MUSIC FESTIVAL

Last Wednesday the Year 4 Choir and stage 3 Dance Group performed at The 2015 Music Festival which was held in the Concert Hall of The Concourse in Chatswood. It involved a massed choir and items from 8 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 Yoo. On the night, they sang beautifully as part of a massed choir involving over 300 students.

The Stage 3 Dance Group also showed off their talent at the Music Festival. When the music ‘Uptown Funk’ started, they made quite an impression with their fabulous dancing skills and they certainly put the ‘funk’ back into ‘funky’. Thank you to Mrs Buttrey for choreographing the dance routines.

Our school captains Angelina and Cheng Chao 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 2 November**
- Yr 2 & 3 Swim Scheme starts

**Tuesday 3 November**
- K-2 Speak Off
- Yr 2 & 3 Swim Scheme

**Wednesday 4 November**
- Kindergarten Orientation
- Uniform Shop open 9am -11:30am
- Yr 2 & 3 Swim Scheme

**Thursday 5 November**
- K-2 Tri Skills
- Yr 2 & 3 Swim Scheme

**Friday 6 November**
- Yr 2 & 3 Swim Scheme
- Stage 2 &3 Leisure Sports

**Monday 9 November**
- Yr 2 & 3 Swim Scheme

ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at this weeks’ assembly.

**Bronze**
Lucas  KC

**Silver**
Amy  2Y

This week’s assembly item will be presented by KC.

Assembly is held in the hall 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.

Here are some comments from the choir students:
The music festival was fun and exciting! We sang songs like ‘Everybody Wants to be a Cat’ and ‘Count on Me’. I enjoyed watching the Stage 3 dance group. Sarah
The music festival was really fun. I liked the stage 3 dance group and Epping Heights band which played a song from Pirates of the Caribbean. Divya
I liked the songs that were picked for us to sing. Christina
The music festival was awesome and I saw lots of teachers there and I’m sure they loved it!
Oliver Carrabian

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STAFFING UPDATE
At present we have teachers on leave and a teacher on impending leave. The following changes are in operation at the moment. 6G is being taught by Miss Doyle
4M is being taught by Mr Southwell.

Mrs Buttrey is presently relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 3.
Mr Le will soon be on leave and 4L will be taught by Miss Nuttall.

MUSIC FESTIVAL
I was fortunate enough to be at the Chatswood Concourse last Wednesday Evening to see the Music Festival. It was a wonderful evening of singing, music and dance. I would like to congratulate our Year 4 singers who were all part of the massed choir and our Stage 3 dancers who were magnificent. I would also like to congratulate our school captains who, along with other captains introduced the performances. Thank you to all of our parents who came along to be part of the audience. Finally I would like to thank Mrs Yoo for her work with the choir, Mrs Buttrey who rehearsed and led our dancers and Mrs Tierney who worked backstage at the evening performance. Can I also thank the other teachers who came along to support our students.

MEETING ABOUT SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
As everyone is aware, one of our Strategic Directions is ‘Enabling a 21st Century Learning Environment’. At present this committee is looking at our use of outdoor spaces. Prior to our next P&C Meeting on November 10 we will be holding a meeting at 6pm to share information and discuss options which have been sought during the past eight months. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. It will be held in 6G’s room.

PLAY EQUIPMENT AFTER SCHOOL
As everyone is aware, between 3:20pm and 4pm I allow students under parent supervision to use our play equipment. Once again there are two important rules that must be followed otherwise I will no longer be able to allow this to happen.
1. Every child using the equipment must have a parent there supervising them. The parent
supervising must be adjacent to the equipment and watching their child.  
2. Students are only to use the equipment correctly and as per the school rules. Children are not to run up the slippery slide.

USING THE INTERNET AT HOME
It has come to our attention that some of our older students have been visiting inappropriate websites on computers at home. Computers are a part of society and there use in completing homework is invaluable. However could you please have a word to your children about safe use and ensure that their use of the computer is monitored.

OPAL CARD
We’re writing to let you know the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Education announced the launch of the new School Opal card on Thursday 29 October.  
Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, campus, their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Mr John Ford
Principal

K-2 SPEAK OUT 2015
Our students in K-2 have been ‘Speaking Out’ this term. The topics for each grade were very imaginative. We congratulate every participant from the K -2 classes for the great effort they made in presenting their topic in a thoughtful and interesting way. However our classes have now chosen their representatives to ‘Speak Out’ in the finals. These will be held on Tuesday 3 November at 10.00am in our school hall. Parents and family members are more than welcome to attend. Only class representatives will be speaking.

LIBRARY NEWS

2015 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the 143 children in our school who completed this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge. Don’t worry, I still have my records on those who participated but I cannot finalise the process until the official documents are received from the NSW Department of Education. Certificates will be distributed as soon as this finalisation is complete.

HEADPHONES AND EARBUDS
It appears that I am the repository for all things electrical that have been lost. I have a set of headphones that need to be claimed as well as quite a number of earbuds. If your child is missing any of these items please call into the library to claim them.

Mrs Lyn Campbell
Teacher-Librarian

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING
This coming week Year 6 is planning a range of fun activities and stalls to help raise money for the Year 6 farewell gift to the school. On Wednesday the 4th of November and Friday the 6th of November we are hosting carnival games such as ball toss, lucky dip and guess how many lollies in the jar. All games will cost 50 cents each and we encourage everyone to bring enough to play a few games. Prizes will include vouchers to our Spider Drink stall, lolly bags and ice blocks locks.

Opportunities for All
On Thursday the 5th of November we will be hosting a Spider Drink stall. A Spider Drink is a delicious mix of ice-cream and soft drink. These will cost $2 per cup and will be absolutely amazing. There will be a great variety of soft drink flavours so get excited! Thankyou to everyone for their support in our fundraising efforts.

Annabelle & Ahmed Year 6

NEWS FROM THE P&C

P&C CALENDAR – TERM 4/ 2015

- Friday 6 November – EPS Jazz Band will play at Twilight Markets at 5.45pm
- Tuesday 10 November - Meeting re Playground Options at 6pm
- Tuesday 10 November – P&C AGM and General Meeting 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Friday 13 November – P&C Morning Tea outside canteen at 9:20am

BAND

JAZZ BAND

The EPS Jazz Band will be performing at the Twilight Markets on Friday, Nov. 6th at Our Lady Help of Christians in Epping. The band will begin playing at 5:45pm. Come by to support the EPS Jazz Band!

BAND SUPERVISION ROSTER

Concert band and training band supervision roster all combined on Thursday morning 7:45am so we need only one supervisor. The supervising parents need to be at the CAPA Room at 7:45am and stay until the conductor arrives. This will usually be at 8am. This will contribute 15 minutes to a parent’s volunteer time, which will be recorded by the Volunteer Coordinator, Jing Wang. However, you MUST be prepared to stay later, until 8:50am if required.

This roster has been put in place to ensure the children are always supervised by an adult. In VERY rare instances the conductor maybe late or not arrive at all, due to an emergency situation (e.g. a flat tyre). The children in the band cannot be left unattended, and so the rostered parent is required to supervise the students until the conductor arrives, or the school bell rings at 8:50am signalling when teachers are on playground duty.

Please ensure you do not have a commitment at work or home that would prevent you being able to stay at school until 8:50am in an emergency. If you know you will not be able to stay until 8:50am on the day you are rostered, please organise a swap with another parent on the list.

If you stay at school for longer than 15 minutes, please contact Jing Wang (0425381679 or penguin_929@hotmail.com) so she can record your volunteer time.

SOCIAL

P&C Morning Tea scheduled for Friday 13 November at 9:20 AM. Just outside the canteen, come for fresh scones and samosa. All welcome!

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 10 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.

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 10th November from 6:30pm.

All roles are available for nomination – those listed as VACANT have no nominations to date.

### Community News

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Clinic Locations:
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PHONE 1300 732 503
Important Information for Parents/Carers

North Sydney Oral Health Service recommends that all children have a dental check prior to starting school to ensure their mouth is healthy.

Many children and eligible adults may be missing out on free dental care as they are not aware of the Public Dental Service. Public Dental Services have received additional Commonwealth funding and waiting times have reduced. Now is an excellent time for people to contact Public Dental Service for an appointment.

Call 1300 732 503 to register your children.

What you can do to look after your child’s teeth:
- Provide them with a wide variety of nutritious foods
- Avoid giving them sugary and sticky snacks between meals
- Tap water is the best drink between meals and before bed
- Avoid giving them acidic or sugary drinks between meals
- Brush your child’s teeth with a fluoride tooth paste twice a day until they are about 8 years old

Please note: Adult residents of Northern Sydney who hold one of the Government Concession Cards are also eligible for free dental care through a public dental clinic.

If you do not speak English very well and need an interpreter, call the National Telephone Interpreting Service before calling the dental service 131 450.