I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Writer of Grants
HELP! Do you love words? Do you love writing submissions? Is so, we want you! Thousands of dollars each year are grabbed by schools in the form of community grants. At Ermington Public School we are missing out as we do not have someone in the parent community who has the time and the skill to apply for the many grants that become available each year. Maybe this is a job right up your alley. The school can even pay the course fee to send you to a training session in town on how to write successful submissions. Please let the office know if this is a role that interests you.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Kindergarten had another wonderful week. Our sight words this week are: can, run, hop and to. The sounds of the week are “p” and “n”. Students must bring back their reading folders and reading books every day. After reading with your child ensure the folder is returned to their school bag. Starting this week, Kindergarten will be finishing school at 3pm. Please ensure your child is picked up from their classroom promptly. A K-6 assembly will be held this Thursday at 2.05pm. All parents are welcome to attend.
Stage 1
Welcome to Week 4! Thank you for attending our Meet the Teacher sessions on Tuesday. Mrs Lade is looking forward to 1L’s Meet the Teacher session tonight at 5:30pm. Students are settling in to their new routines well. Reading Groups have started in 2V and Miss Vallentine is looking forward to seeing the parents who have offered to help. 2M will have their readers sent home from this week with parent helpers commencing next week. Miss Workman is after some meat trays for art so please send them in if you have any. On Thursday we will be having our first K-6 Assembly at 2:05pm; we hope to see you there. Our last message is to remind students to bring their hats to school every day.

Stage 2
Many Stage 2 children enjoyed their first week of PSSA competition in T-ball and cricket. Boys’ T-ball had a narrow victory against Truscott Street. Parents could you please check to see all belongings are clearly named. Unnamed lunch boxes and drink bottles are beginning to accumulate on the stage. Classes are settling well into new routines with their new teacher. This week there is a K to 6 assembly and our captains will be hosting it for the first time. 4/5C will be presenting an item. Parents are most welcome.

Any parents who have not provided their contact details to the teacher in regards to the class parent, please do so if you wish to keep up to date on the class information.

Stage 3
Thank you to all the parents that attended the ’Meet the Teacher’ night last week. It was great to meet everyone and discuss all the exciting programs and events coming up this year. If there are any parents who are able to help with the wonderful Stage 3 Intensive Reading Program, Miss Claro would love to hear from you. It runs on a Monday-Thursday (9-10am) and if you’re able to help even for half an hour it would be greatly appreciated. PSSA commenced last week and it was great to hear the students participating with enthusiasm. Years 3-6 school sport will commence this Friday and there are lots of exciting sports that the children will get to learn and participate in this term. Just a reminder for students to have all the necessary stationery items and that they are labelled. Have a wonderful week!

Sustainability Education
The eco-garden at our school functions as an outdoor classroom. It is used by staff and students for a variety of activities. As part of sustainability education at Ermington, students plant and maintain the eco-garden. We would like to invite members of our school community who have green thumbs and a few spare minutes to join us in maintaining our garden. If you are interested in helping please see me or leave your contact details at the office.

Mrs Amat

SRC
Last Thursday we had our SRC training day. It was a successful day with fun had by all. We would like to remind you that if your child is part of the SRC they will be officially inducted into the SRC at the K-6 Assembly on Thursday at 2:05pm. We hope to see you there.

3-6 Dance Auditions
Just a reminder that Miss Claro will be holding dance auditions today and tomorrow 18th February in the hall at lunch time. Students are advised to wear comfortable dance attire and shoes. It was great to see so many keen children interested in dance this year!

Year 6 Yearbook
Miss Claro is currently looking for any keen Year 6 parents who would like to be part of the 2015 yearbook committee. We are holding a meeting on Monday 9th March at 8:15am in 6C’s classroom. If you’re interested, please come along.

Library
Borrowing has commenced for all classes. It is really important that students bring a substantial library bag - school logo or other design, but not a plastic bag please. Library bags protect our books and are an important part of the organisation for borrowing each week. Students who organise their bag and are ready for library enjoy the greatest benefit from their weekly visits. Your support is appreciated.

Mr Butterfield

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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Around the school

School Expectations
- **SHOW RESPECT** - Allowing others to learn, respecting yourself, share friends and equipment and take turns.
- **BE RESPONSIBLE** - Be accountable for your actions, be a good sport and play fairly, take care of your environment.
- **DO YOUR BEST** - Set goals and strive to achieve them and be a positive role model.
- **STAY SAFE** - Be in the right place at the right time, play safely and fairly.
Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Twice a year we donate used clothing to Stewart House. Today we sent home a bag for you to fill. All bags will need to be back at school by Friday, 13th March. Please take the filled bags into the Computer Lab and place them inside the door against the rear wall.

CANTEEN MEETING
There will be a canteen meeting on Thursday 26th February at 9am under the COLA. We will be voting on positions for the 2015 committee. Canteen meetings are open to all parents and we welcome interest from new parents to the school.

CANTEN NEWS

CLOSED DATES
Due to volunteer shortage, we will be CLOSED on Wednesday, 25th February.

VOLUNTEERS – Many thanks to the few people who have offered to volunteer in the canteen, however we are still quite short for these shifts in particular:-

1 Monday morning shift 8.40-11.15
4 Wednesday full day shifts
- and one 1/2 day (11.30-2.15)
2 Friday shifts, full day or half (pm preferred)

Please email or call Wendy if you would like to find out more about volunteering in the canteen. Thanks 😊
wlarocca@optusnet.com.au, 0412154004

COINS (small change) NEEDED IN THE CANTEEN
Please do not come to the canteen with large notes, we need plenty of small change to operate properly!

SUSHI ON MONDAYS CANCELLED INDEFINITELY – Unfortunately we have lost our sushi supplier so there will no more sushi sales until we can source a new supplier.

CANTEN ROSTER
Wednesday 18/2 Beth, Teresa, Danni (am)
Thursday 19/2 Alison, Melinda, Louise (pm)
Friday 20/2 Wendy, Robyn M, Clarissa
Monday 23/2 Eunice, Jina
Tuesday 24/2 Kate B, Ros Wraxall
Wednesday 25/2 CANTEN CLOSED
Thursday 26/2 Shienne, Sonja, Lisa Fu (pm)
Friday 27/2 Wendy, Melissa (help needed)

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

For more information, please contact Chris on ermps.pandc.vpresident1@gmail.com for the position description and submission of application. Closing date is 25th February 2015.

Fete News
Fete Day Saturday 23 May 2015

1. DONATIONS and SPONSORSHIP: Everyone please approach any business that you know for donations of prizes or sponsorship funds. We can provide you with a letter to give to any business that you wish to approach. Most businesses are happy to donate if the approach is made by a regular customer or employee. We will advertise any business in the school newsletter and on the day, a great way for local businesses to promote themselves. We need items suitable for: Spinning Wheel. Silent Auction, Pick a Box and Gift Baskets

2. PLANTS, BOOKS and TREASURE STALL: For all the green thumbs in the school please start growing suitable plants to donate to the Plant Stall. Please also start collecting books for the bookstall. Also collect any toys, bric-a-brac, sporting equipment or the like for donation for the Treasure Stall. We want items that are saleable (please consider that any items that are not saleable cost us money to dispose of after the fete). We will advise closer to the fete of drop off arrangements for Plants, Books and Treasure

3. Stall Coordinators: Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to coordinate fete stalls. We still need coordinators for the following stalls (the Fete Committee will assist you in running any stall to make your job as easy as possible):
Rides, Café, Plants, Children’s Games, Mini Sports, Cupcakes, Food Stalls – Chinese, Korean and Silent Auction

The Fete Committee will allocate these stalls to various classes after next week, so the parents of the classes may get together and run the stalls.

4. Fete Meeting Dates: The Fete Committee will be meeting on the following Dates (Before each P&C Meeting and additional meetings leading up to the event). Meetings are held in the School Staff Room. Please come along and find out how you can help.

Wednesday, 4th March 6:30pm (before P&C), Wednesday, 1st April 6:30pm (before P&C), In Term 2 every Wednesday leading up to the Fete 22nd April, 29th April, 6th May, 13th May and 20th May.

Should you have any questions or comments please contact the fete Committee via e-mail ermps.pandc.fete@gmail.com.

Many Thanks
Ermington Public School P&C Fete Committee 2015

Acting Canteen Manager
The P&C are seeking to employ on a temporary casual basis a person to manage and supervise the school canteen for a 3 month period, with the possibility of extension. Shift days and hours are Monday & Friday 8.30am-2.30pm with some additional duties. Shift flexibility is subject to rostering. Salary will be in accordance with the Fast Food Industry Award 2010.
Baskets Needed for fete
We are in need of baskets and gift boxes for the Gift Basket Stall at the upcoming fete. If you have any you would like to donate please send them in to the front office. If you have any unwanted or unused gifts from Christmas we will gladly accept those also.
Stall Co-ordinators.

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

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.

Free Registration
Old & New Players come along and enjoy a “Try Rugby” Session
Wednesday, 18th February 5pm – 8pm.
Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve – Alexander St, Dundas
Under 6’s to Under 17’s.
For More information please contact:
President – Margaret – 0406 106 621 or 9631 5369
Email: dvjur@hotmail.com

Forgotten to register for Netball in 2015?
We are looking for:
2 x 12/13 year olds
2 x 10/11 year olds
2 x 8/9 year olds
Practice is on Thursdays at Meadowbank Park
Games are played on Saturday
Register online NOW:
www.cometsnetball.com.au
Call Judith on 0405 058 516
or email registrar@cometsnetball.com.au