FROM THE PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Tomorrow we welcome our newest students when Kindergarten 2017 officially commence at Epping Public School. We wish them the best as they start on their journey of learning. It is a journey that will be filled with excitement and wonder. As a community I know you will show our new students and their families the support for which you are renowned.

CLASSES FOR 2016

As indicated last week we need to confirm our student numbers before we can place students in their permanent class. This includes our Kindergarten Students who do not start until tomorrow. It is anticipated that students will be put into their permanent classes on Thursday and moved to their 2016 room. In the meantime students will still continue to work from the 2016 curriculum.

LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our Life Education Program commences next week. The program will run all of next week and into Monday of the following week. The cost of the program will be included in the Term 1 fees. A note with details about the program will be sent home in the next few days.

BAND INFORMATION EVENING

A band information evening will be held at school this evening. Parents with students in the band should already have relevant details. If you do not have the details but are still interested please contact Michael Slater epsbandcoordinator@gmail.com

COMING EVENTS

Monday 1 February
Band Info Meeting 6-7pm

Tuesday 2 February
Kindergarten start
Uniform Shop open 9 to 10 am

Wednesday 3 February
Leadership Camp
Uniform Shop open 2:45 to 3:45pm
Canteen opens for 2016

Thursday 4 February
Leadership Camp

Friday 5 February
Leadership Camp

Monday 8 February
Life Education begins

Tuesday 9 February
Life Education
P&C Meeting 6:30pm

ASSEMBLY

There will be no Assembly this week.
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
I again remind you that we will be holding our parent information evening on Wednesday 17 February. Details of times will be in next week’s newsletter.

HEALTH CARE INFORMATION
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL
Last year, after training, our stage 3 students were able to cycle to school. The student and their parents were required to complete and sign a note regarding riding bikes to school. The note was valid for 2015. In the next week we will ask if any Year 6 student, who has completed the training wishes to ride their bike to school. They and their parents will need to complete and sign the note for 2016. Year 5 students will not be allowed to ride their bikes to school until they have completed the training. This is scheduled for later in the semester.

John Ford
Principal

CANTEEN
School Canteen will reopen for 2016 on Wednesday 3 February. Students wishing to order lunches need to put their holding class / teacher’s name on their lunch order.

NEWS FROM THE P&C
• Tuesday 9th February – P&C Meeting, 6:30pm
• Friday 12th February – P&C Morning Tea, 9:20am outside the canteen

SOCIAL
P&C Morning Tea on Friday 12 February, 9:20am
Come and enjoy some yummy morning tea and hear from the school executive about what is happening at our school. This is a great chance to find out what is discussed and presented at the P&C meeting and to catch up with each other over a cup of tea. The morning tea is held at 9.20am outside the canteen following the morning bell. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to meeting new families to the school in 2016.

For more information contact Sarah sjoneill@hotmail.com

Opportunities for All
Minutes of Epping Public School P&C Meeting
Tuesday 8th December 2015
Staff Room
Meeting commenced at 6:35pm, chaired by J Chung


Apologies: J Chung, J Ma, L Denniss

Minutes of Previous Meeting
Motion: P&C commits to provide $10,000 to the school for the next 4 years to support the purchase of Interactive Screens for each classroom. YES:10 NO:0 Motion Carried.

Action: Building Fund Fund to be registered as charity - Committee Members contact details to be collected - A Mount
Action: General P&C email account in Google Aps Google for not for profit Registrations completed waiting for tokens - 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 $28,400 Uniform $24,000 Fete $400
General $42,100 Canteen $15,200

Fundraising – Kripa Shivamurthy
Activities planned for next year with tentative dates
CSIRO Science Show - 18 March 2016
Mother's Day Stall - 5th & 6th May
Movie/Pizza Night - 3rd June
Father's Day Stall - 2nd September
Spooky Disco - 28th October

Grounds – TBA
No report

Canteen – Lillian Wang
On line System trial will continue in Term 1 2015 with a small group of families.
An invitation to the Healthy School Environment forum hosted by Northern Sydney Local Health District on 16th March 2016 has been received.
The P&C Executive authorise Lillian Wang, as the Canteen P&C Coordinator, to have access to on-line banking on the EPS Canteen Account.

Uniform – Lisa Denniss/ Sue Bailey
An order for Winter uniforms to be placed this week. Uniform Shop will open:
9-10am on first day of school 2016
9-10am on first Kindy day 2016

Band – Lisa Denniss
Band Pizza lunch this week. New instruments arrived and will be issued next year. Preparation of folders for training band will begin next week.

Social – Cynthia Ravinthran/ Glorya Williams
Cynthia announced her retirement from the Social committee for 2016. All her hard work in this role has been greatly appreciated. Sarah O’Neill will be the Social Coordinator for 2016.
Cyber Safety Talk held
P&C Morning tea held.
27th Nov Park Play at Epping Oval
Kindy 2016 Play at School 12th Dec.
Fri 4th Dec - Mum’s End of Year Dinner held at Pent Thai
Welcome BBQ Date: tentative Week 5 - 26th Feb 2016.

Grants – Suzanne Szecsodi/ Deb Walker
Mr Tudehope has informed the EPS P&C that we have won a State Grant which contributes to the funding of a shade structure for the playground.
Additional poles may be required as the structural bearings of the COLA cannot be verified.
To vote at next P&C:

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Motion: P&C to contribute up to $5,000 to install additional poles to independently support the new Shade Structure.

Principal – John Ford
Recent successful & upcoming events:
* Swim Scheme finished
* Audit completed
* Kindy orientation held
* Best Start letters sent out
* Table Tennis Competition
* Leisure Sports
* Gala Day
* Stage 2 Granny Smith
* School Spectacular
* Boronia Park Stage 2
* High School Orientation last week - Epping, Cheltenham & Carlingford
* Presentation Day
* Thank You Morning Tea for parents
* Cheltenham Girls 9 (ex EPS students) spoke to Yr 6 Girls
* Essex St kindy visited
* Year 6 Farewell
* Talent Quest
* Wednesday The Good Dinosaur
* Farewell Arch
* Thursday 28th Jan school return next year
* Kindy commences 2nd Feb

Grounds update - Janette Bailey
Quotes for Grounds are currently being requested.

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

The next P&C General meeting will be held on TUESDAY 9th February at 6.30pm.

Minutes of Epping Public School P&C Meeting
Tuesday 10th November 2015
Staff Room
Meeting commenced at 6:58pm, chaired by J Chung


Apologies: NIL

Minutes of Previous AGM
The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 11th November 2014 were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved: S Szecsodi 2nd M. Kelly. Carried.

Matters Arising from Minutes
Nil

Business Arising:

President’s Report
This year was my first 1st year on the P & C committee.
Prior to taking this position, I didn’t really understand what the P & C did. 12 months later I now realise how many services and roles the P & C is involved in, services such as:

Canteen – Janice Ma, Wendy Lam & Jing Xi
Services like the Canteen are run by a small team of parent volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that our children have access to tasty and nutritious lunch items. In 2015 we had to reduce the number of canteen days from 3 days per week to 2 days per week due to the lack of volunteers.

Uniform shop – Lisa Denniss
The uniform shop is also operated by a small team of parent volunteers that ensure all students have ready access to all uniform items in a central, convenient location at school.

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The Band – Lisa Denniss
The P & C provides vital resources, support and assists in managing the band, ensuring that students have access to instruments in good working order.

Fundraising – Angeline Soo
One of the main functions of the P & C is fundraising. Once again volunteers work tirelessly to organise and run fundraising events, this year alone they organised:
* State election – fete
* Movie nights
* Mother’s Day stall
* Father’s Day BBQ
* School disco
* Festive season stall
* Cake stalls

The money raised from these events allows us to work with Mr Ford and his staff to purchase items that enhance student learning, fitness and social skills.

This year the P & C assisted with:
* Literacy funding of $1000 per term
* Funding for new IT purchases
* Hand dryers in toilets
* New sinks in kindergarten classes
* Monkey bars and exercise equipment
* Installation of soft fall surfaces
* Construction of the ANZAC memorial garden
* Funding of dance group costumes
* New playground shade structure

The main fundraising event for 2016 will be our State Election Fete. The preparations for the fete have already commenced and volunteers are required to ensure a successful day.

Social Activities – Gloria Kang-Williams & Cynthia Ravinthran
The P & C also organise numerous social and information events throughout the year, many of which are organised purely for the social aspect as opposed to fundraising:
* P & C morning teas
* Parent information nights
* Welcome BBQ

* Mum’s lunch
* Dad’s and kids sporting event
* Woman’s wellness events

These social events are a great opportunity for parents new to EPS and existing parents to discuss schooling whilst making lifelong friends.

Grants – Suzanne Szecsodi & Deb Walker
The largest asset purchases during the year are only achievable due to the hard work of our grants team. Items like the ANZAC memorial garden and the fitness equipment are not possible through regular fundraising.

Volunteering
I’d also like to thank all the parents and donors who have supported our school this year. These parents are always the first to put up their hands to help.

As we farewell the year 6 students we also farewell some parents who no longer have children attending the school. Their departure leaves a large gap in the committee.

Regardless of whether you are new to the school or have children in one of the later stages it would be great if you could spare as little as a few hours per week to help us provide an enhanced schooling experience for all our children.

The running of the meeting was handed over to J. Ford, who declared all positions vacant and conducted elections for the following positions:

P&C Executive
President: Jong Chung
Vice President: Marissa Kelly
Secretary: Anne Mount
Treasurer: Jenny Ju

Committee Chairpersons
The following chairpersons were nominated:
Canteen Lillian Wang
Fundraising Kripa Shivamurthy + Janine Eastham
Uniform Lisa Denniss + Sue Bailey
Grounds VACANT

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John Ford thanked the 2015 P&C and congratulated the 2016 Committee. AGM closed at 7.15pm

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**Girls Under 9 Soccer Team**

Are you turning 8 or 9 this year? Do you want to play one of Australia's most popular female team sports? Games will be played on Sunday morning, from April until August. Please contact Neal Swancott, Secretary, North Epping Rangers, on 0400 188809 or neal.swancott@gmail.com. Registration is happening now!
Homework Help

Epping Library hosts free weekly sessions to help primary and high school students with their homework.

Where: Epping Library
When: Every Tuesday and Wednesday (during the school term only), 3:30pm-5:30pm
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The French classes are 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 at the discounted rate of about $6.50 per lesson thanks to support from the school P & C.

Classes were held Wednesday and Friday mornings this year.
Please contact Debbie Mullins by email at epplies@french@gmail.com if your child is interested in joining, or you would like to come along to a free beginners class next year.

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