the remaining portfolios to send these home. Have a lovely week.

**Stage 1**
We are over the half way mark for Term 4. This week is yet another exciting week. We would like to congratulate those who performed as part of the Junior Dance Groups on Thursday. They were sensational! On Thursday and Wednesday CSIRO will be at Ermington Public School with their Toy Workshop for our K-2 classes to visit. Year 1 are still enjoying their Maths Groups on Thursday afternoons at 2:30pm. We love having our parent helpers there. We would also like to remind you and your child to send in any awards they have so they can progress to the next level. To assist with this the levels are below:

- 10 x Caught You Being Good Cards equal a Bronze Award
- 3 x Bronze Awards equal a Silver Award
- 2 x Silver Awards and 1 x Bronze Award equals a GOLD Award

We hope you have a great week!

**Stage 2**
Welcome to Week 7. Thank you to all of the families who have brought in tin food for the food drive. It is greatly appreciated by the families who receive the wonderful hampers at Christmas. It is not too late to help out if you are able to. A reminder to students in 3L, 3B and 3/4B to wear your sports uniform tomorrow. Our biannual concert is only 2 weeks away! All children should now be aware of what costume they will be wearing for the performance. Details concerning concert outlined below.

Tickets are $10 family ticket, $5 for a single. Tickets are on sale from 6pm on the night of the concert. Tickets for the Year 6 Mini Fete Raffle started selling this morning under the COLA. Raffle tickets are 50c each or 3 for a $1. Below are listed the prizes to be won.

1st Prize – Epping Club Voucher ($100)
2nd Prize – Dragon 88 Voucher ($50)
3rd Prize – Bunnings Gift Pack
4th Prize – 2 x Event Cinema Tickets + Book Pack
5th Prize – West Tigers Cap + Book Pack
6th Prize – Dora Pack+ Colouring in Pack

**Stage 3**
Spring is nearly over and flowers are abloom. Take time to smell the roses and teach your child the names of some of the flowers. This Friday, 20 children from year 5 will be making their speeches to the school in order to gain votes for performing as 2015 prefects. Posters are displayed around the school and they are very effective and professionally done. Last Tuesday at Remembrance Day service, we experienced technical difficulties and the whole school just sat quietly for 10 minutes until the fault was rectified. Congratulations Ermington on your beautiful and respectful behaviour! CSIRO are visiting Infants classes this week and we are very fortunate to have weekly science lessons as this is such an important area of curriculum in this day and age.

**Around the school**

**School Expectations**
This week our school focus is on DO YOUR BEST. Some ways we can demonstrate this in and around the school includes:

- Trying your best in all activities
- Actively listening to others
- Set goals and strive to achieve them
- Be organised and ready for your busy day at school.

**PSSA**
Semi Finals are this Week. T-Ball girls are playing at 12:45pm on Field 8 and Softball mixed playing at 1:45pm on Field 9 all at Meadowbank Park. Cricket will be remaining at school for a friendly match at Marsden High School.

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**SRC**
The SRC have started to hand out audition forms for those who would like to enter the Talent Quest. The Talent Quest auditions will be held throughout lunch times during Week 8 and 9 with the Talent Quest being held on Friday 12th December. We are looking forward to seeing the wonderful talent we have this year.
Aerobics Auditions
Auditions will continue this Thursday, 20th November at lunch time in the hall. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate footwear and clothing to participate in these sessions, as well as a bottle of water. Aerobics is a big commitment for the children and their parents. There will be before and after school training, lunch time training, as well as competitions that are held on at least two weekends within the year. If your child is chosen to be in a team for 2015 there is a financial commitment as well. Any enquiries please see Mrs Stevens or Mrs MacKenzie.

Junior Dance Groups
Congratulations to the Junior Dance Groups who performed beautifully on Thursday. Please keep the costumes close as we will need them again towards the end of the Term. Thanks Mrs Lade and Miss Day

Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea
The staff at Ermington Public School are very appreciative of all the help we receive from parents and community members each year. We would like to thank you for your hard work this year and invite you to a morning tea.

Invitations to the “Thank You Morning Tea” have been sent out to parents who have helped in the classroom and around the school. The morning tea will be held on Tuesday, 25th November (week 8) in the Ermington Public School hall. The morning tea will immediately follow the Presentation Day Assembly, at approximately 11.15am. Please return your RSVPs to your child’s class teacher. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Ennion - Assistant Principal

Eastwood Christian Community Food Collection
Each year at this time, Ermington Public School community collects tinned food (no glass bottles) and toiletries for the Eastwood Christian Community Aid. The volunteers from the ECCA pack these items into hampers and give them to needy families over the Christmas/New Year period. Our school community has always been very generous in their giving and the ECCA is very appreciative of our efforts.

Children are encouraged to bring in a tin of food or toiletries and either deliver it to Mrs Barton’s room or give it to their class teacher. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Barton – 3/4B

The Hour of Code is coming to Ermington Public School
It is Computer Science week from 8th December to the 14th December and our school has registered to teach a beginner’s course in code called, The Hour of Code.

If you wish to participate there will be a coding course over two lunchtimes. The first course will be in the computer lab on Monday 8th December and then continued on Tuesday 9th December. It is open to any grade.

The first thirty people to register will be eligible. To register you need to go to Mrs Sparrow’s room and write your name on the register sheet. It will be located near the double doors. If there are more than 30 students wanting to participate then it will also be on Wednesday 10th December and Friday 12th December. Some students may have already completed this course in class and so will not be eligible.

It is possible to do this course at home if you do not want to complete the course at school. Go to code.org. There will be one million jobs in computer coding so this is a great start to a computer science vocation.

Old White Business Shirts Required
If anyone has any old, white or light coloured business shirts that they no longer require, 3B and 3L need them for the End of Year Concert. Shirts can be given to Mrs Bales or Mrs Clemesha. Please note: shirts will not be able to be returned.

Kindergarten World Food Stall
Thank you to everyone for their support of the Kindergarten World Food Stall. We raised $524.30 for Westmead Children’s Hospital. The day was a huge success and all the students in Kindy should be exceptionally proud of themselves for all their hard work. It was fantastic to see all the students K-6 get involved and support us on the day. A special thank you to our Parent Helpers, you know who you are and we couldn’t have done it without you!

Miss Larkin, Mrs Stevens and Miss Workman

Library
Students have finished their borrowing for 2014, allowing a few weeks at year’s end to find all the returns. Could you please assist at home to help your child gather any library books to return by the end of the week.

Every year, a number of books go astray at home or school and become overdue. I will send home overdue notices next week, doing my best to check the library and classroom shelves for any books that may have been returned but ‘missed’ by the scanner. If you do receive an overdue notice but believe the book to be safely back at school, just note this on the overdue note and return with your child. It is accepted practice that, if a book has been lost at home through the course of the year, a donation is made to the school library book account so a replacement book can be purchased.

Please also remember that our book club issue eight orders are due by this Friday, 21st November.

Mr Butterfield – Teacher-librarian

Kiss and Ride
When dropping children off at Kiss and Ride, could you please ensure your children exit the car on the footpath side of the vehicle. This is for the safety of not only the children but for cars that are passing the stationary vehicle.
Kiss and Ride Roster
PLEASE email colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au if you are available to help on Tuesdays as we are now down to 1 volunteer per fortnight.

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Band News
The School Band will be selling cakes/jellies at Recess time on Monday, 24th November to raise money towards the school band program. This will be our last fundraiser for the year. These will be on sale under the COLA for 50 cents. Junior Band members will be supplying the yummy treats for this cake day. Parent helpers greatly appreciated to help set up in the morning and to serve at recess. In other news, the band are really looking forward to their annual performance at Presentation Day on Tuesday, 25th November at 9:30am. The Band Committee are seeking new members for 2015 due to some outgoing parents who are leaving the school. If you are interested in becoming an active member or would like to find out more, please contact Hau on 0403 337 237. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Uniform Shop
Due to stock take, the Uniform shop will be closed for the rest of 2014. We apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

The uniform shop will be re-opening on Tuesday, 27th January 2015 (Staff Development Day) and Wednesday, 28th January 2015 (first day back) in the New Year. After that it’s back to the usual schedule of open days in weeks 2, 3 and 4 in each month.

School Banking
There will be no school banking on Tuesday, 25th November. Leave your bank books at home this day. There are around 80 students who are entitled to banking rewards so please hand in your reward requests before the school year ends. Reward cards showing options available are on the desk near the front office. Remember rewards take 2 weeks to order so get in quick!

OOSH NEWS
Over the weekend high winds caused a tree branch to take down power lines at Bekelyn. This means that we currently have no webserver. Telstra should have the problem rectified by Tuesday afternoon, but if there are further delays we will inform you.

Priority re-enrolment for existing families is finished & we will now begin taking new enrolments. Please note that the days you ticked for 2015 were only an indicator of sessions required & are not guaranteed. We will be sending out placement offers in the next few weeks. The Summer vacation care program will be available on the webserver next week.

Enquiries can be directed to Allison or Cathy on 9874 4077 or ermingtonoosh@live.com.au

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN CLOSURES – Due to low volunteer numbers the canteen cannot be staffed and will be closed on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Those dates will be:-

Wednesday 26th November
Wednesday 10th December

IF YOU CAN HELP THE CANTEEN STAY OPEN please contact Wendy wlarocca@optusnet.com.au or 0412154004, thanks.

COINS - WE NEED SMALL CHANGE – So many children are bringing notes to the canteen these days and sometimes we cannot replenish our coin float or provide the correct change - Please try to give your child some small change instead of notes as the canteen needs plenty of change especially .20c and 10c pieces, thanks.

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.

FRUIT STACK ICE-BLOCKS DISCONTINUED BY SUPPLIER: – This means there are no more .50 cent ice blocks, the cheapest ice-block is a Juicy, which is 60c.

THANK YOU
Thanks for supporting and buying our muffins in support of the Cancer Council for the month of October. We raised $239.00.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 19/11 Beth, Teresa, Danni (am)
Thursday 20/11 Sonja, Kate B, Louise (pm)
Friday 21/11 Wendy, Sue, Clarissa

Monday 24/11 Eunice, Jina
Tuesday 25/11 Kate B, HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 26/11 CANTEEN CLOSED!!
Thursday 27/11 Shienny, Lisa, Louise (pm)
Friday 28/11 Wendy, Melissa, Teresa (10.30-2.15)
Newsletter Deadline
Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon Monday. These should be sent to: erlington-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

Searching for the perfect gift?
Everyone loves candles and home decor! Choose from a wide selection of fragrant candles and decorative candle accessories in wrought iron, crystal, porcelain, pewter and more. PartyLite Gifts, a leading direct sales marketer is an established company and is new to the Ermington and West Ryde area. Host a party and receive high quality beautiful products to decorate your home.

Special offer - during November and December a portion of proceeds on any bookings from parents at Ermington Public School will be donated to the school.
For more information contact Kathleen Pittello, Independent Consultant with PartyLite on 0415 149 252 or kpittello@gmail.com

Carols by Candlelight at Old Government House, Parramatta (Parramatta Park)
Saturday 6 December 2014
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Gates open 6.00pm

Start the festive season with a night of carols played by NSW Police Band. Enjoy Model Farms High School students as they sing favourite contemporary Christmas songs and enjoy a visit from Santa Claus.

Entry is via a gold coin and all funds raised go to support Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage (two of our most precious heritage properties)

There will be a sausage sizzle, candles, drinks and several Christmas Hampers as a raffle.

Please bring rugs or low chairs for seating at the front of Old Government House.
Engaging All Boys: Building Fine Men

**Orientation Day**
**Wednesday 3 December 2014**

All incoming Year 7 students and parents are invited to Epping Boys High School to get to know more about your new school before you commence in 2015.

Registration commences at 8.30am and students will be available for collection at 1.15pm.

Take this opportunity to meet your son’s Year Adviser, Deputy Principal and support staff. Information about school routines and organisation will be given.

Telephone: 9869 2701
Fax: 9868 1198
Email: eppingboy-school@det.nsw.edu.au
Address: 213 Vimiera Road, Eastwood NSW 2122
Year 6 Mini Fete

White Elephant Stall

As you may know, the 2014 Year 6 Mini Fete is coming up on Wednesday 26th November. Olly, Dylan, Joon, Fitailia and Angus are running the White Elephant Store this year and would love your help. We are looking for donations of second hand items that we are able to resell to help with the fundraising for this event. These include toys, stuffed animals, all types of gadgets, books and other items in good condition.

Please take all donations to the 6C and 6J classrooms. Year 6 appreciate all your help for this year’s mini fete day.

Thank you
Olly, Dylan, Joon, Fitailia and Angus
Ms Claro & Ms Blackman