



Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 5 Term 4

Tuesday 13th November 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 5 Term 4

Wednesday 14th Nov Kindergarten Excursion – Field of Mars
Thursday 15th November P&C AGM – 7:30pm - Library
Parliament House visit – Prefects and Parents

Week 6 Term 4

Wednesday 21st Nov P&C Cake Stall
Thursday 22nd November 3-6 Assembly – 2:05pm
Stage 1 Excursion – Old Schoolhouse Museum
Friday 23rd November K-2 Assembly – 11:30am

Week 7 Term 4

Wednesday 28th Nov Year 6 Mini Fete – 11:30am
Thursday 29th November Scripture Concert
• Years 3-6 - 9:30am – 10:00am
• K-2 - 10:15am – 10:45am
Friday 30th November OC Orientation Day

Week 8 Term 4

Tuesday 4th December Year 7 2019 High School Orientation Day
Thursday 6th December School Concert Matinee and Evening Performance
Friday 7th December Summer PSSA Finals

Week 9 Term 4

Monday 10th December Presentation Day – Marsden High School Hall
Tuesday 11th December Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Friday 14th December 3-6 Acknowledgement Assembly 9:30am
K-2 Celebration of Learning Assembly – 11:30am

NOTES/PAYMENT THIS WEEK

Stage 1 - Old Schoolhouse Museum Excursion (\$27.00)

- **Please finalise**

School Concert (\$5 All Students)

- **Permission Note and Payment (CASH ONLY) – ASAP**

Presentation Day

- **Please return permission note to your child's teacher**

Party Day Notes

- **Please return permission note to your child's teacher**

** No money collected on Fridays **

Be Responsible

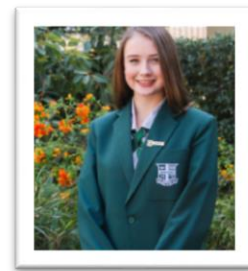
This week our focus is to be responsible. The majority of students display this by being accountable for their actions. This means to accept consequences and reflect on behaviours both positive and negative. It is important that students are looking after their belongings by placing lunch boxes in the correct place and collecting jumpers and hats from lost property. At Ermington we encourage all students to take care of our school environment by placing rubbish, food scraps and recycling in the correct places.



Past Students – News

It was fantastic to see one of our ex-students in the Marsden High School Newsletter last week. Jessica G was successful in gaining the role of Sports Prefect for 2019. Jessica mentioned some of her favourite memories from Ermington Public School and they are:

'Presenting the assemblies as a prefect and performing the class items. I also enjoyed playing PSSA sport and representing the school at sports carnivals. The primary school dance group was my favourite extra-curricular activity.' [We wish Jessica all the best in her role for 2019.](#)



Epping Music Festival

Last Thursday 8th November I had the pleasure of sitting in the audience watching our students perform as part of the Combined Schools Choir and watch the very talented Strings Group perform 'Somewhere Out There'. Thank you to Miss Grover who was the conductor of the strings group, Mrs Qian who worked backstage and supervised the choir and Ms Vallentine who was the wonderful teacher who produced the whole festival as well as conducting and accompanying the choir on the piano. What a talented bunch of teachers and students!

TIMSS

4T have been selected to take part in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) on Thursday 15th November. TIMSS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in mathematics and science. More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices. We will be able to obtain current national and international information which will help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science in our country. Students will do an assessment in mathematics and science and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. There is no need for students to study specifically for the assessment as it will not affect individual students' grades or progress in school. All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

Requests for 2019

Each year, parents are offered the opportunity to inform the school as to circumstances that may impact on their child's schooling the following year. If you wish to raise aspects of your child's placement in 2018, please note this concern in a letter addressed to myself and marked 'confidential'. Please note that this information is only used for 2019 placements so if you have issues that have extended over a few years, you will need to write a new submission. The school will listen to your concerns but please trust and understand that class placement is the decision of the school.

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.

Mini Fete

The Year 6 Mini Fete is fast approaching. The Year 6 students are busy preparing their stalls and are keen to raise as much money as possible for their Year 6 Farewell Dinner and gift back to the school. Shoe shining has begun for 50c and raffle tickets are flying out the window! Come prepared on Wednesday 28th November with lots of coins to spend at the stalls!

We look forward to welcoming our new principal, Ms Jen Riley on Monday 26th November. I have been working closely with Ms Riley as part of the Marsden Learning Alliance and know she will make a great addition to the Ermington Public School team. Ms Riley will be attending the P&C meeting this week and she is looking forward to meeting our great community.

Have a wonderful week!

Samantha Newth
Relieving Principal

Kindergarten

Finally we have reached the week for our first ever Teddy Bears' Picnic excursion and the excitement is building! We will be wearing our full Sports Uniform and bringing along our favourite little teddy bear. The bus will be leaving at 9am sharp so please make sure your child is at school by 8.45 at the latest. Practices for our concert items are in full swing and you may like to ask your child to give you a demonstration, as a little taste of the Spectacular to come! Our sight words for Week 5 are 'next, came, walk and walked'. Our sound is 'ie'. For News this week, we are speaking about Electricity, what is it used for in our homes and why it is important. We are looking forward to seeing all the drawings of something that uses electricity.

Stage 1

Welcome to Week 5! Last week, Stage one had a fantastic time learning all about how Ermington Public School has changed over time. Some of the things Mrs Foster spoke about included; buildings, teachers and some of the consequences boys and girls had if they misbehaved! Stage 1 students have also enjoyed learning about procedural writing. Some classes have written and followed some sandwich recipes. Let's just say, some boys and girls quickly realised how important it was to be specific when writing steps; some students ended up with whole jars of vegemite sitting on top of their bread! A big thank you to parents who have already paid for the Schoolhouse museum. Students who have not paid have been handed another note. Another thank you to parents who have sent in their child's \$5 contribution for the end of year concert.

Stage 2

We have been having lots of fun in class rehearsals for the end of year concert and things are coming along well. We are all very excited. Please remember to bring in your permission note for the dress rehearsal, concert and \$5 contribution. Thank you to those students who have already done so. Last Wednesday Stage 2 and 5L went to Freshwater Beach for Surf Awareness. The activities included tubes and boards in the surf, volley ball and a variety of nipper activities. The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the day. We would like to remind students to bring in extra tissue boxes and paper towels as classes are in very short supplies. A big thank you to those families who regularly donate these items. Regular homework is continuing, so please ensure it is brought in on a Friday. Have a great week!



Stage 3

Our prefects are off to State Parliament House on Thursday to watch State Parliament in action and to meet Vincto Dominello. It is always interesting to watch parliamentarians in debate. It's often like watching a rowdy classroom in action! Our grade sixers are busily preparing for the mini fete and if parents could check on the stall their child is operating to check if they need anything. This year our Year 6 Farewell dinner will be held at the Ryde Parramatta golf club and the mini fete is a way of raising money to pay for their dinner.

YEAR 6 MINI FETE

In order to raise money some Year 6 children are offering to shine shoes for only 50c! Each morning they will be in front of the stage under the COLA with polish, brushes and cloths to help preserve your children's shoes. White Elephant stall - please send along any pre-loved toys for our stall. You may deposit them in a Year 6 classroom. Start putting aside small change for your child to bring to the fete. Perhaps they can do some small jobs around the house to earn this money. Raffle tickets will be sold before school for some wonderful prizes.

YEAR 6 MINI FETE PRIZES

1 st Prize	\$100 Bunnings Gift Card plus 2 Events movie tickets
2 nd Prize	4 Events movie tickets
3 rd Prize	Cosmetics and hair products
4 th Prize	50 assorted cards
5 th Prize	Sporting goods
6 th Prize	Sporting goods
7 th Prize	Photo frame plus Harry Potter colouring book
8 th Prize	Kite, puzzle and washable markers

*Cost of tickets \$1 each or three for \$2 – These are sold each morning under the COLA.
Raffle to be drawn at the Mini Fete*

News Around the School

Rotary Awards

Last Thursday night Mrs Amat and Mrs MacKenzie had the privilege of attending the Annual Rotary Club of Eastwood-Gladesville Primary School Leadership Awards dinner with two outstanding leaders from Year 6. Aryan and Jonathon Z. were the award recipients for Ermington PS. They received the award for their outstanding leadership qualities, representing their school with pride and being exemplary role models for other students. Congratulations Aryan and Jonathon on receiving this honour. Thank you to Mrs Amat and Mrs MacKenzie for attending the evening, along with the families of Aryan and Jonathon.



My name is Talamasina and I am in 5E.

On Thursday night my family came to the concourse at Chatswood to watch my sister/ cousin and I perform with our school choir. I call Luisa and Vaihola my sisters because there is no word for cousin in the Tongan language. Instead the Tongan word describes our relationship "sister-like". After the concert my mum saw the school banner and thought it would be great for all the Ermo kids in our family, past present and future to have a photo. We have 2 generations. Oldest to youngest: Sina, Robert, Latu, Elishah, Talamasina, Luisa, Vaihola and very soon Samiuella. Our family were very proud of us and always encourage us to show our school spirit, like they do!



Join Band!



Is your child interested in joining the school band? The school band is now taking enrolments for 2019 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5. No prior experience is required.

Yesterday students will saw demonstration concert at school that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. They received a green School Band Program note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do? Return the expression of interest from the bottom of the green note to try a variety of instruments with trained music tutors, to help your child find the instrument to which they are best suited. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with comprehensive enrolment information.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a quality instrumental program, with full ensemble rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

For more information on your school instrumental program, please collect a note from the school office.

Friday 16th November - PSSA Draw

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

P&C Association Committee News

P&C FETE NEWS

Dear Ermington Public School parent community,

As you may know the 2019 Fete will be held on Saturday, 18th May 2019. We still need people to coordinate the following stalls.

- Cafe and Cakes
- Fish 'n' Chips and Potatoes on a Stick!
- Treasure
- Gift Baskets and Lucky Dip
- Donations and Silent Auction
- Golf range and Putt Putt golf

It does not take much time to be a coordinator. Attending about 2 meetings before hand, a few hours on the week before the fete and the Fete day. It's also great fun! We need as many K-2 parents as possible to take part in this year's Fete. If you would like to participate please email ermps.pandc.fete@gmail.com or phone 0433 577 382.

Many thanks,
Fete Committee

Uniform Shop News

Uniform Shop Opening Times

Term 4 Dates

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

OOSH Enrolments

With the New Year upon us, it is time to start thinking about before and after school care options. Ermington Out of School Hours Care is located on the school grounds, offering before and after school care and a vacation care program.



Ermington OOSH

- For our existing families re-enrolments opened on, Monday 5th November 2018.
- For new families, the enrolment period began yesterday, Monday 12th November 2018.

Our operating hours are:

- Before school care: 7:00am-8:30am
- After school: 3:00pm-6:00pm
- Vacation Care: 7:00am-6:00pm

Permanent Fees: AM: \$ 9.50 / PM: \$ 17.00
Casual Fees: AM: \$ 10.50 / PM: \$ 18.00

To ensure you are up to date with what is happening at the centre, please download the TEAM APP from Apple or Google play. Once downloaded, search for Ermington OOSH. We look forward to meeting you all.

The OOSH Team

Canteen News

NEW PRODUCT - Ozbake Pizza Wrap \$4. BBQ Chicken, Spinach and Ricotta, and Meat & Cheese. All pizza wraps are halal.

Monday 12 November	Wendy, Nirmali	Monday 19 November	Wendy, Nirmali
Tuesday 13 November	Ros, Hebe	Tuesday 20 November	Nancy, Cecilia
Wednesday	CLOSED	Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday 15 November	Melinda, Alison, Kim (am)	Thursday 22 November	Tirtha, Carol
Friday 16 November	Wendy, Lisa, Cecilia	Friday 23 November	Wendy, Kylie, Belinda

Live Life Well @ School
HEALTHY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

From birthdays to holidays, there are many celebrations in schools. Each student's birthday can mean multiple birthday cakes and party foods in the classroom...

Let's help kids celebrate with some FRESH ideas:

<p>Hello Creativity Make a birthday sign, stickers or a badge for your birthday boy or girl to wear</p>	<p>Eat a Rainbow Pack a NEW fruit or vegetable for Crunch & Sip for the whole class to try or send in fruit kebabs or a fruit platter</p>
<p>Move More Think of presents that help kids get active at recess or lunch – balls, frisbee, skipping rope</p>	<p>Mini Masterchef Whip up some tasty fruit or veggie mini muffins or pikelets. Search for recipes at www.cancercouncil.com.au</p>

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

Health
 Northern Sydney Local Health District

Live Life Well @ School
HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS

When it comes to healthy eating it's important we give consistent messages at school and at home.

Ideas to support the new Healthy Canteen Strategy and build positive food habits for life:

- **Swap sugary drinks** with water. For a fresh twist, add sliced fruit (citrus, berries, melon).
- **Plan meals together** and allow your child to assist in meal preparation and cooking.
- **To add flavour to meals**, use your favourite herbs and spices instead of salt. Spring is the perfect time to plant a herb garden with your kids.
Easy-to-grow herbs: parsley, mint, chives, thyme and basil.

More ideas:
 Search 'parents and friends' at healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au

Health
 Northern Sydney Local Health District

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.

Coffee and Prayer



A group of Christian parents get together twice a term to pray for our school.

The next meeting is at **Linda's place**

Thursday 15th November commencing at **9:30am** (Week 5).

Babies and toddlers welcome.

Give Linda a call for more info: 0412 481 859.



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ORIENTATION DAY YEAR 7 - 2019

WELCOME TO MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL

-  MEET YOUR NEW CLASS MATES
-  FIND YOUR CLASSES
-  JOIN IN THE FUN

DETAILS:

Tuesday 4 December 2018
9:30am - 2:15pm
John Hagan School Hall

Lunch will be provided for students.
Students are to wear their
Primary School uniform.



Please be advised street parking only.