MUSIC FESTIVAL

Last Wednesday the Year 4 Choir and Year 2 Dance Group performed at The 2014 Music Festival which was held in the majestic Sydney Town Hall. It involved a massed choir and items from 9 schools and over 600 students participated.

The Year 4 Choir students have had a wonderful time learning the songs for the Festival throughout the year with Mrs Townend and Mrs Yoo. On the night, they sang magnificently as part of a massed choir involving over 300 students.

The Year 2 Dance Group had to wait to the latter part of the concert for their time on the stage. However, they made quite an impression when they walked onto the stage in their dazzling costumes. When the music started, they showed off their fabulous dancing skills. Thank you to Mrs Wilbraham for choreographing the dance routines and Mrs Gibb, Miss Dalziel and Miss Lee for their assistance.

Our School Captains Sam and Lauren had the job of carrying our school banner during the procession of banners and introducing some items. They looked very smart and spoke clearly. Well done!

COMING EVENTS

Monday 3 Nov. – Friday 14 Nov.
Year 2 Swimming Scheme commences
Tuesday 4 November
Public Speaking Finals
Wednesday 5 November
Kindy Orientation Day 2
Wednesday 12 November
Kindy Grandparent Morning
Thursday 13 November
Kindy Orientation Day 3

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Merit Award at this week’s assembly.

Bronze
Malana KB
James 1T
Silver
Grace 5B

ASSEMBLY

This week’s assembly item will be presented by 1T.

Next week’s assembly item will be presented by Year 2 Dance.

Assembly is held in the hall on Wednesdays at 1.15pm, parents are welcome.
A big thank you to the parents for being amazingly organised as all the students arrived on time smartly dressed in their school uniforms and for all their support throughout the year. Thank you also to the teachers who came to help and support our performers. The performers were very excited to see so many of our school teachers at the Festival.

**Mrs Yoo**

I liked the music festival because we got to dance on the stage. I also liked the music festival because I liked it when the audience started clapping in Love is in the Air – Aparna 2S

I liked it when everyone clapped while we were dancing - Alice 2D

I liked it when we got to go backstage, we got to hear the singers they were very good. - Zyra 2W

The music festival was amazing I got to dance on stage in front of everyone. - Tommy 2D

The whole night was very exciting. – James 2D

Last Wednesday Year 4 and Year 2 performed at Sydney Town Hall for the music festival. Year 4 sang songs as part of the massed Choir. Rubber Duckie was our favourite song as we got to use our kazoos and rubber ducks. Year 2 did a marvellous dance performance which was choreographed by Mrs Wilbraham. We would like to thank our choir teachers Mrs Yoo and Mrs Townend for giving us the opportunity to perform at Town Hall.

Rajan, Imany and Coco Year 4S

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Let me begin my report by congratulating all of those who took part in the Music Festival at Town Hall last Wednesday. Our Year 4 singers as part of the massed choir, our Year 2 dancers who stole the show and our captains who had to speak in front of a 1200 person audience all did an outstanding job. I would like to thank the teachers including Mrs Eli Ashton who came along to support our performers. There were 12 members of staff at the performance. Any other school had 2 or 3. I also thank our parents for their support in allowing their children this wonderful opportunity to perform at the Town Hall. However I reserve my biggest thanks for the staff members who worked with the performers. Mrs Wilbraham for her choreographing of the dance, ably supported by Mrs Gibb, Miss Dalziel and Miss Lee; Mrs Yoo and Mrs Townend for their work with the choir and finally all the teachers who took extra students allowing the rehearsals to take place.

**GOOD LUCK, MARINA!**

We have received some exciting news that Marina from Year 5 has been selected to participate in the 2014 Gymnastics National Club Championships. Marina will be travelling to Geelong, Victoria at the beginning of November to compete in the National Gymnastics Tournament against other
children from all over Australia. Through competing in the National Championships she will add to her competitive experience and try hard to improve on her personal best scores in all of the gymnastic events.

On behalf of the students, teachers and the community of Epping Public School we would like to wish Marina the best of luck at the National Gymnastics Championships. We look forward to hearing about how Marina went at the national Championships.

EMAGAZINE LIVE
Our electronic class magazines and videos have gone live on our website. All families should have received an invitation to view the magazine last week. If you did not receive an invitation then the magazine can be accessed on the school website by clicking on the tab eMagazine. I would welcome feedback.

CANTEN ON HOT DAYS
As people are aware our canteen opens on Wednesdays and Fridays. We are now moving into the hotter months of the year and Mrs Suzanne Tan has organised to open the canteen on hot days for the sale of ice blocks and drinks. This is a very generous offer by Mrs Tan and her helpers. After discussion with Mrs Tan it has been decided that on the day before a sign will be placed on the canteen green doors indicating that the canteen will open on a non-selling day. This sign will be put up before recess.

SCHOOL PLANNING
I would like to thank all of those parents who attended the planning evening last week. We had over 30 parents. Given the importance of the event I would have liked more parents attending but was very impressed by the contributions of those who did attend. They have given us many ideas to work with as we plan our school’s direction.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
The AGM of our P&C will be held at school on Tuesday 11 November. You will find more detailed information elsewhere in our newsletter. At this meeting there will be the election of office bearers. I would like to encourage people to become involved in our school. We offer our students many opportunities and support them with modern resources. Our ability to do this is greatly dependent upon the efforts of our parents through the P&C. By becoming part of our P&C you will help all the students of our school and make friendships along the way.

SURVEY
Today or tomorrow you will receive an email from the school with a link to a survey. We are collecting information to inform us about our school planning and the direction we should follow. Once you open this survey, in the top right hand corner, you will find translated versions of the survey in Chinese, Hindi and Korean. Please take the time to complete this survey. The survey closes on Friday 7 November.

NEW TURF
The school has plans in place to returf our back playground. The process has commenced and I would like to thank our general assistant Mr Harbutt who is managing the project. We will continue to close parts of the grassed playground whilst we returf the area. The results to this point are very pleasing. If you get the opportunity to have a look I recommend you do so.

Mr John Ford
Principal

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
The finals for the Public Speaking Competition are to be held in the hall on Tuesday 4 November. Congratulations to the
following students have been selected to represent their grades in the finals.

**K-2**
- Madeline KB
- Jeremy KB
- Vishesh KZ
- Eliza 1A
- Nicole 1A
- Chelsea 1C
- Alex 1C
- Ashley 2S
- Eddie 1T
- Kate 1T
- Kathleen 2D
- Ashley 2S
- Alana 2S
- Jasmine 2W
- Zyra 2W

**3-6**
- Stephen 3T
- Oscar 3T
- Sarah 3Y
- Jennifer 3Y
- Kayleigh 4S
- Jaime 4S
- Isabella 4P
- Keiran 4P
- Lillian 5P
- Annabelle 5B
- Darin 5B
- Kitara 5B
- Jacob 6G
- Sam 6G
- Abdullah 6M
- Prakrit 6M

The K-2 Session will start at 10:00am
The 3-6 session will follow at 12:20pm

Parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you

**Ms Kim Dalziel**
Public Speaking Coordinator

**FROM THE LIBRARY**

Some interesting articles and findings that I read last week....

Print books outsold e-books in the first half of 2014 in the US Nielsen Books and Consumer survey - paperbacks 42% of sales; hardcovers 25%; e-books 23%. Will paper books and e-books coexist peacefully in the future? "A healthy, diverse marketplace with multiple format, price point, and channel choices for the consumer is generally a positive for readers, authors, and publishers overall" (Steinberger; Perseus Books). Stephen King: print books have a bright future - "books are going to be here for a long, long time".

Yes, we still love print!
The two second-hand book fairs held by Lifeline in the ACT during 2014 were the most successful ever (and the biggest in Australia). It's a great way for the community to recycle their books and support a great cause!

**Mrs Lyn Campbell**
Teacher/Librarian

**NEWS FROM THE P&C**

**P&C CALENDAR – TERM 4/ 2014**

- Tuesday 11 November – P&C AGM and General Meeting 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Friday 14 November – P&C Morning Tea at 9.20am
- Tuesday 29th November – End of Year Parents Dinner

**P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Would you like to join a great parent team that make a lot of things happen at your child's school? Then consider joining the P&C. Come along to the P&C’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) Tuesday 11 November whereby Office Bearers and Committee Coordinators are elected. It’s not a job for life! Although it is desirable that parents commit at least 2 years to a position to ensure continuity.

This is a great way to get involved in your child’s school. It is rewarding and ensures the school and the children receive extra funds and important school life experiences. Each year the P&C loses parents as their children move onto high school and we need new parents to take their place. Please consider taking up one of these positions as the P&C cannot operate unless the positions are filled. Nomination forms can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

**Opportunities for All**
If you would like to get more involved in the P&C please feel free to contact the P&C Secretary or some of the current P&C committee members. Alternatively if you would like to nominate for a role please fill out the nomination form in the newsletter and come to our annual general meeting on the Tuesday 11th November from 6:30pm.

SOCIAL
P&C Morning Tea on Friday 14 November at 9:20 AM. Meet for scones and samosa straight after the morning bell, and hear from Mr Ford. All welcome!! More info, Cynthia Ravinthran 0404 488 238.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop will be open for Kindy Orientation this Wednesday from 9.30 – 11am.

Orders for the uniform shop can also be left in office collection box – orders are filled twice a week and delivered to your child’s classroom. Order forms are available from the office or on the school website.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Community News and accompanying advertising are a community service only and are not endorsed by Epping Public School or its staff.
Netta Fun Day

Sunday November 23rd - 3PM-6PM
North Epping Oval

Calling all aspiring little netball players, aged 7-9
Get a taste for netball modified netball ahead of the 2016 season
Fun ball drills & even play a game!
Rules & instruction for parents interested in coaching

All participants invited to enjoy a BBQ afterwards

Opportunities for All