Term 1 Week 6

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Principal’s Message

P&C Disco
The students had a fantastic time last Friday night at the two discos. Thank you so much to the wonderful P&C volunteers who did the behind the scenes organisation, as well as those who assisted on the night. The students love the discos – it is one of their highlights on the calendar.

Fixed Play Equipment
I would like to remind parents that the fixed playground is out of bounds before, during and after school unless supervised by an Ermington staff member or a member of the Ermington OOSH staff. Although we understand it is a great piece of equipment, we need to ensure the safety of the students. Supervision by a parent is not permissible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Food Allergies
Each term I like to remind our community, there are students in the school who suffer from food allergies. For some, being exposed to a nut or an egg could cause a significant anaphylaxis reaction. We again remind parents that no nut or egg products should be brought to school. This is especially relevant if sending in a birthday cake for students to share (it is okay if an egg has been used in the baking process).

Nuts to avoid include:
- Almonds
- Cashews
- Macadamias
- Pinenuts
- Walnuts
- Peanuts

Foods to avoid include:
- Cereals
- Nutella
- Sauces e.g. pesto
- Nut milks e.g. almond milk
- Unprocessed eggs

- Brazil nuts
- Hazelnuts
- Pecans
- Pistachios
- Peanuts
- Most chocolates
- Nut oils
- Muesli bars
- Ice-cream

For the safety of all our children, we request you follow these guidelines.
Before and After School Supervision
Please be aware that teachers do not commence supervision of students in the playground until 8.35am. Unless your child is attending a pre-arranged school activity, they should not be arriving prior to 8.30am – at this time the students are requested to sit under the COLA and wait for the teacher to come out on duty. On occasions there are children attending as early as 7.45am. If you need to drop your child this early at school, please make arrangements with OOSH or a neighbour to ensure that your child is safe. The same applies to leaving the school in the afternoon. There are some students who have to wait for a bus but all others should promptly leave the school grounds. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Class Parents
Ermington has a system where each class has a volunteer who acts as the Class Parent. This parent will communicate with other parents when messages need to be sent regarding the class. If you would like to be included on the email distribution list for your class (and you haven’t already done so) please send a note via the class teacher to pass onto the class parent – include your name, child’s name and email address.

Staff Car Park
More as a courtesy to the pre-school (with their young children), we have allowed vehicles to access the staff car park prior to 7.30am each morning. For safety reasons and to allow staff to access car spaces, we would prefer that families access the street parking on Brush Road or Winbourne Street to access OOSH. Unless coming to collect an ill child, no parent vehicle should be entering the car park after 7.30am and prior to 4pm.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 6. The kindergarten children are certainly getting into the routine of school. The sight words for this week are: like, and, went and my. The sounds are "h", "r" and "m". Please continue to practise the sounds and sight words with your children, including the words and sounds from previous weeks. It is very important that reading folders are in your child’s bag every day. If your child does not bring back their folder or reader, they will not be able to take home a new book. Other children also need the books to read and take home. Please ensure it is in their bag with their readers inside. A huge thank you to all of the parents who have been helping the kindergarten teachers. Your generosity is appreciated.

Stage 1
We have made it to the second half of the term and what a term it has been so far. Yesterday your child should have brought home a Parent Teacher Interview note, please send these back to school as soon as possible. Thank you to those Year 1 parents who volunteered their time for Maths Groups on Monday afternoons from 2:30-3:00pm. All parents are welcome. On Thursday at 12:30pm 2M will be hosting our K-2 Assembly and 2V will be presenting an item. We hope you have a great week.

Stage 2
This week Stage 2 students will be giving their speeches. Children are asked to evaluate their own speech as well as teacher evaluation. We are all looking forward to hearing about the special interests of Year 3 and 4 children. Thank you to those parents who have covered books for their child's class and a big thank you to those Mums who carry out the banking every Tuesday. It appears that quite a few students in Year 4 do not know their tables. We all practise these in class but practice at home is also necessary. Quizzing children while driving or walking can really help children become more efficient in this area as a lack of table knowledge can adversely affect the speed of computations.

Stage 3
In Stage 3 we have been learning about rainforests in HSIE. It has been wonderful to see so many engaged learners during these sessions. Our lovely library monitors are to be congratulated on their enthusiastic and committed approach towards their leadership responsibilities this year. Have a wonderful week!

Around the school

School Expectations
This week our expectation focus is SHOW RESPECT. We can display this in many ways including:

- Listening actively and attentively
- Using lovely polite manners at the canteen.
- Encourage others on your team watching them play
- Taking care of our own property and respecting others.

Science & Technology
Kindergarten students have been learning about the purposes of places and the materials that objects are made from. In a couple of weeks, Kindergarten students will be making a model of their favourite place out of recycled materials. We are collecting any clean, recycled items such as shoe boxes, food boxes or plastic containers. Please send any items you have to the Kindergarten classrooms.

Mrs Amat
This week Cricket will be playing at Meadowbank Park. Softball and T-ball have a bye and will remain at school.

Library News
The Premier’s Reading Challenge will run again this year with student reading logs due to open this week. As in past years, our K-2 classes will read their PRC books in classes and library, whilst 3-6 students complete their reading and log books independently. All 3-6 students will receive time in library over the next few weeks to begin entering their books.

It is a condition of entry into the challenge that all participating students receive a certificate and have their name recorded on the PRC honour roll. Any student who does not wish to have their name recorded should not enter the challenge ‘officially’, but can complete the challenge on paper. Enjoy the challenge!

ICAS Competition
At the end of last week students in 3-6 should have received a note explaining the ICAS exams. Please return these notes as soon as possible. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask Miss Day.

Fete Meeting
Next Fete meeting will be held this Wednesday at 6:30pm before the P&C AGM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fete Committee E-mail: ermps.pandc.fete@gmail.com

Ethics Classes
Stage 2 ethics classes begin this Thursday, 5th March. Kindy ethics classes begin next Thursday, 12th March. There are still places available in the Stage 1 ethics class. If you are interested in sending your child to this class please ask for a permission note.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be open this Wednesday evening, 4th March from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

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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P&C News
School funding through grants, competitions and business sponsorship has become an increasingly important way to ‘support teaching and inspired learning’ which help improve student learning outcomes. Grants particularly, can help us resource things like: an eco-garden, kitchen garden, sports facilities and equipment, a multicultural event, bush tucker gardens, outdoor learning space, special needs, water and energy savings, murals, art programs, music programs, etc…the limit is only your imagination and your ability to sell your ideas! If you have a skill set in grant writing, or proposal development, program planning, internet research, marketing, public relations, horticulture/landscaping, budgeting or similar, we would love to hear from you. Meg and myself will need a small committee to get this of the ground. If you would like more information or help please contact Chris on ermps.pandc.vpresident1@gmail.com or 0407-909-748.
**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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**COMMIT TO GET FIT PERSONAL TRAINING PROGRAM**

We are calling for expressions of interest for our personal training program at the Sport and Fitness Centre – Meadowbank TAFE GYM

**WHEN:** Starts week beginning 9\(^{th}\) March for testing and intro with fitness sessions starting the next week.

**WHAT:** You will commit to an 8 week fitness program consisting of 2 exercise sessions (minimum) either at the Sport and Fitness Centre (Meadowbank TAFE GYM) or at home AND one group Personal Training session per week. You will have basic fitness tests conducted at the beginning and end of the program

**COST:** Free (but you must commit to the entire program) and sorry no childcare available.

There are limited spaces so reply by email to **Melissa.Baker10@det.nsw.edu.au** ASAP to secure your spot! Please include your availability for Personal training sessions (gym is open Monday to Friday 12:00pm-1:30pm and 4:30pm -6:00pm)