Term 2 Week 5

Monday 26 May  | St3 CSIRO Incursion
Wednesday 28 May | Epping Music Festival Rehearsal
Thursday 29 May  | St3 CSIRO Incursion

Term 2 Week 6

Monday 2 June  | Ryde Spectacular Rehearsal
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

Term 2 Week 7

Monday 9 June  | Public Holiday
Tuesday 10 June | St2 Excursion
Wednesday 11 June | St2 Excursion
                    | Kindy Farm Incursion
                    | Maths Olympiad
Sunday 15 June  | State Aerobics Final

Cross Country

Congratulations to our fantastic athletes who attended the zone cross country. I have only heard positive reports. Well done everyone for trying you best.

Aerobics

On Sunday I had the pleasure of watching our four aerobic teams and 5 single routines perform at the Preliminary State Championships. Our students were amazing, not just in their performances, but in the way they supported each other throughout the day. All of the children exceeded expectations with their skills, sportsmanship and showmanship. I know that Mrs MacKenzie and Mrs Stevens were the proudest teachers in the audience! All of the children are moving on to the State Final in three weeks’ time.

Our great results included:
Five Alive - 4th  Jenna - 1st
Groovy Girls - 3rd  Zac - 1st
Bollywood Stars - 5th  Keisha - 3rd
We Mean Business - 3rd  Brooke - 1st

A huge thank you to all families and teachers for your dedication and commitment. You are very much appreciated.

Sewer Works in Marsden Road

SewerFix work in Marsden Road, Ermington. Sydney Water plans to repair a section of a large wastewater pipe. As part of this work repairs will be done on a maintenance hole located in the driveway of the BP service station and McDonald’s site at the corner of Victoria and Marsden Roads. Repairs to be carried out from mid May 2014 and finished by late June 2014. Work hours will be from Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm. To know more, please call Metrocorp Technologies’ Community Relations Officer, Nicola Wallace on 9540 3455 or 0439 961 061 or Bevan Jahnke on 0420 787.

Principal's Message

Walk Safely to School

Thank you to those families who walked safely to school on Friday. This is an important skill to practise and has been in the news a lot over recent weeks with a number of pedestrian accidents involving students. Thank you to the P&C for organising chocolate milk and an apple for the students. It was also great to see some students doing some additional exercises.

Kindergarten 2015

If you, or someone you know, has a child due to start Kindergarten next year please ask them to come to the school office and request an application to enrol form. Please note that each school has a drawing area so it is important that new families ensure they fall within our boundary.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal
Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to another week. This week’s sounds are ‘at’, ‘et’, ‘it’, ‘ot’ and ‘ut’, and the tricky words are ‘friend’, ‘play’, ‘do’ and ‘played’. Please remember that on Wednesday, 11th June the Kindy Mobile Farm will be visiting kindergarten. Payment for this incursion is due this Friday, 30th May. Please ensure that reading folders come to school every day and that the reading log book is completed each night. We will not be able to issue your child a new guided reading book if we do not receive your child’s book from the previous day. Have a lovely week.

Stage 1
Week 5 has arrived! We would like to remind everyone to check for any lost property on the stage. There’s a pair of smaller sized lace up shoes plus many other items who would like to be reunited with their owners. Year 1 parents are reminded that maths groups will be happening on Thursday at 2:30pm, all welcome. We would also like to ask Year 1 students to bring in egg cartons for an art activity and hand them in to their teachers. Year 2 students need to bring in a small umbrella with a handle for a dance. Ms Vallentine would like to remind 2V students and parents that they are to read for 15 minutes, 7 days a week and that they may read other books once they have read their home reader. Thank you Stage 1 Teachers.

Stage 2
Welcome to Week 5! This week all students will present their persuasive speeches. We are all looking forward to hearing them and being convinced that homework is outdated and that dragons are real! Next week, we will be welcoming the CSIRO into the school. All classes will be attending a workshop in the hall. Stage 2 will be learning about “The Human Body”, which is our new science topic.

Stage 2 choir students are reminded to bring along an A4 plastic display folder. A rehearsal will be held on Wednesday at Epping West Public School. Please remember that students will not be able to order their lunch. We would like to remind everyone that homework is due on Fridays. If a student arrives with their homework books on Monday, we do not have sufficient time to mark it before it goes home again.

Students and teachers are very excited about our upcoming excursion to the Dragon 88 Chinese Restaurant. Please return notes and money as soon as possible. We would like to invite parents with Chinese heritage to think of ways that they may be able to share aspects of their culture with their child’s class. It may be coming in to talk about a particular area of China or a particular cultural or religious practice. Please approach your child’s teacher if you are interested.

Stage 3
Please look at the hand from the NRL concerning bullying. The points raised are well worth discussing with your child. The CSIRO incursion will occur this week with Stage 3 and children will be involved in many hands on activities. Children always enjoy their visits so this is a good topic for discussion at the dinner table as you eat your healthy meal and the television is switched off! 5G and 5C really worked hard at their recorder rehearsal last Tuesday and their behaviour was excellent. Today Stage 3 are involved in a video conference debate in the hall. Ethics classes begin this week. Children at this school are so fortunate for all the opportunities afforded to them. It might be nice to discuss this with your child about how fortunate we all are living in this country.

Around the School

School Expectations
This week our focus is SHOW RESPECT.
Respect is being careful and thoughtful with other people. Respect helps everyone feel welcome, comfortable and safe. Here are a few ways that people show respect at school.
- Students, teachers, and other people at school show respect with kind words and actions.
- People keep learning about what respect is as they grow. They learn how respect looks and sounds. They learn how to use respect when working with others.

Zone Cross Country
We had a wonderful time at the Zone Cross Country last week. The weather was perfect and the students did their very best on and off the field. We have four students who will be competing in the Area Cross Country - Lauren S, Charlie S, Michael S, and Elina M. Lucas H is a reserve. A big congratulations to these students! We also had several age groups place on the day. The 8/9 year old boys and 12 year old boys both placed fourth and the 11 year old boys placed first. A job well done!
A big thank you also goes to the parents involved - thanks for transporting and setting up the school tent, washing the singlets and quickly handing in the forms and money. The day would not have been as successful without your help.

Peer Support
This week in the Peer Support session, children will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in their lives. Children will construct a visual representation of this during the session. Encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support to them if the need arises.

ICAS Competitions - Science
On Wednesday, 4th June, students who have entered the ICAS Science Competition are required to arrive at 7.40am SHARP. Listed below are classroom locations: Year 3 and 4 - 3B, Year 5 - 5C and Year 6 - 6J

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

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Library news
Most of the orders for Book Club Issue #3 were filled last Friday, with just a few late books that I am expecting to receive this week. A small number of titles were not able to be supplied as advertised - in these cases a substitute title of similar theme and a credit voucher have been delivered to the student. I have bought quite a few popular titles using our Book Club commission and these will be in our library soon, thanks to your support of the Club.

I will be discussing overdue books with students this week to see if we can identify titles that may be in classrooms before the overdue notices come home. If you could assist by keeping an eye on any library books at home and making sure library bags come to school on the correct day, then the process will be a lot smoother.

I have updated the Library information on the school web page (www.ermington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/library) and also included a 'how-to' video explaining the process of adding books to the Reading Challenge website. This may make it easier for anyone who hasn't yet managed to add a book to make a start. We will revisit the PRC website with our older (Year 2-6) students in the next few weeks to update reading logs. Quite a number of students have informed me that their reading logs are already complete.

Please contact the school office with any library questions and I will be happy to call you back at a convenient time. You are most welcome in the library on Thursday afternoons (non-assembly weeks suit most people better) or for any time you are able to spare on any Friday as a volunteer, particularly to help keep shelves tidy. It is a great help to the school.

Mr Butterfield

3-6 Dance Group
Ryde Schools Spectacular Audition
The 3-6 Dance Group will have their audition for the Ryde Schools Spectacular on Tuesday 24th June at 8:15am. Students will need to be at school earlier that morning for a rehearsal and to get their hair styles organised. A detailed note has gone out about the audition. Thank you for all your support with morning and afternoon rehearsals.

Year 6 Video Conference - Virtual Debate
Today Year 6 students from 6B, 6C and 6J were involved in Ermington Public School's first virtual video debate using the Video Conference facilities with Mortlake Public School. The topic was 'That humans are responsible for global climate change'. Stay tuned for the results and some photos from this exciting event next week!

6J Non Scripture – Thursday, 29th May
6J students have their CSIRO Incursion on Thursday and will not be attending scripture classes this week. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 6 Farewell
A date for your diary! The Year 6 Farewell has been booked for Tuesday 9th December from 6:30pm at the Epping Club.

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

SUSHI DAY this Wednesday 28 May
Sushi Vouchers are sold at the canteen @ $2.70 ea. Please PRE-ORDER your sushi. Sushi is for lunch orders only. There are Chicken, Chicken & Avocado, Salmon & Avocado and Tuna. Get your order in quick so you don't miss out!!

Volunteering helps keeps school lunch prices low.

Volunteering in the Canteen
To help keep your canteen open 5 days a week we desperately need more volunteers.

It’s only 1 day per month, please consider helping! 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.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 28/5 Beth, Rachel, Teresa (help needed!)
Thursday 29/5 Colette, Kate E, Anne H (5th week)
Friday 30/5 Wendy, Clarissa (pm) (5th week)

MONDAY
Monday 2/6 Wendy, Donna
Tuesday 3/6 Grace, Rosemary, Lillian
Wednesday 4/6 Elaine, Kate B
Thursday 5/6 Wendy, Sonja
Friday 6/6 Robyn, Kylie, Patricia

CANTEEN NEWS

Mr Butterfield
P&C Association

It’s been a busy month of May with Mothers’ Day to the Working Bee and last Friday’s Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day was a big hit with most of Ermington’s 470 students either walking to school or participating in exercise classes when they arrived. To encourage exercise and promote healthy eating habits, the P&C had a professional trainer/parent (Michael W) instructing students and helpers rewarding students with a free delicious warm chocolate drink and a crisp scrumptious apple. What are great way to start the day! Teachers and helpers also enjoyed the spoils with some left over stock. A big thank you goes to Apple Shack Orchards (1hr south near Helensburgh) who donated and delivered 500 apples! They grow a large range of fruits and are sometimes open to the public to pick your own. Will keep you posted to arrange a possible Ermington weekend picking event. Perhaps we could learn to grow a few apple trees ourselves in the former Granny Smith territory? Thank you also to Ermington Woolworths who kindly donating 80L of milk and NewsXpress Newsagency for donating the fluorescent poster paper. Most importantly thank you to volunteers, Robyn M & son Alex who made the warm chocolate drinks, Julie M, my mum and son Max, and even Ben O who helped distribute apples. Chris Mueller P&C Vice President

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

Ryde City Council

July School Holiday Program: Out of this World

Ryde Council are holding in the July school holidays activities for school age students. For more information please look on the council website www.ryde.nsw.gov.au Look under What’s On to access all the different types of programs they will be hosting.

RIVERSIDE GHS GIFTED & TALENTED CLASS

You are cordially invited to attend an information evening at Riverside GHS on June 4th to talk about the Year 7 G&T class for 2015—application & selection

Time: 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. June 4.

Venue: Dependent on numbers—to be advised

Booking required: RSVP 9816 4264 by June 3rd.
'Stepping STONES'
Making Successful Transitions to High School
Parent FORUM
Parents of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students are invited to attend a unique forum hosted by
Hunters Hill High School
and sponsored by our partner schools
Lane Cove West Public School
and
Gladesville Public School

Keynote speaker Angie Wilcock (author of 'The Transition Tightrope') will respond to identified parent concerns regarding the transition of their children from primary school to high school. The forum will also feature presentations by experts in the field of Public Education including: Principals, Year Advisers, School Counsellors, teachers and parents. This forum will share their knowledge about existing strategies offered within Public Education to parents and students transitioning to high school.

We welcome all parents to join us for light refreshments followed by presentations and a Q & A session.

Date:
Thursday 12th June 2014

Time:
6pm: light refreshments will be provided
6:30pm: the forum will commence

Venue:
The Phil Daniels Pavilion,
Hunters Hill High School,
Reiby Road,
Hunters Hill, 2110

RSVP:
huntershda.h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

By:
Thursday 5th June 2014