Term 4 Week 1

**Public Holiday**
- Monday 5 October

**First Day back for Term 4**
- Tuesday 6 October
- Gymnastics Begins

**P&C Meeting 7.30pm**
- Wednesday 7 October

Term 4 Week 2

**Silver Morning Tea**
- Thursday 15 October
- K-2 Assembly (12.30pm)
- 3-6 Assembly (2.05pm)

**Granny Smith Festival**
- Saturday 17 October

Term 4 Week 3

**Life Education this week**
- Monday 19 October

**Kindergarten Orientation**
- Tuesday 20 October
- Ryde Spec Choir Rehearsal

**K-2 Grandparents' Day**
- Thursday 22 October

Principal's Message

**Welcome Back**
Welcome back to what promises to be a busy but productive term. This week sees the commencement of the gymnastics program which is an important way for this component of the PDHPE syllabus content to be taught in a safe and enjoyable manner. Life Education (an important program highlighting the impact of drugs in our lives – from medicinal to tobacco) will also be held in Week 3 for students in Kindergarten to Year 4.

**Granny Smith Festival**
On Saturday, 17th October our school band will be performing at the Granny Smith Festival as part of the celebrations. We know they will perform to their usual high standard.

Kindergarten Orientation/Transition
On Tuesday, 20th October the school will commence the first of its three orientation sessions for our 2016 Kindergarten students. These are very important and we encourage our new students to attend. If you, or a friend, have not yet completed their application for enrolment, please complete these details by this week.

**Brush Road Lighting**
During the holidays lighting was installed alongside the footpath leading up to the OOSH room from the Brush Road entry. It is anticipated that this will make access to the OOSH facilities easier during the winter months. The project was funded by both the school and OOSH.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

**Kindy**
Hello everybody! Here we are, already in Week 1 of Term 4! We just have one sound for this week ‘er’ and our 3 sight words are ‘food’, ‘shelter’ and ‘clothes’. For news, our students will be very happy to know it is the always popular Free Choice! We would like to request more glue sticks and paper towels for the Kindy rooms please, as our stocks are running very low. Finally, our Moving Bodies Gymnastics lessons commences this Friday. KC and KS have a 9am start, so please make sure your child is punctual. KR’s lesson will commence at 9.40am. Welcome back to school routine and have a super week!

**Stage 1**
Welcome to Term 4! We hope you had a fantastic holiday and are ready for another great term. We are very excited to be starting gymnastics this term so if you haven’t already done so, please remember to return your notes as soon as possible. Each child will receive a moon sighting sheet which will need to be filled in for 28 days. Please ensure you label your belongings purchased in the holidays. Remember that reading folders are to come to school everyday. Remember to keep track of your Bronze and Silver Awards as it’s near the end of the year. We hope you have a lovely first week back.

**Stage 2**
Term 4 is going to be an exciting one. Gymnastic lessons, excursions, special assemblies, Healthy Harold, etc. Parents, please ensure all items are clearly labelled and children have required materials for the term. Reminder to pack extra fruit and/or vegetables for crunch ‘n’ sip breaks and provide plenty of water rather than fruit drinks which contain a lot of sugar.
Stage 3
We are about to hit the ground running! There is so much happening this term. Now that you have recharged the batteries: reminder to Year Six students that they need a scrapbook for their memoirs. They will also need to think about what items they will be including in their scrapbook to mark their learning journey so far. Year Five students need to be thinking about whether they would like to be a member of the school student executive team for 2016 as this all commences in Week Three this term when nominations are called for. The two OC classes have their Science Fair projects due and the winners for our school get to participate in the OC Network Competition that will be judged by Selective High Science teachers. Gymnastics will commence this week so remember to wear your sports uniform on your day. “A book is a dream that you hold in your hand” – Neil Gaiman

Around the school

PSSA
All PSSA teams will be playing at Meadowbank Park this Friday. Buses leave school at 12:20pm.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
We have had our points confirmed and could spend 48,300 points. So here is a list of exciting items that will be available to us in 2016. Thermometers, trundle wheels with clicker counters, circle cutters, chess sets, mosaic tiles for craft, foam printing blocks, Polydron giant octoplay, super construction set and deluxe probability set. Thank you very much for your wonderful support of this program - Ermington Public School Community!

Kiss and Ride Roster
PLEASE email colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au if you can spare 15 minutes to help once per month.

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Calendars, Cards, Diaries and Mouse Mats for 2016!
Our children have been creating amazing art works this term that can be made into 2016 Calendars, Cards, Diaries and Mouse Pads. Easy to post, these products make perfect Christmas presents for family and friends. You can also use your own photo instead. Go to www.kidsartworks.com.au and follow the instructions to download your photo. All orders with correct payment by cash or cheque must be in by this Thursday, 8th October. 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. All enquiries please call Fiona on 0408 417 161.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform shop will be open this Wednesday, 7th October from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Canteen News

Canteen Closed Every Wednesday
We desperately need another 2 volunteers for Mondays or Tuesdays – if you can help, please contact Wendy 0412 154 004.

Canteen Roster

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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.

If you are unable to work your shift please try to find a replacement, if you can’t, contact Wendy wlarocca@optusnet.com.au

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