

Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 6 Term 1

Tuesday 5th March 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 6 Term 1

Thursday 7th March

Friday 8th March

Parent Teacher Interview Week

3-6 Assembly – 2:05pm

K-2 Assembly – 11:30am

Week 7 Term 1

Monday 11th March

Thursday 14th March

School Photos – Class Photos

Selective High School Test

Week 8 Term 1

Thursday 21st March

K-6 Assembly – 2:05pm

Week 9 Term 1

Monday 25th March

Tuesday 26th March

Wednesday 27th March

Thursday 28th March

Year 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp

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Harmony Day

Week 10 Term 1

Thursday 4th April

Friday 5th April

3-6 Assembly – 2:05pm

K-2 Assembly – 11:30am

Week 11 Term 1

Tuesday 9th April

Wednesday 10th April

Friday 12th April

Years K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Oz Opera incursion

Last Day of School for Term 1

NOTES/PAYMENT THIS WEEK

Year 5 Camp (\$315.00)

- **Non Refundable Deposit (\$110) – NOW OVERDUE**
- **Payment #2 (\$105) by 6th March**
- **Payment #3 (\$100) by 18th March**

PSSA Summer Sport

- **Payment by Thursday 28th February**

String Ensemble

- **Permission Note**

School Fees – All Years

This week our focus is to STAY SAFE. We can demonstrate this in many ways including being in the right place at the right time, playing in the correct designated areas in the playground where the teacher on duty can see you. Staying safe in the classroom includes walking sensibly with our things including scissors and tucking our chairs in. Teachers are looking for wonderful Ermington students staying safe.





OPEN NIGHT | 2019
TUESDAY 5 MARCH 4:00 - 7:00PM

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Phone: 9874 6544
Email: marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
marsden-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Principal

Kindergarten Connections

Relationships Australia has commenced their program with our students in KS and KM. Through the program *Ready for Life Ready for Success* teachers, parents and students have the opportunity to explore social emotional competencies including relationship skills, decision making and social awareness. Kindergarten enjoyed their *Kindergarten Connections* lesson on Monday.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBfL)

Positive Behaviour for Learning is a school wide program which focuses on the explicit teaching of behaviour expectations. Each week, the school identifies specific focus expectations to teach the students both in classroom and non-classroom settings. Students actively learn and have opportunities to practice the positive behaviour in such areas as the classroom, COLA, garden, hall, toilets, canteen, ICT room and the office. The students are acknowledged through positive reinforcement and Caught You Being Good cards.

Our four core expectations are:

- Show Respect
- Be Responsible
- Stay Safe
- Challenge Yourself

School Website

Our school website is being updated to reflect 2019 information. We encourage you to get in touch with the office if there is something unavailable on the website in the meantime.

Attendance

Recently, there have been a number of students late to school. It is important that students arrive on time so that they do not miss valuable instructions and have opportunities to connect with peers in the playground before school.

I look forward to seeing parents at the P&C Meeting this Wednesday,

Jen Riley

Principal

Kindergarten

Kindergarten have had a wonderful week of learning! We went for a walk around the school in search of our favourite places, started gross motor groups and had fun learning new songs in singing. We have been learning to hear the sounds in words to help us with our writing. This week we wrote about our mum and how much we love her.



Yesterday afternoon we started Kindy Connections. Parents are more than welcome to join their child's class from 2-3pm on Mondays. This week's sounds are 'h', 'r' and 'm'. The sight words are like, and, me and went. Please ensure reading folders come to school every day.

Stage 1

In mathematics this week Year 2 are learning about length. To start the week off, students got to go outside and measure the length of their body. Students used chalk to trace their partner's body, they then estimated and measured how many hand spans, foot spans and cubits the length of their body was. Some students even got their estimates correct! Next step, measuring the length of different objects within the classroom.



Stage 2

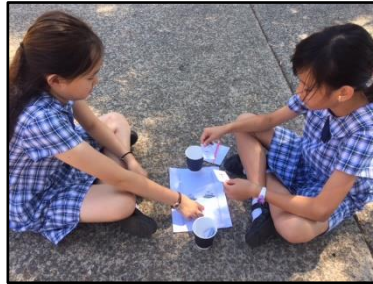
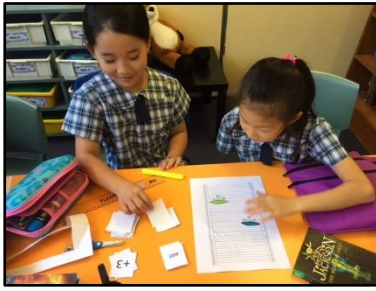
Thank you for sending in your child's 'all about me' and 'interest web' homework tasks. The creativity shown and effort put in has been very pleasing to see. Formal homework tasks have now started; you should have seen this come home yesterday. The tasks include differentiated spelling activities, maths activities and reading. Engaging with your child's reading at home is extremely beneficial. Talk to them about what they are reading. Ask them to make predictions about what might happen next, discuss their favourite part or get them to talk about parts that they didn't understand. This week at our parent-teacher interviews we look forward to strengthening our knowledge of your child and discussing any particular goals you would have for them.

Stage 3

Rather than greeting people with a "How was your weekend?" or "Have a great day!" the Masai from East Africa greet each other with the question "How are the children?" Their belief is that if the children are well and happy then all is well with society. Of prime importance is the wellbeing of our children, parents, teachers, office staff, teacher's aides and OOSH carers because if we all feel valued, how happy would everyone be. So parents and children get off your devices and go for a walk together, read a book to each other, throw a ball, share a joke, race around the yard! It might be a surprise how fast your child is (or how slow you've become).

Relax and smile as we are all in this together!

Photos below are of 5G playing a maths game to learn about negative numbers.



News Around the School

School Photos

All students received their 'How to Order' envelopes last week. These envelopes are to be returned to the payment box located in the foyer of the Administrative building. All envelopes have a unique code to pay a payment online via credit card. Cash only to be placed in the photo envelope and sealed (no cheques). Please ensure correct money is placed in this envelope as there will be NO change given. To order your child/ren's photos online please go to www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and follow the prompts. Sibling envelopes are available in the school office for collection. All students must be in their correct summer uniform. Extra-curricular photos will take place later in the year.



Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Stewart House have asked our school community to help out again in 2019. The clothing bags have been distributed last week to students. Please return your bags to the back of the Computer Lab by this Friday, 8th March.



Zone Soccer and Softball Trials

Zone trials for Soccer and Softball are soon and if your child plays a high level of competition in these sports then please see me so I can forward names to the relevant selectors.

Zone Soccer Trials Boys

Thursday March 21
Ryde East Public School
3:45pm to 5:00pm

Zone Softball Trials Girls

Friday March 29
Boronia Park, Hunters Hill
4:00pm to 5:30pm

Zone Softball Trials Boys

Thursday March 28
Boronia Park Hunters Hill
4:00pm to 5:30pm

PSSA Summer Sport – Friday 8th March 2019

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

P&C News

Easter Raffle



K to 2 Easter Egg Donation for the Easter raffle can now start coming in. Please make sure that all donations are nut free. You can put your donation in the Easter box in your child class room. Last day to donate will be Friday, 5th April.

Uniform Shop Opening Times – Term 1

- Wednesday 6th March (5:30pm - 6:30pm)
- Tuesday 12th March (8:30am - 9:15am)
- Tuesday 19th March (8:30am - 9:15am)
- Tuesday 2nd April (8:30am - 9:15am)
- Wednesday 3rd April (5:30pm - 6:30pm)
- Tuesday 9th April (8:30am - 9:15am)

Online orders can still be placed if you are unable to attend these times. All online orders will be sent to the classroom teacher and given to the student once processed.

This service is run by our wonderful parent volunteers and if you are able to help out once a month/term, please contact the school office and they will forward your details to the Uniform Shop Committee.

Canteen News

CANTEEN ONLINE ORDERING - is now through My School Connect.

For School24 users who still have credit in School24 (Canteen only). There are still a lot of parents who have credit left in School24, but have not requested for it to be transferred over to My School Connect. Once you have your new account you must email Wendy (Canteen Manager) wlarocca@optusnet.com.au to have your funds transferred.

Monday 4 March

Tuesday 5 March

Wednesday

Thursday 7 March

Friday 8 March

Jinny, Rachel

Wendy, Nirmali

CLOSED

Beth, Carol, Xiaomin (12-2)

Wendy, Cecilia, Julie M

Monday 11 March

Tuesday 12 March

Wednesday

Thursday 14 March

Friday 15 March

Wendy, Nirmali

Ros, Alison R

CLOSED

Kate, Vera **NEED HELP**

Wendy, Cecilia, Belinda

Live Life Well @ School

IMPORTANCE OF BREAKFAST



It's the most important meal of the day, but 1 in 4 children in Australia skips breakfast.

At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class and have no energy for playtime.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast or raisin bread
- Smoothies made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit

Handy tip:

Discourage children from eating breakfast in front of the TV.

This can also help speed up your morning routines!

For more ideas, search 'breakfast' at healthykids.nsw.gov.au



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

Live Life Well @ School

FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND WATER BREAK

The Crunch&Sip break at school is a good opportunity for children to stay hydrated.

Children lose fluid when being active, especially over the summer months.

Drinking water is the best way to quench your thirst.



Help your children choose water as their drink:

- Pack a water bottle each day.
- Try adding a frozen water bottle to your child's lunchbox to keep food items cool.

For more ideas, search 'choose water' at healthykids.nsw.gov.au



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

Young Parents Group

Health and Wellbeing Workshops

Come and join in, learn new skills and meet other young parents!

WHEN: Every Thursday starting 9th May 2019 for five weeks

(9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May and 6th June)

TIME: 10:15am-12:30pm

WHERE: Parramatta Mission rooms: 6 Lincluden Place, Oatlands. 2117.

FREE

- Childcare for participants
- Morning Tea
- Giveaways
- Children's craft



WORKSHOP TOPICS

- ✦ Centrelink and your benefits
- ✦ First aid for babies and children
- ✦ Health and Nutrition
- ✦ Budgeting Tips
- ✦ Remembering self-care

Limited registrations available

Call or email to secure your spot

Pip Martins Phone 98983448

Email phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au

OR

Sharlene Pasqual Phone 0439 978 721




















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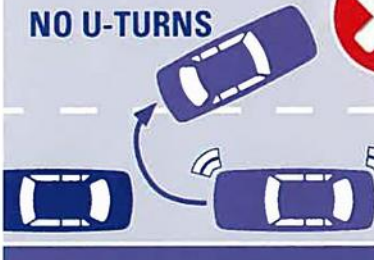



Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES				
ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a NO STOPPING zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS \$330 	(School Zone) 2 
	You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS \$183 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS \$330 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$439 	(School Zone) 2 
	DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS \$330 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on any FOOTPATH or NATURE STRIP , or even a DRIVEWAY crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS \$183 	(School Zone) 2 

Please note: The above information is current as of 1 December 2017. Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.

Safety tips for school zones:

<p>EXITING THE CAR</p> 	<p></p> <p>Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.</p>	<p>APPLY BRAKE</p> 	<p></p> <p>Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.</p>
<p>PARKING</p> 	<p></p> <p>NEVER double park.</p>	<p>CROSSING</p> 	<p></p> <p>NEVER park across a pedestrian crossing.</p>
<p>NO U-TURNS</p> 	<p></p> <p>NEVER undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.</p>	<p>NO 3 POINT TURNS</p> 	<p></p> <p>NEVER undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.</p>

Safety tips for students:

<p>BUCKLE UP</p>  <p></p> <p>Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.</p>	<p>STORE ITEMS</p>  <p></p> <p>Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position</p>	<p>BE READY</p>  <p>Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.</p>	<p>EXIT SAFELY</p>  <p>Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear footpath-side door.</p>
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Demerit Points:

* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has 'zero' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/

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.



Volunteers Needed

Could you be an ethics teacher for Ermington Public School?

We are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue in 2019. Ethics classes run during the school year as an alternative to non-scripture on **Thursdays** from 9-9:30am, 9:30-10am and 10-10:30am (depending on the class)

Ethics teachers receive full training and lesson materials from Primary Ethics.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence.

If being a Primary Ethics teacher appeals to you, or you are keen to get involved to ensure your child continues the program, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Swee Goh, Ryde Regional Manager ryde-region@primaryethics.com.au or phone 0418 480 833

