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

Term 2 Week 2

Tuesday 6 May  Mother’s Day Stall
Wednesday 7 May  7:30pm P&C Meeting
Thursday 8 May  12:30pm K-2 Assembly
2:05pm  3-6 Assembly

Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 13 May  NAPLAN (Years 3&5)
Wednesday 14 May  NAPLAN (Years 3&5)
Thursday 15 May  NAPLAN (Years 3&5)
Friday 16 May  Oz Opera (Stage 2)

Principal’s Message

Bowled Over
During the last week of Term 1 I had the opportunity to observe some lessons being taught at Marsden High School. I was very impressed with the standard of teaching and the work produced by the students. I was able to view a crime scene (part of a history lesson), utilise tai chi to learn Chinese, participate in some enlightening science experiments, observe a 3 Unit Maths lesson (wow) and see how students are deepening their understanding through the construction and manipulation of robots.

I was also impressed with the manner in which the Marsden staff strive to meet the needs of the students. Not only were their academic needs being met but they were producing some amazing art work and have a strong musical program. Students also have been performing very well in competitive sport programs.

Easter Hat Parade
Well done to all of our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students who did an amazing job in designing and constructing their Easter hats – they looked amazing. Well done to the students who performed their items with such precision. Our young SRC members did a great job leading the assembly. Thank you to the P&C for organising such a fantastic morning tea and for conducting the raffle. It was yet another great event supported by our wonderful community.

Changing Communication
A letter was sent home with students today explaining the new method the school is utilising to email newsletters and other information to parents. This is an opt-in system – that is, you must indicate your willingness to be involved. Further information has been attached to the email used to forward this newsletter. The current system will CEASE in a couple of weeks’ time. The new system will allow the school to forward more information to our parents. Another advantage is that you will be able to receive notification on your mobile phone (Android and Apple) when a message has been sent.
Cross Country
Our school cross country carnival is TOMORROW (Wednesday). Students are to wear their sports uniform and are encouraged to wear a t-shirt that matches their sport house colour.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 1 of Term 2! This week’s sounds are ‘ch’ and ‘th’, and the tricky words are ‘here’, ‘this’, ‘weekend’ and ‘said’. This term we will run a structured news program based around our unit ‘On the Farm’. Each week the children will have a different topic. Please see the ‘Weekly News’ information sheet for more details. After recess on Wednesday, K-2 will run in the Cross Country around the school. Students are required to wear their sports uniform and sneakers on the day. Parents are also welcome to attend. Have a great week.

Stage 1
Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable time over the holidays. We are all looking forward to another exciting term. Tomorrow is our school cross country. K-2 will have their cross country races after recess. Next week we have a K-2 Assembly. 1L will be hosting the assembly and 1D will be presenting an item. Please come and join us at 12:30pm on Thursday 8th May for our first K-2 Assembly for the Term. Please make sure to check all of your child’s belongings to make sure they have names clearly marked. We hope you have a great week!

Stage 2
We hope that you all have had a good break and look forward to hearing all your news from our students. Stage 2 teachers have recharged their batteries and are ready for another exciting term of teaching and learning. Class term overviews will be sent home this week, ready for another exciting term of teaching and learning. Stage 2 will investigate the processes that form and change the Earth’s surface, including earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and other natural disasters. Stage 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.

Stage 3
This promises to be a very busy term for Stage 3, beginning with the cross country on Wednesday. Please make sure your child has plenty of water and an asthma puffer where needed. At the end of last term many children did not have the required equipment such as pencils, pens, ruler, compass and protractor. Could you check the contacts of your child's pencil case (pencil cases should not be oversize i.e. 30 cm long). Also could jumpers, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles be checked to see names are clearly marked as the amount of lost property increases each week.

Around the School

School Expectations
This week our focus is STAY SAFE. We can demonstrate this in many ways including:
- Sitting correctly on the bus when travelling on excursions or to PSSA
- Playing in an inbounds area
- Walking with my class sensibly in 2 lines
- Walking on the concrete and around wet areas with care

School Cross Country Carnival
Just a reminder that 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.

Science and Technology
Welcome back to another exciting term in Science and Technology. This term Stage 3 will investigate the processes that form and change the Earth's surface, including earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and other natural disasters. Stage 2 students will be learning about Human Body Systems. Both Stage 2 & 3 students will attend a CSIRO workshop this term. The cost of $10 was included in the fees at the start of the year. [Please ensure you have paid for this workshop.]

Mrs Amat

Crunch & Sip
Thank you to the school community for your ongoing support of Crunch and Sip at Ermington. Teachers program a Crunch & Sip break during the morning session each day. Teaching and Learning activities continue during this short break e.g. teachers may use the time to read a novel to the class or have students present news. The purpose is for students to recharge their batteries, take the opportunity to eat fresh produce, and supply our worm farms and compost bins with scraps. Students bring a small container with fresh fruit or vegetables separate to other food so it can be easily accessed. Thank you for your support of this initiative to help keep our students on task, encourage them to eat fresh food and recycle organic waste.

Mrs Amat

Rubbish Free Lunches
Here at Ermington Public School, improving the local school environment is very important. One aspect of this is the concept of Rubbish Free Lunches. In past years we have held successful Rubbish Free Lunch days where we have reduced our litter at lunchtime by half! We want to continue to raise the awareness of students in the area of waste so each week students are encouraged to try to bring at least one rubbish free lunch to school. Some students bring rubbish free lunches every day but we are asking for all students to make a special effort to try to reduce the waste in their lunchboxes. Let’s work together to reduce our rubbish.
LIVE/LIFE WELL
Our school is taking part in the Live/Life Well Initiative this year. This means that we have been given a large grant to promote healthy eating habits, taking part in a more active life style and incorporating fundamental movement skills in fitness activities. Some of the initiatives our school will be enjoying are:-
✓ The inclusion of fundamental movement skills in peer support this term
✓ Each class will be responsible for a small plot in our garden to plant vegetables.
✓ Continued encouragement for eating fresh fruit and vegetables during crunch ‘n sip
✓ Ideas in newsletter to encourage a greater awareness of fitness
The school has already received $2000 and this has been used to purchase sport equipment for every classroom.

Great reasons to be active for children and parents
✓ boosts confidence
✓ improves fitness
✓ makes bones and muscles stronger
✓ improves posture
✓ helps maintain a healthy weight
✓ lowers the risk of heart disease
✓ reduces stress
✓ improves sleep
✓ reduces the risk of cancer
✓ improves self confidence
✓ teachers you new skills
✓ develops better motor skills
✓ makes a person happier with their body
✓ Lower risk of disease including heart disease and cancer later in life.

PSSA
Netball and Soccer at Meadowbank Park. Tiger Tag at Morrison Bay and AFL at ELS Hall (Kent Road).

2014/2015 Entertainment Books are now available
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 order online go to https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/217e692

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Tuesday 6th May in the hall after lunch. All gifts are $5. If you are able to help on the day, please contact Di Kilby on 0419 276 778.

Mother’s Day Raffle
Tickets will be on sale each morning before school commences under the COLA from Monday 5th May.

This will be drawn at the morning assembly Friday 9th May. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for $1.

OOSH News
Ermington Public School OOSH needs your help with 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 in the next week. Any enquires please speak to the Centre Director, Allison van Hilst.

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS for Wednesdays
The canteen will be closed for one Wednesday per month if we cannot get a few more volunteers for Wednesdays. We also still require 1 more person for Thursdays. Please enquire at office, or contact Wendy 0412 154 004 – wlarocca@optusnet.co.au.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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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

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.

Private Piano Lessons
- High school teaching experience +10 years piano tuition experience (A.M.W.B)
- Bachelor of Music / Education UNSW
- Amus. A in piano
- Studying Music Therapy UWS
- 1st lesson half price

For more information please contact Peggy Shen on 0433677233 or p.shen29@gmail.com

Football Coaching for Kids
FFA Certificate Grassroots Football (U6-U9)
FFA Certificate Skills Training (U10–U13)
2 free intro sessions for groups (boys and girls) U6-U9 and U10-U13. Monday 5th May and 12th May at Eastwood Oval 2 from 6-7pm at Eastwood Oval 2 (top oval Lakeside Rd Suburb: Eastwood) Please bring a football, if you have one. Following from the introductory sessions, classes commence Monday 19th May, $15.00 per child, Monday 6-7pm during school terms. Spots limited. To register attendance and age group. More Info Call Shawn 0415 627 745 or Email SMFootballAcademy@outlook.com

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20/20 eyesight is not 20/20 vision
Eyesight is just the ability to see, while vision is a developed skill that allows us to identify, interpret and act on what is seen. About 1 in 5 children have vision problems that affect their learning ability, so get your child's vision tested.

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youth programs for young people aged 6-25 years
volunteering opportunities for adults
experience great skills and adventures in the outdoors

Here’s a chance for you and the family to have a taste of what Scouting is all about!
Find out about all the exciting opportunities Scouting has to offer such as camping, canoeing, caving, abseiling, national and international trips.
Join in the activities and be sure to take a climb on the Scouts Australia NSW rock climbing wall!

WENTWORTHVILLE SCOUT HALL
CNR DARCY ROAD AND CUMBERLAND HWY WENTWORTHVILLE
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT
Open Day 2014

Bring your family - ride, walk, skate or walk down to see what sustainable transport in Ryde looks like.

Date           Sunday 11 May, 2014
Time           10.00am - 3.00pm
Where          The Northern Sydney Institute's Ryde Campus
                250 Blaxland Rd, Ryde (entry from Parkes Street)

Talks:
- Sustainable transport in Ryde area
- Safe travel advice
- Cycleways

Information stalls:
- Bike professionals
- Community biking groups
- Sustainable Transport

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