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

Term 1 Week 8

Tuesday 17 March  Parent Teacher Interviews  
Thursday 19 March  K-6 Assembly 2:05pm  
Friday 20 March  High School 2016 Expression of Interest Forms Returned to school

Term 1 Week 9

Monday 23 March  Year 5 Camp Begins  
Tuesday 24 March  Year 5 Camp  
Wednesday 25 March  Year 5 Camp Concludes  
Thursday 26 March  State Swimmers Carnival  
Saturday 28 March  P&C Cake Stall at Marsden HS for State Election

Principal's Message

Zone Swimming
Today our Zone Swimmers are at the Ryde Aquatic Centre competing in the Zone Carnival. We know that our students will compete to the best of their ability and will show terrific sportsmanship for both their fellow Ermington students as well as other competitors.

School Photos
It is anticipated that your class, family and individual photos (based on your order) will be delivered before the Easter holidays. These will be sent home with your children when they arrive.

Selective High School Test
If your child indicated their desire to sit the selective high school test for enrolment in Year 7 in 2016, this test is this Thursday. Our test centre is Marsden High School and parents should have received notification regarding start and finish times.

P&C 2015
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2014 P&C Executive for their contributions during the previous 12 months. I would like to welcome our new executive:

- President: Jason W
- Treasurer: Belinda G
- Secretary: Devashi W
- Vice President: Christine M

They are still looking for a second Vice President.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Kindergarten classes held their parent/teacher interviews last week. The rest of the school will be holding their interviews next week. It is really important that all students are represented by at least one family member at these interviews as this is one of the ways in which we communicate your child’s progress.

Mark Hoppitt  
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Kindergarten students have been working hard. Feel free to come and have a look at all of the great things they have been doing. The sight words for this week are: have, brother, sister and is. The sounds we will be focusing on are: “d”, “g” and “o”. Please ensure your child is picked up at 3pm sharp. Students should not be waiting for parents outside the classroom. Library bags need to be packed into your child’s bag each week on their specified library day. Thank you to all of the parents who came in for an interview. It was great to be able to share your child’s successes.

Stage 1
Welcome to Week 7! On Wednesday, 1st April we will be holding our K-2 Easter Hat Parade. A note with more details will be sent home shortly; however, if you would like to start creating your child’s hat for the parade you are more than welcome. We would like to remind you to send back your Parent Teacher Interview notes as soon as possible. Year 1 is still after more parent helpers for Maths Groups on a Monday afternoon from 2:30-3:00pm. Please come along to assist a group in a range of short and sharp maths activities. We hope you have a great week.
Stage 2
It was really pleasing to see children making such an effort with their oral presentations this week. It was interesting for all concerned to hear about the passions of their peers. Reminder to parents to check that children are bringing in their homework on Friday. Some are taking a while to get used to the routines in their class. When children attend library lessons they are encouraged to borrow books and to do so everyone needs their own library bag - otherwise they are not allowed to borrow. Please ensure your child has a library bag. Parent interviews commence next week so please return notes to your teacher as soon as possible as times are filling up fast! Lots of reminders this week!

Stage 3
The Stage 3 Intensive Reading has commenced this week and I know the children will really enjoy and benefit from being a part of this program. Just a reminder that the money for the Year 6 hoodies is due by Wednesday (11th March). Year 6 received their high school forms last week and it is vital that these forms are filled out correctly and returned to your teacher by the due date. In a couple of weeks Year 5 are off the exciting ‘Aussie Bush Camp’ and I know they will have a fabulous time. All medical and permission notes need to be returned to your class teachers. Thank you to all the parents who have already completed these. The 3-6 dance group started their training today and it’s wonderful to see so many enthusiastic dancers. Parent teacher interviews are in Week 8 and the teachers are looking forward to meeting with each parent. Just a reminder that it is a ten minute interview to meet with your child’s teacher. Have a superb week!

Around the school

School Expectations
This week our focus is on **DO YOUR BEST**. We can all demonstrate this in many ways including:

- Concentrating on your work without distracting others.
- Being a positive role model.
- Take pride in neatness and bookwork.
- Being an active and cooperative learner.

PSSA
This week is the last round for PSSA in Term 1. Cricket will be playing at Boronia Park. Softball and T-ball will be a Meadowbank Park.

Science & Technology
In a couple of weeks, Kindergarten students will be making a model of their favourite place out of recycled materials. Thank you to those families who have already sent in clean recyclable rubbish. It's not too late, we are still 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

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. Garden Club will be beginning again this year at lunchtime. It's a big job caring for the eco-garden so 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

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 NEWS

**CLOSED DATES** - Wednesday 25 March.

**VOLUNTEERS – PLEASE HELP!**
Many thanks to the new volunteers! However we are still quite short for these shifts in particular:-

2 Monday, 2 Tuesday, 2 Wednesday and 1 Thursday volunteers – you have your choice of am or pm, or full 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, 0412154004

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

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
Wednesday 11/3  Jinhee, Sandi  *(help needed training)*
Thursday 12/3  Colette, Kate E, Anne H (pm)
Friday 13/3  Julie, Melissa, Simone (pm)

Monday 16/3  Julie  **HELP NEEDED**
Tuesday 17/3  Shayne, Fiona
Wednesday 18/3  Teresa, Danni (am), Nadia (pm)
Thursday 19/3  Alison, Melinda, Louise (pm)
Friday 20/3  Julie, Robyn M, Clarissa

If you are unable to work your shift please try to find a replacement, if you can’t, contact Wendy wlarocca@optusnet.com.au
Stewart House Clothing Appeal
This Friday (13th March) is the last day to drop off all the Stewart House bags. Please place out the front of the computer Lab. The bags will be picked up on Monday, 16th March by Stewart House.

Easter Egg Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea
The very popular annual Easter Egg Raffle is coming up shortly where families in K-2 will be asked to bring in Easter eggs to make up the prizes. On this day the P&C will also host a Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea in the hall after the Easter Hat Parade. Further details will be provided in next week’s newsletter so please be sure to watch this space! All proceeds from the morning will go towards the end of year party.

If anyone is able to help sell raffle tickets on the mornings leading up to the parade, please contact Megan on 0415 704 289.

Fete Donations
Just a reminder that collection day for fete donations is this Wednesday (11th March). A note should have gone home last week with your child regarding items to bring. There will be boxes in each classroom or alternatively items can be left at the front office. Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee and Prayer
The next gathering of “Coffee and Prayer” is at Claire’s house on Friday 9:15am, 20th March at 16 Murdoch Street, Ermington. All are welcome - including toddlers and babies. Please call Claire 0400 376 008 on or Anne on 0422 619 008 for more information.

OOSH News
Bookings for April vacation care are now open. You can view the vacation program on our website www.ermingtonoosh.com Bookings are made through the webserver using the same log in details as OOSH. Our next Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 16th March in the Betty Cuthbert room from 7.00pm. All enquiries can be directed to Allison or Cathy on 9874 4077 or ermingtonoosh@live.com.au

Ethics Class
Kindergarten Ethics classes will commence later in year as the teacher is still in training. Students will be attending Non Scripture until this class is ready.

**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.