



Epping Heights Public School

"Quality education in a caring environment"
Values for this term: Responsibility and Cooperation

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Term 1 Week 5

20 February 2012

Coming events

22 February Parent Information Sessions

Stage 1: 4.15-5.00

Stage 2: 4.45-5.30

Stage 3: 5.15-6.00

23 February 3C Cake Day

24 February 2-6 Swimming Carnival Assembly 1.45pm

24 February Term Invoice payments due

Deadline for Newsletter articles is Friday

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow afternoon teachers of Years 1-6 will hold Information Sessions for parents. The schedule is included in 'Coming Events' above. At the session you will receive a term newsletter which will outline overall plans for the year as well as specific information about this term's program. I am sure you will find the sessions informative and they will give you the chance to meet your child's teacher.

I have now visited almost every classroom in the school. It is wonderful to see how well and how quickly the children have settled into their new classes and new routines.

Parents may be interested to know about staff we have currently working in our school to provide additional support for the children.

Mrs Parfett works 3 days a week as the English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher and 1 day a week supporting students requiring learning assistance. As ESL Teacher, Mrs Parfett works with students and teachers, supporting students with English language learning needs. Her role as Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA) requires her to liaise with teachers and the Learning Support Team (LST) to plan programs, provide strategies and at times work with individual students to address their needs.

Mrs Jarvis, our Teacher Librarian provides half a day a week of similar support for students. One of her support periods is a Book Club, which meets once a week and involves a small group of children who are given support with reading in a comfortable and relaxed environment.

Mrs Robyn Kayes, the Autism Outreach Teacher is working with our students for one day a week during this term. Mrs Kayes has met with teachers and parents to discuss programs and strategies to support students. Mrs Kayes is also supporting our School Learning Support Officers, **Mrs Kayleen Farrell** and **Mrs Kathryn Sellers**, providing advice to assist them in their roles supporting the children.

Mrs Jenny James, our School Counsellor works 3 days a fortnight to provide high level counsellor support for

children, teachers and families. Mrs James is the Coordinator of the Learning Support Team which meets every fortnight to discuss how best to support student needs across the school. Mrs James conducts psychological assessments of students at the recommendation of the LST and/or the request of parents. Information about the role of the School Counsellor as well as requests for support can be found on the school website. www.eppinghts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Last week all families received the **Term 1 Tax Invoice** of **school fees and charges**. Your prompt payment of the invoice is very much appreciated. We do however realise that some families may have difficulty in paying the invoice and all we ask is that you contact the school to discuss your options. Payment by instalments is very acceptable and we can negotiate a payment plan to suit your family circumstances.



A local resident and parent of the school has complained about the **lack of courtesy** by a number of **parents**

driving and parking near the school. Another parent has given me the number plates of a couple of parents who park illegally in the 'Kiss and Drop' Zone, causing inconvenience to parents wishing to use this area correctly for drop off and pick up of their children. It has been suggested that I publish the number plates of those disobeying the parking signs. This is not something I would like to do but I do sympathise with parents inconvenienced by the selfish actions of a few. I urge you to **comply with the parking restrictions** displayed around the school and take care not to block the driveways of our resident neighbours. Restrictions are in place for the **safety of pedestrians** (mostly children around our school) and **motorists**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best wishes,
Julie Hanley
Principal

Parent Information Sessions for Years 1-6
Wednesday 22 February

Stage 1 – Years 1 & 2: 4.15 - 5.00

Stage 2 – Years 3 & 4: 4.45 - 5.30

Stage 3 – Years 5 & 6: 5.15 - 6.00

- Find out about the teachers' plans and expectations for the year.

- Find out about the programs and activities your child will participate in this year.
- Learn how you can support the education of your child.

All sessions will take place in classrooms.
Sessions are designed to provide information.
Individual children will not be discussed

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following children for receiving **merit awards for Term 1, Week 4** :

KA Breaker P-W, Mariam J, **KD** Nicholas G, Toby R, Katie O'S, **KS** Eunice C, Dean S, Isabella H, **K_1J** Gaelen B, Ethan H, Mara T, **1A** Alana Z, Esther A, Tobias W, **1T** Lily C, Marcela A, Domenic S, **2J** Kate H, Emlyn C, Declan S, **2M** Oliver P, Sanya M, Eugenie C, **3C** Annika S, Ka-Young O, Nathan N, Harry C, **3K** Emily L, Matthew N, Elizabeth O, Jayden O'S, **4G** Ashish G, Aengus T, Caitlyn M, Tori R, **4L** Luka H, Viruna S, Cassandra L, Sophie M, **5_6G** Masako W, Nikita S, Jack H, Mitchell F, **5S** Arden R, Joshua P, Eun Su L, Rachel L, **6L** Lauren McA, Ishka H, Thomas R, Jack G

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their peers to be **Class Captains** and **members of the SRC** in Semester 1.

Class Captains

2J	Kate H & Roman A
2M	Sasha H & George U
3C	Anna C & Ashton P
3K	Karishma S & Sameer D
4G	Tori R & Aengus T
4L	Abira H & Nicholas RI
5S	Alice D & Arden R
5_6G	Sophia C & Charlie C
6L	Avan D & Harry G

SRC

2J	Lucy S & Eric K
2M	Anna H & Joshua L
3C	Sarah S & Nathan N
3K	Josie K & Matthew N
4G	Caitlyn M & Ashish G
4L	Leo A & Lucy H
5	Brooke N & Tim C
5_6G	Sienna P & Luke N
6L	Jack P & Saba F

The students will be presented with their badges at an upcoming K-6 Assembly.

Phillippa Moran – SRC Coordinator

Veggie Garden

Last year we saw our **vegie garden** emerge from nothing to a flourishing edible garden. Ample tomatoes

were harvested together with spinach, basil, beans and celery. Even the cheeky caterpillars enjoyed munching on our mint plant. Our goal for this term is to remove the old plants, improve the soil and plant for a winter harvest. **Hornsby council** has already kindly donated plants and lucerne, as well as a fruit salad tree! We will keep you updated with our progress.

Mrs Chadwick

Schools Clean Up Day 2012 Friday 2 March 1.45-2.45pm



This important event will take place at EHPS on Friday 2 March. We have registered our site on the Clean Up Australia Day website and parents can visit the site and register their interest in participating on the day.

www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/EHPS

We'd love to have parents at school to help the children with their tasks in beautifying our grounds. We are hoping the P&C Grounds Committee will be able to donate some plants to be planted around the school on the day.

We are very appreciative of the **involvement of the Green Team from Cheltenham Girls HS** which will be coming along to help us clean up our grounds on the day. We will welcome 15 students each of whom will work with one class around the school.

Please give your child **gloves and at least one bag** in which to collect the rubbish.

We look forward to a very successful event.

Ray Geniale
Environment Committee

P&C President Message

At the first P&C Meeting for the year held on Wednesday 8th February, I suggested the **school community** compiles a **list of priorities** to enable **targeted fundraising** during the year. I believe it's important for parents to understand how funds raised through their efforts will be used to enhance and improve their children's education.

A number of suggestions were made during the meeting including covered walkways, additional classroom resources and further technology resources to enhance student learning.

As many of you are unable to attend meetings you may still like to contribute your ideas and priorities. Please feel free to contribute your ideas and priorities on the tear-off at the end of newsletter or via an email directly to the school.

Amy Morris
P&C President

P&C Fundraising Meeting News

Thank you to those who came to our fundraising meeting last Wednesday night. More advance notice will be given before the next one.

To assist with the smooth running of things and to ensure everyone gets a chance to help out, we have allocated different classes to some of our annual events. More information will be available in the classrooms on parent information day.

Mother's Day morning tea or afternoon tea	5S & 5G
Father's Day brekkie or tea	2J & 2M
Athletics Carnival	3K & 3C
Christmas Carols	KA, KD & KS
Mother's Day gifts	4G
Father's Day gifts	4L
Election day sausage sizzle / cake stall	K_1J, 1A & 1T

Fundraising plays a big part in getting the best for our children in and out of the classroom. With each event there will be plenty of advice or help available from previous event planners. Looking forward to working with you all. Let's make this a bumper year!!

Theresa Taylor and the Fundraising Committee.

P&C Fundraising Opportunity

\$10,000 Contours Epping Fundraising Opportunity WE NEED YOUR HELP!

After all the Christmas festivities and summer holidays now is great time to remedy the excesses and start getting fit at Contours gym. This offer entitles you to **10 sessions for a total of \$10** as an introductory offer to see how good the gym is

Please DO read the full page at the back of this newsletter to see what an excellent offer this really is and start thinking who of your friends, relations and neighbours can be persuaded to part with \$10 to start getting fit and most importantly to help with the fundraising for YOUR school!

Please contact all your friends, relations and neighbours and Ladies – Don't forget yourselves!

David Gore

David.gore@catmore.com

Learn Music and Join the Band

There is still time to start learning a musical instrument this term! Our music program for the year has already started but it's not too late to get involved.

We have lessons available and can help your child get started for all instruments in our School Band.

In particular we need more players for the "lower brass" instruments – trombone, euphonium, tenor horn, tuba. We can hire you one of these instruments at

very reasonable rates. Flute, clarinet, trumpet and saxophone lessons are also available.

If you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument and eventually joining the School Band, please contact **Mr Chris Salmon, the Band Convenor**, by email: chris.salmon@tpg.com.au

Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2011

Stewart House bags have been sent home today to each family in the school. It would be appreciated if you could fill the bags with any unwanted clothing and return the bags to school – **inside the school hall where marked**. They will be collected by Stewart House on **Friday 9th March** so please return your bags **no later than 9am on that day**. If your bags are returned to school after the collection they will have to be sent home again. All wearable clothing is used for welfare work and the remainder is used for industrial purposes.

Uniform Shop Sale

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50% OFF – SALE! – 50% OFF

The uniform shop is having a sale! We have **limited** stock of new jackets and sweatshirts in our old design.

Bomber Jacket – navy with yellow trim (2 x size 14 only).

Were \$39.00 NOW \$19.50

Sweatshirt / pullover – all sizes limited stock.

Were \$22.00 NOW \$11.00

Grab yourself a bargain! Perfect to keep as a spare for when your child can't find their jacket! **BE QUICK!**

If you would like to volunteer in the shop, please email joandchrisosullivan@inet.net.au and include your mobile number. Please call Jo O'Sullivan on 0416 171812 if you have any questions.

Canteen Roster

24 February – Beverley Clark, Nicola Keevers, Rebecca Leung

28 February – Sarah Pridham, Tracy Wendelborn, Danielle Pryor, Joyce Chiu

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West Epping Uniting Church in conjunction with the Muscular Dystrophy Association of NSW will present Understanding Neuro Muscular Disorders 'a layman's perspective' on Wed 29 Feb at 7.30pm, speaker Mr Bill Harding AM. \$5 donation, supper will be available. To assist with catering, please RSVP to church office on 9868 3574 or weppinguca@netscape.net



An invitation to visit
**Epping Boys High School
 Information Afternoon
 Tuesday 6 March 2012
 4 – 7 pm**

Parents and Students Year 7, 2013 and 2014

Parents and guardians of boys currently enrolled in Years 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend the school's Information Afternoon in the school hall.

Epping Boys High School has an outstanding tradition of academic, cultural and sporting achievement.

4.00pm – 5.00pm

- Principal and Deputy Principal presentations
- Boys to Men Program
- Student presentation
- Musical items
- Questions and answer session with senior staff
- Meet key school personnel

5.00pm – 6.00pm

- Tours of the school

6.00 – 7.00pm Gifted and Talented Program 2013

- Presentation in the School Library to interested parents

For further information about our school and achievements please check our website:

www.eppingboys.nsw.edu.au

Email: eppingboy-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au

Address: 213 Vimiera Rd, Eastwood, NSW, 2122

Enrolment enquiries for 2012 are invited to the Enrolment Officer on 9869 2701.

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**Parent Ideas for Fundraising Targets
 (Please place in collection box in foyer)**

Name

Eldest Child's Name

Eldest Child's Class

Phone No and/or email address

Suggestion/s for P&C funds.....

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www.choyleefut.org

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Child's Name..... Child's Class

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