



# Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 10 Term 2

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Week 10

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Pyjama Mufti Day - SRC Coordinating
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Athletics Carnival - Years 3-6 (+8yr olds in Yr2)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	K-6 Assembly - 2:05pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	K-2 Assembly - 11:30am
	Last Day of Term 2

### Term 3

#### Week 1

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Staff Development Day - No Students
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Students Return for Term 3
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	NAIDOC Performer
	Kindergarten 2020 School Readiness Session commences 5:30pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	K-2 Athletics Carnival

#### Week 2

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Ryde School Spectacular Dance & Soloist Auditions
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Instrumental Concert
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	OC Test (Year 4)

#### Week 3

Wednesday 7 August	<b>EDUCATION WEEK</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Extra-Curricular Photos
	Education Week Assembly

#### Week 4

Tuesday 13 July	Kindy Excursion - Sydney Aquarium & Wildlife Zoo
Wednesday 14 July	Book Week Performance Years 1 & 2
Thursday 15 July	Intermediate Choir - North Epping PS

## CURRENT NOTES/PAYMENTS

### Year 6 Camp

- **Permission Note**
- **Instalment #2 - \$100.00 due 29<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Instalment #3 - \$100.00 due 12<sup>th</sup> August**

### K-2 Athletics Carnival

- **Permission note due**

### Kindergarten Aquarium /Wildlife

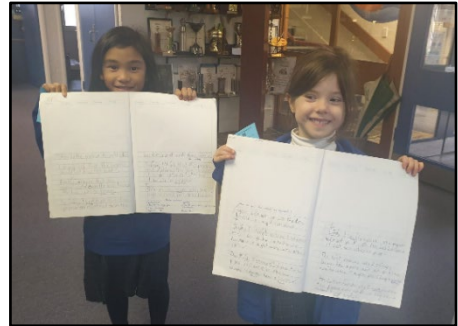
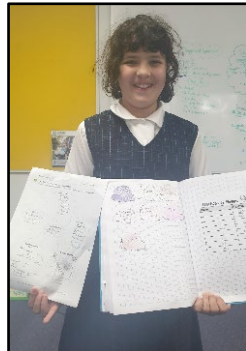
- **Payment and note due Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

This semester the students have been demonstrating our four school expectations both inside and outside the classroom. They have demonstrated how responsible they can be by looking after their belongings and taking care of our environment. Students have been showing respect to others by speaking politely and actively listening. We have been staying safe by staying inbounds and being aware of walking on hard surfaces. In all classrooms, it has been wonderful to see students challenging themselves in all they do.



### Engaged Proud Successful Learners

This week, the visitors to the office were incredibly proud of their achievements. The students were able to explain their progress over the course of the semester, outline their strengths and learning goals. They were incredibly pleased with their gains, newfound knowledge, understanding and skills. I would like to congratulate all students from Kindergarten – Year 6 on their efforts and engagement in learning this semester.



### Collaboration is the key to success!

To ensure our students make improvements, our classroom teachers engage in collaborative planning activities with support teachers of English as an Additional Language/Dialect and Learning and Support. During these processes, data is analysed and individual learning goals are set for students. The teachers and support staff work together to meet the diversity of student needs within the school. This week, teachers have spent time developing plans and programs to support the academic, social-emotional and behavioural needs of students.

### Semester 1 Reports

On Thursday, Semester 1 reports will be released to parent/caregivers. For Kindergarten, if your child is *at expected level* they are meeting Kindergarten expectations for Semester 1. For Year 1-6, if your child is *Sound* they are at the expected level for their particular stage of learning and are performing well. If your child receives a *Basic* or *Limited*, the achievement grade denotes an area that a student may require some additional support in. Teachers implement a range of differentiated processes and adjustments to assist the students in their classes. Teachers work collaboratively with the Learning and Support Team and EAL/D team to support the individual learning needs of students.



Please discuss your child's report with them and congratulate your child on their engagement in learning this semester.

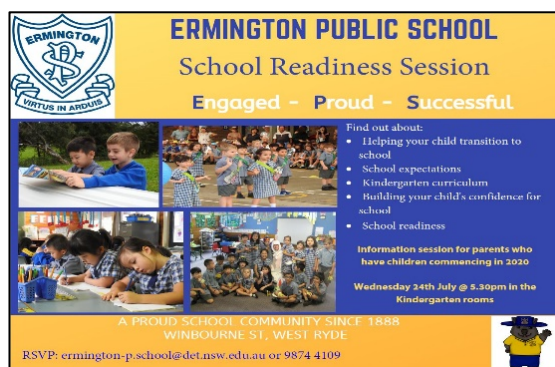
## Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Bronwyn Donnelly will be commencing a teaching position close to home on the Central Coast. We wish Mrs Donnelly all the best.

## School Readiness Session

A school readiness session will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 5:30pm for any interested parents who would like to understand more about the transition from preschool to Kindergarten. This workshop is offered to the wider community, even those not necessarily attending Ermington PS in 2020. Please spread the word if you know any parents of pre-schoolers who are interested in learning more about school readiness.

The information session will be held in the Kindergarten rooms.



**ERMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
School Readiness Session  
Engaged - Proud - Successful

Find out about:

- Helping your child transition to school
- School expectations
- Kindergarten curriculum
- Building your child's confidence for school
- School readiness

Information session for parents who have children commencing in 2020

Wednesday 24th July @ 5.30pm in the Kindergarten rooms

A PROUD SCHOOL COMMUNITY SINCE 1888  
WINBOURNE ST, WEST RYDE

RSVP: [ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or 9874 4109

## Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2020

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. If you know anyone with children who will be starting school next year, please encourage them to enrol.

*I wish our students a safe and relaxing holiday,*

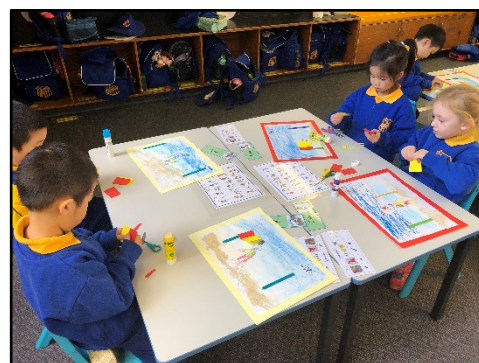
*Ms Jen Riley*

Principal

## Stage News

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a wonderful time developing their gross motor skills using the new sports equipment. They threw giant arrows, played soccer and shot some goals and navigated their way through a fun obstacle course! They also learnt all about being safe in the water and how lifesavers can help us. Please remember to return the Athletics Carnival and Sea Life/Wildlife notes. This week the students will revise all sounds learnt this term. The sight words are *Spring, Summer, Autumn* and *Winter*. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!



## Stage 1

What a jam packed term it has been! Stage 1 students have worked hard on writing persuasive texts, improving on their reading and participating in Chat Groups. We have covered many mathematical concepts over the term and the feedback we've received from the students with Mathletics, has been very positive. We have enjoyed learning about small animals and designing and creating homes for them. Thank you for your support with Pyjama Day and for your generous donations. The kids looked amazing in their pjs! This Friday, 1/2W will be presenting their class item and 1A will be hosting the K-2 assembly, at 11:30, in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there. Have a wonderful and safe holiday. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible over the break.

## Stage 2

Wow! What a fantastic term it has been for Stage 2. The students have achieved so much in all of our teaching and learning areas. In maths, they have challenged themselves to work out complex problems with fractions and had lots of fun engaging in fraction bingo games.

Our bean seeds are now seedlings and are growing so fast. Students have been eagerly checking them each day and recording their results. We were highly engaged during our flower dissection lesson where the students could really investigate the parts of a flower.

Thank you to families who brought in flowers. Please don't forget the Athletics carnival on Wednesday and a big thank you to the parents helping and coordinating with the sausage sizzle for the carnival.

We would like to thank our stage parents and families/community for their fantastic support this term. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing break!

Looking forward to term 3!



## Stage 3

Well we have made it to the end of another very busy term. This Friday will be the last Peer Support meeting and our Year 6 students have really enjoyed their time as leaders and getting to know their group. Last Tuesday our singers, violin players and recorder players attended workshops in order to prepare for their upcoming concerts. It is wonderful to see children taking part in these extra-curricular music activities. Everybody is ready for our carnival on Wednesday and on Friday morning we will have our house challenge after morning assembly. Hopefully teachers will field a team again!!

This term stage 2 have been studying plants. We have also been learning how to write an informative text. 3HQ researched bees and their importance to plants and the environment. Together, we then wrote an information report using our research. 3HQ learnt lots of new and interesting information about bees. We then created a bee artwork to go with our writing.

### Brilliant, beautiful bees!

Bees are insects. They have six legs and four wings like most other flying insects. There are 20 000 species of bees in the world. Some of these are, honey bees, killer bees, bumble bees, carpenter bees and native bees. They are found in most parts of the world.

Some bees are smaller than others. All bees are an oval like shape. Most bees have two eyes. They can be yellow, black, orange or brown. Bees all have the same coloured bands- black. They have two antennae which they use to smell with.

Bees live in hives. The worker bee (female) makes the wax for the hive. Honeycomb is a hexagonal shape. Sealed honeycomb contains eggs or young. Worker bees look after the young and collect the pollen to make the honey. There is only one queen bee in the hive, she is larger than the others. She lives for 5-6 years and her job is to lay the eggs. The drone bees (males) mate with the queen.

Bees drink nectar from flowers. This is their food, but nectar is also used to make honey. They store nectar in the honeycomb for food during winter because there are very few flowers out at this time. Bees also collect pollen to make honey. As they move from flower to flower, some of this pollen rubs off and goes down into each flower. This process is called pollination and it is very important to a plant's lifecycle.

Bees are extremely important to the environment. Without bees we would not survive. They are amazing creatures!

3HQ



### Spelling Bee Final

Congratulations to all students who participated in the school spelling bee last week. What wonderful examples you provided of the learning dispositions of bravery and persistence!

Well done to the following students who will be representing our school at the regional finals:

**Stage 2** - Ethan V. & Jacob N.

**Stage 3** - Bruce Z. & Ian C.

## Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition Final

Wishing Maya, Aaliyah, Jessica and Eric all the best at this prestigious competition being held at Denistone East Public School on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### Playground expectations

This week our wonderful SRC students spoke at the morning assembly about the importance of playing where the teacher can see you. They explained that if students are playing in bounds, they are staying safe and being very responsible students. The teachers have been looking for these positive behaviours while they are on playground duty and handing out ermo tokens. Each week students have been pulled out of the drawer for a special reward activity with Ms Riley.

'It's important that I play where the teacher can see me and stay in bounds'

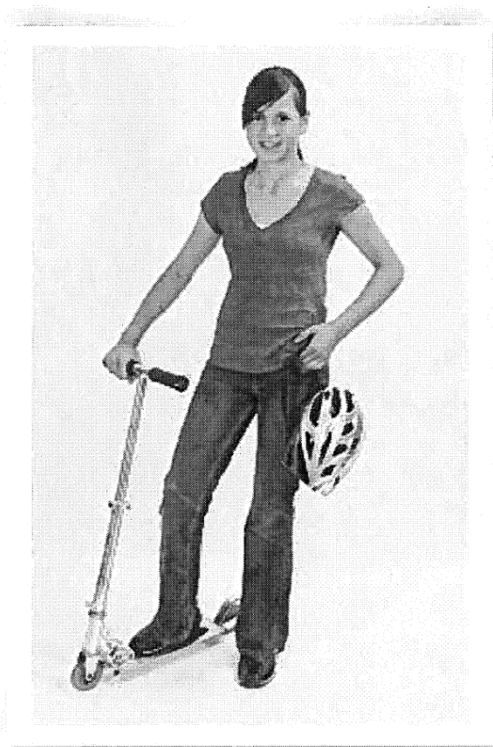
Christina 1/2W

### Year 5 Social Group

Boys and girls from 5M and 4/5T have been taking part in weekly groups that focus on building up different skills. This week we focused on being resilient. Please take time to read over the family information sheet.

## Resilient kids

It's important for your child to learn the personal and social skills that will help them to become more resilient and cope with problems and difficult situations that may come their way.



### Let your child make mistakes

By having to overcome normal challenges for their age and understanding that no-one is perfect, your child will learn how to bounce back and be more resourceful.

By over-protecting your child and doing things for them, you deny your child important opportunities for developing resilience.

### Don't fight your child's battles

Sorting out conflicts with friends and peers are important skills for healthy social relationships.

### Encourage your child to talk about things that are bothering them

Learning to seek help when a problem can't be solved is an important lifelong skill.

Let your child know that unhappy or difficult times are a normal part of life and usually don't last for long.

### Encourage your child to re-phrase unhelpful thinking

Teach your child to turn words such as – *I'm stupid* or *She hates me* into more helpful and optimistic thinking – *I made a mistake, everyone makes mistakes* or *She doesn't hate me she just feels like playing with someone else today.*

### Taking responsibility

Encourage your child to take responsibility for the things they have or haven't done that may have contributed to an unhappy situation or setback.

Help your child to understand the role that 'bad luck' and the role that others may have played when they are faced with an unhappy situation or setback.

### Be a positive role model for your child

- Talk your problems through with others and look for different solutions.
- Use optimistic thinking and say things out loud, such as – *Things will get better soon.*
- Talk about how you may have managed strong emotions in a calm way.
- Talk about your goals and how you hope to achieve them.
- Show appreciation to others for their friendship.

### 3-6 Athletics Carnival

The annual 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held on tomorrow and is already shaping up to be a fantastic day. Students in Years 3-6 and 8 year old students in Year 2 have already been involved in try-outs for field events and students have been selected to represent their houses in these events on the day. Students are encouraged to check the notice board under the COLA to check if they will be participating in field events at the carnival.

Students are reminded to please bring along a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, recess and lunch. Those who have pre-ordered their sausage sizzle will be given their order slip at the carnival to get their lunch. Thank you to Belinda and all the parents who have been assisting in the organisation of the BBQ and some activities for the day.

Students need to arrive at school by 8:45am under the COLA to get their name marked off before boarding buses at 9:00am. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We are very excited for the carnival and look forward to seeing as many students as possible dressed in shirts of their house colours and representing their houses proudly.

Track		Field	
<u>9:45 – 200m Timed Finals</u>		<u>9:45</u>	
Junior	200m	Senior	High Jump
11 years	200m	11 years	Long Jump
Senior	200m	Junior	Shot Put
<u>10:15 – 100m Heats</u>		<u>11:00</u>	
8 years	100m	11 years	High Jump
9 years	100m	Junior	Long Jump
10 years	100m	Senior	Shot Put
<u>11:00 – 100m Heats</u>		<u>12:15</u>	
11 years	100m	Junior	High Jump
12 years	100m	Senior	Long Jump
<u>12:00 – 800m Timed Finals</u>		11 years	Shot Put
Junior	800m	Discus will start at 9:45am with the 11 years boys and will proceed until all divisions are complete. Competitors will need to listen for announcements.	
11 years	800m	<b>KEY:</b>	
Senior	800m	<u>Junior events</u> = 8, 9 and 10 year olds.	
<u>1:00 – Finals</u>		<u>Senior events</u> = 12 and 13 year olds.	
8 years	100m		
9 years	100m		
10 years	100m		
11 years	100m		
12 years	100m		
Junior	4 x 100m Relay		
Senior	4 x 100m Relay		
The relay teams are made up of four students from each house with the quickest recorded times in the 100m events. The <u>junior team</u> = 8, 9 and 10 year olds. The <u>senior team</u> = 11, 12 and 13 year olds.			

Turner

Marsden



Johnson

Blaxland

### PSSA

Round 11 of PSSA will be played this Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. All games are at Meadowbank Park.

### Uniform News

The Uniform Shop will be open from 5:30pm to 6:30pm this Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, before the P&C meeting. In Term 3, the first day of trading will be Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 8:30am to 9:15am.

### Playground Committee to be formed

As you may be aware, the money raised from our fundraising efforts this year will be going towards creating a new play space for our students. To get this project moving, we are forming a playground committee and are looking for 1-2 parent representatives from the K-2 age group, and the 3-6 age group.

The role of the committee will include research, obtaining quotes, liaising with vendors, grant submissions and collecting feedback from the school community.

The committee will meet regularly on school grounds to collate information and present the reports at the monthly P&C meetings. The representatives must be able to commit to this project for approximately 12 months and need to attend the monthly meetings.

To express your interest in being part of the committee, please email your name, child/ren's class and year to the email below. Thank you to those who have already expressed their interest.

We encourage all parents/guardians to share your thoughts. Please email [ermgs.playgroundcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ermgs.playgroundcommittee@gmail.com) with your ideas, suggestions or pictures.

**P & C Committee**

### Canteen News

**McCAINS PIZZA SINGLES** will be out of stock next term for a few months (manufacturer issue). There will be a replacement pizza available which will be larger, and will cost slightly more. Details available next term.

### **CANTEEN POLICY FOR CHILDREN WITH NO LUNCH/IOUs**

The IOU book is to be used as a necessity when a child has genuinely forgotten or lost their lunch and not as a convenience for parents. No exceptions.

Children will be given a toastie or garlic bread for recess and a sandwich (vegemite/honey/jam) for lunch.

No drinks will be given - the bubblers are available. No orders above \$2.50 per child.

Thanks for your co-operation



### **CANTEEN ONLINE ORDERING**

We have numerous children coming to the canteen who are not sure if they have a lunch ordered online. Please discuss with your children when to expect an online lunch order or whether they have lunch from home. We are extremely busy serving at lunchtime and do not have time to keep checking the computer for online orders which have not been placed. If a parent has forgotten to order their child's lunch online and they have no food from home, a sandwich will be given according to the IOU policy above.

If you wish to use online ordering go to <https://myschoolconnect.com.au> to sign up.

**VEGETARIAN BURGERS** \$4.00 with salad or \$3.00 no salad. Your choice of sauce included.

### **ROSTER**

<b>Mon 1 July</b>	Jinny, Rachel	<b>Mon 22 July</b>	<b>SDD</b>
<b>Tues 2 July</b>	Cecilia, Nirmali	<b>Tues 23 July</b>	Cecilia, Julia, Ku
<b>Wed</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Thurs 4 July</b>	Beth, Carol, Xiaomin (pm)	<b>Thurs 25 July</b>	Amanda, Tirtha, Xiaomin (pm)
<b>Fri 5 July</b>	Wendy, Patricia, Emma	<b>Fri 26 July</b>	Kylie, Ahra, Emma

**SCHOOL HOLS**

### **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](mailto: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**  
For children aged 5 to 16 years old

Monday 8 July to Thursday 11 July 2019  
9:00am to 1:00pm

Cost: 4 Days - \$140.00  
Single Day - \$40.00  
Deposit - \$50.00

Meadowbank Park Tennis Courts

For further information please call  
Ray Brennan on 0418 168 868



**Saints**  
www.saints.abn.au

You're invited to try Baseball  
with Macquarie Saints...  
A fun day for the kids!

When:  
Sun 28th July, 2019 from 12-2pm  
Sun 4th August, 2019 from 12-2pm  
Where: Pioneer Park, Marsfield  
Cost: Free

For more information, contact:  
Adrian Hobson 0419 693 710  
Russell Sheffield 0410 057 989

