Term 4 Week 11

Monday 14 December
K-2 Party
3-6 Pool Excursion
Canteen Closed

Tuesday 15 December
Musicale
SRC Talent Quest
Canteen Closed

Wednesday 16 December
Last day for students
Canteen Closed

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

From all the Staff at Ermington Public School

Merry Christmas

Important Dates for Term 1
1st February 2016 – First day for all Kindy students
3rd February 2016 – P&C Meeting 7:30pm
15th February 2016 – School Photos
23rd February 2016 – School Swimming Carnival

Principal’s Message

Thank You
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who assist at making Ermington such a wonderful school. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated. Thank you to the P&C for their fantastic support – I know the students enjoyed their amazing end of year celebrations (paid for by the P&C) at the pool and the K-2 party day.

SRC Fundraiser
Today was our annual mufti day and talent quest to raise money for our sponsor child. We raised $411.75. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Successful Grant Application
During Term 3 our P&C worked closely with the school’s administration staff to apply for a grant to complete the covered walkways around our school. We were advised yesterday that we have been successful in our application and will be receiving $39,246 in funding for this project. As you can appreciate this process took many hours and once again we would like to thank our P&C executive, Trent M and Joanne K for their hard work to raise these funds. I’m sure the teachers and students will be pleased to be able to walk under cover when it’s raining.

Teachers Moving On
We would like to thank the following teachers for their service at Ermington Public School and we wish them all good luck in their new endeavours: Mrs Bales, Miss Holm, Mrs Lade, Miss Shin & Miss Robinson. Their contributions to our teaching and learning programs are very much appreciated.

Best Wishes to Year 6 & Our Year 6 Parents
Tomorrow we will hold our graduation ceremony for Year 6. I wish all of our Year 6 students the very best at high school and with their future studies.

Holiday Well Wishes
If you have a chance to get a break over the Christmas/January holidays, I trust that you will have a great time. Keep safe and read lots of books.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal
Stage News

Kindy
Well here we are in our final school week of 2015! It has certainly been an eventful, jam-packed year for us all. We are so very proud of our Kindies who can now not only read and write, but who have participated in and embraced a myriad of new experiences and activities. Our annual Party Day was such fun and the children were treated to a wonderful time, courtesy of our P&C. If you are not already a member, please do consider joining next year and become a part of the fabulous fundraising team that directly benefits our children. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported and assisted Kindergarten in any way in 2015. We have greatly appreciated your help. Finally, the Kindy Team would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas holiday season! May we all share good health and prosperity in 2016 and enjoy the rest of the week!

Stage 1
The end of year has come upon us so fast. Congratulations to all Stage 1 students for your hard work throughout the year. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for a wonderful 2016. Enjoy a well deserved break, have a big rest, relax and we look forward to seeing you in 2016.

Stage 3
The year is nearly closed but the learning journey is simply moving forward. Thank you to our parents for your support this year as it is appreciated by the staff and students. We say farewell to Year 6 on Wednesday afternoon at 2:05pm. Bring your tissues! The teachers of Stage Three wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Ensure you have access to E-News so you can stay informed.

Around the school

Year 6 Graduation Assembly
Tomorrow, 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.

Year 6 Mini Fete Raffle
Thank you to West Ryde Hotel and Dragon 88 (at Brush Park Bowling Club) for donating dinner vouchers and Events Cinemas for movie tickets which were used as prizes for the raffle.

Christmas Choir
The Christmas Choir has been a huge success again this year! We sang at the Epping Club and at Arrunga Nursing Home last week with warm receptions at both venues. Bianca Dominiello from the Epping Club said, “I wanted to say again thank you for all of your super organisation with the children, you were all fantastic and the children have such beautiful voices. You must be so proud, as they are all very well mannered.” High praise for both our singing and our good behaviour. Well done Ermington Christmas Choir! Our visit to Arrunga was very different this year in that we did not perform in one room with residents as our audience. We sang our hearts out as we walked slowly around the corridors, stopping at the doorways of every room to sing to the lovely folk there. Some joined us in singing and others were very moved by our beautiful voices; the old familiar Christmas songs bringing back fond memories for all. Congratulations to all the choristers, and special thanks to those students who sang solo verses.

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: colettegrundyl@yahoo.com.au

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School Holidays 17.12.15 – 26.1.16

| Wednesday | 27.1.16  | *SDD  |
| Thursday  | 28.1.16  | Kylie S|
| Friday    | 29.1.16  | Mel H |
| Monday    | 1.2.16   | Robyn Mac|
| Tuesday   | 2.2.16   | Leanne N|
| Wednesday | 3.2.16   | Narelle Mac|
| Thursday  | 4.2.16   | HELP NEEDED|
| Friday    | 5.2.16   | Megan G |

*SDD - Staff Development Day
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](http://www.sydneybuses.info)

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for their tireless efforts throughout 2015. Wishing you all a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!

**CANTEEN ROSTER for January 2016**

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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](mailto:ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Subject:  **Newsletter Insert**

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.

**Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy**

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<td>5-16 year olds. Held at Meadowbank Park. For more info call Ray Brennan P: 9809-0882 or 0418 168 868</td>
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Ask about a healthier, whiter smile today.
Call Elite Dental on 9807 1682
1/1 Maxim Street, West Ryde

OPTOMETRIST
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
Get on board with Opal at opal.com.au