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Principal's Message

Blast From The Past
Wow, wow and wow! What a great evening was had by all who attended our magnificent concert. The students were amazing and their items fantastic. Thank you to the teachers for their creativity, for the students for their enthusiasm and for the parents who assisted with choreography or costuming/make up. Thank you also to the parents who showed their support throughout the performance. A special thank you to Mrs Clarke for overseeing the entire event from conception to finale. It was great to have the assistance of Marsden High School students with lighting/sound and to see the return of some of our past pupils in the band.

A Busy Week
Tonight we have the Year 6 Farewell Dinner. On Wednesday we have our Years 3-6 Special Assembly and the K-2 Celebration of Learning Assembly. On Friday the SRC are hosting our annual talent quest – this is always a great event.

Thank You
Thank you to Paul Grundy for erecting the words of the National Anthem and School Song in the hall. These display boards had been donated by a graduating Year 6 prior to the hall being built but have been in storage. It is great to see them on display.

Newsletters and Information
Please ensure that you subscribe to the eNews service so that you receive the newsletter and any other information. There will be a final newsletter next week and the 2015 Stationery/Book List will be distributed via eNews.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Canteen closed tomorrow
(Wednesday, 10th December)

Ermington Public School Newsletter

Wednesday, 10th December – **Years 3-6 Special Assembly**. Held in the school hall, commencing at 9.30am. Extra-curricular awards presented and House Captains and Library Monitors announced.

Wednesday, 10th December – **K-2 Celebration of Learning**. Held in the school hall, commencing at 11.30am. All students receive an award.
Stage News

Kindy
What a fabulous performance by the Kindergarten classes at last Thursday’s school concert! It is so rewarding to see the rehearsals, costuming and frantic preparation pay off! Well done to everyone and another HUGE thank you to the parents who volunteered their time.

This week we will again be revising sounds and tricky words from Term 4. On Wednesday, the K-2 Celebration of Learning will be held in the hall, from 11:30am. We hope to see many of you there! Reports will go home today, included as part of the student portfolio in Kindergarten. You will be able to compare the work samples from Semester 1 to those being sent home now. All the children have made such amazing progress!

Reading folders will be collected at the end of this week ready for next year. Please make sure that all readers are sent in so they can be placed back into the school collection. One last call for overdue library books. Mr Butterfield is still waiting on a few so please have a good look around at home for them.

Stage 1
Wow, wasn’t the End of Year Concert fantastic! We are all extremely proud of the performances and the behaviour of the students on the night. Thank you to all involved. On Wednesday at 11:30am we have our K-2 Celebration of Learning Assembly where each child receives a certificate. We hope to see you all there. Class 2V will also be singing at the 9.30am Special Assembly. On Thursday afternoon Year 1 will have their final Maths Groups session for the Term and we would like to finish off with a bang and have all our parent helpers there to assist us one more time. On Tuesday 16th December we have our K-2 Party Day at school if you are available to help on this day please let your child’s teacher know as soon as possible. Before the year comes to an end we remind you to have a look through the lost property to see if any of the items belong to you.

Stage 2
Welcome to Week 10. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the End of Year School Concert. It was a fantastic night and the children did a wonderful job. Please remember to send in your signed Pool Party notes. Please ensure all of the note is filled in and signed so your child is able to participate in the fun activities during the day. Our Years 3-6 Special Assembly will be held tomorrow morning at 9:30am. Congratulations to the students who are receiving recognition for their efforts throughout the year.

Stage 3
Everyone is on the countdown till the end of school. We should not do this as every day should be lived and enjoyed as time goes by fast enough. Sports assembly this Wednesday where more awards will be presented and Year 6 is ready to enjoy their farewell dinner tonight. Do not forget to sign permission note for our fun day next week and to wear a rash shirt for the day.

After such a busy week last week with the concert it might be nice to have a more relaxing week this week.

Around the school

School Expectations
This week we will be revisiting our 4 expectations. We wonder how many students can remember what they are. Here are a few points you may like to discuss at home:

- **SHOW RESPECT** - Allowing others to learn, respecting yourself, share friends and equipment and take turns.
- **BE RESPONSIBLE** - Be accountable for your actions, be a good sport and play fairly, take care of your environment.
- **DO YOUR BEST** - Set goals and strive to achieve them and be a positive role model.
- **STAY SAFE** - Be in the right place at the right time, play safely and fairly.

Library
Thank you to our school community for a great year of learning in the school library, including plenty of borrowing. There are still quite a few overdue books and as the year is drawing to a close, the library will issue an overdue notice to these students. Most books will be found somewhere at home, an occasional one turns up in a classroom or schoolbag. If a book has been lost, the school would appreciate a donation to cover the cost of a replacement.

SRC
What another fantastic year the SRC have had. Mrs Lade, Miss Day and the 2014 Student Representative Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our fundraising events. We always like to finish the year off with one final fundraiser for our World Vision sponsor child. On Friday 12th December all students are encouraged to come dressed in mufti for a gold coin donation. On this day the SRC will be holding their Talent Quest. We look forward to seeing all the acts.

Junior Dance Group
Tomorrow both dance groups will be performing one last time. The Year 1-2 dance group will be performing at 9:30am at the 3-6 Special Assembly and at the K-2 Celebration of Learning commencing at 11:30am. The K-1 dance group will also be performing at the K-2 Celebration of Learning. Please remind your child to bring in their costumes if they have not already. We look forward to seeing you there.

Science
What a wonderful year we have had in Science and Technology here at EPS in 2014. We’ve explored our world, investigated how things work, performed experiments, designed and made models and learnt lots together. I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday break and look forward to new adventures in Science and Technology in 2015.

Mrs Amat

Christian Community Aid
Thank you to all the families that have donated food to Christian Community Aid. They were picked up yesterday ready to get packed for those in need.
Years 3 - 6 Pool Party
Please help! I desperately need more pool supervising volunteers for the pool party at Auburn pool on Tuesday, 16th of December. Food and drinks provided. Hours required are from 10am - 2pm or part of that. It’s a great fun day and if we don’t have enough supervisors then I have to threaten to cancel and I do not want to do that. Thanks to those that have already contacted me. If you are able to help in anyway, please call Beth Cooksey on 0410 154 045.

Uniform Shop
The uniform Shop is now closed until 2015. We will open again on Tuesday, 27th January from 9am -10am and Wednesday, 28th January 8.30am – 9.30am.

Thanks so much to everyone who has supported the Uniform Shop this past year. We say a very sad farewell to May Tran who has helped out for many, many years. We’ll miss you May!

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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School Holidays – 22.12.14 – 26.1.15

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*SDD – Staff Development Day – No students

School Banking
Today (9th December) was the final week of school banking for the year as next Tuesday will be school party day. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have processed school banking each Tuesday this year. They have handled hundreds of 5 cent coins and given out over 120 prizes. For the first 3 terms this year we received over $1000 in commission from the Commonwealth Bank, so also thank you to the students who have banked each week. Class banking bags will be collected this week, ready to be relabelled with next year's classes. Even if your class does not bank this week, please return your banking bag.

Shoes for Planet Earth
Early next year we will again be collecting second hand running shoes to be donated to various locations including, for example, homeless shelters, youth crises centres and women's refuges in Parramatta. We would like your help. If your children need new runners for next year as they have outgrown their old ones, please consider whether someone else could get some use from them and send them to school. The shoes need to be in good condition, with no holes and good soles! Also needed are any spare inner soles and shoe laces. Please wash your runners and tie them together. We cannot take any other types of shoes – only adults or children runners.

For more information, please contact Belinda Barnes on belinda5d@optusnet.com.au

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN CLOSED – WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER.

NEW MENU FOR 2015 – Due to on-going low volunteer numbers there will be some price increases next year. These are unavoidable as for the canteen to remain open we need paid staff.

LOW STOCK - Some canteen supplies may be unavailable towards the end of the week due to running our stock low for the holidays eg ice-creams, milk and perishable goods. Please ask about availability when ordering, thank you.

LAST DAY CANTEEN CLEAN-UP We need some helpers for our canteen clean up on the last day of term. This should only take about an hour, from 1.30pm next Wednesday. Please let Wendy know if you are available. wlarocca@optusnet.com.au. Thanks!!

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 10/12 CANTEEN CLOSED
Thursday 11/12 Colette, Kate E, Julie (pm)
Friday 12/12 Wendy, Mel, Teresa

Monday 15/12 Wendy, Fiona
Tuesday 16/12 END OF YEAR PARTY DAY CANTEEN CLOSED
Wednesday 17/12 LAST DAY OF TERM Beth, Teresa, Danni (am) (limited supplies)

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
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 they wish for their 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

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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

Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy
Camp 1 – Dec 22nd – Dec 24th - $100
Camp 2 – Jan 5th – Jan 8th - $130
Camp 3 – Jan 19th – Jan 22nd - $130
All camps are from 9am – 1pm.
5-17 year olds. Held at Meadowbank Park.
For more information please call Ray Brennan P: 9809-0882 or 0418168868.

ENROLL NOW FOR KIDS ON KEYBOARD 2015
Keyboard class is a great way to introduce children from year two on to the world of music. The Kids on Keyboard programme offers the opportunity to learn to read music along with all the basic elements of music in a fun way. There are two classes running currently: before and after school on Wednesdays. For more information and enrolments please contact Christine Dieckmann on 0409 247 424 or 9721 1278.

ByteClub is back in the Summer break.
Friday, 23rd January 2015 from 9am -5pm.
Programming, computer game creation - general geeky bliss. $50 per student - all of which goes to the P&C for doing good stuff in the School. Book on the website - cash and cheque only until we get PayPal hooked up for online payments (hopefully some time this week)
Years 5&6, only 19 spots left. Please book at http://byteclub.com.au