Term 1 Week 6

Monday 29 February
Young Leaders Day

Wednesday 2 March
P&C Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 4 March
2W and 1W Excursion to Field of Mars

Term 1 Week 7

Tuesday 8 March
Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 9 March
5G and 6J Marsden Sports Gala Day

Thursday 10 March
5T and 6C Marsden Sports Gala Day

Thursday 10 March
Selective High School Placement Test

Friday 11 March
2V, 1/2D and 1M Excursion to Field of Mars

Term 1 Week 8

Wednesday 16 March
Regional Swimming Carnival

Thursday 17 March
K-6 Assembly 2.05pm

Principal's Message

The students at Ermington Public School have an abundance of extra-curricular activities to be involved in this year. The teachers dedicate many mornings, lunch times and afternoons to provide the students with these opportunities. It is pleasing to witness many students auditioning, trying-out or joining the array of clubs and sports on offer. Congratulations to all the students that have been chosen for various teams. Unfortunately, not all students can be selected for a particular group but each should be proud for putting themselves out there and trialling a new skill – that is a feat in itself. A famous baseball star once said, “Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.” Succeeding is all about doing your best and this can be translated to all aspects of our lives.

Parent Teacher Interviews

As a part of our school’s assessment policy parent teacher interviews for Years 1-6 will be held between Monday 14th March and Friday 18th March (Week 8). Yesterday, notes were sent home to parents. Kindergarten teachers will be holding their interviews this week (Week 6). The aim of these interviews is to discuss your child’s progress. It is a highly beneficial process for all stakeholders involved.

High School Enrolments for 2016

If you have a child in Year 6 this year, you will shortly be receiving an Expression of Interest form to indicate your preferences for high school. It is extremely important that this form is returned to us – even if you are selecting a non-government school. Please note that different high schools have their own enrolment boundaries and procedures and you need to check with each high school as to how they administer their enrolments. The boundaries for each school and your eligibility are based on your residential address – please note these cannot be changed without verification by the primary school.

Have a wonderful week.

Relieving Principal
Jennifer Claro
Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 6! The sight words for the week are 'like', 'and', 'went' and 'my'. The sounds are 'h', 'r' and 'm'. On Friday we started our Gross Motor program (Kindy Sport). If you would like to join in our fun activities and help out by supervising a small group, please let your class teacher know. All assistance is welcomed! If sport is not your thing but you would still like to help, perhaps you’d like to volunteer to do some Friday classroom duties. This could entail changing Home Reader books for the weekend, sharpening pencils, cutting or pasting... We would gratefully accept any assistance at all! Finally, since we use the Reading Folders in class every day without fail, it is vital that the children bring them daily. Please remind your child to be responsible and check that it is packed each morning. Have a great week!

Stage 1
Thank you to those parents that have returned their child’s permission notes for our Field of Mars excursion. 2M will be hosting our K-2 assembly this week on Thursday, 3rd March at 12.30pm and 2V will be performing this week’s item. Parents are all welcome to attend. Congratulations to Claire, Mark and Sienna in Year 2 for making it through to the Zone Swimming Carnival. We welcome little Jessica; a baby sister for Tomas B.

Please supervise your child reading every day and fill in their reading log while they read. If there are any creative parents who would like to assist the teachers with simple costumes for the Easter Hat Parade dance, please talk to your class teacher. The dance will be performed on Wednesday, 23rd March under COLA. Make check that your child ALWAYS brings their school hat to school and that ALL of their personal items are clearly labelled.

Stage 2
Welcome to Week 6. Last week’s swimming carnival was a great success and it was fantastic to see Ermington students support one another with loud cheers. Well done to all those competitors who had a go in the 50m and 25m races and gave it their best shot! It’s important to remember that it’s not always about coming first but rather about challenging themselves to reach their full potential. This is a reminder that students must bring in a library bag on the day of their library session with Mr Butterfield in order to borrow books.

Stage 3
We have reached Week 6 of the term and the Year 5 and 6 students have well and truly settled into the routine of their new classes. It is wonderful to see so many students challenging themselves to reach their personal best inside the classroom and in extra-curricular activities.

Congratulations to those students in Stage 3 who actively participated in the swimming carnival and were awarded points for their house. Good luck to those students who are also participating in the Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 8th March.

Year 5 camp continues to approach us and the final payment is due next week on Thursday 10th March. Please ensure all payments and medical forms are handed in by this date.

Around the school

PSSA
Softball and T-ball have a bye this week and will remain at school. Cricket will be playing at Meadowbank Park. Buses leave school at 12.20pm.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Last year we donated used clothing to Stewart House. Later this week a bag will be sent home ready for the annual cloth clean out. These bags will need to be returned back to the Computer Lab by Friday, 11th March.

National Young Leaders Day 2016
Yesterday, I had the privilege of being in the company of the Captains and Prefects of the school as we attended The National Young Leaders day at Allphones arena. The theme of the day was, "Master the Little." We heard from a variety of speakers including Nathan Want, NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione, Paralympian Ben Austin and author Melanie Lee. The students were all inspired and thought about the many little things that they can master to achieve great things. There were over 6000 students at the arena and we were honoured to be invited to thank the speaker due to the way the students presented themselves and their actions throughout morning tea. James and Emma, who thanked Commissioner Scipione; Nicholas, Brooke, Charlie, Ella, Ruby, Aidan, Ria and Ben, congratulations on your behaviour, dedication and devotion becoming even greater leaders. You are all a credit to our wonderful school.

Mrs MacKenzie
Swimming Carnival Results

Open 100m

Boys
Shawn L
Lachlon W
Zac A
Nick G
8 years 50 m
Mark L
Philip A
Mark E
Joel M
9 years 50m
Ian P
Joel B
Marcus L
Owen L
10 years 50m
Lachlan W
Sewon K
Jai D
Daniel L
11 years 50m
Zac A
Jayden K
Danny L
Tony L
12 years 50m
Shawn L
Brendan M
Ben S
Nick G
Junior Breaststroke
Lachlan W
Sewon K
Daniel L
Austin H
11 years Breaststroke
Danny L
Seojun J
Charlie S
Jayden K
Senior Breaststroke
Shawn L
Brendan M
Andrew L
Nick G
Junior Backstroke
Lachlan W
Daniel L
Mark L
Philip A
11 years Backstroke
Zac A
Jayden K
Harry Y
Seojun J
Senior Backstroke
Shawn L
Brendan M
Nick G
James W
Junior Butterfly
Lachlan W
Daniel L
Sewon K
Ian P
11 years Butterfly
Zac A
Seojun J
Raymond Z
Senior Butterfly
Shawn L
Brendan M
Andrew L
Max M
Medley Junior
1. Lachlan W
2. Sewon K
Medley Senior
1. Zac A
2. Seojun J
3. Jayden K
4. Andrew L

CANTEEN NEWS

ATTENTION KINDY PARENTS‼
We’ve only had 1 kindy parent volunteer so far! We need kindy parents to replace those lost last year to high school.

“WHY SHOULD I VOLUNTEER?”
There are many benefits to volunteering! You will make new friends, you can improve or learn new skills for future employment, you will definitely have a few laughs with a great bunch of people, and most important of all, you will be doing something very worthwhile for your school community. If you can spare a full day, or even a half day you will find that volunteering in the canteen is an enjoyable & rewarding way to help your school and your children will definitely love it!
If you can help, please contact Wendy 0412154004.

NEW! Icy Pop popsicle raspberry or lemonade, $1.00 ea.

CHANGE/COINS – Don’t forget to give your children coins, no notes please!

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 3/3 Kate B, Meredith, Ah Young (pm)
Friday 4/3 Wendy, Patricia, Kylie
Monday 7/3 Wendy, Beth
Tuesday 8/3 Shayne, Ros
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 10/3 Colette, Kate E, Simone (11.30am-2.15pm)
Friday 11/3 Wendy, Mel, Carol
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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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 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.

North Ryde Dockers
AFL Junior Football
Register now for 2016
visit northrydedockers.com.au to register!
Season Launch, Swans
Visit Afternoon our Clubhouse
Thursday, 17th March
ELS Hall Park, Marsfield between 4pm-6pm

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