Welcome to 2014
Welcome to all of our existing and new families to what should be another great year at Ermington Public School. An especially big welcome to our 58 Kindergarten students who started school yesterday.

This year we have established 19 classes so we are utilising every room available to the school.

We will be holding our Parent Information session next week on Tuesday, 11th February.

Principal’s Message

Parent Information Sessions
Parent information sessions are held at the commencement of each school year. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the class teacher and to hear what is happening in the classroom. These sessions are not for individual interviews – if these are required, please arrange a suitable time with the class teacher. The sessions will be held in each teacher’s classroom and run for approximately 30 minutes.

Tuesday, 11th February at 5.30pm:
KL, KS, KW, 1D, 1HD, 1L, 2C and 2V

Tuesday, 11th February at 6.15pm:
3B, 3L, 3/4B, 4CM, 4R, 5C, 5G, 5S, 6B, 6C and 6J.

P&c Meeting
P&c meetings are normally scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month so our first meeting is this Wednesday. Our meetings commence at 7.30pm and are held in the staffroom (located in the administration block).

Swimming Carnival
This Thursday we will be holding our annual Swimming Carnival at the Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre. Classes will not operate for students in Years 3-6 as they are expected to attend the carnival. Students who are in Year 2 who can swim 50 metres and are turning 8 this year are also invited to attend.

It should be a fantastic day. Students are required to bring their own morning tea and lunch, as well as plenty of water.

All students need to return their permission note and money prior to the swimming carnival.

PSSA Commences Soon
Our summer PSSA competition commences on Friday, 14th February (Week 3). This is an inter-school competition for students in Years 3-6 and is held each Friday afternoon. The students are able to trial to be selected to be in these teams.

The summer sports are cricket (boys), t-ball (Years 3 and 4) and softball (Years 5 and 6). Trials for these teams commenced this morning. There is a bus cost associated with this activity and the selected students need to commit to the training sessions which are usually held before school.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Class Stationery Items for 2014
Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child’s name

Kindergarten
- Paint shirt
- Tissues
- Paper towels x 2
- Soap-on-tap
- Small pencil case with good quality textas
- 4 glue sticks (large)
- 2 Whiteboard markers
Years 1 and 2

- Coloured pencils in a **small** pencil case
- Good quality textas (optional)
- 4 large glue sticks
- 4 lead pencils
- Eraser
- 1 sharpener (with catcher)
- 30cm wooden ruler (Year 2 only)
- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Paint shirt
- 2 x Whiteboard markers (blue or black)
- 240 page A4 exercise book (homework)
- 1 x A4 Plastic display folders with non-pull out pages
- 1 x A4 plastic envelope folder

Years 3 and 4

- 4 HB pencils
- 2 2B pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- 2 large glue sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler (clear plastic preferred)
- Coloured pencils, textas, or wind up crayons
- Blue and Red pen (yr4)
- Red pen (yr3)
- Small pencil case
- 1 A4 display folder
- Label all items

Years 5 and 6

- 4 blue pens
- 2 red pens
- 4 lead pencils
- Eraser
- 30cm ruler (with mm)
- Highlighter/s
- Fine black artline pen
- Thick black texta
- 2 display folders
- 2 large glue sticks
- Coloured pencils and good quality texts
- Sharpener
- Compass, Protractor
- Homework book A4
- Scissors
- Tissues and paper towels
- USB
- 1 scrap book (Year 6 only)
- Macquarie School Dictionary

Around the School

**Student Leadership 2014**

- **School Captains:** Madison H, Lachlan D
- **Vice Captains:** Keisha T, Lucas H
- **Prefects:** Rebecca G, Elina M, Dorothy T, David K, Sam M, Jacob P.

**Blaxland**

- **House Captains:** Simon P, Olly D-T
- **House Vice Captains:** Nicola W, Nicholas S

**Johnson**

- **House Captains:** Catrina S, Sam N
- **House Vice Captains:** Jessica G, Bradley C

**Marsden**

- **House Captains:** Tahlia H, Alvin D
- **House Vice Captains:** Chloe H, Dylan L

**Turner**

- **House Captains:** Alana L, Anson T
- **House Vice Captains:** Joanna Z, Anson T

**Staffing**

- **KL** Ms Emma Larkin
- **KS** Mrs Rosemary Stevens
- **KW** Miss Lucy Workman
- **1D** Miss Samantha Day
- **1HD** Mrs Kate Harrison (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Bronwyn Donnelly (Thurs/Fri)
- **1L** Mrs Debra Lade
- **2C** Mrs Robyn Cheng
- **2V** Ms Beth Valentine
- **3/4B** Mrs Sherie Barton (Mon-Thurs) & Mrs Nicole Cosier (Fri)
- **3B** Mrs Kylie Bales
- **3L** Miss Riza Lagado
- **4CM** Mrs Lee-Anne Culnane (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Emma McCormick (Thurs/Fri)
- **4R** Mrs Kathryn Renowden
- **5C** Mr Martin Clark
- **5G** Mrs Gai-Louise Clarke
- **5S** Mrs Karen Sparrow
- **6B** Ms Lorraine Bull
- **6C** Miss Jennifer Claro
- **6J** Miss Julie Blackman
- **ESL** Mr David O’Keefe
- **LAST** Mrs Elaine Billimoria
- **RR** Mrs Narelle MacKenzie
- **Teacher/Librarian – Mr Brett Butterfield**
- **RFF** Mrs Carolyn Amat
- **Korean** Ms Diana Shin
- **SAM** Ms Bev Neill
- **SAO** Ms Norrie Summerhayes
- **Mrs Tracy Connors**
- **Ms Cheryle Nesbitt**
- **SLSO** Ms Lynne Munnich
- **Mrs Eleanor Civitella**
- **Mrs Dianne Kilby**

**ESL** = English as a Second Language
**LAST** = Learning and Support Teacher
**RR** = Reading Recovery
**RFF** = Relief from Face to Face
**SAM** = School Administration Manager
**SAO** = School Administration Officer
**SLSO** = School Learning Support Officer
Swimming Carnival 2014
The School Swimming Carnival is to be held at Auburn Pool this Thursday, 6th February – we hope to have the first race starting around 9.30am. Students are expected at school by the usual start time of 9:00am. The buses will be leaving sharply from 9.00am. Please ensure your child has the following items all clearly labelled:

- Dry clothes and under garments to change into
- Water bottle (plastic only no glass allowed)
- Recess and lunch food
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Towel

They will be allowed to use canteen when advised by the announcer at recess and lunch. Please ensure your child has returned their signed permission note indicating their ability at swimming and the payment of $15.00 to their class teacher. Also please advise the class teacher if you are taking your child home. No phone permission is allowed for this event.

Library News
The children have begun visiting the library and are showing great manners and enthusiasm for library learning. As in previous years, students are expected to bring a library bag with them to school on their library day, and to remember their returns each week. This allows them to borrow regularly and participate fully in the library program. There are school library bags/pouches available, or the ‘green’ shopping bags from supermarkets are another option. Your support in this is much appreciated.

Our first Bookclub brochures have just been distributed. If these have gone astray, I have some spares available in the library. Friday is a great day to call in and pick these up.

Finally, I am looking to start a small gardening project with the children on the library courtyard. If you have any excess small/medium flower pots that you can spare - just the basic plastic type is fine - then I would be most grateful to receive them.

Thanks to the community members who have said hello and made me feel very welcome.

Brett Butterfield
Teacher-librarian

Shoes for Planet Earth
This month we are 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 have outgrown their old runners, 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. We cannot take any other types of shoes – only adults or children runners. Please wash your runners and tie them together. There is a box in the school office where children can deliver their unwanted runners.

You can read more about Shoes for Planet Earth at http://www.shoesforplanetearth.com/about-us/soul-journey/ Please contact Belinda Barnes on E: belinda5d@optusnet.com.au if you have any questions

CANTEEN NEWS

PRICE INCREASES
There are some small price increases this year. Please note that in comparison to other primary schools our prices are still very low. There is a new price list attached to the newsletter.

PIZZA SLABS – new flavour is Meatlovers - $2.80ea.

VOLUNTEERS - Help needed urgently –
- 2 people for Monday shifts
- 2 people for 4th Tuesday of the month
- 2 people for 2nd Wednesday of the month
- 1 person for 4th Wednesday (Sushi Day)
- 1 person for the 1st Thursday
- 2 people for 4th Thursday
- 1 person for 3rd Friday

Please fill in the attached volunteer form if you are able to help us this year, thanks!

CANTEEN ROSTER

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If you are unable to work your shift, please refer to your contact list to arrange a swap. If you can’t find a replacement, please contact Wendy 0412154004 wlarocca@optusnet.com.au

Coffee & Prayer
Is a gathering of Christian parents who meet twice per term to pray for Ermington Public School and it’s community. While ALL are welcome, this term we especially welcome parents who are new to Ermington Public School. The upcoming meetings are at Claire’s house - 7:45pm, 16 Murdoch St, Ermington, on Wednesday, 12th Feb & Wednesday, 19th March. For more information please call Claire on 0400 376 008 or Anne 0422 619 008.
School Banking
Each Tuesday the school participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. School volunteers process students’ deposits into their accounts. In return students can receive banking rewards (this term it is handballs and scented pencils). The school receives commission on each deposit and a fee for each new account activated through school banking. Last year school banking raised almost $1,000 for the school. If your child is interested in participating in school banking please refer to the Commonwealth Bank website. School Banking needs more volunteers. It is conducted in the staff room every Tuesday morning between 9am and 10am, and volunteers are rostered approximately once a month. Toddlers are welcome. If you are able to help or have any queries please contact Kerrie on 0405 920 410.

Kiss and Ride Roster
Help needed urgently on Wednesdays and Fridays please email.

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Newsletter Deadline
Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon Monday. These should be sent to: norrie.summerhayes@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.

Would you like to play Netball in 2014. Alexanders Netball Club are looking for junior players aged 8 years + as well as senior players to join the club. Please contact Dianne McGoogan on 0408 293302 alexandersnetball@gmail.com
Strike Up The Band!

Interested in learning a musical instrument? The Golden Kangaroos Hornsby Concert Band may have the solution. The band consists of a beginner band, intermediate and senior concert bands, a marching band, a stage (jazz) band and a number of smaller ensembles and welcome musicians of all levels. The beginner band will be starting on Monday 17th February. No previous experience is required and instrument hire is available. Age is certainly no barrier with people from 7 to 70 participating in previous beginner bands, in fact often Mum or Dad end up learning alongside their children. The beginner and intermediate bands use the Accent to Achievement books which most schools in the local area use enabling students to slip back into the school band program easily or to use the Golden Kangaroos as an extension of the school band program. For more information visit www.gks.org.au or contact the band at membership@goldenkangaroos.org.au or on 98683289.

ADHD GROUP for Parents and Carers of Primary school-aged children who have a diagnosis of ADHD. It is a 5 week group, 10:00 - 11:30 am, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st, plus an individual follow-up phone session. We discuss routines, rewards and strategies that you may find useful in managing a child with ADHD. This is a Free group but bookings are required. There is free childcare as well and bookkos for this is needed. It is at Ryde Family Services, West Ryde. Please ring on 9334 0111 to book your place.

Interested in playing Rugby

Rugby is a wonderful game which encourages SELF CONFIDENCE, TEAM SPIRIT, FITNESS and FUN! If your child has expressed an interest in playing Rugby, bring them along to our Try Rugby sessions, where they can find out more about our club, the game and how rewarding playing Rugby can be!

Age Group: Kindy to Year 2
When: Fridays 7th, 14th & 21st February 2014
Where: Eastwood Rugby Club, TG Milner Field Vimiera Road, Marsfield
More Info: P 0474 498 775 or visit us at www.ryderugby.com.au

Come and Play Rugby with Ryde Rugby!!
Ryde Rugby Registration Days will be held at Top Ryde City Shopping Centre, Saturday the 1st and 8th February 2014, between 09:30am and 4:30pm. Alternatively see our website www.ryderugby.com.au for details on how to register or any enquiries. Registration fees start from $35 and we offer family discounts.
Eastwood Girl Guides
Meets Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:00
Cnr Brush Road & Warrawong Street
Ring Sue on 9898 9955 for more details or come along on Tuesday 4 Feb

Ermington Public School
New Canteen Volunteers for 2014

The canteen is a major fundraiser for the school and we rely on volunteers to help keep our canteen open 5 days a week. We provide healthy lunches and snacks for your children daily.
Without the support of parents our school would have no canteen. We are asking you to volunteer for one day a month or more if you wish.*
It is a really enjoyable day and a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and be involved in the school.
Working in the canteen involves making sandwiches, heating food, serving at recess and lunch – very easy and a very rewarding way to spend a day!
You would only be rostered on **ONCE** per month.
*Welfare to work reforms - Principal carer parents in receipt of Centrelink benefits may be able to replace paid employment with volunteering in the canteen. You will need to check with your Centrelink Officer to determine your eligibility for the program.

The canteen day begins at around 8.30 am and finishes at approximately 2.15pm.
**Those who wish to be a canteen volunteer but cannot spare a full day of their time can arrange special hours.**

Please fill out the form below and hand in to the office or email to wlarocca@optusnet.com.au or for more information please contact Wendy 0412154004.

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*Thank you!*
Ermington Public School Canteen Menu
January 2014

**Recess only**

Toasties ½ serve toasted sandwich
- Cheese: $0.80
- Ham: $0.90
- Ham & Cheese: $1.00
- Ham, cheese & tomato: $1.20
- Spaghetti/Baked Beans: $0.80

**Recess & Lunch**

- Garlic Bread: $0.60
- Hash Brown: $0.90

**DRINKS**

- Bottled Water 600ml: $1.20
- Focus Water (Raspberry, Lemonade, Fruit Tingle): $1.80
- Just Juice (Apple, Apple/Blackcurrant, Orange): $1.00
- Milk low fat (Chocolate, Strawberry): $1.60
- Up & Go Liquid Breakfast (Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla): $1.80

**SNACKS**

- Chic Chip Cookies (Chunks Mini's): $1.00
- Finger Bun: $1.60
- Frozen Pineapple: $0.30
- Fruit Cup (Crunch 'n Slip size): $0.90
- Fruit Salad Tub (tuna 1 and 4 only): $1.80
- Gingerbread Folk: $1.60
- Grain Waves (Sour Cream & Chives): $1.30
- Hot Kid Rice Crackers: $0.30
- Munch Crunch (2 pcs ea carrot, celery, cheese): $0.80
- Piranha Snacks (Sunday Roast): $1.10
- Piranha Veg Crackers (S/W, BBQ Cheese): $1.10
- Popcorn (Chicken, BBQ): $1.30
- Vege Snack (4 pcs): $0.60
- Vita-Weets (2 x buttered): $0.50

**Lunch**

- Fresh bakery bread and rolls arrive daily
- Sandwich = 1 white/1 brown = sandwich on Roll extra 30c
- “Extra” filling (cheese, lettuce or tomato not ham) extra 25c

**SANDWICHES**

- Buttered Crust: $0.15
- Bread & Butter (2 slices): $0.50
- Bread Roll (plain): $0.70
- Cheese (individual wrapped slice) 1.80 Tasty: $2.00
- Chicken Loaf or Devon: $2.00
- Egg (with or without mayo): $2.00
- Ham: $2.00 with salad: $2.50
- Honey, Jam or Vegemite: $1.40
- Salad (Lettuce, Tom, Carrot, Cucumber, Celery): $2.20
- Salad Bag (4 x Celery, Carrot, Cucumber, Cheese sticks, ½ Tomato 2 buttered Vite-Weets): $3.00
- Tuna: $2.20 with salad: $2.70

**HOT FOODS**

- Chicken Burger (with salad & mayo on roll): $3.00
- Chicken Burger (with roll only): $2.70
- Chicken Pattie: $2.00
- Corn on the Cob: $0.80
- Fried Rice (tuna 2 & 3 only): $3.00
- Lasagne: $3.00
- Macaroni Cheese: $3.00
- Noodles (Chicken or Oriental): $2.20
- Pie (Small): $2.00 Pie (Large): $2.80
- Pizza Slab (large): $2.80
- Potato Bake (tuna 2 & 3 only): $3.50
- Potato Pie: $3.00
- Sausage Roll: $2.50
- Spaghetti Bolognese: $3.00
- Sauce: $0.25
- Spoon or fork (without order): $0.10

**FROZEN TREATS**

- Frozen Pineapple: $0.30
- Fruit Stack: $0.50
- Icy Twist: $1.20
- Juicy: $0.60
- Mini Calippo (Raspberry/Pine or Lemon): $1.00
- Paddle Pop (Chocolate or Rainbow): $1.30
- Paddle Pop (Promotional): $1.60
- Sunny Boy – (Raspberry or Cola): $1.20