## Term 2 Week 4

**Monday 11 May**  OOSH AGM 7pm  
**Tuesday 12 May**  NAPLAN (Writing/Lang)  
**Wednesday 13 May**  NAPLAN (Reading)  
6:30pm Fete Meeting  
**Thursday 14 May**  NAPLAN (Numeracy)  
K-6 Assembly 2.05pm  
**Friday 15 May**  Last Day for Opportunity Class (2016) Submissions  
**Sunday 17 May**  School Working Bee

## Term 2 Week 5

**Tuesday 19 May**  ICAS Digital Technologies  
**Wednesday 20 May**  6:30pm Fete Meeting  
**Thursday 21 May**  Zone Cross Country  
**Saturday 23 May**  SCHOOL FETE

## Term 2 Week 6

**Tuesday 26 May**  Stage 2 Schoolhouse Museum Excursion  
6S “Wizz It Up”  
**Wednesday 27 May**  Stage 2 Schoolhouse Museum Excursion

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### Fete News

#### 2 Weeks until the Fete: Saturday, 23rd May 2015

Last Two Fete Meetings – Could all Stall Coordinators Please Attend – Wednesday 6:30pm Staff Room

**Our Fete needs YOU!!!!**

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### Advertising

We need to advertise the fete to everyone in the wider community. Let everyone know our fete is on.

### Fete Flyers

Flyers for the fete are available from the school office. 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. Facebook - Please share via Facebook (see Parents of Ermington Public School).

### Volunteering on the Day

If we spread the load the job is much easier. Please come along on the day and help out for as little or as long as you can (we ask for two hours of help). Anyone is welcome to help, mums, dads, grandparents, friends and relatives (children under 18 must be signed in by a guardian) – the more the merrier. We have the following stalls and activities for which we need helpers, so please consider which stall you may like to help on. On Fete day there will be a sign on sheet in the staff room – everyone must sign in and out.

- **7am-10am**  Fete Set Up
- **10am-4pm**  Running Fete – Stalls etc
- **4pm-5pm**  Fete Pack Up

Please see the list of stalls for the fete and the person running the stalls. Please contact the coordinator directly so they can roster you on during the day, or send an e-mail to ermps.pandc.fete@gmail.com and let us know what times you can help out, and if you have a preference for a particular stall. You will be directed how to help by the stall co-coordinators.
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**Working Bee** – Sunday, 17th 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.

**Rides**
Ride order forms have been sent home. 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. Please do NOT pay on-line.

**Lollies**
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!!

**Plants**
If you have any plants for the Plant Stall please deliver these to the school on Friday 22 May between 2 and 6pm, or on Saturday, 23rd May before 10am. If you have any garden ornaments, gnomes, bird baths, obelisks or garden furniture, please bring these to the plant stall as well.

**Raffle Tickets**
Please return all tickets and money to the school ASAP.

**Books & Treasure Stall**
Delivery Times: Sunday 17 May 8am-12noon, Friday 22 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 ermep.pandc.fete@gmail.com

**Principal’s Message**

**P&C Support**
Thank you to the P&C for their financial support in 2015 as they have committed $60,000 to the school for various projects. One of these projects is our commitment to utilising technology as an educational resource. This has resulted in the school purchasing an additional 30 iPads, 10 laptops (the laptops are being used by the classes in the demountables) and replacing some of the interactive whiteboard projectors. The hardware, covers and associated software/applications has resulted in a financial outlay of $30,000. The P&C’s support of this project is greatly appreciated. More information regarding the other projects will be provided over the next few weeks.

As always, the hard work of the parent community, whether it be through volunteering, forming committees or raising funds, is greatly appreciated. Last week the students were very excited to be able to purchase a Mother’s Day gift as well as joining their mother for breakfast on Friday morning. Again, these events only happen through the wonderful support of our parents.
School Working Bee
This Sunday we will be holding a working bee at the school to enable the grounds to be prepare for the fete. The more people the better as there are plenty of jobs that can be “ticked off” on the day. There are areas that need pressure hosing, small gardens that need a tidy up, large branches that need to be removed, soccer posts to be re-located, mulch to be redistributed and the list goes on. Although the school has some equipment, it would be great if you could bring your own equipment (pruning shears, pressure hoses, chain saw, etc).

OOSH Meeting
Thank you to the outgoing OOSH Committee for service to the school and welcome to the new committee elected at last night's AGM. Much of the committee is the same so thank you for those willing to re-commit to another year and to the new volunteers.

School Chaplain
At the end of Term 1, our school chaplain (Bryan Henderson) submitted his resignation. Mr Henderson was well liked by the students and community and it was sad to see him leave but he had growing commitments in his pastoral job. He is still working at Marsden High School so I am sure we will still see him. The new chaplain is Llynden Singh who has come to us highly recommended. Llynden started today and her usual work days will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She is already getting to know the students and Bryan is helping her settle in.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 4. This week’s sight words are: ‘play’, ‘played’, ‘friend’ and ‘do’. Our sounds are ‘it’, ‘ot’, ‘at’, ‘ut’ and ‘et’. For news in Week 4, the students have free choice and are able to talk about something they enjoy or a special toy they like. A K-6 assembly will be held in the hall at 2:05pm this Thursday. All parents and guests are welcome to attend. We hope all the mothers had a lovely Mothers’ Day on Sunday. All the best to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students sitting the NAPLAN tests this week.

Stage 1
We would like to wish Year 3 and 5 all the best for the NAPLAN this week. Last week, students in Stage 1 received a note for the excursion to see the ‘Snugglepot and Cuddlepie’ production at Riverside Theatre. This excursion is a part of our Term 2 HSIE unit ‘The way we were’. Please return the permission note and payment by Wednesday, 3rd June. The Year 2 dance groups will be performing at the K-6 assembly this Thursday at 2:05pm in the school hall. Garden club starts this week for Stage 1. Please see Miss Robinson for more details. Classes in Stage 1 are working very hard on the class artwork for the School Fete. We hope you all bid! Have a fantastic week.

Stage 2
Everybody in Stage 2 should have received their oral presentation guide this week. The topic concerns an historical figure and is due in Week 8. If you could help your child get started as leaving it all to Week 8 really impacts on your child’s performance. Friday is the last day to submit your Opportunity Class submission. Please be mindful of the fact that children need a very high degree of competence in mathematics and English to pass the tests – please do not encourage your child to participate if you feel the experience will be demoralising or too stressful. There will be quite a variation in routines this week due to NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5.

Stage 3
Last week notes went home for the Year 6 Camp to Canberra. Please read over all of the details carefully and discuss the contents with your child. The notes also went home for the Korean Cultural Experience for 6C, 6J, 6S and 5B. Please return the permission note and payment to your class teacher by Tuesday, 19th May.

Year 5 have NAPLAN this week. Please ensure they have a good eraser, sharpener and their crunch and sip. The PSSA coaches have requested that all students are on time for their training session. As the grounds are quite wet it might be a good idea to bring a spare pair of socks. On Friday we will have a visit from the Police Youth Liaison Officer.

Around the school

Weekly Focus Rule
Use the equipment for climbing, not the rails.

School Expectations
- SHOW RESPECT - Allowing others to learn, respecting yourself, share friends and equipment and take turns.
- BE RESPONSIBLE - Be accountable for your actions, be a good sport and play fairly, take care of your environment.
- DO YOUR BEST - Set goals and strive to achieve them and be a positive role model.
- STAY SAFE - Be in the right place at the right time, play safely and fairly.

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.

ICAS
The Digital Technologies test will be held on Tuesday, 19th May commencing at 8:00am sharp. Students are to bring a 2B pencil and rubber with them on the day. The tests will be held in the following locations:
Year 3 and Year 4 - 3/4B classroom
Year 5 - 5E classroom
Year 6 - 6S classroom
Any questions please don’t hesitate to ask Miss Day.
Zone Cross Country
The following students will be representing Ermington Public School at the Zone Cross Country and they should have received their permission note.

8/9 Boys
Liam B
Daniel L
Tom G
Jai D
Thomas B
Sewon K
Marcus L
Remy F

8/9 Girls
Gabriella A
Leila B
Mary C
Mia R
Jessica J
Rebecca H
Alexandra C
Jenna B

10 Boys
Charlie S
Lachie P
Joey O
Rhys Y
Kyan W
Alex B
Rei L
James K

10 Girls
Lauren S
Alyssa Mc
Seraphima B
Maggie L
Charlotte J
Charlotte B
Emma H
Christina C

11 Boys
Shaun L
Owen D
James G
Jaden K
Ethan R
Aiden K
Nicholas G
Jayden S

11 Girls
Jasmine B
Laura H
Lina L
Brooke Mac
Abigail S
Alexia T
Natalie H
Emma L

12 Boys
Michael S
Connor T
Ilha J
Marcus B
Andrew K
Laurence L
Eric P
Cory M

12 Girls
Molly A
Louise G
Ayesha O
Natalie K
Sowon J
India D
Ariel H
Nina W

Years 3-6 School Choirs
There are three choirs available for students in Years 3-6 this year. Miss Blackman is taking a group of 25 students to the Ryde Schools’ Spectacular which performs at the Sydney Opera House. Mrs Barton is taking a group of 30 students to the Primary Proms Concert which is run by the DEC Arts Unit and they will be performing at the Sydney Town Hall. Ms Vallentine is taking a larger group of students to the Epping District Music Festival which will perform this year in the beautiful venue of the Concourse at Chatswood. Ermington School band will also be performing this year at the Epping District Music Festival. If your child is in the band, they can also sing in this choir as they will be at the concert anyway.

Not all the choirs have limited numbers, Ms Vallentine has been able to open it up to any student from Years 3-6 who would like to participate. All that is required is one lunch time per week and a voice! Ms Vallentine’s choir rehearses every Monday at lunchtime in her room. Miss Blackman’s choir and Mrs Barton’s choir both rehearse on Wednesdays at lunchtime. All three of these specialty choirs require a commitment to one lunch time rehearsal each week. These teachers volunteer to give up their time to train the choristers. Each choir will perform at our school, possibly at other events during the year as well as their designated concert later in the year. There is a financial cost involved in belonging to each choir which covers buses to and from rehearsals and concert venues, music copywriting costs and, in some cases, outfits.

- Miss Blackman’s Wednesday lunchtime choir - 25 selected students from Years 5 & 6
- Mrs Barton’s Wednesday lunchtime choir - 30 students selected from Years 3 & 4
- Ms Vallentine’s Monday lunchtime choir - unlimited number of students from Years 3-6.

Please make yourself available of these amazing opportunities for your children. They are offered the opportunity to sing and perform in massed choirs in amazing venues around Sydney which provides them with lasting memories as well as exposing them to beautiful music and a chance to experience the thrill of performing.

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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Mother’s Day Breakfast
Thank you to all the dads who came and volunteered their time to the Mother’s Day Breakfast last Friday. These events can’t happen without volunteers so your time was much appreciated.

Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you to the all those parents who helped out selling the Mother’s Day gifts on Wednesday and Friday last week. It was great to see some new faces from Kindy. It is the generous volunteers that make these events possible.
THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY MAY 27th DUE TO NO VOLUNTEERS.

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.

If we don’t get some new volunteers very soon the canteen will be closing for 1 Monday, 1 Tuesday, 1 Wednesday and 1 Thursday per month!

To remain open we desperately need more volunteers:-
WE NEED: 2 for Monday, 3 for Tuesday, 2 for Wednesday and 1 Thursday. (Full day shifts 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! Children are still bringing large notes into the canteen - Please give your children coins, 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.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2015-2016
Last year’s Entertainment Book has almost expired. GOOD NEWS! I have plenty of the new 2015/2016 Entertainment Books in stock! Save 5% off your grocery shopping and fuel at Woolworths or your shopping at Big W (works out at $25 off every $500 spend). Save 25% off your entry at Taronga Zoo, 25% off your bill at Bondi Pizza at Top Ryde and pay only $13.50 for a movie ticket at Event Cinemas! The savings quickly add up. Sydney and Sydney North books are again combined this year and still only $70 – it’s another massive book of savings! Sydney Greater West - $65. Digital membership also available for the same prices – redeem offers from your smart phone. You can even track your savings!

Please contact me to order your Entertainment Book to help raise funds for Ermington Public School P&C (we get 20% from every book sold). Please contact Belinda Barnes on 0410 210 702 or via email at belinda5d@optusnet.com.au I can deliver your book to school for you, or you can order your book at: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/217e692

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.

Coffee and Prayer
The next gathering is Thursday, 4th June at 7:45pm. This will be held at Anne’s house. All are welcome! For more information please call Claire on 0400 376 008 or Anne on 0422-619-008.
Basketball Academy 2015

Venue: Ryde X Bulls Basketball Club
7-10 years – 4pm – 5pm and 11-16 years 5pm – 6pm
Dates: 26th April – 23rd June.
Cost: $295 (1 day per week) or $35 casual visits.
For more info please email: info@myhoops.com.au

BASKETBALL FUN & PASSION