**Term 1 Week 3**

**Tuesday 9 February**

Life Skills Program Commences (Years 3-6)

Parent Information Sessions

**Friday 12 February**

P&C Welcome BBQ 6:00pm

**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

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**Principal’s Message**

Last week, I visited each classroom and was inspired by the wonderful innovative and inspiring teaching and learning at Ermington Public School. The electric buzz of excitement, energy and thirst for knowledge was evident amongst our students.

This week, our teachers will have the chance to meet with their stage teams to look at writing samples of each child in their class to determine strengths and areas of need for their students. *Reflective Learners* is one of the strategic directions for our School Plan in 2016, and our teachers are always looking at ways to evaluate and reflect on their teaching practice.

A fresh new year is always a great time to set goals. I encourage you to set a learning goal with your child this week. Invite your child to be a reflective learner and at the end of the term, re-evaluate, reflect and remember...

"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!" – Audrey Hepburn

**P&C Executive Committee for 2016**

The P&C Executive Committee for 2016 for Ermington Public School as follows:

President: Jason W
Vice Presidents: Christine M and Paul G
Secretary: Devashi W
Treasurer: Belinda G

If you would like to get in contact with the P&C, please send an email to president@ermingtonparents.net

I look forward to working with the P&C throughout 2016.

**School Fees/Permission Notes**

Yesterday, school fees went home with all students. Please ensure any permission notes are returned by the due date.

**Swimming Carnival**

Due to an error of date can you please ensure that the GREEN permission note for the School Swimming Carnival is returned as soon as possible.

**Relieving Principal**

Jennifer Claro

**Stage News**

**Kindy**

Welcome to Week 3! Our sight words for this week are ‘boy’, ‘girl’ and ‘a’. Our sounds are ‘i’ and ‘t’. Your nightly revision of these words and sounds with your child is a wonderful and invaluable way of supporting his/her Learning-to-Read journey. The Kindy teachers would like to make a request for some items that you may have in excess at home. Could you please send in egg cartons, clean, washed meat trays (of any size!) and ice cream containers (again, of any size!). If you haven’t already done so, we would also appreciate your prompt return of the Internet Permission form, which was in the Information Book. Remember to sign up for School eNews in order to receive all up to date school news as punctually as possible! Finally, we would like to remind our parents to please supervise their children if they are using the playground equipment at any time. We look forward to seeing you at Parent Information Night (5.30pm-6pm tonight) and hope you have a wonderful week!
Meet your teacher is tonight from 5.30pm-6.00pm in your child's classroom. Please be prompt. If you need to share your time with another class please ensure that you pick up the paperwork from each of your children’s teachers and leave your email address and availability to help in the classroom. Your child's teacher will be communicating to all parents regularly throughout the year via group emails.

As there is a composite 1/2 class this year, we have organised that Miss Day's Year 2 students participate in a number of sessions with 2M and 2V students, and her Year 1 students with 1M and 1W. They will be together in grade groups for sessions involving PE, Sport, fine motor, health and imaginative play each week.

Swimming carnival notes have been sent home. Please return the note and money if your child is turning 8 in 2016 and can swim 50m. Thank you to all the exercise book covering that has already gone on at home, it is GREATLY appreciated. Please offer to help with this if you can cover a class set of books. Ask your child's teacher if there is anything else you can do for your child's class at home. Thank you.

Welcome back to school in 2016! We hope you had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing break and you are ready for an exciting term ahead. Please remember to label any new belongings with your full name. This will ensure your belongings can be returned if you happen to lose them. Please check the Lost Property located on the side of the stage in the COLA if you are still looking for any lost items. This is a reminder that the Life Skills Program will commence this week which focuses on mindfulness, PSSA will also start this Friday. Please don’t forget our Meet the Teacher Night for grades 3-6 is on tonight at 6:15-6:45pm located in your child's classroom. We are also looking forward to meeting you at the P&C Welcome BBQ this Friday!

Stage 3 students have settled in to their new classes and have begun tackling their work with enthusiasm. Most students have brought in the required supplies but if your child is missing any items please make sure they bring them in this week so they can be fully-equipped for each lesson. All items should be labelled with your child’s name.

Meet the teacher night is on tonight from 6:15pm-6:45pm in your child’s classroom. (6B will have a separate Meet the teacher evening tomorrow evening from 5:00pm-5:30pm.) Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers to help with various tasks throughout the year (e.g. class parent, covering books, washing hand towels, helping with reading groups). If you cannot make the evening but you are interested in volunteering to help in some way please contact your child’s teacher. She would love to hear from you!

Life Skills starts this week and the children are all excited about the program. The swimming carnival is on Tuesday 23rd February. Please ensure your child brings in payment for the carnival and the GREEN note which lists the correct day and date.

Around the school

School Photos
Last week all students were handed their own envelope to order for the up and coming school photos which are being held next Monday, 15th February 2016. There are a couple of ways to pay:
- **Cash** – Place the correct amount in the provided envelope. (NO Refunds given)
- **Money Order** – Please make payable to “The School Photographer”.
- **Credit Card** – online payments, please visit [www.thechoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.thechoolphotographer.com.au) and follow the prompts (charges apply) or you can call 9674 9824 to arrange payment over the phone (note: $5 processing fee for phone payments).
- **NO Cheques** will be accepted.
- Any **LATE** orders placed after all photos have been delivered to the school a $15.00 handling fee will be charged.
- **Sibling Photos** – Please see the office for a Sibling photo envelope.

PSSA
This week sees the start of the Summer 2016 competition. Cricket will be playing at Meadowbank Park. Softball and T-ball is playing at Magdala Park. Buses leave school 12:20pm. A permission note will be sent home tomorrow (Wednesday); please sign and return back by Friday morning to the PSSA coach. Payment will be required to be finalised by Thursday, 18th February.

T-Ball
T-Ball training will be Tuesday mornings at 8am till 8.45am for the girls and 8.00am till 8.45am on Fridays for boys on the back oval if the weather is fine. We commence the season this Friday.

Mrs Sparrow - T-Ball Coach

Public Speaking
The Ryde Rotary Public Speaking competition has been announced. This year it is on the 9th March which is the night before the Selective Exam and this competition finishes around 10pm so I would recommend anyone who is intending on sitting for the Selective High School not to take part this year.

Students who would like to represent the school can meet in my classroom at lunch after eating time on a Tuesday.
Mrs Sparrow - Public Speaking Facilitator
Science and Technology
Welcome back to 2016 and a warm welcome to our new families. We are looking forward to what we will discover this term in our Science & Technology lessons. Stage 3 students will investigate materials and the ways they can be changed. Stage 2 students will classify living things and study their life cycles. Stage 1 will group living things and investigate the way they grow and change, while Early Stage 1 students will explore 'Built Environments'.

This year the Science classroom has moved. It is now located in the old school building at the front of the school. The following classes can be picked up from the Science room at 3pm: Mon - 3/4L; Tues - 2M; Wed - KC; Thurs - 1W. If you have any questions regarding the Science & Technology program running across K-6, please feel free to come and see me.

Mrs Amat

Crunch & Sip
A reminder that this year we will be continuing our involvement with the Crunch & Sip program. For families new to our school, Crunch & Sip is a program sponsored by the NSW Canteen Association. Students are encouraged each day to crunch on a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable and have a sip of water. Teachers program a Crunch & Sip break during the morning session each day. Teaching and Learning activities continue during this short break e.g. teachers may use the time to read a novel to the class or have students present news. The purpose is for the students to recharge their batteries, to take the opportunity to eat fresh produce, and to supply the garden with scraps for composting. Students should have a small container with their Crunch & Sip food separate to their other food so they can easily access it when it is time. Fresh fruit or vegetables should be brought for the Crunch & Sip break. Thank you for your support of this initiative to help keep our students on task and encourage them to eat fresh food.

Mrs Amat

Library News
Welcome back to library for 2016. The children are excited and borrowing has started in earnest this week. At Ermington, like most school libraries, we ask that students bring a library bag to school for borrowing. A school library bag is available at the uniform shop at a reasonable price, or some students re-use the Kindy orientation bags - even though the strings can get a little messy. Another common option is a cloth type grocery bag that are easily saved and last quite well. Plastic bags can work in an emergency, but are easily torn by the sharp edges of hardcover books. Library bags keep library books separate and organised and protect against liquid spills, which are surprisingly common.

There is a strong connection between students who are organised with library bags remembering their library day and returning their books regularly. The library bag is also a useful marker at home to keep library books separated from the rest of your reading material. I encourage the children to have a special place in the bedroom or elsewhere where the library bag can be kept, preferably with the books returned to it when not being used, as this precludes many of the problems with lost library books. Children should know their library day by now and can often surprise with how independent they can be in remembering and packing their things.

Book Club has also started again for this year and you may have noticed that the brochures have been consolidated into a single pamphlet for all students K-6. The order form is located in the centre fold. Many families choose the 'Loop' on line ordering system, but cash payments can be made to th school library. Please ensue that order forms are carefully filled out with names and classes and the items to be ordered, as there are many orders received at the school.

I wish all students and families happy reading for 2016.

Mr Butterfield

Earn and Learn
We received our Christmas present last Thursday in the form of our Earn and Learn purchases. We received 20 high tech trundle wheels that thankfully do not click but actually have a counter attached so the students will no longer need an hour to count the length of a football field because of distractions and loosing count!

We also received a massive construction kit that has already been enjoyed by Year 2 students last Friday. There are some fascinating and colourful art supplies and thermometers for maths. Stage Three also will use the probability kit.

Thank you to our parents and school community for your ongoing support of this promotion. Also thank you to Woolworths for their efforts in this promotion as it certainly benefits our students.

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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School Banking Program
Each Tuesday the school participates in the School Banking Program. For families that are not familiar with the program it is run by the Commonwealth Bank and further information is available on their website. Basically students wanting to participate open a bank account and receive a bankbook through the Commonwealth Bank. Each Tuesday morning students hand their bankbook to their teacher who organises it to be brought to the volunteers who process the deposits. Bankbooks are then returned to the teachers that day.

For every deposit made at school students receive a token. Once students have collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for free School Banking reward items. There are 2 new reward items for Term 1, a ‘Flying Snake Tail’ and a "Wildlife Writer Set". 2016 Reward Cards will be distributed to classes in the coming weeks and will show all reward items.

The benefit to the school for participating in school banking is commission paid to the school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school. Last year we raised $1285 for the school.

If you would like to volunteer to assist school banking it requires only around an hour every 3 weeks on Tuesday morning from 9am. You will always be rostered on with 2 other helpers and toddlers are welcome. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please phone Kerrie on 0405 920 410.

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

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

Canteen News

Can't celebrate school banking without parents helping this week. Please consider helping. It's once per month only.

Closed Every Wednesday
At this stage we don't have any volunteers to open on Wednesdays. We need at least 8 volunteers to fill our monthly roster for Wednesdays (2 for each week), 2 more for Mondays, 3 for Tuesdays and 1 for Thursdays.

Volunteering in the canteen is an enjoyable & rewarding way to help your school and your children will love it! If you can help, please contact Wendy 0412154004.

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 Roster

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

School Crossing
For the Safety of ALL children, please obey the No Stopping signs around the school.

To all the families that we had received those lovely Christmas presents from last year, Thank you. We are here to keep your children safe.

Rhonda and Sharon
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 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

All New and Existing Players can register online at:  http://www.dundasshamrocks.leaguenet.com.au/
2016 Registrations include; Jersey, Shorts and Socks.
• FREE HEADGEAR FOR U6-10S
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  More Info please phone: 02 9874 9033

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West Ryde Rovers
Football Club

WRFC is celebrating its 60th year in the Ryde community supporting young players in developing not only football skills, but important and valuable life skills associated with team work and organised tasks and key performance indicators to improve all aspects of their football in association with FFAs pathways of training and development.

Registrations Now Open
Boys and Girls ages 5 and Up

Under 6 and 7 receive a personal football
Register at:  myfootballclub.com.au

Club Contacts:
Mens/Mixed - football.registrar@westryderovers.asn.au
Womens - football.womens@westryderovers.asn.au

Kids Karate
at Ermington PS
Tuesday afternoons
3:15pm, 4:00pm & 4:45pm
$9 per class for beginners
boys & girls 5 - 12 years old

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50th
Dundas Rugby Football Club

Club Registration Days: Sunday 7th & 14th February 2016
10.00am – 1.00pm
ST PATRICKS MARIST COLLEGE (Top Oval)
Kissing Point Rd, Dundas

All New and Existing Players can register online at: