Term 1 Week 9

Tuesday, 25th March 2014

2014 - Term 1 Week 9

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Principal’s Message

Movie Night
What a great night! The storms stayed away and there was a great sense of community. Thank you to Mr Glendinning for supplying his expertise and equipment. Thank you to the P&C for organising such a terrific evening. I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Annual School Report 2013
The Annual School Report has been placed on the school’s website for your access. The report contains a summary of 2013 – much of which has already been shared through newsletters and/or parent meetings.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
For most classes, the parent/teacher interviews are being held this week. It is important that every family sends at least one representative to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child’s progress. If you missed out, please contact your child’s class teacher to arrange another time.

High School Forms for Year 7 2015
Thank you to the parents who have already submitted their completed forms (which were due last Friday). The forms received have been processed and forwarded to the appropriate high schools. The high schools will begin processing these forms according to their own procedures. It is important that all forms are returned, even if you are not seeking a placement in a government high school in 2014.

Pre-Service Teachers
This week five students from the University of Western Sydney commenced visiting our classrooms as part of their preparation to become qualified teachers. They will be working with 1D, 1L, 3/4B, 6C and 6J. More pre-service teachers will join us in Semester 2.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy News
Week 9 already! This week’s sounds are ‘b’, ‘j’ and ‘z’, and the tricky words are ‘baby’, ‘house’, ‘school’ and ‘come’. If you happened to have misplaced your sounds or tricky words please let your class teacher know so we can replace them. To extend your child’s learning, please encourage your child to make words with the sounds and sentences with the tricky words. Parent/teacher interviews are this week, we look forward to discussing your child’s progress with you. Kindergarten students will be making a model out of recycled materials in their Science lesson next week. We are collecting any clean, recycled items such as shoe boxes, food boxes or plastic containers. If you can assist, please send items to the classroom this week. Next Thursday is the SRC mufti day, students are asked to wear their pyjamas to school and bring a gold coin donation for the Youth Homelessness Foundation. Have a lovely week.
Welcome to Week 9! This week we would like to remind you all about a few important dates and pieces of information. The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday 9th April commencing at 9:30 am. This is a very enjoyable event and it is absolutely fantastic to see all the wonderfully designed and created Easter Hats made by your child at home, so it is a good idea to get started on your Easter Hats. Please look out for notes in your child’s bag in regards to the Easter Hat Parade. Next week (31st March) your child’s Speaking and Listening Topic is ‘Term Reflection’. Your child is to write a 1 to 2 minute presentation on palm cards based on a reflection of Term 1. Teachers will be assessing this news presentation. Also at next week’s K-2 Assembly 1D will be hosting the assembly and 1HD will be presenting an item for us all. One last piece of information is to please remind your child to bring a hat to school every day especially on a Friday. It is extremely sad to see students without their school hat on our Sport Day. We hope you have an enjoyable week!

Welcome to Week 9! The students in Stage 3 are presenting their imaginative Speaking and Listening assessments based on an Antarctic animal or explorer this week. We also look forward to meeting you all this week for the parent/teacher interviews. Thank you to all the parent helpers for the Intensive Reading Program. If you're able to help out next term, Miss Claro would love your cooperation.

Students can individually log in to the PRC website (products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc) by using their school/DEC username and password. Our older (Yr 3-6) students should be fairly independent with this username and password. Please check with your child’s teacher if this is not the case. Younger students will complete much of the challenge as a shared activity as they will not have the independence required to log in and complete reading logs as individuals.

I encourage everyone to check the full details, rules and booklists related to the challenge at the PRC website.

Mr Butterfield

The 3-6 Dance Group will not have a rehearsal this Thursday morning from 7:45am-8:30am due to parent/teacher interviews. Dancers will still be rehearsing on Thursday afternoon from 3:00pm-3:45pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our first SRC Fundraiser will be held Thursday, 3rd April. It is to raise money for Youth Homelessness. Please bring a gold coin donation to participate and come dressed in your Pyjamas.
OOSH News
The April vacation care program is available for download to your computer or smartphone from our website www.ermingtonoosh.com. Bookings can be made on the webserver using your OOSH log in details at https://www.becklynweb.com.au/ermington. Remember to send a copy of your Internet banking receipt to the centre so your bookings can be confirmed. Enquiries can be directed to Allison, Cathy or Sandy on 9874 4077 or ermingtonoosh@live.com.au

Who is teaching the classes?
Two excellent volunteers have been appointed so far. One is Rachel Yeomans who is also one of our canteen volunteers. She is mum to Angus in 2C, Harriet in KS and 3 year old George. Rachel has a background in teaching at TAFE.

Our other teacher is Dr Jill Gordon who is a practicing psychologist with experience in teaching ethics to adults. Please join me in welcoming them to our school community. I’m sure they will bring a valuable contribution to the school.

P&C Easter Egg Raffle and Morning Tea
The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be taking place on Wednesday 9th April at 9.30am. The P&C will be coordinating the very popular Easter Egg Raffle and we are asking for all families in K-2 to donate chocolate eggs and chocolate bunnies, which will then be used to make up the raffle prizes (NUT and PRALINE FREE). Last year we were able to make up nearly 30 prizes so there were lots of very excited winners! Boxes will be placed in your child’s class as of Friday 28th March and all donations can be placed in these. In addition the P&C will be hosting a Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea in the hall after the parade. For a small donation adults will be able to enjoy a hot drink and a freshly baked hot cross bun.

All proceeds from the morning will go towards the end of year party. So when you next head out to the shops to do your groceries, don’t forget to grab a chocolate egg for the Easter Egg Raffle. Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraising event.

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Ethics Classes Begin
I am pleased to announce that philosophical ethics classes will be available at Ermington Public School from Term 2. Permission slips are being sent home this week with all children in Years 1 - 6 who not currently engaged with scripture. If you would like your child to join an ethics class please sign and return the slip by Monday, 31st March.

What do we teach?
Ethics is a branch of Philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues. The curriculum comprises age-appropriate lessons on a wide range of topics that primary-aged children find interesting.

How do we teach ethics?
The approach taken by Primary Ethics is that ethical exploration in the classroom is best done through dialogue and discussion - a tradition of philosophical inquiry that goes right back to Socrates. This approach has significant social benefits. By learning to think about ethical matters together and through the give-and-take of reasoned argument, students will learn properly to consider other people’s points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

More volunteers needed
We are still looking for more people to volunteer to teach ethics as curriculum will be available for Kindergarten later in the year. Classes are only half an hour a week and full training is provided. If this sounds like you or you would like more information about what is involved with this role please go to the website at www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Kate Bowman, Ethics Coordinator on phone: 0404 217 414 or email: kate.ethics@gmail.com

Kate Bowman

CATENNE NEWS

SUSHI DAY This Wednesday 26 March.

HELP NEEDED!
Please consider volunteering in the canteen – it’s a very rewarding way to spend the day and your children will love you for it!
We still require 3 people for Wednesdays and 2 people for Thursdays. If you are able to help, please enquire at office, or txt/call Wendy 0412 154 004.

BUSY FRIDAYS – Fridays are extremely busy at the canteen. Please consider ordering your child’s lunch on a Monday or Tuesday (our less busy days).

BREAKFAST AVAILABLE – Thick-cut Raisin Toast for $1 - from 8.40am – Mondays & Fridays ONLY.

CATENNE ROSTER

Wednesday 26/3 Beth, Rachel
Thursday 27/3 Shieny, Lisa Fu
Friday 28/3 Wendy, Melissa, Teresa

Monday 31/3 Wendy, Ana
Tuesday 1/4 Grace, Rosemary, Lillian
Wednesday 2/4 Elaine, Kate B
Thursday 3/4 Sonja, Wendy
Friday 4/4 Patricia, Kyle, Robyn

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 0412 154 004.
Kiss and Ride Roster
If you can assist with the K&R service for 15 minutes once per month please email Colette at colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au (help needed urgently on Wednesdays and Fridays please):

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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.

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.

Western Sydney Volunteer Branch Make-A-Wish Annual Trivia Games Night
Date: 5th April, 2014
Where: Don Moore Community Centre, Cnr Farnell Ave & North Rocks Road, Carlingford
Cost: $20 per person (8 per table)
Contact: Emma Gillham – P: 0424 294 243 or Email: MAW_Western_Sydney@hotmail.com
RSVP: 21st March 2014
BYO Food & Drinks

Free Kids Fitness Sessions
Wednesday Afternoons 3:30pm – 4:15pm
26th March – 4th June 2014
Contact: Melissa Baker
P:9942-3056 or E: melissa.baker10@det.nsw.edu.au

First Holy Communion
St Michael’s Church – Meadowbank
29th & 30th March, 5th & 6th April 2014
Enrolments will be taken immediately after mass at the rear of the church. Mass times are listed below
Saturdays 6:00pm & Sundays 8:00am & 10:00am.
More info about sacramental program please call Marisa Squadrito P: 9874 5792