



Epping Heights Public School

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

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Term 1 Week 11

5 April 2011

Coming events

6 April 5-6R Cake Day
6 April P&C Meeting 7.30pm
7 April K-2 Easter Picnic
8 April Cross Country Carnival
8 April Last Day for Term 1

28 April Students Commence Term 2
29 April Anzac Day Service 10.00am
4 May 3C Cake Day

Deadline for Newsletter articles is Friday

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we're in the final week of term 1 2011. Time seems to fly by and it's **amazing** to see what our new school members, **Kindergarten 2011**, have **achieved** in only 9 weeks of formal schooling. Last week I had 3 children come to show me their **5* writing**. They were so proud of themselves and were able to show me why their writing was 5* - they used: a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence, spaces between their words, a full stop at the end of the sentence, an interesting word and spelt many words correctly. We are already beginning planning for **Kindergarten 2012** with our **Open Day** for prospective parents on **Tuesday 7 June**. Apart from the progress of Kindergarten children, children in all other classes are also learning well.

Last week I saw a small group of Year 5 & 6 children using the **new flip cameras** to **record interviews** with other children about their current topic of study related to the environment and sustainability. Education has certainly changed and is moving rapidly to include so many **different and exciting technologies to enhance the children's learning**.



This year's **Easter Picnic** and **Easter Services** are being held a long time before Easter, due to the very late Easter this year. K-2 children will enjoy their annual **Easter Picnic** on the front grassed area (weather permitting) from **10.30-11.05am on Thursday**. **Easter Services** will take place in the hall on

Friday morning.

Happy Easter



support.

Year 6 are holding an **Easter Raffle** to raise money for their gift to the school. There are a number of beautiful baskets filled with chocolate treats to be won. **Tickets are 50c or 3 or \$1**. They are hoping for a very successful fundraiser. Thank you for your

On Friday the Cross Country Carnival will be held for children from Years 2 – 6. We're hoping for a lovely day so the children can enjoy their 'run' around our neighbourhood. Thank you to all parents who've volunteered to assist on the day. We are very appreciative. There will also be a sausage sizzle on the day, with funds raised going towards the Year 6 gift to the school. Those new to the school may be interested to know that the **data projector** recently installed in the **hall** was **donated by Year 6 2010** through their fundraising efforts.



There has been some confusion about the Easter and Anzac Day public holidays, but we have had them confirmed. **Monday 25 April** will be the **Anzac Day public holiday** and **Tuesday 26 April** will be the **Easter Monday public holiday**. **Wednesday 27 April** is a **School Development Day** and **students return** to school on **Thursday 28 April**. The **Anzac Day Service** will be held for the first time in our new hall on **Friday 29 April**.

Last week I outlined changes to the '**parent-teacher meeting schedule**'. This year we are trialling having these meetings earlier in the year. **Today** you will receive a **note home** asking you to nominate 2 choices of time periods on the days available. Due to provision of extra time this year, meetings will be held over 2 afternoons. Your prompt return of the tear-off meeting request will ensure you receive a suitable meeting time. If you have recently met with your child's teacher and you have no further areas you wish to discuss, you may choose not to have a meeting at this stage. Parents of children in **1H** will not receive a **separate note** as most parents have already met with Mrs Henderson prior to her going on leave. Further meetings for 1H parents will take place later in the term.

Some teachers have expressed concern about some of the items being sold on **Cake Days**. **Lolly bags and chips are not appropriate**. We appreciate the small cakes, and slices baked by parents for Cake Days. Healthy fruit jelly cups are also very popular. Those parents who are unable to bake often send in delicious bought treats including mini cupcakes, lamingtons and donuts.



Next term we are starting the **Crunch and Sip** program at Epping Heights to encourage the eating of fresh fruit and vegetables every day. You will receive an information brochure today.

The **Families in Cultural Transition (FICT) Course** finishes this Thursday. I'd like to thank Mrs Parfett for organising the program and all the parents who have come each week to take part in the program. Many parents are now continuing their weekly visits to school to attend the '**Conversational English**' classes which begin early next term.

Tomorrow evening I look forward to seeing many of you at the **P&C Meeting** which will be held in the **school hall at 7.30pm**.

I will be taking 2 weeks Long Service Leave at the beginning of next term. Mrs Jarvis will relieve as Principal. Miss Son and Miss Lim will relieve for Mrs Jarvis.

As this is the last newsletter for term 1, I'd like to wish you all the children a **happy holiday**. I hope our busy parents enjoy some time with their children and a break from the day to day routine.

Best wishes,
Julie Hanley
Principal

Impetigo

Please note that one of our students has been diagnosed with Impetigo (School Sores) last week. Please check your children and visit your GP if unsure.

Week 10 Assembly Awards – Congratulations!

KD	Joshua C, Cameron A, Matilda M
KM	Andonis D, Isabella K, Xavier M
KS	Joshua S, Ka Hee, Matilda R
1H	Emlyn C, Jessica H, Brianna R
1T	Ethan M, Taylah P, Alicia F
2J	Nathan N, Clodagh T, Daniel P
2S	Sarah C, Aiden R, Sarah S
3C	Nick R, Georgie D, Daniel C, Rebecca V
3S	Daniel X, Amelia R, Phoebe A, Ben C
4C	Sonali D, Tim C, Victoria G, Arden R
4_5S	Vanessa W, Ethan W, Juliet D, Kirk D
5G	Alexandra L, Mitchell F, Jewel J, Luke N
5_6R	Georgia G, Niamh C, Shona A, Ryan K
6P	Reece B, Lucy J, Mitchell W, Kyle J

5 April - Ching Ming Festival (Chinese)

This Chinese festival is also known as the "Tomb-sweeping Festival". People visit family graves and ask for the blessings of the departed spirits. They care for the tombs and make offerings of incense, joss paper and food to their ancestors

13 April – New Year (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand)

In Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand the beginning of the new astrological year is celebrated on this day. New Year is celebrated by cleansing images of Buddha in homes and temples, young people sprinkling water on older people, tying strings around the wrists of others and expressing good wishes for the new-year. In Thailand this festival is known as Songkran.

22 April – Good Friday (Christian)

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is commemorated on this day. Traditionally fish is eaten rather than meat. Hot cross buns have become associated with Good Friday

24 April – Easter Sunday (Christian)

Easter Sunday celebrates Christ's resurrection. The ancient custom of exchanging eggs on Easter Sunday is to celebrate new life.

25 April – Anzac Day

ANZAC Day is probably Australia's most important occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. In 1915 the soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula, open the Dardanelles to the allied navies and ultimately capture Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey), the capital of the Ottoman Empire and an ally of Germany. The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli, meeting treacherous terrain and fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. The campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915, after both sides had suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships, the allied forces were evacuated. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers had been killed. 25 April became the day on which Australians remember the sacrifice of those who have died in war. Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives the "ANZAC Legend" has become an important part of the identity of both Australia and New Zealand

29 April – Captain Cook landed at Botany Bay 1770

Captain Cook was an English navigator and explorer. On his first voyage to the great Southern Ocean he landed at Botany Bay, New South Wales and claimed the land for the British Crown. The British did not acknowledge Aboriginal custodianship of the land; they assumed the land was "Terra Nullius" or empty land.

Flowers for Anzac Day



The school's Anzac Day service will be held on Friday 29 April at 10am. This is the second day in Term 2 for students

As in previous years students are asked to bring in flowers which teachers and some parents will use to make floral tributes. Please send a few flowers and/or rosemary to school with your child on the Friday morning of the assembly.

All children should **wear full school uniform** on this day.

Thank you so much for your help.
Melissa Cairn

K-2 Easter Picnic

Just a reminder for this Thursday, K-2 will be holding their Easter Picnic at 10:30am, please bring a small plate of food to share.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

It is exciting to see the number of students of Epping Heights participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. There are a total of 153 students who are currently registered for the challenge. Congratulations to the ten students who have already completed the challenge and to 5_6S for collaboratively reading more than 100 books. Make sure you visit the library foyer to see the books available at school and view the library blog at <http://ehpsblogs.com/library> for more information. If you have not started, please log on and register. Enjoy reading!

Ashley Tipping
PRC Coordinator

Cross Country Carnival and Sausage Sizzle

Epping Heights will be holding their annual Cross Country Carnival on the Friday 8 April (permission notes were sent home recently and can also be found on the newsletter page of the school website). If you are able to help on the day, please fill in the tear off slip on the bottom of the permission note and give it to **your child's class teacher**.

If your child wants a sausage sandwich for lunch, please send \$3.00 in an envelope, clearly marked with their name and class, **to their class teacher**.

A preparation trial will be held this Thursday so all Year 2 students should bring their sports shoes

Mr Squires and Miss Smith
Cross Country Carnival Organisers

Library News

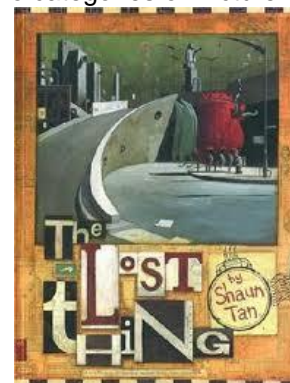
Last weekend the Australian author, **Shaun Tan** won the world's richest children's picture book award worth more than \$750 000. This follows on from his Oscar win for



the Best Animated Short Film, **The Lost Thing**. It is wonderful to see how he gradually builds and develops his ideas in depth throughout the book.

Students in Years K to 3 have recently been studying Picture books and are learning to appreciate the skill the author uses to capture the imagination and send a message to his readers through pictures.

In our Library at EHPS we have two categories of Picture books. One is for seniors and the other for juniors. At this stage I am also reviewing this to break it down even more for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students. Visual Literacy is an important part of the English syllabus and another strategy that teachers will use to show students how authors convey messages to their audience.



Mrs Jarvis

Crunch & Sip



Our school is committed to improving children's health through education and supporting the Department of Health's Crunch and Sip initiative.

Crunch and Sip is a set break for students to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students eat these whilst they are working.

As a school, we invite you to support your child to participate in Crunch & Sip by providing a clean bottle to sit on the desk and a piece of fruit or vegetable each day.

Research has shown that drinking water and eating fruit and vegetables is essential for good health and can help concentration throughout the day. Crunch & Sip will run at our school from Monday 2 May.

Please remember to send suitable fruit/vegetables and a small clear plastic bottle.

You may also like to visit the Crunch & Sip website at www.crunchandsip.com.au Please feel free to contact me if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Thank you for your support
Karin Chadwick

Beginner Conversational English Classes

Next term we are offering **free Beginner Conversational English Classes**.

The classes are for **LBOTE** (Language Background Other Than English) parents and carers who have limited English speaking skills.

The course will combine Survival English with a focus on raising children for school and life in Australia. The classes will begin on Thursday 12 May and run for 8 weeks.

If you would be interested in attending the **English Classes** please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and place in the collection box in the office.

Anne Parfett –ESL teacher

Mother's Day High Tea

Our Mother's Day High Tea will be held on **Friday 6 May**. Please join us to celebrate this special occasion with your children. Tickets are selling fast, so don't delay! All payments are due by this Friday 8 April. Order forms were attached to last week's newsletter, or you can print out a copy from the school website.

Here are the answers to some FAQs:

Q: Who needs to buy a ticket for the High Tea?

A: Everyone who is attending. You may purchase tickets for mums, grandmas, special friends and your children. All school children and pre-schoolers will need a ticket. If you are bringing a child under pre-school age who can sit on your knee, they will not need a ticket.

Q: Will I be able to sit with my child(ren)?

A: Yes! You will be sitting at a table with your children, so that you can enjoy this afternoon tea together.

Q: When will the Mother's Day Gifts be distributed?

A: You will receive your gift from your child (if you ordered one) at the High Tea. If you are unable to attend the High Tea, please email Karen McAlpine on kandy@internode.on.net to arrange for your child to take your gift home earlier.

Q: I have special dietary requirements. Will I be catered for?

A: Yes! Please indicate this on your form and we will have a special plate for you.

Q: When will I receive my tickets?

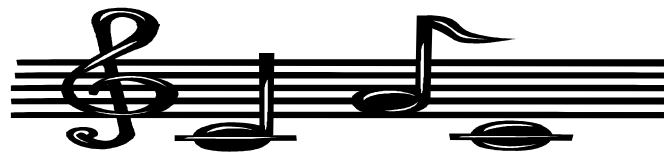
A: Tickets will be sent home with your children at the beginning of Term 2.

Q: What are we raising the money for?

A: All proceeds from the High Tea will go to P&C Fundraising. We are currently raising money towards the purchase and installation of further interactive whiteboards for classrooms. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school!

Melinda Rundle
peterun@ozemail.com.au
(P&C Fundraising)

Anne of Green Gables – The Musical



Epping Heights Public School has a strong presence in this amateur musical production based on the popular novel by LM Montgomery, with Lauren (5G) and Sienna (5G) performing on stage, and Mrs Karen Swancott from the office being responsible for the show's décor. Proceeds from the show go to charity, and the charming and uplifting story is complemented by a beautiful score. Eastwood Uniting Church Musical Society is presenting Anne of Green Gables at Eastwood Uniting Church on **Fridays** 8pm, May 20 & 27, June 3, and **Saturdays** at 2pm & 8pm, May 21 & 28, June 4. **Adults** \$22, **Pensioners** \$16, **Children (16 & under)** \$12.

Bookings open 5 April, tickets 8061 7195 (after 7pm) or www.eucms.org.au

There is also a poster on the noticeboard opposite the school office if you want more information.

News Tips from DET

Environment tip

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies, mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need.

Cyber-safety tips

Safe passwords

Encourage your child to set passwords that are easy to remember but hard to guess.

The best passwords mean something memorable to you, but wouldn't be randomly guessed by others. Select passwords that are:

- **Long** - the more characters your password has, the lower the probability that it can be randomly cracked.
- **Diverse** – use a range of different characters including capital letters, numbers and special characters (like a \$).

More tips at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2009/passwords.php

Web cam safety

If your children are asking you to buy a webcam, it's worth asking what it will be used for and where it will be used. Think carefully about who your child is talking to and what they may be able to see through the webcam. You may choose to place the computer where you can easily see your kids using it.

- Do you know when a webcam is being used?
- Do you know who your children are talking to?
- Can you disconnect the webcam or securely turn it off?
- Can you control access to the camera through a password?

More advice at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2008/webcameras.php

Encourage your child to be a good digital citizen

Life online works better when people maintain good manners and treat each other as they'd like to be treated. Talk about this with your child and it may lead to a decline in bullying behaviour and disagreements that children have.

More safety tips can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2008/staysafe.php

Uniform Shop

Do you have all your winter uniform items ready for next term? Thursday is our last opening day for term, and as usual, we are open from 8.45am to approx 9.30am. We sell both new and second hand uniforms. If you need new school uniforms and are unable to visit at this time, please complete an order form - available from the school office or at (click on either "Girls" or "Boys") <http://eppingheights.com/index.php/parents/uniforms> and leave it in the payment box in the office foyer. Orders are filled on Thursdays and sent to your child's classroom.

We are looking for a volunteer to possibly take over the role of Coordinator of the Uniform Shop on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Have a think about it, it is a great way of giving back to our school. Please feel free to call me on 8090 5178 if you have any questions, or would like further information regarding the role.

Cate Grunsell

Canteen News

Canteen Roster – Friday 8 April – NO CANTEEN

Term 2 Friday 29 April – Eunjee Kim, Sancha Prowse, Alexis Cunningham

Tuesday 3 May – Sue Cale, Theresa Taylor, Tiffany Chanekon, Ling Wang

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**SING! DANCE! ACT!
CLASSES BY JACQUI LALOR**

Musical Theatre/Singing, dancing and drama.

Tuesday: Pennant Hills Public School
Juniors 4.15pm – 5.45pm, Seniors 5.15pm – 7.15pm

Thursday: Epping Heights Public School
Juniors: 3.30pm – 5pm, Seniors 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Register your interest and get in touch at interestmisslalom@gmail.com or call 0432 056 299

**Gibberagong Waterhole Walk
Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park**

Be guided by Aboriginal ranger, Les McLeod along the mangrove boardwalk, through the rainforest and to the waterholes discussion some of the culturally significant sites along the way.

Date: Saturday 16 April 2011

Cost: Activity FREE, National Car Park

Entry: \$11 per car, pay on Entry

Time: Session 1: 10am – 12pm Session 2: 1pm – 3pm

Location: Gibberagong Waterhole Walk, Bobbin Head Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. Bookings are essential on 1300 000 232 or visit their website at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/cec

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**Cheltenham Girls High School  
Computers For Sale**

Cheltenham Girls High School have approximately 150 old computers for public sale. They are free standing, black in colour and all computers are working at time of sale.

Offers should start at \$125.00 per unit. They will be sold as a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, please contact Cheltenham Girls High School Office on 9876 4481

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**Beginner Conversational English Classes**  
(Please return to collection box in the office)

I would like to attend the Beginner Conversational English Classes.

Parent/Carer's Name .....

Contact number .....

Child's name & class .....

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**Entertainment Book**

(Please return to collection box in office foyer)

I **do not** wish to receive an Entertainment Book.

Child's Name & Class .....