Term 1 Week 2
Tuesday 2 February Kindergarten Commences
Wednesday 3 February P & C Meeting 7:30pm

Term 1 Week 3
Monday 8 February Band Parent Information Night 6:30pm
Tuesday 9 February Life Skills Program Commences (Years 3-6)
Parent Information Sessions

Term 1 Week 4
Monday 15 February School Photos
Thursday 18 February 2:05pm K-6 Assembly

Term 1 Week 5
Tuesday 23 February Swimming Carnival

Principal’s Message

On behalf of our Ermington Public School staff I would like to welcome our students and parents back to Ermington, including our new students in Year 1 to Year 6 and their families. I would especially like to welcome our 2016 Kindergarten students and their families into our wonderful school community. I hope you all had a great holiday and I look forward to catching up with you and hearing about all the adventures you have had over the summer break.

Congratulations to all parents for the wonderful way you have prepared your children for the start of school – they all looked fantastic in their correct uniforms, shoes and hats – beaming smiles and lots of chatter - full of anticipation in what the new year will bring. 2016 promises to be AMAZING!

I look forward to working together with students, staff, parents and the community to achieve outstanding results across all sections of our school.

We educate the whole child of today to become the successful person of tomorrow.

Term 1 Week 3
Tuesday, 9th February at 5.30pm:
KC, KR, KS, 1M, 1W, 1/2D, 2M, 2V
Tuesday, 9th February at 6.15pm:
3C, 3Y, 3/4L, 4S, 5G, 5S, 5T, 6B, 6C AND 6J

Closure of School Gates
To assist with student safety and wellbeing, the front school gates will be closed at 9.15am until 2.45 pm. If you need to enter the school between these times please enter and exit through the front gates and ensure they are closed.

LifeSkills
From Week 3, students in Years 3-6 will be participating in a weekly PDHPE ‘Mindfulness in Action’ lesson through the LifeSkills Group. During these lessons the children will not only be focusing on strength, balance and endurance, they will also be further developing their self regulation, listening and concentration. The cost of the program has been included in the Semester 1 school expenses. Please ensure permission notes are returned to your class teacher by Friday 5 February. Looking forward to this great program.

Relieving Principal
Jennifer Claro

Parent Information Sessions
Parent information sessions are held at the commencement of each school year. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the class teacher and to hear what is happening in the classroom. These sessions are not for individual interviews – if these are required, please arrange a suitable time with the class teacher. The sessions will be held in each teacher’s classroom and run for approximately 30 minutes.

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Stage News

Kindy
KC – Mrs Clemesha
KR – Mrs Cheng
KS – Mrs Stevens

Stage 1
1M – Ms McMurray
1W – Miss Workman
1/2D – Miss Day - Assistant Principal
2M – Mrs MacKenzie
2V – Ms Vallentine
3C – Mrs Culnane (M-W) Assistant Principal
3Y – Miss Yon
3/4L – Miss Lagado
4S – Miss Scott

Stage 3
5G – Miss Grover
5S – Mrs Sparrow
5T – Miss Taylor
6B – Ms Bull
6C – Mrs Clarke
6J – Miss Blackman

Around the school

Kiss and Ride Roster
At the end of 2015 we had lost some parent volunteers for the Kiss and Ride service that is provided to EPS. If you can help with this school service, please contact Colette E: colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au

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New Bus Service Numbers from Winbourne Street
The start of 2016 most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate any duplication of route numbers that may have caused confusion to students in the past. Examples are:

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More information regarding these changes please visit the Sydney Buses website: [www.sydneybuses.info](http://www.sydneybuses.info)

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open from 5:30pm – 6:30pm tomorrow evening (Wednesday, 3rd February).

CANTENE NEWS

CANTENE VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!!
New volunteers are needed for every day. Please consider helping us out, it’s once per month only. It is an enjoyable and rewarding way to help your school and your children will love it! If you are can help, please contact Wendy 0412 154 004.

CLOSED EVERY WEDNESDAY
At this stage we don’t have any volunteers to open on Wednesdays. We need at least 8 volunteers for Wednesday’s, and 2-3 for each other day.

Change/Coins – We need plenty of silver coins to replenish our float so if you can give your children coins instead of notes, we would really appreciate it. No large notes please!

Canteen Policy for IOUs
An IOU will only be given if a child has genuinely forgotten or lost their lunch and recess and not as a convenience for parents. No exceptions. Children will be given a toastie or garlic bread for recess and a sandwich (vegemite/honey/jam) for lunch. No drinks will be given - the bubblers are available.

Thanks for your co-operation
Canteen Committee

CANTENE ROSTER
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 4/2 Meredith, Kate B, NEED HELP
Friday 5/2 Wendy, Patricia, NEED HELP

Monday 8/2 Wendy, Louise (pm) NEED HELP AM
Tuesday 9/2 Ros, Shayne
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 11/2 Colette, Kate E, NEED HELP
Friday 12/2 Wendy, Mel, 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
Shoes for Planet Earth

We are again collecting second hand running shoes to be donated to various locations including, for example, homeless shelters, youth crises centres and women's refuges in Parramatta. We would like your help. If your children need new runners for this year as they have outgrown their old ones, please consider whether someone else could get some use from them and send them to school.

The shoes need to be in good condition, with no holes and good soles! Also needed are any spare inner soles and shoe laces. Please wash your runners and tie them together. We cannot take any other types of shoes – only adults or children runners.

There will be a box at the school office during the first few weeks back at school where children can deliver their unwanted runners.

You can read more about Shoes for Planet Earth at www.shoesforplanetearth.com/about-us/soul-journey/

For more information please contact Belinda Barnes on E: belinda.barnes@exploreanddevelop.com.au

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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

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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.

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Or Phone: (02) 9684 1696

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Kids Karate at Ermington PS
Tuesday afternoons
3:15pm, 4:00pm & 4:45pm
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