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**Principal's Message**

Reading is one of my favourite leisure activities – aside from dancing! It has so many benefits including: mental stimulation, vocabulary expansion, stronger analytical thinking skills, improved focus and comprehension, improved writing skills and entertainment. This week, encourage your child to borrow a new book from our well-resourced library and expand their knowledge on a topic of choice. In the wise words of Dr. Seuss:

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

**Zone Swimming Carnival**

Today our Zone Swimmers were at the Ryde Aquatic Centre competing in the Zone Carnival. Thank you to the teachers that coordinated and attended the event and to our parents that assisted in transporting students. We know that Ermington students represented our school with pride and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

**Before and After School Expectations**

Please be aware that teachers do not commence supervision of students in the playground until 8.35am. Unless your child is attending a pre-arranged school activity, they should not be arriving prior to 8.30am – at this time the students are requested to sit under the COLA and wait for the teacher to come on duty. If you need to drop your child early at school, please make arrangements with OOSH or a family member/friend to ensure that your child is safe. The same applies to leaving the school in the afternoon. Please ensure your child promptly leaves school grounds. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

**Selective High School Placement Test**

If your child indicated that they will be sitting the selective high school test for enrolment in Year 7 2017, this test is on Thursday. Our test centre is Marsden High School and parents should have received notification regarding start and finish times.

**Mindfulness in Action**

The ‘Mindfulness in Action’ program as part of our PDHPE program has been well received by our teachers and students in Years 3-6. The strategies and
Stage News

Kindy
Welcome to Week 7. Our sight words this week are 'sister', 'brother', 'have' and 'is'. Our sounds are 'd', 'g' and 'o'. Last Friday we were thrilled to have more parents come along to Kindy Sport and the children loved it. However, if you would rather help in the classroom on Fridays, the teachers would still love your assistance - just contact your class teacher. Please remember that we use our Reading Folder every day, so it is imperative that it comes to school. If the children check that it is in their bag every morning or night, then it becomes routine and helps them with their life-long organisation skills. Have a fantastic week!

Stage 1
Congratulations go to 2M and 1W for their amazing behaviour at the Field of Mars excursion last Friday. They had a wonderful time listening to the peaceful sounds of a natural environment. They also caught crabs and little tickling bugs. This Friday 1/2D, 1M and 2V's will attend Field of Mars Excursion - they can’t wait! Please return your money and permission note if you haven’t already done so. Well done Claire, Mark and Sienna for swimming so well today at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Please supervise your child reading every day and fill in their reading log while they read.

Start making your Easter Hat Parade creations – remember they are to be made at home. You can send them in before the day if they are ready. 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 you class teacher. This dance will be performed on Wednesday, 23rd March under the COLA.

Please return your individual parent interview notes as soon as possible to your child’s teacher. Ask them if you need another one. Most have already been returned – thank you.

Stage 2
Welcome to Week 7. Congratulations and well done to the students who have made it through to the Zone Swimming today. We hope you all did your best in the competitive races. Please welcome our new Korean teacher at Ermington this year. Her name is Miss Eim and she will be teaching Year 3-6 students on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as of this week. Students have shown great enthusiasm and interest to learn a different language. There are many advantages in exploring a different language, culture and heritage as students develop greater appreciation for diversity. Have a wonderful week!

Stage 3
It's Week 7 and the term is flying by! Students in 6J and 5G will be attending a Sports Gala Day at Marsden High School tomorrow with 6C and 5T attending on Thursday. The students are looking forward to an active day learning some new sports.

Thank you parents for your promptness in handing in the parent-teacher interview notes. We look forward to discussing your child’s progress next week. Year 5 students and teachers are all very excited about our Great Aussie Bush Camp in Week 9, especially all the fun activities. A reminder, the final payment and medical form are due this Thursday, 10th March.

We would like to wish students sitting the Selective High School Exam on Thursday all the best. Remember to go straight to Marsden High School on the morning of the exam.

Around the school

PSSA
No PSSA will be held this week and all students will remain at school.

PSSA Cricket
On Friday our PSSA cricket teams did Ermington proud. The juniors were successful in winning their second game on the run. Their skill and teamwork is something to be proud of (getting 9 wickets and 54 runs). What a team effort. Despite winning in round 3, the seniors unfortunately lost by just two runs but are to be commended for their great attitude and teamwork. Good luck to both our teams for their final game on the 18th March.

Aerobic Cake Stall
Tuesday, 15th March the Aerobics team will be selling cakes at recess to raise money for the 2016 competitions. Cakes will be sold for 50c each.

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.

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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ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!!
We still require more volunteers to remain open, especially for Mondays or Tuesdays. Your help is desperately needed and will be greatly appreciated by the whole school community. Volunteering in the canteen is easy and very rewarding. You will receive full training, please bring a friend to work with you!

We also need a person to make frozen pineapples once or twice a week for 15 minutes only – any morning/s.

If you can help, please contact Wendy on 0412154004 or wlarocca@optusnet.com.au

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 10/3 Colette, Kate E, Simone (11.30-2.15)
Friday 11/3 Wendy, Mel, Carol
Monday 14/3 Wendy, Fiona (am), Louise (pm)
Tuesday 15/3 Shayne, Ros
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 17/3 Alison, Melinda, Louise (pm)
Friday 18/3 Wendy, Robyn, Clarissa

P&C Easter Egg Raffle and Morning Tea
The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be taking place on Wednesday, 23rd March at 9.30am under the COLA. The P&C will be coordinating the very popular Easter Egg Raffle and we are asking for all families in K-2 to donate chocolate eggs and chocolate bunnies, which will then be used to make up the raffle prizes. NUT and PRALINE FREE! Last year we were able to make up nearly 30 prizes so there were lots of very excited winners! Boxes will be placed in your child’s class from Wednesday, 9th March and all donations can be placed in these. In addition the P&C will be hosting a Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea in the hall after the parade. For a small donation families will be able to enjoy a hot drink and a freshly baked hot cross bun.

All proceeds from the morning will go towards the end of year party. So when you next head out to the shops to do your groceries, don’t forget to grab a chocolate egg for the Easter Egg Raffle. Raffle tickets will cost 50c each or 3 for $1. Raffle tickets will be on sale on the week of the parade, before school under the COLA. If anyone is able to help sell raffle tickets on these mornings please contact Mel on 0424 614 399.

Movie Night – Save the Date
“INSIDE OUT” (PG) - Friday, 1st April @ Ermington Public School Oval.

This is a great film for all the family. Please invite your friends and extended family to this family event. If you’ve seen it before, it’s a movie you can easily watch again especially with your school friends. “Inside Out” currently holds the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature as well as a tonne of other awards…Critics Choice, Golden Globe, etc.

- Dinner (pre-ordered BBQ) from 6pm
- Band performance at 6.15pm (awaiting confirmation)
- Pre-screening ads and announcements at 7pm

Funds raised all go back into resourcing our school. Help make it happen. We need your help with:
- Marketing -Chris M
- Council notification & Risk plan -Belinda G
- Order collection
- Ticket production and issuing
- Sponsorship/advertising - (Chris M, need 2-3 people to approach local business with P&C letter)
- Food purchases - Chris M
- Co-ordinator band performance
- Site setup -from 5.20pm
- Attending BBQ (prefer 4 on rotation for 2hrs)
- Ticket collection both gates -(need 3-4) -Sara A
- Food and drink serving
- Popcorn machine operation
- Choc top and lollies – Belinda M
- Site pack-up and clean-up

If you can help in any way, please contact Chris on P: 0407 909 748 or E: vpresident1@ermingtonparents.net

Coffee and Prayer
The Coffee and Prayer group will have their first gathering for 2016 Wednesday, 16th March from 9.30am at Claire's place, 16 Murdoch St, Ermington. If you would like to join us please come along. Toddlers and babies welcome. For more details contact Claire 0400 376 008 or Fiona 0404 009 693

Newsletter Deadline
Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon Monday. These should be sent to: ermiton-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.
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OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT @
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FRIDAY, 1st APRIL, 7.15pm

Dinner from 6pm
6.15pm School Band
7.15 – 9.00 Film