### Term 3 Week 9

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### Principal's Message

**Father’s Day Celebrations**

Thank you to the P&C for organising the Father’s Day gifts, raffle and BBQ breakfast. These are all great community events and the children enjoy being involved. The gifts they have purchased and the time they have spent with you will be memories that last forever.

**Swim Scheme**

The swim scheme is now into its second day. The students were tested yesterday and placed in groups appropriate to their skill level. As we have access to the indoor heated pool, these activities will continue regardless of the weather. When appropriate, some of the groups will make use of the outdoor pools. Please ensure that the students remember their swimmers, underwear and a towel.

**Cooperative Planning**

Next week the class teachers will be released for a day to plan for Term 4. This time is important for the teachers to ensure they are teaching similar content and assists in their development of common assessment tasks. This may mean that the day the class has Science or visits the library may be different to their regular day.

### Term 4 Dates

For those who like to plan ahead:

- Tuesday, 7 October - Term 4 begins
- Wednesday, 8 October - P&C Meeting
- Sunday, 12 October - Ryde Spectacular Rehearsal
- Monday, 13 October - Ryde Spectacular Concert
- Tuesday, 14 October - Musica Viva Performance
- Saturday, 18 October - Granny Smith Festival
- Wednesday, 19 October - Epping Festival Concert
- Sunday, 2 November - Band BBQ at Bunnings
- Wednesday, 5 November - P&C School Disco
- Wednesday, 18 November - CSIRO Incursion (K-2)
- Wednesday, 19 November - CSIRO Incursion (K-2)
- Monday, 24 November - Band Cake Day
- Tuesday, 25 November - Presentation Day
- Monday, 1 December - School Concert Rehearsal
- Wednesday, 3 December - P&C Meeting
- Thursday, 4 December - School Concert
- Tuesday, 9 December - Year 6 Farewell
- Tuesday, 16 December - End of Year Parties
- Wednesday, 17 December - Last Day for Students

Mark Hoppitt
Principal
Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 9. This week’s sounds are ‘sk’ and ‘sp’ and the tricky words are ‘day’, ‘night’, ‘up’ and ‘down’. Thank you to all who attended Grandparents’ Day last Wednesday, it was so nice to see so many grandparents visit the students at school. Thank you also goes to Mrs Harrison for organising the afternoon. Library and Science will be held on Thursday of next week due to collaborative planning. There has also been a change to the assembly roster - KL will be performing at the assembly and KW will be presenting the assembly in Week 2 of Term 4, not Week 10. Have a fabulous week.

Stage 1
Welcome to Week 9. We have had two busy weeks! Thank you to all the Grandparents and Fathers who came to visit us at school last week. Swim School for those who are attending has commenced this week. We hope you are enjoying it so far. On Thursday afternoons (2:30pm – 3:00pm) Year 1 have maths groups. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers during this time. This week’s topic for Child Protection is ‘Assertiveness’. As it is coming to the end of the Term please check to see if your child has 10 Caught You Being Good Cards or 3 Bronze awards at home to be brought in to their class teacher so they can be signed off so your child can achieve the next level of award. We hope you have a great week.

Stage 2
Hello Week 9. This week many Stage 2 students will be participating in Swim Scheme, please remember to label all belongings. Students are encouraged to check their Caught You Being Good cards, Bronze awards and Silver awards and see if they are ready to achieve the next level. On Thursday, Oliver 3B and Aniket 4CM will be attending the Stage 2 Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Final at Meadowbank, we wish them all the best.

Stage 3
The Stage 3 Multicultural Day was a great event last week, where all the students across Years 5 and 6 had a taste of the different Asian cultures being studied in HSIE. 6C and 6J have had several debating workshops via the video conference facilities we have here at Ermington this term. We are looking forward to our second virtual video conference debate in Term 4. Summer PSSA commenced last week, as did our 3-6 summer school sport and the teachers were very impressed with the enthusiasm of the students to our various sports offered on a Friday at school. As the end of term is fast approaching, we would like to thank all our ‘Intensive Reading’ volunteers and also the parents who help out for literacy and mathematics lessons this term. Your support is invaluable and we are so grateful for giving up your time to help the students. Miss Claro would love to hear from any parents or grandparents who could offer their time (1 hour) on a Thursday to help facilitate the reading program. Have a wonderful week!

Around the school

School Expectations
This week our focus is on DO YOUR BEST. We can all demonstrate this in a number of ways, including:
- Setting goals and striving to achieve them
- Being a positive role model in and around the school
- Being an active learner
- Concentrating hard on all set tasks in the classroom.

Ryde Schools Spectacular 2014 - Choir Rehearsal
Our next choir rehearsal will be on Thursday, 11th September at the Ryde Civic Centre. All students have returned their permission slips for this rehearsal. On Thursday, all students will be required to be at school by 8:45am. Students are to bring their recess, lunch and their choir words. We will meet in 6J and then walk down to the bus which will pick us up from Brush Road. If you have any further enquiries, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

CanTeen News

‼VOLUNTEERS NEEDED‼
We desperately need 2 more permanent Wednesday volunteers to avoid further closures.
Please contact Wendy wlarocca@optusnet.com.au - 0412154004 if you can help the canteen to stay open.

SUSHI DAY – Every Monday – limited amounts only, so get in quick – you can pre-order the week before so you don't miss out. NEW! Vegetarian Sushi.

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 10/9  La, HELP NEEDED URGENTLY
Thursday 11/9 Colette, Kate E, Anne H (pm)
Friday 12/9 Wendy, Melissa, Teresa 10.30-2.15
Monday 15/9 Wendy (help needed 1 hr 12.30-1.30)
Tuesday 16/9 Fiona, Shayne, Ros
Wednesday 17/9 Beth, Teresa, Danni (am)
Thursday 18/9 Sonja, Meena (am), Louise (pm)
Friday 19/9 Wendy, Sue, Clarissa (10-2.15)

Sign up for our online canteen – its easy and convenient – just go to www.school24.com.au to create an account – our school ID no is 25130963.

Band Cake Day
The School Band will be selling cakes/jellies at Recess time on Monday, 15th September to raise money towards school band resources. These will be on sale under the COLA for 50 cents. Senior Band members will be supplying the yummy treats for this cake day. Parent helpers greatly appreciated to help set up in the morning and to serve at recess. Thank you for your ongoing support.
School Banking
Each Tuesday, Ermington Public School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. There are many students who are entitled to claim a reward as they have banked 10 times this year. Rewards currently available are: Shark Plush Toy Key Ring, Whale Shark Pencil Case, Handball, Scented Pencils, Money Box and Swimming Bag. The Penguin Plush Toy Key Ring was discontinued last week. If your child is entitled to claim a reward please fill out the rewards card and place it in their bank book on Tuesday morning. There are spare rewards cards on the table outside the office.

If your child is interested in starting school banking please refer to the Commonwealth Bank website.

School Banking needs more volunteers. It is conducted in the staff room every Tuesday morning between 9am and 10am, and volunteers are rostered approximately once a month. Toddlers are welcome. If you are able to help or have any queries please contact Kerrie Jolly on 0405 920 410.

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

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2015 Fundraising Calendars, Cards, Diaries and more!
Our children are creating amazing art works this term that can be made into 2015 Calendars, Diaries, Cards, Mouse Pads and iPhone covers. Easy to post, these products make perfect Christmas presents for family and friends. Examples of the products can be viewed at the office. You can also use your own photo instead. Go to www.kidsartworks.com.au and follow the instructions to download your photo.

Orders have already been sent home with all students. If you require a new order form, please go to the school office. All orders with correct payment by cash or cheque must be in by Wednesday, 17th September 2015 (Week 10, Term 3) to allow for processing over the school holidays. Only orders with payment can be processed. Please ensure your child’s full name and class are clearly written on their order form. Orders can be returned to the classroom teacher or front office. For more information please call to Fiona on 0408 417 161.

P&C meeting 3rd September – Key items
- Promotional video to be developed to encourage parent participation for use on website, orientation, etc. - $300
- Rides Night idea for 4th term was considered but not to proceed due to rate of return for volunteer time and financial risk with inclement weather
- Movie Night 4th term also not expected to proceed due to difficulty with dates in 4th term
- 7th Nov Disco in 4th term - planning now underway
- Fete 2015 Committee of 5 parents now formed
- 15th September cake stall – for band fundraising
- Nit Busters – for years 4 & 5 had good level of participation. All students received a comb and several received conditioning treatment.
- Canteen staffing critically low and closure on some days now necessary (i.e. 28 volunteers doing work of 40). Volunteers needed ASAP for Wed, Thurs or Fridays.

Note: If you’d like to know more about the P&C meetings please come along to the next meeting which will be Wednesday, 8th October 2014 at 7.30pm in the library. Meeting minutes and other information is also available by joining the Parents of Ermington Public School Facebook page. For further info please contact the site administrator, Jason: ermps.pandc.secretary@gmail.com

Father’s Day BBQ
Last Friday’s BBQ was a lovely opportunity for the kids to have breakfast with their dads and grandpas at the school. The fellas seemed to be thoroughly enjoying their scrumptious and free, bacon and egg roll with a hot cuppa. Special thanks to the mums on cook duty: Megan as organiser and helper son Nik, as well as Ros, Donna and Beth, for serving duties: Julie and daughter Amy, Natalie and daughter, and Simone on cuppa duties! Thanks again to Paul for the supply of the 200 free range eggs and the Nicholas family for the 10kg of bacon. We raised $240.

Thanks also go to our other event volunteers Melinda M and helpers for the Book Week Parade -morning tea, Beth C for Grandparents’ Day afternoon tea, and Di K and helpers for the Father’s Day raffle.

Uniform Shop
Customers will be able to use their credit cards for purchases. Please note you need to have a pin number as signatures are not accepted anymore.

Please also note we had to return a quantity of size 8 and 10 zip jackets because they were faulty. As a result we ran out of stock and we have a few orders that are waiting for the replacement stock to arrive.

We’re still looking for volunteers on a Tuesday morning. Please contact Sara on 0408 209 332 if you’re interested in joining the uniform shop family of volunteers.
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.

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.

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**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

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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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**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

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**Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy**

Monday, 22nd September to Thursday, 25th September from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
Cost $130 per child. 5-17 year olds.
Held at Meadowbank Park. For more information please call Ray Brennan on 9809-0882 or 0418168868.