

# **Ermington Public School Newsletter**



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Week 8 Term 1 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** 

Week 8 Term 1

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** K-6 Assembly – 2:05pm

Week 9 Term 1

Monday 25th MarchYear 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush CampTuesday 26th MarchYear 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush CampTuesday 26th MarchSchool Executive Leaders WorkshopWednesday 27th MarchYear 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Harmony Day

Week 10 Term 1

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

Week 11 Term 1

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** Years K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April Oz Opera incursion Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April P&C School Disco

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April Last Day of School for Term 1

Term 2

Week 1 Term 2

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April Staff Development Day (No Students)

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April** Students Return for Term 2

We enjoy **BEING RESPONSIBLE** in and around our school in many ways. Thank you to all of those responsible students who are bring in their wellbeing diaries signed and completed. We are really enjoying seeing students use these in a responsible manner. Many students have getting their lunch and recess orders in on time which shows responsibility. We are very excited to see the new Caught You Being Good cards being sent out this week! Remember it is the students responsibility, especially Yr 3-6 to collect these up themselves when they are rewarded, keep them in a zip lock plastic bag, and then give into their teacher when they have been awarded 10. Have a super week full of responsible students!

#### **NOTES/PAYMENT THIS WEEK**

Year 5 Camp (\$315.00)

• (\$100) - Overdue

School Fees - All Years



#### More Incredible Teaching and Learning!

What a great engaging term the students have had. It is hard to believe we are over half way through the term. I am very proud of our students and their dedication to their learning. Our students have been working collaboratively with their peers, asking questions, challenging themselves and persisting in tasks.









#### **Congratulations Zone Swimmers**

Congratulations to our Zone Swimmers who represented Ermington PS with pride at the Ryde PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. The students showed great sportsmanship and congratulations to Annika and Jay-Yun who will be representing the Ryde Zone at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival.

Thank you Miss McMurray and Mr Lawless for your organisation and support of competitors.

#### **Toys at School and Playground Activities**

Toys at school can often lead to students becoming upset when they are lost or when other children want to play with them. There are plenty of activities for students to access at recess and lunch. Our house captains put out resources and equipment for students to play with. Our library is open Monday to Thursday and offers an opportunity for students to play games, interact with peers in a quiet space and enjoy reading books from our well-resourced library. Mrs Kim will also be establishing a craft club this week.

#### Student Expectations: Behaviour Code for Students - NSW Public Schools

The Behaviour Code for Students sets out the expectations students need to abide by when they come to a public school. At Ermington PS we instil these values and expectations through explicit teaching through Positive Behaviour for Learning. The Behaviour Code can be found further in this newsletter.

#### **Whooping Cough**

Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019. School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

- 1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members
- 2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough
- Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them
  tested for whooping cough. For more information on Whooping Cough and vaccination visit the <u>NSW</u>
  <u>Health Website</u>

#### **Teacher absences**

At times, your child's teacher may be absent. Teachers are required to complete professional learning and some of these sessions are external to the school and fall on a school day. Other times, your child's teacher may be sick or have a family member unwell. Teachers leave their teaching and learning programs for casual teachers and at all times the school aims to ensure the students are supported and learning continues as normal.

#### Save the Date! School Disco and Literacy and Numeracy Workshops

This term a school disco will be held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested in volunteering to help out at the disco, please contact Sara at spandersson@live.com.au or on 0408 209 332.

While the students are enjoying the disco, parents will have the opportunity to attend literacy and numeracy workshops run by some of our teachers. More information will follow, but please save the date!

#### **Spotlight on our Student Leaders**



Hello, my name is Emily I am the girl school captain. I love playing netball and I am in the senior dance group. I like being with my friends and play clarinet in band.

My name is Joel and I am school captain. I enjoy playing soccer and softball and meeting my friends. I am also a part of the of the school band playing the all-important role of saxophone.

Jen Riley
Principal

#### **Assistant Principal Report**

#### **NAPLAN Online Practice Test**

This year our school will be moving to NAPLAN Online. To support this, students will be participating in an online practice test.

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN Online practice test in Week 10 this term. Students will be undertaking one test to ensure students are familiar with the process; gaining an understanding of how to undertake the 2019 NAPLAN test online in May. Students are asked to bring a set of headphones to school to assist in the test. Further information will be sent out to parents via eNews.

The dates of the NAPLAN Online practice test are:

Year 3: Tuesday 2nd April

Year 5: Monday 1st April

#### Mr Glenn Lawless and Mr Connor Whyntie

#### **Stage News**

#### Kindergarten

Kindergarten has had another wonderful week of learning! We are continuing to write amazing sentences and learn all about patterns. Next week is the last week of Kindergarten Connections. KS are desperate for parents to join in this week's activity. The session starts at 2pm on Monday afternoon. With very little fuss, Kindergarten relocated to different classrooms. We look forward to returning to our newly roofed building next week. This week's sounds are 'I', 'f' and 'u'. The sight words are love, family, was and the. Please ensure reading folders come to school every day.

#### Stage 1

Stage 1 are very excited for Harmony Day with many classes saying their morning greeting and farewell in a different language. Each class has been paired with a buddy class to complete a harmony day activity. In the photo shown 2Y are completing the first part of their harmony day artwork. The second part will involve Year 6. We cannot wait to see the final product!



#### Stage 2

Mathletics is up and running and you have hopefully seen your children accessing and completing their maths activities over the past week. The differentiated activities compliment the learning they have been doing in their classes the previous week. This week we celebrate Harmony Day. Students have been learning greetings from other cultures and we will get to see children from all across the school do this in this week's assembly. Summer PSSA has now finished for the term, so classes will be as usual for the next few weeks with class sport, before Winter PSSA begins in a few weeks.

#### Stage 3

Children in year 6 are really working hard to perform all their extra duties. Prefects show much responsibility with their flag raising responsibilities, taking out and bringing in recycling bins, monitoring canteen lines as well as trying to help with our growing mountain of lost property. Sports captains and vice captains are busy collecting house points each week and the laying out of games at lunch time. Librarians are also willing helpers in the library and the SRC will be assisting with Harmony Day. It is so good to see our students so graciously giving up their time to make our school a happy and well run place.

Over the past week 5G has been taking many enjoyable geography lessons in the computer lab. The topic we have been researching is "Australia's Links With Asia". We have discovered fascinating ways that Asian countries are linked with Australia. We hope to have more opportunities for learning using computers this term.

Annabel 5G

**News Around the School** 

#### Harmony Day – Thursday, 28th March

Ermington Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

Ms Aguas - Harmony Day Coordinator

#### The Premier's Reading Challenge is open Key Dates

- 4<sup>th</sup> March Challenge opens, start logging your books
- 30<sup>th</sup> August Closing date for entries

You can log directly into the PRC website using your Department of Education username and password. These are the same details you use to access the student portal. A link can be found in the student portal under the Learning section. Or check out the new site through this link https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/ (Please note: the PRC Student Site requires Internet Explorer 11, Edge, or a current version of Firefox or Chrome).



All students are encouraged to complete the PRC and the Library is supporting this by reading PRC books during lessons.

Years 3-6 need to complete their reading log independently. Entering information for the K-2 students will be supported by the Library Staff, but reading done at home may still be entered.

#### **School Sport**

#### **Ryde Zone Swimming Carnival**

Last Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, I had the pleasure of attending the Ryde Zone Swimming Carnival with a team of 23 students from our school. Against strong competition, Ermington competed with pride and displayed excellent sportsmanship and support for their peers. A number of students made it through to the finals for a variety of strokes, with several place ribbons won.

Annika L - 11 years girls: 1st 50m and 100m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 2nd 200m individual medley

Esther C - 11 years girls: 3rd 50m breaststroke

Jay-Yun Y - 12 years boys: 1st 50m backstroke, 3rd 50m breaststroke

Annika L, Sienna W, Esther C and Jessica J: 3rd place senior girls 200m freestyle relay

Annika L was also named 11 years girls Champion, which is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to all students that competed.

#### **Miss McMurray**

#### **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 Boys**

Thursday March 28 Boronia Park Hunters Hill 4:00pm to 5:30pm **Zone Softball Trials Girls** 

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

#### **PSSA Winter Try-outs (Week 8)**

This week we will be holding PSSA Winter sport try outs. Please see the times listed below for the sport you would like to try out in.

| Sport                          | Try out times this week (week 8)         |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Netball – Junior               | Friday 8am                               |
| Netball – Senior               | Thursday 8am                             |
| Soccer – Junior (Girls / Boys) | Thursday 8am (Girls / Boys)              |
| Soccer – Senior (Boys / Girls) | Girls – Thursday 8am & Boys – Friday 8am |
| Tiger Tag – Boys (Senior)      | Friday 8am                               |
| Tiger Tag – Girls (Senior)     | Thursday 8am                             |

#### **P&C News**

#### **Easter Raffle**

A reminder for all Year 2 parents to bring in their yellow volunteer note to help with the Easter raffle, prize wrapping and the Easter morning tea. If you have misplaced your note and would like to volunteer email <a href="mailto:nosworthybelinda@yahoo.com.au">nosworthybelinda@yahoo.com.au</a>



Also, keep those Easter Egg donations coming in for the Easter raffle. 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, 5<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Uniform Shop Opening Times – Term 1

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.

#### **Election Day Cake stall**

This Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March is Election Day. We will be running a cake stall during the day from 8am-4pm at Marsden High School.



#### **Bakers NEEDED**

If you are able to bake some goodies to be sold on the day please drop these off to the school hall on Friday 22nd March from 8:30am-3pm or directly to Marsden high school hall on Saturday 23rd.



#### **Volunteers**

We will need at least 2 volunteers throughout the day to man the stall. This can be an hour or more. To volunteer please follow the below link and add you name and number to the time slots.

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All money raised will go towards building a new playground at Ermington Public School.



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.

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Cafe and Cake stall Coordinating involves finding volunteers to help you, purchasing the milk and sugar etc before the day. Setting up tables in the hall. Coffee is made by a barista and cakes come from the cakes stall. The volunteers should run the stall on the day but you could help and coordinate.
- 4. 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 ermps.pandc.fete@gmail.com or phone 0433 577 382.

Many thanks, Fete Committee

#### **HELP NEEDED**

Craft Stall at this year's fete. Saturday June 1st

- You do NOT need to know how to sew.
- If you can use an iron and work scissors then you can help.
- You can do one project or lots it's up to you.
- Or help out on the stall on the day for 2 hour time slot.

The more help we receive the less work we have to do and you're giving back to the school community. If you don't fancy working on the craft stall there are many other stalls that need your help. Quite a few parents are leaving this year myself included so it's the perfect opportunity to learn the ropes.

Please call Beth Cooksey 0410 154 045 or an email to <u>lizabethcooksey@gmail.com</u> for you are able to help in any way.

**CANTEEN ONLINE ORDERING** – go to www.myschoolconnect.com.au Cut-off for orders is 9am on the day of delivery.

SUSHI Please note that the cut-off time for ordering sushi online is 8.15am on Friday. This is so we can work out how many we have left to sell over the counter at 8.30am.

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 School 24, 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 18 March **Tuesday 19 March** Wednesday

**Thursday 21 March** Friday 22 March

Jinny, Rachel Wendy, Young **CLOSED** 

Alison B, Amanda, Xiaomin Thursday 28 March Wendy, Ahra, Kylie

Monday 25 March **Tuesday 26 March** Wednesday

Friday 29 March

Wendy, Nirmali Wendy, Ku **CLOSED** 

Melinda, Tirtha, Xiaomin Wendy, Cecilia, Julie M





#### **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.

# **Behaviour code for students**

### NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

### In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

#### **Behaviour Code for Students: Actions**

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

#### Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

#### Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

#### Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.



#### **Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy**

Skills Development, Match Play, Drills, Games and Prizes. Camp – Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April – Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April - 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



# ANZAC DAY Commemoration Service

ANZAC Park, West Ryde Thursday 25 April, 9.00 – 10.00am All members of the public are welcome.

The ceremony will be followed by morning tea at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club.



Riverside Girls High School's

# Twilight Tour

Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4.00pm to 5.00pm with a Q and A

Bookings essential. Phone: 98164264

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#### **MEADOWBANK PARK**

Adelaide Street, West Ryde

To secure your place visit www.erna.nsw.netball.com.au Under the Holiday Clinic tab

Hat & sunscreen Food (no nuts) **Drinks** 

WEAR: Suitable training gear & no jewellery

# ESGAPETIME

APRIL LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

# School Holiday Rhymetime:

Introduce your baby to rhymes, songs, fingerplays and other bouncing babies.
Lapsit introduces babies

to basic books.

Where: North Ryde Library When: Tuesday 16 April and

Tuesday 23 April

Where: Gladesville Library When: Friday 26 April Time: 10.30 – 11.00am Ages: 0–2yrs Cost: FREE

#### K'Nex Engineering Workshop

Create amazing machines and work together to build impressive mechanical structures.

Where: Ryde Library When: Tuesday 16 April Where: West Ryde Library When: Tuesday 23 April Where: Eastwood Library

When: Wednesday 24 April Time: 3.00 – 4.00pm

Time: 3.00 – 4.00pm Ages: 7yrs+ Cost: \$5.00

#### **School Holiday Storytime:**

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of books.
Where: Eastwood Library
When: Tuesday 16 April
Where: Gladesville Library
When: Friday 26 April
Time: 11.00am – 12noon
Ages: 2–5yrs Cost: FREE

## Cosmodome 3D movie: Earth's Wild Ride

A thrilling timeline of pivotal moments in earth's history including The Ice Age, dinosaurs, asteroids, spectacular volcanoes and raging rivers. With stunning spectacular images zooming across the dome, the audience is transported to an awesome world.

Where: Ryde Civic Hall When: Wednesday 17 April Times: 10.00 – 10.45am and

11.00 - 11.45am

Ages: 5-7 years Cost: \$10.00

Times: 1.15 - 2.00pm and

2.15 - 3.00pm

Ages: 8 years+ Cost: \$10.00

#### **Meet Gizmo**

Meet and make your own bendy Gizmo the robot. Where: Ryde Library When: Tuesday 16 April Where: West Ryde Library When: Tuesday 23 April Where: North Ryde Library When: Wednesday 24 April Time: 11.00am – 12noon Ages: 6yrs+ Cost: \$5.00

#### The Lost Mummy: Escape room

Challenge your spidey senses in a mysterious Egyptian mummy adventure that brings the ancient past back to life!

Where: Ryde Library When: Thursday 18 April Times: 10.00 – 10.45am and

11.00 – 11.45am

Where: West Ryde Library When: Thursday 18 April Times: 2.00 – 2.45pm and

3.00 - 3.45pm

Ages: 8 years+ Cost: \$5.00





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#### **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:**

**Online** cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au **Phone** 9952 8352 **Visit** Any Ryde Library branch