K-2 HAT PARADE
At 10.30am on Thursday, 2nd April, 2015 Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students held a Hat Parade in our Assembly Hall. The students wore colourful hats complete with eggs, feathers, ribbons, glitter, flowers and much more! Even the teachers wore special hats! Each class paraded around the hall to show off their creations to the cheering and waving audience of parents, grandparents and friends. It certainly made a wonderful display when all the students stood on the stage to sing some songs for the audience! We were joined on the day by the Essex St Pre-School children who also showed off their colourful hats. Thank you to the staff for bringing the children on the day. A surprise visit was made by the Easter Bunny, who assisted Mr Ford in presenting prizes to the winners of the K-2 Colouring- in competition. What a terrific way to finish Term 1!

Mrs M.A. Townend

COMING EVENTS
Wednesday 22 April
Anzac Day Service 1.15pm

Thursday 7 May
Mothers Day Stall

Friday 8 May
Mothers Day Stall

MERIT AWARDS
Due to the special ANZAC Day Assembly Merit Awards will be held over until next week.

ASSEMBLY
This week will be our special ANZAC Day ceremony in place of the weekly assembly.

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

WELCOME BACK
I trust that everyone has had an enjoyable break, spending quality time with their family and friends. I welcome you back to Term 2. As always it will be a busy term with lots of things happening. I encourage you to read our newsletter to be informed of what is happening.

STAFFING
There are a number of staff changes which will occur over the coming weeks.

1T – Mrs Townend will return to teaching the class 4 days a week. On Thursday of each week Miss Graham will continue to take the class.

3E – Interviews for the position of classroom teacher will occur this week. Once the teacher is known I will negotiate with them to start as soon as possible. I hope it will be in the next few weeks. In the meantime Miss Evans will continue to teach the class.

2P – I am presently waiting for an appointment to be made by the Department. They have advised me that this should happen in the next week. Whilst awaiting the appointment we are very fortunate to have Mrs Wilbraham to teach the class. Mrs Wilbraham has been a long term member of our staff and taught Year 2 last year. Her knowledge and experience will ensure that the class continues to progress.

EAL/D – The school has been given an extra day a fortnight for our EAL/D Program. This position will be taken by Miss Graham.

UPDATED ATTENDANCE POLICY
In line with departmental requirements I have updated our attendance policy. The policy as it applies to parents has the following points you should know:

- All students must attend school unless there is a valid reason for not attending;
- After any absence a written explanation must be sent in to the class teacher;
- If no explanation is received the absence will be deemed to be unexplained;
- The parents of all students arriving late or leaving early must go to the office before going to the classroom;
- The parent of any child who is going to be absent for more than 10 days must apply for leave through a form available from the office;
- If absences, late arrivals or early departures become a concern the parents will be contacted;
- If more than one unexplained absence occurs parents will be contacted; and
- If absences continue to be a concern after school intervention then a referral will be made to the Home School Liaison Officer.

The roll is a legal document and it is important that its recording is accurate.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY
Tomorrow we will be holding our ANZAC Assembly at our new memorial wall and garden (weather permitting; otherwise it will be in the hall). It will commence at 1:15pm and all members of our school community are invited.

COOLER WEATHER
Over the coming weeks the weather will begin to cool and students will move to winter uniforms. It is during the winter months that our lost property stocks rise. We are aware that school uniforms are not cheap...
and endeavour to return lost items, but this becomes almost impossible when lost clothing is not labelled. Please label jumpers, hats or any clothing a child may remove during the day.

**BAND AND CAPTAIN PHOTOS**

Band and captain photos are now on display in the foyer outside the school office. If you wish to purchase any of these photos you can collect an envelope from the office and return it to the white collection box outside the office. The cost of photos is $16.00 each, 2 for $30.00, $3 for $42.00, 4 for $52.00 or 5 for $60.00.

Mr John Ford
Principal

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

We will be holding our annual ANZAC Day Service this Wednesday, 22 April. The service will commence at 1.15 pm and will be held in our school hall. Students are encouraged to bring a small bunch of flowers on the day as the students will be invited to lay flowers at the foot of the stage as a sign of respect for all who have been affected by war and conflict. Parents are most welcome to attend our commemoration.

Miss Christine Tierney

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**ANZACs in World War 1**

In the library this week and next we will be focusing on facets pertaining to World War 1 and, in particular, the ANZAC forces. Posters are already on our Library Graffiti Wall promoting the role of women during this time as well as the courage of our ANZAC soldiers. In the Library many age-appropriate books about the ANZACs are on display near the Circulation Desk for children to borrow and the use of WW1 propaganda posters will make up part of this term’s library lessons for primary children.

As part of the WW1 commemorations the Premier’s Reading Challenge has a list of books which include content about the Gallipoli campaign and our first ANZACs. It can be located and downloaded from the home page of the Premier’s Reading Challenge

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Mrs Lyn Campbell
Teacher-Librarian

**HARMONY DAY AND THE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE.**

On Wednesday April 1st Epping Public School celebrated Harmony Day and the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The school came together to play a variety of multicultural games and we had a special assembly where the message of Harmony Day – that everyone belongs – was celebrated. It was a pleasure to see all of the students come along in their bright colours, orange clothes of community organisation mufti, and it was wonderful to hear students talking about the reason for Harmony Day and the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. We were also thrilled with the number of cans collected for the Exodus Foundation “One ‘can’ make a difference” can drive.

Ms Kerr and Mrs Rowsell
Opportunities for All

NEWS FROM THE P&C

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
We need some help with wrapping gifts for the stall and will be meeting on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th at 9:20 am (after drop-off) outside canteen. The more the merrier and the quicker it will be! See the flyer for more details. Please call one of the below coordinators to let us know what day you are free to help!
From Fundraising Coordinators
Angeline Soo – 0435 542 599
Suzanne Tan – 0468 941 008

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.

Museum of Fire - 5th Sydney Classic & Antique Truck Show and Family Dun Day to be held on Sunday 31 May. Please see noticeboard for further information.

Opportunities for All
Mother’s Day
Stall outside School Hall

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th May
From 8.45 am to 9.20 am and 11.30 am to 12.20 pm

Great gifts to choose from:
- Love candle set
- Gemstone bracelet
- “Mum” Love vase
- Diamond bubble bath
- Colourful trinket box
- Handbag manicure set
- Fun memo holder
- Grandmother tassel bookmark

All gifts cost $5 each.

Don’t forget your plastic bag to carry your gifts home.

All profits go to the P & C to be used in supporting our school.
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Contact Information
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Opportunities for All
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If you’ve never played soccer before, that’s fine. Our experienced and friendly coaches will help you learn the basics and more. If you have played soccer before this club is for you also, the coaches can help you fine tune and further develop your soccer skills.

WHEN: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm to 8pm

CONTACT: Matula (Club President) on 0470 429 498
George (Club secretary) on 0410 479 400

WHERE: J.C Donath Reserve, Falk Avenue, Reservoir
Pitch 3 - see pic below

www.kingsburyunitedsoccerclub.org.au