Principal's Message

Presentation Day Invite
On Tuesday, 1st December we will be holding our Annual Presentation Day. This will be held at Marsden High School and will commence at 9.30am. Each class will receive 4 awards. A number of other awards will also be presented and the Prefects will be inducted. The Senior Band, Senior Dance Group, Recorder Group, K-1 Dance and the Aerobics Teams will be performing. Please join us on this special occasion.

Years 3-6 Special Assembly
This will be held on Thursday, 10th December and will be in the school hall, commencing at 9.30am. Extra-curricular awards will be presented and House Captains and Library Monitors announced.

Parent Survey
Today a short survey was sent home with the eldest child in the school. Please read, respond to the survey and return to school. One lucky respondent will receive a $100 gift voucher.

K-2 Celebration of Learning
This will be held on Thursday, 10th December and will be in the school hall, commencing at 11:25am. All students receive an award.

Amazing Spelling
Equal third in the state! This is what Audrey achieved at the Premier’s Spelling Bee. The word that she eventually misspelt was “Affogato” (an Italian dessert). This is a fantastic achievement and we are excited by this result.

Bennelong Cup
Last Friday, Four Ermington students travelled to the ELS Hall Park precinct to compete in the Bennelong Table Tennis Tournament. Our students had a most enjoyable day competing at such a high level.

Student Leadership 2016
This Friday, the 2016 Prefect Candidates will be presenting their speeches to the students. This is a very nervous time for them and we wish them all the best.

Working Bee
Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our final working bee for the year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. With the wet weather we focussed on topsoiling the new grass area, removing the benches/shutters form the computer lab, cleaned some of the gutters and tidy the front garden.

Changes in 2016
At last week’s P&C meeting, I passed on my congratulations to Mrs Debra Lade on her appointment as Deputy Principal at Alexandria Park Community School. This is a K-12 school located near the city and Mrs Lade will be leading the entire K-6 section of the school. We wish her all the best as she commences this new role in 2016.

I have also accepted a short-term position as Leader, School Deployment to oversee the implementation of the Department’s Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) policy. This will involve the overseeing of 60 schools within the Hornsby and Dural networks to implement the new financial and student well-being software that schools are required to use. I will be...
Based in Ryde. The position commences at the beginning of the school year and is predicted to conclude in September. At the conclusion of this deployment I will return to Ermington. Expressions of Interest to fill the Principal position in my absence are currently being sought.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

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Welcome to Week 7 where our sound of the week is 'oo' and our 4 sight words are 'has', 'good', 'lots', and 'that'. For News the students will be telling their classmates all about their favourite celebration and the special things that happen on this day. They might choose a birthday, Christmas, Diwali, Easter, Halloween - there are so many to choose from. Please remember to pop in a spare can or 2 of food (or some toiletries or non-perishable items) for the Christmas Hampers Appeal run by Christian Community Aid. The hampers are always gratefully received by those who receive them in our community. Finally, please return your child's work sample folder if you have not already done so. (Hint: It is blue with the school crest on the front.) Have a wonderful week.

Stage 1
Congratulations to all students in 2V for singing Flanders Fields in Assembly last week. It was sensational. A reminder to all students to count up your Caught You Being Good Cards, Bronze and Silver Awards. The end of the year is not far away so it is important that all students do this. We wish the twenty Year 5 students the best of luck for your speeches on Friday. We know that you will all be amazing. Keep reading each night, have a great week!

Stage 2
Congratulations to all those children who have worked so hard to attain Silver and Gold Awards this year. It is pleasing to see so many children do the right thing and obeying school rules. As there are still so many lunch boxes left lying around outside perhaps children could leave their lunch boxes in their school bags and take out their food only to eat under the COLA. The next few weeks are a really busy time with lots of events so please check your child's bag for any notes.

Stage 3
This Friday our candidates from Year 5 will be presenting their speeches to Years 2-6 under the COLA from 9.15am to be a member of the Student Leadership Team in 2016. The students will return to the class and vote for their five choices of boys and five choices for girls. How exciting!

A reminder to students to bring in their Year 6 Mini Fete BBQ money. There will only be beef sausages available. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Sparrow. We need assistance from 11.30am-1.30pm on the Wednesday, 9th December.

Year 6 students will be selling raffle tickets under the COLA in the mornings and at recess. They are $2 a ticket or 3 tickets for $5. There are great prizes gathered lovingly by Ms Summerhayes. Year 6 certainly appreciate her efforts in collecting the meal vouchers and movie tickets and other goodies.

Year 5 students please return your BYOD surveys to the box in the office. “A mind is like a parachute, it doesn't work if it is not open”.

Around the school

PSSA - Finals
Softball – Girls and Mixed playing at Meadowbank from 12:50pm.
Cricket – Playing a friendly at school.
T-Ball – As we are not in the finals training sessions have concluded. On Fridays we will be playing against each other at Meadowbank Park.

Musicale Audition

My child ___________ from class ______ wishes to audition for the Musicale. The instrument he/she plays is ________________ and the song to be performed is ________________.

Parents Signature: __________________________
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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Christian Christmas
Keep those donations coming in. Have heard that KS is leading the competition with a really long line of food!

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open the following times:
- Tuesday, 24th November from 8.30am–9.30am.
- Wednesday, 2nd December from 5.30pm–6.30pm.
- Friday, 4th December from 8.30am–9.30am.

We will then open on the Staff Development Day (Wednesday, 27th January 2016) from 10am–10:45am and we’ll be open as per usual from Tuesday, 2nd February, 2016.

Huge thanks to all our volunteers this past year and a massive thanks to Rachael for seven years of service to the Uniform Shop.

CANTOON NEWS

CLOSED EVERY WEDNESDAY
To open on Wednesdays we need at least 8 volunteers to fill the monthly roster.

CANTOON 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 0412154004.

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.

CANTOON ROSTER
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 19/11 Alison, Melinda, Louise (pm)
Friday 20/11 Wendy, Melissa, Robyn M

Monday 23/11 Eunice, Jina
Tuesday 24/11 Wendy, Nirmali, Lisa F
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 26/11 Sonja, Kate B, Alex S (9.11.30)
Friday 27/11 Wendy, Clarissa, Anne L (pm)

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