Term 2 Week 4

Monday 19 May
7pm OOSH AGM

Tuesday 20 May
ICAS Computer Skills
Didjeribone Incursion
5G + 5S Recorder Rehearsal

Wednesday 21 May
Maths Olympiad
6B Film Excursion

Thursday 22 May
Zone Cross Country
K-6 Assembly (2.05pm)

Friday 23 May
Year 6 Yearbook (8am)
Committee Mtg (6C Room)
Walk Safely to School

Sunday 25 May
Aerobics State Preliminary

Working Bee
Thank you to the wonderful parents and students who assisted with our working bee on Sunday. It was great to be able to knock off some of the jobs that needed attending. The front of the school has had a major tidy-up and looks magnificent. The bark chip has been moved to the hall COLA area and the garden looks much happier. The hall COLA and the pavers behind E Block were also given a wash and now look much brighter. A dent was made in tidying the area leading down to Brush Road – this is a big job but it is good to see progress being made.

Aerobics Preliminary Finals
This Sunday our aerobics teams and singles will be participating in the state preliminary finals of the School Aerobics Competition. Based on the quality of their performance, teams will be selected to compete in the state final in a few weeks’ time. This year we have entered a number of teams as well as some individual performances. We wish our students all the very best as they perform their routines.

University of Western Sydney
Presently we have a number of pre-service teachers attending our school. They are working with 1D, 1L, 3/4B, 6C and 6J. These students are developing their teaching skills and are a great asset to the school. We will have a second group of students working on different classes later in the year.

Lock Down Drill
Yesterday the school conducted a lock down drill as part of our Work Health Safety requirements. The students did a great job following the directions of their teachers. Well done. Periodically we do drills (including evacuation) to ensure staff and students know what is required.

Term 2 Week 5

Monday 26 May
St3 CSIRO Incursion

Wednesday 28 May
St3 CSIRO Incursion
Epping Music Festival Rehearsal

Thursday 29 May
St3 CSIRO Incursion

Term 2 Week 6

Tuesday 3 June
St2 CSIRO Incursion

Wednesday 4 June
ICAS Science Competition
St2 CSIRO Incursion
7.30pm P&C Meeting

Thursday 5 June
12.30pm K-2 Assembly
2.05pm Yrs3-6 Assembly

Principal's Message

NAPLAN
Last week our Year 3 and Year 5 students sat the NAPLAN assessment tasks. These have been packaged and posted. We now have the long wait to see have each student went. Please note that the NAPLAN is just one of the assessment strategies used at the school to monitor student progress. Students participate in assessments throughout the year as part of their class program.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal
Stage News

Kindy
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Around the School

School Expectations
This week our focus is SHOW RESPECT. We can demonstrate this in many ways including:
- Allow others in our class to listen and learn
- Listen and communicate with courtesy
- Respect the property of others
- Actively accept the rights and differences of others

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SRC News
This term the SRC have decided to have our own Red Nose Day. This will be held on Thursday 19th June. Students will be able to come dressed in red for the day and purchase merchandise that will be sold the week before and during the week of our Red Nose Day. Thank you in advance for your support and donations.

Science and Technology
I will be on long service leave from next week till the end of Term 2. Mrs Forster will be taking Science and Technology lessons during this time and teaching programs will continue as planned. My husband has been selected to play in an Australian Masters Hockey team. The World Masters Hockey Tournament is in The Netherlands in June and I will be there cheering for the Australian teams.

Mrs Amat

Punctuality at Training and Rehearsals
Many children have been coming late to many extra-curricular activities lately. This is really unfair and discourteous to those children who come to practice on time and to the teacher involved. Please make sure you are aware of starting times and have children ready to begin practice/training at the correct time. Sport training times begin at 8.00am and children attending band practice need to be at school at 7.45am in order to set up. Each week it is the same children who come to school on time to set up equipment and it is not fair that these same children are always the ones setting up. Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

Mrs Clarke

Walk Safely to School Day
The Walk Safely to School Day will be this Friday, 23rd May. It is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It will be held throughout Australia.

At Ermington PS, we would like to encourage students to walk to school safely with parents and carers by reinforcing safe pedestrian behaviour. This includes, crossing the road at pedestrian lights or a crossing and making sure you check before crossing the road. Please ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road. This promotes healthy walking habits and helps reduce the level of traffic congestion.

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

Live/Life Well – Water Tips
Tap water makes the best drink! Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here’s what water has to offer:

- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

Fruit juices. Many people think fruit juice is a healthy option. While fruit juice contains some vitamins, they lack fibre, antioxidants and other nutrients found in fruit. Fruit juices are high in sugar and energy, often containing similar quantities of sugar found in soft drink. Drinking large amounts can lead to tooth decay and excess energy consumption. Here are some things to consider if choosing juice:

- Limit fruit juices to no more than half a glass per day.
- Too much juice can lead to diarrhoea.
- Consider diluting juice 50:50 with water to reduce the number of kilojoules whilst still enjoying the taste of juice.
- It is easy to drink too much juice. One popper of juice is equal in energy to two pieces of fruit.
- Consider eating a piece of fruit instead. Whole pieces of fruit and veggies have higher levels of many vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fibre, some of which are protective factors against some cancers and heart disease.

Band News
A reminder to all Monday morning Band students that weekly rehearsals commence promptly at 7.50am. Please arrive at the hall by this time.

News from the P&C
Walk Safely to School Day - national event - this Friday 23rd May. In the spirit of the event stretch those legs and join up with your local families walking to school. It’s a great way to make new connections and enjoy that fresh autumn air! The P&C will reward you with a free chocolate drink and apple from 7.50am. Breakfast will cease being served at 8.45am or when supplies run out (whichever comes first). Non participants will do some morning warm-ups! Volunteers are needed to help serve. Please call Chris on 0407-909-749 or you can email ermps.pandc.vpresident1@gmail.com

The Mother’s Day Breakfast on Friday, 9th May was a big hit and what a huge turnout! All 180 eggs were eaten and none left for the quick sale! It was great to give the mums a morning off breakfast duties and give them a free sizzling bacon and egg roll or wholesome bircher muesli breakfast. Kids enjoyed them too. While this was not strictly a fundraising event, the P&C covered its costs and made $130.

Special thanks to Leanne N. for donating 10kg of bacon and Paul for arranging with a supplier the donation of 180 free range eggs. Thank you also to Parade Bakery who provided discounted rolls and Brumbys for providing some free rolls (both located at West Ryde). A big thank you also to those that helped on the day including: Peter S., Randell M., Paul G., Jason W, John A, Grant S, Denise I, Robyn M, Belinda M, and Kerry J.

The Working Bee on Sunday was also very productive and the weather well suited. Our school grounds are fortunately very large but many jobs cannot be covered by our part-time GA. So many thanks to the mums and dads and students who helped.
Grants - Are there any parents, extended families or friends that could help the school with Grant writing? Increasingly schools are accessing funds through grants and we as a school need to up skill and take advantage of this source of income to meet the growing learning opportunities and needs of our kids. Please contact me as per previous details.

Chris P&C Vice President

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.

Sushi Day
Sushi Day is NEXT Wednesday 28 May. Sushi Vouchers will be sold at the canteen - $2.70 ea. Please PRE-ORDER at the canteen from this week. The Sushi is for lunch orders only. We have chosen the 4 most popular. Once the vouchers have been sold then that means that particular item is sold out. There are Chicken, Chicken & Avo, Salmon & Avo and Tuna - Get your order in quick so you don't miss out!!

Canteen Roster
Wednesday 21/5 Danni, Theresa, Kelly
Thursday 22/5 Shienny, Lisa, Louise (pm)
Friday 23/5 Wendy, Melissa, Teresa
Monday 26/5 Wendy, Eunice
Tuesday 27/5 Kate B, La M
Wednesday 28/5 Beth, Teresa
Thursday 29/5 Colette, Kate E, Anne H (5th week)
Friday 30/5 Wendy, Clarissa (pm) (5th week)
(help needed!)

Kiss and Ride Roster
PLEASE email colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au if you can help on Tuesdays or Fridays.

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• 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

Ermington Class of 1962
Does anyone out there know of pupils from this class? The class teacher speaks fondly of his time with this class. Any help in locating pupils of 4B in 1962 would be really appreciated. Phone Dorothy on 0419 268 002. Please don’t leave a message as phone owner is technologically challenged.

Market Day 2014
SUNDAY 25 MAY 9:30-3:30PM
44 HILLVIEW RD EASTWOOD

FABULOUS FOOD
Pizza - Thai - Lebanese - Souvlaki - Dutch Pancakes
Mexican - Bbq - Schibello Café

STALLS
MAMBO, everything for $10.00, White Elephant, Chocolate Wheel, Vintage Clothing, Books, Cakes, Gift baskets, Craft Stall, Art Stall, Preserves & Fresh Breads, Fresh Flowers & Produce and lots more

FUN ALLEY
Rides, Lolly Stall, Com-on-a-cob, Ice-cream Van, Hot Chips, Tattoos & Coloured Hair, Tombola

SILENT AUCTION
• Framed Wallabies Lions Tour Jersey
• Alvarez Artist Dreadnought Acoustic Guitar
• 4x Internships with Podium Events & the ARU working at the Wallabies v All Blacks & Wallabies v France games
• 2014 Western Sydney Wanderers FC signed ball
Auction opens Saturday May 10, Visit http://www.32auctions.com/MarketDay2014 for more details

Mother’s Day Morning Tea – Sponsor Thank you