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**Principal’s Message**

**What a Week We Had**

Last week our Year 6 students had a fantastic and informative time visiting Canberra and the snow. I was extra impressed when the War Memorial staff commented on our students being “the best” – well done Year 6. Thank you to the teachers and parents who assisted with the camp. Our Year 2 Choir, 3B and our Groovy Girls Aerobics team performed at the inaugural MAPLES Concert held by Marsden High School. We were one of the local schools who had students perform. On Friday the students participated in the Book Week incursion.

**University of Western Sydney**

This week we will have four students from the University of Western Sydney commencing their professional practice teaching as part of their teacher development. They will be working with KL, 1D, 3B and 5S. We warmly welcome them to our school.

**Kiss and Ride**

I would like to remind parents who use the Kiss and Ride area supervised by a parent volunteer and myself in the afternoons that they need to obey all the traffic rules. Parents are not permitted to sit in their cars for 5 minutes waiting for their child. We had Council Rangers the other day and they will book drivers committing parking offences. The bell goes at 3pm so cars should not begin to arrive prior to 3.05pm to give the students a chance to leave their classrooms. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**Parents Approaching Students**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that they should not approach students on the playground to arbitrate in social squabbles. The best way is to let the children sort out their own relationships or, if it is more serious, inform the child’s class teacher so they can deal with the issue. Parents approaching students is intimidating and will not be tolerated.

**Nitbusters**

A permission note was sent home yesterday with all students in Years 4 and 5 regarding the Nitbusters Program. Please return notes as quickly as possible.

Mark Hoppitt  
Principal
Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 7. This week’s sounds are ‘gr’ and ‘pr’ and the tricky words are ‘father’, ‘mother’ and ‘children’. Please ensure that sounds and tricky words are revised and guided readers are read each night and home readers read on the weekend. For news this week, there is no preparation needed. The children are going to have a turn of ‘Headbands’ using jungle animals. The children enjoyed the performance on Friday for Book Week. Miss Larkin and Mrs Stevens were so proud of their classes in assembly on Thursday. KS were wonderful playing their percussion instruments and KL used beautiful, clear voices to present assembly. The children are also very excited about the book parade that is on tomorrow. Have a wonderful week.

Stage 1
Welcome to Week 7! This week we have our Book Week Parade on Wednesday at 10am. We can’t wait to see all your costumes. On Thursday at 2:30pm Year 1 will have their maths groups where we always look forward to seeing all our lovely parent helpers. Child Protection this week is ‘Caring for Others’. Mrs Cheng says that that there are still some Swim School places available so please send in your form and money as soon as possible if you would like your child to attend or contact her with any queries. We look forward to another exciting week!

Stage 2
Welcome to Week 7. Stage 2 students will be presenting their home projects throughout this week. We look forward to listening and viewing the students’ wonderful human body presentations. Congratulations to Oliver 3B and Aniket 4CM for their fabulous effort and ability at last week’s Stage 2 Spelling Bee. We wish you all the best at the regional finals. Also, Best wishes to our Zone athletes who will be competing on Thursday. Don’t forget to dress as your favourite book character this Wednesday and help us celebrate Book Week. We would like to welcome Ms Jones to Stage 2, she will be working with Mrs Bales and 3B.

Stage 3
Year 6 arrived back from their exciting trip to Canberra and Perisher. Have a look at the students’ report below. This Wednesday we have our Book Parade. Don’t forget to come dressed as your favourite book character! The Zone Athletics Carnival is this Thursday and we wish all the competitors all the best for their events. On Tuesday 2nd September (Week 8), Stage 3 students are having a ‘Multicultural Day’ at school, where they will get a taste of the different Asian cultures each class has been learning about this term. Have a fabulous week!

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and this was factored into the cost of the camp. This rebate was taken into account and taken off the cost of this year’s camp. The $320 included the $20 rebate from the Australian Government.

Around the school

School Expectations
This week our focus is to DO YOUR BEST in and around our school. We can display this by:
- Setting goals and striving to achieve them
- Being a positive role model
- Being and active learner
- Concentrating on our work and allowing others to learn

Ryde Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival
The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held this Thursday 28th August at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre Main Arena, Homebush Bay. Students are required to be at the carnival before 9am as the first event commences at 9am. Thank you to all of the families who have offered to assist with private transport on the day. A note to these families will go home today to let you know who you will be transporting. It is requested that all students meet at school at 8:15am under the COLA to ensure all students are marked off the roll and accounted for. Miss Blackman, Mrs Bales and Mr O’Keefe (team manager) will be attending the carnival. Students will be issued with an Ermington School singlet to wear for their events. These will be signed out and signed back in when they are returned to our parent helper on the day. If you have any further enquiries, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

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

Mind Marathon
Last Monday our school sent two teams to represent our boys in the Mind Marathon competition at East Hills Boys High School in the Junior Division. This competition has challenges in English, Mathematics, Science and Engineering, History and Geography and General Knowledge. The boys were magnificent and one team came third out of twenty-six teams. Congratulations to all boys who participated: Michael, Ilha, Andrew, Girish, Liam, Jordan, Derek, Laurence, Joel, Syon, Ayush and Jaden.

Mrs Sparrow
Year 6 Camp to Canberra By Keisha and Bec.
On the morning of 18th August, Year 6 arrived early (6:15am to be precise) to go to Canberra. It took more than 3 hours to get to there. When we arrived we went to Old Parliament House to have lunch in the gardens. Our next stop was Parliament House where we had a guided tour and participated in a role play of the events in the Senate. We got a good view of Canberra from Mount Ainslie which overlooks Parliament House. This was a great time for us to snap some selfies. It was exciting to finally get to our cabins at the Carotel Motel, after the long drive. We then unpacked and had dinner. As it was Christie’s birthday we had chocolate cake for dessert. Soon after dinner we drive. We then unpacked and had dinner. As it was Christie’s birthday we had chocolate cake for dessert. Soon after dinner we loaded back on the bus and drove to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). On arriving we were met our tour and participated in a role play of the events in the Senate. We got a good view of Canberra from Mount Ainslie which overlooks Parliament House. This was a great time for us to snap some selfies. It was exciting to finally get to our cabins at the Carotel Motel, after the long drive. We then unpacked and had dinner. As it was Christie’s birthday we had chocolate cake for dessert. Soon after dinner we loaded back on the bus and drove to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). On arriving we were met by our tour guides, they took us to the ‘hands on’ interactive sports room, where we could rock climb, shoot hoops, test our reaction time and so much more. We also got to see the athletes training rooms and gyms.

The next morning we were all up and running ready to go to Perisher. We grabbed some ski gear and headed for the snow. It was heaps of fun and it was also some of Year 6s first time seeing snow (Miss Claro included). It was much colder than expected but the ski jackets protected us. We had lots of fun building snowmen and throwing snow balls at the teachers.

On the last day we went to Questacon, the hands-on science and technology centre where the dare devils felt the adrenaline of the 6m freefall. We were also lucky enough to be able to experience an earthquake simulator. Our final destination was the Australian War Memorial where we saw the changing of the guards and the names of those who have died for our country.

Our trip to Canberra was fantastic and we all learnt and experienced so much. A huge thank you to the teachers and parents as this would not have been possible without them, thank you.

Grandparents’ Day
Grandparents and parents are invited to a special Grandparents’ Day assembly on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 (Week 8) at 2pm in the hall. Each K-2 class will be presenting a reading and the children have been learning a special song for their grandparents. There will also be a wonderful performance by the Year 2 choir. After the assembly grandparents will be invited into classrooms to see the children’s work. The K-2 students look forward to seeing you there.

Father’s Day Breakfast
On Friday, 5th September it will be time to celebrate dads, uncles and other carers! Have the morning off by letting the mums make breakfast for you and your children.

Breakfast: Starts at 8am - Bacon and egg roll (all eggs are free range) and coffee or tea (dads only). Dads are free, children $2.50 each, with 3 or more (from same family) $6. Note: Only one dad/carer/child (from school). Surplus free range eggs will be sold from 9am ($1.50 /half dozen – near cost price!). Surplus Father’s Day gifts will be sold and raffles drawn at 9am.

Note: Unaccompanied children will only be offered breakfast if stock is available and after all dads from 8.30am. Mums we need you! Please contact me to help with BBQ. Chris: 0407-909-748 or email: ermps.pandc.vpresident1@gmail.com.

Father’s Day Stall
Father’s Day gifts will be available to purchase on Tuesday 2nd September at 9am. Children will be taken in class groups to the hall where they can purchase the gifts. Please note children will only be able to purchase one gift initially to ensure all children have a chance to purchase a gift. Any remaining gifts will be available for sale before school on Friday 5th September. Gifts are all $5.00 each.

Any helpers on the Tuesday and/or Friday morning are most welcome. Please contact Sara on 0408 209 332 if you can help out.
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 5.30pm – 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.

P&C News
At the last P&C meeting 6th August, the following were the key items that were discussed.

- Athletics’ Carnival in July raised $600
- EPS Cookbook, half complete but shelved for this year
- Year 6 - Yearbook to receive extra $1,200 from P&C
- Year 6 students to help with Father’s Day raffle
- School Fete 2015 – rides booked
- Principal looking for ways to improve survey participation as part of 3 year School Plan
- P&C funds to assist with completing cabling for wireless internet
- Parent representative appointed on School Enrolment Panel
- Rides Afternoon or Movie Night - planning underway for 4th term
- Approval for $150 membership to a Grants database – Funding Centre
- End of year pool party Year 3-6 – pool booked
- Next meeting - in the library on Wednesday, 3rd September at 7:30pm.

Note: If you’d like to know more about the P&C meetings, come along to the next meeting. All parents/carers of current students can also access the meeting minutes by joining the Parents of Ermington Public School Facebook page. For further info contact the site administrator, Jason: ermpps.pandc.secretary@gmail.com

The P&C Exec are currently looking for a second Vice President which has become vacant. For information about the role, interested persons should contact, Chris: ermpps.pandc.vpresident1@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

‼VOLUNTEER SHORTAGE‼

CANTEEN CLOSED this Wednesday 27th August
CANTEEN CLOSED next Thursday 4th September

Any help would be appreciated, whether it’s a full day, half day or even an hour or 2. Please contact Wendy on 0412154004 if you can help the canteen to stay open.

BUSY FRIDAYS – Fridays are our busiest day of the week, often double the workload of other days. We are short-staffed and struggling. If you are able to order your child’s lunch on a Monday or Tuesday instead of a Friday, we would appreciate it. We are considering cutting the Friday menu to minimise workload e.g. no burgers, no salad fillings. (May be implemented next term).

SUSHI DAY will now move to EVERY Monday - there will be a limited number of sushis ordered each Monday and precedence will go to online orders. Sushi is for lunch orders only and will be $2.70 each. There are Chicken, Chicken & Avocado, Salmon & Avocado and Tuna.

PIZZA SLABS (Meat lovers) have been discontinued due to unpopularity.

CANTEEN ROSTER

| Wednesday 27/8 | CANTEEN CLOSED |
| Thursday 28/8 | Shieny, Lisa, Louise (pm) |
| Friday 29/8 | Wendy, Melissa, Teresa |
| Monday 1/9 | Wendy, Donna |
| Tuesday 2/9 | Grace, Rosemary, Lillian |
| Wednesday 3/9 | Elaine, Kate B |
| Thursday 4/9 | CANTEEN CLOSED |
| Friday 5/9 | Wendy, Trish, HELP NEEDED |

**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.

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

FREE KIDS FITNESS SESSIONS
Diploma of Fitness students need primary school aged children to participate in fitness sessions designed to develop fitness and fundamental skills in children. No sport or fitness experience necessary. Sessions held at Meadowbank TAFE campus Health and Fitness Department with qualified staff.

WHEN: Wednesday Afternoons 3:15—4:00pm starting 20th August – 29th October 2014. There will be five weeks of sessions then a two week break for the school holidays, followed by a further 4 weeks in Term 4. For more info contact Melissa on 9942 3056 or email on Melissa.Baker10@det.nsw.edu.au
Are you a Single Parent?
Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free)

Find out more information please call 1300 300 496 or visit our website www.singlewithchildren.com.au