2014 - Term 1 Week 11

Tuesday 8 April  Oz Opera (Incursion)
Wednesday 9 April  9:30am Easter Hat Parade
                P&C Hot Cross Buns Delivery
                Ryde Spec Rehearsal
Thursday 10 April  Paul Kelly Cup
Friday 11 April  10am 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

2014 - Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 7 May  7:30pm P&C Meeting
Thursday 8 May  12:30pm K-2 Assembly
                  2:05pm  3-6 Assembly

Principal's Message

Year 5 Camp
It was great to hear the feedback from the students after spending 3 days at camp last week. The students had an enjoyable time, filled with lots of learning experiences. Thank you to the staff for giving their time and organising such a great experience.

School Cross Country Carnival
On Wednesday, 30 April (Week 1, Term 2) we will be holding our school cross country carnival. It will be held at school and will involve using Brush Road, Marsden High School and our school. The K-2 students will remain on the school property. The Years 3-6 students (Including Year 2 students turning 8) will start shortly after 9am, with the K-2 students commencing after morning tea (approximately 11.30am). Parents are welcome to come along and join us.

ANZAC Ceremony
This Friday we will be holding an ANZAC Day commemoration service. This will be held in the school hall commencing at 10am. Students are permitted to wear their scouts/guides uniforms on this day.

Aerobics
Congratulations to Madison and Brooke who travelled to Coffs Harbour on the weekend to compete in the first aerobics competition of the year. Madison received the tournament encouragement award and received a pair of aerobics shoes. Brooke won a gold medal in her section with an outstanding score of 83.98. What a way to kick off Ermington's aerobic season! Well done girls.

School Holidays
This Friday will be the last day of Term 1. During the holidays we will celebrate Easter and commemorate ANZAC Day. The staff return on Monday, 28th April and the students return on Tuesday, 29th April. The teachers will be spending their Staff Development Day at the Field of Mars Environment Centre with Melrose PS, West Ryde PS and Meadowbank PS.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 11, we can't believe that Kindergarten have almost finished their first term of Kindy! We have another busy week ahead. This week's sounds are 'x' and 'q'. We will also revise our sounds and tricky words taught this term. Today we saw the Barber of Seville performance. Tomorrow is the K-2 Easter Hat Parade, held under the COLA at 9:30am, and Thursday is the Scripture service, held in the hall at 10:00am. Over the holidays, students will have their folders to revise sounds and tricky words, and will be given two home readers. The Kindy teachers would like to wish you all a very relaxing and safe holiday.

Stage 1
Welcome to the last week of Term 1! What a successful and enjoyable term we have had in Stage 1. This week is an extremely busy week to finish the term. Today we had a visit from Oz Opera who performed the Barber of Seville. Tomorrow is our Easter Hat Parade so please don’t forget to bring in your Easter Hats. All students are looking forward to performing their dance for you that we have been working very hard on. To finish off the week we also have the Easter Scripture Service and our ANZAC Day assembly. Over the holidays we would like to remind you to check all your child’s belongings and make sure they all have visible labels on them. We would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to yet another enjoyable term. Thank you for all your support and assistance this term.
Stage 2
Welcome to Week 11. Today we enjoyed The Barber of Seville. This Friday at 10am is our school ANZAC Day Service. No homework will be handed out during this week but we would like parents to encourage students to read regularly during the school holidays. Have a good break everyone.

Stage 3
Welcome to our final week of Term 1! We hope Year 5 had a wonderful time at camp last week. In the holidays it’s a great time to replenish your child’s stationery items i.e. pens, pencils, etc. Reading groups and homework will re-commence in Week 2, Term 2. Thank you to all the parent helpers who have assisted in the classrooms this term. We really appreciate all your support. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter and hope to see you all refreshed after the holidays.

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.
- Sometimes, doing your best work or trying your hardest at something is difficult. It may have to do with trying to do something new for the first time, like a new sport or activity at school. It may have to do with doing homework for a subject that is not your favourite or is not your best.
- Remember, “Anything worth doing is worth doing right.”

Ryde Schools Spectacular 2014
Our choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday, 9th April at the Ryde Civic Centre. Your child has received a note this week regarding all of the information and permission slips. The songs the students are required to practise for this rehearsal are:

- Best Years of our Lives
- Bye Bye Blackbird
- Singing in the Rain
- Shake, Rattle and Roll
- Walking on Sunshine
- Spice up your Life
- Smile
- Time of your life

Students will need to ensure they return their permission notes ASAP - otherwise the choir may not be able to participate in the Ryde Schools Spectacular this year. On Wednesday, students will be required to be at school by 8:45am, bring their recess, lunch and their choir words.

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 from a Monday - Thursday in the morning, Miss Claro would love to hear from you!

SRC
Last Thursday the SRC held their first fundraiser for the year. All of the students looked fantastic dressed in their pyjamas. We raised $520 for the Oasis Youth Support Network. Major Keith Hampton came out and to thank us for our efforts and donation made to them. He also presented Mr Hoppitt with a Onesie as a token of recognition for our excellent efforts. Thank you to everyone for your donations on the day. We look forward to holding our next fundraiser next term.

Cross Country
The Cross Country will be in Term 2, Week 1 on Wednesday, 30th April 2014 so if you’re available please come along to support your child. In the case of wet weather it will be on the following week – Wednesday 7th May 2014. The 8-12 year olds will run at the start of the day and the 5-7 year olds will run after recess. The first 3 place getters will be awarded their ribbons on the day. Students are expected to wear their sports uniform – they are encouraged to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house. You might like to send your child with a rug to sit on, particularly for the students in years 3-6 as the grass may still be wet in the morning.

Library News
All orders for our second order of Book Club have now been filled. If you are expecting something and believe there has been an error please contact me in the library so this can be fixed. Book Club will be on again next term. The library is preparing a note about the Premier’s Reading Challenge to give families more information. Older students, remember to keep reading and recording your Premier’s Reading Challenge books at products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc. Full information about the competition, booklists and rules will also be found here. A big 'thanks' to all those willing Thursday, Friday and home-based volunteers who this term have covered, shelved, tidied, sorted and helped tremendously in our fantastic library. It makes a difference when the kids are browsing for their books.

PSSA
Netball and soccer will play at Meadowbank Park. AFL and Tiger Tag will be playing at ELS Hall (Kent Road).

Movie Night: Despicable Me 2
On behalf of the P&C we are thrilled to announce that the recent Movie Night was a great success, enjoyed by over 420 people and raising over $4,700 for the school. This well exceeded our own expectations. The night was blessed with great weather, good value pizzas, cakes, savoury delights, coffees, lollies and ice-blocks, with a popcorn machine running hot all night. Thank you to the Erington families for participating in this school community event, thank you to the school band for belting out such lovely tunes, the event sponsors, and of course, the volunteers whose time, as well as organisational, culinary and technical skills made this an enjoyable and successful event. Well done all!
**2014/2015 Entertainment Books are now available**
Would you like to save 5% off your grocery shopping and fuel at Woolworths or your shopping at Coles, Kmart and Big W? That's $25 off every $500 spend. The savings quickly add up. I recently went out for dinner to Ribs and Rumps and received a discount of $50 off the bill!
Special 20th anniversary edition this year – Sydney and Sydney North books are combined - $70, Sydney Greater West - $65, New this year: digital membership is now available – redeem offers from your smart phone. Please contact me to order your Entertainment Book to help raise funds for Ermington Public School P&C (each book sold we get 20% for the school). More info, please contact Belinda on E: belinda5d@optusnet.com.au or M: 0410 210 702 or
Please tell your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. To place your online order please go to https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/217e692

**Cookbook 2014**
P&C proudly announce that this year we will be producing a beautiful, family-themed cookbook. The proceeds from this book are to go towards supporting the school.

We want your most loved recipes, your signature dish and that recipe that never fails which everyone loves or asks for.
We need recipes from as many families as possible. Please feel free to submit as many recipes as you like.

All that we ask is you let us know where the recipe came from even if it’s from a much loved recipe book or magazine. Feel free to add a comment on why this recipe is special to you and your tips about the recipe. Please note that recipes may be edited for the purpose of consistency and not all recipes may be used. Should any recipe you send in have already been submitted we will contact you to request another.

Please go to the following link (Ctrl and click on the link): http://createacookbook.com.au/machform/view.php?id=4520 and fill out the online recipe request form. If you have several recipes please fill in one form for each. If you have any questions, please email Wendy La Rocca on wlarocca@optusnet.com.au

Alternatively, you can submit a hand written copy. Please make sure you include the recipe title, comments, serving size, ingredients, method and your name. Please ensure that all recipes are submitted no later than 1st August 2014.

**Easter Egg Raffle**
Thank you to all those families in K-2 who donated Easter eggs for the raffle. We received a fantastic stash and have been able to make up over thirty prizes. Raffle tickets will be on sale from 8.30am at the COLA tomorrow morning and we encourage the whole school community to get behind this fundraiser and buy some tickets. 50c for one ticket and $1 for three. If you are able to help sell tickets on the morning please go to the “ticket table” where your help will be most welcome. A very happy Easter to the Ermington Public School community.

**Easter Hat Parade – Morning Tea**
After this week’s Easter Hat Parade, the P&C will be holding a morning tea in the hall, everyone is invited. For $3 you can purchase a Hot Cross Bun and Tea/Coffee

**Ermington Public School OOSH**
Ermington Public School OOSH needs your help supporting our wonderful staff by joining the management committee and helping this valuable service continue to thrive. On Monday 19th May at 7pm, our Annual General Meeting will be held. This is the time when the new committee will be established for the following 12 months. Please consider if you can spare an hour or two each month to contribute to the ongoing success of your OOSH. The committee and Centre Director meet twice during the school term to discuss and make decisions on the general operation of OOSH including its finances and compliance with regulations. The committee is incorporated but does report to the P&C at its monthly meetings. More information on the service can be found at http://ermingtonoosh.com Documents regarding the AGM, including committee membership forms will be email out to all families this week. Any enquires please speak to the Centre Director Allison van Hilst.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**END OF TERM STOCK SHORTAGE** – The canteen will be running low on some items this week – please ask before ordering this week to avoid any disappointment (Friday especially).

**VOLUNTEERS**
We still require 1 person for Wednesday and 2 people for Thursdays. Please enquire at office, or txt/call/email Wendy 0412154004 – wlarocca@optusnet.com.au.

**END OF TERM CANTEEN CLEAN-UP** – This Friday from 1pm – please come along if you can help thanks!

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
Wednesday 9/4 Nichole, La
Thursday 10/4 Kate E, Colette, Anne H (pm)
Friday 11/4 Wendy, Melissa, Teresa
(SCHOOL HOLs)
Monday 28/4 Staff Development Day
Tuesday 29/4 Kate, La (5th week)
Wednesday 30/4 Beth, Rachel, Teresa (5th week)
Thursday 1/5 Sonja, Wendy
Friday 2/5 Robyn, Patricia, Kylie
Kiss and Ride Roster
If you can assist with the K&R service for 15 minutes once per month, email colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au

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**Newsletter Deadline**

Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon Monday. These should be sent to: ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Subject: Newsletter Insert

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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.

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Under 7 rugby league players needed
Carlingford Cougars are looking for girls and boys to play under 7s rugby league. There is already one girl and one boy from EPS in the team. Training is at 5.30pm on Fridays. Games played Sundays. Hope to see you there.

For more information please go to the link below http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?clubID=21452&c=0-2147-0-0-0

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Clarinet for sale
It's a Jupiter, 4 years old and in good condition. Looking to sell for $300ish - includes new reeds, a couple of music books, and a clarinet stand. Anyone interested can call Shelley on 0419436982.