



Ermington Public School Newsletter



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Week 8 Term 3

Tuesday 10th September, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 8

Monday 9th Sept	School Swimming Scheme Battle of the Primary School – Junior Dance @ Marsden High School Hall – evening event
Tuesday 10th Sept	School Swimming Scheme Battle of the Primary School - Senior Dance Group @ Marsden High School Hall – evening event Ryde School Spec – Choir Rehearsal – Ryde Civic
Wednesday 11th Sept	School Swimming Scheme
Thursday 12th Sept	School Swimming Scheme Marsden Learning Alliance – Discovery Day (Year 4 selected students)
Friday 13th Sept	K-6 Assembly – 2:05pm School Swimming Scheme – Last Day

Week 9

Wednesday 18th Sept	Year 5 Science Afternoon (selected students) Student Leader Visit to Parliament House
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Week 10

Wednesday 25th Sept	Colour Fun Run
Thursday 26th Sept	3-6 Assembly – 2:05pm
Friday 27th Sept	K-2 Assembly – 11:30am Last day for Term 3

Term 4

Week 1

Monday 14th October	Gymnastics commences – All Term 4 First Day for Students – Term 4
Tuesday 15th October	Ryde School Spectacular Choir Rehearsals
Wednesday 16th Oct	Orientation Day #1 – Kindy 2020
Friday 18th October	Ryde School Spectacular Dress Rehearsal • Sydney Opera House (Dance & Choir)

CURRENT NOTES/PAYMENTS

PSSA – Summer Sport

- **Permission note and payment (\$70.00)**

Ryde School Spectacular Tickets

- **Payment 1 x ticket - \$50**
- **Payment 2 x tickets - \$100**

P&C NOTES

Sign up for School Fun Run



This week our school focus is on **Be Responsible**. The students have made a great start to the year demonstrating this expectation. We encourage all students to look after their belongings both inside and outside the classroom. This involves packing up their personal belongings and placing them in the correct area, being responsible for keeping a neat and tidy work area and classroom. Ermington students have been responsible for taking care of our school environment including composting, gardens and recess and lunch rubbish. We look forward to see all students displaying the Be Responsible expectation throughout the year!



Engaged Proud Successful Students

I had many student visitors to the office last week who were very excited to discuss their achievements and progress. Our Kindergarten cohort have been challenging themselves in writing and enjoyed sharing their information reports and factual knowledge about whales. 3/4W and 4J have been developing an understanding of Aboriginal perspectives and 6L have been exploring the world of design using Sketch Up. I am very proud of the quality of teaching and learning occurring in each classroom.

What a wonderful effort from our students!

Swim School is going along swimmingly! Miss Youssef and Mrs Cheng have commented on their outstanding listening, participation and responsibility in the sessions. Well done students.

The Ermington PS debating team participated in a Semi-Final against Ryde East on Thursday. The debate was a tough provoking topic and the students had to convince the adjudicators that those who cheat in professional sport should be banned from competition for life. Although Ermington PS did not advance to the next round, the adjudicators were incredibly impressed!

Final confirmation has come through and congratulations to Jess, Cody and Flora who successfully made it through to the Area Athletics Carnival in Week 1 of Term 4. Jess was awarded Senior Girls Age Champion and broke the Zone Senior Girls Discus record with a throw of 31.77m (previous record was 24.12m).

Good luck to Bruce Z, Ian C, Ethan V and Jacob N who will be participating in the Spelling Bee tomorrow held at Eastwood Heights PS. The chess team are also off to a regional final this week. I acknowledge the outstanding effort by our students and I appreciate the commitment by teachers in coordinating extra-curricular activities.



Congratulations – One Step Closer to a New Playground

Wow! Congratulations Ermington PS P&C and playground committee on being successful in obtaining the My Community Project grant for \$120 000 thanks to parent and community voting. Drawing of design concepts have been committed to and our wonderful students have also been busy designing their ideas. A display in the foyer has been set up near the uniform shop so the community can stay up to date with ideas and designs for the playground space.

Kindergarten 2020 Transition Dates

Transition to school activities will be commencing next term for Kindergarten. If you are yet to enrol your child for Kindergarten 2020, please get in touch with our wonderful office team. The following transition dates will be occurring for students and parents joining us in 2020.

- Wednesday, 16th October at 9:30am
- Tuesday 22nd October at 9:30am
- Friday, 1st November at 9:30am

School Planning for 2020

We are commencing our school planning for 2020. If there is a change of circumstances and your child will not be attending Ermington PS in 2020, please inform the school in writing.



Wellbeing at Ermington Public School

Respecting Each Other

As a school, we are a community and are expected to work together. I would like to thank a number of parents who have offered assistance lately. It might be something as small as holding a door open for someone else, picking up rubbish in the playground or a friendly smile at another parent or teacher. There have been a number of parents who have assisted me personally either by holding a door open, carrying things or helping to unchain the back gate. Thank you for your kindness, it is very much appreciated.

I am also very grateful that Nancy B is supporting at Kiss and Ride on a Tuesday afternoon. If there are any other parents available to assist with this P&C initiative please let the school know via ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Expectations for parents and visitors

Parents and visitors to our school are expected to:

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy
- Ensure their child/children are punctual to class
- Make appointments in advance to speak to teachers, supervisors or the principal
- Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures
- Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.

Please remember that it is not acceptable to approach another person's child. Any concerns you have need to be raised with the school. The school will manage issues in line with Department of Education Student Discipline and Welfare Policies.

We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBfL) School

Being a PBfL school means that we aim to teach positive behaviours explicitly to students through modelling and teaching behaviour expectations across a variety of settings. Positive behaviours are rewarded through Caught You Being Good Cards and positive reinforcement from staff. All classes across the school will be introducing a traffic light system to assist students to reflect on any undesirable behaviour. This system provides opportunities for restitution. However, if undesirable behaviour continues, students will need to complete a time out reflection worksheet.

A Visit from Constable Lucca and Constable Chrystal

Our Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes are being visited by Constable Lucca and Constable Chrystal this afternoon. They will be educated about being cyber safe and being community minded citizens by committing to core values such as respect, integrity, responsibility, honesty, cooperation, care, fairness and democracy. I appreciate the relationship we have with our Youth Liaison Officers.

Cyber Safety

Children need support to navigate social media and/or online/gaming chats and it is important that parents are aware of what their child/ren are doing online. I strongly recommend that parents utilise resources from the esafety commissioner. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Please read the Screen Smart Parent Tour facts and tips sheet in this newsletter.

Wellbeing Support

We have a wonderful chaplain, Mrs Kim who works at Ermington PS on a Tuesday and Wednesday. She regularly supports in classrooms and runs activities at lunch times to enhance cooperative skills of students.

The wellbeing of students, staff, parents and community is of paramount importance at Ermington PS.

Ms Jen Riley

Principal



Kindergarten

Kindergarten are working hard learning about all sorts of sea creatures. They continue to amaze us with the standard of their writing, making fantastic improvements each week. Mrs MacKenzie and Miss Scott loved trying to guess what creature the students chose for their news. KS and KM had a STEM challenge against each other last week, they had to make a giant octopus in the sand pit! The sounds for this week are 'sn' and 'sc'. The sight words are children, mother and father.



Stage 1

Stage 1 teachers would like to congratulate all students for working hard on creating, rehearsing and presenting their speaking and listening task on Australian animals this past week. Students have shown great enthusiasm and respect as speakers and audience members. A reminder that we have new bins around the school. The red bin is for all landfill rubbish, the green is for composting, the yellow bin is for hard plastic and the blue bin is for bottles, cartons and cans. When placing items in the blue bin, please ensure they are clean and not squashed.

A spotlight on 1/2W: Last week 1/2W explored the learner quality - 'Be Collaborative'. Students had a series of challenges where they needed to work with each other to solve different problems. What fun they had! 1/2W also enjoyed maths groups held with Mrs Stevens last Tuesday afternoon. Some students in Stage One also took part in a special presentation in regards to Electrical Safety. Thank you to Mr Lee from Ausgrid for his informative talk. We love having members of the parent community a part of our learning programs.

This week Year 1 and 2 will be focusing on the following:

- Year 1 Spelling and Grammar- 'ow' as in 'owl' sound and alphabetical order
- Year 2 Spelling and Grammar- 'y' as in the final syllable and plurals "-s" and "-ies"
- Handwriting - forming the letter L and 12
- Year 1 Mathematics - Sharing objects and describing "leftover"
- Year 2 Mathematics - Multiplication and Division



Stage 2

Year 3 and 4 have had some very engaging and productive lessons. We have been learning about the history of dreaming stories and using symbols to create our own. In mathematics classes have started length lessons and have been very careful to read measurements to the nearest millimetre. Some students have been applying their measurement knowledge to quite complex problem solving tasks. 4J are in the process of creating some Picasso art based on a picture book we have read. Students are really looking forward to attending the STEM challenge at Marsden HS this week. Well done to all of our wonderful students who have been completing their Stage 2 mindfulness diary. What a beneficial resource. Welcome back Mr Whyntie and congratulations on your new little beautiful addition to your family - baby girl Charlie. Have a great week!



Stage 3

Last week Stage 3 were visited by two representatives from Ausgrid who taught them about safety in regards to electricity. This is all part of our science unit which will continue for the rest of the term. All members of the senior Dance group are looking forward to performing at Marsden on Tuesday night. They have been working very hard to perfect their moves and they all look wonderful in their red outfits. Year 5 really enjoyed the bike workshop run by CARES last week. Reminder for all winter PSSA players to return their jerseys if they were part of the soccer or tiger tag teams. During lunch and recess, children are welcome to bring in their own balls to play with as balls borrowed from classrooms are often not looked after or returned. Congratulation again to Jessica Johnston who has been attending training last Thursday and Friday as part of the NSW Netball team.

Around the School

C.A.R.E.S

Last week all Year 5 students attended the Community and Road Safety Education Scheme (CARES) excursion at Prospect. The students all had lots of fun learning about how to stay safe and obey the road rules while riding their bikes. Many students said they enjoyed the excursion so much that they wished they could go back again the next day!



Chess News

After competing against Tacoma Public School in the first round of the Regional Semi-Finals in Week 6, our A team comprising of Eddie, Eric, Liuxin and Brandon travelled to Sydney Grammar St Ives to compete in another Regional Semi-Final in Week 7. The team did extremely well and won the match 5-3 and were given much praise by the opposing school of their behaviour and pride in the school. The boys will now compete in the Regional Final against Neutral Bay Public School this week, aiming to secure a place in the Inter-Regional Finals against schools across the greater Sydney area. We wish the team all the very best as they prepare for their final. Good luck!



Extra-Curricular photos

Extra-Curricular photos are now available for purchase. These can be viewed online or in the school office foyer. Photos will be available to view and purchase online ONLY

- www.theschoolphotographer.com.au
- school code: **19S1094PSB40E**
- Select the tab - Sports/Miscellaneous Group



The photo prices are as follows: \$16.00 each, 2 for \$30, 3 for \$42, 4 or \$52 and 5 for \$60. Any additional photographs are \$10 each. This discount is only available per family order. All orders must be made by Friday, 27th September 2019.

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.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Grade / Years</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
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, 13th September

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

COLOUR FUN RUN

With just under 3 weeks left, have you thought about different ways to raise money online? Did you know that you can get family and friends overseas to donate? Just send them your child's online link and they can donate securely to help your child and our school reach their goals. Don't like sponsoring online? Just use the sponsorship form provided to log your CASH donations and collect these until the due date on 25th September.



Haven't set up your profile yet? Just head over to <https://schoolfundraising.com.au/> it takes less than 5min to set up all your children. Once you've created your page there are some great things you can do to become a fundraising superstar!

Still not sure what to expect? The event is an obstacle course set up on the school grounds that the children get to race around while colour powder is being thrown at them. There will be waves so that the children get to race with their mates and enjoy an afternoon of fun. A free BBQ lunch will be provided and there may even be a wave for teachers and parents.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0E74i6iderE> and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TV5B8_l7A88&t=2s

Join us on the day! All parents are welcome to attend and either help on the day with the colour powder or watch and cheer on their kids. More info will come out regarding parent attendance or volunteering next week. So how are we tracking? As of this morning we have 132 children registered and have raised **\$6,180**. Imagine the possibilities if all students registered and raised \$10 each either in cash or online funds. The top 10 classes are as follows (with only a few \$\$\$ separating some of these):

- 1st - 1A
- 2nd - 4J
- 3rd - 1L
- 4th - 1/2W
- 5th - 3HQ
- 6th 2Y
- 7th - 4/5T
- 8th - 6C
- 9th - 6D
- 10th - KS

Thank you to everyone who has logged on and supported the school in this event, all your fundraising efforts is greatly appreciated. We look forward to celebrating with an amazing day on Wednesday, 25th September.

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. Orders forms are also available at the school office.

Opening Hours

- Tuesday, 17th September – 8:30am – 9:15am – *Last Chance before Term 4 – Summer Uniform*

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.

ROSTER

Mon 9 Sept	Wendy	Mon 16 Sept	Jinny, Rachel
Tues 10 Sept	Ros, Emma	Tues 17 Sept	Wendy
Wed	CLOSED	Wed	CLOSED
Thurs 12 Sept	Kate, Vera, Xiaomin (pm)	Thurs 19 Sept	HELP NEEDED Cherry, Xiaomin (pm)
Fri 13 Sept	Wendy, Cecilia	Fri 20 Sept	Wendy, Cecilia, Belinda



Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter articles need to be submitted to the school email by Monday 3pm. These should be sent to: ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Subject: Newsletter

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.

Coffee and Prayer

Coffee and Prayer is a friendly group of Christian parents who get together twice per Term to pray for our school. The next meeting will be at 7:45pm on Wednesday 18 September (Week 9) at Ros' place. Give Linda a call for more info: 0412 481 859.



Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy

Skills Development, Match Play, Drills, Games and Prizes. **Camp** – Mon 30th Sept – Thurs 3rd Oct - 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



Parramatta High School

Open Night

Wednesday 23 October 2019
Commencing in the School Library
5pm School Tour
6pm Information Session

*An information session for
parents of students in the
2020 Selective Classes, and
parents of students in Year 5
seeking placement in 2021.*

*Contact the school on
9635 8644 for further details, or
visit the school website
[www.parramatta-
h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.parramatta-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)*

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Respect - Responsibility - Honesty



Sydney Girls High School

Open Night



Wednesday 11 September 2019
3:45pm—6:15pm

**Official Welcome, Workshops, Performances, Displays
and Information**

Please join us for an informative and enjoyable evening,
showcasing all that Sydney Girls High has to offer



*Drama Textiles Table Tennis Snow Sports Music SRC Water Polo Student Leadership Science
Languages English HSE Maths PDHPE Coding Visual Arts Chess Rowing Netball Volleyball
Fencing Technologies Basketball Hockey Badminton Dance Rowing Social Justice Debating
Sustainability Public Speaking Peer Support Prefects Astronomy*

Anzac Parade
Surry Hills 2010

Enquiries please phone: 9331-2336
Parking via Gate 4 (Cleveland Street)

Screen Smart Parent Tour: facts and tips

Social media

Fact: On average, children aged 10 to 14 years have 2 active social media accounts¹

1. Talk regularly with your child about privacy settings on social media. Updating your own privacy settings sets a great example and helps you understand potential safety issues. Be aware of any minimum age requirements.
2. Keep your ears and eyes open. Other parents and the media can be a great source of information when it comes to the latest or most preferred app.
3. Let your child know that you're really interested in how they're connecting with friends. They might be more inclined to talk openly about social media if you talk about what others (their friends and peers) are doing online.

Screen time

Fact: On average, outside of school, 10 to 14 year olds spend 23 hours online per week¹

1. Try to encourage positive screen time, like content that you can view and enjoy together. Discourage anything that is overly aggressive or disrespectful.
2. Negotiate key rules together, such as when screens can be on and when they need to be turned off. Young teens are likely to respond better to rules that they've contributed to and see as being fair and consistent.
3. Agree ahead of time on the rules and strategies to get your child to switch off from the screen. With gaming, think about a timer that signals that game time is nearly over and be clear about the consequences for not switching off.

Personal information

Fact: 12% of 10 to 14 year olds share personal information online²

1. Get your child on side with online privacy by exploring how their personal information can be used now and in the future.
2. If you have your own social media account, think about the types of photos and information you share. Do you post photos of your child that show details of their school, sporting club or other activities? Take the opportunity to review your own habits and model safe online behaviour.
3. Get involved—play along with your child to get a feel for how they are managing their online privacy in the gaming world.

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¹2016 Parental Information Needs and Digital Youth Participation Survey – A nationally representative sample of 2270 children and youth (8–17 years)

²2017 Youth Digital Participation Survey – A nationally representative sample of 3017 children and youth (8–17 years). Personal information includes sharing full name, birthday, home address, home phone number, mobile phone number, email address, something that shows their face, something that shows their school uniform, their real age and the name of their school.

Inappropriate content (the nasty stuff! – like violence, offensive or sexually explicit material)

Fact: 9% of 10 to 14 year olds reported being exposed to inappropriate content²

1. Be vigilant, especially if your child is prone to taking risks or is emotionally or psychologically vulnerable.
2. You can use parental controls, filtering software and safe searches (like Google Safe Search) to help block some of the nasty stuff. Remind your child not to open spam email or click on pop-ups.
3. Keep your child connected to trusted friends and family online and offline and discuss the importance of healthy and respectful relationships.

Cyberbullying

Fact: 21% of 10 to 14 year olds reported being socially excluded by others online (one form of cyberbullying)²

1. Young people might not tell their parents about cyberbullying. They may be embarrassed or worried you might overreact, restrict access to devices or make things worse if they speak out. Try to respond calmly. Listen first, then act.
2. Be aware—key signs can include being upset after using devices, changes in personality, a decline in school work and appearing lonely and distressed.
3. Report serious cyberbullying material to the social media service where it happened. You can also [submit a complaint to us](#) if the reported material has not been taken down within 48 hours.

Contact with strangers

Fact: 36% of 10 to 14 year olds said they had talked to strangers online²

1. Help your child understand why it's important to be vigilant about new online 'friends'. Someone who says they are a 12-year-old girl or boy could actually be a 40-year-old man!
2. Encourage your child to tell you or another trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable or worried about online contact with a stranger—there are tools in social media and in online gaming that can help block people.
3. Work with your child to save examples of the messages in case you want to follow up with the police. Taking screenshots is easy, use the print screen (PrtScrn) button on your computer or the Shift-Command-4 function on a Mac. You can also use your phone to take a quick photo of their device with the message.



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Help and resources

Make a cyberbullying complaint

If your child is distressed and needs further help as a result of a negative online experience:

Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

Free online and telephone counselling for children and young people aged 5 to 25 years.

eHeadspace: 1800 650 890

Free online and telephone counselling for young people aged 12 to 25 years.

Parentline: 1300 30 1300

Parentline provides help through counselling, information and referral that is tailored to your needs.

For more handy tips see:

[Parent's guide to online safety](#)

For youth driven resources:

[Young & eSafe](#)

Further information on the topics we explored:

[Games, apps and social networking](#)

[Managing screen time](#)

[Protecting personal information](#)

[Inappropriate content](#)

[Cyberbullying](#)

[Contact with strangers](#)

[Online safeguards](#)

Other related topics:

[Online pornography](#)

[Sexting](#)

[Online gaming](#)

