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Principal’s Message

School Working Bee

DATE: SUNDAY, 18th MAY, 2014
TIME: 8am - noon
The major jobs include:
- High pressure hosing of hard surfaces such as under the Hall COLA (gets messy with the students dropping drinks, etc.)
- Re-distributing the mulch into the gardens
- Pruning trees and bushes
- Tidying the area between the oval and Brush Rush Road and the area between the oval and Marsden High School.

The school has some equipment but it would be great if you could bring any of the following:
- High pressure hosing devices
- Wheelbarrows
- Secateurs, saws, etc.
- Brush cutters
- Shovels, etc.
- Personal safety gear (e.g. gloves, ear muffs)

It would be great if you were able to join us for all or part of the morning.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)

Today our Year 3 and Year 5 students commenced the NAPLAN test by completing the language conventions task (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and writing task. Tomorrow morning they will attempt the reading section and on Thursday they will complete the numeracy tasks. We know the students will perform to the best of their ability. Please ensure the students are getting a good night’s rest.

Mother’s Day Celebrations

Thank you to the P&C for providing a great week leading up to Mother’s Day. The students enjoyed purchasing a gift from the stall, as well as purchasing raffle tickets for the opportunity to win a prize. The breakfast on Friday was a great success with so many mothers attending. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for organising these events.

Staff Car park

More as a courtesy to the pre-school (with their young children), we have allowed vehicles to access the staff car park prior to 7.30am each morning. For safety reasons and to allow staff to access car spaces, we would prefer that families access the street parking on Brush Road or Winbourne Street to access OOSH. Unless coming to collect an ill child, no parent vehicle should be entering the car park after 7.30am and prior to 4pm.

Changing Communication

We are no longer using the Ermington-p email account to forward newsletters. Please either access the newsletter via the school webpage (http://www.ermington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/) or register via the link provided to parents over the previous 2 weeks.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal
Stage News

**Kindy**
Wow, Week 3 already! This week’s sounds are ‘er’, ‘ar’ and ‘or’, and the tricky words are ‘big’, ‘little’, ‘you’ and ‘with’. We had such a fantastic time at last week’s cross country, congratulations to all Kindergarten students who participated in the event and did their best! Reconciliation Week is fast approaching and on Tuesday, 20th May, we are going to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, our shared histories, cultures, achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. Please remember that permission slips, money for the BBQ lunch and mufti donations are due this Friday, 16th May. Please also remember that reading folders are to be brought to school every day. This is a message for families with KW students - please submit your Parent Helper note to Miss Workman by this Friday, 16th May. Thank you and we hope you enjoy your week.

**Stage 1**
Welcome to Week 3! We would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in the cross country races. It was great to see so many students giving it a go and doing their best. On Friday, we commenced Peer Support. It was great to see everyone getting to know the other students in their peer support group. Over the last few weeks there has been many notes sent home. We would like to remind you to send in the following notes:
- NAIDOC Day BBQ.
- Year 1 Maths Treasure Boxes (that have not paid fees).
- Book Club – due Friday, 16th May.

We would also like to remind you and your child to check to see if they have 10 Caught You Being Good Cards. If they do, they are able to bring these in and receive a Bronze Award for all their hard work. One last reminder is that this week is our assessment week for Speaking and Listening. Students are to present a 1-2 minute presentation on a celebration that they celebrate with their family. We hope you have an enjoyable week.

**Stage 2**
Welcome to another busy week in Stage 2. Well done to everyone who participated in our Cross Country Carnival last week, under beautiful, sunny skies. It was fantastic to see so many Stage 2 students doing their best during their race and cheering on their friends and team mates.

NAPLAN tests began today for Year 3 students, with further tests occurring tomorrow and on Thursday. Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time. Pencils will be supplied, but it would be helpful for students to bring along their own eraser and sharpener. There is no homework for Year 3 this week. Stage 2 students and teachers are looking forward to this week’s catch up performance of The Barber of Seville, which had to be postponed last term. The performance will be on Friday. We would like to welcome Ms Hannah Bromhead to 3/4B. She will join Mrs Barton for the next three weeks as a Practice Teaching Student. Have a fantastic week.

**Stage 3**
What a busy two weeks Week 3 and 4 are going to be. First of all we have NAPLAN testing this week for Year 5 and Year 6 will be visiting the Korean Cultural Centre on Wednesday as part of our Korean language program. A big thank you to Mrs Kilby for all her organisation and hard work in selling tickets for Mother’s Day raffle and thank you to those mums who organised the gifts for sale. Next Tuesday, 20th May, 5G and 5S will be attending a rehearsal for the Instrumental Concert at the end of term at the Opera House. Unfortunately they will miss Reconciliation Day. Children in 5G and 5S will need to come to school at 7.30am to do the ICAS computer test in 5S classroom. They need to come at this time as the bus for the recorder rehearsal will be leaving at 8.30am. Congratulations to all those who took part in the cross country - there were even more competitors this year which demonstrates that we are all getting fitter. 6C & 6J students - please bring a clipboard with you to the Korean excursion tomorrow (Wednesday).

**Around the School**

**School Expectations**
This week our focus is to **STAY SAFE**. We can demonstrate this in many ways at school.

*In the playground:*
- Playing sensible games at lunch and recess
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Walking on hard surfaces

*Technology:*
- Tell an adult if you see/hear something inappropriate on a computer.
- Use i-Pads and cameras with care.

**Peer Support**
During Peer Support this week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of cooperating and listening. During the week encourage your child to show they are interested in the person who is talking by being an active listener.

**ICAS Competitions - Computer Skills**
On Tuesday, 20th May, students who have entered the Computer Skills Competition are required to arrive at 7.50am. The ICAS assessment will begin at 8.00am SHARP. Listed below are classroom locations: Years 3 and 4 in 3L, Year 5 in 6J and Year 6 in 2C. 5G and 5S will start at 7.30am in Mrs Sparrow’s room.

**Reconciliation Week 2014**
On Tuesday 20th May, Ermington PS will celebrate Reconciliation Week. We have many exciting activities planned! There will be rotating activities, including: sport, art & craft, a performance in the hall and BBQ lunch. Reminder notes have been sent home with students, if you are still to pay for the performance. The BBQ Lunch is prepaid and orders should be returned to your child’s class teacher by Friday, 16th May.
K-2 Dance Group
Auditions will continue to happen this week as we had an extraordinary amount of students attend. Students will need to come to the hall on Friday after eating time at lunch. We can't wait to see all our dancers again! If your child didn't attend last week please remind them to attend this week.

Aerobics Performance
This Thursday (15th May) at 2:00pm, the Ermington Public Schools Aerobics teams and Singles will be performing in the school hall for a special dress rehearsal before our first competition. We would like to invite the school community to come and witness these amazing acts due to the dedication and commitment of these students. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Junior Choir
All Junior Choir students have already taken home a note about two rehearsals at Epping West Public School which will take place later in May and in September. Please ensure that all students involved return their note and money to Mrs Barton as soon as possible.

Cross Country
We had a fabulous time last week during the cross country carnival. Well done to all the students who cheered for their peers and participated on the day. Ribbons for the first three placegetters for the 8-12 year old races will be presented during the morning assembly on Friday, 16th May. On Thursday, 22nd May the Ryde Zone Cross Country Carnival will be taking place at Meadowbank Park for the top 8 placegetters for the 8-12 year old races. Parents are welcome to attend.

Live/Life Well
Lunch Box Snack Foods
Children need to eat a range of different foods to provide nutrients to meet growth and energy needs. Snacks need to be everyday foods rather than sometimes foods.

Everyday Snacks
Fruit loaf, plain popcorn, plain or fruit yoghurt, cheese and crackers, fresh fruit or canned fruit, dried fruit and cheese cubes, wholemeal biscuits or crackers, vegetable sticks and rice crackers with dips, toasted Lebanese bread in place of corn chips and crisps.

Sometimes Snacks
Muesli bars and dried fruit bars, potato crisps/chips and corn chips, lollies and confectionary, chocolate, cordial and soft drink.

Treats for special occasions
Food is an important part of special occasions for everyone and should be enjoyed. Your child may be invited to a party with lots of foods high in fat and sugar or to a meal at a fast food restaurant. These meals will do no harm as long as they are only eaten occasionally. But remember, children’s parties don’t need to be filled with junk food to be fun. Try to include some healthy foods as well. Here are some suggestions:
- Pretzels, mini pizzas, fruit platters, fresh berries, finger sandwiches, low-fat mini fruit muffins, homemade popcorn, slices of watermelon, frozen orange wedges, hummus, pita bread, cheese cubes and crackers, vegetable sticks and rice crackers with dips, toasted Lebanese bread in place of corn chips and crisps.

Environmentally friendly snack foods
Choose an apple, mandarin, orange, pear, banana, plum, mangoes, pieces of melons, nectarines, peaches or other fresh seasonal fruit for a quick, easy, environmentally-friendly snack. No packaging, full of nutrients and antioxidants, plus it tastes delicious!

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

School Banking Program
Each Tuesday the school participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. School volunteers process students’ deposits into their accounts. In return students can receive banking rewards such as handballs, scented pencils, pencil cases and key rings for frequent banking. The reward scheme has changed slightly this year. Last year students were asked to 'cash out' their tokens as a new computerised system began this school year with all students starting with a zero "token" balance. Each time a student makes a deposit, the system counts the entry. Therefore, regardless how many tokens a student has collected, student banking rewards will be based on what the system has recorded. The two will usually match, however, if the banking volunteers forget to give you a token it does not impact on you as the system will have the correct number of deposits. Once a student nominates a reward item it now needs to be ordered and should be available with a fortnight. (Last year, items were available immediately). More details are available on the Commonwealth Bank website if you have any queries.

OOSH
EPS 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 can be found near the sign on book at OOSH. Any enquiries please speak to the Centre Director Allison van Hilst
Year 6 Yearbook
Dear Year 6 parents,
There will be a Yearbook Committee meeting to be held at 8am Friday, 23rd May in Ms Claro’s classroom (6C). Any Year 6 parent who is willing to assist in the creation of the yearbook is most welcome to attend. We are keen to hear from any desktop publishing and/or printing gurus. If you have any suggestion for the Year 6 Yearbook, please email Yan on yhdu@hotmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERING IN THE CANTEEN
To keep your canteen open 5 days a week we desperately need more volunteers. It’s only 1 day per month, please consider helping! The benefits include:
• It’s a great way to meet other parents.
• Volunteers learn new skills about bulk food production.
• Kids (especially those in Kindy) love seeing their parents at school.
• Volunteering helps keeps school lunch prices low.
• It’s a good way to get a feel for what goes on at school during the day.
Please enquire at office, or contact Wendy 0412154004 – wlarocca@optusnet.com.au

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 14/5 Nichole, La (help needed for training)
Thursday 15/5 James, Meena, Louise (pm)
Friday 16/5 Wendy, Terri, Clarissa (10-2.15)
Monday 19/5 Wendy, Sue
Tuesday 20/5 Fiona, Shayne, Ros
Wednesday 21/5 Danni, Teresa, Kelly
Thursday 22/5 Shienny, Lisa, Louise (pm)
Friday 23/5 Wendy, Melissa, Teresa

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: erington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Subject: Newsletter Insert

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

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.