### Term 3 Week 1

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### Term 3 Week 2

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### Term 3 Week 3

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### Principal's Message

**Reflecting on Semester 1**

At the end of last term, I remarked to someone about the wonderful opportunities provided at Ermington Public School so I decided to list what the school has offered since the beginning of the school year:

- School, Zone & Regional Swimming Carnival
- School Captains performing their roles
- Sport House Captains performing their roles
- SRC members making decisions
- K-6, K-2 and Years 3-6 Assemblies (including awards and class items)
- PSSA cricket
- PSSA T-ball
- PSSA softball
- Band training and performances
- Antarctica Incursion
- Field of Mars excursions
- P&C Movie Night
- Young Leaders’ Day
- Aussie Bush Camp
- SRC Mufti Days
- PSSA Tiger Tag
- PSSA AFL
- PSSA netball
- PSSA soccer
- P&C Movie Night

This list does not include the great teaching occurring in classrooms on a daily basis.

**Semester 2 Calendar**

The calendar for Terms 3 and 4 has been attached. You will notice that Education Week commences on Monday, 28th July with our Book Fair, our Open Day and World Cup-Athon are on Thursday, 31st July and our extra-curricular photos have been scheduled for Tuesday, 5th August.

**Athletics Carnival**

Our Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held next Tuesday, 22nd July. All students who turn 8 this year and older are expected to participate during the day. The carnival is held at Dunbar Park due to the fantastic facilities provided by Little Athletics.

Our K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 23rd July on the school grounds.
Raising Kids that Cope
As a joint initiative between Ermington, West Ryde, Meadowbank and Melrose Park Public Schools, I would like to invite you to attend a FREE parent seminar on building resilience and optimism in children. We hope this will be one of many parent seminars that we are able to provide to our parent communities. This first seminar is being held at West Ryde Public school so please RSVP directly to them (westryde-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) stating that you are an Ermington parent. It will be great to see some of our parents attending as the subject matter is very relevant to raising children today.

Stage 1
Welcome to Term 3! We hope you all had a safe and happy break. We are looking forward to another exciting term. This term in PDHPE Stage 1 will be focusing on Child Protection. Each week we will publish the focus topic in the newsletter. Next Wednesday is the K-2 Athletics Carnival at school. Students are to come dressed in their sports uniform or they can wear their house colour t-shirt. 2V will be presenting an item for us at the K-2 Assembly on Thursday of Week 2 at 12:30pm. We hope to see you all there.

Stage 2
Welcome back to school for Term 3. We hope that everyone had a relaxing break and enjoyed the extra family time during the school holidays. We have an exciting term ahead. This week teachers will be sending home a summary of topics that will be covered this term, along with details of class timetables.

This term all students in Stage 2 will begin an exciting new program at Ermington Public School, the Times Table Challenge. They will participate in daily activities in class and a weekly test on Fridays. As part of this program, all students will receive coloured wrist bands to assist them learn their tables. All students will work at their own pace and will receive a new band each time they pass a weekly test. If they are unsuccessful, they will continue to focus on the same table and will repeat the test on the following Friday. We would like to remind students to be responsible for their own bands, as unfortunately lost bands can not be replaced.

We would like to remind students and parents that home reading is a very important part of homework. While many students are capable and enjoy reading independently at this age, it is beneficial for them to also read aloud to a family member. Most students enjoy being read to. Listening to an adult read assists students develop a greater understanding of pace, fluency and expression. Please encourage students to fill in their homework reading logs and have a parent sign it each night. If you have any questions regarding home reading, please see your child’s teacher.

A reminder to parents when a student is absent, a note is required by law explaining the absence. Students are also required to be at school on time and, if late, must be accompanied to the office by an adult. Teachers are required to send home notes requesting an explanation for both full and partial absences if they have not already been provided. All classes will soon begin to prepare for our end of year concert. Some fantastic items have been selected by Stage 2 teachers, details of which will be provided soon.
Stage 3
We trust you had a relaxing winter break and are ready for a fun filled term of learning on Stage 3. The Year 6 students are looking forward to their camp to Canberra in Week 6. Please ensure all permission notes, money and medical forms are returned to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Final booking numbers need to be confirmed next week. The students in Stage 3 will be learning about an Asian country/culture for HSIE this term. Across the school, the children will be engaging in Road Safety lessons for our personal development focus. We encourage you to have conversations with your children about the importance of safety on our roads and how they can make sensible and positive decisions when walking to school. Have a fabulous week.

Around the School

School Expectations
This week our focus is STAY SAFE. We can demonstrate this in many ways including:
• Sitting correctly on the bus when travelling on excursions or to PSSA
• Playing in an inbounds area
• Walking with my class sensibly in 2 lines
• Walking on the concrete and around wet areas with care.

Aerobics Club
Aerobics club starts tomorrow afternoon in the hall at 3:10 pm. All children need to wear appropriate clothing, joggers, bring a water bottle and get ready to have an afternoon of fun and fitness. We are looking forward to a great eight weeks of aerobics.

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

SRC
This week each class will be electing new SRC Members for the semester. Mrs Lade and Miss Day look forward to meeting the newly elected SRC members for our training day which will occur early this term and working with them over the next two terms.

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

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World Cup-athon
The World Cup-athon at Ermitong Public School is fast approaching. Hopefully you remembered to get sponsors or donations during the holidays. If you have not started there is still time, but remember to not ask strangers for money. Students will be wearing mufti but it needs to be appropriate for sporting activities.

CANTEEN NEWS

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN DESPERATE FOR VOLUNTEERS – WE MAY NEED TO CLOSE 1 WEDNESDAY, 1 THURSDAY AND 1 FRIDAY PER MONTH!
Please call or email Wendy - wlarocca@optusnet.com.au 0412154004 if you can help out.

SUSHI DAY
We are having another Sushi Day next week - Wednesday 23 July. Sushi vouchers will be sold at the canteen @ $2.70 each. Sushi is for lunch orders only. There are Chicken, Chicken & Avocado, Salmon & Avocado and Tuna. PLEASE HELP BY PRE-ORDERING YOUR SUSHI!

HASH BROWNS will be sold at RECESS ONLY (as they are not a healthy choice item and we should only offer them once per day).

ICAS English Competition
The ICAS English Competition will be held on Tuesday, 29 July. Please ensure that your child arrives at school by 7.50am. Year 6 in 6B, Year 5 OC in 5S, Year 5 - non OC - 6J, Years 3 and 4 in 4C.

Science
Welcome back to Term 3. Mr Amat’s team won a Bronze medal at the World Hockey Championships. We had a wonderful time away and I am looking forward to Science & Technology lessons this term.
School Swimming Scheme
Arrangements have been made to once again include a Learn to Swim Program in our school curriculum for Year 2 and Year 3 students. The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The program is conducted over 10 days with each daily lesson running for 45 minutes. This year it will run from the Monday 8th September to the 19th September and cost approximately $90.00. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Notes and additional information about the program will be sent out shortly. If you have a child in Years 4-6 who you feel may benefit from participation in the program please see Mrs Cheng. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Mrs Cheng.

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
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• 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

Sacrament of Confirmation
Enrolments for the sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St Michael’s Church Meadowbank on the weekends of 19th/20th and 26th/27th July. Mass times are 6.00pm Saturdays and 8.00am and 10.00am on Sundays. Bishop Peter Comensoli will also be visiting Ermington Public School on Thursday 31st July at 6.30pm to meet all candidates. Confirmation dates are 5th and 12th September and the cost of the program is $30.00. Should you have any queries regarding the sacramental program please contact Marisa Squadrito on Ph: 9874 5792.