Term 3 Week 8

Wednesday 2 Sept
Year 6 Art Exhibition
6J at Marsden HS
7.30pm P&C Meeting

Thursday 3 September
K-6 Assembly (2.05pm)

Friday 4 September
P&C Movie Night

Term 3 Week 9

Monday 7 September
Yr2 Swimming Scheme
Regional Spelling Bee
5B at CARES Excursion
Regional Athletics

Tuesday 8 September
7pm 2016 Kinder Parent Session
Yr2 Swimming Scheme

Wednesday 9 Sept
Yr2 Swimming Scheme

Thursday 10 September
Yr2 Swimming Scheme

Friday 11 September
Yr2 Swimming Scheme

Term 3 Week 10

Monday 14 September
Yr2 Swimming Scheme
Luna Park – 6S
Primary Proms Choir Performance

Tuesday 15 September
Yr2 Swimming Scheme
SRC Mufti Day

Wednesday 16 Sept
Yr2 Swimming Scheme

Thursday 17 September
Yr2 Swimming Scheme

Friday 18 September
Yr2 Swimming Scheme
K-2 Assembly (12.30pm)
3-6 Assembly (2.05pm)

Last day of Term 3

Silver morning Tea
Today I had the privilege of having morning tea with our most recent group of Silver Award recipients. It is always nice to acknowledge these students who are striving to achieve the school’s expectations.

Marsden HS Battle of the Primary Schools
Last week our two Year 2 dance groups and our Years 3-6 dance group performed as part of Marsden High School’s Battle of the Primary Schools. This was an opportunity for our dancers to shine, along with students from other schools across Sydney. All of our groups were fantastic but special mention to our older students who collected first prize on the night. Thank you to the parents for supporting and to the teachers for the time they commit to these programs.

Interrelate
Thank you to the P&C for organising the Interrelate evening last week. Just looking at the number of people in attendance, showed that the evening was a success. I am sure parents and children were engaged in a few interesting discussions over the following days.

Zone Athletics Carnival
Well done to our students who competed at the Ryde Zone Athletics Carnival. As always, we can be very proud of our students as they always compete displaying great sportsmanship. We have a number of students who excelled and will be competing at the Regional Carnival to be held on Monday.

Working Bee
Although only a small group in number, we had a team of committed parent volunteers on Sunday working hard at our working bee. These days not only assist to complete some much required work, they give an opportunity for parents to socialise. It was great to be able to trim some low lying branches, install a drainage system to remove the water that would often surround the OOSH and Science buildings after rain and the removing of the central cricket pitch. Some preparation work was also completed on the Saturday. Thank you to the parents who were able to volunteer on the day – your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Principal’s Message

Book Parade
Wow, wow and more wow. The students and teachers looked great as they paraded in the hall dressed as their favourite book character. Thank you to Mr Butterfield for organising such a great event.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal
Stage News

**Kindy**
Hello everybody and welcome to wonderful Week 8! This week's sounds are 'sc' and 'sn' and our sight words are 'children', 'father' and 'mother'. For news, it is Free Choice, so literally anything goes and often does! Our Kindies loved the Book Parade and we loved seeing them in their wonderful dress ups! If you have not yet returned your child's blue portfolio, could you please do so asap? This is important as we are already preparing the new items to be included for this semester. Finally, please remember to name all of your child's belongings clearly - in many cases the names have faded or blurred and it makes it hard for us to track down lost items or return 'found' things when they are not clearly marked. Have a brilliant week!

**Stage 1**
Welcome to Week 8. Congratulations Year 2 dancers for doing such a wonderful job last week. We are very proud of you. Please send your costumes back, including shoes. There will be tryouts for our K/1 dance group this Wednesday at lunch. The book parade last week was fantastic and we loved seeing everyone's costumes. We are enjoying trying new vegetables as part of our CSIRO program. Congratulations all to the Year 2 students who attended the ZONE Athletics to represent Ermington. You did us proud. Swim Scheme starts soon. Unfortunately, there are no more spots left. 2M are in need of tissues and hand towels. Thank you to those who have sent these in. If you are able to do so, could you please send in either of these this week. We hope you have a great week.

**Stage 2**
We are all looking forward to hearing the children's musical instruments next week. Hopefully children have begun thinking about this assignment. Last week it was a pleasure to witness nearly all students willing to taste some new vegetables. Last Friday there were 29 unclaimed school jumpers on the stage! In addition there is still countless lunch boxes (often containing mouldy food) left on the stage and as a result they have been thrown out. These are expensive lunch packs which have been carelessly left out and have no names. Children are often reminded in morning assemblies about retrieving property but all to no avail. If anyone has any suggestions concerning solving this problem please let us know.

**Stage 3**
Last week's Book Parade on Wednesday was a wonderful success! It was great to see all the students dressed up in their favourite book characters. Mr Hoppitt appeared as a friendly gorilla and teachers wore some crazy creative costumes! Year 5 left for their Bathurst excursion this morning and are expected to return to school around 6:30pm. They will be given the opportunity to experience the lifestyle of the 1800s and I'm sure they will feel like a real miner when panning for gold! This is a reminder that 6S are working on the Science Fair for the OC network. Don't forget tomorrow the Year 6 Art Show is on in the school hall from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Tickets cost $5 and all the money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and gift to the school.

Around the school

**PSSA**
Summer PSSA competition recommences this week. Senior Cricket will be playing at North Ryde Oval and Junior Cricket will be at North Ryde RSL. T-ball and Softball will be playing Gannon Park.

**Year 6 Art Exhibition**
This term, Year 6 will be involved in our Ermington Art Exhibition to be held in our school hall on Wednesday 2nd September 2015 from 5:30 – 6:30pm. The theme this year is 'Gold' and relates to our Project Based Learning unit for HSIE. The completed artworks will be displayed as part of the Ermington Art Exhibition to be held in the school hall. Parents, students and the wider community will be given the opportunity to view all the artworks during this time.

**When:**
- **K-2** – Tuesday, 1st September 2015 (1st half lunch)
- **3-6** – Wednesday, 2nd September 2015 (1st half lunch)
- **Parents and the wider community** – Wednesday, 2nd September 2015 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Cost:**
- Lunchtime - $1 per student
- Parents and the wider community – $5 for everyone (individual or family)

Hope to see you all there and support the great learning of Year 6 students. All funds will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and gift to the school.

**Library News**
A huge thank you to our wonderful Ermington community for your support of our recent Book Week activities, especially at our parade last Wednesday. The costumes and participation were better than ever and I enjoyed seeing both the smiles on the children's faces and so many visitors on the day. Last Monday, all students participated in a writing workshop with Ms Patricia Bernard, as a well-known Australian author whose infectious enthusiasm and treasure trove of ideas kept everyone very busy. The library has increased its holdings of Ms Bernard's titles and these will be available for borrowing soon.

As term draws to a close I encourage all students and families to keep up the good work with borrowing and keep a close eye on any loans so that overdue items can come back before the break.

**Mr Butterfield - Teacher-librarian**

**Father's Day Stall**
Father's Day gifts will be available to purchase on Wednesday 2nd September at 9am. Children will be taken in class groups to the hall where they can purchase the gifts. Please note children will only be able to purchase the one gift initially to ensure all children have a chance to purchase a gift. Any remaining gifts will be available for sale before school on Friday, 4th September. Gifts are $5.00 each.

Any helpers Wednesday and Friday morning are most welcome. Please contact Michelle on 0419 203 200 if you can help out.
Working Bee
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Working Bee on Sunday. Tasks completed included, removal of the cricket pitch and laying of turf, completion of the stormwater drainage for the OOSH and Science Rooms, and tidying of some of the gardens. A big thank you to those who came along to help, especially those who stayed all day to help finish off the projects. Please take extra care on the grass playground until the grass/turf takes hold.

Our next Working Bee will be in Term 4 and this will include, painting and cleaning and top-dressing the new turf laid on Sunday – remember many hands make light work. Thank you again

Ermington Public School P&C

Uniform Shop
The Uniform shop will be open this Wednesday, 2nd September from 5:30pm – 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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Coffee and Prayer
Coffee and Prayer: The next meeting is Monday, 7th September, 7:45pm at Claire’s house, 16 Murdoch Street, Ermington. At this meeting we will be discussing the future direction of the C&P Group. All are very welcome, including toddlers and babies. For more information, please call Claire 0400 376 008 or Anne 0422 619 008.

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.

Newsletter Deadline
Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon Monday. These should be sent to:  erminton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Subject: Newsletter Insert

Canteen News

CANTEEN CLOSED EVERY WEDNESDAY

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 3/9 Stephanie, Julie, Pam (pm)
Friday 4/9 Wendy, Patricia, Kylie
Monday 7/9 Donna, Beth
Tuesday 8/9 Shayne, Ros
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 10/9 Colette, Kate E, Anne H
Friday 11/9 Wendy, Mel, Joy (am), Simone (pm)

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

First Reconciliation
Enrolments for the sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place at St Michael’s Church Meadowbank on the weekends of 5/6 and 12/13 September. Mass times are 6.00pm Saturdays and 8.00am and 10.00am on Sundays. All children in year 3 and above are invited to enrol. The cost of the program is $15.00. Please note that children must make their First Reconciliation before they can take First Holy Communion. Should you have any queries regarding the sacramental program please contact Marisa Squadrito on phone: 0402 902 872
Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015

10AM-2PM

Bike week is from September 12-20 so come along to ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet
Face painting & Activities
Parking is on site and free
Bring a picnic
Sausage sizzle, Lollies and drinks
Adult supervision required

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au