FETE NEWS

3 Weeks until the Fete
Saturday 23 May 2015

Fete Meetings will be held every Wednesday night at 6:30-7:30pm in the school staffroom - Please come along and find out how you can help out.

WORKING BEE - SUNDAY 17 May from 8am-12noon
Please come along and help us get the school ready for the fete. Jobs include removing the soccer goal posts, trimming trees and cleaning - please bring along any tools you think may help.

Fete Flyers
Flyers for the fete will be available from the school office from this Thursday 7 May. We need these distributed to as many local residences and businesses as possible.
Street delivery: There will be a map at the school office for you to mark off which streets you can deliver to. This is a fun family activity and should only take you 30 minutes to an hour to deliver to any local street.
Please follow the following instructions:
1. Visit the office and check the street map – mark off the street you will deliver to (with highlighter pen).
2. Collect Flyers.
3. PLEASE ONLY DELIVER TO THE STREET/S YOU HAVE MARKED OFF ON THE MAP (as others may be doing the adjoining streets and we do not want to double up).
4. Return any unused flyers to the office or take them to a local business for people to collect.
Other places:
Place them on your work notice boards, community notice boards at all the local supermarkets etc.

RIDES
Rides order forms were sent home last week. Pre-orders must be returned with payment to class teachers no later than Wednesday, 13th May. Please do not leave it to the last minute otherwise you may miss out.

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.

LOLLY STALL
Any donations of homemade or bought lollies would be very much appreciated. You can bring them to the Lolly Stall on the day – please mark clearly the ingredients that have been used, and please avoid using any nut products. Homemade sweets are always a huge hit. Every year we always get requests for coconut ice, rocky road, toffees, fudge and chocolate crackles. All are very simple to make – perhaps a fun activity to do with the kids!!

CAKES
We need, cakes, biscuits and slices for the fete to sell in the café and to purchase take home goods – please only send home made products as store bought items do not sell. If you have a favourite baked “goody” why not share it with us all and make some for the fete to sell. Trays and bags will be available from the school from Monday 18 May.

RAFFLE TICKETS
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 on the tickets.

ACTS and ENTERTAINMENT
Last week for booking acts or entertainment – bookings close Friday 8 May.

DONATIONS and SPONSORSHIP
All donations and sponsorships need to be completed by Wednesday, 13th May – so if you have approached any businesses please let them know.
BOOKS & TREASURE STALL
As we have limited space at the school please hold onto all your Books and Treasures.
Delivery Times: Sunday, 17th May 8am-12noon, Friday, 22nd May until 7pm.
Treasure Stall – Please only clean, unbroken working items (No Electrical Goods and No Video Cassettes). For bulky furniture items we are happy to sell them, but if they do not sell we ask that you take them back (as disposal costs us a great deal of money).
Please do not drop off any items to the school office as they do not have the room, contact the Fete Committee if you cannot make the above drop off times.

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

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Principal’s Message

Battle of the Bands
On Sunday our Senior Band performed as part of the Battle of the Bands. This involved 15 of our students. They performed Ayre and Dance, Rock-a-Saurus Rex and This Old Dude. Not only did the students have an amazing time, they came second! This also meant they were awarded a cash prize which will be used by the Band Committee to purchase additional resources, etc. Thank you to Mr Butler for organising this event, to our band committee and to the parents who attended.

Aerobics Preliminary Competition
On the weekend we had 31 students perform at Sutherland in the Preliminary State Aerobics Competition. Our students all did an amazing job and their sportsmanship was outstanding. I am pleased to announce that the following students will be progressing through to the State Finals to be held later this year (June):
Singles – Zac A, Jenna B, Laura H, Brooke Mac and Laura N.
Dance Busters – Charlotte J, Chelsea D, Emma H, Gabbi A, Nara L, Charlotte B, Minda W and Lauren S.
Ermo Boys – Hayden B, Cory M, Ethan R.
Golden Girls – Jessica J, Leila B, Jenna B & Sophie W.
Chequered Chics – Rachel F, Ayesha O, Chloe R, Lilly N, Laura H, Maggie L, Alexia T and Jasmine B.

Thank you to Mrs Stevens and Mrs MacKenzie for their continued support of this program and also for the terrific encouragement provided by our parents at training sessions as well as during the competition.

P&C Mother’s Day Breakfast
This Friday will see the P&C hosting a breakfast for all of our mums. If you are able to make it, it would be great to see you. Serving is expected to start around 7.30am under the hall COLA.

Kiss & Ride
Last week I handed out information sheets for those who use the supervised Kiss & Ride of an afternoon. These sheets highlighted the road rules that need to be followed, such as not overstaying the 2 minute limit and not queuing in the bus zone (even if “just for a second”). I know of at least 2 drivers who have been booked in the previous fortnight.

Driving Safely
I would also like to remind all drivers of vehicles to drive in both a safe and legal manner when driving near schools. Your endeavour to save time may result in an injury occurring.

Stormwater Pit
At the March P&C meeting, I informed those present that a new stormwater pit was being installed on the grass playground. Work commenced last week but has been delayed due to the wet weather. With good weather, it is a 5 day project. The pit will assist in removing some of the water that runs off the grass and down the driveway. This is phase 1 of the project to monitor water run-off from both the grass playground and the Brush Road driveway.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal
**Stage News**

**Kindy**
Welcome to Week 3. This week’s sight words are: ‘big’, ‘little’, ‘you’ and ‘with’. Our sounds are ‘sh’ and ‘ng’. Please continue to practise with your child at home. For news in Week 3, students need to bring in a book that has a worker in the community. Students are to choose their favourite page and tell the class how that person/people help the community. Please ensure all books are labelled with your child’s name. Peer Support groups began on Friday. During this 30 minute session, students go to other classes to learn about ‘Promoting Harmony’ within the school and classroom. These sessions are run by the Year 6 students and overseen by the teachers. After our fun visit from the Eastwood Fire Fighters, we would like all of kindergarten to learn their home address this week. This is an important piece of information needed if your child has to ring 000 in an emergency.

**Stage 1**
Welcome to Week 3. We were very proud of our Year 1 and 2 students trying their best at our cross country carnival last week. Yesterday we had our assessment dialogue day. It was a great day for the K-2 teachers. The Year 2 dance group also had their auditions for the Sydney North Dance Festival yesterday. We hope to hear some good news soon. Tomorrow is the annual Mother’s Day stall, students can buy a variety of items for $5. Next week, the K-6 Assembly will be held from 2:05pm in the hall. The Year 2 dance groups will be showcasing their performances. We look forward to seeing them up on stage. We hope you have a wonderful week.

**Stage 2**
Thank you to parents for organising Mother’s Day stall on Wednesday. Each child in stage 2 will be taking home a stage Overview in which is a brief outline on what each child will be learning. Could parents please remind children to bring in their homework on Friday as some children have so much on they can forget to put their homework in their bags. This may be a good opportunity to clean out your child’s school bag as they can tend to collect many sheets of paper and left over food. Some children’s bags are really heavy and often contain books that do not need to be taken to and from school each day.

**Stage 3**
Well done to our Year 6 students on running their first Peer Support lesson. They were all very organised and excited. This week students will need to ensure they have their geometry sets with them for our maths lessons. Last week students were given their Speaking and Listening assessment for this term on Australian Identities. Students should have started planning this ready for Monday Week 4. Last week 6C and 6J started their novel studies and we would like to remind students to bring in their folders everyday if they are working on it at home. Senior choir- Ryde Schools’ Spectacular, Sydney Opera House, will commence this week. Students will be given words and music that they will need. We would also like to remind you that NAPLAN will commence in Week 4 and the Mothers’ Day stall will be on Wednesday. Have a wonderful week!

**Around the school**

**PSSA**
Netball and Soccer will be playing at Meadowbank Park. Tiger Tag will be playing at ELS Hall and AFL will be playing at Morrison Bay.

** Mothers’ Day Breakfast- Friday, 5th May 2015**
It is that time of year again, Ermington P&C’s annual Mother’s Day Breakfast. So ladies take the morning off and come and have breakfast on us.

**DADS** – We need your help from 7am. We will begin serving breakfast from 7.30am till we run out. We will be serving BLT’s (Bacon, lettuce and Tomato Rolls) this year so the only thing that needs cooking is the bacon. There will also be Bircher Muesli with fruit, and coffee or tea (Adults only). As usual Mums will be free, children $2.50 each, with 3 or more (from same family) $6. **Note:** Only one female carer per child (from EPS). Unaccompanied children will only be offered breakfast if stock is available and after all mums. **Dads we need you!** If you can help call Randal on 0435 951 451 or leave a message under the post on the Facebook page.

**Ermington Public School OOSH**
The 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, our 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/](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.

**Kiss and Ride Roster**
PLEASE email colettengrundy@yahoo.com.au if you can spare 15 minutes to help once per month.

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**ANZAC Dawn Service**
Copy of Gallipoli ANZAC Service required, please see school office if you are able to help.
Uniform Shop
Uniform shop will be open this Wednesday, 6th May from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

CANTEEN NEWS

DO YOU WANT TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL BY HELPING TO RAISE MONEY? Do you know that by volunteering in the canteen you are saving the P&C costs? Please help – the canteen raises much needed funds which are used by the P&C to enhance your child's primary school experience. Can you help for 1 day or ½ day once per month?!
To remain open we desperately need more volunteers:- WE NEED: 2 for Monday, 3 for Tuesday, 3 Wednesday and 1 Thursday. Volunteers have a choice of am or pm, or full day shifts (full day is 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.

PADDLE POPS PRICE INCREASE – Streets have increased the price of Chocolate and Rainbow Paddlepops. From this week the price is $1.50.

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 NOT NOTES! Please give your children coins to spend at the canteen, not notes! - we need plenty of small change (especially silver) to replenish our daily float.
Also, when there is a gold coin day run by the school, the canteen WILL NOT give change.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 6/5 Beth, Helen (am), Ann A 10-12.30
   NEED SOMEONE FROM 12.30
Thursday 7/5 Stephanie, Meredith, Pam (pm)
Friday 8/5 Julie, Melissa, Simone (pm)
Monday 11/5 Julie, Louise (pm) help needed am
Tuesday 12/5 Robyn B, Donna
Wednesday 13/5 Sandi, Shienny (10-12.30)
   help needed
Thursday 14/5 Colette, Kate E, Anne H (pm)
Friday 15/5 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.

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.