NEWSLETTER
Monday 16th November, 2015
Welcome to Week 7, Term 4

SWIM SCHOOL
During Weeks 5 and 6, the Year Two and Year Three students participated in an intensive ten day learn to swim program at the Ku-ring-gai Fitness and Aquatic Centre. The children 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 children 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 Mrs Ashton, Miss Dooley, Miss Evans, Miss Payne, Miss Tierney and Mrs Yoo for their assistance during the program.

COMING EVENTS
Thursday 19 November
Tri Skills K-2
Stage 2 Excursion Boronia Park
Friday 20 November
Year 2 Netball
Leisure Sport Stage 2 & 3
Wednesday 25 November
Gold Assembly
Uniform Shop open 2:45pm to 3:45pm

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

Bronze
James KC
Dian KC
Rubie KR

This weeks’ assembly item will be presented by KR.

Assembly is held in the hall at 1.15pm. Parents are welcome.

Harmonious And Caring School Community
Below are some comments from the children:

I enjoyed swim scheme and it was extremely fun going to it. I learnt back skull and back stroke but back skull was the thing I enjoyed the most. I just loved swim scheme!
Arnav 3E

Swim Scheme is really fun and enjoyable. You learn new swimming skills. I really liked doing freestyle the most. Emma 2Y

During Swim Scheme I learnt how to float on my back and tread water. Alex 2Y

I think Swim Scheme was one of my favourite programs this year! Olivia 2P

I learnt how to swim in deep water. Zoe 2G

Once we arrive at the pool we have recess and learn about a safety message for the day. After that it’s swimming time! Swim Scheme is one of the best experiences I have ever had. Sabir 3E

I like Swim Scheme because before we swim, we have a safety talk which makes sure we can be safe whilst swimming at home. Kira 2P

Swim Scheme has kept me fit and healthy. Rhea 2G

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PRESENTATION DAY

The term is moving along very quickly and our Presentation Day is only a few weeks away. The event will be held on Friday 4 December. A reminder, the event will be held in two parts. The K-2 Presentation Day will commence at 9:45am and conclude by 11:00am. There will be a 20 minutes break from 11:00am until 11:20am. The Year 3-6 Presentation Day will commence at 11:30am and conclude by 1:15pm. Lunch will immediately follow the Year 3-6 Presentation Day.

If your child is to be recognised by receiving an award of any kind, you will receive an invitation in the mail in the next few days. All parents and friends are welcome to attend our Presentation Day.

P&C ELECTIONS

I would like to congratulate and thank all those who have accepted positions on the P&C. (Positions noted elsewhere in the newsletter). I look forward to working with Jong and his team throughout 2016.

STUDENT SAFETY

An area across the road from the school in Pembroke Street has been zoned for units. The area has been fenced off and demolition of the site will take place in the near future. This will mean large trucks accessing the area on a regular basis for some weeks. I have requested through our state member that no trucks access the site during school arrival and departure times. However, there will be large trucks using the site at other times. Please watch your children around this area at all times.

PYLO (POLICE YOUTH LIAISON OFFICER)

PARENT TALK

I regularly call on Senior Constable Debbie Chrystal (PYLO) to address our students about cyber bullying, social media and misuse of the internet. Senior Constable Chrystal is the most knowledgeable person I know on talking about these topics. She has many ideas about how to ensure cyber safety and I have organised her to

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talk to our parents on Friday 27 November at our school commencing at 9:30am. Technology is expanding at a rapid rate and it is important that we teach our children how to use it safely. I encourage all of our parents to attend this session. Whilst it is aimed at Year 3 – 6 parents I believe it is never too soon to start making yourself aware about these issues. To assist with organization please complete the form, found elsewhere in our newsletter and return it to the white box outside the office.

EXTENDED LEAVE
If you are planning to leave school early this year or return after school resumes next year please notify the school of your intention or not, of returning to Epping Public School in 2016. This can be done by completing the form found elsewhere in this newsletter. Where this leave extends past 5 school days you will also need to complete an application requesting extended leave. These are available from the office.

TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION
I would like to congratulate Luluai, Chompu, Henry and Darren who competed in a local table tennis competition last Friday. By all accounts they represented our school in a wonderful manner both on and off the table. A full report will appear in next week’s newsletter.

CHEWING GUM
We had an unfortunate incident last week where chewing gum ended up in a student’s hair. Please let me reiterate that chewing gum is not to be brought to school under any circumstances.

John Ford
Principal

TALENT QUEST
On Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th of December the SRC will be holding their annual talent quest – Epping Idol! This year on the Monday we will also be holding a mufti day to raise money for cancer research and a cake stall to raise money for the RSPCA. There will be an amazingly delicious variety of cakes, which will cost between $0.50 and $2.00. Make sure you bring plenty of money to enjoy our fabulous, fun cakes! We are also asking for volunteers to bake cakes, cupcakes and biscuits for our cake stall! Please fill in the slip at the back of the newsletter and return it to Ms Kerr by Monday 30th November if you are able to bake something for use. Please ensure that a complete list of ingredients is attached otherwise we will be unable to sell the donated cakes.

Our theme for the mufti day will be ‘Footy Colours’ – so come along in your team’s colours, or in your normal mufti clothes.

Thanks,
The SRC

LIBRARY NEWS

BORROWING DEADLINE
This week is the last week that children will be able to borrow books from the library. All books must be returned next week in preparation for the School Library Stocktake.

2015 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES
For those who have completed this year’s PRC, I have printed out each child’s Certificate of Participation. We are still awaiting delivery of Gold and Platinum Certificates from the NSW Department of Education for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Once these have been received and sorted, all certificates will be distributed.

Mrs Lyn Campbell
Teacher-Librarian

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
This last three weeks we have been hosting our families with children starting Kindergarten next year. These eager little children enjoyed three sessions in the Kindergarten classroom
participating in stories and games. They met their buddy for next year and enjoyed an hour of chatting and playing. Congratulations to Year 4 who demonstrated their leadership skills and showed caring and concern for these young children.

A sincere thankyou to the parents of our 2015 Kindergarten children who hosted the parents offering them tea, coffee, cake and kind words. A special thank you to the class parents who organised the parent teams. I am sure that our families for 2016 went away with a very warm welcoming feeling.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING

Year 6 would like to thank the school community for their support of our fundraising activities. Having so many students get involved in the activities was a wonderful experience for the Year 6 organisers. We were extremely happy with the total amount raised and look forward to presenting the school with our farewell gift in the coming weeks.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

P&C CALENDAR – TERM 4/2015

- Friday 27 November – End of term park play at oval at 3:30pm
- Tuesday 8 December – P&C meeting at 6.30

BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures have been distributed this week.

All orders are due back by Wednesday 18th November. Please place orders in the white collection box outside the school office.

Please note Book Club does not accept cash, please use other payments for your order.

SOCIAL

Thank you to Steph and Angeline who helped to host the P&C Morning Tea on Friday 13 November. Much appreciated!

End of Term Park Play on Friday 27th November at 3:30 PM. Please bring a plate to share. Meeting at Epping Oval. Cancel in wet weather.

End of Year Mums Dinner out!!! Scheduled for Friday 4th December at 7:30 PM at Pent Thai, Epping. Grab a few friends and come along and catch up with old and new friends. RSVP essential.

Enquiries: Cynthia Ravinthran 0404488238 or Glorya Williams glorya.kang@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop will be open on Wed 25th Nov 2.45-3.45pm & Wed 9th Dec.

We welcome orders through the Office at all other times.

Backpacks, zip Jackets and socks are all now back in stock.

Dr Shoe who supports our school P&C will be at our School near the Uniform Shop (silver seats under tree weather permitting) Wednesday 18th November 3-3.45pm for all your school shoe needs.

CANTEEN

LAST DAY OF CANTEEN FOR 2015

The canteen’s last day of operation for the year is Wednesday, 2nd of December (week 9).

Please note this in your diaries because unfortunately, we won’t be able fill any lunch orders that we receive after this date.

CANTEEN SPECIAL

We are bringing back a couple of old favourites. For the next 3 weeks, children can purchase Frozen Chocolate Milk Cups and Frozen Strawberry Milk Cups for just 60 cents each.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR 2016

The canteen team are currently in the process of putting together the roster for Term 1, 2016 and we’d really love some new volunteers to join us. The canteen is open on Wednesdays and Fridays and working hours are from 9am to
12.30pm. If you aren’t able to work in the canteen, maybe you can help us out with Fresh Food Shopping or picking up Sushi on Wednesdays. If you’re interested, please complete the Canteen Volunteer Form found elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held last week and the following positions were elected to the 2016 P&C:

**2016**

President – Jong Chung  
Vice President – Marissa Kelly  
Secretary – Anne Mount  
Treasurer – Jenny Ju  
Canteen Coordinators – Lilian Wang  
Uniform Shop Coordinator Lisa Denniss & Sue Bailey  
Fundraising Coordinators – Kripa Murthy + Janine Eastham  
Grounds Coordinators – VACANT  
Social Coordinators – Cynthia Ravinthran & Sarah O’Neil  
Grants Coordinators – Deb Walker & Laura Wilden  
Band Coordinator – Lisa Dennis +  
Fete Coordinator – VACANT x 2  
French – Deb Mullins  
Mandarin – Vivi Fei  
P&C Newsletter Editor – Vivi Fei

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**BAND ROSTER TERM 4/2015 (TRAINING)**

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**CYBER SAFETY TALK**

I would like to attend the session on cyber safety to be delivered by Senior Constable Chrystal at Epping Public School on Friday 27 November, commencing at 9:30am.

NAME: _______________________________________________  CONTACT NUMBER: ____________________

CHILD’S NAME: ___________________________________________________________  CLASS: ___________

Signed: __________________________________ Date: __________________

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Minutes of Epping Public School P&C Meeting
Tuesday 10th November 2015,
Staff Room
Meeting commenced at
7:10pm, chaired by J Chung

Apologies: C Ravinthran, J Eastham

Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting dated 13th October 2015 was accepted as a true and correct record.
Moved: J Chung 2nd M Kelly Carried.

Matters Arising from Minutes
Action: Building Fund needs to be registered under Charity. Epping P&C Constitution. Documents required: - Jong. Documents have been lodged
CLOSED
Action: General P&C email account in Google Aps - J Chong
Action: Write role descriptions for each of the P&C positions. – ALL Ongoing

Correspondence
Various bank statements
Various fundraising catalogues

Reports
Treasurer – Jenny Ju
Band $28,200 Uniform $24,000 Fete $400 General $41,200 Canteen $10,800

Fundraising – Angeline Soo
No report.

Grounds – TBA
No report

Canteen – Wendy Lam
On line System is on trial with a small group of families. Issue with small label size has been raised.

Uniform – Lisa Denniss/ S Bailey
Last Kindy orientation for this year this week.
Uniform Shop will open:
9-10am on first day of school 2016
9-10am on first Kindy day 2016

Band – Lisa Denniss
Jazz Band performed at Twilight Markets
Order for $5,000 new instruments to be placed this term.

Social – Cynthia Ravinthran/ Glorya Williams
P&C Morning tea this Friday
27th Nov Park Play at Epping Oval
Kindy 2016 Play at School this Saturday 2pm.
Fri 4th Dec - Mum’s End of Year Dinner
Welcome BBQ Date: tentative Week 5 26th Feb 2016.

Grants – Suzanne Szecsodi/ Deb Walker
Shade Structure Grant results expected Dec.

Principal – John Ford
Recent successful & upcoming events:
* Tri Skills commenced
* Year 5 reached Semi Finals Rotary debate
* Bike Skills Program held for Stage 3
* Kindy visited Granny Smith Festival
* Leisure Sports Program currently being run for Years 3 – 6.
* John Alexander visited school as part of his walk around the electorate. School raised ~$500 for charity.
* Music Festival for Year 4 Choir & Dance Club held at Chatswood.
* Year 6 Fundraising for school gift has commenced.
* Swim Scheme Year 2 & 3 held the past 2 weeks.
* K-2 Speak off
* School audit this week.
* Table Tennis round robin this week
* K-2 Gala day rescheduled for Monday 16th Nov
* Stage 2 visit to Boronia Park rescheduled after swimming.
* Week 8 Last Wednesday assembly
* Friday 27th November 9:30am Debbie Crystal, the Police Youth Liaison Officer will be giving an information session for parents on the Internet, Cyber Bullying & how to monitor children’s use.
* Merit Selection Training to be held this week. Parent representation from P&C required as part of interview process.

Technology Plans– Laura Buttrey
Smartboards are outdated and the earlier models

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are not working properly. Interactive Screens have been investigated and 4 quotes are being obtained. These screens are a significant improvement on the current models where multiple students can work on the screens simultaneously. The school is looking to replace all screens (21 total) with this new technology over the next 4 years.

To support this investment, the P&C will vote on the following motion:

**Motion:** P&C commits to provide $10,000 annually to the school for the next 4 years to support the purchase of Interactive Screens for each classroom.

**General Business**

**Shade Structure – M Kelly**
Certification of Pavilion details is required to progress order. - Ongoing

**Fete 2016 – Set a Date**
10th September 2016 Local Election Day. This date is tentative.

**Future P&C Projects**
The following initiatives were raised:
- Landscaping – how to use spaces in the school
- Cricket Nets - to be updated
- Soccer Field
- Picnic Tables & seats
- Air conditioning for main buildings

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8:15pm.

The next P&C General meeting will be held on **TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2015 at 6.30pm**.

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This is to advise that my child will not be returning to Epping Public School or will be returning after Thursday 28 January 2016.

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

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

☐ My child will not be returning to Epping Public School in 2016.

☐ My child will be returning to Epping Public School after Thursday 28 January 2016.

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

Reason..................................................................................................................................

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

Date..........................................................
Cake Stall Volunteer

Name:
_____________________________________

Child’s name/class:
_____________________________________

I would like to volunteer to make
_____________________________________

Thank you for your contribution – we really appreciate it!

Please ensure that a complete list of ingredients is attached otherwise will be unable to sell the donation on the day.

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