Term 4 Week 4

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Music Festivals

This Wednesday our Epping Music Festival Choir will be joining a combined choir to entertain the audience. The choir have been led by Ms Vallentine and have spent many lunchtimes rehearsing. They will be joined by our School Band (their second performance in just a few weeks) and our School Captains will be acting as MCs for some of the evening. This great event has moved to a new venue – The Concourse, Chatswood.

Next Monday our Senior Choir will be combining to form a combined choir at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Ryde Schools’ Spectacular. Our Senior Dance Group will also be performing an item based on the classic “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang”. Both groups have dedicated many hours in rehearsing and are grateful for the support of Miss Blackman (choir) and Miss Claro (dance).

Silver Morning Teas

As a form of recognition for achieving a Silver Certificate, the students have the opportunity to join me for a morning tea. As there are so many students achieving this level during this term, we are holding Silver Morning Teas on an almost fortnightly basis. If your child has been invited to attend but is absent on the day, please remind them they are able to attend the next morning tea.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Hello everybody and welcome to a wonderful Week 4! Our sound of the week is ‘oa’ and our 4 sight words are ‘one’, ‘lived’, ‘coins’ and ‘money’. For News the children will be pleased to know it's Free Choice! Many thanks for the plentiful and delicious Morning Tea yummies provided by our families for Kindy Orientation last week. A big thank you as well to the efficient team of parents who helped on the day! Friday Gym lessons continue to be wildly successful with our students and it is great to see them responding so well to the teachers who are experts in their field. With Christmas craft approaching, we would like to put out a request for more glue sticks please.
Stage 1
Congratulations Stage One on a great week of News Celebrations last week. Your show bags were all unique and talks were very interesting. A very big thank you to all of the visitors that attended our special Grandparents’ Say last Thursday. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing their loved ones around the classroom, singing songs and having a picnic with them. All classes in Stage One had a visit to the Life Education van, which was great and seeing Harold was very special too. The P&C Disco notes were sent out last week, please return permission slips and money ASAP. 1D require glue sticks urgently, if every student could bring in at least one, that would be great. Our Gymnastics skills continue to improve each week. The children work on new skills and equipment each lesson and it is wonderful observing confidence levels increase. Have a lovely week.

Stage 2
Everybody is very excited for the Epping Music Festival and Ryde Schools’ Spectacular this week. Children are very fortunate at this school to have so many extra curricular opportunities available. These events are what memories are made from. Reminder for parents to please send in notes when your child has been absent from school. We all enjoyed the Life Education visit last week and learnt some valuable lessons about health. WANTED - Cot that is easy to assemble and in good condition. Please see Mrs Clarke 4/5C.

Stage 3
Students from Year 5 are reminded that their nomination for student executive for 2016 is due to their class teacher by 3pm Wednesday, 28th October 2015. Late nominations will not be accepted. Remember there are other alternative leadership roles in Year 6 such as House Captain or a library monitor. Year 6 students will be visiting the planetarium incursion on Thursday so please be sure to pay the $8 as this is probably the only chance some will have to see the night sky without light pollution. All students are having enjoyable experiences in gymnastics and the lessons seem to fly by. – “Don’t watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going.” Sam Levenson

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

2015 Ryde Schools’ Spectacular Choir
Our final rehearsal will be held at the Sydney Opera House on Sunday 1st November. They will need to meet Miss Blackman at the STAGE DOOR at 8am. Please wear school sports uniform and bring recess and a water bottle. Our performance will be held on Monday 2nd November. Students are required to wear their yellow “spectacular” t-shirt, black pants, jeans or leggings. Students will be required to meet Miss Blackman at the STAGE DOOR at 6:15pm.

Gymnastic Timetable Change 4/5C and 2W
4/5C will be attending on Tuesdays and 2W will be attending on Wednesday for weeks 4 and 5 only. These are the days for the student’s to bring their sports uniform. From week 6, the days will be changed back to the normal.

Year 6 Mini Fete
Preparations are underway for the upcoming Year 6 Mini Fete on Wednesday, 9th December 2015. They are collaborating with their peers on a Project Based Learning unit for the 2015 event. As part of organisation, we have two requests from some groups. Please see their notices below:

White Elephant Stall - We are asking the wonderful Ermington community for your donations for our exciting White Elephant Stall. Could you please bring any old books, toys, household items (all in good condition) to the 6C classroom? There will be a box to drop off any supplies. We are very grateful for your assistance in organising our stall.

Sugar-Sugar Stall - Our store will require lots of shredded newspaper. This means, we need your lovely assistance! If you have any old newspaper lying around at home, could you please bring them in and put them in the box in the 6C classroom? Thank you!

Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks of age, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation. Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the following link Health Information for the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
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, Diary and Mouse mat orders
Orders for calendars, diaries etc are now closed and have been sent off to Kids Art Works for processing. Items should be processed well before the end of term and returned to the school. They will then be sorted and sent home with your children. Thank you for supporting our P & C fundraiser.

Band News
Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more information on the School Band program? The School Band is now taking enrolments for 2016 and participation is open to all students who are currently in years 2-5. No prior experience is required.

Students will have recently attended a Concert by the band and Teaching Services Australia (TSA) staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will also have received a green Instrumental Band Program-Introduction form. Students who return this tear-off form, Expression of Interest will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive Enrolment Pack with the results of this instrument test.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

This green Expression of Interest form is due back to the school office within 5 days. You can download this note at www.teachingservices.com.au or for more information email info@teachingservices.com.au

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.

Eastwood Christian Community Food Collection
Each year at this time, Ermington Public School community collects tinned food (no glass bottles) and toiletries for the Eastwood Christian Community Aid (ECCA). The volunteers from the ECCA Pack these items into hampers and give them to needy families over the Christmas/New Year period. Our school community has been very generous in their giving and the ECCA is very appreciative of our efforts.

Children are encouraged to bring in a tin of food or toiletries and either deliver it to Mrs Sparrows, Mrs Clarke’s rooms or give to their class teacher. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Coffee and Prayer
The next C&P meeting will be at Claire’s house on Thursday, 29th October, 2015 at 16 Murdoch Street, Ermington, 9:30am (or after drop off). There will also be a celebratory “End of 2015 / Christmas” BBQ for the whole family at Linda’s house on Saturday, 28th November at 5:00pm. BYO meat and something to share. Please call Claire 0400 376 008 or Anne on 0422 619 008 for more information or Linda’s address. All are welcome at both events - babies and toddlers too.
Workshop for Parents
Communicating with Kids

- Learn communication skills for building positive relationships
- Problem ownership
- Listening and assertiveness skills
- Problem solving skills

2.5hr workshop will be facilitated by a Parent Educator from Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District.

$10pp (Refreshments provided)
Meadowbank Public School Hall
Thursday, 5th November 2015
7:00pm – 9:30pm

Bookings are Essential by 30th October. For more info please email meadwobank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Want to learn how to make cooking fun, quick and easy and not the same thing every night? Join me at a Masterclass Cooking Party and let me show you how the Chef’s Toolbox and its products make cooking fun, quick and easy! Then ask me how by booking a party, Masterclass or even by becoming a consultant.

Contact me: Sarah Bruce-Smith Mobile: 0459 930 770 Email: brucsmithsarah@gmail.com

Ermington United Sports & Recreation Club

Want to Play Netball in 2016

Interested in playing Netball and your child will be turning 7 or older 2016. Senior players are welcome also. Come and join your local, friendly Netball Club.

Registrar at www.mynetball.com.au or come see us this Saturday, 31st October from 9:00am-11:00am to Cowells Lane Tennis Court Clubhouse, Cowells Lane, Ermington. $50 deposit required to reserve your spot for 2016.

For more information please contact Di Cole at registrar.netball@ermingtonunited.com.au