YEAR SIX 2014 FAREWELL
At the end of last year we farewelled our 2014 Year 6 with a formal evening held in our school hall. The theme of the night was a Masked Ball. I would like to congratulate students, staff and parents who joined in the spirit of the evening and made it such a success. It was a wonderful evening and a great way to farewell our students. I wish them every success as they embark on the next stage of their journey.

COMING EVENTS
Monday 2 February
Band Information Evening
Training Band – 6.00pm
Concert Band – 6.45pm

Wednesday 18 February
Parent Information Evening

Thursday 19 February
School Photos

Thursday 26 February
Swimming Carnival

Friday 27 February
Leadership Induction
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS EPPING PUBLIC SCHOOL
I would like to congratulate all the boys and girls on their return to school. Everyone has settled so well and as I visited classrooms it was great to see everyone working diligently. As I stated last week all of our students have commenced their 2015 educational program.

CLASS AND ROOM ALLOCATION
At present we are still finalising numbers. This includes students who have not returned but have not indicated whether they will return or not. I will finalise our student numbers and submit these to the department on Wednesday. Students will be placed in their permanent 2015 classes and rooms on Thursday. In the meantime students will continue to work on this year’s program, ready for placement in their 2015 class.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
In last week’s newsletter I indicated we would be holding our Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 25 February. In the past many of our teachers and parents have requested we hold our Parent Information Evening earlier, allowing that important link between home and the classroom to be established as quickly as possible. Therefore, this year, our Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 18 February. I apologise if this change of date has caused any problems. Details regarding the evening will be published in next week’s Newsletter.

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN 2015
Nearly sixty boys and girls will today begin their educational journey at Epping Public School. I can only but imagine what education will be like in thirteen years’ time when they complete that journey. What I do know as a parent myself is that the time will go by very quickly. My only advice to parents beginning the journey is that they share it and embrace it with their child. It will cover exciting times, learning times, happy times and even some trying times, but just let them know that whatever, you are there for them. I wish all of our new kindergarten students the best as they begin this epic journey.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This week all parents of our Year 3 – 6 students will receive a note about the Annual Swimming Carnival to be held at Ryde Aquatic Centre on Thursday 26 February. Participation in the carnival will also be offered to our Year 2 students turning 8 this year and who can competently swim 50 metres. Please complete the note and return it by the due date.

KISS AND DROP ZONE
I recently received a call from Hornsby Council asking me to remind parents that the Kiss and Drop Zone is not a parking zone. It is only to drop off or pick up students. Drivers using this zone should be aware that your stay is limited to two minutes and the driver of the car should never be more than 3 metres from the car. Council have informed me that they will be sending officers to check and will fine those not complying with the rules.

Mr John Ford
Principal

NEWS FROM THE P&C
P&C CALENDAR – TERM 4/ 2014
Monday 2nd February – Band Intro Night
Tuesday 10th February - The next P&C General meeting at 6.30pm.
Friday 20th February – Concert Band School Welcome BBQ

BAND
Welcome to band for 2015!
The band intro night is tonight **Monday, 2nd February**.

The meetings will be held in the year 6 classrooms.  
Training Band students and parents - 6pm  
Concert Band students and parents - 6.45pm  
Instruments / timetables will be issued on this night and tutorials / band will begin in week 3.  

For concert band students, please note that students may not have the same instrument that they had last year. Please check the label to confirm that you have the correct instrument.

**Band Dates**  
Concert band have been invited to play at the school welcome bbq, to be held on the 20th February.  
This will be our first performance of the year.

**UNIFORM SHOP**  
The Uniform Shop will be open 2.45 – 3.45pm on the following Wednesdays this term:  
Wednesday 4th February  
Wednesday 18th February  
Wednesday 4th March  
Wednesday 18th March  
Wednesday 1st April

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

Come along for a FREE French class with our fun and dynamic teacher, Mademoiselle Gina El Kholy!  
To speak another language with a correct accent is much easier if children are introduced to the sounds of that language at a young age, and our French teacher, Gina El Kholy, completed all her schooling in French. Give your children a head start for high school by giving them an introduction to French.  
The French classes run for half an hour and are a fun introduction to learning a language. Learn French in an interactive way—songs, games, videos, and have Petit Dejeuner (French breakfast of croissants and hot chocolate) at the end of each term. Students will also learn essential French vocabulary and basic grammar.  
French classes are available for students in Years 3 – 6 on Wednesday and Friday mornings before school, and are offered a discounted rate thanks to support from the school P & C - $65 for Terms 2 and 3 (10 lessons) and around $55 for Terms 1 and 4 when there will be fewer lessons..  
Wednesday 8.20 – 8.50 am:  
Beginners class  
Friday 8.10 – 8.40 am:  
Intermediate class  
Friday 8.45 – 9.15 am:  
Advanced class

Please contact Debbie Mullins by email at epsfrench@gmail.com if your child is interested in joining, or you would like to come along to a free beginner’s class.

**CHINESE CLASS**  
**NEW CLASS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION**  
We will open for NEW class this year, registration form included in this news.  
The fee is **$240 per half year (2 terms)** plus $60 material for 1 year tuition. (Including Books and CDs)  
All students welcome, start from year 1 and up.
**Notice 2015 First Semester**

First semester in 2015 will commence on Wednesday 3rd February 2015

CLASS 1 (existing) - Wednesday 3.40pm – 5.10pm
CLASS 2 (NEW class) - Wednesday 3.40pm – 5.10pm

We encourage all existing and NEW students to pay the 2015 first semester fee preferably using cheque (make payable to “Feng Hua Chinese School”) to their teachers in their classrooms or put at school office box near reception. **Sibling Discount:** When more than one child from the same family enrolled and paid at the same time, the younger sibling will be entitled to $10.00 discount each.

**Refund:** No refund will be available after term 2 and term 4 starts. For claims made during term 1 and term 3, only $90 will be refunded regardless of number of classes completed. Please keep your receipt for any fee related enquiry and dispute.

Please contact Julia at mobile 0450556168 or jinweili@yahoo.com.au for any enquiry.

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**Minutes of Epping Public School P&C Meeting**

Tuesday 9th December 2014 - Staff Room
Meeting commenced at 6:40pm, chaired by P Vitek


**Apologies:** K Collins, D Darley, M Kelly, D Kelly, J Pitcher, C Ravintran, D. Walker, P Van Oppen

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 11th November 2014 was accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: S Schedodi 2nd L Denniss 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. Additional insurance was required. Pass through details to Lisa.
CLOSED.

**Correspondence**

Various fundraising items.

**Reports**

Treasurer – Jenny Ju
General-$19,900, Canteen-$35,000, Uniform-$21,500, Band - $40,000, Building Fund-$2,800, Fete $25,000.

Fundraising –Suzanne Tan
8 Orders placed for Centenary Pavers.
Next Year’s Items
Term 1: Mar 28th State Election
Term 2: Movie Night & Mother’s Day
Term 3: Father’s Day
Term 4: Festive Season Stall

Grounds – Josh Pitcher/ Dave Kelly
No report.

**Canteen** – Suzanne Tan
New Menu & Pricing to be sent out next year.

**Uniform** – Lisa Denniss
Open Thursday 28th Jan, Mon 2nd Feb 9am – 10am.

**Band** – Lisa Denniss
Presentation Day performance was very successful. Positive Feedback received. Some Instruments have been updated.


**Social** – Cynthia Ravinthran/ Glorya Williams
Kindy play at school date set for Saturday November 29th. 16 families Canteen opened & sold ice blocks.
Parents Dinner out well attended – lots of fun
Morning Teas to commence next year.
Thank you luncheon for teachers to be held on Wednesday 10th December.
Contact List for Class Parents will be arranged at Information Evening

Grants – Suzanne Szecsodi

Thank you notes have been sent to Bendigo Bank. Early next year exercise stations to be organized.

Waiting on Grant Information for final 2 applications.

Principal – John Ford

Recent successful & upcoming events:
* Swim School for year 2. Completed. All Year 74 children attending + 2 teachers helping in pool.
* Debbie Crystal Social Media talk to students
* Social Media talk for Stage 3 by Police liaison officer
* Students from Epping Boys & Cheltenham Girls Schools to talk to Year 6
* Essex St Walk around school
* Grandparents Day
* Leisure Sports Program over 5 weeks
* Music a viva
* Gymnastics
* Granny Smith
* Yr3 Epping Club choir
* High School orientation day
* Presentation Day Friday 5th December
* Combined scripture service held
* Reports go home
* Art enrichment program in classroom QR codes to be downloaded for children to explain their work
* Yr 6 Farewell on Friday
* SRC Talent Quest next week Mon & Tues afternoon
* Wed last day of term Movie Day
* Farewell Arch 2:45pm
* 28th Jan students return
* 21st Century Learning.
* 5P Planning ongoing – information has been collected. Analysis is ongoing.
* E- magazine on website – looking for feedback.
* Deloittes to do community work at school

General Business

Epping Road Change Proposal was discussed.

Action: Jenny to arrange letter on behalf of P&C acknowledging concerns. CLOSED

It was encouraged that parents individually raise concerns to Council.

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

Being no further business the meeting closed at 7:50pm.

The next P&C General meeting will be held on TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2015 at 6.30pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community News and accompanying advertising are a community service only and not endorsed by Epping Public School or its staff. Further information regarding these services may be found on the noticeboard on the front of the school building.
Opportunities for All