Term 2 Week 6

Wednesday 4 June  
ICAS Science Competition  
St2 CSIRO Incursion  
Uniform Shop Open (5.30pm)  
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 (4CM, 4R, 3/4B)  
Wednesday 11 June  St2 Excursion (3B, 3L)  
Kindy Farm Incursion  
Maths Olympiad  
Sunday 15 June  State Aerobics Final

Term 2 Week 8

Monday, 16 June  Silver Morning Tea  
Tuesday, 17 June  ICAS Writing Assessment  
Ryde Spectacular Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 18 June  K-2 Athletics Carnival  
Thursday, 19 June  SRC Red Nose Day  
K-6 Assembly (2.05pm)

Principal's Message

Before and After School Supervision

Please be aware that teachers do not commence supervision of students in the playground until 8.35am. Unless your child is attending a pre-arranged school activity, they should not be arriving prior to 8.30am – at this time the students are requested to sit under the COLA and wait for the teacher to come out on duty. On occasions there are children attending as early as 7.45am. If you need to drop your child this early at school, please make arrangements with OOSH or a neighbour to ensure that your child is safe. The same applies to leaving the school in the afternoon. There are some students who have to wait for a bus but all others should promptly leave the school grounds. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Semester 1 Reports

The teaching staff are currently writing the Semester 1 reports for each student. These will be sent home in Week 8. Although we do not conduct formal interviews at this time, you are more than welcome to arrange a time with the class teacher to discuss the report.

P&C Meeting

Just a quick reminder that our P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday. It starts at 7.30pm and will be held in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

ICAS Competitions

Earlier in the year, students in Years 3-6 had the opportunity to nominate to sit the ICAS assessments. At Ermington we hold these prior to the school day. If your child has nominated to participate, please ensure they arrive at school by the stated time for that assessment.

Mark Hoppitt  
Principal

Stage News

Kindy

Wow, Week 6 already. Term 2 is flying by! This week’s sounds are ‘ag’, ‘eg’, ‘og’, ‘ig’ and ‘ug’, and our sight words are ‘all’, ‘park’, ‘saw’ and ‘there’. Please ensure that home readers are read over the weekend as children who read often and widely get better at it. Next week is the Kindy Mobile Farm incursion, Kindergarten are very excited to extend their learning about life on the farm. The K-2 assembly will be held in the hall, this Thursday from 12:30pm. We hope to see you there. Enjoy your long weekend!

Stage 1

What a great first half of the term we have had! This week we have a K-2 Assembly. 1HD are running the assembly for us and 2C will have an exciting item. The assembly starts at 12.30pm, everybody is welcome. Just another reminder for Year 1 parents that maths groups will be on this Thursday at 2.30pm. We hope to see you there.
Stage 2
Welcome to Week 6. This week all Stage 2 classes will attend an hour and a half long session with the CSIRO in the hall. 4CM and 4R will attend on Tuesday, 3B and 3/4B will attend on Wednesday and 3L will attend both days, with their lesson broken into two sessions.

Next week, we will be travelling to have lunch at Dragon 88 restaurant at Brush Farm Bowling Club. 4CM, 4R and 3/4B will attend on Tuesday and 3B and 3L will attend on Wednesday. Please remember not to pack or order lunch on these days. Please return notes with payment as soon as possible.

A reminder that students need to have their own labelled equipment for class, especially lead pencils and glue sticks. Please check with your child and, if necessary, replenish their supplies.

A final reminder for students completing the ICAS science competition this Wednesday. Please meet Mrs Bales at 4CM at 7:50am.

Stage 3
Stage 3 really were enthusiastic when taking part in the CSIRO incursion concerning natural disasters. It was a worthwhile hands-on experience for all classes. Dancers are very excited and practising hard concerning their upcoming Ryde Schools Spectacular audition. This will occur the same day as the recorder ensemble and will be performing at the Opera House. Those dancers could please discuss their travel arrangements with their teacher. Stage 3 are learning about government in their HSIE unit and it would be very useful if they could watch the news and discuss events concerning the budget and government policies which are frequently on television lately.

Could parents please ensure lunch boxes and drink bottles are clearly named as there are many that are left lying around the school and are consequently thrown out. This is just adding to our huge piles of waste each year as well as adding unnecessary expenses for you.

K-2 Dance Group
As you know the K-2 Dance Group has been running on a Friday at lunchtime. Due to the overwhelming numbers that have been attending, Mrs Lade and myself would like to run a K-2 Dance Group till the end of term so all students are given the opportunity to participate in dancing. Throughout these sessions we are looking for students who are highly committed and enthusiastic. Please look out for more information at the beginning of next term when we will select the final group.

Peer Support
During Peer Support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game. This week help your child practise these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family or friends.

SRC
The SRC are holding their very own Red Nose Day on Thursday 19th June. On this day students are able to come dressed in red. In the week starting on Monday 9th June we will begin to sell our merchandise. We have $6.00 plush toys and $3.00 red noses. Thank you in advance for your support.

ICAS Science Competition
On Wednesday, 4th June, the ICAS Science Competition will run in the following classrooms from **7.50am**. Students are asked to arrive at **7.40am** to ensure that we start on time. Year 6 in 6J, Year 5 in 5S, Years 3 and 4 in 4CM. **Ms Larkin** - Coordinator

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be open this Wednesday evening, 4th June from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

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

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PSSA
Netball and soccer play at Meadowbank Park. Tiger Tag is at Morrison Bay and AFL at ELS Hall (Kent Road).
3-6 Athletics Carnival
The 3-6 Athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday, 22nd July 2014 at Dunbar Park, Marsfield. In preparation for this day, classes will be involved in qualifying rounds for Shot Put, Discus and Long Jump over the next couple of weeks. Finals for these events will occur at the Athletics Carnival. Children may wish to pack their sneakers in their bag to compete in these activities. High Jump events will be conducted at lunchtime on the following dates.

Week 7 – Wednesday, 11th June. Senior & 11 years Boys
Week 8 – Monday, 16th June. Junior Boys
Week 9 – Monday, 16th June. Junior Girls
Week 9 – Wednesday, 25th June. Senior & 11 years Girls

Appropriate clothing and footwear will need to be worn for this event.

Live Life Well @ School
This is a Joint initiative of the Education Department and Department of Health.
AIM: Improve health and well-being of K-6 children in order to maximise learning outcomes, Reduce childhood obesity. Equip teachers with practical ideas and strategies to implement activities.
• Healthy children learn better
• Grants - $2,000 and $2,400.
• Equipment - class and school
• Crunch ‘n Sip - vegetable platters
• Garden - class plots, seedlings, fertilisers
• Fruit Fun Fitness activity morning (peer support)
• Live outside the Box (peer support 2014)
• Canteen - Liaise
• Newsletter - healthy hints
• Fitness breaks - break up morning session
• Turn off the TV or computer and get active
• Set a limit on the amount of time children watch television or spend on the computer. Two hours a day is the maximum. Too much screen time limits physical activity.
• On the weekend, live life instead of watching it on TV. Find a new place to hike, bike or run. When you hear “I’m bored” – think of something active to do.
• During the winter months, avoid allowing children to watch too much TV or play video games. Encourage active play, which builds social, mental and physical motor skills.

Ethics Classes Begin
Ethics classes commence for Stage 3 on Thursday 5th June and for Stages 1 and 2 on June 12th. All children will be given a Parent Registration Form and a Behaviour Management letter during their first class. If your child is enrolled in ethics but you do not receive these letters please contact Kate Bowman at kate.ethics@gmail.com or on 0404217414 for a replacement copy.

Calling all String players
Our Stage 2 school choir is participating in the Epping District Music Festival this year at in the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday 29th October at 7pm. There is an opportunity for your child to participate in the concert by joining a combined schools string ensemble and accompanying one of the songs that the massed choir will be singing. If you are in Years 3-6, play violin, viola or cello at or above 2nd grade level you will be eligible. If you are interested in your child participating in this exciting opportunity please contact Ms Vallentine and you will be provided with a copy of the music for the song. The song is called “Candle on the Water” and it begins in C major and modulates to D major. Combined weekly/fortnightly practices will be arranged at a central school so that we can learn and practice the song together, as well as your child learning the song at home or with their string group/tutor. Your child will be required to attend the combined practice at Epping West Public School on Wednesday, 10th September and the dress rehearsal at the Sydney Town Hall during the day on Wednesday, 29th October as well as the evening performance which will run from 7:00pm - 8.30pm. Tickets for this concert will be made available at the school office next term. You will be notified about the first joint rehearsal in a few weeks. What an exciting opportunity for your child to be involved in an amazing concert at one of Sydney's premiere performance venues. Ms Vallentine

Entertainment Book
Last year’s Entertainment Book has now expired. GOOD NEWS! I have plenty of the new 2014/2015 Entertainment Books in stock! Save 5% off your grocery shopping and fuel at Woolworths or your shopping at Big W (works out at $25 off every $500 spend). Save 25% off your entry at Taronga Zoo, 25% off your bill at Hurricanes Top Ryde and pay only $12 for a movie ticket at Event Cinemas! The savings quickly add up.

Special 20th anniversary edition this year – Sydney and Sydney North books are combined - $70 – it’s a massive book! 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 (we get 20% from every book sold). Please contact Belinda Barnes either on M: 0410-210-702 or E: belinda5di@optusnet.com.au Alternatively, you can order your book online by following this link https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/217e692.
Please enquire at office or canteen if you can help 😊

Chicken Popcorn no longer available – we have plain popcorn available instead @ $1 pkt.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 4/6 Elaine, Kate B
Thursday 5/6 Wendy, Sonja
Friday 6/6 Robyn M, Patricia, (need help)
Monday 9/6 (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 10/6 Donna, Robyn B
Wednesday 11/6 Nichole, La
Thursday 12/6 Colette, Kate E, Anne H (pm)
Friday 13/6 Wendy, Melissa, Teresa

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.

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