



Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 4 Term 3

Tuesday 13th August, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 4

Tuesday 13th August Kindy Excursion - Sydney Aquarium & Wildlife Zoo
Wed 14th August Book Week Parade K-6 – 9:15am – 10:15am
Book Week Cake Stall and Secondhand Books
Book Week Performance K-6

Thursday 15th August Intermediate Choir - North Epping PS
K-6 Assembly – 2:05pm

Week 5

Tuesday 20th August *Parent Teacher Interviews*
Zone Athletics

Week 6

Monday 26th August *Parent Teacher Interviews*
Year 6 Camp
Tuesday 27th August Year 6 Camp
Wed 28th August Year 6 Camp
Thursday 29th August Father's Day Stall
3-6 Assembly – 2:05pm
Friday 30th August Father's Day BBQ – 7:30am
K-2 Assembly – 11:30am

Week 7

Tuesday, 3rd Sept C.A.R.E.S – 5G & 4/5T (selected students)
Wednesday, 4th Sept C.A.R.E.S – 5M & 4/5T (selected students)
P&C Meeting – 7pm – School Library

Week 8

Monday 9th Sept Battle of the Primary School – Junior Dance @
Marsden High School Hall – evening event
Tuesday 10th Sept Battle of the Primary School - Senior Dance Group
@ Marsden High School Hall – evening event
Ryde School Spectacular Rehearsal – Choir
Thursday 12th Sept K-6 Assembly

CURRENT NOTES/PAYMENTS

PSSA Zone Athletics

- **Note / Payment (\$22.00)**

Year 6 Camp

- **Instalment #3 - \$100.00 due 12th August**
- **Medical Note – return ASAP**

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)**

Battle of The Primary Schools – Senior Dance Group

- **Permission Note**

P&C NOTES

**Expression of Interest for
Playground committee**

Our focus for this week is to **STAY SAFE**. Students can display this by walking on hard surfaces, playing in the correct in bounds areas and being where the teacher can see you. In our classroom we ensure we are safe by using school equipment in a safe manner, moving around the classroom with care and tucking our chairs in.



Engaged Proud Successful Learners

Congratulations to our Student Executive Team. The students attended a Marsden Learning Alliance Leadership Day in Term 2 and were challenged to implement an idea in their school. This idea grew into Tree Day. The students were involved in surveying teachers and students, designing where trees could be planted and identifying different types of trees that would be suitable for our school. Last Friday, all their planning came to fruition with each class planting trees in a designated area. Well done students!

What great learning from Year 1 students. The students have been working hard to develop their writing and have a great understanding of the importance of planning, creating a draft, editing and then publishing their work.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

After consultation with teachers and the P&C, we have decided to provide additional Parent-Teacher Interviews in Semester 2. As the interviews were held very early in Term 1, the Term 3 Parent-Teacher Interviews will enable you to discuss the progress of your child and set further goals for their academic, social and emotional development this year. Students are welcome to attend these interviews and participate in conversations about their progress and achievement. To coordinate an interview please book via:

Website: www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Code: dfyh2

The Learning and Support Team have also coordinated Parent-Teacher Interviews for students who may have personalised learning plans or are being supported through intervention programs. A specific note has been sent home to parents of students supported through Learning and Support initiatives. Classroom teachers will also be involved in the Learning and Support interviews, therefore it is not necessary to book an interview for the class one.

Wellbeing

There are many signs appearing in locations all over our school. If you see one, view the sign with your child and discuss Ermo's expectations for positive behaviour. Each week there is a Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for the school and students are explicitly taught behaviour expectations. Students are positively reinforced for displaying positive behaviours.

Professional Development for Teachers

On Saturday, teachers attended a professional learning session based on assessment, measuring progress of learners and evaluating the impact of teaching. This forms part of the school's Visible Learning journey where all classes are implementing learner qualities, learning intentions, success criteria and effective feedback.

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.



Vote Now!

In two days voting will close for the My Community Project. Thank you to our P&C for their efforts in raising funds for a new playground. For how to vote, please see the information in the P&C section of the newsletter. I look forward to working with classes and designing playground ideas for our school over the next couple of weeks.

We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week tomorrow!

Ms Jen Riley

Principal

Assistant Principal

Aerobics Teams

On behalf of the Ermington Public School Community, we would like to wish the Set It Off Aerobics Team the very best of luck at the National School Aerobics Championships on the Gold Coast this weekend. They are more than ready to compete against teams from all over the nation. Light up that stage girls and most importantly enjoy this experience.

A huge thank you to the parents for allowing this trip to happen and to Kate and her team for the wonderful choreography.



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 are enjoying their very first excursion at the Aquarium. All students have been on their best behaviour. The sea animals are amazing and we are sharing our knowledge of them with each other. What a day!



Stage 1

Welcome back to a lovely week 4! Last week, Stage One had a fantastic time planting trees around the school. The students all look forward to watering their plants on a weekly basis and would like to invite parents to come and view the trees they helped to plant throughout the term. Last week, 2Y read the book 'Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley'. After reading, students placed the adjectives of each character inside their Venn diagram made out of hula hoops.

A closer look at the week:

- This week Year 1 and 2 will be focusing on the following:
- Year 1 Spelling and Grammar- 'y' as in 'fry' sound and adjectives
- Year 2 Spelling and Grammar- 'oi' sound and proofreading sentences
- Handwriting - forming the letter 'v' and the number '9'
- Year 1 Mathematics - Using a range of strategies to solve simple addition and subtraction problems
- Year 2 Mathematics - Fractions



Stage 2

This week students have been doing more lessons on Being Collaborative as part of our Learner Qualities program. The students were placed in groups and were to create the tallest possible free-standing structure using newspaper and sticky tape, with the focus being on the collaboration of each group member. We are very pleased to see students starting to learn joined handwriting in all of their books. Some are very close to getting their pen licence. Last Friday we had a lot of fun planting new trees. Everyone cooperated to dig holes, plant trees, fill with soil and water their area. We are looking forward to taking care of our trees and watching them grow! Our book week parade is tomorrow and we are excited about participating in the parade and seeing our visiting book week guest.



Stage 3

Term 3 is proving to be just as busy as previous terms. It was wonderful to see everybody taking part in greening our school for Tree Day last Friday. Let's hope those trees and shrubs thrive! A huge thank you to Ms Taylor for sourcing all the plants, Mrs Dhanji for her organisation and prefects for their planning and digging of holes. Tomorrow (Wednesday) is book week, with our parade on Wednesday morning and performance on Wednesday after lunch for Stage 3. The Education Week Assembly went well last Tuesday and everybody enjoyed the various acts staged for our parents. This week Years 5 and 6 will be grouped together for their science investigations into electricity. They will be grouped into 4 students and will be required to construct an electric circuit. We are all very excited to see what everybody comes up with.

Around the School

Battle of the Primary School – Dance Groups

Ermington PS Junior and Senior Dance groups will be participating in the Battle of the Primary Schools at Marsden High School Hall. Junior Dance will be dancing on Monday, 9th September and the Senior Dance Group on Tuesday, 10th September. Tickets for this event went on sale yesterday, Monday 12th August. A note was sent home late last week. To purchase tickets please visit www.trybooking.com/BDARM (Students in the competition do not have to pay). Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

Tree Day

Congratulations to our School Leaders (Emily, Joel, Tom, Yuna, Sara, Jessica, Eileen, Chris, Daniel and Jack) for making this day an eventful and memorable one for the whole school. As part of the Marsden Learning Alliance Program, the school leaders were invited to make a 1% change which would lead to 100% difference. They chose to plant trees/shrubs/plants around the school. This is a fitting choice as scientists are saying that planting trees is one of the best ways to improve quality of our planet. The placement of these plants is important as it supports habitats for local wildlife. Additionally, the trees prevent runoffs into the creek which then leads to Parramatta River.



ICAS Information

All students who have registered to participate in the ICAS competitions received a note home yesterday of dates and times for each subject. Please see below the scheduled timetable for all ICAS competitions.

Time: 7.45am – Weeks 7-9

Location: Technology Hub and Library (Meeting under the COLA)

Students will be provided with their usernames and passwords on the day of each exam.

Subject	Grade / Years	Date	Venue
Digital Technologies	Years 3-6	2 nd September	Computer Hub
Science	Years 3-6	5 th September	Computer Hub
Writing*	Years 3 and 4 – Offline Year 5 and 6 - Online	9 th September	Library Computer Hub
Spelling	Years 3 and 4 Years 5 and 6	10 th September 12 th September	Library To be decided on the day
English	Years 3 and 4 Year 5 and 6	16 th September 17 th September	Library To be decided on the day
Mathematics	Years 3 and 4 Years 5 and 6	18 th September 19 th September	Library To be decided on the day

Sport News

PSSA – Friday 16th August

Unfortunately our Senior Netball team were unlucky not to win last week Friday in the semi-finals. This week all students will still be attending PSSA sport to play friendly matches against other schools, however Tiger Tag teams will remain at school this Friday. All teams will **NOT be training this week** (Week 4) and Week 5. Summer PSSA will resume in Week 7. More information about Summer PSSA will be in next week's newsletter about training times and location of games.

P&C News

SAVE THE DATE

Father's Day Stall - Thursday 29th August - All gifts will be \$5.00

Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 30th August - Father's and Fatherly figures EAT FREE

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

- Tuesday, 20th August – 8:30am – 9:15am
- Tuesday, 3rd September – 8:30am – 9:15am
- Wednesday, 4th September – 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Tuesday, 10th September – 8:30am – 9:15am
- Tuesday, 17th September – 8:30am – 9:15am

CLOSES THIS TOMORROW – WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST

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 1st 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 15th wins the grant so we want to be 1st preference.



The School Fun Run is here!

Tomorrow all students will be receiving an information pack for this year's fun run coming up in September. This will be another major fundraising event to be held this year. This event will be held on Wednesday 25th September. This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise \$20,000 for our new school playground. The School Fun-Run is a healthy fundraiser that we hope you'll get behind. The event sends a message to students about having fun while being healthy, all while helping the school raise funds. Sponsorship forms will be sent home with your child this week along with a note explaining this further.



Set up your online Profile

Once you have the sponsorship form, jump online at schoolfundraising.com.au and create a student profile page. Once you do this and raise at least \$1 online, you will be entered into the \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience! Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

The school will also be running a competition for the class that sets up the most profiles between over the next 2 weeks. Class winners will be announced at morning assembly on Monday 26th August.

Questions?

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids. If you have any questions about the Fun-Run please contact the School Fun-Run Office on 1800 FUN RUN. Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

Fun Run Coordinator – ermmps.pandc.fundraising@gmail.com

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 a \$2000 Booktopia Voucher, Strike Bowling Party Vouchers, Tupperware Lunch Packs, also a Nintendo Switch as a bonus prize.

NEED INSPIRATION FOR PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX? Cancer Council NSW is promoting their Healthy Lunch Box website 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 8.40-2pm and also a casual Monday or Tuesday volunteer. Please contact Wendy if you can help 0412154004.

ROSTER

Mon 12 Aug	Wendy, Nirmali	Mon 19 Aug	Jinny, Rachel
Tues 13 Aug	Ros, Emma	Tues 20 Aug	Wendy, Nirmali
Wed	CLOSED	Wed	CLOSED
Thurs 15 Aug	Alison, Cherry, Xiaomin (pm)	Thurs 22 Aug	Amanda, Tirtha, Xiaomin (pm)
Fri 16 Aug	Wendy, Cecilia, Belinda	Fri 23 Aug	Wendy, Kylie, Ahra

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.

GIRLS IN STEM WORKSHOPS AT CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL



Due to popular demand, we will be running two of each workshop this year!

WHEN

4:00-5:30pm
Aug 21/28
Sept 11/18
Oct 23/30
2019

WHERE

Carlingford High School

North Rocks Road, Carlingford
Park in Staff Parking on North
Rocks Road
Follow signage to workshops



FREE WORKSHOPS

AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 4 AND 5 GIRLS

LIMITED SPACES, ENROL EARLY IN ONE, TWO OR THREE WORKSHOPS THROUGH TRYBOOKING (SEE CODES ON RIGHT)

ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL

MEG BENNETT, HEAD TEACHER, TEACHING AND LEARNING
IEI.MEAGHAN.BENNETT@DET.NSW.EDU.AU (PH) 9871 4222

WORKSHOP 1

Cool Science Stuff

Experience a real high-school science lab, explore resources from Amgen Biotech and perform an experiment

Wednesday 21st August or
Wednesday 28th August

www.trybooking.com/BEEWW
(Book one only)

WORKSHOP 2

Maths is for everyone!

Mathematical mindsets and problem solving

Led by Ms Aung, and a group of our gifted and talented girls, this fun session will cover positive mathematical mindsets and problem solving strategies.

Wednesday 11th September
Wednesday 18th September

www.trybooking.com/BEEXD
(Book one only)

WORKSHOP 3

The building blocks of coding

This workshop is an introduction to coding. Participants will use coding techniques to create a fun monster, make a turtle move and create silly poetry.

Wednesday 23rd October
Wednesday 30th October

www.trybooking.com/BEEXI
(Book one only)