CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 27th March, we had our Cross Country carnival held at school. This year, our new Kindergarten students joined us too! They all ran with their Year 5 buddies. All the houses won bonus house points for behaving well and cheering on their house. We all ran safely and had some great finishes. It was very loud and exciting, everyone had lots of fun. Thank you to all the teachers and parent helpers for making the event run so smoothly. The Zone Cross Country carnival will be held in Week 5 of Term 2 for those children who are 8 year or over and finished in the top 5 runners of their age group. Congratulations to all children who ran.

By Wendy (Yangoora House Captain)
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FAREWELL MR PATTERTSON
It is with a bitter sweet feeling that I have to inform the school community that Mr Patterson will be leaving us at the end of term. Mr Patterson has been successful at interview in gaining the Assistant Principal’s position at Urunga Public School. This is a great achievement for Mr Patterson personally. It is also wonderful for teaching in general as we need people like Mr Patterson taking on leadership roles in public education. However, for Epping Public School he is going to be greatly missed. I know this because of the number of parents and staff who have already conveyed their sadness in his leaving. Mr Patterson has made a great impact in our school and all of it very positive. I know parents are thrilled when their child is put in his class, the staff have come to see him not only as a colleague, but also as a friend. However, it is with the children that he has had the biggest impact. Whether it is the smiles on their face when I walk into his classroom, his bad jokes during assembly or the fun interaction he has on the playground, every child absolutely adores Mr Patterson. Personally I have watched him grow over the last few years and know the time is right for him to make his mark in education. He has left a wonderful legacy at Epping Public School and on behalf of the entire School Community I wish him every success, educationally and personally, as he starts out on a new journey.

STAFFING
I recently received permission to advertise for the position created by the extra class. Unfortunately writing the criteria, getting a panel together, reading applications and organising dates take time. Interviews for the position cannot happen until early next term. The good news is Miss Evans will remain on the class until a new teacher takes over. The appointment to Mr Patterson’s position will be a central appointment. This means the school is not involved and the department will inform us of the teacher to fill the vacancy. I am hopeful that this will occur over the holidays.

STUDENT SUCCESS
Those who have been following the exploits of Bella through the newsletter would know that she has recently competed at the State Swimming Titles. I am able to announce that Bella won the 9 years girls’ 50 metre freestyle and is therefore State Champion. Well done Bella! At the same time Marina from Year 6 will be competing in the State Gymnastic Titles. We wish her the best of luck.

HAT PARADE
I look forward to seeing many of you at our K-2 Hat Parade this Thursday. It is a great event eagerly anticipated by our K-2 students.

FUNDRAISING
On Saturday I visited the volunteers selling cakes and manning the barbecue stall here, at the polling centre. I would like to thank everyone who helped out on the day and the money raised will go towards purchasing resources for the children at our school.

INSTALLATION OF FLASHING LIGHTS
Last week I received news that flashing ‘40 kph’ signs will be installed outside our school, in the coming weeks. This of course will make our streets even safer.

LOST PROPERTY
Our cleaner reports to me that every afternoon she finds lunchboxes and drink bottles left around the school. I know these cost money so please label them with your child’s name and class. We can then return it to your child.
HOLIDAY MESSAGE
It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the term. I would like to thank the students of our school for their work hard, the parents for their great support and the staff for their commitment and dedication. I sign off for this term by wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable break.
Mr John Ford
Principal

HARMONY DAY
“Everyone Belongs”
Celebrate Harmony Day and our National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Wednesday 1st April.
Wear orange or a bright colour, or a community, sport or organisation uniform, or your favourite sport team’s colours!
Join in, celebrate, have fun, and help us say “No Way” to bullying.
A huge thanks to all the families who have already donated canned goods to our “One ‘Can’ Make a Difference” canned food drive for the Exodus Foundation. Donations are still being accepted until Thursday morning.
Thanks,
Mrs Rowsell, Ms Kerr and the SRC

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL – THANK YOU
A big THANK YOU to all the members of our School Community who contributed used clothing to the Steward House Appeal. The response has been extremely generous and is much appreciated by Stewart House.
(The clothes have now been picked up, so please do not send any further bags to school.)
Mrs Galilee
Learning & Support Teacher

NEWS FROM THE P&C
P&C CALENDAR – TERM 1/ 2015

• Sunday 12th April – Year 4 Mums Lunch Out

BAND
Concert Band – There will be NO rehearsal Thursday, April 2nd.
Training Band – Training Band will begin full band rehearsals Week 1, Term 2. Rehearsals will be Friday mornings in the CAPA room, 7:50am-8:50am.
Tutorials, Term 2 – Tutorials will begin Tuesday, April 21st.

Sunday 17th May – Band Workshop (Concert Band ONLY)
This is a whole day event. There will be tutorials in instrument groupings as well as whole band rehearsals. Please put this date in your diary now. A letter was sent home to the students last week with information regarding the band workshop.
Sydney Eisteddfod - Tentative date: Tuesday, June 2nd.
Ryde Eisteddfod – Tentative dates: Wednesday, July 29th OR Thursday, August 13th.
Jazz Band – There will be NO Jazz Band Rehearsal this week. Jazz Band will resume rehearsals Wednesday April 22.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1/2015

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Opportunities for All

FUNDRAISING
NSW State Election Fundraiser – Saturday 28th March
BBQ Stall / Cake Stall / Korean Stall / Canteen

A huge ‘THANK YOU’ to all the parents who volunteered on the day and leading up to Saturday - with stall preparation, working at a stall and packing up afterwards. Special thanks to the coordinators of each stall who worked tirelessly on the day too.

Thank you to the school community for their overwhelming donations of baked goods - there would otherwise be no cake stall. We had a great selection of cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, slices, macaroons, tea-cup biscuits and lolly bags.

Coffee Cart – Thank you to Tim Goonan for all his help and support...plus great coffee!

A special mention to Tanya and Melroy Drego and Coles (Epping) for kindly donating 50 cupcake containers for the cake stall – thank you!

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.
Morning Tea

Order a scrumptious Morning Tea to enjoy after the Hat Parade on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April. Your Treat is just $4.50 and includes:

- a Hot Cross Bun
- a Drink
- a Surprise

To order, just return the completed form and money to the OFFICE BOX with Morning Tea written on the envelope, by Tuesday 31\textsuperscript{st} March.

Tea and Coffee and extra Hot Cross Buns will be available for parents to purchase from the Canteen on the day.

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**Morning Tea 2\textsuperscript{nd} April Order Form**

Child’s Name: ________________________________ Class: ______________

I would like to order 1 Morning Tea at $4.50. Enclosed: ________________

**HOT CROSS BUN:** (Please tick ONE)
- Traditional (fruit)
- Plain (fruitless)
- Chocolate

**DRINK:** (Please tick ONE)
- Chocolate Milk
- Strawberry Milk
- Orange
- Apple
- Apple Blackcurrant
- Fizzy Drink (Please circle one) Lemonade Blue Red Orange Green

Please list any food allergies.