NEWSLETTER
Monday, 17 November, 2014
Welcome to Week 7, Term 4

SWIM SCHEME
In Weeks 5 and 6, all Year 2 students took part in an intensive ten day learn to swim program at the Ku-ring-gai Fitness and Aquatic Centre. During the program, the students developed their water confidence and learnt important water safety and survival skills such as treading water, the front glide, back glide and back skull. They also refined their stroke techniques including freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. The students had a wonderful time and the teachers saw great improvement in the children’s swimming and independence in the water. A big thank you to Miss Dalziel, Miss Lee and Mrs Ashton for their assistance during the program.

Mrs Gibb

COMING EVENTS
Tuesday 18 November
Cheltenham Girls High School – Year 6 girls 12.15pm
Wed 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
Michelle 1A
Annika KZ
Ethan 1A

ASSEMBLY
This week’s assembly item will be presented by KZ

Next week’s assembly item will be presented by KB and will be Gold Awards Assembly.

Assembly is held in the hall on Wednesdays at 1.15pm, parents are welcome.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
Last week the P&C held their AGM at which the new executive and committee positions were elected. I would like to begin by thanking our outgoing President and Vice President, Mr Phil Vitek and Mr Paul van Oppen. Phil Vitek took on the position of President two years ago when no one else nominated to do it. This was a great gesture as Phil had already completed a four year stint earlier. Paul van Oppen has been our Vice President for the last three years. They have done an outstanding job in which they have overseen the reintroduction of our school fetes, the installation of the new playground equipment, the completion of interactive whiteboards in every classroom, the beginning of our iPads program, and a literary resource fund. I wish them both the best of luck as they move forward into the next stage of their lives.

I would like to welcome our incoming P&C executive of Jong Chung President, Marissa Kelly Vice President, Anne Mount Secretary and Jenny Ju Treasurer. I look forward to working with you in continuing to support our students. I would also like to thank all the people who have taken on committee positions. Your work is also greatly appreciated. The students and parents of Epping Public School are very lucky to have such a committed and hardworking parent body.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA
This week parent helpers will receive an invitation to the’ Thank You Morning Tea’ to be held on Wednesday 26 November. As always we try to make sure we miss no one out but with over 100 invites sent out, invitations go missing, students forget to give them to parents or someone is accidently overlooked. Please if you have helped the school in any way mark in your diary Wednesday 26 November. The morning tea will commence in the school hall at 11 am.

Mr John Ford
Principal

MACQUARIE DICTIONARY ONLINE
Over the summer we will all have access to Macquarie Dictionary Online. This is a great chance for all to expand their vocabulary in preparation for our next school year. You can access the dictionary at https://www.macquariedictionary.com.au/ with the following log in details:
Username: Epping.Student
Password: dictionary
Thanks must go to Oscar from 3T who won our students access by finishing runner up in the regional final of the Premier’s Spelling Bee.

Mr Sherley

LIBRARY
Overdue Books
This week I will be sending out notices for some books that were due back in the library in Term 3. Reminders about overdue books can be embarrassing for children and unwelcome just before Christmas, so please encourage your children to return their books on time. This year all children’s books must be returned by Tuesday 2 December. I thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mrs Lyn Campbell
Teacher-Librarian

LOST PROPERTY
If your child has lost any school clothing would you please check the tubs outside the library. I will take home any clothes that are left next Monday afternoon, wash them and send them to the Clothing Pool for resale. Much of the lost property is either not labelled with its owner’s name or has an old
name on it, usually from students who are no longer at this school.

Mrs Lyn Campbell

EXCITING NEWS - TIME FOR TREATS!!!
This Thursday 20th November, Canteen will open during lunch to sell treats to the students. Snacks, confectionary and drinks will be available for purchase. This will be the last time this year that children will be able to have a treat day at school. All funds raised will go to the school in helping our children’s educational experience.

CANTEEN NEWS
Next year canteen will be opening on Monday’s lunchtime. We will only be selling drinks, chips and ice blocks. We will not be accepting lunch orders as we will not be serving hot food. Canteen will still be open on Wednesday’s and Friday’s as usual. Canteen is always looking for additional volunteers to help out on a Monday (11:10-12:30), Wednesday or Friday from 9am-12:30pm. If you’d like to help in any way, please see us at canteen or leave your name and contact details with the school office. Thank you!
Next year in 2015 Canteen will have a new menu and pricelist. We will be discontinuing some items and adding some new items. Please note that there will be some price increases deemed necessary as our supplier and running costs increase.
Profits from the canteen’s operations are used to enhance the student’s school experience through P&C.

NEWS FROM THE P&C
P&C CALENDAR – TERM 4/ 2014
• Friday 14th November – P&C Morning Tea at 9.20am
• Tuesday 29th November – End of Year Parents Dinner
• Sunday 7th December - Year 2 end of year picnic!

ALL YEAR 6 AND DEPARTING STUDENTS
This is specifically for all year 6 and departing students and is also open to any other student.
You are invited to become a permanent part of Epping Public School’s history by purchasing a personalised paver in our Centenary Pathway which is located at the main gate leading to the office. You will ensure that your name will go down in Epping Public School’s history. Your brick will serve as a unique memento of your primary school days in years to come. If you like to be a part of the school’s history by having your name or a message by purchasing a paver, please fill in the order form attached herewith and place it with the payment in the Office Collection Box by no later than 9.20am on Thursday 20 November.
There are limited spaces available: 4 spaces for double paver and about 80 for single pavers so get in your order fast.
Note -The paver generally needs 6 weeks to produce. I am trying my best to have it done by the end of the year, but need to confirm the order by latest 10.00 am on Thursday 20 November. If not it will be done early next year.

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.

Dates for you 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 the 3-6 Presentation Day. All hired instruments are to be left in the band storeroom after the presentation day performances.

9th December – band pizza lunch

Dates for your 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

Year 2 end of year picnic!
WHEN: Sunday 7 December, 2-5pm
WHERE: Forest Park in Forest Grove, Epping
In the case of rain, the event will be cancelled.
Please contact your class parent for more info.

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.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4/2014

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Minutes of Epping Public School P&C Meeting
Tuesday 11th November 2014 - Staff Room
Meeting commenced at 6:40pm, chaired by P. Vitek
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Apologies: NIL

Minutes of Previous AGM
The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 12th November 2013 were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved: K Collins 2nd M. Kelly. Carried.

Matters Arising from Minutes
Nil

Business Arising:

President’s Report
One of the purposes of the P&C is to facilitate links between the school, the parents of the students at the school and the wider community. Another is to enable the
school to acquire more assets to help with the education, health and general well-being of the students. We were able this year to combine these two functions in one event with our very successful fete. The fete provided a wonderful opportunity for the school to show itself off and the wonderful breadth of ethnic culture present in the student body to the wider community. The community was able to contribute to the school by opening their wallets as well as their minds. This event would not have been possible without the work of Marissa Kelly, Mariana Hancock and a team of more than can be listed here.

The majority of what happens within the P&C is done by various sub-committees; these are the people that deserve the laurels as it is their work that provides the much needed funds as well as the hands to do the heavy lifting as needed.

Our canteen committee provides a great service to the students and staff while also providing a good revenue stream for the P&C. Thanks need to go to Suzanne Tan, Jing Xi, Wendy Lam and Janice Ma for providing this much needed service by donating their own time and organising a team of volunteers to man the ship.

Various stalls and events organised by the fundraising committee of Elissa Greenhalg, Dishni Yasamana, Angeline Soo & Suzanne Tan bring enjoyment to the students and money for the school. Keeping students dressed is looked after by Lisa Denniss and her team in the uniform shop. Social events and class parent contacts have been organised by Glorya Williams and Cynthia Ravinthran. Grants from various corporate and government sources have been sourced and managed by Deb Darley & Suzanne Szecsodi. Dave Kelly & Josh Pitcher managed the grounds committee which organised working bees throughout the year as well as providing great support for the fete.

The band was left in turmoil at the beginning of the year without a committee and a conductor. A decision was made to go with a commercial provider which got us through part of the year. We have now secured the services of a conductor who we feel will manage the band properly with the help of a committee headed by Lisa Denniss and aided by Katrina Collins plus a host of others. Thanks must also go to Allison Fraser for looking after the French lessons and Vivi Fei for Mandarin classes as well as the newsletter.

The executive of the P&C is made up of myself, Deputy Paul van Oppen, Secretary Anne Mount and treasurer Jenny Ju. We all do this because we feel it is a good thing to contribute to our children’s school and for our children to feel that we care about their school. We are fortunate to be able to work with John Ford, his executive, teachers and staff who we feel provide a wonderful environment for children to learn and grow. Recent statistics show that we are indeed an excellent school and we are proud to be part of it.

This is my sixteen and final year as a parent at Epping Public so I am bidding a fond farewell. I have seen much change in the cultural make-up of the school and believe that we show what can be achieved when different parts of the community work together for the common good. I commend the role of the P&C to all parents and urge you all to help continue the good work that they do.

The running of the meeting was handed over to J. Ford, who declared all positions vacant and conducted elections for the following positions:
**P&C Executive**

President:  Jong Chung  
Vice President:  Marissa Kelly  
Secretary:  Anne Mount  
Treasurer:  Jenny Ju  

**Committee Chairpersons**

The following chairpersons were nominated:

- **Canteen**: Suzanne Tan, Wendy Lam, Jing Xi, Janice Ma  
- **Fundraising**: Suzanne Tan, Angeline Soo  
- **Uniform**: Lisa Denniss  
- **Grounds**: VACANT  
- **Social**: Glorya Kang-Williams & Cynthia Ravinthran  
- **Grants**: Suzanne Szecsodi & Deb Walker  
- **Band**: Lisa Denniss  

John Ford thanked the 2014 P&C and congratulated the 2015 Committee.

AGM closed at 6.55pm

**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

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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Dear .................................................................

The staff of Epping Public School

wishes to show our appreciation for your invaluable help
during the year with the education, care and support of our
students by inviting you to join us in a

Special Morning Tea

Wednesday 26 November, 2014, at 11.00am

in our School Hall

Please RSVP by placing the completed return slip below into the
Office Collection Box by Friday 21 November.

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I am able to attend the Morning Tea on Wednesday 26 November.

Parent’s / Guardian’s Name: .................................................................

Child’s Name:................................................................. Child’s Class............

Opportunities for All