NEWSLETTER
Monday, 10 November, 2014
Welcome to Week 6, Term 4

ORIENTATION DAY
Welcome to Kindies 2015.

Over the past two weeks we have been welcoming our new Kindies for 2015. It is always an exciting time for our new students and their parents. Members of our school community came together to assist in the orientation process.

Many thanks should go to our parents for Kindy 2014 who have served morning tea or given reassuring words to our new parents.

Our Year 4 students have been meeting their new buddies for the first time.

Below are some comments from Year 4. The last orientation morning is this Thursday 13 November at 9.45. Miss Tierney will be speaking about Crunch & Sip. The uniform shop will also be open.

COMING EVENTS
Monday 3 Nov. – Friday 14 Nov.
Year 2 Swimming Scheme
Tuesday 11 November
P & C Annual General Meeting
Thursday 13 November
Kindy Orientation Day 3
Tuesday 18 November
Cheltenham Girls High School – Year 6 girls 12.15pm
Wednesday 19 November
Kindy Grandparent Morning 10-11am
Tuesday 25 November
Musica Viva 12.30pm and 2pm
Wednesday 26 November
Thank You Morning Tea Parents
Friday 28 November
Granny Smith Stage 2

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

Bronze
Gayatri 5/4P
Silver
Jessica 1C

ASSEMBLY
Next week’s assembly item will be presented by KZ.
Assembly is held in the hall on Wednesdays at 1.15pm, parents are welcome.
Over the last 2 weeks Year 4 has been helping the upcoming kindergartens of Epping Public to learn about their future school. This meant we were all paired with a buddy to help. When we first saw the future kindergartens they were very nervous and cute. Some of them were hiding behind the mums and dads backs. The first thing we did was play with them in the KB rooms; we played games like Lego, drawing and puzzles. After we played games we took our buddies to the bathroom. Then we went back to the KB room and we sang songs like ‘Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes’ and ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’, then sadly the Year 4s had to say goodbye to the kindergartens. We felt very happy to meet the 2015 kindergartens and we hope to see them next year!

By Shirley, Ragheed, Imanya (Year 4)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

LATE OR NON RETURN 2015
If your child is not intending to return in 2015 (this does not include our current year 6 students) or will be returning late (after 28 January) please complete the information sheet located elsewhere in the newsletter and return it to the white box outside the office.

STAFF TOILETS
Just a reminder as a parent if you need to use toilets whilst bringing your children to school or waiting for them at home time please use the staff toilets in the main block, opposite the staffroom. However children are not to use these toilets, they must use the student toilets in the playground.

Mr John Ford
Principal

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Many Epping students achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS this year. ICAS awards High Distinctions to students who rank in the top 1% of students assessed and Distinctions are awarded to the following 10% of students.

In ICAS Mathematics.

High Distinctions were awarded to Bella (3T), Oscar (3T), Oscar (4/5P) Kangmin (4/5P), Kayleigh (4S), Distinctions were awarded to Nicholas (3Y), George (3T), Ryan (3Y), Jennifer (3Y), Tasfia (4/5P), Nisuli (4S), Minseo (4/5P), Rachel (4S), Patrick (4S), Angelina (5B), Aaron (5B), Angelina (5/4P), Savina (5/4P), Alana (5/4P), Rachel (5/4P), Luke (6M), Ethan (6G), Jun (6M).

Congratulations to all these students for their outstanding efforts and achievements.
Ms Dalziel

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last Tuesday the finals for the Public Speaking Competition were held. Students across the school have been presenting speeches in class. Each class selected representatives to participate in the finals. A medal was presented to the winner from each grade and highly commended certificates were also awarded.

The K-2 competition judged by Mrs Rowsell and Mrs Bailey was a wonderful opportunity for students to speak in front of a large audience. For some students it was their first time speaking in front of so many people. There were some fantastic speeches and all finalists did an amazing job. Congratulations to the following students:

Madeline KB Kindergarten Winner
Eshan KZ Kindergarten Highly Commended
Catherine 1T Year 1 Winner
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Eliza 1A Year 1 Highly Commended
Nicole 1A Year 1 Highly Commended
Ashley 2S Year 2 Winner
Kathleen 2D Year 2 Highly Commended

The 3-6 competition judged by Mrs Rowsell and Mr Ford was very entertaining. Congratulations to the following students:

Steven 3T Year 3 Winner
Jennifer 3Y Year 3 Highly Commended
Kayleigh 4S Year 4 Winner
Jaime 4S Year 4 Highly Commended
Kitara 5B Year 5 Winner
Annabelle 5B Year 5 Highly Commended
Abdullah 6M Year 6 Winner
Sam 6G Year 6 Highly Commended

BAND NOTICE
A number of students have left the band program during the year for various reasons. If any of these students would like to return to band next year, please let the band committee know by emailing: epsbandcoordinator@gmail.com asap, we can then ensure that an instrument is allocated to returning students.

Thanks,
Band committee

SCULPTURES BY THE SEA
On Thursday 30th of October, Stage 3 was lucky enough to attend an excursion to Sculptures by the Sea. We had a long bus trip from school to Turramurra Beach. We then had a bit of sightseeing around the beach, getting to see just a marginal amount of what was coming up. We then began walking and

as we walked we began spotting sculptures. It was truly a wonderful experience.
Jacob 6G

When we arrived at Turramurra Beach we went to see the crazy, cool and creative sculptures. My favourite was the sculpture of a huge frying pan on the beach. The day was really fun.
Achintayan 6M

After we saw the beautiful sculptures and looked at the amazing scenery we had the chance to go and play on Bondi Beach. It was really fun because Mr Patterson brought rugby, soccer and tennis balls as well as frizbee's for us. Some people even built sand castles. It was a great day.
Gus 6M

This excursion is all thanks to Mr Patterson. We couldn’t have gone to see all the amazing sculptures if we didn’t have Mr Patterson’s organisation and the other teachers to make this a wonderful day.
Vanessa 6G

Opportunities for All
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

BAND
Concert Band and Training Band Reminder A note regarding the pizza lunch was given out to all concert band and training band members last week. The form is due back this Friday – 14th November. Copies are available from the office if you need one. Please return asap.

TRAINING BAND 2015
A letter of offer was sent out to all students who tried out for band. The reply was due back last Friday, 7th November. Please return notes asap if you have not already done so.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2014
1st – 3rd December – final week of tutorials for this year
5th December – school presentation day. The band (both concert and training) will be playing at both sessions.
All hired instruments are to be left in the band storeroom after the presentation day performances
9th December – band pizza lunch

DATES FOR YOU DIARY - 2015
3rd February – band information night. This is compulsory for new training band members and parents and is recommended for concert band members and parents. More details will be provided closer to the time.
9th February – tutorials and rehearsal start for all band students this week (week 3)

SOCIAL
P&C Morning Tea 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.

End of Year Parents Dinner!
Please keep the date free.
Saturday 29 November, 7:30 PM
Epping Club, 45 Rawson St.
Dining at the Brasserie (meals from $10-$17).
More info: Cynthia Ravinthran 0404488238
All welcome!! And special welcome to working mums and new Kindy mums.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop will be open for Kindy Orientation this Thursday, 13th November from 9.00 – 11am.
Please note that uniform shop will not be open this Wednesday, but will open before school on Thursday instead.
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
Thank you.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club brochures have been distributed this week. All orders are due back by Wednesday 19th November. Please place orders in the white collection box outside the school office.

Please note that this is a cashless transaction, we are only able to accept payment by cheque or credit card via Scholastic.

EPPING/ CARLINGFORD CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

The Epping/Carlingford Christmas carolling is on again for one night only, Sat Dec
13, 2014, 7-9pm at the OLHC Parish School Hall, 29 Oxford St, Epping. Coffee, cakes and finger food will be sold on the night to help raise funds for our church building repairs. A fun filled night of music, singing, entertainment and togetherness in the spirit of Christmas!
All are welcome & Santa will be there ! For more enquiries please contact Cynthia Ravinthran on 0404 488 238 (EPS Social Committee Coordinator)

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Minutes of Epping Public School P&C Meeting
Tuesday 14th October 2014 - Staff Room
Meeting commenced at 6:40pm, chaired by P Vitek

Attendees: J Ford, R Graham, M Kelly, G Williams, L Denniss, K Collins, S Tan, P Van Oppen, A Mount, D Darley, D Kelly

Apologies:

Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting dated 9th September 2014 was accepted as a true and correct record.
Moved: P Vitek 2nd M Kelly Carried.

Matters Arising from Minutes

Action: Sinks – Another quote is being arranged to quote for 2 sites. On going.

Action: P van Oppen to check whether Uniform Shop stock is covered under P&C Insurance. On going.


Action: Email Certificate of Currency to Lisa to update Band Folder. A. Mount. CLOSED

Action: Create Invoice for Bendigo Bank. A. Mount CLOSED

Action: P&C Representative for teacher Interviews is required. Request volunteers at next meeting. No volunteers attended training course. CLOSED

The following motions were voted on:

MOTION: Purchase 15 iPads with Fete Money
YES:10 NO:0 Motion carried

MOTION: Purchase 6 Exercise Stations with Fete Money
YES:10 NO:0 Motion carried

MOTION: Purchase of Shade Sails for Play Equipment
YES:10 NO:0 Motion carried

MOTION: The P&C contribute up to $1,500 to cover the cost of the Yr 6 Farewell.
YES:10 NO:0 Motion carried

Correspondence

Various bank statements.
Various fundraising items.
P&C Magazine.

Reports

Treasurer – Jenny Ju
General-$17,400, Canteen-$24,600, Uniform-$19,600, Band - $39,800, Building Fund-$2,800, Fete $21,600.

Fundraising –Suzanne Tan

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Spooky Disco 17th October. Sausage Sizzle & pre-order pizza.

Grounds – Josh Pitcher/ Dave Kelly
No report.

Canteen – Suzanne Tan
Vegetarian Burgers will be investigated for the menu. Wraps will be removed from menu.
Canteen will trial opening on Mondays but with no hot food/lunch orders. P&C agree to trial for 1 term.
Trial start using reusable Canteen bags – this may be passed onto the SRC.
Canteen Red Day will be Thursday 28th November.

Uniform – Lisa Denniss
Girl’s summer uniform supplier is out of business. Have alternate supplier to fulfill remainder of order. Price reduced to $35.
Changed sock supplier – 3 pack are available from Midford.

Band – Lisa Denniss
P&C have endorsed that internet Banking is to be made available for the Band Account with approvals from 2 signatories.
Year 2 students have held their instrument try outs.

Social – Cynthia Ravinthran/ Glorya Williams
Kindy play at school date set for Saturday November 29th. Parents end of year dinner also 29th Saturday.
Thank you luncheon for teachers to be held on Wednesday 10th December.
P&C Morning tea on 17th October Friday.

Grants – Suzanne Szecsodi
No report.

Principal – John Ford
Recent successful & upcoming events:
Music Festival practices
Ball Games Carnival
Gymnastics
Year 6 Photos
Leisure Sports Stage 2 & 3 starts next week.
Year 1 excursion
Kindy orientations to start 49 kids
Music festival 29th October
Stage 3 excursion

Swim School for year 2
Public speaking comp to start 4th November
Deloittes to do community work at school
New business intelligence Program – analysis information course on Friday
New turf has been laid to regenerate oval.
Need volunteers to water over Xmas holidays
No right turn Langstan Place petition to be supported by P&C.
EPS achieved exceptional results in student NAPLAN improvement from Yr 3 to Yr 5 in all areas. Top school in Dural region area.

Assistant Principal – Robyn Graham
5P Planning
5P Planning is the formal longer term planning for the school. 5P Planning defines an EPS vision for 2015-2017.
First phase is to collect data as to what is done well & what requires improvement. 5P planning involves the whole community – students, parents /caregivers. Information night to be held 28th Oct in school hall & survey sent home. Child supervision will be available on the night.
5P = Purpose processes people products practices

General Business
Hand dryers are being investigated for the student’s bathrooms. Electrician will quote on electrical works.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 7:40pm.

The AGM will be conducted immediately prior to the start of the next P&C General meeting on TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2014 at 6.30pm.
YEAR 6 PARENTS DINNER
While our Year 6 children are having fun at their Farewell Dinner, it would be great for us all to catch up over dinner.

Where: Epping Pub
When: Friday 12 December
Time: From 6.30pm or after formalities
R.S.V.P. 28/11/14

Please let me know ASAP if you can come so I can book some tables. My email is viteks@optusnet.com.au

Thank you
Karen Vitek
(Harriet’s Mum)

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

Elite Cricket School Holiday Programs – Open for Enrolment
Elite Cricket has opened enrolments for the Christmas School Holidays. Please see community noticeboard for further information.

Northern Sydney Local Health District – Health Promoting Schools Newsletter Summer 2014; a copy of this newsletter is on the community noticeboard for your information.

Carols By Candlelight – 6 December, 2014
In front of Old Government House, Parramatta Park. Time 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Please see community noticeboard for further information.

The Epping/Carlingford Christmas carolling is on again on Saturday 13 December. Please see our community noticeboard for further information.
STUDENT NOT RETURNING OR RETURNING LATE IN 2015

This is to advise that my child will not be returning to Epping Public School or will be returning after Wednesday 28 January 2015.

Students Name..................................................................................................................

Class...................................................

☐ My child will not be returning to Epping Public School in 2015.

☐ My child will be returning to Epping Public School after Wednesday 28 January 2015.

Date of Return: ...........................

Reason.................................................................................................................................
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Parent/Guardian............................................................

Date...........................................................

Opportunities for All