NEWSLETTER
Monday, 9 March, 2015
Welcome to Week 7, Term 1

LEADERSHIP INDUCTION
We began the Leaders’ Induction by listening to speeches from Mr Ford and Miss Linea Ebbeson who all taught us the importance of leadership and the skills we need to know to be successful leaders of the school.

We were presented with our leadership badges. The leaders’ badges had a white background, the captain and vice-captains had a blue background, the house colour captains and vice-captains had their house colour background the band captains, also had blue.

After that we had photos taken by our parents, with Mr Ford and Miss Ebbeson. We enjoyed a lovely morning tea where we interacted with everyone. At the end of the morning tea we presented Miss Ebbeson with an Epping Public School badge to add to her badge covered blazer with all of the places she has been since she left Denmark. Now she will always remember Epping Public School.

Annabelle & Chengyue

COMING EVENTS

Monday 9 March
Home Reading Information Session
2.30 KB Room

Thursday 12 March
Selective High School Test

Thursday 19 March
P&C Welcome Morning Tea – Kindy Parents

Wednesday 25 March
Parent Teacher Interview Evening

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Merit Award at this week’s assembly.

Bronze
Vishesh 1T
Jasmine 1T

Silver
Annalise 2G
Noah 2Y

ASSEMBLY
This week’s assembly item will be presented by 6/5S.

Next week’s assembly item will be presented by 5B.

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

Harmonious And Caring School Community
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
This year parents will again go online to book a parent teacher interview. A note is being sent home today or tomorrow outlining the procedure. Please read the note. If you have any problems contact the school office. The online booking site will open Wednesday 11 March at 11:00am and close Wednesday afternoon 18 March at 3pm.

MEMORIAL GARDEN
Our Anzac Garden and wall is looking good. Work is not completed yet but it should be ready for our Anzac Assembly on Wednesday 22 April at 1:15pm. I would like to thank the Department of Veteran Affairs whose Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program made this possible. This will be a wonderful addition to our school.

CERAMICS
Commencing this week will be our Ceramics program we run every two years. During the next two weeks each class will have a session where they make and mould a ceramic’s work. They will then be taken away to be fired. Early next term they will be brought back for students to paint and gloss. I know our students always look forward to this project.

CAKE PLATE
In the P&C section of our newsletter you would have seen information concerning our fundraising activities to coincide with the State Election on March 28. One of the stalls will be a cake stall. To this end we are asking for your help to bake a cake. In the near future you will receive a paper plate, plastic bag and details on what needs to be done. If you are able to help please do.

Mr John Ford
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS
2015 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Many thanks to the parents and students who attended the Premier’s Reading Challenge information afternoon in the library last Thursday. I hope that some of your questions were resolved. If you have any further problems logging on to the PRC website, just call in to the library any morning or after school on Monday to Thursday so I can try to help you. Parents who attended the meeting received a handout that had advice about how to assist children participating in the program.

For those who tried to change passwords on Friday afternoon and became a bit frustrated by it, the NSW Education Department was performing maintenance checks on the computer system which could have had an impact on your access to the Premier’s Reading Challenge software. I was only made aware of this on Friday morning and apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Access to the Premier’s Reading Challenge is https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html. Don’t forget to read the rules and booklists available in the index on the left hand side of the page. Only read the short form of the booklist. The full list is too long.

You will need to download the Student Reading Log. Children are encouraged to complete their entries online.

The children all know about the red, green and purple stickers on the book spines that indicate which books are in the PRC Booklists. They will also have lessons on how to use the website. Please remember that whilst the Premier’s Reading Challenge is a voluntary activity, it is hoped that each child in the school will participate in the program and their involvement will be included in their School Report.

Mrs Lyn Campbell
Teacher-Librarian

Opportunities for All
GRIP LEADERSHIP

On Wednesday 4 March, the six school leaders went to Sydney Olympic Park to attend a leadership conference. We learned tips on how to be great school leaders by being generous and responsible and having integrity. There were many enjoyable activities such as ‘Loud Noises Boys’. We got lots of chances to mingle with leaders from different schools. We talked about how we can make our school a better place. Towards the end of the conference, we got to watch the students and teachers dance. All in all, it was a very, very fun day. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Graham for driving us to and from the venue. Madeleine, Dari and Kitara.

On the 4\textsuperscript{th} of the 3\textsuperscript{rd} the amazing student leadership team went to the GRIP Leadership Conference at Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush. There were 1 600 other student leaders there from over 60 schools. The first thing we did was a program called ‘Stand Up’ and learned the skills of leadership. After that we watched four short movie clips to identify leaders and what they stood up for. At the end we were able to dance and be part of a disco party. Finally, we thank Mr and Mrs Graham for driving us to and from the venue.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

This year Epping Public School is offering students the opportunity to participate in University of NSW Competitions and Assessments for Schools in the following subject areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Spelling
- Writing

A note containing further details of the competition and the entry form has been sent home with students. Entries without payment will not be accepted. All student entries must be received by Friday 27 March, 2015.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, Mrs Buttrey and Miss McGill took 21 students to Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre to compete at the Beecroft P.S.S.A Zone Swimming Carnival. All students had an enjoyable day where they were able to compete against other children in their age group from different schools in our district. Congratulations to Bella for setting the new 9 year old girls 50m Freestyle record.
of 34.45. She also had a very successful day and will go to the Area Swimming Carnival in Week 8 for a number of events. A number of other students were also successful at placing in their heats including Chowon, Ryan, Christopher, and Nicholas. A huge thank you to Mrs Rowsell for helping the teachers in the morning and to all of our parents who helped transport children to the event and support Epping Public School.

**NEWS FROM THE P&C**

**P&C CALENDAR – TERM 1/ 2015**

- Tuesday 10th March - The next P&C General meeting will be held at 6.30pm.
- Tuesday 10th March - Meeting to discuss role of Class Parent at 9.20am
- Friday 13th March - Monthly P&C Morning Tea at 9.20am
- Thursday 19th March - Special Morning Tea for all our New Kindy Parents at 9.20am
- Saturday 28th March - NSW State Election Fundraising

**BAND**

**Wednesday 25th March** – Assembly performance for Concert Band

**Sunday 17th May** – Band Workshop. 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.

**Tuesday 2nd June** – Sydney Eisteddfod – tentative date

**Jazz Band**

Jazz band rehearsals are on Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.20pm (after school)

If you are interested in joining the jazz band and would like to see what it is like, please come along and check it out. There are still places for a few more musicians. Jazz band is already working on their first piece and it is sounding great.

**SOCIAL NEWS**

**Special THANK YOU to our amazing Indian Mums**

Due to a delay in communication, we didn't get to thank our amazing Indian mums last week who cooked up a storm at the **Welcome BBQ on 27th February**. The Pav Bhaji was absolutely delicious and we want to thank everyone who helped to cook, serve and clean up on the night. It was sensational and really appreciated by the EPS community. Some came back for seconds and thirds...Thank you team!!

Sonali Munot (coordinator)
Aditi Sethi
Deepali Shipurkar
Veena Pailla
Smita Sant
Ritu Mehta
Varsha Daithankar
Seema Agashe
Kavita Kumar
Pooja Jagtap
Kripa Shivamurthy
Jareen Benezar
Manasi Deshmukh
Vinitha Pillai
Cynthia Ravinthran & Rani
Kanchan Makkar
Tuesday 10th March at 9:20 AM
A quick meeting to discuss the role of Class Parent. If you have volunteered for 2015 and are new to this role, please pop by to ask any questions you may have! Please meet at the tables next to the Uniform Shop.

Friday 13th March at 9:20 AM
Our monthly P&C Morning Tea hosted by the Social Team. We hear from Mr Ford or another member of the Executive staff and eat delicious scones and samosa with a cuppa. All welcome! Meeting outside the canteen.

Thursday 19th March at 9:20 AM
Special Morning Tea for all our New Kindy Parents. Please come for morning tea hosted by the P&C Canteen and Social Committees. It's a chance to meet the other Kindy parents and to find out more about our awesome Epping Public School community. To quote a famous principal, "The difference between a good school and a great school is parental involvement". Meeting outside the canteen.

Class Contact List 2015
If you would like to be included in your child's class contact list, please email your info to Glorya.

Your Name
Child's Name & Class
Your email
Your phone no.s
This list is confidential and will only be shared with the parents of your child's class.
For more info, please contact Cynthia Ravinthran 0404488238 or Glorya glory.kang@gmail.com (P&C Social Committee)

WANTED: CLASS PARENTS 2015!
We only need six more class parents!! This is a really easy job. We need class parents for 6G, 6/5S (Year 5 parent), 4M, 3E, 2Y and 1T. We want to say a special thank you to our new kindy parents who have volunteered for this role - KB, KC and KR are all filled. Thank you!!

FUNDRAISING
NSW State Election Fundraiser – Saturday 28th March
We need your help! Thank you to the parents who have offered to help. We still need more helpers on the day, donations of cakes etc for EPS cake stall and also to help with set up and take down. If you are happy to contribute please complete the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter. More information on the cake stall in next week’s newsletter.
Fundraising Coordinators.

BOOK CLUB
Please note that tomorrow is the final date for Book Club orders. Also note that we do not accept cash. Please pay by credit card, cheque or online. All cash orders will be returned.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1/2015

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COMMUNITY NEWS
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State Election Day Fundraiser
Saturday 28th March 2015

We need your help!

Name ___________________________________________
Eldest Child Name _________________________ Class _________
Contact number ________________________________
Email __________________________________________

Please tick if you can assist in one or more of the below and place in the Office Collection Box marked “Election Day Fundraiser”.

- Need 3 volunteers to assist in 2 hour slots please
- Need 2 volunteers to assist in 2 hour slots please
- Need 1 volunteer to assist in 2 hour slots please

1 Volunteers to run the stalls

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Opportunities for All
EASTWOOD

Kristen Dibbs Dip. Art.(Ed)
Children’s Art Classes

Junior classes year 1-6
3.45 pm to 4.45 pm.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Senior Classes year 7-12
5pm – 6pm.
Monday to Thursday.

Vacancies available now.

Contact
Kristen Dibbs
kmdibbs@bigpond.net.au

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