

Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 7 Term 1

Tuesday 12th March 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 7 Term 1

Monday 11th March School Photos – Class Photos
Thursday 14th March Selective High School Test

Week 8 Term 1

Thursday 21st March K-6 Assembly – 2:05pm

Week 9 Term 1

Monday 25th March Year 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Tuesday 26th March Year 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Wednesday 27th March Year 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Thursday 28th March Harmony Day

Week 10 Term 1

Thursday 4th April 3-6 Assembly – 2:05pm
Friday 5th April K-2 Assembly – 11:30am

Week 11 Term 1

Tuesday 9th April Years K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 10th April Oz Opera incursion
Friday 12th April Last Day of School for Term 1

Term 2

Week 1 Term 2

Monday 28th April Staff Development Day (No Students)
Tuesday 29th April Students Return for Term 2

NOTES/PAYMENT THIS WEEK

Year 5 Camp (\$315.00)

- **Payment #2 (\$105-overdue – please finalise**
- **Payment #3 (\$100) by 18th March**

PSSA Summer Sport

- **Overdue – please finalise**

String Ensemble

- **Permission Note**

Zone Swimming Carnival

- **Permission Note**

School Fees – All Years

This week our focus is **SHOW RESPECT**. Showing respect allows others to learn, we listen and communicate with courtesy and always be tolerant of others.

These are responses from some students: We be inclusive of other students by including them in our games with our friends - Loye L. We can be respectful of our playground by not littering - Bella. Wearing our uniform with pride respects our school and ourselves - Aaliyah. You can show respect by putting your hand up to offer ideas - Michael



What another wonderful week of learning!

Over the past week, it has been exciting to see student learning in action from chocolate experiments in the principal's office to spooky stories in Kindergarten. I am definitely proud of our students' achievements and the creative teaching practices of our teachers. Well done!



Staffing news

Congratulations to Miss Katherine Brown who has taken on a teaching role at Lane Cove PS. We wish Miss Brown all the best. This week we welcome Miss Donna Jackson to the team who will be teaching PD/H RFF and English as an Additional Language/Dialect.

Assets Update

Carpet replacement occurred in more sections of the administration block over the weekend and further updates to this building will commence in the next couple of weeks. A, B, C and D blocks will benefit from roof replacement. This project will be completed by the end of term. Please ensure you stay safe by not entering any fenced areas. Taps, bubblers and plumbing works in our bathroom areas are close to completion.

School Invoices

School invoice statements were sent home a couple of weeks ago and it would be appreciated if payments could be made. Oz Opera is our first extra-curricular activity that will be held at the end of term and permission and payment is required. A number of PSSA accounts are still outstanding.

Jen Riley

Principal

Assistant Principal Report

Positive Behaviour for Learning – Caught You Being Good Cards Update



Our wonderful student leaders from 6D have decided on a new Caught You Being Good card design. Our new Caught You Being Good cards will be implemented next week. Ermo, our school mascot features on the new cards.

Lucy Workman and Mandy Ennion

Selective High School Test

The selective high school placement test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**. Test centre information and test authority letters were sent by email or mail to parents.

Mr Glenn Lawless

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|---|----------------------|
| Caught You Being Good | |
|  | |
| Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| was caught being good : | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Showing Respect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Being Responsible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Challenging Yourself |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Staying Safe |
|  | |
| Teacher: _____ | Date: _____ |

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has had another wonderful week of learning. Both classes wrote a very scary story, which they thoroughly enjoyed reading to Ms Riley! The students continue to amaze us with their writing skills, using their knowledge of sounds to write new words. In Science, they explored what objects are made from. They explored items around the school and inside the classroom. Sport was lots of fun! The students negotiated a tricky obstacle course, threw balls against a rebound net and practised catching, used skateboards with paddle sticks and skipped.



Thank you to all the parents who made it in for an interview, we are lucky to be working with such wonderful families. We enjoyed sharing and finding out things about your children. News for this week is free choice. The sounds are 'd', 'g' and 'o'. The sight words are have, brother, sister and is. Please ensure reading folders come to school every day.

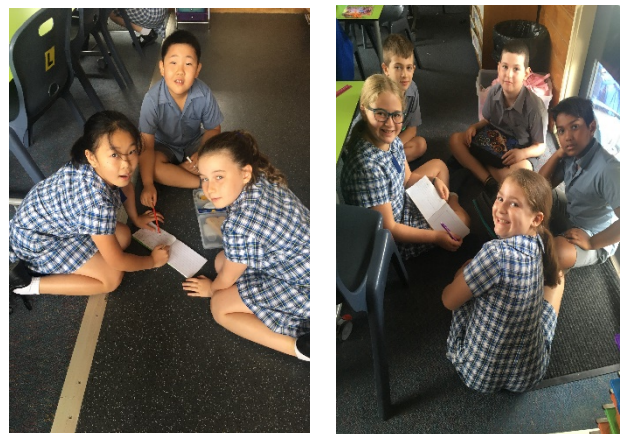
Stage 1

Last week Stage 1 was using informal units to measure the length of objects. In 1/2W and 1A students created various rulers and used these to measure the height and length of objects around the school. This week we are trialling Mathletics as part of our weekly homework. Each week the Stage 1 teachers will set tasks aligned to what they are learning in class. This week all Stage 1 classes are exploring Patterns & Algebra. We hope that this program will engage and motivate students to learn and is responsive to your child's individual strengths.



Stage 2

As we've just officially moved into the second half of term 1, our classrooms have been buzzing with activity. Chat groups are well under way across the stage, which gives all of our learners an opportunity to think critically and creatively and present their ideas back to their class. Our kids engaged in a heating and melting science experiment over the last few days which they will reflect back on, in the coming weeks, when they are undertake a problem solving project. Students have come home with a Mathletics login and password which will be used for their maths homework each week. They will be set targeted, differentiated maths activities that compliment the learning they have been doing in the previous week. Have a great week!



Stage 3

Good luck to all our swimmers competing at zone swimming carnival this week and to all those year 6 children sitting the selective test. Reminder for all Year 6 to return their high school forms to the office this week. Congratulations to Samuela S who made it into the zone rugby league team last week. As mentioned before zone tryouts for soccer and softball are held later this month. We are trying to beautify the school by planting flowers and flowering shrubs in the gardens which are looking a little bare. If you have any cuttings or suitable plants please let Mrs Clarke know and we can plant them.

News Around the School

Harmony Day – Thursday, 28th March

Ermington Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 28th March, 2019. Harmony Day highlights community participation, inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, respect and belonging.



This year's theme is 'Everyone Belongs'.

We encourage all students on the day to wear a traditional national costume or the colour orange. Orange being the official colour for Harmony Day.

Orange jelly cups will be sold on the day by the SRC for \$1.

Our school staff and student body is a diverse community that takes pride in celebrating Australia's multicultural society and history. We hope to enrich our school community with messages of embracing equality and acceptance amongst all Australians.

Thanking you for your support and we look forward to seeing many national costumes on display and a sea of orange colour for our Harmony Day Celebration!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Aguas

Harmony Day Coordinator

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY – Thursday, 28th February, 2019

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Clean Up Australia Day event. Our school is now sparkling clean and we saved heaps of rubbish from going into landfill and our oceans. But this is a long term issue, so we did an Audit on the amount of rubbish we produce. Firstly, we need to remind everyone about the bins there are at school and what to put in it:

- Green Bin**=Soft Plastic
- Yellow Bin**=Compost
- Brown baskets** =Bottles for 10c
- Red Landfill Bin**=Rubbish

We started off by separating into 2 groups. Students from Years K-3 walked around the school with their teachers, to pick up any rubbish they found and put them into 1 of 3 buckets: landfill, soft plastic or recyclable plastics. Students from Years 4-6 were under the COLA sorting out the rubbish from our landfill bin into 4 sections: soft plastics, hard plastic, food (compostable items) and landfill. At the end, we bagged them and weighed each group. As a school, we produce about



1.72 kg= Hard Plastic

4.4 kg= Landfill

3.4 kg= Soft Plastic



In total there was 10kg of landfill in the red bins. This means that we bury 10kg of waste into our land each day. Here are some examples of how to fix our problem of landfill. We can responsibly put the correct items in the correct place

| COMPOSTING MATERIALS | LANDFILL | HARD PLASTICS | SOFT PLASTICS |
|---|--|---|---|
| Fruit Vegetables Any food that we can eat Paper Towels (Wet, Ripped) Lunch Bags: even the contaminated ones | Chip Packets (Containing Foil) Noodle Containers Styrofoam Foil Straws | Sushi Containers Bottles (get 10c for school) Milk Containers (10c for school) Ice Block Wrappers Frozen Fruit Wrapping | Pizza Wraps Moosie Wrappers Ice Blocks Frozen Fruit Wrapping Straw wrapping |

We hope to reduce our environmental footprint by being aware of the different types of waste we produce and how much.

By SRC, Mrs Dhanji, Miss Youssef and Miss Grover

Science Experiments – Melting Moments

Last week we got to visit the office to do a chocolate experiment. We had an opportunity to place chocolates in the office to see what happens. We had three hours and we had to see if our chocolates' melted. We used black paper and a plastic cup and we saw which one melted faster.

Piper, Aaliyah and Amelia.

Stage two are learning about heat. On Wednesday the 6th of March, we conducted experiments with chocolate to see if it will melt on different materials such as plastic cups, aluminium foil and black paper. We also looked at different locations around our school. We chose Mrs Connors office which was air conditioned so our chocolate didn't melt. But another group chose Miss Blackman's black car and they melted straight away.

Sophie, Tayla and Yuna

School Sport

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 15th March 2019

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

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

- 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. Cut-off for orders is 9am on the day of delivery. Please note that the cut-off time for ordering sushi is 8.15am on Friday.

For PSSA students - please order through the PSSA Friday lunch menu. If your child doesn't attend PSSA, please don't use the PSSA menu, just order through the ordinary lunch menu. PSSA is for students in 3-6 who leave the school via bus to play sport against other schools.

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 11 March

Wendy, Nirmali

Monday 18 March

Jinny, Rachel

Tuesday 12 March

Ros, Alison R

Tuesday 19 March

Wendy, Young

Wednesday

CLOSED

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Thursday 14 March

Kate, Carol

Thursday 21 March

Alison B, Amanda, Xiaomin

Friday 15 March

Wendy, Cecilia, Belinda

Friday 22 March

Wendy, Ahra, Kylie

Live Life Well @ School
HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS



WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO BEING **GREAT**
HealthySchoolCanteens.nsw.gov.au

Great things are happening at school canteens in 2019.

There's a FREE menu check service helping canteens meet the Healthy School Canteen Strategy by December 2019.

Find information on how your vital role can support the Strategy and increase student access to healthy options.

Visit www.healthyschoolcanteens.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



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Fete News

As you may know the 2019 Fete is fast approaching. We still need folks to coordinate the following stalls. Coordinating involves a bit of prep work before the day and then running the stall on the day of the Fete.

- **BBQ** - Coordinating involves finding volunteers to help you, purchasing the buns/bread, meat, sauces and storing them in the cooler room before the day. The volunteers should run the stall on the day but you could help and coordinate.
- **Treasure** - The treasure stall will sell pre-loved or new items that have been donated. Coordinating this stall involves finding volunteers to help you and organising a couple of drop days for folks to come and drop off donations. The volunteers should run the stall on the day but you could help and coordinate.
- **Fish 'n' Chips and Potato on a Stick!** - Coordinating involves finding volunteers to help you, purchasing the potatoes, cheese and spices and storing them in the cooler room before the day. The volunteers should run the stall on the day but you could help and coordinate.

The P&C will guide you through the process coordinating the stall, including how to run hand books from the previous year. It does not take much time to be a coordinator. Attending about 2 meeting 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 ermeps.pandc.fete@gmail.com or phone 0433 577 382.

Treasure Stall

Are you are planning a Summer or Autumn clean out of your home? As you may know the 2019 Fete is fast approaching.

The Fete Treasure and Books stalls would love to give your items a new home. Please collect any clean out items and then drop them at School on the dedicated Treasure and Books stall collection dates OR email or call the Fete coordinator ermeps.pandc.fete@gmail.com or phone 0433577382 to arrange for a special drop off time.

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.



RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Notice of Meeting

An information night about Riverside Girls High School Gifted and Talented program and classes for 2020 where the application and testing process will be explained.

When : Tuesday 26 March

Time : 6 - 6.30 p.m.

Location : School Hall

IT'S TIME TO BE A DOCKER! North Ryde AFL Club



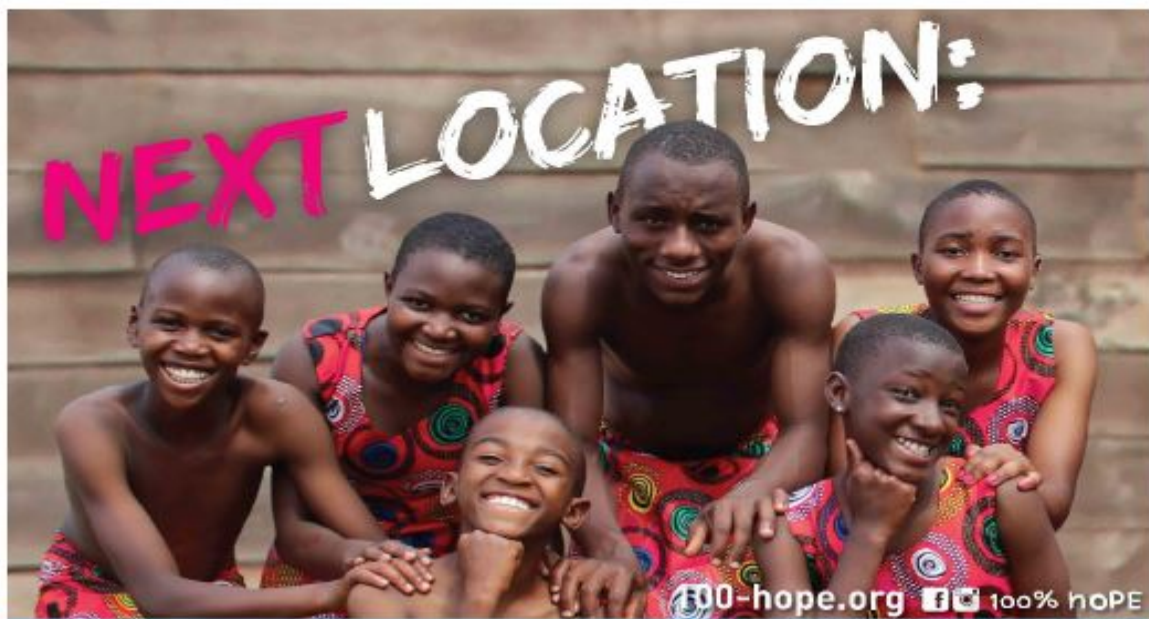
We are looking for players across all teams – Register NOW



www.northrydedockers.com.au



Please share this exciting and rare opportunity with your school community in your newsletter – for Harmony Day, March 21st 2019– UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Thank you from registered charity 100% hOPE volunteers



NEXT LOCATION:

100-hope.org

100% hOPE

Harmony Day: A Celebration of hOPE


Ryde area school students showcase cultures from around the world through their performances. With a special appearance from Achieve Wishes members!


100% hOPE giving children a future and a HOPE

CHILDREN'S CHOIR 2019

Ryde Civic Centre
Thursday 21 March
7.00 - 9.00pm 1 Devlin St, Ryde

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 City of Ryde
Lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep


EXCELSIA COLLEGE
— Ryde —

An authentic and educational experience of African music and culture is available for you and your family this Harmony Day – March 21 at Ryde Civic Hub. Everyone is welcome to the free Harmony Day: Celebration of hOPE Charity Concert featuring the 100% hOPE Children's Choir, on a three-month tour from Uganda. They will be sharing their stories through drumming, dance and acapella singing at Ryde Civic Hub. The Concert celebrating cultures from around the world is proudly supported by the City of Ryde, and Excelsia College.

Ermington Public School

Kindergarten Connections

Kindy Magic (K1) & Kindy Snakes (K2)

Dear Parents,

Here is an overview of your child's Learning, from the activities they will participate in during Kindergarten Connections:

The Frog who wouldn't laugh (Indigenous Activity)

- Understanding and appreciation of the importance of storytelling in the Indigenous culture
- Listening and public speaking skills
- Reasoning skills
- Developing empathy and an understanding of feelings
- Imagination and artistic creativity

Parachute and active games

- Large motor skills- coordination, upper and lower body strength, balance and spatial awareness
- Understanding of what makes a healthy body, e.g. healthy food choices, exercise, sleep and rest
- Working as part of a team
- Listening and creativity skills

Who Sank the Boat?

- Exposure and understanding of mathematical concepts such as weight, i.e. heavy and light
- Scientific hypothesising skills (being able to make an educated guess/prediction)
- Turn taking and listening skills
- Ability to participate in group discussions
- Memory recall skills as children verbally recall the story and draw a picture of all the animals in the boat.

Scavenger hunt

- For children to begin understanding adjectives (describing words)
- To enhance exposure to print and spoken language
- For children to be able to work collaboratively or independently
- Listening skills
- Dramatic role play activities



Thank you for joining in and learning with us in class. We can't wait to see you each week for another new activity.

What is the Value of Play?

"Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity." -Kay Redfield Jamison