**Term 1 Week 5**

Wednesday 25 February  **CANTEEN CLOSED**  
Thursday 26 February  **9am Canteen Meeting**  
Friday 27 February  **P&C Disco**

**Term 1 Week 6**

Tuesday 3 March  **School Photos**  
8.30am Band Meeting  
Wednesday 4 March  **7.30pm P&C AGM and General Meeting**

**Term 1 Week 7**

Tuesday 10 March  **Zone Swimming Carnival**  
Tuesday 10 March  **Marsden High School Open Day (4:30pm – 6:30pm)**  
Thursday 12 March  **Selective High School Exam**

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**School Photos**  
Next Tuesday (3 March) we will be taking our school photographs. This involves arranging for a professional photography company to come into the school and take a whole school photograph, a class photograph and an individual photograph. They will even take a photo of sibling and/cousins if you wish. It is extremely important that all children wear their FULL SUMMER UNIFORM. These photos form an important part of the school’s historical record but are a great way of tracking your child’s physical development through their schooling. The whole school photograph will be taken at 9am and the class photos will commence as soon as that is finished. Order forms were sent home last week but extras are available at the office.

**P&C Annual General Meeting**  
Next week our P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM). It is at this meeting that the executive of the P&C are elected – the roles include President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in finding out more about these roles, please speak to a member of the P&C. The meeting will be followed by the regular monthly general meeting. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.

**High School Enrolments for 2015**  
If you have a child in Year 6 this year you will be shortly be receiving an Expression of Interest form to indicate your preferences for high school. It is extremely important that this form is returned to us – even if you are selecting a non-government school.

Please note that different high schools have their own enrolment boundaries and procedures and you need to check with each high school as to how they administer their enrolments. The boundaries for each school and your eligibility are based on your residential address – please note these cannot be changed without verification by the primary school.

**Money to School**  
I would like to remind parents that money should not be sent to the school on a Friday. The reason for this is both an organisational one and a work, health and safety issue.

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**Money Collection Days are Monday to Thursday only.**  
**NO MONEY ON FRIDAYS**

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**Principal's Message**

**P&C Discos**  
This Friday the P&C are hosting another of their famous discos. Details were sent home last week. K-2: 6-7.30pm; Years 3-6: 7.45-9.15pm. It should be a lot of fun. Please note that children are the responsibility of their parents unless they are attending the disco for their age group.

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**Canteen Closed This Wednesday**
Attendance at School
It is very important that students attend school every day unless they are unwell. New state-wide procedures have been introduced this term. To quote from the attached information sheet, if a child was to miss 8 days of school each term they will have missed over a year of their education by the time they finish their primary schooling. Exemptions for extended travel are no longer granted. It is, however, possible to apply for extended leave to travel but all absences are recorded in official school documents.

We also have a large number of students who are frequently late. Many reasons provided are recorded as unsatisfactory by the classroom teachers. The Home School Liaison Officer visits our school each term to monitor student attendance.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Kindergarten are continuing to make all the Kindergarten teachers proud with all of the effort they are putting into their work. If you have not made an interview time with your child’s teacher, please see them ASAP. Interviews will be occurring between 2nd and 5th March. The sight words for this week are: mum, dad, see, and we. The sounds of the week are "c", "k" and "e". Gross motor sport will start this Friday. If you are able to help with gross motor sport at 9am on a Friday and have not put your name down, please see your child's teacher. Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered to help. We hope everyone who will be attending the school disco on Friday has a fantastic time.

Stage 1
Welcome to Week 5! Yesterday afternoon we had a visit from the RSPCA as part of our Anti-Bullying Program ‘Bounce Back’. Homework commenced last week and it was great to see everyone so keen to complete their homework and return it on Friday. We would like to remind Year 1 to return their Maths Treasure Box resources cut and named as soon as possible. On Monday afternoons Year 1 will be holding maths groups from 2:30 - 3:00. If you are available to help we would love to see you there. Our last reminder is that school photos are on Tuesday 3rd March so please remember to wear full school uniform on the day.

Stage 2
It is so good to see so many children bring in fresh fruit and vegetables for our crunch ‘n sip break in the morning session. At recess many children are bringing in packaged goods which they find very difficult to open. Perhaps snacks which are readily accessed would be a better option. Everyone in Stage 2 will be taking part in an oral presentation beginning next week. We all look forward to hearing their "Passion" talks. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to be class parents this year. Could you make sure you sent your email address to your class teacher in order to forward to class parent.

Stage 3
Congratulations to 4/5C on their wonderful item at our first assembly last week. Our student executive and house captains are to be commended on their enthusiastic and committed approach towards their leadership responsibilities so far. The students in Year 5 are looking forward to their camp in Week 9. Please ensure all forms have been completed. Year 6 students will be starting an exciting visual arts program and Miss Blackman, Miss Claro and Mrs Sparrow would be grateful if the children could please bring in the following supplies: old newspapers and flour. We thank you in advance for your support. Have a wonderful week!

Around the school

School Expectations
This week our focus is Be Responsible. We can demonstrate this by:
- Looking after our belongings
- Hand in any lost property or money found in the playground
- Take pride in yourself and your school

Science & Technology
A huge thank you to the parents who covered class sets of Science books for our students. I really appreciate the time you spent doing them. They look great.

Mrs Amat

Sustainability Education
This Friday, Ermington Public School will participate in ‘Schools Clean Up Australia Day’. Each Stage group will spend time inspecting our school environment and cleaning up any rubbish they find. Staff will remind students how to ‘Stay Safe’ during this activity. Perhaps your family can join in the 25th ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ on Sunday 1st March!

Mrs Amat

PSSA
This week Cricket have a bye and will be remaining at school. Softball and T-ball will be playing at Ryde Oval.

Year 2 Dance Auditions
Mrs Lade and Miss Day will be holding dance auditions for Year 2 tomorrow at lunch time. Please remind your child to attend these auditions if they are interested. We look forward to seeing our keen Year 2 dancers.

2015 Choirs
Mrs Barton will be running a Junior Choir, Ms Vallentine will be running a Year 4/5 choir and Miss Blackman will be running a senior choir, beginning Term 2.

The Year 4/5 choir will begin this week on Wednesday at lunch time in 2V. Please come along, bring your lunch, write your name on the list and enjoy some cool singing!
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 Closed**

Many thanks to the new volunteers! However we are still quite short for these shifts in particular:

- 1 Monday morning shift 8.40-11.15
- 2 Wednesday full day shifts and two 1/2 day
  - (11.30-2.15)
- 1 Thursday full or two 1/2 day shifts

Please email or call Wendy if you would like to find out more about volunteering in the canteen. Thanks 😊

wlarocca@optusnet.com.au, 0412 154 004

**COINS (change) Needed**
No large notes please - we need plenty of small change (silver) 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.

**Canteen Roster**

- Wednesday 25/2: Canteen Closed
- Thursday 26/2: Shienny, Sonja, Lisa Fu (pm)
- Friday 27/2: Wendy, Melissa, Anne L (pm)
- Monday 2/3: Wendy, Donna
- Tuesday 3/3: Kate B, Aileen N
- Wednesday 4/3: Beth, Helen W (help needed)
- Thursday 5/3: Stephanie, Meredith (help needed)
- Friday 6/3: Patricia, Kylie (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

**Canteen Meeting**
There will be a canteen meeting held this 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.

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

**School Disco**
This Friday the 27th will be our 1st disco of 2015. Thank you for the great response so far. There is still plenty of time to pay but all hotdog orders need to be in by Thursday morning.

**P&C News**
Just a reminder that the P&C Annual General Meeting will be held in the School Hall on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm. Immediately following will be a shorter general meeting. The main item of business at the AGM is the election of new office-holders: Please go to http://pandc.org.au for job descriptions for the following positions: President, 2 Vice presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

As this is a Fete year, perhaps the most critical role to fill is the Treasurer. Without a treasurer, cheques don’t get signed. If you have any skills with accounting or book-keeping, EPS P&C would greatly value your help!

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible to express their vote and have a say in shaping the direction of the next 8 months until our first ever November AGM.

**Band News - AGM Tuesday, 3rd March at 8:30am**
Welcome back to all continuing band students and a warm welcome to all new band students and their families for 2015. This year promises to be another big year with around 70 students enrolled in the school band program. If your child is interested in joining the band, it is not too late to enrol for this year.

To ensure the program's ongoing success, we are in need of a few more driven and enthusiastic band parents to join the Band Committee this year. This is not a time consuming role. As a Band Committee parent your focus will be on liaising with TSA, raising awareness of the band within both the school & wider local community and fund-raising for our school's band resources all of which will benefit your children. Support from ex Band Committee members will be available if required.

A meeting of interested band parents will be held next Tuesday, 3rd March at 8:30am under the COLA (stage area). All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant. If you are interested in becoming a member of the 2015 Band Committee (or would like to find out more) please contact Yan on 0410682133/yhdu@hotmail.com or see you at the meeting.
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.

Shoes for Planet Earth
This is the last week that we are collecting second hand running shoes to be donated to various locations including, for example, homeless shelters, youth crises centres and women’s refuges in Parramatta. We would like your help. If your children have outgrown their old runners, please consider whether someone else could get some use from them and send them to school. The shoes need to be in good condition, with no holes and good soles! Also needed are any spare inner soles and shoe laces. We cannot take any other types of shoes – (adult or child sizes) runners.

Please wash your runners and tie them together. There is a box in the school office where children can deliver their unwanted runners. Last day to drop off to school is Friday, 27 February 2015.

You can read more about Shoes for Planet Earth at http://www.shoesforplanetearth.com/about-us/soul-journey/

For more information please contact Belinda Barnes on E: belinda5d@optusnet.com.au if you have any questions. Thanks to those families who have already donated!

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.
An invitation to visit
Epping Boys High School
Information Afternoon
Thursday 26 February 2015
4 – 7 pm

Year 7 Massed Choir

Parents and Students Year 7
2016 and 2017

Parents and guardians of boys currently enrolled in Years 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend the school’s Information Afternoon in the Edmund Barton Examination Centre.

Epping Boys High School has an outstanding tradition of academic, cultural and sporting achievement.

4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Principal and Deputy Principal presentations
- Boys to Men Program
- Student presentation
- Musical items
- Question and answer session with senior staff
- Meet key school personnel

5.00pm – 6.00pm
- Tours of the school

6.00 – 7.00pm Gifted and Talented Program 2016
- Presentation in the School Common Room to interested parents

For further information about our school and achievements, please check our website:
http://www.eppingboy.h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: eppingboy.h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Address: 213 Vittoria Rd, Eastwood, NSW, 2122
Enrolment enquiries for 2015 are invited to the
Enrolment Officer on 9869 2701.

Cumberland High School
Excellence in Education

Experience excellence at
Cumberland High School’s Open Evening.
Monday 2 March 2015 from 5pm to 8pm.

Offering:
- Excellent HSC results and University placement
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Scholarship opportunities
- Extensive extra-curricular music and sport programs
- Modern facilities including commercial grade kitchens, cafés and science labs
- Fully air-conditioned classrooms and landscaped grounds
- Interpreting services

Cumberland High School provides an extensive range of academic and vocational opportunities delivered by our professional, experienced and highly committed teachers.

Congratulations Year 12 2014
Outstanding HSC Results
Qi Xuan (Storm) Liu – Premier’s Award for All-round Excellence
Qi Xuan (Storm) Liu
ATAR 99.00
Amanda Cale
ATAR 98.80
Harlan (Jason) Li
ATAR 98.60
Nicole Markhale
ATAR 98.50
Su-Hsi Park
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Joe Zhang
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Rebecca Ford
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Tom Liu
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