Term 4 Week 6

Wednesday 11 November
Remembrance Day

Thursday 12 November
Silver Morning Tea
K-2 Assembly 12.30pm
3-6 Assembly 2.05pm

Friday 13 November
Bennelong Cup (Table Tennis)

Sunday 15 November
Working Bee

Term 4 Week 7

Thursday 19 November
Planetarium Incursion
(5Y, 4/5C, 5B and 5E)

Term 4 Week 8

Thursday 26 November
Marsden HS Sport Gala Day
Planetarium Incursion
(4C, 3/4B, 3B)

WE NEED YOU
This Saturday (15th November) there will be a WORKING BEE. Jobs to be covered include:

- Top dressing new grass area
- Re-treating C Block decking
- Painting exterior of A, B & C Blocks (small section)
- Remove existing benches in computer lab.

We will start to apply the first brushstroke (etc) at 9am and be finished by 12 noon.

Principal’s Message

Aerobics Success
On Saturday a convoy of students travelled to Newcastle to compete in the Spring Aerobics Challenge. Our students competed extremely well. I am excited to report that every student returned with either a gold, silver or bronze medal – this is an amazing achievement. Well done to all those involved. Thank you again to the teachers and parents who support this program.

Disco Fever
The students had a great night at the disco on Friday night. Thank you to the P&C and the many parents who assisted with preparation, serving, supervision and/or tidying up. These social events are greatly appreciated by the community.

Pedestrian Lighting
It was great to see our new pedestrian lighting being used on Friday night – it made the walk to Brush Road much safer. However, I was disappointed to notice that 2 bollards had been damaged. Please ensure that only the pathway is used – not the adjoining area.

Moving On?
Other than our Year 6 students who will be moving on to high school, please let the school know if you will not be attending Ermington in 2016. Thank you to the families who have already informed the school of their intentions.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 6! Our sounds of the week are ‘ee’ and ‘ea’ and our 4 sight words are ‘called’, ‘than’, ‘made’ and ‘them’. For News, it is a fun game of Who Am I? The children will need to give 4 clues describing a Fairy Tale character and their classmates will have the task of guessing who that character is. Along with everyone else, Kindy had such a great time at the Disco last Friday evening and we would like to thank the wonderful P&C for giving us the opportunity to dance our socks off. Have a fantastic week!

Stage 1
Congratulations to all students that have achieved Gold and Silver awards. Please ensure that you count up your Caught You Being Good cards as soon as possible so that you don’t miss out. Please remember to bring in your canned food and toiletries for all of those people who are not as fortunate as us. Year 2 Students, if you are interested in joining the school band, please remember to send back your green note that was distributed last week. There will be a K-2 Assembly this week commencing at 12:30pm in the school hall. Also, please remember to ask your child some questions about their celebration in preparation for our Stage 1 Expo later in the term. Stage 1 would like to say a very big thank you to the P&C for a fantastic disco last Friday night; we all had a great time.
Stage 2
Stage 2 enjoyed a wonderful excursion last Wednesday. We visited Auburn Gallipoli Mosque and the children were really taken aback by the beauty of the mosque. Their behaviour was impeccable and they asked many interesting and relevant questions concerning Islam. We then visited an Afghan restaurant for lunch and the children only had one complaint - they ate too much! Thank you to all those parents supporting this excursion at a time when there are so many school expenses. Thank you to the parents organising the school disco as the children reported that they had a great time.

Stage 3
The students of Year 5 have voted, from their nominations, the ten candidates to stand for the Student Leadership elections which will be held on Friday, 20th November 2015. The candidates are: Ria, Silver, Alicia, Billie, Ruby, Sally, Brooke, Lilly, Emma, Ella, Sriram, Nicholas, Charlie, Benjamin, Owen, Alex, Shaun, James, Aidan and James.

Our best wishes to Audrey, who is competing in the NSW Premier Spelling Bee on Wednesday from 2pm. It will be streamed live on 702 in Richard Glovers' session.

The Year 6 Mini Fete has a barbecue on the day for lunch and we need help from our Year 6 parents to help cook or hand out the sausages on the day from around 11.30pm to 1.30pm on Wednesday 9th December. If you are able to assist please see Mrs Sparrow.

Raffle tickets will be on sale in the COLA for as a part of the Year 6 Mini Fete. There are eight prizes at $2 a ticket or 3 for $5. "Imagination is the highest form of research." - Albert Einstein.

Aerobics News
Last Saturday the Ermington Public School Aerobics teams competed in their final Competition for 2015 and what a successful day it was. The results were as follows;

- Chequered Chics (Alexia, Laura, Maggie, Rachel, Jasmine, Chloe and Lilly) – Gold Medal
- Ermo Boys (Cory, Ethan and Hayden) – Gold Medal
- Groovy Girls (Alyssa, Ruby, Ella, Alicia and Brooke) – Silver Medal
- Dancebusters (Charlotte J, Emma, Chelsea, Gabby, Minda and Nara) – Silver Medal
- Golden Girls (Jessica, Jenna and Sophie) – Silver medal
- Gold Medals in Singles were awarded to: Matilda A.R, Cohen B, Ruby B, Jenna B, Brooke M, Laura H, Laura N, and Zac A.
- A Bronze Medal was awarded to Alicia G.

Special congratulations to Hayden B, Gabby A.R and Lilly N who performed their first singles routines in such an amazing way. To be so close to a medal is an outstanding achievement for your first time on stage. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of all aerobics students for taking the time to drive up to Newcastle on Saturday. Although it was a long day, we are sure that you will agree that the aerobics year ended on a very high note. Thank you again for your commitment, encouraging words and endless hours that you have given up to allow for such a wonderful season to occur.

Year 6 Mini Fete
The students in Year 6 are looking forward to our Mini Fete on Wednesday, 9th December (Week 10). Don't forget to start saving your pocket money to support this great event. There will be lots of games, stalls and raffles available on the day. Year 6 will also be selling tickets for their major raffle each morning (8:35am - 8:55am) and at recess in the COLA. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. There are some wonderful prizes up for grabs. We would love for any Year 6 parents that are able to help on the day to please see Miss Claro.

*The following advertisements have been written by the students promoting their stalls.

*Sponge Throw
Come and visit us at the Year 6 Mini Fete. We will be located near the big gum tree/basketball court. Mr Hoppitt will be featuring at the sponge throw from 12:30pm-12:45pm and Mr O'Keefe at 12:45pm-1:00pm. We are also having a guessing competition. Prices are:
50c = 1 throw, $1 = 3 throws, $2 = 5 throws and $3 = 7 throws.

*White Elephant Stall
Every year there is a Mini Fete and you can have lots of fun. You can buy candy, drinks and hang out with friends, but the best part of the Mini Fete is the White Elephant because you can buy a huge variety of things. We are asking for any donations of old toys or books for our stall please. Just drop them off at the 6C classroom.

Around the school

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

Ryde Schools' Spectacular - 3-6 Performance Dance Group
Congratulations to the gorgeous 3-6 Dance Group on their performance at the Sydney Opera House last week at the Ryde Schools' Spectacular. Their 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' musical theatre item was spectacular and they really enjoyed themselves on stage. The dancers' behaviour backstage was impeccable and they were a credit to our school. Miss Claro would like to thank all the parents for your assistance with all the early morning rehearsals this year. However, don't put your costumes away just yet as we have one more performance at Presentation Day. Yes, mums and dads, that means some more hair curling! Dancers, please ensure you come to Miss Claro's classroom on Thursdays at lunchtime for rehearsals.
**Strike It**
Do you want your children doing something that will keep them busy? Then come to Strike It, where your kids can do fun things. There are two games to play. The first one is bowling and the second one is bounce the ball into the cup.

**Movie Marathon information**
Our group Movie Marathon have been preparing for the upcoming mini fete. It will be located inside our hall. We will be hosting a guessing competition. The 50th person who enters our stall will receive a minor prize. This means that, kids, you want to convince your friends to enter the cinema. A pre-ordering list to book your seats will go out in Week 7-8.

- $2 silver class seats
- $2.50 gold class seats
- $1 poppers
- $1.50 medium popcorn
- $2.50 large popcorn

**Time Prize**
Erin, Abigail and Sonja would like you to come to our stall, **TIME PRIZE**. At our stall you can do many games like doughnut eating, skittle sorting, sliming the teachers, unwrapping lollies without hands and much more! Our stall will be running under the supervision of Claire Craddock and Robyn Burke as they will be helping at the stall on the day. We will be located at the E block wall near the canteen and 2W's classroom. If you win you will receive a prize! And, like many other stalls, we will be having a guessing competition. You will be guessing how many sour gummy babies are in the jar!

**Photo Fabulous**
The Year 6 Mini Fete Jorja, Jasmine. B, Isabella, and Katie will be running a stall called Photo Fabulous. You can come in with up to 6 of your friends just for the price of $2.00 per person. There will be a competition held for best popstar look, with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize! 1st prize will get a big jar of lollies, 2nd prize will get a smaller jar of lollies and 3rd prize will get a bunch of sherbets. We really cannot wait to see you at Photo Fabulous. We’re sure to say that you will have a fabulous time!

**Fantabulous Cafe**
Good afternoon. We are The Fantabulous Cafe! We will be selling jelly, slices, red velvet cupcakes, chocolate cupcakes, lolly-bags, chocolate covered balls and much more. We will also be selling drinks like spiders, orange juice, apple juice and water. We will also be hosting a guessing competition and it will be 50c for 1 guess and $1 for 3 guesses. We will be located at the canteen on the day and we will have tables and chairs ready for you and your friends to sit at.

**Temptation**
Are your kids going to the mini fete? If they are, ask them if they are going to buy lollies. If they are, they can go to our stall, Temptation. Nothing there costs more than $2.50. We have all sorts of challenges, guessing competitions and raffles.

**Sugar Sugar**
For the Year Six Mini Fete our stall Sugar Sugar, will be run by India, Alexia, Laura and Chloe. Our stall will be needing lots of newspapers. This means we need some of your help to collect newspaper. Please bring in any that you have at home and put collected newspaper in the box outside of 6C and 6J. Thank you!

**Haunted House**
For the Year 6 Mini Fete we have made a haunted house inside of a class room. The haunted house is crawling fun and is spooky. There is a modified version for K-2 and more scary for 3-6. The entry will be $2 and you get 2 free sherbets. There are also mini games including balance the coin on the lemon and a guessing comp. We are located in 4C and hope to see you there.

**Maze Crawler**
With so many stalls at the Mini Fete you won’t know which ones to visit! Well you should definitely put The Maze Crawler on your to-do list. Try to complete the amazing, mind jumbling maze! You can try and be the fastest person in the world and beat a world record, or you can just try and beat your friends!

At such a low price it is worth getting your mind jumbled by our maze. It’s only $2! Do you want a guessing competition? Well we are giving you a ‘How Much Does It Weigh’ guessing competition. It is 50c for 1 guess and $1 for 3 guesses. We hope to see you at 4/5C during the Mini Fete!

**Year 5 - Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Survey**
Yesterday, Year 5 students took home a BYOD survey. BYOD is where students bring their own device to school in order to access the internet. There are various models for BYOD. This survey will help us decide which is the most appropriate. To help us assess the most appropriate option for the implementation of a BYOD policy at our school, please complete the following questionnaire and return by the Monday, 16th November 2015 to the box in the front office. If there are any questions, please see Miss Claro (Assistant Principal).

**Christian Food Appeal**
Next time you go shopping perhaps you could buy one extra item for our Christmas appeal. Each class will be placing their donated food in a line and the longest line will receive a prize. It is reported that one class has a 3 metre line already!
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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CANTEEN NEWS

CLOSED EVERY WEDNESDAY – There are still some children coming to school expecting the canteen to be open on Wednesdays and with no lunch! Please help spread the word that the canteen is CLOSED every Wednesday. - To open on Wednesdays we need at least 8 volunteers to fill the monthly roster.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!!
Towards the end of the year volunteers tend to drop off. To help us get through Term 4, please help us out, even if it is just for a day! Please contact Wendy on 0412 154 004.

CHANGE – No large notes please. The canteen needs plenty of silver coins to operate so if you can give your children coins instead of notes, we would appreciate it.

FUNNY FINGERS have been discontinued by Streets.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday  CLOSED
Thursday 12/11  Colette, Kate E, Anne H (pm)
Friday 13/11  Wendy, Mel, Joy (am) Simone (pm)
Monday 16/11  Wendy, Kate B
Tuesday 17/11  Nirmali NEED HELP PLEASE
Wednesday  CLOSED
Thursday 19/11  Alison, Melinda, Louise (pm)
Friday 20/11  Wendy, Melissa, Robyn B

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