Our Fete is this Saturday: Saturday, 23rd May 2015
10am until 4pm

Volunteers needed from 7am until 5pm.

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

Our Fete needs YOU!!!!

CAKES
Could all families please fill the trays sent home last week with some yummy homemade goods. Please bring all baked goods to the school hall on Friday, 22nd or early on Fete Day Saturday, 23rd May. We need cakes, slices, loaves, muffins, cupcakes, cookies, breads, biscuits anything yummy. (Please do not send store bought items as these do not sell well - we would rather you send a donation).

These will all be sorted to be sold at the Cake Stall or be served with tea or coffee at the Café. Please label all baked items remembering listing the ingredients on the enclosed sticker (this will help allergy sufferers). Don’t feel that you must limit yourself to one tray – if you like baking, bake away. Additional trays and cookie bags (to bag up cookies or biscuits) are available from the school office.

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, 22nd May between 2pm 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.

BOOKS & TREASURE STALL
We need as many bags as people can donate, plastic or otherwise, strong enough to put books and treasure into. Delivery Times: Friday, 22nd May until 7pm, Saturday before 10am. 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.

**Additional Information**

**ADVERTISING**
Keep spruiking the fete to everyone you know.

**VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED MORE HELP**
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.

**WORKING BEE**
Thank you to everyone who came along and helped on Sunday, we achieved so much it was fantastic to see.

**RIDES**
Pre-sale wristbands for the rides are no longer on sale. For those who ordered, a note will be sent home this week containing the ticket/s that are redeemable for wristbands on fete day. Make sure you keep them somewhere safe - you must present your ticket IN PERSON to the ride ticket booth to get your wristband.

If you missed getting your order in never fear - wristbands giving you unlimited rides all day will be also available on the day for $30 or individual ride tickets for $5.

**RAFFLE TICKETS**
Please return all tickets and money to the school by Wednesday, 20th May.
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
We have some totally awesome items up for sale in our Silent Auctions, please bid generously, a separate email blast will be sent with more information later in the week.

ART AUCTION
Each class has designed an artwork that will be auctioned during the fete. The art works are magnificent and will be available for viewing on the day (an email containing images will also be sent home). Come along and make a bid.

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

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Principal’s Message

Working Bee
What a fantastic turnout on Sunday of parents and teachers to assist in preparing the school for the fete. It was great to see the gardens tidied, paths/walls cleaned, branches removed, soccer posts relocated and mulch spread. It was a very productive morning so thank you for sharing some of your Sunday to assist the school.

FETE
4 more sleeps to go before our massive fete. Thank you to those who have volunteered but stall holders would still appreciate some assistance. Come along and have some fun, invite your neighbours and spend your money.

Zone Cross Country
This Thursday we have a busload of students heading to Meadowbank to compete in the Zone Cross Country Carnival. As always, we know our students will be proud ambassadors of our school.

Getting to Know the Syllabus
On Wednesday 3 June the school will host a parent information session regarding the syllabus documents introduced as part of the Australian Curriculum. Come and hear about the English, Mathematics and Science curriculums. There will be time for questions prior to the P&C meeting commencing at 7.30pm. A note will be sent home next week.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal
Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 5. This week’s sight words are: 'there', 'park', 'saw' and 'all'. Our sounds are 'ag', 'eg', 'ig', 'og' and 'ug'. This week in news, students are to pretend they are a master chef and bring in some food to share with the class. Please assist your child in the making of the food. Students are to discuss what they have made and how they made it with the class. Please be mindful that Ermington P.S. requests that no nut products are brought to school. We would like to express the importance of your child reading their book every night, including on weekends. The more familiar a student is with their reader, the better their comprehension. We look forward to seeing everyone at the fete this weekend. Kindergarten students will be performing their dance at 10:45am under the COLA and to meet in Mrs Cheng at 10:30am. Please be listening to the announcements on the day.

Stage 1
Welcome to Week 5. We would like to welcome back our pre-service students from UWS who will be spending more time with us in the coming weeks. Good luck to the students in Year 2 competing at the Zone Cross Country Carnival this Thursday. Congratulations to the Year 2 dance groups. Your performances at the K-6 assembly were wonderful! Please return the permission note and payment for our excursion to Riverside Theatre as soon as you can. This is a reminder that the school fete is on this Saturday. Students in Stage 1 will have the opportunity to showcase their dancing skills on the day. Year 1 will be performing at approximately 10.45am and Year 2 will be performing at approximately 1.55pm. Students are to meet their teachers in the COLA prior to their performances. Class artwork auctions will follow each performance. We hope to see you all there. Enjoy the rest of your week.

Stage 2
This week is a relatively quiet one for students but obviously not for parents in the preparation for the fete. Children need to bring in permission notes and money for the upcoming Schoolhouse Museum excursion next week. Our university students return this week and will be presenting lessons to their assigned class. Zone Cross Country is taking place this Thursday. Good luck to all those competing!

Stage 3
What a busy term we have had so far. Welcome back to our university students and we are looking forward to your lessons. Last Friday we had a visit from the police youth liaison officer. She spoke with us about Cyber Safety. A leaflet went home with frequently asked questions for parents. Please discuss this with your child. Miss Claro and Miss Blackman were very impressed with the Year 6 novel studies, well done! Thank you to those students who have returned their Korean permission notes. It is important that we receive these by the due date. Well done to those students who received bronze awards at our last assembly.

Around the school

Weekly Focus Rule
Sit with friends when eating.

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.

Zone Cross Country
Students will be attending the Zone Cross Country this Thursday, 21st May at Meadowbank Park. Please ensure that all notes and money are brought into school by Wednesday 20th May to Miss Workman. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform and will be given an Ermington School singlet to wear underneath. Please ensure students bring recess, lunch and plenty of water. They may also like to bring something to sit on as it may be wet. We would also like to request if there are any volunteers who may be able to assist with the transportation of our school shelter and tarps for our team. Please contact the school if you are able to assist in any way on the day.

Ryde Schools Spectacular 2015 - Rehearsal 1
Students in the Ryde Schools Spectacular choir will be attending their first rehearsal at the Ryde Civic Centre on Tuesday 26th May. Students are encouraged to bring in their permission notes as soon as possible. We will be leaving the school by bus at 8:50am and students are required to bring recess, lunch, drinks and their choir folder with the lyrics.

Year 2 Dance Group
Congratulations to both of the Year 2 Dance Groups who successfully made it into the Sydney North Dance Festival. All students involved will be receiving further information shortly so please keep an eye out for notes in your child’s bag. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask Mrs Lade or Miss Day.

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday, 22nd May
Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for some of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015! For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)
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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Uniform Shop
We are looking for someone to help with the packaging and sending out of uniform orders which come in during the week. We like to get the uniform purchases out to families as quickly as possible and with some of our regular helpers having taken on paid work and study we need more volunteers for this important job. It can be done at any time during school hours so if you have some spare time each week please consider helping pack the uniform orders. Please call or send a message to Sara Andersson on 0408 209 332 if interested.

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

Coffee and Prayer
The next gathering for Coffee and Prayer will be Thursday, 4th June at 7:45pm. This is to 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.

Riverside Girls High School
Gifted & Talented Year 7 Class for 2016 Information Evening. Thursday 26th May 2015 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. This will be held in the School Common Room.

CANTEEN NEWS

THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, 27th MAY DUE TO NO VOLUNTEERS.

Do you know that by volunteering in the canteen you are helping to save the P&C costs? Please help!
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.

HAKKA FRIED RICE is no longer available.

PADDLE POPS PRICE INCREASE – Streets have increased the price of Chocolate and Rainbow Paddlepops to $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.

NO NOTES PLEASE! 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.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 20/5 Teresa, Danni (am), Nadia (pm)
Thursday 21/5 Alison, Melinda, Louise (pm)
Friday 22/5 Julie, Melissa, Anne L (pm)
Monday 25/5 Eunice, Jina
Tuesday 26/5 Kate B, Ros
Wednesday 27/5 CANTEEN CLOSED
Thursday 28/5 Sonja, Lisa (pm) NEED HELP
Friday 29/5 Julie, Patricia, Kylie (5th week)

If you are unable to work your shift please try to find a replacement, if you can’t, contact Wendy wlarocca@optusnet.com.au.

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 bonafides 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.

The P&C would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Nicholas Family for once again donating all of the bacon used for the Mother's Day Breakfast. Their generous donation is very much appreciated! Should you be visiting the Central Coast, please stop into their shop in South Street, Umina.