**A Busy Few Weeks**

Please make sure that you check your child’s “itinerary” for the next couple of weeks as there are plenty of activities going on at school. Years 3 and 4 are off to have a special lunch, the farm is visiting Kindergarten, there are cake days and Red Nose Day, performances, pre-athletics carnival selections (high jump, etc) and the list goes on.

**Aerobics State Final**

Our aerobics teams and individual performers will be attending the State Aerobics Final this weekend. We know the students have been spending hours preparing for this event so we trust they will perform to the best of their ability.

**PSSA Sport**

Last Friday a number of parents phoned to check to see whether PSSA would still be on. Although we are happy to accept your calls, please note you may find it more convenient to go to the Ryde PSSA website (http://www.pssa.net.au/Ryde/) as this will inform you if PSSA has been called off. If you have registered via School Enews, you will also receive a message if PSSA is called off.

Mark Hoppitt  
Principal

**Stage News**

**Kindy**

Welcome to Week 7. We hope you had a nice and relaxing long weekend. This week’s sounds are ‘an’, ‘en’, ‘in’, ‘on’, and ‘un’, and the tricky words are ‘of’, ‘look’, ‘beach’ and ‘some’. We are so excited that the Kindy Mobile Farm will be visiting the school tomorrow. This is a part of our HSIE unit ‘On the Farm’. Students will have the opportunity to feed animals, witness the shearing of a sheep, a whip demonstration and hold and bottle feed baby farm animals. We can’t wait! If you have any ice cream containers or meat trays at home can you please send them to Mrs Stevens. Have a great week.

**Principal’s Message**

**Stage 1**

Welcome to Week 7! This week we would like to remind everyone to look for any library books or guided readers that were sent home. If you come across any books please give them to your child’s classroom teacher. We would also like to remind everyone to check to see if they have 10 Caught You Being Good cards or 3 Bronze Awards to be brought into school so they can progress to the next level of achievement. Year 1 Maths Groups will be at 2:30pm on Thursday all parents are welcome to come and help. We hope you all have an enjoyable week!
Stage 2
It's hard to believe that it is Week 7 already! What a busy term we have had.

At the time of printing, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Culnane and Miss Lambert were crossing their fingers, hoping the rain eases, so that they can attend their excursion to the Dragon 88 Chinese Restaurant. Contingency plans are in place in case of rain, with food to be delivered to the school.

This Thursday afternoon, all Stage 2 classes will be completing field event trials for our upcoming Athletics Carnival. Students are welcome to bring sneakers to change into if they wish. High jump will be completed before the end of term. Stage 2 teachers would like to congratulate all students on the high quality of their persuasive speeches. Most students were very well prepared and had engaging presentations.

Mrs. Vallentine and Mrs. Barton would like to congratulate the junior choir on their exemplary behaviour at the recent rehearsal at Epping West Public School. We would like to remind students to keep practising.

We would appreciate if parents could send in an extra box of tissues. With the onset of winter sniffles, classroom supplies are running out.

Stage 3
We are very busy running field events for the upcoming athletics carnival in Week 2 next term, so children will need to have their sports shoes in their bag. Could parents please check their children's school bags as some children's bags feel as though they contain house bricks! They are much too heavy and I am sure there is much unnecessary material contained within. As part of our government HSIE unit, Stage 3 will be taking part in a talk and question time with our local member for Bennelong, John Alexander. He will be visiting our school this Thursday afternoon at 2pm. Also children will be required to give a 2 minute talk on a past Prime Minister to their class as part of this unit and to increase their ability and confidence in oral expression. As part of the Live, Life, Well program to encourage healthier eating habits, try and limit manufactured food such as packaged biscuits, cheezels or chips being given for recess. These foods are okay for treats but should not be a regular item for recess. Far better to provide food that is fresh, such as homemade items that do not contain all those additives and copious amounts of sugar and salt.

Around the School
School Expectations
This week our expectation focus is \textit{SHOW REPECT}. We can display this in many ways including:
- Listening actively and attentively
- Using lovely polite manners at the canteen
- Encourage others on your team watching them play
- Taking care of our own property and respecting others.

Peer Support
In this week's Peer Support session the children will be exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and inviting others to join them. Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don’t lose friends.

Aerobics Cake Day
On Friday, the Ermington School Aerobics Team will be selling cakes and jellies at recess under the cola for 50 cents. Please support our athletes in their dream of reaching the National Competition later on in the year. We thank you for your support.

Aerobics/Fitness Club
Children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to attend aerobic fitness sessions on a Wednesday afternoon in the school hall from 3:10pm until 4:10pm. It is open to any boys or girls who are interested in getting fit, having fun or interested in learning the skills needed for competition aerobics. The sessions will run for 8 weeks commencing Week 1 of Term 3. The cost is $60 for the 8 sessions. Full payment is to be returned by Friday, 20th June. Notes were given out last Thursday. Any queries please see Mrs Stevens.

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

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SRC
This week the SRC will begin to sell their Red Nose Day merchandise. We will be selling these in the mornings before school at the front of the stage. We have $6.00 plush toys and $3.00 red noses. If your child purchases one of these items they will not have to bring in a gold coin donation for the SRC Mufti Day on Thursday, 19th June. Students are encouraged to come dressed all in red for this mufti day.
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. Appropriate clothing and footwear will need to be worn for this event.

Week 7 – Wednesday, 11th June. Senior & 11 years Boys
Week 8 – Monday, 16th June. Junior Boys
Week 9 – Monday, 23rd June. Junior Girls
Week 9 – Wednesday, 25th June. Senior & 11 years Girls

Band Fundraising
The School Band will be selling cakes/jellies at recess time on Monday, 23rd June to raise money towards school band resources. These will be on sale outside the school hall for 50 cents. Parent helpers will be greatly appreciated to help set up in the morning and also to serve at recess.

ICAS Writing Competition
The ICAS Writing Competition will be held on Monday, 16th June. Please ensure that your child arrives at school by 7.50am for an 8.00am start. Year 6 in 6J, Year 5 in 5S and Years 3 and 4 in 3/4B.

ICAS Spelling Competition
The ICAS Spelling Competition will be held on Tuesday, 17th June. Please ensure that your child arrives at school by 7.50am for an 8.00am start to ensure they do not miss the dictation component of the test. Year 6 in 6J, Year 5 in 5S and Years 3 and 4 in 3/4B.

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 Ermiting Public School P&C (we get 20% from every book sold). Please contact Belinda Barnes either on M: 0410-210-702 or E: belinda5d@optusnet.com.au Alternatively, you can order your book online by following this link https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/217e692.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

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 11/6 Nichole, La
Thursday 12/6 Colette, Kate E, Anne H (pm)
Friday 13/6 Wendy, Melissa, Teresa
Monday 16/6 Wendy, Sue
Tuesday 17/6 Fiona, Shayne, Ros
Wednesday 18/6 Danni, Teresa, Kelly
Thursday 19/6 James, Meena
Friday 20/6 Wendy, Terri, Clarissa (10-2.15)
Coffee and Prayer
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 18th June at 7:45pm. We will be meeting at Oliver Brown, Shop 3000 Ground Floor, Top Ryde City Shopping Centre, 109-129 Blaxland Road, Top Ryde. All are welcome to come along to enjoy a good coffee and chocolate experience! Please RSVP to Claire: 0400-376-008

Thank you
Well done Ermington! Thank you for your kind donations of shoes. We delivered 74 pairs of sandshoes to Shoes for Planet Earth. They said: “Thank you Ermington Public School for your fantastic collection and delivery of shoes to us - about 70 pairs all good to go! Lots of very happy feet 😊”

Newsletter Deadline
Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon Monday. These should be sent to: erminton-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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