



Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 8 Term 4

Tuesday 4th December 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Tuesday 4th December	Year 7 2019 High School Orientation Day Last Day for School Banking
Wednesday 5th December	Fete Meeting 6:30pm – Brush Park Bowling Club P&C Meeting 7:30pm – Brush Park Bowling Club
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
Thursday 13th December	Afternoon Tea with Ms Riley, Mrs Newth & Mrs Kim
Friday 14th December	3-6 Acknowledgement Assembly - 9:30am K-2 Celebration of Learning Assembly – 11:30am

Week 10 Term 4

Tuesday 18th December	K-2 Party Day – School grounds 3-6 Party Day – Auburn Pool and Wyatt Park
Wednesday 19th Dec	Last Day for Students – 2018
Thursday 20th December	Staff Development Day
Friday 21st December	Staff Development Day

NOTES/PAYMENT THIS WEEK

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 **

This week we are focusing on STAYING SAFE.

We are all encouraged to be in the right place at the right time. This means to be where the teacher can see you in the playground. During class time is important to stay safe by moving around the room sensibly and safely. By following our school rules, expectations and teacher instructions we can all stay safe.



Mini Fete Success

What a busy, eventful week it has been. Congratulations to our Year 6 students who coordinated a highly successful Mini Fete event. Not only did the students have a wonderful time, they also developed their financial literacy skills.

Opportunity Class for 2019

Last Friday, we welcomed our 2019 Opportunity Class (OC) cohort. The students and their parents were impressed with what Ermington Public School has to offer both academically and socially. We are fortunate to be able to provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities due to the dedicated teaching staff at EPS. I would like to thank Miss Grover and Mr Lawless for their coordination of the orientation and the positive steps in place to ensure a smooth transition for OC students to the school.

Welcome Mrs Kim – School Chaplain

Mrs Kim has been recruited to fulfil the role of school chaplain. Mrs Kim is passionate about supporting the social and emotional needs of students. She is currently getting to know many students within the school and will be assisting teachers to strengthen positive wellbeing approaches.



Anti-Bullying Policy

Our school rejects all forms of bullying behaviours, including online (or cyber) bullying by maintaining a commitment to providing a safe, inclusive and respectful learning community that promotes student wellbeing. Executive staff are committed to establishing evidence-based approaches and strategies that promote a positive climate where bullying is less likely to occur.

The Anti-Bullying Policy for Ermington PS can be accessed via the school website: <https://ermington-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/rules-and-policies.html>

There is also a fact sheet below for your perusal.

Cyber Safety

Please ensure your child is being safe online. We understand that many children access social media. It is important that settings are private and parents are aware of the social media platforms that their child may be using. To understand more about safety online, please access the Office of the eSafety Commissioner site at: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>. Through this site, parents can also report any unsafe content.

Throughout the year, students have provided with teaching and learning activities on Cyber Safety and this is consistently reinforced when students log into the Department of Education student portal.

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

The Executive are beginning 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.

Afternoon Tea with Ms Riley, Mrs Newth and Mrs Kim

I would like to invite you to join myself, Mrs Newth and Mrs Kim for afternoon tea on **Thursday 13th December** in the school hall at 2:30pm. This will give you an opportunity to meet myself and Mrs Kim and thank Mrs Newth for her dedication to Ermington PS over the years.

Jen Riley
Principal



What is bullying?

Bullying has three key features. It:

- involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- is ongoing and repeated, and
- involves behaviours that can cause harm.

Bullying can also occur online. This is known as cyberbullying, which is using technology such as the internet or mobile devices to bully someone. It can include sending abusive texts and emails, posting hurtful messages and putting inappropriate comments on pictures of others.

Bullying of any kind is not acceptable in NSW schools, whatever the reason. Schools are committed to working with parents, staff and students to prevent bullying and respond quickly and effectively if it does occur.

What can you do if your child has been bullied?

Listen calmly and get the full story

Your child needs to know that they are being heard. Their feelings matter and their concerns should be taken seriously. Encourage your child to talk about what happened. Explain to your child that reporting the bullying is okay.

After listening to their concerns, ask questions to get more details if needed: who, what, where, when.

Reassure your child that they are not to blame

Children may blame themselves and this can make them feel even worse. Say supportive things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with', or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should feel safe at school'.

Ask your child what they want to do – and what they want you to do

It is important to help your child to find their own solution as this will help them feel that they have some control over the situation.

If your child is not in any immediate danger and they feel confident, they could try these strategies:

- Ignore the bullying.
- Turn their back and walk away.
- Act unimpressed or pretend they don't care.
- Say "No" or "Just stop!" firmly.

If the bullying happened at school, support your child to tell a teacher. If your child wants to talk to someone other than the school or you think added support would help, you could tell them to go to the Kids Helpline website. They can also call for free on 1800 55 1800.

When do I contact the school?

Your child may be reluctant for you to speak to school staff. Discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help.

If needed, make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. You could also ask to talk with the principal.

Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

Support for parents and carers

Kids Helpline also has a parent line with trained teams who provide support, information and counselling for parents of children aged 0-18 years. You can call them for the cost of a local call from 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday and 4pm to 9pm on weekends on 1300 1300 52.

Telephone interpreter service

If you would like to contact the school or Parent Line NSW and need assistance with English please call the telephone interpreter service on 131 450, tell them what language you need and ask the operator to make the call. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Kindergarten

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the much-awaited School Concert this coming Thursday. All the practices and hard work will reach a crescendo when we appear onstage to show you what we can do!! In order to have the children ready to walk down to Marsden with plenty of time for their item, we need them in their classrooms by 6pm at the latest. They will get dressed in the classrooms and then we will wait until we are summoned to the Hall. KS will need to come wearing thongs on their feet for the walk down to Marsden as they will be performing barefooted. On the other hand, KA and KC will need to arrive in their proper shoes as we will NOT be dancing barefoot. Please do NOT put your KA or KC person in thongs as they will be too hard to dance in them! At the end of this week, we teachers will be collecting all the Reading folders for safe keeping over the holidays. They will then be handed over to the Year 1 teachers next year and so the reading process will continue. We will also be collecting the sounds cards issued during the year and any Journals which may have not been sent back as yet. By the way, please have a hunt and double check to see if there are any Caught You Being Good or Award cards lurking about at home. The final presentations are being made in the morning assemblies this week and after that it will be too late. Our final sight words this week are: Christmas, Present and tree; and our sounds are: ou and ow. We look forward to seeing you at the concert!

Stage 1

With only two and a half weeks left of school, stage one boys and girls will be participating in a range of fun, end of year events. Please remember to bring in any costumes before Thursday and to label any items that do come into school. Don't forget that the School Concert Performance will be held at Marsden High school this Thursday 6th December at 6pm. In order to ensure that all students get picked up safely and swiftly, students will need to be picked up at their classroom at the conclusion of the concert. If you have any additional questions about the concert, please see your child's classroom teacher or email the school. Just a friendly reminder from all teachers; if you have not yet returned any home readers or library books, please do so as soon as possible. Miss Youssef would also like to commend the K-2 dance group on their performance during the K-6 assembly last week and to remind all dancers that they have one final performance at the K-2 Celebration of Learning assembly next Friday. One final reminder, please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform next Monday 10th December, for our Presentation day.

Stage 2

We only have 2 more weeks left of school for 2018! Please make sure students are returning their books they have borrowed to the library. Thank you to our fantastic year 6 students for the mini fete last Thursday. All students thoroughly enjoyed their time walking around playing games, eating delicious cupcakes, drinking spiders and milkshakes, dancing at the disco, getting their nails painted, competing in challenges etc. Well done to all stage 2 students for their exemplary behaviour throughout the whole day. We are all so eager and excited for our school concert this Thursday night. If your child has not brought in the school concert permission note they need to do so otherwise they will not be attending the matinee performance and will miss out on seeing the other performances. 3-6 party day is also coming up so make sure all notes are in. Presentation Day and 3-6 Acknowledgement Ceremony is next Week and there are a number of groups performing so please make sure students bring the requirements for their performance (costume, instrument). Letters for silver award and gold award celebrations went home on Monday. Good luck to our PSSA teams who will be competing in the semi-finals on Friday, we know you will do Ermington proud!

Stage 3

What a great job our year sixes did last Thursday. In spite of the rain they managed to pull off a very successful fete. The money made will help to pay for their farewell dinner at Ryde Parramatta Golf Club and pay for dinner for all our teachers who were a wonderful help during the day. Last Friday our school welcomed the new incoming OC students. They are very excited to come to Ermington School. Details concerning the Concert are detailed below.

Concert

Yesterday, every class walked down to Marsden High school to rehearse their dance for the concert. On Thursday children will be having an early lunch then walking to Marsden for a matinee performance which give the rest of the school the opportunity to enjoy other classes' performances. This matinee performance is for the all classes to attend and the evening performance is for our parents. Admission will be \$5 a single entry and \$10 for a family ticket. The money collected will help pay for the professional sound and lighting company employed to make our concert more enjoyable.

Student Leadership 2019

Congratulations to the following ten students who will form the Student Executive Team for 2019;

- Thomas Gethin
- Daniel Liu
- Joel Britton
- Christopher Mason
- Jack Stark
- Jessica Johnston
- Emily Hele
- Eileen Kim
- Sara Riccobono
- Yuna Cho

House Meetings took place yesterday to vote for House and Vice Captains. Library Monitor Nomination forms were due today. Students elected in these roles will be informed later in the week. Congratulations to all students who put themselves forward for these positions.

Garden Fairies

A big thank you to our volunteer parents; Mrs Castellana and Mrs Bogdanovic who dedicated their time last Wednesday to help clean up the garden area for the OC open day. We are fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers and give their time so selflessly and share their talent with the greater school community. They truly are our schools treasures.



School & Community Helpers – Thank you Morning Tea

Dear Parents and Community members,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the hard work that you do to support the staff at Ermington Public School.



We would like to thank all parents and community members who have helped out throughout 2018 in the classroom as parent helpers, at school events and supporting teachers by making resources, completing tasks and jobs at home. We would like to invite all of those who have helped at Ermington in 2018 to a Morning Tea. This will be held after the Presentation Day Assembly on Monday 10th December in the Ermington Public School Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Staff at Ermington Public School.

Christian Community Aid Tinned Food and Toiletries Christmas Drive

Every year the school community collects items for Christian Community Aid for delivery to families in need in our area. Please donate tinned food and toiletries to your class teacher and at the end of the year Mrs Clarke will arrange for a representative from Christian Community Aid to pick up the items.

3-6 Dance Group

The 3-6 dance group have been invited to perform their dance 'My Island Home' at Presentation Day on Monday, 10th December. They will also be performing the Ryde Schools' Spectacular finale song 'Try Everything' accompanied by the choir at the 3-6 Acknowledgement Ceremony on Friday 14th December. Students will be required to wear for this performance black tights or pants and a plain, bright coloured t-shirt (no logos or prints). A note about requirements for dancers for both performances will be handed out later on in the week.

Miss Brown and Mrs Harrison

[PSSA Finals – Friday 7th December](#)

Unfortunately owing to the grounds being closed, the Newcombe and softball boy's teams were not able to compete in the semi-final as they were third on the ladder which was very disappointing to all those players. However the softball girls will be competing in the finals against Boronia Park next Friday. Hopefully they won't be too tired after the concert!

P&C News

Fete / P&C Meeting

Wednesday, 5th December will be our last P&C meeting for 2018. This will be held at Brush Park Bowling Club boardroom at 7:30pm. At 6:30pm there will be a Fete meeting also to be held at Brush Park Bowling Club. We look forward to see you there.

K-2 Party Day Volunteers needed!

The K-2 Party day is fast approaching. This is a day where the P&C give back to the children by hosting a day of fun with all expenses paid. However these events can only be held with parent volunteer helpers.

Each year we rely on approximately 40 parent volunteers to help on the day, they not only get to be part of a fun day but they also get the opportunity to see their children and join in on their excitement.

What is required of a volunteer?

- Volunteers can choose to stay all day and join in the festivities or they can help out from 8:45 -1pm while the children are moving from activity to activity.
- If you can volunteer on the day you will either be assigned to one of these 3 roles: an activity to run, your child's class to take them round from activity to activity or food preparation and serving at crunch and sip, morning tea and lunch.
- Every role is partnered with someone so you will not be alone.

If you are able to volunteer your time on Tuesday 18th December please email vicktanner@gmail.com or return the volunteer form previously handed out.

3-6 Party Day

An exciting end of year party day has been planned for Years 3-6 on Tuesday 18th December at Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre and Wyatt Park for a fun day of swimming activities and games in the adjacent park. This day has been generously funded by the P&C so there are no costs for students.

For this day to be successful we need more parent volunteers to help out on the day. If you are able to help, please fill out the volunteer form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the P & C box at the school office.

PLEASE NOTE: All volunteers will need to have completed a 2017 WWCC Declaration (Appendix 5). This is a simple process that will only take a few minutes and can be completed by visiting the school office.

Fiona Hooper (3-6 Parent Coordinator)

NEW PRODUCT TRIAL- Ozbake Pizza Wrap \$4. BBQ Chicken, Cheese, or Meat. All pizza wraps are halal. McCains Pizza Singles Cheese & Bacon will be discontinued. You can still purchase Ham & Pineapple Pizza Singles.

CANTEEN CLOSED IN LAST WEEK OF TERM

The last day of canteen operation this year will be Friday 14 December.

LOW STOCK We will be running low on some stock during the last week (10-14 Dec). Some items will not be available, and will become unavailable to order on School24. Please check availability when ordering over the counter at the canteen.

Monday 3 December Wendy, Kylie
Tuesday 4 December Jinny, Rachel
Wednesday **CLOSED**
Thursday 6 December Beth, Carol
Friday 7 December Wendy, Patricia, Julie M
 (am) Cecilia (pm)

Monday 10 December Wendy, Nirmali
Tuesday 11 December Ros, Hebe
Wednesday **CLOSED**
Thursday 13 December Julie, Kate, Kim
Friday 14 December Wendy, Michelle, Cecilia
LAST DAY OF CANTEEN

Live Life Well @ School
FRUIT, VEGETABLE & WATER BREAK

Crunch&Sip® Pack ideas

Stuck for ideas to make your kids Crunch&Sip packs more interesting? Try these ideas:

- 1 Use texture**
Make a pack that includes vegetables or fruits with varying textures.
- 2 Make it tasty**
Pack chopped vegetables or fruits that taste great together.
- 3 Go for colour**
Use a variety of colours in your packs to make them appealing.
- 4 Is it in season?**
Vegetables or fruit in season will taste better.
- 5 Add a fun fact**
Include a post it note with an interesting fact about the vegetable or fruit in the pack.

More information? [Download the parent brochure from the Crunch&Sip webpage: www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunch-sip.aspx](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunch-sip.aspx)

Search 'Crunch and Sip' at www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

NSW GOVERNMENT | **Health Northern Sydney Local Health District**

Live Life Well @ School
ACTIVE TRAVEL

Always wear a helmet when you ride and make sure you fit the helmet correctly

- 1 Allow two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet**
- 2 The straps should not be twisted or cover the ears. Ensure the straps join in a 'V' just below your ears**
- 3 Allow two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin**

For more tips: search 'bicycle helmets' at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

NSW GOVERNMENT | **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.

Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy

Skills Development, Match Play, Drills, Games and Prizes. Camp – 14th January to Thurs 17th January - 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



Summer School Holiday Activities

for primary school students



Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students!

Get an interactive presentation on the new \$50 banknote and discover banknote security features.

Explore the Museum with a treasure map and learn about the history of Australia.

Summer Session Times

Wednesday, 9 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm

Friday, 11 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm

Wednesday, 16 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm

Friday, 18 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm

Wednesday, 23 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm

Friday, 25 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm

Cost: FREE (bookings essential)

Email: museum@rba.gov.au

Phone: (02) 9551 9743

Reserve Bank of Australia Museum
Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place
Sydney NSW 2000


To find out more, visit:
www.museum.rba.gov.au/events



Orienteering is coming

to the Hills District and western Sydney

Suitable for all fitness levels, ages and abilities. Everyone welcome!



Try the original adventure sport

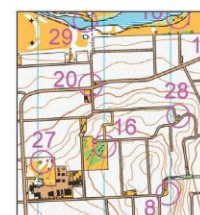
DATE	SUBURB	ASSEMBLY AREA	START TIMES
1. Sun 2 Dec	Rydalmere	Upjohn Park, Kirby St	9-10.30am
2. Sun 9 Dec	Parramatta	Prince Alfred Square, Marist Pl	9-10.30am
3. Sun 16 Dec	Ermington	George Kendall Riverside Park, Spofforth S	9-10.30am
4. Sun 6 Jan	Beaumont Hills	Caddies Creek Reserve, Millcroft Way	9-10.30am
5. Sun 13 Jan	North Epping	Ron Payne Park, Woods St	9-10.30am
6. Sun 20 Jan	Rouse Hill	Rouse Hill Regional Park, Worcester Rd	9-10.30am

This 'Amazing Race' style of activity is great for families, bushwalkers, runners, athletes looking for some cross training... everyone!

The events are designed for a maximum duration of 45 minutes.

There are three options available:

- Two line courses of 2km and 5 km
- 45-minute score course - get as many checkpoints as you can in any order



For more information: Ian Jessup 0416 040 135 or visit onsw.asn.au/west





Rotary

Clubs of Macquarie Park and North Ryde



Rotary Carols on the Common

Carols, Fireworks, Rides
Entertainment, Food

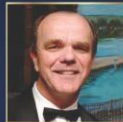
Join us for a family-friendly night of carols in the heart of Ryde. Kicking off at 5:30pm and running through the night is live entertainment, followed by the acclaimed Carols performance and awe-inspiring firework display. Dozens of rides and food trucks operate throughout the night, and proceeds go to worth causes such as ROMAC - an organisation bringing sick children from nations all over the world for life changing surgery in Australia.



Stefan Sojka



Isabella Forte



John Smolders



Master of Ceremonies
Stephen Sim



Music Director & Chairperson
Roseanna Gallo OAM



Eleanor Taig



Cheryn Vlazny



Jane Meney



Backing by
Leichardt
Celebrity Brass



Royal Rehab Lifestyle
Community Choir



Granny Smith
2018 Queen
Divya



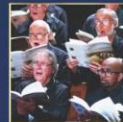
Angklung Indo
Sydney 16 Choir



Macquarie
Performing
Arts



Singing Stars
&
Santa Claus



Macquarie
University
Singers



Avenue D
Performance Studio



Walking by Faith
Ukulele Group



Sydney Olympic
Dancers

www.carolsonthecommon.org.au

Live broadcast
by radio 2RRR

Sunday
16th December

Rides & Entertainment from 5:30pm
Carols & Fireworks Show from 8pm

North Ryde Common
Cnr Wicks & Twin Rd



Silver • Bendigo Bank North Ryde, Event Cinemas Top Ryde, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Sasco Developments

Bronze PLUS • Action Sound, Driessen Insurance Brokers

Bronze • Eastwood Shopping Centre Yuhu Group, Konica Minolta, Lush Hair North Ryde, Mitsubishi Electric

RASAIID Community Tent • John Alexander OAM, Victor Dominello MP, Lady Anne Funerals, Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, Sasco Developments

Royal Rehab Community Tent • Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, Sasco Developments • **Lost Elves Tent** • Bendigo Bank North Ryde

Community PLUS • Electric Sunshine, Helloworld Top Ryde, Midway Cellars, Sign Your Wall

Community • Allegiance Home Loans, Riverside Business Chamber & Eastwood Chamber of Commerce