



Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 9 Term 3

Tuesday 18th September 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 9 Term 3

Monday 17th September Year 4 – 4/5J Science Excursion to Marsden High
Sydney North Athletics Carnival
Mon 17th - Fri 28th Sept Swim School commences for 2 weeks
Thursday 20th September Stage 3 Project Based Learning Showcase

Week 10 Term 3

Mon 24th – Fri 28th Sept Swim School Continues
Monday 24th September 4T Science Excursion to Marsden High
Tuesday 25th September Granny Smith Festival Visit
Friday 28th September Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Week 1 Term 4

Monday 15th October First Day back for Term 4
Tuesday 16th October Ryde School Spectacular Rehearsal – Choir
Wednesday 17th October Musica Viva
Friday 19th October No PSSA
Ryde School Spectacular Dress Rehearsal –
Sydney Opera House

Term 4

Week 2 Term 4

Tuesday 23rd October Kindergarten Orientation Day # 1
Wednesday 24th October Grandparents Day

Term 4

Week 3 Term 4

Monday 29th October Ryde School Spectacular Concert – Sydney
Opera House
Tuesday 30th October Kindergarten Orientation Day #2

NOTES/PAYMENT THIS WEEK

Ryde School Spec Choir

- **Permission Note /payment \$92 by Thursday 27th September**

3-6 Dance Group

- **Permission Note / Payment \$15 by Thursday 27th September**

Epping District Music Festival

- **Permission Note / Payment \$15 by Thursday 18th October**

2018 School Expenses

- **Please finalise**

PSSA Summer

- **Please finalise**

** No money collected on Fridays **

P&C NOTES/PAYMENTS

P&C 2018 Voluntary Contributions

- **Please finalise**

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) for this week:

We encourage all students to be active learners and take risks to try new tasks. At our school assemblies, we do our best by listening to announcements, standing or sitting sensible with our class. When students receive awards on stage, we congratulate them for doing their best. Our PSSA teams do their best to be at training on time and play fairly while being a positive role model.

Do Your Best



P&C Disco

Thank you to the fantastic P&C for yet another great fundraiser for our wonderful school. Students thoroughly enjoyed making their hair look crazy and dancing their way to the weekend! There were many students that went home hot, sweaty and tired from non-stop dancing. We look forward to the next P&C event.



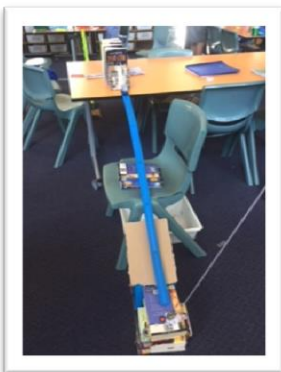
Learner Qualities

As part of Ermington Public School's Visible Learning Journey we have begun to create our very own bank of Learner Qualities. Learner Qualities are those behaviours that enhance a student's ability to learn. Learner Qualities are 'life skills'. These are the same qualities that are essential for success at school and in everyday life. On Thursday 5/6C presented an engaging item at Assembly that involved these wonderful Learner Qualities. The qualities that were demonstrated were:

- Be Resilient
- Be Curious
- Be Brave
- Be Innovative
- Be Persistent
- Be Collaborative

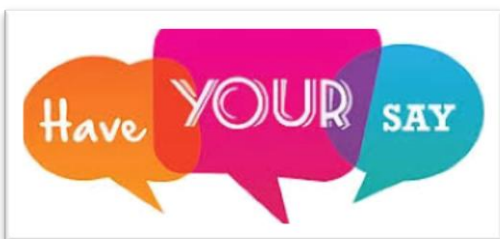


Our Learner Qualities are going to be officially launched in 2019 and will become an integral part of Ermington Public School. If you would like to provide any feedback or suggestions please email the school as we would like to have the whole community involved.



Marsden Learning Alliance

At Ermington Public School we are extremely lucky for the opportunities provided to our students to work with local schools within the learning alliance. Year 4 students are off to Marsden High School to participate in some Science lessons. Stage 3 has been working hard to create spectacular Rube Goldberg Machines which they will be sharing with the primary schools within the alliance on Thursday. It is fantastic to see schools working together to support student learning.



Tell Them From Me Surveys

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. You may remember that our students also participated in a Tell Them From

Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home last week with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, you should have returned the form to your child's class teacher. Students in Years 4-6 will begin to complete the survey during their lessons in the Technology Hub.

The parent survey is up and ready to be accessed. The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The survey is available in 22 different languages. Please complete the survey using the following address: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/56359>. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

NAPLAN

As you may be aware NAPLAN results are being distributed to schools. Your child's NAPLAN results will be sent home on Thursday in a sealed envelope. Well done to everyone for doing their best during NAPLAN in May.

Important Dates for Term 4

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| 15 th October | First day for Students – Term 4 |
| 16 th October | Ryde School Spectacular Choir Rehearsal |
| 17 th October | Musica Viva (In School performance) |
| 19 th October | Ryde School Spectacular Full Dress Rehearsal (Choir/3-6 Dance) |
| 23 rd October | Kindergarten Orientation Day #1 |
| 24 th October | Grandparents Day |
| 29 th October | Ryde School Spectacular Concert (Evening) |
| 30 th October | Kindergarten Orientation Day #2 |
| 6 th November | Kindergarten Orientation Day #3 |
| 7 th November | Surf Awareness Stage 2 + 5L |
| 8 th November | Epping District Music Festival (Evening) |
| 4 th December | Year 7 2019 – Public High School Orientation Day |
| 6 th December | School Concert (Evening) |
| 10 th December | Presentation Day (Whole School) |
| 11 th December | Year 6 Farewell Dinner |
| 14 th December | Years 3-6 Acknowledgement Assembly / K-2 Celebration of Learning Assembly |
| 18 th December | Party Day |
| 19 th December | Students Last Day for 2018 |

2019

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| 29 th January | Staff Development Day Term 1 - 2019 |
| 30 th January | Students return 2019 (Year 1-6) |
| 4 th February | Kindergarten Students first day |

Is your child leaving Ermington Public School at the end of the 2018 school year?

The Executive will soon begin the task of organising classes for 2019. Please inform the school (via a letter or email) addressed to myself if your child is NOT returning to Ermington Public School in 2019. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

We are still coordinating enrolment applications for students wishing to start Kindergarten in 2019. Do you know a friend or family member that has a child ready for school next year? If yes, please ask them to contact the school office to arrange an enrolment pack.

Have a wonderful week of learning.

Kind Regards,

Samantha Newth
Relieving Principal



Stage News

Kindergarten

Next Tuesday morning, we will be having a visit from Granny Smith as a prelude to the Granny Smith Festival. She will explain how the Granny Smith apple came to be and we may be lucky enough to receive an apple each too! With the holidays getting closer and closer, it's a great time to check the Lost Property tub to see if you have any clothes or lunch boxes, flasks etc waiting to be found by their owners. Please NAME all property clearly so it is ready for Term 4. Our sight words for the week are 'birthday, party and stayed' and our sounds are 'dr and tw'.

Stage 1

Well done on the K-2 dance group on your performance at the Battle of the Primary Schools last Tuesday. Students were awarded with a highly commended trophy. Thank you to all students who attended the disco on Friday, the night was a success. Supplies are running low. Could parents please check with their children as to whether they require more glue, or a new whiteboard marker, in their classroom. Just a reminder that we like students to keep toys, including Pokemon cards and stuffed toys at home. There have been some issues with lost and missing Pokemon cards, as well as regretful trades, to avoid this cards are best left at home. We have had some missing clothing, could you please check that your child has brought home the correct hat and jacket. Swim school began this week and will run until the end of term.



Stage 2

Congratulations to the students in the 3-6 dance group who performed at Battle of the Primary Schools on Wednesday night and were awarded 3rd place. There were plenty of crazy colourful hair-dos on Friday night at our school disco. Well done to all students who attended for their excellent behaviour and participation in dancing throughout the night. A big thank you to our fantastic P&C and parent volunteers, the night would not have been possible without you. Swim school commenced on Monday and runs for the next 2 weeks. Our students are already coming back saying how much fun they are having and are really enjoying themselves and learning important swimming skills. Musica Viva is on the first Wednesday back at school next term so please make sure if you haven't paid for it to do so. As the hot weather is approaching it is important for students to make sure they bring their school hat to school as teachers have been noticing a lot of students playing without hats. Only 2 more weeks till school holidays!



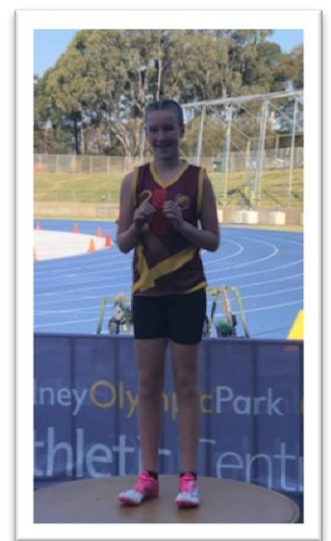
Stage 3

Exciting week for our Rube Goldberg machines to be on display this Thursday. The children have really enjoyed working as a team and creating a simple machine- some not so simple - and there were plenty of laughs and children persisting with the task. They have all shown an application to the six skills for creative learners - bravery, collaboration, innovation, persistence, resilience and curiosity. This exercise has been really worthwhile and enjoyable!

News Around the School

Regional Athletics

What a great effort from all those students that attended the Regional Athletics Carnival yesterday at Homebush Sports Centre. Special mention to the 4x100m Senior Girls relay team making it to the finals. Jessica J placed 1st – Discuss, 2nd – Shot Put and 3rd – High Jump with the great honor of being named Age Champion. Jessica will now be going to the State Championships in Term 4. We wish her the very best.



Battle of the Primary Schools

Last Wednesday, 12th September the 3-6 dance group went down to Marsden High School to perform in a dance competition called 'Battle of the Primary Schools'. In our section, we were competing against four other schools. We were very nervous and excited to perform. Our dance group came 3rd and we were very proud of ourselves. We are looking forward to our big performance at the Opera House next term.

By Suan and Abigail (Year 3)

3-6 Dance Group

Just a reminder that there will be no rehearsals for the remainder of this term. Our talented dancers deserve a break after all their hard work this term. Rehearsals will commence the first Tuesday of next term, 16th October at 7:45am. A note was sent home last week regarding the Ryde Schools Spectacular dress rehearsal on Friday 19th October. Please make sure notes and payments are taken to the office by the end of Term 3. If you haven't already could you please return your hair piece to Miss Brown by the end of this term.

Science Day at Marsden



Ryde Schools' Spectacular

Well done to the senior choir who participated with enthusiasm at the Ryde Civic Centre last Tuesday. We have received lots of positive feedback of how well the students behaved and did our school proud. A note went home last week covers the cost of participation, bus travel to the dress rehearsal on Friday 19th October and the T-Shirt required by the students to wear on the night.

Extra-Curricular Photos

Extra-Curricular photos are now available for purchase. These can be viewed online or in the school office foyer. Photos will be available to view and **purchase online ONLY**. Please visit www.theschoolphotographer.com.au - enter the school code: **18S261PSB39E**. The photo prices are as follows: \$16.00 each, 2 for \$30, 3 for \$42, 4 for \$52 or 5 for \$60. Any additional photographs are \$10 each. This discount is only available per family order. All orders must be made by Friday, 19th October 2018.



Fiver for a Farmer

Thank you to parents, students and staff for your generosity in our Fiver for a Farmer fundraiser. Together, we raised over \$1800. All the donations will go straight to Drought Angels, Rural Aid and the Coonamble Rain Dance Campaign. Well done on your fantastic effort in dressing up to support our farmers!



Friday 21st September PSSA Draw

| Sport | Next game Location |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Softball – Boys | Meadowbank Park |
| Softball – Girls | Meadowbank park |
| Cricket Seniors | Meadowbank Park |
| Cricket Junior | Meadowbank Park |
| T Ball – Mixed | Meadowbank Park |
| T Ball – Girls | Meadowbank Park |
| Newcombe Ball - Junior | Meadowbank Park |
| Newcombe Ball - Senior | Meadowbank Park |

Uniform Shop Opening Times

Term 3 Dates

Tuesday 18th September (Week 9) 8:30am – 9:15am (Last time for Term 3)

Term 4 Dates

Tuesday 16th October (Week 1) 8:30am – 9:15am
 Tuesday 6th November (Week 4) 8:30am – 9:15am
 Wednesday 7th November (Week 4) 5:30pm – 6:30pm
 Tuesday 13th November (Week 5) 8:30am – 9:15am
 Tuesday 20th November (Week 6) 8:30am – 9:15am
 Tuesday 4th December (Week 8) 8:30am – 9:15am

School 24

Can't get to the school? Don't forget you can order online via schools24. www.school24.net.au your order will be processed and delivered to your child's class for you. *Interested in volunteering?* - We need one more volunteer to be able to open the shop for another day during the month. If you are interested please email us at epsuniformshop@gmail.com

NSW P&C Volunteer of the Year 2018 Nominations

Every year the P&C Federation hold awards to acknowledge the efforts of those volunteers who so generously give their time for their school community and its students. This year I would like to put forward one of Ermington's wonderful volunteers. If you would like to nominate an individual that you think goes above and beyond, I invite you to put their name forward. Please send your nominees name, and 1-3 points explaining why you have chosen them to ermps.pandc.president@gmail.com . All nominees will be put forward at the October P&C meeting on Wednesday 17th October to be voted on.

Canteen News

Canteen Volunteer Information

Volunteers Name _____

Mobile Number _____ Email _____

Childs Name _____ Class _____

Please circle: Days you wish to volunteer: - Monday Tuesday / Thursday Friday

How often do you wish to volunteer: - Once a week - Once a fortnight - Once a month

OR if you can't spare a whole day, **please consider volunteering for just 1 hour 12.30pm - 1.30pm**
- Our busiest time of the day. Please contact Wendy (Canteen Manager) 0412 154 004.

Monday 17 September Wendy, Cecilia
Tuesday 18 September Meredith, Nancy
Wednesday **CLOSED**
Thursday 20 September Alison, Melinda, Kim (am)
Friday 21 September Wendy, Carol

Monday 24 September Wendy, Cecilia
Tuesday 25 September Wendy, Ku
Wednesday **CLOSED**
Thursday 27 September Amanda, Tirtha
Friday 28 September Wendy, Belinda, Kylie

Live Life Well @ School
FRUIT & VEG MONTH 2018

Did you know that only about **5% of Australian children and adults eat enough fruit and vegetables?**



Fruit & Veg Month (FVM) is a health promotion program for NSW primary schools that puts a positive focus on fruit and veggies. The theme of this year's program during the month of September is 'Happy Fruit & Veg'tember'!

Help us get the message out there, we can and need to, eat more fruit and vegetables.

Some ideas to try at home:

- Make it accessible - keep ready cut veggie sticks in the fridge and a fruit bowl at home.
- Get the kids involved in choosing and preparing fruit and veggies.
- Try include fruit and veggies in every meal e.g. add chopped/grated veggies to pasta sauces, soups, frittatas and stir-fries.



More information and tips:
www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au




Live Life Well @ School
FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS



There are **12 key skills** children need to participate successfully in all types of games, physical activity and sports. Here is one: **SPRINT**

- Lift your knees high
- Bring your heel close to your bottom
- Eyes focused forward
- Don't let your heels touch the ground
- Land on the balls of your feet
- Bend your elbows at 90 degrees
- Drive arms forward and back in opposition to legs

Demonstration: Search 'Get Active Sprint' video on YouTube




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.

Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy

Skills Development, Match Play, Drills, Games and Prizes. Camp – Mon 8th Oct – Thurs 11th Oct - 9am – 1pm.

Cost: \$140 (4 days) – \$50 deposit, \$40 (single day) - Children aged 5-16 years. Meadowbank Park tennis courts. For more information, please call Ray Brennan on 0418 168 868





EASTWOOD MOON FESTIVAL LANTERN COMPETITION

The 2018 Eastwood Moon Festival will take place on Saturday 22 September. A Lantern Parade will take place between 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Eastwood Oval next to Eastwood library. This event is supported by the Rotary Club of Eastwood-Gladesville which will be providing free lanterns for children to take part in the Parade.

In the lead up to the 22 September, the Ryde Community Forum invites children to make a lantern for the **MOON FESTIVAL LANTERN COMPETITION**.

Requirements are:

- 1. Not bigger than 400mm X 500mm
- 2. Lit up with LED light
- 3. No restriction on materials but has to be hand-made
- 4. Good, strong lightweight framework, easy to carry

Lanterns will be judged on creative design, lighting and good sturdy construction.

A completed entry form (below) must be attached to each lantern. Entries need to be submitted to ABC Dental Surgery at 1/201 Rowe St Eastwood, for final judgement, by **Friday 21 September**.

Prizes Proudly sponsored by Medibank Private:
3 winners will receive a trophy and \$50 Medibank EFTPOS voucher each.

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MOON FESTIVAL LANTERN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Student's name: _____

School name: _____

Age: _____

Contact number: _____

Lantern name: _____