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### Principal’s Message

**MAPLES**

This Wednesday (20th August) Marsden High School is holding MAPLES (Marsden and Primary Links Entertainment Extravaganza). It sounds like a great event and we have 3 groups performing – our Year 2 Choir will be singing, 3B will be dancing and the Groovy Girls Aerobics team will be performing. The night starts at 6.30pm and will conclude by 8.00pm. The cost of entry is a gold coin donation (Children’s Hospital Research). We had advertised that a sausage sizzle would be available but this is NO LONGER the case.

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**Year 6 Camp**

Yesterday our Year 6 students arrived at school at 6.30am to make the trek to Canberra. So far they have visited Parliament House, Mount Ainslie Lookout and the Institute of Sport. Today they were enjoying the snow. Their coaches are due back at school at 6pm on Wednesday.

**PSSA Winter Finals**

Congratulations to our two teams who reached the PSSA Finals – Junior B Netball and Junior A Soccer. Both teams played exceptionally well with both teams being awarded Joint Premiers in their respective sports. The soccer had a nil-all draw and the netball had a 12-all draw (after staging a great come back after being down at half time). Thank you to the teachers and parents who have supported these teams.

**Book Week Celebrations**

This week (on Friday) the students will have an incursion by an author looking at Ghost Boy for our primary students and Gran’s Bag for our K-2 students. Next week (on Wednesday) we will be holding our Book Week Parade – this is an opportunity for the students to dress as a character from one of their favourite books. This will start at 10am and parents are more than welcome to come along and watch the parade. The P&C will be hosting a morning tea for adults (and toddlers) after the parade.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

**Stage News**

**Kindy**

Welcome to Week 6. This week’s sound is ‘oo’ and the tricky words are ‘eat’, ‘from’, ‘their’ and ‘there’. Please ensure that sounds and tricky words are revised and guided readers are read each night. It is also important that you document your child’s learning in their yellow reading log books. We had a fantastic time at our zoo excursion last week. A big thank you to all the parent helpers who attended on the day. If it was not for your time and help we would not have had such a successful day. For news this week, students are to draw their favourite animal from the zoo excursion, tell the class why the animal was their favourite and explain four interesting facts about the animal. To celebrate Book Week, we will have a special performance ‘Gran’s Bag’ by Chrissie Shaw this Friday and next Wednesday is the
book parade. Students are to come dressed as their favourite book character and will have the opportunity to parade around the COLA. This Thursday is our K-2 Assembly from 12:30pm in the hall. KS will be presenting the assembly and KS will be performing. We hope to see you there. Due to the wet weather, our NRL program has been postponed and will begin next Monday. We are still in need of some more glue sticks and any remaining blue portfolios. Have a lovely week.

Stage 1
Wow, we are half way through Term 3! Year 2 students are reminded to bring in their notes for the Marsden High MAPLES Performances on Wednesday night. Year 2 students are also reminded to bring in their Swim School money as soon as possible, or see Mrs Cheng, if you would like a place this year. It is an excellent and very worthwhile program! This week on Thursday we have a K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm please feel free to join us. Also on Thursday Year 1 have Maths Groups from 2:30-3pm we look forward to seeing you there. On Friday we have our Book Week Performance with the Book Week Parade on Wednesday, 27th August. So don’t forget to start getting your costumes organised for the parade. This week’s topic for Child Protection is Rights and Responsibilities.

Stage 2
Week 6, past half way and classrooms are a busy place to be. Last week the rain held off so 3L and 3B could enjoy their excursion to Hyde Park Barracks. Thank you to the parents who accompanied them on the day. All students should be well underway with their home project as these are due next week. We look forward to seeing the students work. As it is Week 6, we have students on a variety of times tables and the individualised nature of this program assists students to achieve at their own pace. Students are encouraged to practise their times table at home through games, songs and drill activities. To check which times table your child is on look at the band they are currently wearing. Just a reminder that a note explaining any absences should be sent in with your child on the day they return to school.

Stage 3
Congratulations to all our sporting teams who played so well in the finals. Tiger Tag came 3rd. Junior soccer were joint premiers and Junior B Netball staged an incredible fight back to become joint premiers also. Could soccer and AFL teams please return their jerseys to their coach. The bands are playing well and preparing for the Granny Smith Festival. Year 6 left for Canberra on Monday and hopefully there will not be too much rain. Mrs Sparrow left early on Monday with groups of boys to take part in a Mind Marathon. On Thursday, at the Years 3-6 assembly, Rotary will be visiting to present 30 microscopes to the school. Mrs Amat is overjoyed. What a wonderful effort of Mrs Sparrow and SS to raise all that money from the World cup-Athon - over $8,000!!! With all this rain and being Book Week what a wonderful opportunity to read a good book with your child. Even those in Year 6 would enjoy you reading with them and discussing characters and storyline in the novel. If you need some help in choosing a novel please see our librarian, Mr Butterworth or Mrs Clarke. They would be only too happy to recommend a good book.

Around the school
School Expectations
This week our focus is Be Responsible. We can demonstrate this by:
- Looking after our belongings
- Hand in any lost property or money found in the playground
- Take pride in yourself and your school
- Clean up any rubbish left behind in the playground.

School Swimming Scheme
A reminder to students in Year 2 and Year 3 that notes and money are due in for our Learn to Swim Program. This is a valuable program that is for both non-swimmers and students who wish to develop their swimming skills. Places are limited and are allocated on a first come first serve basis. If you would like your child to attend please send in your note and money to secure your spot in this valuable program. 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 me. Mrs Cheng

Library News
Book Week has arrived at last and Ermington Public School will celebrate this exciting time with a visiting author and performance this Friday. Our visiting author is Felicity Pulman, a celebrated Australian author who has written a number of recognised titles for children and young adults. Her historical narrative, Ghost Boy, which moves between the present day and 1880’s Sydney in the time of the smallpox epidemic, will be the focus of the sessions for our Years 3-6 learners. K-2 children will enjoy the colourful and surprising production of Gran's Bag, full of stories, singing and puppets.

As our Year Six students are away on camp, we will hold our annual Book Parade next Wednesday, 27th August, from 10am in the COLA. All students are encouraged to come dressed as a book character of their choice ready to parade. Costumes do not have to be expensive or elaborate, with the aim of the parade to focus on the enjoyment of reading and to celebrate the place of literature in both learning and leisure.

Late last week the orders from our Book Fair arrived, with most of these now distributed to children. If you have not received books as expected please contact me via the school office, as I have copies of all the orders placed during the fair.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is in its final days. All K-2 students who have been with us since Term One are having reading records updated with books read in class and library lessons, and additional time is being given to Years 3-6 classes where possible to allow the highest possible number of students to complete the challenge.

There are quite a few children needing only a few more titles added to their records to complete the challenge and it would be excellent to see these children achieve. Thank you for your continued support of library learning. Mr Butterfield
Science & Technology
This week is ‘National Science Week’ but of course every week is Science week at Ermington Public School. For instance in Science lessons this week, Kindergarten students are investigating how seeds grow. Stage 1 students are observing how rubbish changes, Stage 2 students are designing and constructing simple machines from Lego and Stage 3 students are performing their own experiments!! There’s never a dull moment in the Science classroom.
Mrs Amat

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

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Kiss and Ride – Wet Weather
Even in wet weather all rules do apply for dropping off students at Kiss and Ride. Please don’t park near or on the crossing to let your children out as it is dangerous and illegal to do so.

Australian Girls Choir
The Australian Girls Choir has commenced preparing for their 2015 classes and will be conducting assessment workshops at Ermington Public School Friday, 29th August. The AGC has developed a reputation as one of the country’s leading performing arts organisations, offering training in singing, dancing and performing for girls aged 5 to 18. This year the choir celebrates its 30th Anniversary with over 4,700 girls participating in classes across Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. The rehearsal venues in New South Wales are located at Beechcroft, Dee Why, Mosman, North Parramatta, North Ryde, St Ives and Strathfield. The AGC has been conducting assessments in schools for many years and has developed a system which they have found to be the most effective way causing minimum disruption to your daughter's school lessons. Auditions are open to all girls in Years 1 to 6. If you are interested in your daughter(s) auditioning for the Australian Girls Choir, please ask them to give their name to Ms Vallentine. She will then give you a note with a permission slip. Parents are asked to return the permission slip to Ms Vallentine if they are interested in having their daughter(s) participate. On the day of the audition the AGC will run a short workshop with the girls. They will also be individually assessed by an AGC tutor. Parents will receive a personalised assessment report following on from the workshop.

Band Chamber Music Evening Concert
All parents, family and friends of Ermington Public School are invited to an evening of music on Monday, 1st September at 6:30pm in the school hall. Members of the school band will be delighting the audience with their musical talent. Entry is free. Come along to enjoy a wonderful night of entertainment.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday morning Weeks 2, 3 and 4 each month from 8.30am – 9.15am. The Uniform Shop is also open on Wednesday evening preceding the P&C meeting from 5.30am–6.30pm.

Please also note that there is a variety of ways in which items can be purchased and paid for.
1. Orders – Fill in an order form and enclose correct cash or cheque. This can be left at the front office if there is no one attending the uniform shop.
2. In person – Come to the shop and pay by cash, cheque or credit card. From 1st August the credit card facility may not be available at the shop – we will let everyone know when this is clarified.
3. School24 – Order online and pay by Paypal or direct deposit to the Uniform Shop bank account. Go to www.school24.com.au to sign up – our school registration ID number is 25130963

We are still looking for a few more volunteers so if the Uniform Shop seems like your thing please contact Sara on 0408 209 332.

CANTEEN NEWS

DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS WE ARE CLOSING ON 1 WEDNESDAY, 1 THURSDAY AND 1 FRIDAY PER MONTH! ON THESE DATES -
Wednesday 27 August (Sushi Day) - CANTEEN CLOSED
Thursday 4th September - CANTEEN CLOSED
Friday 19 September - CANTEEN CLOSED

Please contact Wendy on 0412154004 if you can help the canteen stay open.

SIGN UP for our online canteen – it's easy and convenient – just go to www.school24.com.au to create an account – our school ID no is 25130963.

Once you have registered you will also have access to our Volunteers Roster – the School24 online volunteers roster makes volunteering simple and easy. You can add your name to any day that suits you.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 13/8 Nichole, La
Thursday 14/8 Colette, Kate E, Anne H (11.30-2.15)
Friday 15/8 Wendy, Clarissa (10-2.15) HELP NEEDED
Monday 18/8 Wendy, Sue
Tuesday 19/8 Fiona, Shayne, Ros
Wednesday 20/8 Beth, Teresa, Danni (am)
Thursday 21/8 Sonja, Meena (am) Louise (pm)
Friday 22/8 Wendy, Melissa, Teresa (11-2.15)
Fathers’ Day Raffle
Next week the Fathers’ Day raffle tickets will be on sale each morning before school under the COLA. They will be $1 each or 3 for $2. If anyone is able to help with selling the raffle tickets can you please contact Di Kilby on 0419 276 778.

Newsletter Deadline
Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon Monday. These should be sent to: ermenstng-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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10am – 4pm
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For more information, please contact Alicia Brown on 9876 0930, Melissa Gillooly on 9876 0963 or visit www.eppingclub.com

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20/20 eyesight is not 20/20 vision

Eyesight is just the ability to see, while vision is a developed skill that allows us to identify, interpret and act on what is seen. About 1 in 5 children have vision problems that affect their learning ability, so get your child’s vision tested.

Tom Geroulas Optometrist
1093 Victoria Rd (Cnr Bellevue Ave)
West Ryde 9804 6896

It's back!
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