Term 1 Week 10

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Cross Country Assistance
On Tuesday, 28th April, we will be holding our school cross country carnival on the grounds of our school and Marsden High School (with the primary students using the Brush Road pathway). The Years 3-6 part of the carnival will start as close to 9.15am as possible (finishing around 11am). If you are able to assist with being a course marshal or lap recorder, please phone the school office and leave a message for Miss Lambert.

Easter Hat Parade
The school will be holding its annual Easter Hat Parade this Wednesday. All students in K-2 participate and parents and grandparents are invited to watch the parade. The P&C will be selling hot cross buns and tea/coffee to the adults after the parade. It will commence at 9.30am.

Researching the Facts
The world in which we live is filled with so much information available at our fingertips. At Ermington we endeavour to teach the students the required skills to be able to sort through this information and come to conclusions that are based on facts. The students are encouraged to seek information from more than one source to verify that the information is correct. We teach them to avoid cultural biases that may appear in a report in an historical recount. In all of our lives, both as children and adults, we need to be able to develop the skill to discern the accuracy of information that may be produced as fact but may, in fact, not be an accurate account of the situation.

Principal's Message

Friendship Bench
This week, the school installed a friendship bench that overlooks the grass playground. This bench is an acknowledgement of the life of Marcus Shashati and can be used by the students as they overlook the soccer fields. Year 2 students will have a short “opening ceremony” on Thursday.

State Swimmers
Congratulations to the boys who represented our school at the State Swimming Championship. Our boys swam a personal best to qualify them for a place in the final (placing them in the top 8 school teams in the state). In the final they came 8th and Laurence L came 13th in Breaststroke.

School Holidays
Term 1 finishes this Thursday, as Friday is a public holiday. Staff will return on Monday, 20th April but the students do not return until Tuesday, 21st April. If you are able to get away for a break, I trust that you will have an enjoyable and relaxing time.

School Photos
All Class, individuals and family photos have been sent home today.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal
Stage News

Kindy
Wow! Week 10 already. Congratulations to the Kindy students for making it through their first term of school. This week's sight words are he, she, be and me. The sounds for this week are: 'w', 'v' and 'y'. Readers will be collected over the holiday period, however, reading folders will be sent home so students can continue to practise their sight words, sounds and numbers. K-2 Easter Hat Parade will begin at 9:30am, Wednesday 1st April, under the COLA. All parents and guests are welcome to attend. There will be a K-2 assembly this Thursday, 2nd April at 12:30pm in the hall. Parent and guests are always welcome. The Kindergarten students had a wonderful time watching the Oz Opera performance of Cinderella today. The topic for Term 2, Week 1 news will be 'My Holiday'. Students need to prepare and practise their news. We hope everyone has an enjoyable break over the Easter holidays. Thank you to all the parents who have helped throughout the term.

Stage 1
Welcome to the last week of Term 1. What a busy and exciting term we have had to start 2015. Today we had a visit from Oz Opera and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. On Thursday we have our last K-2 Assembly for the term at 12:30pm. 1L will be hosting the assembly and 2W will be performing an item. 2W are reminded to bring in a black top and a pair of black pants or tights. Tomorrow is our Easter Hat Parade. We can't wait to see your hats and see our visitors for a hot cross bun after the parade. Over the holidays please re-stock pencil cases and make sure all belongings are labelled. 2M need more glue sticks so if you can purchase more and bring them at the start of next term it would be greatly appreciated. We hope you have a wonderful Easter and a very happy and safe holiday.

Stage 2
This week will be a busy one to end the term. We all enjoyed the "Cinderella" performance today. Children are all busy putting the finishing touches to their brochures. These holidays would be a good opportunity to check your children's school bag to check for forgotten notes and equipment such as pencil cases which might need renewing. Please ensure all winter jumpers are clearly named.

Stage 3
This week the students in Stage 3 have been presenting their imaginative speaking and listening assessments. The standard and creativity displayed in the presentations has been superb. Thank you to all the parent helpers who have assisted in classroom activities this term. Just a reminder for Year 6 students and parents to be collecting photos over the holidays for the yearbook. We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter holiday!

Around the school

School Expectations
This week our focus is BEING RESPONSIBLE. We can demonstrate this in many ways including:
- Be accountable for our actions
- Looking after our own belongings
- Taking pride in ourselves and our belongings.
- Taking care of our learning environment.

What Ermington means to me by from Anika 2V
Excellent
Remarkable
Magnificent
Improve
Notes home
Great teachers
Target
Outstanding
Newsletters

PSSA
All PSSA teams will be finalised this week. If your child is in an AFL or Tiger tag team please obtain a mouth guard for them for next term. Players are not permitted to play if not wearing one. The competition commences in Week 1 but the first game in AFL and Tiger Tag will be a non-competitive one. Permission notes will be distributed this week.

SRC
Yesterday we held our Term 1 fundraiser for the World Wildlife Fund. You all looked fantastic. Thank you for your kind donations. We raised a total of $513.40. Here is a photo of our coin turtle.

P&C Easter Egg Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea
The Easter Hat Parade is upon us! Tickets to go into the draw to win one of our delicious Easter Chocolate Prizes will be on sale under the COLA before the parade. 50c each or 3 for a $1. Families are invited to come along to the hall and for a small donation of $3, enjoy a Hot Cross Bun and a hot cuppa. The raffles will be drawn at the Morning Tea in the hall. A happy and relaxing Easter to everyone at Ermington Public School.
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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*SDD- Staff Development Day

Uniform Shop
Uniform shop will be open this Wednesday, 1st April from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Election Day Cake Stall
What a day! Thanks to all the terrific parents who helped baked and sell those lovely cakes, at the Marden High School polling booth on Saturday. Together with apple and cider sales we made a staggering $715 profit for the school! What a terrific lot of parents we have at Ermington! Some voters who came unprepared, returned with wallets to buy more of our treats which was especially nice to see. It was also really nice to just meet our local residents, learn about robotics from the Marsden High teachers and students and just help make voting a much more enjoyable experience! If we couldn’t seduce them with our offerings on the way into the booth, we often caught their attention on their way out, so by the end of the day we had almost sold out, with sparing leftovers given to the school canteen. Our diligent bakers are too many to mention, but a special thanks to prolific bakers such as Robyn & Colette. The hot favourite was caramel slice. Thanks to stall helpers: Beth, (especially with sick child at home), Sara, Elaine, Amanda, Julie F, Julie P, Kate, Louise, Jason, Kylie and Ruby, (apologies if I’ve missed anyone). Happy belated Rama Navami (28th March) to our Hindu families.

Fete News
Save the Date: Saturday 23 May 2015
REMINDER OUR FETE MEETING IS THIS WEDNESDAY, 1st April at 6:30pm in the school staff room – everyone welcome – stall co-coordinators please (must) attend so we can:
- Collate the purchase of all the items required for each stall
- Confirm what equipment each stall will need
- Discuss (and confirm) locations of stalls

Volunteers on Fete Day
To run the fete we require as many people to volunteer on the day, you will be given easy tasks to assist with and stall coordinators will direct you in what needs to be done. So please consider sparing a few hours on the day to help out. Remember all the funds we raise go back into supporting the school. Anyone is welcome to help, mums, dads, grandparents, friends and relatives – the more the merrier.

ACTS & Entertainment
We are looking for any school or local groups (dancers, singers, martial arts, etc) that wish to perform at our Fete to please contact us so we can complete our entertainment program and showcase the amazing groups and talents we have in our local community. Groups can contact via the fete e-mail address below.

Raffle Tickets
Each family should have received their raffle tickets. The raffle is a major fundraised with the fete and designed so we can sell tickets to those outside the school community. Please try to sell all your tickets, and if you need more please contact us. We understand it may be difficult for some families to sell all their tickets, so if you cannot please return the books and any money to the school by Friday May 8 so we can sell the remaining tickets.

Donations and Sponsorship
If you know of any local businesses we could approach to sponsor our fete, please contact the Fete Donations and Sponsorship team via email on ermps.pandc.fete@gmail.com and they will be able to assist you. WE need as much help as possible to ensure we get prizes and funds to make the fete a success.

Contact
You can contact the Fete Committee via our e-mail address ermps.pandc.fete@gmail.com

OOSH News
Ermington Public School OOSH needs your help supporting our wonderful staff by joining the management committee and helping this valuable service continue to thrive.

Monday, 11th May at 7pm, the OOSH Annual General Meeting will be held. This is the time when the new committee will be established for the following 12 months. Please consider if you can spare an hour or two twice a term to contribute to the ongoing success of your OOSH. The committee and Centre Director meet twice during the school term to discuss and make decisions on the general operation of OOSH including its finances and compliance with regulations. The committee, is incorporated, that is independent to the P&C. More information on the service can be found at http://ermingtonoosh.com/

Documents regarding the AGM, including committee membership forms can be found near the sign on book at OOSH. Any enquires please speak to the Centre Director Allison van Hilst.
CANTEEN NEWS

NEXT CLOSED DATE – Wednesday, 22nd April

DESPERATE PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS– Can you help for 1 day or a ½ day once per month? To remain open we desperately need more volunteers:- WE NEED: 2 for Monday, 2 for Tuesday, 2-3 Wednesday and 1 Thursday. Volunteers have a choice of am or pm, or full day shifts (full day preferred). Please contact Wendy if you would like to find out more about volunteering in the canteen. Thanks 😊 wlarocca@optusnet.com.au or 0412 154 004

IOU RULE – If a child comes to school with no lunch and no money we will provide an IOU for a honey, jam or vegemite sandwich ONLY – NO EXCEPTIONS!! Please don’t ask or expect canteen staff to break this ruling.

COINS NEEDED No large notes please - we need plenty of small change (especially silver) to operate properly!

Piranha Snacks (Sunday Roast) have been discontinued by the manufacturers – we have BBQ Cheese and Salt & Vinegar.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 1/4 Beth Cooksey, Ann A (10-12.30)
Thursday 2/4 Kate B, Meredith, Pam G (pm)
HELP NEEDED PLEASE
Last day of term- HELP NEEDED for canteen cleanup, please come to canteen at 1.30 if you can help, thanks.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday 20/4 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tuesday 21/4 Shayne, Fiona
Wednesday 22/4 CANTEEN CLOSED
Thursday 23/4 Sonja, Lisa (pm) HELP NEEDED
Friday 24/4 Julie, Melissa, 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

Alive Personal Training
22nd April - June 24th June
Wednesdays 9:30am – 10:15am
Meadowbank Park Netball Courts
$100 for 10 weeks or $12 Casual rate.
Mums with bubs are welcome.
For more info please call Michael on 0405 014 629 e: michael@alivept.com.au / Website: alivept.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.

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