



# Epping Heights Public School

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

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Term 1 Week 9

22 March 2011

## Coming events

- 22 March Zone Girls Soccer trials
- 23 March Zone Boys Soccer trials
- 23 March 3S Cake Day
- 25 March SRC Bandaged Bear Day
- 26 March State Elections

## Deadline for Newsletter articles is Friday

Dear Parents,

Yesterday was such a lovely day for the whole Epping Heights school community. The morning assembly was a brief but very appropriate way to start the **celebration of Harmony Day**. The school's Vocal Enrichment Group, entertained us with a heart-felt rendition of the song, 'Ebony and Ivory'. A big thank you to Mr Phelps

for preparing the children to sing for us. The winners of the Harmony Day Competition were announced. Congratulations to all those who participated by entering an artwork or piece of writing in the competition. Miss Lee arranged for 2 students to dress in traditional wedding costume. The costumes were so colourful and ornate with magnificent embroidery and intricate headwear. I'd like to thank Miss Lee and the Korean Embassy for sponsoring this part of the day and paying for the costume hire. Miss Lee herself was dressed in the traditional Korean national dress and looked very beautiful.



Thank you all for sending your children to school in either traditional clothing or 'orange', the colour which symbolises Harmony Day. What made the day all the more special was the involvement of a large number of parents from



Language Backgrounds other than English. Although I didn't manage to visit every activity, I managed to visit most. I saw children learning some basic Greek language with Ms Papahatzis, learning about Russia with Mrs James, singing a fun childrens' song in German with Ms Mazur, learning some Indian history with Mrs Daruwalla and doing some quite complicated origami with Mrs Day, Ms Kim, Mrs Chung and Mrs Cho. There were 3 Mrs Kims who showed the children traditional Koran costumes. Thank you all.



Thank you for contributing a plate for your child to share at morning tea time. It was nice to see the variety on offer. I enjoyed morning tea with visiting parents. In the afternoon the children paired up with their buddy class to make colourful kites. I think these were a bit more challenging than first expected!

Thank you Mrs Parfett, Miss Lee and Mrs Henderson for organising such a lovely day for everyone.



This morning I met with a few parents who have expressed interest in coordinating the **Chess Club** at school. Chess Club will begin on **Tuesday 3 May** and will run from **1-1.30pm** in the school library. Parents who sent the tear-off expressing interest in Chess Club for their child will receive a letter shortly providing some information and asking for parents to volunteer to supervise the children during Chess Club. The more volunteers we have, the less often your help will be needed. Once the club is running, the parent committee will arrange with The Academy of Chess to conduct coaching sessions for children interested.



These sessions will take place out of school hours. Later there may be the opportunity to take part in an interschool competition.



Thank you to all those parents who have paid their **term invoices** promptly. Reminder notices have been sent out and we would appreciate your payments as soon as possible. If you are currently unable to pay the 'voluntary contribution' or the 'Library Fund contribution', you are most welcome to pay these in instalments later in the year when funds are available. The school budget relies on these payments to fund the purchase of resources and the numerous programs we have running at school.

It may be of interest to parents to know the funds we receive from the government to pay for school resources and so on. The following are the main items included in our global annual entitlement of \$103,958:

- Classroom resources \$21,197
- Urgent minor maintenance \$7,260
- Security Banking \$2,195
- Gas and electricity \$8,414
- Rates and Sewerage \$4,491
- Additional student allowance \$4,219
- Teacher Relief \$39,960

Apart from small other allowances, the \$75.42 per student allowance (~\$25,000) is what we receive to pay for all paper, exercise books, stationery supplies, art and craft supplies, reading materials, maths equipment, science equipment, teaching resources, computer hardware, software and maintenance, employment of a Support Teacher Learning Assistance 1 day a week and more.

It is only through your annual contributions via the literacy, numeracy and stationery levies; your generous donations to the Library Fund and through a Voluntary Contribution; school fundraising initiatives; as well as the support of the P&C that we are able to provide excellent resources in classrooms to enhance the childrens' learning across many areas as well as additional teacher support.

This term all teachers have been given an allocation for **classroom resources**. These **funds** are possible due to the **Cake Days** that are run by each class throughout the year. Funds are available in advance to ensure all classes get the benefit of the resources during the year. We have just purchased 4 fantastic 'flip cameras' for the children to use. The cameras are able to record a video lasting up to 1 hour and produce a very high quality video. Many classes will use them to record activities which will then be placed on class blogs for all to view.

This Friday the **SRC** will be raising funds for Westmead Childrens' Hospital through the **Bandaged Bear Day**. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Thank you for your support of an excellent public education at Epping Heights Public School.

Best wishes,  
Julie Hanley  
Principal

## Beecroft PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

The Zone swimming carnival was held at Ryde Aquatic Centre last Tuesday, 8 March. A terrific team of 19 students represented our school at this event. For some it was their first time representing the school at an event of this level. The competition was fierce and the atmosphere was electric. It is not easy to swim in front of such an enormous crowd. I am very proud of the way the team supported each other, cheered each other on, and encouraged each other to overcome nerves. I



would also like to thank the wonderful group of parents who attended the carnival and also contributed to the spirit of encouragement amongst our team members.

### Finals Results:

The results are listed below. Students who achieved 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place will go on to compete at the next level. These students will represent the Beecroft Zone at the Sydney North Area swimming carnival on Wednesday 16 March. We wish them all the very best on this day.

### Ellie J Beecroft Zone Senior Age Champion for 2011. Congratulations Ellie!

Andrew K	11 yr Butterfly 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 11yr Backstroke
Cohen W	Senior Medley 2nd Senior 50m Backstroke 1st Senior 50m Breaststroke 4th Senior 50m Butterfly Freestyle

### Zone Swimming Team 2011

*Andrew K, Alana B, Cohen W, Ellie J, Lucy J, Daniel J, Andrew Z, Peta U, Tori R, Jenni C, Cameron T, Riley B, Jack C, Charlie C, Ned R, Tim C, Gretel R, Eliza J and Tiffany W*

Daniel J	10 years 50m Freestyle 3rd 10 years 50m Backstroke 3rd
Ellie J	Senior 50m Freestyle 2nd Senior Medley 1st Senior Backstroke 2nd Senior Butterfly 1st Open 100m Freestyle Senior 50m Breastroke 4 <sup>th</sup>
Ellie J Lucy J Alana B Jenni C	Senior Girls Relay 1st

### A Great Achievement – Congratulations Adam A



On behalf of the whole Epping Heights school community, I'd like to congratulate Adam A of 6P who recently competed at the Little Athletics Regional and then State Championships in the Under 11 years division of the Triple Jump. This is an excellent achievement. Well done Adam.

### The Worlds Greatest Shave

Well done to Tim C of 4C who took part in the "The World's Greatest Shave" at Macquarie Centre, you may have seen his photo in the local paper recently. He raised \$70 for the leukaemia Foundation.

### Flowers for Anzac Day

The school's Anzac day service will be held on 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.

Thank you so much for your help.  
Mrs Cairn

### 25 March – SRC Bandaged Bear Day

The SRC have organised a Bandaged Bear Day for this Friday 25 March. Funds raised will go directly to the Westmead Children's Hospital, and your donation will go towards supporting the sick children and their families. On this day, we will be selling **Bandaged Bears for \$3**, and **hacky sacks for \$2**. Some classes are also participating in the Bandaged Bear Day colouring-in competition which is to also support the appeal. The colouring -in competition is due Thursday 31 March.

We hope that many are able to support the Bandaged Bear Appeal and support those who are facing the challenge of illness or injury.



Sarah Son, SRC Coordinator

### SRC – You Can Schools Program

This year, our school has joined a fundraising campaign to help young Australians survive cancer. The program involves **donating old mobile phones** which will be recycled to raise much-needed funds to build youth cancer centres across the country. Our school will also be rewarded for your efforts with exciting educational tools including interactive whiteboards, laptops, video cameras and more which will in turn benefit your children.

If you or anyone you know have any old mobile phones that you don't need, please donate those phones so we can assist the You Can program. The phone collection box is located in the office.

Thank you  
Sarah Son, SRC Coordinator

### Library News

It is wonderful to hear so many children beginning to take on the Premier's Reading Challenge. It is easy if the children logon to their portal, [portal.det.nsw.edu.au](http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au) and use their login and password to view the reading lists, as well as enter books that they have read.

I have started a library blog, <http://ehpsblogs.com/library/> and in here there is a tab that has some useful links. One of these is the Premier's Reading Challenge and another is our School Library Enquiry where you can search to see if we have the books listed.

Gaye Jarvis

### Why Battle Blades should NOT be banned by Jorge 4C

I strongly Believe that Battle Blades should not be banned because of many reasons. Battle Blades are a fun toy to play with. They look like a bolt with lots of different types of parts.

Firstly, Battle Blades are fantastic for social activity like bakuga (bak-ul-gon), card jitsu (card-j-it-su) and marbles. When I play Battle Blades we talk about how to increase the stamina of duration. Our Battle Blades spin around in spirals.

Secondly, Battle Blades are fun because they are fast, do spinning tricks and most of all their eye popping colours are amazing.

Thirdly, with clear rules Battle Blades should not cause any problems. Some suggestions are no trading outside your year or none at all, each child should be responsible for looking after their Battle Blades and teachers could send notes to parents so their child could be requested to provide permission for their child to bring Battle Blades to school.

Lastly, it is a harsh decision to make when the rules could be used to teach us. We could use our Blade playing game to follow the school rules. Be safe, be respectful and be responsible.

In conclusion, without a doubt, I think E.H.P.S should continue to have Battle Blades outside of class time.

Thank you

### Harmony Day



Yesterday, March 21, we celebrated **Harmony Day**. It was wonderful to see the children, teachers and parents

get into the spirit of the day, by dressing in national costume or the colour orange.

The Vocal Enrichment Group sang the beautiful song 'Ebony and Ivory'. It reinforced the **Harmony Day** message. Thank you to those parents who volunteered their time, knowledge and talents to share their culture with the students. The children participated in a variety of fun activities and joined with buddy classes for morning tea and kite making.

A big thank you must also go to Mrs Henderson, Miss Lee, Mr Phelps and Mr Geniale for their help towards an enjoyable Harmony Day.

Anne Parfett

### Harmony Day Winners

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's Harmony Day Competition. We were overwhelmed by the fantastic pieces of writing and artwork that we received on the theme of "Making The World A Better Place".

The artwork and writing is on display in the school office foyer and the hall for the next two weeks. Please take the time to go and take a look.

**Awards of Excellence were presented to the following students:**

Jessica T KS, Sophia M KM, Teresa A KM, Emlyn C 1H, Jenna M 1T, Jessica H 1H, Karishma S 2S, Josephine K 2S, Kaito Mc 2S, Matthew C 2S, Daniel C 3C, Caitlyn M 3S, Banjo P 3C, Frank W 4\_5S, Maheeta W 4\_5S, Eun Su L 4C, Lauren Mc 5G, Esther E 5G, Paul S 5G, Avan D 5G, Shreya J 6P, Prabhleen K 6P

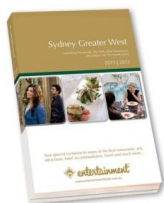
**Participation Awards were presented to the following students:**

Chloe L KS, Ju Young S KS, Gloria R KS, Imogen W KM, Lucas L KM, Hannah L KM, David A KD, Elly H KD, Sylie B KD, Smoon C 1H, Sanya M 1H, Jamie H 1H, Eugenie C 1T, Maya R 1T, Time S 1T, Kate H 1T, Ashleigh T 2J, Daniel P 2J, Emily L 2J, Evelyn M 2J, Beth O 2J, Charlie G 2J, Alyssa X 2J, Leyla A 2J, Brian R 2J, Matthew N 2S, Neda S 2S, Ka-Young O 2S, Monique H 2S, Sarah S 2S, Matthew, Tori R 3S, Ashish G 3C

Mrs Anne Parfett and Mrs Melanie Henderson

### Entertainment Books

Epping Heights will once again be selling these books as a fundraiser for our school. They make excellent gifts and are a gift that 'keeps on giving' as the user benefits with savings every time the book is used. Did you know the book allows you to save 5% on your supermarket shopping? For many families spending \$1200 on groceries takes no time at all



– the saving of \$60 will pay for the book very quickly. There are numerous other benefits from children's activities, the movies, fast-food restaurants, holiday accommodation, casual and formal dining and much much more. The recommended book for our area is the Parramatta Book. All families will receive their copy to look through and decide if you wish to purchase. If you would prefer a different book ie Sydney or Sydney North, or if you do not wish to have a book sent home with your child, please complete the tear-off at the end of newsletter.

Please help us to make this a very successful fundraiser. All funds will go toward resources to enhance your child's education at Epping Heights.

### 23 March – 3S Cake Day

3S will hold its cake stall tomorrow at recess. There will be a range of cakes, cookies, slices, jelly cups etc for sale. Prices generally range between 20c and \$1 per item. Thanks for your support.

Danielle Pryor, 3S

### Mothers Day Orders

Orders are due for mother's day gifts by **this Friday**, 25 March.

Please fill in the form that was sent home last week and put it in an envelope with correct money. Forms can be left at the front office.

If you have lost your form, either collect one from the office, or grab some paper and write your name and phone number, who is making the gift (child's name and class) and who the gift is for (eg. Nana). Siblings can make gifts together if they want to. We will contact you if we are unsure what you are wanting.

Please don't delay. Do it NOW!

For further information, please contact:  
Karen McAlpine 0410 598 770 or Tracy Wendelborn 0403 789 876.

Thank you for your support of this event.

### State Election BBQ & Cake Stall

#### STATE ELECTION BBQ & CAKE STALL

Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30am-2pm-ish

BAKING thank you to all who have volunteered to bake. Please bring your baking this Friday afternoon to the canteen, OR Saturday morning directly to the cake stall. If you did not put a form in saying you would bake it is not too late, just deliver Friday or Saturday. We are grateful for all baking, the more we have the more we can sell.

HELPERS you should all have your emailed roster, if not please phone me. Thank you to all volunteers. If you

are able to help and have not put a form in, please phone me on 9869 0826, or turn up to help on Saturday.

Thanks again.  
Heather Little

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is open every **Thursday morning** 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 <http://eppingheights.com/index.php/parents/uniforms> (click on either "Girls" or "Boys") and leave it in the payment box in the office foyer. Orders are filled on Thursdays and sent to your child's classroom.

Due to our limited space, **summer** second hand uniforms will be placed in storage after 31 March, leaving only our **winter** second hand uniforms on display. If you require **summer** second hand uniforms, please come into the uniform shop before Thursday 31 March.

Cate Grunsell

**Canteen News**

**Canteen Roster – Friday 25 March** – Sophie Wang  
Jenny Su, Nicola Keevers

**Tuesday 29 March** – Fevona Wong, Jo Gore, Alison Cross, Suki Choi, Fiona Oates, Rita Hosseini

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**ASPERGER'S Information Evening**

West Epping Uniting Church,  
35 Orchard Street, West Epping.

Wednesday 30 March 2011, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm.  
Presented by Dr. Julie Peterson, Clinical Psychologist.  
Dr. Peterson's expertise lies in Asperger's Syndrome and complex relationship concerns. She regularly presents at conferences, lectures and workshops. COST: \$5.  
Supper served afterwards. RSVP: Ring 9868 3574.

**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, and the Scandinavian countries will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all

arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

**Volunteer Literacy and English tutors needed at Meadowbank TAFE**

Free training sessions are due to start at Meadowbank College of TAFE to prepare adults to become volunteer reading / writing and English tutors to other adults. The next session will begin on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and run for 5 consecutive Tuesday mornings

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**Canteen Volunteers**

(Please return to collection box in office foyer)

Yes! I can volunteer in the canteen.

Name .....

Phone No/s .....

Email .....

Child's Name & Class .....

Please tick your preferred time from the following:

- Tuesday all day (9am-2pm)
- Tuesday AM only (9am-11.30am)
- Tuesday PM only (11am-2pm)
- Friday (9am-11.45am)
- Friday (10.45am-11.45am)

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**Entertainment Book**

(Please return to collection box in office foyer)

- I prefer a different book please.  
(please circle preference)    Sydney    Sydney North

Name .....

Phone No/s .....

Child's Name & Class .....

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

Child's Name & Class .....