



# Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 3 Term 3

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Week 3

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

### EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week Events

- Open Classrooms – 9:15am – 10:00am
- Extra-Curricular Performance Assembly – 10:00am
- Morning Tea – 11:00am

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Extra-Curricular Photos  
P&C Meeting – 7:00pm - Library

### Week 4

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Kindy Excursion - Sydney Aquarium & Wildlife Zoo

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> August

Book Week Parade K-6 – 9:15am – 10:15am

Book Week Performance K-6

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Intermediate Choir - North Epping PS

### Week 5

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Zone Athletics

### Week 6

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August

Year 6 Camp

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Year 6 Camp

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> August

Year 6 Camp

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Father's Day Stall

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Father's Day BBQ – 7:30am

### Week 7

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

C.A.R.E.S – 5G & 4/5T (selected students)

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

C.A.R.E.S – 5M & 4/5T (selected students)

## CURRENT NOTES/PAYMENTS

### PSSA Zone Athletics

- Note / Payment (\$22.00)

### Year 6 Camp

- Instalment #3 - \$100.00 due 12<sup>th</sup> August
- Medical Note – return ASAP

### Kindergarten Aquarium /Wildlife

- Payment / note (\$40.00)

### Tournament of Minds 2019

- Note / payment (\$11.50)

### School Swimming Scheme (Year 2)

- Note / Payment (\$125.00)

### C.A.R.E.S (Year 5)

- Note / Payment (\$15.00)

## P&C NOTES

Expression of Interest for  
Playground committee

This week our focus is on Be Responsible. We can show this in many ways including looking after our belongings and returning lunch boxes and hats to our bags. Students are responsible for their school environment and on Friday each class will be responsible for planting trees in their designated areas. Well done to our Year 6 Premier's Sporting Challenge leaders who have been responsible for announcing information at assemblies and collecting 3-6 sporting data and entering onto the website. Being responsible for our learning involves thinking about where we are up to in learning and where they want to go next with their goals in mind. Teachers on playground duty will be handing out Ermo Tokens for students displaying the correct expectations for each area of the playground. We would like to encourage everyone in the school community to have a close look at the new signage being displayed around the school.

### Education Week

Today we celebrated Education Week and championed the achievements of learners, teachers and leaders at Ermington Public School. We believe in empowering each and every student and encourage them to be confident, creative citizens able to thrive and succeed in a changing world.

Congratulations to all our students on their commitment to learning and to our teachers for the dedication to their students.

Thank you for joining us today as we celebrated our students and their power to shape the world.



### School Improvement – Classroom Works

Over the course of Term 3 and 4, classroom blocks A, B and C will be refurbished. This will result in movement of classes to two of our demountable classrooms. The works will commence on C Block from Week 6 of this term. Additional information will be provided to classes affected. We are looking forward to enhanced quality learning environments.

## **Book Week Celebrations**

On Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August the annual school Book Parade and Book Week Celebrations will be held. The theme for Book Week is *Reading Is My Secret Power*. Students from K-6 are welcome to wear a book parade costume on this day. Parents are welcome to attend the book parade at 9:15am.

To celebrate Book Week, parents and students are encouraged to create a Book Cake. A cake stall will be held at lunch time on the day and cakes will be sold for 50 cents.

Secondhand books will also be available for purchase on the day. All proceeds will go to the school to purchase additional literacy resources.

### Timetable for Book Week – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

9:15am – 10:15am:	K-6 Book Parade (Parents welcome)
10:15am – 11am:	Cake voting and secondhand book stall in the library for parents
12:00pm - 1:00pm:	K-2 Performance: A Dream Come True (students only)
1:20pm -2pm:	Cake Stall
2:00pm - 3:00pm:	3-6 Performance: A Dream Come True (students only)

## **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.

## **P&C Meeting This Week**

On Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, I encourage you to join the school's Parents and Citizens Association for the monthly meeting at 7pm.

*Ms Jen Riley*

Principal

### **Assistant Principal**

This term, our school is introducing two reading programs to support students identified as needing some additional support in reading. The two programs are The Reading Tutor Program and Reading for Life.

#### ***The Reading Tutor Program***

The Reading Tutor Program is a specialised teaching program run through the MultiLit initiative as part of Macquarie University. It designed for students from Year 2 up to adults who require support with skills in learning to read. The program is delivered by School Learning Support Teachers who have been trained in the program. Our school has used the program to target identified students in Years 4 and 5. The program looks at developing skills in the following three areas:

- 1. Word Attack Skills (phonics)** – which teaches children skills to improve the accuracy and fluency of their reading, as well as spelling;
- 2. Sight Words** – which teaches students to quickly recognise the most common words that appear in text; and
- 3. Reinforced Reading** – which gives children the chance to practise their new skills by reading books aloud.

#### ***Reading for Life***

Reading for Life is an initiative developed by Learning Links and Ryde City Council to support students with reading. This is a volunteer reading-buddy program where volunteers and members of the community are trained to deliver the program.

The program involves an initial assessment to determine a student's eligibility, then weekly sessions to support skills in reading. Students will participate in buddy reading, games and activities to develop their comprehension and understanding, word attack skills, sight words and reading strategies. The program runs for a 15 week period and will focus on identified students in Years 2 and 3. We look forward to the success of these programs.

***Mrs Mandy Ennion***



## School Booklet

The school is in the process of making up a booklet for new Kindergarten students and their families about coming to our school. If there are any parents or companies that would like to assist by making a small donation towards the cost of this book and receive free advertising within it, could you please ring the school office on 9874 4109.

Thanking you for your support.

**Mrs MacKenzie**

## Stage News

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten have had a great week of learning. Ask them a question about a fish and we are sure that they will be able to answer it with factual information! Kindergarten learnt about key words last week and how to use these to write great sentences. Students had to create a fish using limited materials in the STEM challenge this week. Their fish had to have gills, eyes, scales, fins and a tail. Look at what creative and collaborative learners they are! Sight words for this week are the days of the week and blends are cr and



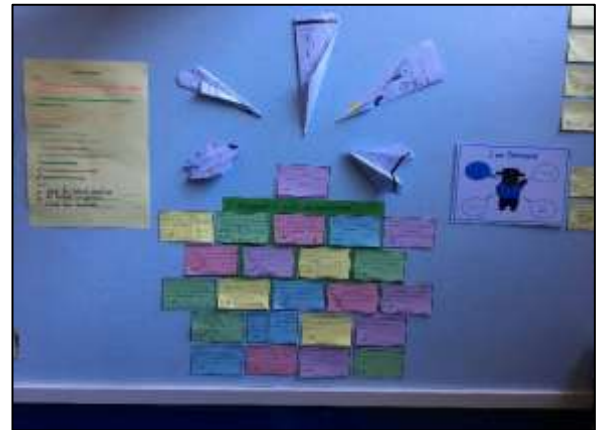
### Stage 1

Happy education week from all the Stage 1 teachers. We would like to thank all family members who joined us at school today. Well done to all of our junior dancers who performed during the assembly, you all did a spectacular job! This week Year 1 and 2 will be focusing on the following:

- Year 1 Spelling and Grammar- 'igh' sound and nouns
- Year 2 Spelling and Grammar- 'er' sound and dictionary skills
- Handwriting - forming the letter 'u' and the number '8'
- Year 1 Mathematics - Whole number: rounding numbers to the nearest ten
- Year 2 Mathematics - Whole number: rounding numbers to the nearest hundred

### Stage 2

What a busy and exciting start to week 3! Today we had Education Week open classrooms where parents and families got the chance to experience some STEM challenges. Students were highly engaged in designing and building a balloon-powered car that travels as far as possible. This activity was an important lesson in our Science unit this term in exploring different types of energy. We all really enjoyed this challenge and having our wonderful families in the rooms sharing the students' learning journey together. In Science, our classes have started our 'Exploring Energy' unit where students have created a display on what they know about energy and formulating questions about what they would like to know about energy. The students have engaged in Learner Quality lessons on 'I am determined' and 'I am Brave'. Students displayed determination when they were designing their paper aeroplanes to travel the furthest distance and explored scenarios of when they have been brave and overcame their fear of something. This Friday our classes will be planting trees for School Tree Day. Please bring in gardening gloves, any small gardening implements they would like to use and something to water our gardens with. Thank you to those students who have brought in all of their stationery and equipment for their learning. We would like to ask that you continue to refill pencil cases with writing and coloured pencils, scissors, glue and rulers. Have a great week!



### Stage 3

Education Day was a great success. Parents who visited the school were entertained by many of our children performing in the assembly. Our prefects have been working hard in preparing our gardens for Tree Day on Friday. A big thank you to Mrs Dhanji for organising the prefects and to Miss Taylor who had the massive job of organising all the trees and shrubs. On Wednesday there will be extra-curricular photographs so children will need to bring their sports uniforms for the photos. Congratulations to two super sport champions who achieved huge success last week. Jessica Johnston was selected to play in the state netball team and Anika Lee swam in the Nationals. Camp is fast approaching for year 6. Make sure health notes are returned to your teacher.

### Around the School

#### String and Recorder excursion to the Opera House

Last Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July a group of our String and Recorder students were given the opportunity to perform at the Sydney Opera House. The Dutch composer of Adagietto, Hans Schepers, flew to Sydney just to watch us perform his song! We played the soft and beautiful Adagietto, the loud and exciting Vortex, the fun and lively Danza Hellenica and the groovy and jazzy Bluz for Suz. It was a great day with hundreds of children from public schools all around Sydney performing together on the Opera House stage.



## Extra-Curricular Photos – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Tomorrow, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August we will be holding our Extra-Curricular photos at school. Please ensure all students that participate in these activities, bring their uniforms (see list below) in their school bag. Dance and Aerobics groups will be first to have photos taken at 8:30am.

Photos	Uniform Requirements
Senior Dance Group	Dance costume, performance hair, jazz shoes
Aerobics Teams	Aerobics costume, performance hair, white shoes
Year 1 & 2 Dance	Dance costume (Miss Youssef to keep at school after Tuesday's performance)
Year 6 Photo	Winter Uniform
School Executive, School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects	Winter Uniform
Library Monitors	Winter Uniform
School Band and String Ensemble	Winter Uniform and Instruments
Senior Choir and Intermediate Choir	Winter Uniform
Debating	Winter Uniform
NSW Da Vinci Decathlon	Winter Uniform - Bring medals
Multicultural Public Speaking Finalists and Spelling Bee Finalists	Winter Uniform
Chess Teams	Winter Uniform
SRC Semester 1 and SRC Semester 2	Winter Uniform
House Captains and House Vice Captains	Sports Uniform
Zone Swimming, Zone Cross Country, Zone Athletics	Sports Uniform
Senior Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Junior Soccer	Sports Uniform
Volleyball, Newcombe Ball	Sports Uniform
Girls T-Ball, Mixed T-Ball	Sports Uniform
Junior Netball, Senior Netball	Sports Uniform
Girls Softball, Boys Softball	Sports Uniform
Tiger Tag Girls, Tiger Tag Boys	Sports Uniform
Junior Cricket, Senior Cricket	Sports Top / White pants

## Sport News

### PSSA – Friday August 2019 – Semi Finals

PSSA committee are currently finalising all placings for all PSSA sports to be played this Friday. All Winter PSSA students will be attending either playing their semi-finals or supporting the other teams members. An eNews will be sent out once all team placing have been finalised.

### Sporting Achievements

#### Annika L – 6L

Last week Annika represented NSW in the National Swimming Championship in Melbourne. She presented in 11 events with 7 placings. Freestyle Relay (Gold), Medley Relay (Gold), 100m Backstroke (Bronze), 50 Backstroke (Bronze), 50m Butterfly (Bronze), 100m Butterfly (Bronze), 100m Breaststroke (Bronze).





## Jessica J – 6C

Last week Jess competed at the NSWPPSA Netball Championships in Orange. Her team won the carnival and were the undefeated Champions. Jess has also been selected into the NSW team and will compete at the Nationals Championships in Canberra in September.



## P&C News

### SAVE THE DATE

**Father's Day Stall** - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August - All gifts will be \$5.00

**Father's Day Breakfast** - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Father's and Fatherly figures EAT FREE

## VOTING IS NOW OPEN!

### HELP ERMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL GET A \$120,000 GRANT!

#### Did you know?

The P&C has formed a playground steering committee to assist with implementing a new play and learning space at Ermington Public School. This will be a unique public space that integrates learning with social and performing arts, that encourages creativity, imagination, problem solving and caters to special needs children.

#### Funding needed?

To fund this project, we have applied for a \$120,000 community grant. To win this grant we need people from the community to vote for our school. The projects that have the most community support from the public vote will receive funding.

#### You can help by voting?

If you live in the Ryde Electorate and are over 16 years of age you can vote for Ermington Public School Playground as your 1<sup>st</sup> preference by clicking on the following link <https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/>  
Then select 'RYDE' as your electorate in the dropdown menu

More info on how to vote can be found here <https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/how-to-vote>

#### What if I don't live in the Ryde Electorate?

If you live in the Parramatta electorate unfortunately you cannot vote for our school. However, there are several other ways you can help:

- ✓ send the link to family members and friends who live in Ryde
- ✓ ask your child's preschool or day-care if they can send it out as an email to parents to vote for Ermington PS
- ✓ are you in a soccer club, dance class, play a sport or any after school activities?  
Send them the link and ask them to vote

Remember this is all on a point system and the highest score on *August 15<sup>th</sup>* wins the grant so we want to be 1<sup>st</sup> preference.



### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open every Tuesday on weeks 1, 2 and 3 of each month and Wednesday, week 1 of the month. Online orders are accepted at all times.

### Opening Hours

- Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August – 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August – 8:30am – 9:15am
- Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August – 8:30am – 9:15am
- Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 8:30am – 9:15am
- Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September – 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September – 8:30am – 9:15am
- Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September – 8:30am – 9:15am

A massive thank you to year 5 students for donating all these yummy treats and for all the parent volunteers you were awesome.



**EDUCATION WEEK  
MORNING TEA  
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**



PIC•COLLAGE



**SYDNEY MARKETS EAT FRESH & WIN CANTEEN CAMPAIGN** runs from 5 August to 20 September. Entry forms are available from the canteen. Each purchase of fruit or vegetable from the canteen receives 1 sticker. Collect 2 stickers to receive 1 Fresh for Kids stamper pen and go into the draw to win a major prize. Enter as many times as you like. Major prizes include Nintendo Switch, \$2000 Booktopia Voucher, Strike Bowling Party Voucher.

**NEED INSPIRATION FOR PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX?** Cancer Council NSW is promoting their Healthy Lunch Box website [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) to help inspire and assist parents to keep packing healthy lunch boxes throughout the year. On the website parents will find snack ideas, sandwich alternatives, recipes, tips and easy healthy swaps for those common lunch box items that are not the best for our kids. Parents can also get their kids involved in choosing lunch box foods they will actually eat and enjoy using the interactive [Healthy Lunch Box builder](#).

**McCAINS PIZZA SINGLES ARE OUT OF STOCK** - for a few months (manufacturer issue). We will temporarily sell Allied Chefs Stone Baked Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slab 150g \$3.50.

**VOLUNTEERS** The canteen needs 1 more Thursday volunteer for all day 8.40am-2:00pm. Please contact Wendy if you can help 0412 154 004.

**ROSTER**

<b>Mon 5 Aug</b>	Jinny, Rachel	<b>Mon 12 Aug</b>	Wendy, Nirmali
<b>Tues 6 Aug</b>	Wendy, Nirmali	<b>Tues 13 Aug</b>	Ros, Emma
<b>Wed</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Thurs 8 Aug</b>	Kate, Vera (am), Xiaomin (pm)	<b>Thurs 15 Aug</b>	Alison, Cherry, Xiaomin (pm)
<b>Fri 9 Aug</b>	Wendy, Cecilia, Vicky	<b>Fri 16 Aug</b>	Wendy, Cecilia

**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.

## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Ermington Public School is held on Wednesdays from 1:10pm to 2:00pm, starting on 7 August 2019.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



**North Rocks  
Softball**

**Come and play summer softball!**

**Register now!**

Teeball, Modball and Softball Levels  
School Terms only  
5 years to Adults  
Social and Competitive

**Part of the Active Kids Program  
With \$100 off via ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER\***

To register and for more information, visit our website  
[northrocksoftball.org.au](http://northrocksoftball.org.au)  
Or contact Club Registrar, Mirza Tong  
via email: [nsoftballregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:nsoftballregistrar@gmail.com)  
or phone 0412 041 910

\*Active Kids Program is a NSW Government Initiative offering \$100 per student.  
For more information visit [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)



# Rotary



Club of North Ryde

Meets Dunmore Lang College  
Herring Rd, North Ryde  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month  
7:00 am for 7:15 am.  
Meeting finishes at 8:15 am

**2019 North Ryde Fun Run (Dress up if you wish – prizes)**

**Sunday 25 August 2019**

Macquarie University Sports Grounds

**9.00a.m am till 1:00 pm**

2k walk and 5k walk and run and Pram Push (1 lap around the oval)

Corporate, student and public entries.

Adults \$25, Students and children \$15 Pram Push \$10

Proceeds fund research into youth mental health and treatment programs and other Rotary projects

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**There is a \$500 CASH prize for the school or Pre-school in the Ryde Local Government Area with the most entrants!**

For more information and to register

[www.northrydefunrun.com.au](http://www.northrydefunrun.com.au)

Or contact Pam Wood on

0400803417 or

northryderotary@gmail.com

As a precursor to the Fun Run **Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health** is conducting two

community information evenings. The second seminar is on **Monday 12 August** about the nature and treatment of adolescent depression

In this information session, Professor Ron Rapee will discuss:

- ☒ What do young people worry about?
- ☒ How do you know when your child's fears are a problem?
- ☒ Why are some kids more fearful than others?
- ☒ How can parents help their children overcome anxieties?

The session commences at **6:00 pm** at the Australian Hearing Hub, Level 1 lecture Theatre, 16 University Avenue Macquarie University.

To Register go to [https://it-](https://it-mqu.formstack.com/forms/feedingtheinnerlion)

[mqu.formstack.com/forms/feedingtheinnerlion](https://it-mqu.formstack.com/forms/feedingtheinnerlion) or contact:

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