Term 4 Week 10

Monday 7 December Epping Club Choir
Tuesday 8 December Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 9 December Year 6 Mini-Fete
Thursday 10 December Year 6 Mini-Fete
Friday 11 December 4/5C & 6S Performing “Sign of the Sea-Horse”

Term 4 Week 11

Monday 14 December K-2 Party
Tuesday 15 December Musicale
Wednesday 16 December Last day for students
Thursday 17 December Staff Development Day
Friday 18 December Staff Development Day

Term 1 Week 1

Wednesday 27 January Staff Development Day
Thursday 28 January Years 1-6 First Day back

Year 6 Mini-Fete
It has finally arrived … the Year 6 Mini-Fete will be held tomorrow after Recess. The students are excited and a fun day is in store for all. The students are permitted to wear mufti (remember closed in shoes, appropriate clothes, etc). It would be beneficial if you provided your child with smaller denominations to assist those working at the stalls. Younger children are encouraged to use a purse, wallet or zip-lock bag to carry their money. Parents are welcome to attend but only school-aged children who are Ermington students are permitted to attend.

Parent Surveys
Thank you to those parents who returned the surveys – we had 32% of families returning the forms. I have included a number of graphs based on the responses. This information will be reviewed by the school to build on what we do well and to improve where it is required.

Principal’s Message

2016 Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects
The following students have been elected by their peers to represent the school in 2016:

Captains: Brooke M, Nicholas G
Vice-Captains: Ella W, Charlie S
Prefects: Ruby B, James G
Ria K, Aidan K
Emma L, Ben S

Ermington Public School Newsletter
Kindy
Welcome to Week 10 - Revision Week! We will be busy revising our sounds, sight words and our News topic is the children's favourite, Free Choice. The Year 6 Mini Fete fundraiser will take place tomorrow between recess and lunch and it is always an exciting, fun time for the entire school. Please give your child some spending money as there will be plenty of games and activities to test their skills or their luck, plus snacks/drinks to buy at the stalls or the super little Cafe. There are many, many choices on the day so perhaps you could find some odd jobs for your Kindy to earn additional funds to spend! We look forward to welcoming you to our Celebration of Learning Assembly in the hall on Thursday, commencing after recess at 11.25am. We will be exchanging our Kris Kringle gifts this coming Friday, 11th December. There is a definite air of anticipation and excitement as the clearly named gifts have been rolling in, to be placed under the class Christmas trees! If your child has not yet brought in their gift, please send it in urgently. Next Monday, 14th December the whole school will be treated to the annual Party day - all paid for by our wonderful P&C. With so many fabulous things going on we hope you have a bonza week!

Stage News

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage 1
All of the teachers on Stage One would like to say a very big thank you to both students and parents for such a wonderful year. The students have worked so hard, aiming for the stars in all learning experiences and doing their best.

A reminder to count up your Caught You Being Good cards to make sure that you do not miss out on receiving any Bronze, Silver or Gold awards. The Year 6 Mini Fete is on Wednesday at 11:25am. The children are to wear Mufti with enclosed shoes and shirts that cover shoulders. Please send in money with your child on this day so they can participate in all of the wonderful activities and stalls that Year 6 have worked so hard for. The Celebration of Learning Assembly is on Thursday in the school hall at 11:25am. Party Day is on Monday, a huge thank you to all parents involved for giving up your precious time and making it such a special day.

Stage 2
Fasten your seat belts as the next week is certainly a busy one. Children will be gradually bringing some books home. Please make sure you check your child's bag and empty out some of the unnecessary items as some children's bags weigh a tonne! Reminder to bring in permission notes for party day at the pool.

Stage 3
Get your roller skates on as we roll through another busy week. Year 6 Farewell at the Epping Club is on this evening commencing at 6.30pm. Parents are welcome from 8.45pm to look at the student's Memoir Books they have made in class. At 9.15pm there will be a dance with the parent and child.

Tomorrow (Wednesday, 9th December) from 11.25am will be the much anticipated Year 6 Mini Fete. Bring your change with you as there are so many exciting things to do. This Thursday, 10th December commencing at 9.30am in our school hall will be the Acknowledgement Assembly. Friday is 4-5C and 6S performance of Sign of the Seahorse in our school hall.

“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken”. Oscar Wilde

Around the school

Year 6 Mini Fete - Wednesday 9th December
This Wednesday, 9th December, the Year 6 students will be running their Mini Fete to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell and their gift to the school. All students in Kindergarten to Year 5 will be participating in this wonderful event and are asked to bring some money to be involved in the different activities, stalls and games the students have planned. All students can wear sensible mufti clothes but must wear closed in shoes (runners or school shoes) on the day. Please remember to bring a hat too. The event will commence at 11:25am - 1:10pm at school. There will be the raffle winners announced after lunch in the COLA. Don't miss out on this great event!

Information to support progression of my child to the next level

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Year 6 Farewell
Tonight (Tuesday, 8th December) the Class of 2015 will celebrate their Year 6 Farewell at The Epping Club.
When: Tuesday, 8th December 2015
Where: The Epping Club, Rawson Street Epping
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Dress: Smart Casual
Transport: The responsibility of the parents/guardians to transport their child to and from the event.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly
Wednesday, 16th December at 2:05pm, the Year 6 students will be presented with their graduation certificates at a special assembly. Parents are invited to attend this memorable event. Ermington Public School students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will then form the arch for the Year 6 students to pass through on their final day of primary school.

Christmas Charity Appeal
Thank you for everybody's generosity in sending in contributions. Our efforts were really appreciated and Christian Community Aid were very excited about how much we gave. Congratulations to 1L and 4/5C for creating the longest line with their food. I think we were all spurred on by KS who were leading the way for so long!

Sign of the Seahorse
6S and 4/5C are performing a play based on the book by Graeme Base - "The Sign of the Seahorse". We are performing after recess on Friday this week. All are welcome.

Musical
There are still places for anybody wishing to perform in the Musicale on Tuesday 15. Please fill in form at the bottom of newsletter and forward to Mrs Clarke.

Kiss and Ride Roster
In 2016 we will be losing some parent volunteers for Kiss and Ride. If you can help with this school service, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Colette at E: colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au

Primary Ethics – Volunteer Teachers Needed
A big thank you goes out to our ethics teacher, Rachel Yeomans, for yet another successful year teaching ethics to Stage 3. She does an outstanding job and her efforts are greatly appreciated by all involved. We currently have lots of enthusiastic students enrolled in philosophical ethics however only one of the four ethics classes is running due to a lack of volunteer teachers.

Are you, or anyone you know (grandparents, friends), able to commit to teaching for 30 minutes every Thursday morning? Now is the time to apply so we can make sure teachers are fully trained and ready to go for the beginning of the new school year.

Ethics classes consist of interesting and age appropriate issues for students to discuss. They learn to think about these matters together and engage in give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people’s points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements. Full training is provided to successful applicants.

More information about Primary Ethics including curriculum topics and how to volunteer is available on their website at www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Kate anytime. Kate Bowman, Ethics Coordinator. Phone: 0404 217 414 or E: kate.ethics@gmail.com.au

**Canteen News**

**Friday, 11th December is the last day for Canteen – we are closed all next week**

**Stock Shortages** - Some canteen supplies will be unavailable toward the end of this week due to running our stock low for the holidays. Please check availability when ordering, thank you.

**Guessing Competition** The winner of the lolly jar guessing competition for the Rainbow Child Foundation will be announced this Friday. You can still try your luck for .50c per guess or 3 guesses for $1.

**Canteen Roster**
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 10/12 Colette, Kate E, Anne H
Friday 11/12 Wendy, Mel, Joy (am), Simone (pm)

Mon 14/12 - Wed 16/12 CLOSED

If you are unable to work your shift please try to find a replacement, if you can’t, contact Wendy wlarocca@optusnet.com.au
New Bus Service Numbers from Winbourne Street
From the Start of 2016 most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate any duplication of route numbers that may have caused confusion to students in the past. Examples are:

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More information regarding these changes please visit the Sydney Buses website: www.sydneybuses.info

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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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**Play Netball for Comets in 2016**

Register online NOW  
NEW players turning 7yrs and up in 2016  
Saturday games at Brush Farm for 7-10yrs,  
And Meadowbank Park for 11yrs and up!  
Uniform Hire included in registration!  
www.cometsnetball.com.au  
Call Susan Brownlow: 0409 041 487  
secretary@cometsnetball.com.au

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**Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy**

Skills Development, Match Play, Drills, Games and Prizes.  
Camp 1: 21st – 24th December 2015.  
Camp 2: 18th – 21st January 2016  
Cost: $130 per child. 9am – 1pm.  
5-16 year olds. Held at Meadowbank Park. For more info call Ray Brennan P: 9809-0882 or 0418 168 868
Dear Sir/Madam

We’re writing to let you know the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Education will announce the launch of the new School Opal card on Thursday 29 October.

The School Opal card will officially launch its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region on Monday 2 November.

The application can be found at [transportnsw.info/school-students](transportnsw.info/school-students)

Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don’t need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, campus, their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to your school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

More information will follow in the next few weeks to help both your staff and students with the transition.

Sincerely

The Opal Team

Use public transport, plan your trip at [transportnsw.info](transportnsw.info)

Get on board with Opal at [opal.com.au](opal.com.au)