## Term 1 Week 7

**Tuesday, 11th March 2014**

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## Term 1 Week 8

**Monday 17 March**  
7pm OOSH Meeting

**Tuesday 18 March**  
Year 1 Field of Mars Excursion

**Wednesday 19 March**  
Year 2 Field of Mars Excursion

**Thursday 20 March**  
Hot Cross Buns Orders Due

**Friday 21 March**  
2:05pm - K-6 Assembly

No PSSA – Winter Trials

High School Forms Due

P&C Movie Night

## Term 1 Week 9

**Tuesday 25 March**  
Parent Teacher Interviews

**Thursday 27 March**  
Paul Kelly Cup

## Principal’s Message

### Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Zone swimmers. You performed with skill and your behaviour was excellent. I am excited to announce that Ermington Public School was awarded the title of Ryde Zone Champion Swimming School. We also had the 11 Year Boy Champion (Andrew K), the 11 Year Girl Champion (Louise G) and the Senior Girl Champion (Elina M). A great effort by everyone. Thank you to the parents who managed the team and for those who provided their support. The Regional Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 25 March.

### Selective High School Test

This Friday some of our students will be sitting the selective high school exam. We wish them every success. Parents should have received notification regarding the time and venue of this exam.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Notes have been sent home regarding the upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews (most of which will be in the week commencing 24 March). If you have not already done so, please return your form to the class teacher (please write your child’s name on the form).

### Semester 1 Invoices

Invoices requesting payment for incursions and resources have been sent home. Please pay these as soon as practicable.

### Class Parents

Ermington has a system where each class has a volunteer who acts as the Class Parent. This parent will communicate with other parents when messages need to be sent regarding the class. If you would like to be included on the email distribution list for your class (and you haven’t already done so) please send a note via the class teacher to pass onto the class parent – include your name, child’s name and email address.

Mark Hoppitt  
Principal

### Stage News

#### Kindy News

The term is flying by and it is Week 7 already! This week our sounds are ‘d’, ‘g’ and ‘o’, and our tricky words are ‘have’, ‘brother’, ‘sister’ and ‘is’. Please remember that school now finishes at 3:00pm for Kindergarten students. Invoices were sent home last week for school fees and incursions, please make payment as soon as possible. Parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 9, please return the note with your preferences for interview times and your child’s name clearly printed on it. If you cannot make any suggested times please see your class teacher to make alternative arrangements. Have a wonderful week.

#### Stage 1

Welcome to Week 7! Next week all of Stage 1 will be heading off on their excursion to Field of Mars to learn more about Wet and Dry Environments. We would like to remind those who have not yet paid for their excursion to do so as soon as possible. Thank you.
Stage 2
Welcome to Week 7. Well done to our Zone swimmers who impressed everyone with their team spirit, excellent behaviour and, of course, swimming skills. Good luck to those swimmers who are progressing on to the Regional Carnival. This week, teachers will be handing out details of presentations that we would like students to work on at home. These are due in at the beginning of Week 10 (31 March). These presentations will be assessed and are linked to our Hacie topic which is Significant Australian Places. Thank you to parents who have already arranged Parent/Teacher Interviews for Week 9. Please contact your child’s teacher if you still need to make an appointment. Could parents also send in email addresses to class teachers as class parents have been arranged and are integral in the running of class communication.

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards 2014
The theme for this year is "What shall we tell you?"
This competition is open to the whole school. It is a poetry competition. The closing date is 30th June 2014. If you are entering you can please have your entries ready to Mrs Sparrow by 20th June 2014 and a Word document is preferred so entries can be submitted electronically. For more information you can also visit the website: www.dorothea.com.au

Library News
A new round of bookclub has been sent home recently. I have spares of all brochures except Star for anyone who missed out. This issue is due first thing Friday, 21st March, for delivery just before the end of term.

Almost all orders from the first bookclub have been distributed to students. I am still waiting on copies of the 'Minecraft Redstone Handbook' to fill the final orders. Unfortunately, a Minecraft Annual title was not able to be supplied by Scholastic, and they have instead provided another title and a credit voucher that can be used against any further bookclub purchase.

The Premier's Reading Challenge will run again this year, encouraging all students K-6 to read more widely and discover new authors and titles. I will be assisting all students to start their reading records in library time and update these throughout the year. It is fairly straightforward for older students to manage. In co-operation with class teachers, many of the Kindy and Year One books read will be recorded and added at school.

Participation in the challenge automatically includes recognition of all successful students in an honour roll, published in a daily newspaper and organised by school. If you do not wish for your child's name to be published in such a way could you please contact the school office or myself so that we can make sure no reading log is submitted for your child. It is still possible to complete the reading challenge 'on paper', but no certificate will be issued in such cases.

Stage 3
Welcome to Week 7! Thank you to all the parents who have returned parent/teacher interview notes. We are looking forward to meeting with you in Week 9. Just a reminder that all Year 6 students need to return their high school forms to Miss Claro by Friday 21st March. Stage 3 Problem Solving Maths Groups are underway and we would love it if any parents are able to assist on a Wednesday from 12:30 - 1:10pm. If you're able to help out, we'd be very grateful for the support. Have a fabulous week.

Around the School

School Expectations
This week our focus is on RESPONSIBILITY.

Students at Ermington can display responsibility in many ways, including:

• Arriving to school on time and being ready to learn. Don't be a minute late and bring everything you need for the day; pencil case, your homework, lunch, etc. It is important to be organised.
• Hand in your homework on time. Spend time on your homework every night. Keep it very neat and well presented. Ask someone to check your homework but don't let them change it. It is your work, so you have to be responsible about it.
• Responsible students set goals as it keeps them focused on the future. That's why they are the foundation of responsible behaviour and success in school.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Last Thursday and Friday our Zone Swimming Team competed in the Zone Carnival at Ryde Aquatic Centre. All swimmers are to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour, team spirit and their amazing performances in the pool. Ermington Public School are once again the Overall School Champion!

Congratulations to Elina M who is the Senior Girl Age Champion and to Andrew K and Louise G who are the 11 Year Age Champions.

We would like to thank our volunteer Team Managers, Mrs Summers and Mrs Grundy, who were integral to the smooth running of the day. Thank you also to those parents who helped transport children to and from the venue.

If anyone still has a Ermington swimming cap would you please return it to the office as soon as possible.

K-2 Dance Group
K-2 students last week put their name down on a list if they were interested in trying out for the K-2 Dance Group. Auditions will be happening soon. So please remind your child to listen carefully for any messages in regards to the auditions.
PSSA
Softball and T-Ball are playing at Meadowbank Park. Cricket will be playing at Bill Mitchell Reserve.

Movie Night - Despicable Me 2
Just a friendly reminder that the Outdoor Cinema Family Movie Night orders forms and payments are due back to your child’s class teacher by this Friday 14 March.

We are looking forward to a fun night with the chance to share in this event with other families from the school. (Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult. No children supervision will be provided on the night).

Numbered tickets will be issued and sent home from school. You must have these tickets to gain entry on the night. If you can assist on the night in the café, popcorn, lolly stall, ushering or other jobs please let me know. We would also like some parents to assist next week collating the list for the tickets.

Please contact Paul Grundy paul@tg2.com.au, or 0409 990 568 with your offers of assistance.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Twice a year we donate used clothing to Stewart House. Bags have been sent home and need to be back at school by this Friday, 14th March. Please take the filled bags into the Computer Lab and place them inside the door against the wall.

Uniform Shop
Following are the dates for Term 1, the Uniform Shop will be open:
- Tuesday 11th March
- Tuesday 18th March
- Tuesday 25th March
- Wednesday 2nd April, 5.30 – 6.30 pm
- Tuesday 8th April
The Uniform Shop is open from 8.30am – 9.30am on the Tuesdays. We are still happy to accept any new volunteers too.

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 HELP‼
We have only received 3 new volunteers this year!

HELP NEEDED URGENTLY OR THE 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.

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.

HASH BROWNS – In keeping with the Healthy Canteen guidelines hash browns will be limited to 2 per person.

PSSA STUDENTS – Children attending PSSA sport on a Friday cannot order any hot food for lunch.

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.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 12/3 Nichole, James (am) Claire (am)(help)
Thursday 13/3 Colette, Kate E, Anne H (pm)
Friday 14/3 Wendy, Melissa, (help needed)
Monday 17/3 Wendy, Sue
Tuesday 18/3 Fiona, Shanye, Ros
Wednesday 19/3 Danni, (help needed urgently or the canteen will be CLOSED)
Thursday 20/3 James, Meena (am) (help needed)
Friday 21/3 Wendy, April (10-2.15) (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.

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.
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

Are you a musician or dancer who would like to try something a bit different?
Would you like to march in the ANZAC Day march in the city? The Golden Kangaroos are looking to increase their membership in the marching band and are looking for people interested in joining the Auxiliary Corps (Dancers and flag bearers), Drum Corps or as wind musicians. Now is a great time to join the band as the focus is on the basics of marching in preparation for the big ANZAC Day March in the city. Once the thrill of marching in such a special event in front of tens of thousands of spectators has subsided the band then focuses on more complex routines in preparation for Spring, when most engagements requiring routines occur. The Golden Kangaroos Hornsby Concert 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 and ages. For more information visit www.gks.org.au or contact the band at on 9868 3289 or membership@goldenkangaroos.org.au
KIDS WON’T EAT THEIR VEGGIES?

CSIRO are looking for volunteers to participate in a study that aims to increase children’s acceptance and consumption of vegetables.

What is the study about?
- The objective of the study is to explore different techniques for increasing children’s vegetable intake.

What would we need to do?
- Two visits to CSIRO in North Ryde at around dinner time (5 or 6 PM)
- Your child will be provided with dinner and you will complete questionnaires (at CSIRO and at home)
- You may also be asked to implement guided techniques at home with your child.
- Participants will be provided with a $50 gift voucher.

Who can take part?
- Children aged 4 – 6 years of age, who consume less than 2 serves (150g) of vegetables per day. No food allergies.
- One parent of the child.

Are you interested?
- For more information please contact Maeva Cochet on 9490 8359 or email tastestudy@csiro.au.

This study is approved by CSIRO Human Research Ethics Committee.
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:
- Dinner on the oval from 6:00pm
- Pre Movie Entertainment from 6:15pm
- Pre-movie Screening from 7:00pm
- Movie from Dusk Approx 7:30pm

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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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
Orders to be received by 19th March 2014

Delivery date will be 9th April 2014

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