School Invoices
Last week the school sent home a generic invoice for each year level regarding costs to be incurred this year. Please note this does not include any excursions. Please approach myself if you would like to discuss a payment plan or to seek financial assistance. We request that payments are only made Monday – Thursday (that is, not on Fridays).

This Wednesday
This Wednesday is a busy day for parents:
9.10am – Parents’ Forum. Come along and have a chat about what is happening at the school. A representative from the P&C will be present.
6.00pm – Selective High School Information Night. If you have a child in Year 5 who is thinking of applying for a selective high school placement for Year 7 in 2016, you may want to come along and hear about the process.
6.30pm – Band Meeting. We have a fantastic committee who have been “instrumental” in the band program gaining momentum at Ermington. Tonight will be an opportunity to find out what is planned for 2014 and beyond as well as volunteering to assist.
7.30pm – P&C Meeting. The P&C will be holding its monthly meeting. There will be reports as well as the opportunity to discuss what the P&C are doing within the school.

Marsden High School Develops links with Johnson & Johnson
Macquarie University partnered this month in launching Bridge to Employment (BTE), an initiative to inspire young people to stay in school, excel academically and elevate their career aspirations. The Bridge to Employment Program (BTE) was established by Johnson & Johnson in 1992. Janssen Australia, the pharmaceutical company of Johnson & Johnson, has joined with 2realise, a charity supporting young people, to start the first Australian site of this international program.

As part of the Australian program, 47 student participants have been selected from Marsden High School. Through a focus on academic enrichment, career readiness and personal development these students will be exposed to the various careers and opportunities within the health industry.

As education partners, Macquarie University and the Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE will provide essential resources to help aid the academic progression of
students in the BTE program, including study skills preparation and resilience training.

“This program will give Marsden High students some tremendous opportunities to explore their future career paths,” says Professor David Wilkinson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Corporate Engagement and Advancement.

“Staff and students from across the University are pitching in to help them with this, with our 2014 activities including interactive science shows, study skills and mentoring from our PACE (Professional and Community Engagement) students. The BTE students will even have special access behind the scenes of Macquarie University Hospital, to see different health career paths in action.”

Stage News

Kindy News
Welcome to Week 6. This week’s sounds are ‘h’, ‘r’ and ‘m’ and the tricky words are ‘like’, ‘and’ and ‘went’. Please remember that sounds and words are to be regularly revised and readers read each night. As of next week, school will finish at 3:00pm for Kindergarten students; so please make appropriate arrangements for collection. This Thursday, the K-2 Assembly will be held in the hall at 12:30pm. Have a great week.

Stage 1
This term is flying by very quickly. We have a few reminders for you all. We would like to remind you to check to make sure that your child’s belongings have their names clearly marked on them as we are finding a range of items that cannot be returned to their owner. On Thursday we have our K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm where 2V will be hosting the assembly and 1 Ladybugs are performing their item for us. Mrs Lade would like 1L to have black and red clothes for their item. All black or all red is fine or a combination. We look forward to seeing you there at our assembly. Last week we sent home a range of notes if you do not have the following notes please collect them from your child’s teacher: a note for our excursion, school fees and parent teacher interviews. Please return these as soon as possible. Year 1 reading diaries will be coming home this week. The last piece of information for you is that we are after blue bottle caps from water bottles for a craft activity. If you could please collect any and send them to 1L that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you Stage 1 Teachers.

Stage 2
Welcome to Week 6. Reading groups started really successfully last week and we would like to thank all of the parents who have given up their time to help in our classrooms. Each teacher has handed out letters inviting parents to attend Parent Teacher Interviews during week 9. Please select a time to meet with your child’s teacher and return the letters as soon as possible. Good luck to our Stage Two swimmers who are off to the Zone Carnival on Thursday and Friday.

Stage 3
Welcome to Week 6! We would like to wish our zone swimmers all the best for the carnival on Thursday and Friday. A reminder for all Stage 3 students to please bring their library bags each week to borrow from our well resourced library. Students in Years 5 and 6 have an incursion at school for our unit on Antarctica on Tuesday, 11th March. Have a wonderful week.

Around the School

School Expectations
This week our focus is on BEING RESPONSIBLE. Responsibility involves taking care of your things, being accountable for your actions and trustworthiness.

Why is being responsible important?
Responsibility is being dependable when you have things to do such as homework, projects or jobs around the house.
Responsible students:
• Understand and accept consequences for their actions and try to correct their mistake
• Complete homework and classroom tasks
• Clean up after themselves
• Do the “right thing” and apologise if they are wrong
• Help others in need
• Persevere without giving up
• Understand the effect they have on others.
Science & Technology
Most of you have probably heard about the special visitors to the Science room. For those who haven't, tadpoles have come to live in the Science room. We look forward to observing them grow and change. We will record their growth over the next couple of months.

Mrs Amat

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Twice a year we donate used clothing to Stewart House. Last week we sent home a bag for you to fill. All bags will need to be back at school by Friday, 14th March. Please take the filled bags into the Computer Lab and place them inside the door against the wall.

PSSA
No PSSA this week due to Zone Swimming Carnival.

Library News
I am in need of some volunteers on Thursday afternoons for perhaps half an hour before the 3pm bell to assist with our library shelves. Our wonderful library monitors and I shelve close to a thousand returned items each week, and with lots of eager students browsing the shelves, it is a challenge to keep the books in tight order. The work will be fairly straightforward but nonetheless important: scanning a few bays of books to find and return those out of place, so that a wanted title can be found when needed. Please feel free just to come to the library at 2.30pm on any Thursday. You would not have to come every week. We could talk about organising a roster if that would suit and maybe even get a cup of tea going.

Most of the children have settled into a weekly routine of borrowing and returning using a library bag. I have checked each student's progress with this and am encouraging those who are not yet organised for library lessons. There are a small number of children who are coming to library unprepared for borrowing each week and therefore miss out on a chance to take a book home. Some generous parents have donated 'green' shopping bags which I will lend to children, provided there are no overdue books.

I have begun checking all overdue books from last year to determine if any have returned to shelves without being scanned. Although a few have come to light, I am still looking for quite a number of books. If your child brings home an overdue note for a book borrowed in 2013, could you please assist with a search at home, even if the books have proved hard to find? This will speed up the borrowing process for everyone as overdue books require my intervention when scanning loans.

Scholastic has advised that our book club order has been despatched. I am expecting to deliver these to students later this week. Brochures for a second issue of book club should also come home this week.

Mr Butterfield - Teacher-librarian

P & C Meeting
Wednesday 5th March 2014, all parents and friends of Ermington School are welcome to our meetings. This meeting we have a full agenda. It's also NSW P&C Day of the year, so let's celebrate past achievements and future challenges by bringing a small plate to share, if you can. This meeting will be in the library so help with set up is welcome. See you there.

P&C AGENDA (Wednesday, 5th March)
Order of business - 30min
1. Welcome
2. Minutes from last meeting and outstanding business
   - Social Media Policy
   - Volunteers for Kiss & Ride
   - Relocation of Kiss and Ride
3. Correspondence
4. Reports
   - Subcommittee reports
     i. Canteen
     ii. OOSH
     iii. Uniform Shop
   iv. Band
   v. Fundraising
   vi. Treasurer
   - Principal's Report
   - Parents' Forum update
5. Current sub-committee membership and potential new subcommittees.
   - Briefly articulate purpose and roles eg Traffic, Finance, Grounds, Garden, Social Justice, Grants, Future Directions Committee
   - Succession planning and developing resources
6. Discussion - P & C events for the next 3 months
   - Other typical events/activities, eg Family photography, Working Bee, Hot Dog Day, Bingo, Trivial Pursuit, Car Boot Sale, Easter Raffle, Entertainment Books, Calendars, others?
7. Identify event champions
   - Current event planning
     i. Outdoor Movie Night (21st March) update
     ii. Disco Night –Term 2 proposed
     iii. Mother’s Day Stall
8. P & C funding priorities
   - Please bring suggested items to the meeting with options and costings where possible
     i. Stormwater drainage for Brush Rd, PSSA equipment, etc
     ii. Air conditioning, etc (as provided by the Principal)
   - Consider & decide on school funding priorities (next 3 months/yr)
9. Ethics Classes, Kate - Coordinator update
10. Ermington School Cookbook update
11. Other general business items
12. Next meeting: 2nd April
13. Meeting Close (expect 9.30pm)
Ermington Public School Junior Choir
The Junior Choir (Years 3 and 4) will be rehearsing and performing for many different occasions during 2014. Some performances will be: The Epping Music Festival at the Sydney Town Hall; assemblies and other occasions. They will be led by Mrs Barton and will be rehearsing in Mrs Barton’s room on Tuesdays at lunchtime. If your child is interested in joining, please complete the expression of interest form on the back of this newsletter and return to Mrs Barton (3/4B).

Ermington Public School String Group
Our last year’s string group was very successful and played at the Epping Music Festival and at end of year functions. As most of them have moved on to high school, we need to establish a new group. If your child plays violin or cello and would like to join a new group, please complete the expression of interest form on the back of this newsletter and return to the office or to Mrs Barton (3/4B).

Kiss and Ride Roster
If you can assist with the K&R service for 15 minutes once per month, email colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au (help needed urgently on Wednesdays)

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Please do not drop off students near the crossing as it is becoming a safety issue. Please drop off in designated areas of Kiss and Ride

P&C Hot Cross Bun Drive
A full page copy of the order form was sent home with the eldest child last week.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open this Wednesday evening, 5th March, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

CAI TEE N NEWS

BREAKFAST – Café-style Raisin Toast for $1 - available for breakfast from 8.40am – Mondays & Fridays ONLY.

BUSY FRIDAYS – Fridays are our busiest day at the canteen – please consider giving your child their lunch order on a Monday or Tuesday (our less busy days) as we are very short-staffed and/or training new people atm.

PLEASE HELP!! - We have only received 3 new volunteers this year!

HELP NEEDED URGENTLY OR CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE DAYS –
6 people for Wednesdays
4 people for Thursdays
4 people for Fridays
If you are able to help, please fill in the attached volunteer request form and hand in to the office or canteen.

PSSA STUDENTS – Children attending PSSA sport on a Friday CANNOT order any HOT food for lunch.

CAI TEE N ROSTER
Wednesday 5/3 Elaine, Kate B
Thursday 6/3 Wendy, Sonja
Friday 7/3 Kylie, Patricia, Robyn
Monday 10/3 Wendy, Ana
Tuesday 11/3 Robyn B, Donna
Wednesday 12/3 Nichole, (help needed urgently)
Thursday 13/3 Colette, Kate E, Anne H (pm)
Friday 14/3 Wendy, Melissa, (help needed)

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.

ONLINE CANTEEN go to Ermington.school24.com.au
School ID no. 25130963. When topping up account - all bank/cash deposits need to have a copy of the transaction receipt sent to wlarocca@optusnet.com.au - along with a ‘top-up request’ sent through the School24 website before the money can be verified.

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.
Offers Kindermusik – the world’s leading music and movement programs for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and young children. Classes are held at West Ryde, Deniston East/Ryde.
P: 0411 048 847.
E: info@mymusicaladventure.com.au
W: www.mymusicaladventure.com.au

### Expression of Interest

#### Ermington Public School Junior Choir Years 3 and 4

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*Please return this slip to Mrs Barton – 3/4B*

#### Ermington Public School String Group

| My child _________________________ Class _______ |
|___________________________________________|
| would like to join the Ermington Public School String Group |
| Parent Signature: ______________________________ |
| Parents Email: ______________________________ |

*Please return this slip to Mrs Barton – 3/4B*
Ermington Public School P&C Outdoor Cinema (25 Ft Screen)

Despicable Me 2

***The EPS P&C is holding an outdoor cinema Family Movie Night***

Where: Ermington Public School – School Oval
When: Friday 21st March 2014
Times:

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Tickets:

Tickets will be sent home on Wednesday 19 March and must be used on the night to gain entry).

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*Children must be accompanied by an adult. No children supervision will be provided on the night.

Total Ticket Cost $_____

Dinner:

Pizza Hut Pizzas can be pre ordered and will be delivered to the school on the night.
All Pizzas are 11 Inch Large Size

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Total Pizza Cost $_____

Total Amount Enclosed $_____

Child/Family Name

Class

Refreshments: POPCORN, Tea, Coffee, Multicultural Delights, Cold Drinks, Ice Creams and Lollies will be available for purchase on the night.

**ORDER FORM and PAYMENT MUST BE RETURNED to your child’s Class teacher NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 14 March**
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.

I am able to work in the canteen once a month: Yes / No (Full day helpers preferred)

Please circle day preferred: M T W T F

If necessary which week of the month: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

I am only able to come part of the day: Please circle preferred time: 8.30 - 11.30 11.30 - 2.15

I am able to be a reserve: Yes / No Day: M T W T F

I would like to find out more about becoming a committee member: Yes / No

Name: ______________________________________

Child’s name: ______________________________________

Email and phone no: ______________________________________

Thank you! 😊