



Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 1 Term 4

Tuesday 16th October 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 4

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Monday 15th October	First Day back for Term 4
Tuesday 16th October	Ryde School Spectacular Rehearsal – Choir
Wednesday 17th October	Musica Viva – All Students P&C Meeting 7:30pm – Library
Friday 19th October	No PSSA Ryde School Spectacular Dress Rehearsal – Sydney Opera House

Week 2 Term 4

Tuesday 23rd October	Kindergarten Orientation Day # 1
Wednesday 24th October	Grandparents Day
Thursday 25th October	3-6 Assembly – 2:05pm
Friday 26th October	K-2 Assembly – 11:30am

Week 3 Term 4

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

Week 4 Term 4

Monday 5th November	Band Demonstration Years 2-6 – School Hall
Tuesday 6th November	Kindergarten Orientation Day #3
Wednesday 7th Nov	Surf Awareness – Stage 2 & 5L
Thursday 8th November	K-6 Assembly – 2:05pm Epping District Music Festival – Rehearsal and Evening Performance

NOTES/PAYMENT THIS WEEK

Ryde School Spec Choir

- **Please finalise**

3-6 Dance Group

- **Please finalise**

Epping District Music Festival

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

Kindy Field of Mars Excursion (\$28.00)

- **Permission Note and
Payment by Monday 5th
November**

Surf Education (\$45.00)

- **Permission Note and
Payment by Wednesday
31st October**

** No money collected on Fridays **

This week our focus is on Being Responsible. Students are encouraged to be accountable for our actions. By writing our names on our property we are looking after our belongings. We take care of our environment by placing our rubbish in the bin and looking after our gardens. We take pride in ourselves and our school.



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the final term of learning for 2018. It was fantastic to see the students buzzing with excitement at the whole school morning assembly on Monday morning. It was exciting to welcome Ermo our school mascot officially to the school and the new students who have started this term. We hope each of you had a relaxing holiday and are ready for a jam packed term of educational opportunities and events at Ermington Public School.

Important Dates for Term 4

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 9 (Cost of \$45)
8 th November	Epping District Music Festival (Evening)
14 th November	Kindergarten Excursion (Cost of \$28)
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

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

PDHPE Child Protection Program

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) is one of the six key learning areas of the NSW primary curriculum. Our school's PDHPE program aims to help our students develop and lead healthy, active and fulfilling lives.

Our school's PDHPE program covers a wide range of education matter, including relationships, drug use, human sexuality, child protection, fundamental movement skill development, safety and physical activity. Some of the content of the program deals with sensitive issues. The school recognises this by teaching about these issues within the context of a developmentally appropriate program and by providing information to you about the program.

The PDHPE program aims to encourage students to make informed decisions about their lifestyle taking into account the values of the family, culture and religion to which they belong. The school program will be implemented in a manner that supports the role of parents and caregivers, and reflects the ethos of the school community.

An overview of some of the content of the PDHPE program is provided below.

Child Protection Education

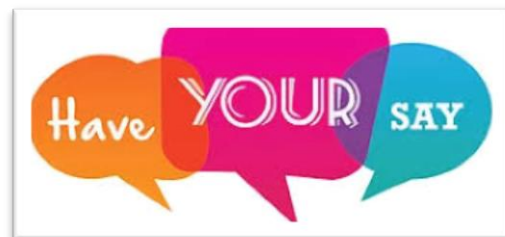
- recognising and responding to safe and unsafe situations
- developing positive relationships and support networks
- developing assertiveness (No Go Tell)
- appropriate and inappropriate touching

If you have any issues or concerns please contact the Assistant Principal in charge of your child's stage.

- Kindergarten Assistant Principal – Mrs Stevens
- Stage 1 Assistant Principal – Mrs Amat and Mrs Ennion
- Stage 2 Assistant Principal – Mr O'Keefe
- Stage 3 Assistant Principal – Mrs Mackenzie

Tell Them From Me Surveys

Thank you to those who have already participated in the parent survey. If you haven't yet participated in the survey it 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>. The survey window will close on Thursday 25th October, 2018. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.



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.

Kind Regards,

Samantha Newth
Relieving Principal

Stage News

Kindergarten

Kindergarten are all ready for more learning and excited to see what Term 4 brings! The sight words for this week are 'food, clothes and shelter' because we are studying 'Meeting Needs'. Our only sound is 'er'. The news topic is 'Something I did in the Holidays' and we are enjoying hearing about what everyone did in their vacation.

Stage 1

Welcome back to school, Stage 1. This week, students will not receive homework. Homework will resume on Monday, Week 2. A reminder that Musica Viva is on tomorrow, Wednesday 17th October. This term, weekly Speaking and Listening tasks will run differently in class. Students will not be required to prepare speeches for weekly topic talks. Instead, students will participate in a range of fun and interactive critical and creative thinking (CCT) exercises on a daily basis. Each activity has been designed by Minds Wide Open and encourages students to think "outside the box" for example, students will need to think of alternate uses for an object. Teachers will be assessing students based on their participation in each session. Next week, the school will be celebrating Grandparent's Day on Wednesday, 24th October. The K-2 Dance Group will be performing at the Grandparents Day Assembly at 10am in the hall. We hope that grandparents and parents are able to join us on that day.

Stage 2

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a well-deserved break and are ready for a busy and exciting final term for 2018. There are many events coming in the first couple of weeks including Ryde Schools' Spectacular rehearsals, performances, Musica Viva and Grandparents Day etc. We would like to encourage students to replenish their stationery items and bring in some tissues, soap and paper towels. Students have been given their Speaking and Listening assessment task 'Imagining you are a convict on the First Fleet.' These are due to be presented in Week 3.

Stage 3

Great to be back after such a wet holiday in old Sydney town! Looks like there is more rain on the way but that is no problem as we will all be working hard in the classroom. This is a big term particularly for Stage 3! Year 5 prefect elections, Ryde Spectacular, Choirs at the Opera House, Year 6 Mini Fete, CONCERT, Presentation Day, Special Assemblies, PSSA finals etc etc. Please stay tuned to Enews and notes home so you can keep up to date with what is happening.

Ryde Spectacular Tickets

Purchased Ryde School Spectacular tickets for the Sydney Opera House are available for collection from the school office from Wednesday, 17th October between 8:30am – 3:15pm.

Ryde School Spectacular Choir

On Friday, 19th October, the Senior Choir will be attending their dress rehearsal for the Ryde Schools' Spectacular. We will be travelling by bus with Eastwood PS. Students are required to meet at the 4/5J room at 7:45am and we will return to school by 3:00pm. The choir are required to wear their sports uniform and bring recess, lunch and drinks. There is no PSSA on this day.

Selective High School Application Information

Selective High Schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students. Last term a note was sent home with all Year 5 students providing details of the application process for entry to Year 7, 2020 at Selective High Schools. The online application site opened on 9th October 2018. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Parents must apply online by 12th November 2018. *The application site will close at 10pm on 12th November 2018.* This closing date will be strictly observed. You have the option of changing your school choices up until 26th April 2019. Please contact the school to speak with Mrs Amat if you have any questions about the application process.

Mrs Amat

Science and Technology

This week Kindergarten students will be bringing their pea plants home in a pot. Hopefully you are able to find a spot in the garden for them (or a larger pot). They will need water, sunlight and a garden stake or stick for the pea plants to grow tall. In a couple of months you should be harvesting yummy peas, radishes and maybe some cucumbers to eat.

Mrs Amat

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.



PSSA – Friday 19th October

There will be no PSSA this Friday due to the Ryde School Spectacular Dress rehearsal which is being held at the Sydney Opera House.

2019 Student Leadership

This term Year 5 students will have the opportunity to stand for the following leadership positions:

- Student Executive Team (Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects)
- House Captains (Captains and Vice Captains)
- Library Monitors

Criteria and roles of all positions will be explained to students in the upcoming weeks. You may wish to discuss the roles with your child. Please keep an eye out for notes that may come home in regards to these leadership opportunities.

Uniform Shop Opening Times

Term 4 Dates

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

Monday 15 October	Wendy, Nirmali	Monday 22 October	Wendy, Nirmali
Tuesday 16 October	Wendy, Nancy	Tuesday 23 October	Wendy, Ku
Wednesday	CLOSED	Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday 18 October	Alison, Melinda, Kim (am)	Thursday 25 October	Amanda, NEED HELP
Friday 19 October	Wendy, Lisa, Cecilia	Friday 26 October	Wendy, Belinda

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.

Newsletter Deadline

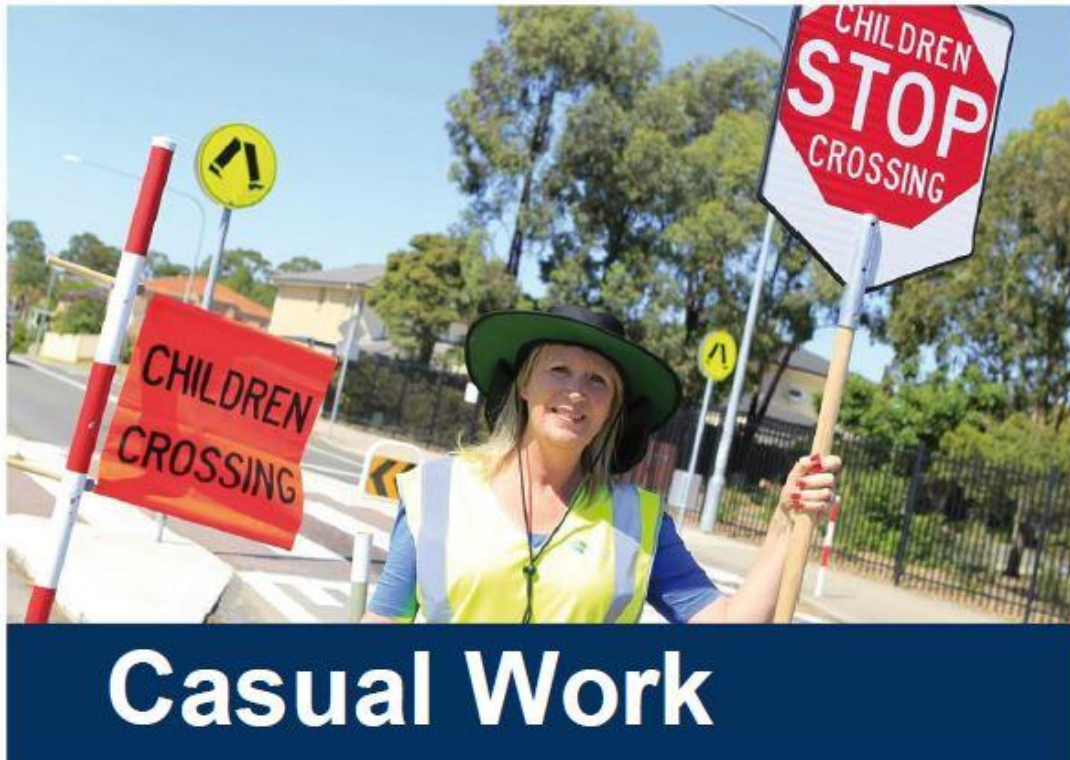
Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon Monday.

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.



Casual Work

School Crossing Supervisors – Work with your community
1 x Casual position – Ryde Local Government Area (00006J2W)

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.

The hours are usually 8.00am to 9.30am and/or 2.30pm to 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school terms. You would be required to work a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required. The base rate is \$27.62 per hour.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personality. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work — but not full-time.

Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely, will be provided. You may be required to attend a health assessment. Appointment is subject to a Working with Children Check clearance.

Roads and Maritime Services is an equal opportunity employer.

For further information on this exciting opportunity please call 1300 305 855 or go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au

Applications close Sunday, 28 October 2018



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