



Epping Heights Public School

"Quality education in a caring environment"
Values for this term: Fairness and Care

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Term 3 Week 8

6 September 2011

Coming events

- 6 Sept Yr 5 Excursion to CARES
- 7 Sept KM Cake Day
- 7 Sept 7.30pm P&C Meeting
- 9 Sept 8.15am ASR Meeting
- 11.30am K-2 Assembly – KD
- 14 Sept Dance Concert Dress Rehearsal
- 6.45pm Dance Concert
- 15 Sept 6.45pm Dance Concert
- 23 Sept Last day of Term 3

Deadline for Newsletter articles is Friday

Dear Parents,

The excitement is building as it is now **only a week** until the **first dance concert performance**. Those on the committee have been very busy getting everything organised for a fabulous concert. I'd like to especially **thank Mrs Farrell and Mrs Day** who have worked hard on their sewing machines creating some of the costume items. If you have not yet sent in the costume items for your child's teacher to see, please do so tomorrow.



We want to ensure that all children have the required costume items to go with those provided by the school. **The second round of tickets are now on sale**. If you'd like additional tickets please complete the order form or visit the school office.

All **funds raised** from ticket sales will go towards **Dance and the Arts** at Epping Heights.

Please note the very small concert levy funds are being used to purchase and make costumes for the children, avoiding the large cost to parents of sourcing or making costumes for the children, or charging a costume hire fee. If you have not yet paid the concert levy please ensure it is paid this week.



Last week's **Literacy Week** activity, involving dads and grandparents,



provided a special time to share beautiful picture books with the children. Thank you to all those who took part

and to Mrs Jarvis who provided collections of picture books for each class.



Thursday's **Professor Maths** activity was a huge success. I've never seen so many children totally engaged and excited by their maths activities. It was

clearly evident that the children were used to working in small groups and cooperating to solve a task. This is a feature of maths lessons at Epping Heights, especially now that teachers are planning exciting



lessons without the use of a text book. One of our school goals is 'student engagement' and this was very evident in our school hall last Thursday. Thank you Miss Gerard for initiating this event for the children.

Our final activity as part of Literacy Week is the **Indigenous Literacy Book Swap** which takes place tomorrow. Even if your child is unable to bring along a book to swap with another child, I hope they'll be able to make a gold coin donation towards this worthwhile project. Funds raised will all go toward indigenous literacy programs.

The children taking part in the **Zone Athletics Carnival** did very well with a number proceeding to the next event, the Area Carnival. Special congratulations to **Jenni Casey** who was declared our **Zone Senior Girls Champion**. Well done Jenni. We wish all those taking part in the Area Carnival success as they move into the tougher competition rounds. We are proud of you all. Thank you for representing our school.

Congratulations to our **Year 5 debaters** who have made it through to the **semi finals**. These will take place **next Tuesday**. Good luck everyone.

I believe last Friday's **Father's Day event** was a great success. Thank you to all those who helped in any way and to those who attended and supported the event. I hope all our dads and granddads had a happy Father's Day with their families.

The **2012 planning process** has now begun. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child will be enrolling in a new school for next year (except Year 6).

Thank you everyone for bringing in the **vouchers and docketts** from **Coles and Woolworths**. Keep up the great work. We have boxes bulging with vouchers and docketts. We look forward to the rewards these will bring.

I have included at the end of newsletter some information about some excellent parent/ educator seminars: 'Understanding and Promoting Attention' and 'Developing Giftedness'.

Best wishes,
Julie Hanley
Principal

Children's lunches

There has been some concern raised regarding children's lunches being left outside between recess and lunchtime. Lunch baskets will now be brought back into class bag rooms during this time.

As the weather is getting warmer, I'd like to suggest parents include a freezer brick in or around their children's lunch boxes. Placing the lunchbox in a cold food pack is also a good idea to keep food cool and fresh for eating later in the day.

12 September – Mid Autumn Festival (Chinese)

Mid Autumn Festival (also known as Moon Festival) takes place on the 15th day of the 8th month of the Chinese Lunar calendar (thus falling on a different date each year). According to one Chinese legend, a tyrant king banished his wife to the moon for eternity after she stole the pill to make him immortal, and swallowed it herself. During the equinox, when the moon is at its highest and brightest, it is believed that the young woman can be seen. The festival is celebrated by eating moon cakes, lantern parades and lion dancing.

Dance Concert Tickets

Second round of tickets now available. Tickets are selling fast. **Purchased tickets are available for pick-up where previously nominated.**

KM Cake Day

Please come along to the KM Cake Day at recess this Wednesday 7 September and enjoy a treat from our stall. There will be a delicious array of goodies, including cupcakes, jellies, slice and muffins. Prices start at just 20c, so there will be something for everyone! We hope to see you all there. Thank you for your support.
KM Class Parents

Premier's Spelling Bee 2011

School Final

Over the last few weeks Stage 2 and 3 have been participating in spelling



competitions in their classrooms. Based on these competitions, two students were chosen from each class to compete in the school Spelling Bee final. The final was held in the hall last Tuesday. The school finalists were;

Stage 2: Cassandra L, Daniel C, Ben C, Sam C, Aiden G, Tim C, Diya M and Vanessa W

Stage 3: Andrew K, Bob L, Shona A, Keira D, Andrew S, Shreya J, Hannah R and Lauren N

Congratulations to these students.

Regional Final

The competition was fierce and we do indeed have some excellent spellers at our school. After several rounds of intense spelling, the winners were

Stage 2: Vanessa W, Cassandra L and Diya M (Unfortunately, Vanessa is unable to attend the Regional final so Diya will take her place)

Stage 3: Andrew S and Shreya J

These students will now have the opportunity to represent our school at the regional final to be held at Epping North Public School on Friday 23 September. We wish them all the very best - and perfect spelling!

Melissa Cairn
Spelling Bee Coordinator

The Great Book Swap

A reminder that tomorrow is the Indigenous Literacy Day and we are raising money for resources for Indigenous students in remote communities.



All students are asked to bring a gold coin tomorrow and give to their class teacher. If you wish to donate more than \$2.00 I can issue you a receipt for taxation purposes.

I have asked students, staff and parents, if they wish to bring along a "loved" book that they can swap for another. If your child hasn't got a book that they are able to part with please don't feel you need to purchase one. However, these students won't be able to come and take a book when their class is called.

It is great to know that by registering to be part of the Great Book Swap Challenge our school goes into the draw to win a school visit from their ambassador, Andy Griffiths.

Gaye Jarvis
AP/Librarian

Creative Problem Solving Competition

Students from Years 3-6 are invited to participate in the 2011 Creative Problem Solving Competition. This competition is written and marked by the University of Melbourne's Assessment Research Centre. The competition is not a DEC run competition but is organised by the North Shore Development Centre. The

aim is to provide students the opportunity to develop their problem solving skills. The competition will be held on 5 November 2011 and results of the competition will be announced on 12 November 2011.

Prizes include an iPad plus a trophy and other assorted gifts.

If you are interested in an enrolment form you can collect one from the school office. This will include venue details, prize details, contact details etc

Mr Johnston
Assistant Principal

OzTag

At EHPS we have a lunch time OzTag round robin competition held for both juniors and seniors primary houses. The teams are for both boys and girls. Juniors have one more game to go but the seniors have finished and it was a great success. Well done to Blaxland boys for winning the senior competition.

- 1st – Blaxland Boys (9 points)
- 2nd – Sturt Boys (8 points)
- 3rd – Phillip boys (5 points)
- 4th – Phillip Girls & Blaxland Girls (3 points)
- 5th – Sturt Girls (2 points)

Congratulations to all participants and good luck to the juniors!

EHPS House Captains

Father's Day Pizza and Cartoons

Thank you to all the dads, grandpas and other special friends who joined us to celebrate Father's Day on Friday night. It was terrific to see dads sharing this important time with their children, enjoying delicious pizza and other treats, laughing at some funny cartoons, solving trivia puzzles and playing some fun games together.

Special thanks must go to Danielle Pryor, Jo Collins and Philippa Minney for their enthusiasm and hard work in planning this event, and also to all the Year 3 families who helped to make it a success, through donations of lollies and other items, making lolly bags, serving pizza, selling sweets and ice-creams, creating tickets, setting up the Hall and cleaning up afterwards. We have raised \$940 for the school, which is a tremendous effort!

We would also like to thank our wonderful sponsors of the evening: Streets for their generous donation of all the ice-creams, Pedro's Pizza for a significant discount on our pizzas, the Workman family for their kind donation of drinks, and The Epping Club for providing all the ice for this event.

The prize winners on the night were:

Trivia Quiz – Osmond L, Diya and Sanya M, Matt C

Lolly Jar – Georgie D, Clodagh T

Snake Stretch – Ashton P, Charlie C, Amy P

Mintie Rip – Domenic S, Josie L, Henrietta M

Congratulations to all these winners!

Heather Little and Melinda Rundle

Uniform Shop

Open days for the remainder of this term are as follows:

Wednesday 14 September

Wednesday 21 September (last day for term 3)

Shortly we will be sending out cheques to parents to cover sales of second hand uniforms during the year. However there are still some cheques from 2010 that have yet to be banked by parents. **If you have not banked your cheque, could you please do so as soon as possible.**

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

<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 will be filled EVERY Wednesday and sent to your child's classroom.

Cate Grunsell

News Tips from the Department

Safe sparks

Electricity Safety Week (5-9 September) aims to teach children how to stay safe around electricity both at home and outdoors. Through the special Electricity Safety Week curriculum, developed by the department and the NSW Science and Technology K-6 syllabus, students learn about a wide range of electrical equipment, from substations that power whole suburbs to everyday household appliances. For more info: www.electrickids.com.au

Canteen News

Canteen Roster – Friday 9 September – Rebecca Leung, Tracy Wendelborn, Shana Argent

Tuesday 13 September – Kerensa Gordon, Theresa Taylor, Danielle Pryor, Ling Wang

Parent Seminars

Understanding and Promoting Attention

Date: 14/09/11 Time: 7pm-9pm

Facilitator: Dr Andrew Campbell: Psychologist

Venue: 11 Farran Street Lane Cove

Cost: \$48.00 inc GST

Catering: Light Supper Provided

Developing Giftedness

Date: Monday 12th September

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Facilitator: Mimi Wellisch (Psychologist)

Venue: 11 Farran Street Lane Cove

Cost: \$48.00 inc GST

Catering: Light Supper Provided

For more information call Adrian on 95574843 or go to: <http://farranstreeducation.cmail3.com> or

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Hornsby Girls HS OPEN DAY FOR YEAR 5 – CHANGE OF DATE

It has become necessary to change the date of the Hornsby Girls High School Open Day for Year 5 students. Unfortunately, the Board of Studies has scheduled the HSC Music Performance Examinations for our students on Wednesday September 14, and these must take place in our school hall. Therefore, the **NEW DATE FOR THE OPEN DAY IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**, from 9am until 11 am. We apologise for any inconvenience, but the matter is beyond our control.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

Conducted by: **Paul Toohey B.Ed (PE)**
(Member, TCA Level 3)

VENUE: Midson Road Tennis Courts
(Cnr Midson Road & Wyralla Avenue, Epping)

DATE: Monday 26th September to
Friday 30th September

TIME: Students may attend either the morning or
afternoon session.

Morning: 8.30am to 11.30am
Afternoon: 12.00pm to 3.00pm

COST: \$110

A tournament will be conducted on the Friday and a
barbecue lunch will be provided.

COACHING FOR TERM 4 2011

New enrolments are being accepted for lessons before
and after school and Saturday mornings.

Private, semi-private and group coaching is available for
beginners, intermediate and advanced players.

FOR BOOKINGS PHONE PAUL & LYN TOOHEY
ON 9680 1622 or 0408 223 708

**OCTOBER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES at
HORNSBY LIBRARY**

Book now for our October Holiday activities. We have
science shows from Questacon and Fizzics and a great
event for the little ones called "Wild Homes". Don't miss
our Holiday and Evening Storytimes as well.
Shows at various Libraries on various dates. Bookings
must be made in person at a Library.

No phone bookings will be accepted.

For more information go to
www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

**\$\$\$\$ EARN EXTRA \$\$\$
Workers Wanted
School Hours**

We are currently looking for Care Workers to provide
housekeeping services to our clients in Ryde, Gladesville
Lane Cove, Chatswood, Epping, surrounding areas.
Clients generally prefer service to be done between 9am
and 3pm

What We Offer:

- Paid training in Certificate 3 in Home and Community Care (Aged Care)
- Uniform
- Competitive pay rate

To Apply:

Send resume to tania.cullen@facs.nsw.gov.au or contact
on 02 9910 9123

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STUDENTS NOT RETURNING to EHPS IN 2012
(Please return to collection box in office foyer asap)

My child/ren will not be returning to Epping Heights
Public School in 2012.
Name/s and Current class/es (Yr6 need not reply)

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Destination school

Parent's signature

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SCHOOL DANCE CONCERT
14 & 15 September 2011

(Please return to collection box in office foyer)

I would like to purchase tickets for the following evening
performance (Please note: Tickets are **not required for**
performing children) –

Wednesday 14/9 **Thursday 15/9** (please circle)
(Maximum purchase 3 tickets)

Tickets @ \$7.50 each

TOTAL amount enclosed \$

Name.....

Eldest Child's NameClass

Phone Number

I will collect my tickets from the school office.
(please tick)