



Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 5 Term 4

Tuesday, 12th November 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 5

Monday 11th Nov Band Demonstration Concert – 2pm
Tuesday 12th Nov John Alexander 100km walk visit – 9am
Wednesday 13th Nov Epping Music Festival Concert Rehearsal
 Epping Music Festival Concert Evening – Concourse at Chatswood
Thursday 14th Nov Kindy Excursion – Field of Mars – **NEW DATE**

Week 6

Wednesday 20th Nov Pet Ownership program K-2
 Year 5 Leaders Assembly Speeches
Thursday 21st Nov K-2 Assembly – 12:30pm
 3-6 Assembly – 2:05pm

Week 7

Wednesday 27th Nov Year 6 Mini Fete – **NEW DATE**
Thursday 28th Nov Scripture Christmas Service
 • 3-6 (9:15am – 9:45am)
 • K-2 (10:00am – 10:30am)

Week 8

Tuesday 3rd December High School Orientation Day – Year 7 2020
Wednesday 4th Dec Presentation Day – Marsden High School Hall
 P&C AGM – 7pm
Thursday 5th Dec K-6 Assembly – 2:05pm
Friday 6th Dec Year 5 OC 2020 – Orientation Day

Week 9

Tuesday 10th Dec Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 12th Dec K-2 Christmas Celebration Assembly

Week 10

Monday 16th Dec Party Day – More details to come
Wednesday 18th Dec Last Day for students

CURRENT NOTES/PAYMENTS

Gymnastics – All Students

- **(\$47.00) overdue, please finalise**

Intermediate Choir Group

- **Permission note and payment (\$10.00)**

Kindergarten – Field of Mars

- **New Date permission note – Return ASAP**

Backflip Against Bullying Show

- **Years K-5 – Payments and permission note (\$7.50)**

Year 6 Mini Fete BBQ

- **Payment and Order Slip**



Remembrance Day

Thank you to Mrs Clarke in leading our school in the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Monday. Remembrance Day marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. Our students were incredibly solemn and reflective during the ceremony.



Successful Students

Last week we had two of our students involved in competitions. Congratulations to Bruce from 5G for his participation at the state level of the Premier's Spelling Bee and to Jess in 6C for her outstanding results in the NSW PSSA State Championships.

Emergency Evacuation Drill

Last Friday, our students participated in an emergency evacuation drill. All students evacuated to the emergency point on the oval in a calm and efficient manner. It is important that drills occur, so that staff, students and parents on site are aware of safety procedures.

Sun Safety

There has been an increase of students remembering to wear their hats in the playground which is pleasing. Please support your child in remembering their hat each day and ensure it is labelled. Students who are not wearing hats will be directed to play in the shade.

Road Safety

Parents Volunteers are requested to support at the Kiss and Ride on Winbourne St near Fir Tree Ave. This Kiss and Ride was initially coordinated by the parents of Ermington PS. It is not always possible to have this staffed by myself or teachers due to professional learning and administrative meetings after school. Please remember that at the Kiss and Ride you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. New signs from Ryde Council have been placed on our school fences and will assist in reminding the community of road safety expectations.

Attendance at School

Attendance at school is essential for the wellbeing and educational progress of students.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Water Safety

What an absolute pleasure it was to attend the Stage 2 Surf Education excursion last week. Students were explicitly taught about ways to stay safe at the beach and in the water. The students engaged in life saving activities and identified what to do if caught in a rip. They understand the role of lifesavers and the importance of swimming between the flags to stay safe. I commend Stage 2 on their outstanding behaviour and participation at Surf Education. I was a very proud principal indeed!



Leaving Ermington Public School in 2020

We are commencing our school planning for 2020. If there is a change of circumstances and your child will not be attending Ermington PS in 2020, please inform the school in writing.

Ms Jen Riley

Principal

Assistant Principal

Christmas Scripture Service

The Scripture teachers are coordinating a Christmas service for the students on Thursday, 28th November 2019. A note went home on Monday to students in Ethics and Non Scripture as an opt-out. If you do not wish your child to attend this service then you will need to return the note and your child will attend Non Scripture. Catholic and Protestant Scripture groups will be attending the Christmas service. All parents are most welcome to attend this service.

Student Leadership

The twenty student executive candidate posters are currently on display in the windows of E block. All students have done a remarkable job with these. Speeches will be presented at 9am on Wednesday, 20th November in the school hall. We wish all candidates the very best of luck in their campaign.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten were so busy throughout Week 4! The Teddy Bear's Picnic will take place on Thursday 14th November as per the note that went home yesterday. Miss Scott and Mrs MacKenzie are sure that Kindergarten have made the right decision with their chosen bear! Kindergarten challenged themselves on trampolines in gymnastics last week, they are all so talented! Kindergarten wrote a great recount of Little Red Riding Hood and described her perfectly too! KM were involved in a STEM challenge on Friday. They had to make a basket that could carry a cake, cookies and a bell to wake Grandma up using newspaper, a strip of cardboard and masking tape. Some baskets made it all the way to Grandma's house! We all ended the activity with a giant smile! Words this week are **next, walk, walked and came**. The sound of the week is **ie**.



Stage 1

We are half way through term 4 now and eagerly preparing for events for the end of the year! This week is consolidation week, where we will be revising, revising, revising! Please keep up all reading and spelling work at home. Thank you to everyone for remembering to place all rubbish in the correct bins. It makes a huge difference to the tidiness of our wonderful school and the recycling actually raises dollars as well. A big thank you also to those sensible people who make sure to label their clothing. Have a great week!

Stage 2

Last week on Wednesday we were fortunate enough to go to Freshwater Beach for surf education. The activities included beach volleyball, nipper style relays, learning how to use a board safely out on the waves, they were taught how to rescue people in the surf and some games on the beach. It was a very enjoyable and valuable experience. Gymnastics has been very successful so far this term where the students have been learning new skills and having lots of fun. We would like to remind families to send in their 'Backflips Against Bullying' permission note ready for Term 1, 2020. Students have really been enjoying their dance program on a Thursday and have been participating very enthusiastically. Students are encouraged to use their Student Wellbeing Journal each week as a part of their homework. It allows the students to have the opportunity to express their skills and achievements, feelings, emotions and strengths and teaches them the importance of exercise and vitality. Have a lovely week!



Stage 3

Thank you to Mr Butler and the band for their demonstration yesterday. Hopefully many students in the lower grades will be inspired to join the band next year! John Alexander visited the school at 9 am on Tuesday as part of his 100 km charity walk. Year 6 are seriously underway with their planning for the mini fete which has been moved forward to Week 7; Wednesday, 27th November. Please send along items for the white elephant stall and children will be selling tickets for a guessing competition each morning. Money raised at the fete will be used to pay for farewell dinner for Year 6 children and teachers.

Pouches for Possums and other Joeys

On Wednesday, 25th September, class 6D were full of excitement because we knew something special was going to happen. And no, it wasn't the colour fun run. Over a span of a few months we had been working hard and knitting pouches for little baby possums and other joeys. These newborns are rescued by Sydney Wildlife. On that morning, we welcomed Lisa (from Sydney Wildlife) into our school along with her two possums. 6D gazed in awe as Lisa introduced Ruby and her other baby possum. Even though we didn't get to hold the possums, we were grateful that we had this opportunity to do something for the environment. We would like to thank three people, Mrs Dhanji for giving us this opportunity, Hao-Ran (our class mate) for always coming to the rescue when someone had trouble with their knitting, after knitting three of his own and finally, we would like to thank Jenny Boesel for teaching us how to knit.

- Anika S and Sam W.



Ryde School Spectacular – Choir

The rehearsal on 18th October was really enjoyable. Although singing for the whole day was tiring, everyone had big smiles on their faces. Also eating on the forecourt was fabulous. We were eating while watching the grand Harbour Bridge standing there right in front of us. Feeling the breeze gently blowing against our face while we were eating was amazing.

- **Victoria P.**

When we stood up to sing, it was satisfying to see all the audience looking at the performance, and the spotlights pointing at us. When everybody sang together with one voice, the singing was really loud and beautiful. Occasionally, dancers would perform below us, and we were able to watch their performances.

- **Grace Y.**

It was a memorable night. Congratulations to all our students.

Mrs Dhanji and Ms Blackman



Return and Earn at Ermington PS

As part of our landfill reduction program, our students have participated in the return and earn scheme. I am very proud to say that in one term we have collected over 1000 drink containers and handed them over to recycling companies. As a result we have raised over \$100, of which so far, we have donated to \$99 to The Battens Disease Foundation and will forward the rest of the money collected by the end of the year to them, to support research to improve outcomes for children with Battens Disease. Thank you to the children of Ermington for making a wonderful choice of looking and thinking before throwing.

Mrs Dhanji



Sport News

PSSA – Friday, 15th November

Sport	Next game location
T-Ball	Meadowbank Park
Softball	Meadowbank Park
Cricket Junior	Meadowbank Park
Cricket Senior	Meadowbank Park
Volleyball / Newcombe Ball	Meadowbank Park

CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica J who competed at the NSW PSSA State Championships in athletics last week. She achieved FIRST in discus and threw a personal best. She came 4th in shot put and 7th in high jump. What a wonderful result and a fitting result for Jessica who is so dedicated to her sport.



P&C News

3-6 Party Day

An exciting end of year party day has been planned for Years 3-6 on Monday 16th 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 parent volunteers to help out on the day with food preparation and help teachers supervise the activities. If you are able to volunteer please email fionahooper@yahoo.com.au with details of your name, your child's name, your child's class and your phone number.

PLEASE NOTE: All volunteers will need to have completed a WWCC (Appendix 5) declaration. 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 Party Day Parent Coordinator

New Online Ordering System for Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop has changed its online ordering system and is now using My School Connect, which is the system currently used by the Canteen. If you are already using My School Connect for the canteen you will see a 'My School Uniform' icon/application on the Dashboard which is how you place an order for the uniform shop. Payment is by credit card or PayPal or you can use your existing account balance in My School Credit.

If you are not already using My School Connect for the canteen then you can sign up to order uniforms as follows:



1. Go to www.myschoolconnect.com.au
2. Click on 'Register' then click on 'I'm a Parent'
3. In the box 'For Which School' type Ermington – the name of the school will appear in the dropdown box – click on this.
4. Fill in all the fields and set a password to use each time you log in. Scroll down, fill in the 'Captcha', accept the 'Terms of Use' and press 'Submit'
5. Add students and classes, fill in all the fields and press 'Submit'
6. Now you can go to the Dashboard to top up your account (or you can pay as you go by credit card or PayPal). You can top up your account via credit card or direct debit. Funds transferred via direct debit may take a couple of days to appear in your account.
7. Click the 'My School Uniform' icon on the Dashboard to start ordering.

There is no fee to place an order however fees are payable when paying by credit card or PayPal. There is also a free **MySchoolConnect App** that you can download and use for orders. Any orders currently in School24 will be filled however we will cease using School24 after October.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open in Term 4 on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 26th November 8:30am – 9:15am
- Tuesday, 3rd December 8:30am – 9:15am
- Wednesday, 4th December 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Tuesday, 10th December 8:30am – 9:15am

Please Note: The Uniform Shop will be open on the 2020 Term 1 Staff Development Day – Tuesday 28th January from 10:00am to 11:00am. We suggest that parents place online orders over the school holidays so the orders can be picked up on this day.

Online order will still be processed during closure times of the Uniform Shop. The Uniform shop order form can be obtained in the school office or on the school website. If you are able to volunteer, even 1 day a month, please contact the school office or email epsuniformshop@gmail.com

Canteen News

CANTEEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED The canteen needs a new President and Treasurer. Anyone interested in joining the canteen committee please contact Wendy - wlarocca5@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS STILL DESPERATELY NEEDED – WE STILL HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ANYONE. Volunteers are needed for Mondays and Tuesdays. Please give the canteen a go if you haven't before. We also need some casuals for Mon, Tues, Fri. Working in the canteen is a rewarding way to spend the day and your children love to see you in the canteen! Please contact Wendy on 0412154004 if you are able to help.

WHEN USING MY SCHOOL CONNECT - WE ARE STILL HAVING CHILDREN INSISTING THE CANTEEN HAS LOST THEIR ORDER WHEN IN FACT NO ORDER HAS BEEN PLACED! Please check that you have ordered on the **correct day/date** as children often ask for their lunch when they do not have an order. Lunchtimes are extremely busy and we don't have time to continually check the computer for orders which have not been placed. Always make sure your children know if they have an online order. The cut-off time for online orders (except sushi) is 9am.

ORDERING SUSHI ONLINE The cut-off time to order sushi is 8.15am on Fridays! This is so we can check the online sales before we sell the remaining sushi vouchers over the counter from 8.30. Please have your sushi orders in before 8.15 Friday 😊

ROSTER

Mon 11 Nov Wendy
Tues 12 Nov Ros, Wendy
Wed **CLOSED**
Thurs 14 Nov Kate, Vera (am), Xiaomin (pm)
Fri 15 Nov Wendy, Belinda

Mon 18 Nov Jinny, Rachel
Tues 19 Nov Wendy
Wed **CLOSED**
Thurs 21 Nov Alison, Cherry, Xiaomin (pm)
Fri 22 Nov Wendy, Ahra

<p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>Newsletter articles need to be submitted to the school email by Monday 3pm. These should be sent to: ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Subject: Newsletter</p>	<p>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.</p>
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Holiday Program Workshop

- *Story-Telling & Writing
- *Drama on Tabletop
- *Drama and Play Writing
- *Understand stories
- * Creative Writing
- *Public Speaking & Presentation

Shop 15, Eastwood Shopping Centre

Tel: 0410 803166



You are invited to attend
 THE MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL

60th Anniversary

COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2019
 6:00PM

Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club

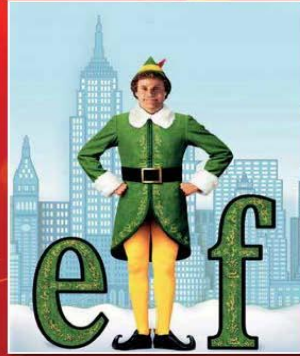
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TICKETS \$75
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Melrose Park Christmas Carols

Join us for a FREE night of Carols AND the Movie Elf!



Tuesday 17th December

38 - 42 Wharf Road,
Melrose Park (Old Pfizer Site)

6pm Carols, 8:30pm Film

Please feel free to bring your
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ERMINGTON SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?
The school band is now taking enrolments for 2020 and
is open to all students who are currently in years 2-5. No
prior experience needed!

In Term 4 students will see a demonstration concert at school
that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. They
will receive a green school band Expression of Interest note
providing introductory information.

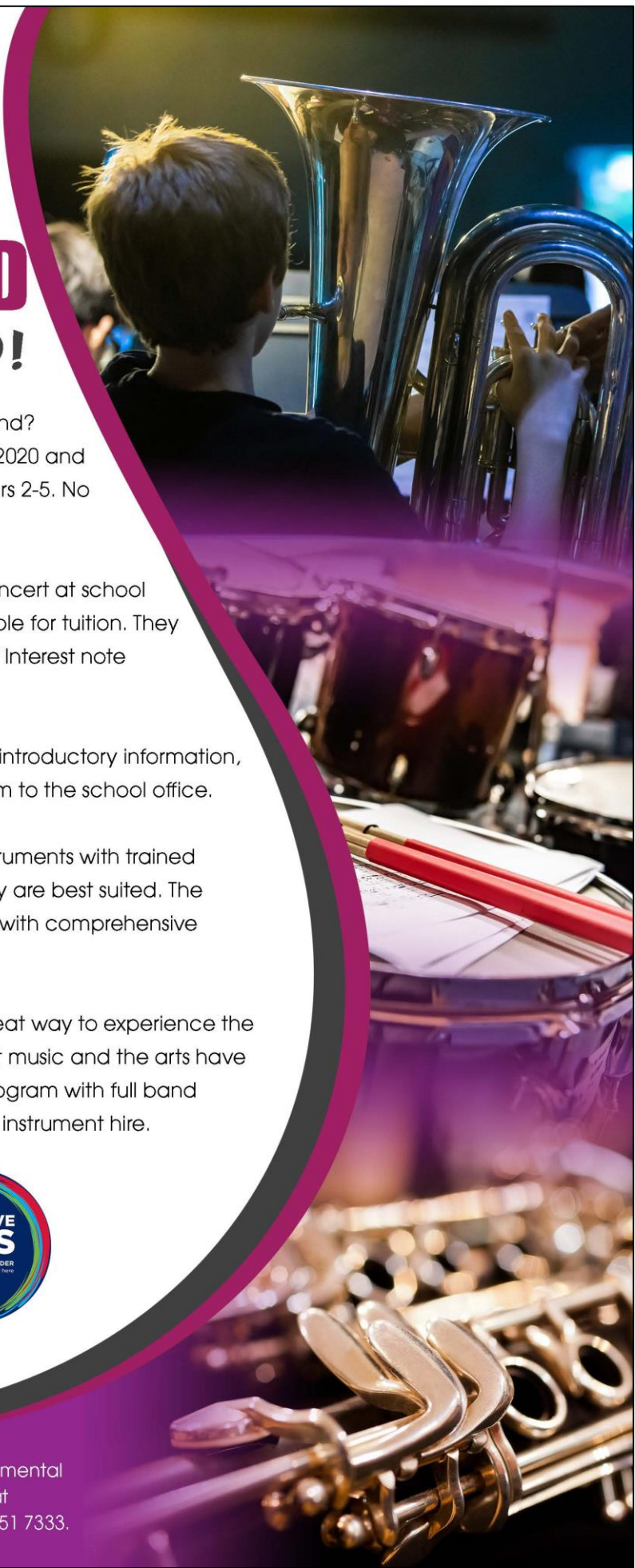
What do you need to do? Carefully read the introductory information,
then return the green Expression of Interest form to the school office.

Your child will then be able try a variety of instruments with trained
tutors, to help 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 band
rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.



For more information on your school's instrumental
band program, please contact TSA at
enrolments@teachingservices.com.au or 9651 7333.



School Band Program

Dear Parents,

Today your child attended a demonstration concert at school showcasing the instruments available for students to learn in 2020. If you would like more information on the school band program, please return the *Expression Of Interest* below within **5 days** to your school office.

Students who have returned this form will have the opportunity to meet with a TSA teacher at school to try various instruments. Following the instrument trial, an Enrolment Pack will be sent home with your child. This will contain detailed information about the school band program, along with information about instrument choice and suitability.

Below is a brief outline of the band program. More information can also be found at www.teachingservices.com.au.



How does the band program work?

Students attend both:

- **Band rehearsal** (all students together in a band) - generally takes place before or after school for 30-60 minutes once a week.
- **Group tuition** (small group or individual lesson) - at school, usually on the same day as rehearsal, and is timetabled with the approval of the school. *Group tuition* has an average of 5 students per group and is encouraged as an easy, social way to begin learning a musical instrument.

Home *practise* is essential, at least 3 or 4 times every week for between 15-20 minutes each practise.

What are the costs?

Rehearsal & Tuition Fees

- Group lessons + Band rehearsal fee = \$195 per term
OR
- Private lesson fee \$395 per term + Band rehearsal fee \$95 per term = \$490 per term

Instrument

- Purchase - expect to pay at least \$600 for a quality new wind/brass instrument
- Hire - TSA runs a rent-to-buy scheme starting at \$43 per month

Other costs include a tutor book (\$20) & music stand (\$25) and TSA resource levy (\$10 per term). Some schools also charge a facility hire levy (\$10-\$30 per term). Some instruments will need items such as cork grease/valve oil (under \$10), or reeds (max \$52)



 Please return this slip to your school office within 5 days to ensure your child is called for instrument testing.



Student Name: _____ School _____

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____ Class (2019) _____

Phone: Mobile _____ Home _____

Email Address: _____
 Please print clearly and carefully to help us correctly enter your details – email is our primary method of contact

Signature: _____ Date: / /

Office Use Only:
 Instrument test result _____