Term 1 Week 10

Tuesday 1 April  Year 5 Camp
Wednesday 2 April  Year 5 Camp
       9.10am Parents’ Forum
       7:30pm P&C Meeting
Thursday 3 April  SRC Mufti Day (Pyjamas)
       12:30pm K-2 Assembly
       2:05pm – 3-6 Assembly

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Tuesday 8 April  Oz Opera (Incursion)
Wednesday 9 April  9:30am Easter Hat Parade
               Hot Cross Buns Delivery
Friday 11 April  ANZAC Day Service
               Last Day of Term 1

2014 - Term 2 Week 1

Monday 28 April  Staff Development Day
Tuesday 29 April  Students return to school
Wednesday 30 April  School Cross Country
Friday 2 May  P&C Discos

Principal’s Message

Professional Development
This week the teachers have spent time working collaboratively within their stages to plan units of work that will be presented in Term 2. Although the teachers spend many hours preparing and assessing for their students, this is a small amount of time allocated by the school to assist in this process.

Daylight Saving
Just a reminder that Daylight Saving concludes this weekend. “Spring forward, Fall back” – which means everyone gets to turn their clocks back one hour (Fall being the American term for Autumn).

P&C Meeting & Parents’ Forum Meeting
This week we will be holding our monthly P&C meeting. This will be held in the school library which is located on the first floor of D Block. The Parents’ Forum meeting will be held at 9.10am.

PSSA Sport
Unfortunately, our summer season has included some wash-outs. This will be taken into account when invoicing students when the summer competition re-commences on September 5th. Our winter season commences this week (4th April). A great resource is the Ryde Zone PSSA website (http://www.pssa.net.au/Ryde/) which you can access to discover further information – including if games have been cancelled.

Year 5 Camp
Reports from camp are that the students are enjoying themselves. It is a bit muddy but still a great experience.

Creative Talent
I have included an article from the local paper regarding one of our former students, Zane Mestousis. It is great to see Zane being able to show his talent. Zane is currently a student at Marsden High School. The article is on the last page of this newsletter.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Wow, we can’t believe it’s Week 10 already! We have another busy week ahead. This week’s sounds are ‘w’, ‘v’, and ‘y’, and the tricky words are ‘he’, ‘she’, ‘be’, and ‘me’. Science and Library were on Monday this week, due to teacher meetings. This Thursday is the SRC mufti day, students are asked to wear their pyjamas to school, please ensure your child is wearing closed-in shoes and brings a gold coin donation. Please pack a jumper or dressing gown as it is scheduled to be cold and wet. Next Wednesday (9th April) is the Easter Hat Parade held in the COLA at 9.30am. Kindy students have been busy rehearsing their Easter Hat performance. Please also remember to bring in a home-made Easter hat to parade in. We look forward to seeing you there. Have a great week.

Stage 1
Welcome to Week 10! Thank you to all of the Year 1 parents for helping with Maths groups. We look forward to seeing you this Thursday at 2:30pm. On Thursday we have a K-2 Assembly. 1HD will present an item and 1D will be hosting the assembly. We look forward to seeing you there! Next week is our Easter Hat Parade. We are very excited about the day and performing our dances for you.
Stage 2
Welcome to Week 10. The deadline for HSIE assignments was Monday. If students have not yet handed in this work can they please do so as quickly as possible. Stage Two teachers will be off class this Wednesday to plan for another exciting term. This will affect some library and science lessons for this week only. Details of changes have been communicated via class parents. Have a good week Stage Two. Don’t forget that Pyjama Day is this Thursday!

Stage 3
Welcome to Week 10! It was wonderful to meet Stage 3 parents last week for the parent teacher interviews. Year 5 are currently at camp and we hope they are having a fabulous time. The students are to be congratulated on their phenomenal speaking and listening assessments on an Antarctic animal or explorer, which they presented last week. Wishing you a fabulous week.

Around the School

School Expectations
This week our focus is **DO YOUR BEST**. We can all show this in many ways including:
- Set goals and strive to achieve them
- Be a positive role model
- Be an active learner
- Produce quality work over quantity.

Ryde Speaking Competition
Ermington Public School was well represented last week at the Ryde District Primary School Public Speaking Competition, with Elina M and Neyeni K performing very well against some excellent competition. Unfortunately neither managed to make the final three, but they should be congratulated on their efforts.

Stage 3 Intensive Reading Program
Thank you to all the parents who have helped out with the Stage 3 Intensive Reading Program in Term 1. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are currently looking for some more parent tutors for Term 2. If you’re free for an hour on Monday - Thursday in the morning, Miss Claro would love to hear from you!

Anzac Day Service
Friday, 11th April we will be holding the school ANZAC Day service. This will commence at 10am in the school hall and everyone is welcome. Students will be permitted to wear their Scouts and Guides uniforms.

Science & Technology
Kindergarten students made a model of their favourite place this week in Science. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute recycled materials for the students to use. I hope you enjoy the models they bring home!

 SRC
Just a reminder that on Thursday the SRC will be holding their first fundraiser for the year! All students are encouraged to come dressed in their pyjamas and to bring a gold coin donation to school to raise money for Youth Homelessness. Thank you in advance for your generosity with this fundraiser. Thanks Mrs Lade, Miss Day and the Student Representative Council.

Band Training – Term 2
No doubt you are starting to hear some musical sounds coming from your child’s instrument (and if you haven’t heard any sounds it’s time to get practising). Starting Week 1, Term 2 on Monday afternoon at 3:00pm to 3:30pm, in the school hall, there will be band rehearsals. Students will need their Accent on Achievement book.

Damian Butler – Band Teacher

PSSA
Winter PSSA starts this Friday. Netball and Soccer will be playing at Meadowbank Park. AFL will be playing but the venue is yet to be confirmed.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE
Just a reminder that collection is now underway for Easter eggs to make up the Easter Egg Raffle that will be held after the Easter Hat Parade on 9th April. We encourage all students in K-2 to support this delicious fund raiser as the proceeds go towards the end of year party, which is always great fun! Boxes are now in your child’s classroom so keep those eggs and bunnies coming.... Please remember - **Nut and Praline Free**. Tickets for the raffle will be sold on the day, 50c for one and $1 for three.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be open this Wednesday evening, 2nd April from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
**LATE ORDERS** There are an increasingly large number of children bringing their lunch orders in after recess – please remind your children to order BEFORE 9am.

**VOLUNTEERS**
At the moment, some canteen volunteers are in the canteen up to 4 times per month to enable us to stay open every day. These same volunteers also help with reading groups, kiss & ride, library, uniform shop, etc. – Please help to share the load!

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 2 more people for Wednesdays and 2 people for Thursdays. If you are able to help, please enquire at office, or txt/call/email Wendy 0412154004 – wlarocca@optusnet.com.au.

**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.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Help needed for canteen clean-up please from 1.30.

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.

**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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**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, Denistone East/Ryde.
P: 0411 048 847. E: info@mymusicaladventure.com.au
W: www.mymusicaladventure.com.au

Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy
Camp 1: December 19th, 20th, 23rd & 24th Camp 2: January 20th to 23rd both from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Cost for each camp is $120. 5-16 year olds. For more info please call Ray Brennan on 9809-0882 or 0418168868.

Basketball Camp – April School Holidays
Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd & Thurs 24th April (9am–3pm Daily)
Boys and Girls – 6-16 years old
More info and costs: Phone: 0405 168 002
Location: Auburn Basketball Centre
Special Guest: Sydney Kings

Ex Ermington Public School Student

Film future something for winner to focus on

Matthew Connellan

IT IS rare for someone aged just 13 to know the direction that they wish to take. But Marsden High’s Zane Mestousis has his eyes on the prize.

The year 8 student’s short film Change By Time recently won the Junior Live Film category at the STUFFit Student Film Festival.

Marsden High principal Gus Vrolyk said the school was very proud of Zane’s achievement.

“We encourage individuality and support students with talent,” he said. “Zane’s talented, organised and a very good networker.”

“That’s what makes him a rare talent and we are going to make sure we support him as much as possible,”

For Zane, this is the start of something that has been in the pipeline for a long time, for someone so young.

“I’ve always liked the idea of filmmaking. I like the creative arts thing.

“When I showed this script to a teacher last year, she suggested I enter the film festival.”

Change By Time is a drama involving couple Michael and Melina, whose lives change through a series of events.

Zane wrote it early last year and filming began in August, just in time for the October deadline for STUFFit.

With that under his belt, Zane has swiftly moved on to his next project.

“I’m writing five different scripts at the moment,” he said.

“A Zombie Ate My Teacher is one that I want to get into Tropfest. We started filming the other day, so hopefully we’ll have it ready in the next five months.

“I’m lucky that I had help from fellow students and my parents.”

Zane Mestousis has started filming an entry for Tropfest.

Picture: DAVE SWIFT

Registration are Saturday 5th & 12th April from 9am to 11am at Brush Farm Netball Courts, cost $45.
Program starts 3rd May to 14th June
More info: coaching@ernanetball.com.au

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