

James Erskine Public School

Herald Newsletter

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Important Dates

Term 4	
24th October—Year 4 ZooSnooz - Day for Daniel 30th October— K-2 Cricket program 2nd November— Talent Quest 3rd November— Yr 6 Fiction Frenzy 6th— 17th November— Swim School 6th November —K-2 Cricket 6– 7th November— Cricket @ Parkes 10th November— Yr 6—Emmaus 13th November— Selective High School Applications due - K-2 Cricket 15th November— Kinder Orientation - P&C AGM— 7pm	20th November— K-2 Cricket - Year 5 Camp 21st & 22nd November— Year 5 Camp 22nd November— Kinder Transition 23rd November— Debating Grand Final & Presentation 24th November— STEPS Debate Gala Day 28th November— Xmas Christmas Scripture 1st December— Assembly of Excellence— EPHS 5th December— Yr 6—7 EPHS Orientation morning 8th December— Presentation Day—EPHS

Assemblies

K – 2 Assemblies— Term 4		
When	Run By	Item By
Friday 3rd November 11.20am	KK	KK
Friday 17th November 11.20am	2L	2L
Friday 1st November 9:00 am- EPHS	Term 4 Assembly of Excellence Principal's Awards for Visual Arts	
Friday 2nd June 9:00am	Presentation Day- EPHS	

Years 3 – 6 Assemblies— Term 4	
When	Run By & Item By
Wednesday 1st November 12.00pm	3H
Thursday 4	4/5H
Friday 1st November 9:00- EPHS	Term 4 Assembly of Excellence Principal's Awards for Visual Arts
Friday 8th December- 9.00am	Presentation Day- EPHS

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back students and parents to another extremely busy term. Can you believe it that we are already up to week 4! So far this term we have had;

- Stage 2 of our sensory gardens completed and the students and classes have begun to use this fantastic resource. Included in this newsletter edition are some photos .
- Year 4 Camp– Zoosnooz– thankfully for the most part the weather held and the students and staff had a great time. A big thank you to Mrs Cooke, Mr Rolls , Mrs Halfpenny and Mrs Weibye who accompanied the students to their first ever camp.
- Day for Daniel, where we raised over \$500 for this important cause– child safety.
- Sydney Dance Sport Championships, where we came 2nd overall on the day of competition. Well done to our fantastic dancers and a I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work Mrs Halicek put into training the students for this event.
- State Athletics. Well done to both Breanna and Nekea who competed strongly and proudly represented themselves, JEPS and Sydney West Region.
- District Public Speaking finals where Sophie, Georgia, Adriana and Lillith presented their speeches with great finesse and honourably represented themselves and JEPS.
- Visits to our local Pre– Schools by next years Kinder teachers , along with informal visits to JEPS by some of our Pre– Schools, allowing us to forge stronger bonds and for the students and teachers to become familiar with each other.
- Great success with our cricket teams.
- our annual Talent Quest. Well done to all of our talented competitors!

This term we are still to have;

- Term 4– Assembly of Excellence where students will be recognised for their excellence in visual arts and for their excellent application and attitude in visual arts.
- Presentation Day
- Year 6 Fun Day
- Kinder Orientation and Transitions
- P&C AGM

Warm Regards,
Corinna Robertson

News from the Deputy

Colour Fun Run

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, parents and families who joined us in our Colour Fun Run. A huge thank you to the students who were able to get sponsors for the event. With sponsorship money and with parents and family members who paid to enter our run we ended up raising \$ 20,499.88 in profit after paying for prizes and online costs. This money will now be used to purchase class and playground resources. I look forward to informing everyone on our purchases in future newsletters. A special congratulations to Tamara from KK who was our highest fundraiser.

Respectful Relationships

At JEPS we constantly are working at establishing, developing and maintaining respectful relationships with our students, between our students and with our parents and the community. We pride ourselves in being a close knit community that supports each other and the projects that we undertake at school. Last Friday we held our Day for Daniel and Mrs Houben and Mrs Halicek are working with the STEPS community on the White Ribbon project which aims at developing and using respectful language towards one another (parents, staff and students) In light of the importance of respectful relationships I would like to reassure parents that if you any concerns about your child that we welcome you to discuss these concerns with your child's teacher or myself or Mrs Robertson. In order to maintain these respectful relationships I would ask that any concerns parents have with their child and another one of our students, that the parent does not directly approach the child or children involved, rather they speak to the student's teacher or a member of the executive.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you to our parents and community members who donated Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. Mrs Cattermole has ordered some brilliant resources with the "money" earned. We look forward to using these resources as soon as they arrive.

2018 Organization

A note is being sent home this week regarding students either returning late from holidays or moving and not returning in 2018. We ask that parents complete these forms as soon as possible so that we can start planning for 2018.

Knitting Group

A big thank you to the ladies of Minchinbury Knitting group who kindly knitted and then donated some resources for our students to use. I'm sure the students will enjoy using these resources.

Newsletter Update

In this edition of the newsletter we have included some student profiles on students who have achieved outstanding sporting results. We hope to continue this next edition of the newsletter. At the moment we are very aware of sporting achievements of our students both in and out of school. We would love to know more about achievements in other areas that we could acknowledge in future newsletters.

Kind regards,
Kim Dunscombe

Class Profile

Inside 4R

We've had a think back over what we've learned this year. These are the bits of each subject we most enjoyed.

English:

- Persuasive texts
- Entertaining Texts
- Informative texts
- Point of view
- Fact or opinion
- Cause and effect



Maths:

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Multiplication and Division
- Time
- Graphs
- Problem solving

Art:

- Using line
- Creating depth
- Tints and shades
- Photography
- Natural and arbitrary colour

Science:

- Liquids and solids
- Melting and freezing
- Life cycles
- Growing plants
- Conducting experiments

Sport and Fitness:

- Soccer
- Netball
- Football
- Basketball
- Dodging and Leaping
- Measuring our heartrate
- Monitoring our fitness

History and Geography:

- Sorry day
- Aboriginal symbols
- Australian emblems
- Australia day
- Vegetation types
- Using and making maps

We describe our class as...



3-6 Public Speaking Competition

Throughout Term 3, students in Years 3 to 6 were preparing for the annual Public Speaking Competition. All students presented a speech to their class and four students were selected from each class to compete in grade finals. Four finalists from each grade then competed in our school finals.

These finalists were-

Year 3- Lillith 3/4W Steven 3D, Zac 3D, Olivia 3H

Year 4- Nadia Chandra, Brent 4/5H Adriana 3/4W Marc 3/4W

Year 5- Georgia 5R Jayden 4/5H Charlotte 4/5H Blake 5M

Year 6- Jackson 5/6F Sophie 5/6F Zac 5/6F Reem 5/6F

Year 3 students presented speeches on "If I could have a super power" and Year 4 students spoke on the topic "A world without....". Years 5 and 6 had free choice.

The competition was extremely tight and the judges commended all students for their outstanding effort.

Congratulations to the following students who won at the school final and went on to represent JEPS at the District Final.

Lillith Year 3

Adriana Year 4

Georgia Year 5

Sophie Year 6

These students did an outstanding job at the next level of the competition on Wednesday 18th October. Together, our Stage 3 students Georgia and Sophie won the Stage 3 section of the District Final and overall JEPS came third in the competition. A fantastic achievement!

Mrs Halfpenny

P&C News

That very special time of year for the P&C is coming up our AGM. It will be held in Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm in the staffroom. We would love to see new people join the committee, as fresh new people and ideas are always welcome. We also have some of our fantastic members leaving us as their children will no longer be at JEPS, so there are positions that need to be filled. Hope to see you there

Thank you to all our parents and community members who supported the school bus shopping trip. Once again it was a great day had by all. Thank you to Mrs Dettling, Mrs King and Mrs Quinn for organizing the day.

Kindergarten News

Party Day

Kindergarten party day notes have been sent home earlier this term. We are going to Glenbrook theatre to see Paddington Bear 2 on Tuesday 12th December. The cost for the bus and entry to the movies is \$20.

Kindergarten 2018

Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2018! If you have a child turning 5 before the 31st July 2018 they are eligible to start school next year. We have sent information to parents about our transition program and orientation process later in the term so if you would like to be informed you will need to come to the office and complete the necessary paperwork, including providing a birth certificate and records of your child's immunisation.

Orientation-

Wednesday 15th November 2017. The time is 9 am to 10.30 am in the hall for parents and in classrooms for your children from 8.50am.

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Debating News

Congratulations to the debating team on their win during week 10. They are now the Pool A winners of the R.A Pickles Shield Competition. As we were undefeated in all debates this year, we go straight into the grand-final which will be held in either week 6 or 7. Well done to Sophie, Shirley, Luke, Adam, Jackson, Georgia and Blake on their hard work. It takes a whole team to win a debate, not just the speakers on the day.



Office News



Term 4 Excursions and Activities

There are a number of end of year excursions and activities coming up this term. Notes were sent home in week one and payments can be made by cash, cheque and on-line (his payment option is only available for school payments not P&C).

Notes sent home: *Refer to school website for further details*

K – 2 Cricket Skills (Closes Thurs 26 Oct/Wk 3)

Stage Party Days (K-6)

- Kindy -Glenbrook Cinema– ‘Paddington 2’ (Closes Tues 28 Nov/Wk 8)
- Years 1 & 2 – Windsor Bowling (Closes Fri 1 Dec/Wk 8)
- Years 3 & 4 -Glenbrook Cinema– ‘Paddington 2’ (Closes Fri 1 Dec/Wk 8)
- Years 5 & 6 – Pizza/Movie Party (Closes Wed 6 Dec/Wk 9)

Year 6 Farewell

(Closes Fri 10 Nov/Wk 5)

Year 6 Graduation Bear/Ball

(Closes Fri 10 Nov/Wk 5)

Events Coming Up:

YEAR 4 CAMP – ZooSnooz	Week 3	26 – 27 October
Swimming Scheme –	Week 5	6 – 10 November OR
	Week 6	13 – 17 November
Kindergarten 2018 Orientation	Week 6	15 November
YEAR CAMP – Broken Bay	Week 7	20 – 22 November
Kindergarten Transition 2018	Week 7	22 November
YEAR 6 FUN DAY	Week 8	29 November

NOTE: For cash/cheque payments please enclose all notes & money are placed in one envelope. To assist the office whilst receipting multiple cash/cheque payments for your child or children, it is preferred you place all children's payments in one envelope.

Changes to the Daily Collection of Your Children

As the school office is at its busiest between 8.30 to 9.30am and 2.15 to 3.15pm, we would like to encourage parents/carers to make plans prior to school in regards to changes in pick-up arrangements. We understand that emergency situations do arise where you need to deter from your usual collection arrangements and we will assist you as much as we can in relaying this information to your child but it would be more beneficial if you could send a note with your child for the class teacher so that they are directly aware of any changes and can ensure that your child remembers what they need to do or where they need to go.

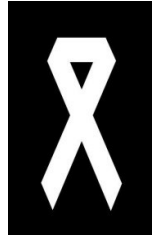
Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mandy Anderson

School Administrative Manager

Student Wellbeing

WHITE WEDNESDAY MUFTI DAY



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On Wednesday 22nd November the STEPS learning community schools are holding a whole school Mufti Day to raise funds for White Ribbon Australia. These funds will make a difference to extending White Ribbon's primary prevention programs. Students may wear white clothes on this day for a gold coin donation – no thongs or midriffs please.

We are proud to support White Ribbon and promote 'respectful relationships' within our community.

Mrs Houben and Mrs Halicek

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We are a White Ribbon School

To end violence, we must work together to change our attitudes and behaviours.

St Clair and Erskine Park Schools (STEPS) are committed to working together to foster a culture of respect.

We support White Ribbon and promote 'respectful relationships' within our com-



MILKSHAKE 'N' MUFFIN MONDAY

CURE MONDAYITIS
WITH FREE MILKSHAKES 'N' MUFFINS

ST CLAIR YOUTH SPACE

12 - 17 years

3:00 - 6:00pm

97a Cook Parade St Clair

For more info contact Manique 9854 2708 or email

manique@communityjunction.org.au

St Clair Youth Space is an alcohol and drug free zone

www.communityjunction.org.au

Student Wellbeing

Day for Daniel



The 13th Annual 'Day for Daniel' was held on Friday 27th October 2017. This is a National Day of Action focused on 'Keeping Kids Safe'.

The Day for Daniel, a National Day of Action raising awareness of Child Safety, Protection & Prevention.

About the Daniel Morcombe Foundation

The Foundation's key role in the community is the education of all children about their personal safety. By directly assisting educators and parents through the funding and development of child safety educational resources as well as assisting young victims of crime, the Foundation continues to empower all Australians to make their local communities safer places for all children.

The Foundation is strongly committed to the development and education of Respectful Relationships for children and teenagers in our schools and communities and also assisting in reducing the over-representation of Indigenous Australians in the Child Protection sector.

OBJECTIVES

1. To educate children regarding their personal safety (including abduction).
2. To assist victims of crime, particularly where crime involves children.
3. To remember Daniel with suitable child safety community awareness events.
4. To support the families of Missing Persons particularly where it involves children.

DANIEL'S LEGACY

On behalf of our entire family, we thank everyone who has contributed to establishing the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and especially for never forgetting Daniel. Please support Daniel's legacy in Keeping Kids Safe through the initiatives of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation Inc. is committed to Keeping Kids Safe. Established by parents Bruce and Denise Morcombe in 2005 after their son Daniel was abducted and murdered in December 2003 while waiting to catch a bus on the Sunshine Coast. The Foundation was established as a lasting legacy to Daniel and now has two main aims; to educate children on how to stay safe in a physical and online environment and to support young victims of crime. On Friday 27th October JEPS staff and students wore red to educate and donate to this worthwhile foundation. Day for Daniel is Australia's largest child safety awareness and education day. The foundation's goal is to make Australia a safe place for all children. Over 2600 schools, businesses and community groups registered across Australia. It was anticipated that over 1 million people would take part in events. A new initiative this year was Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson. Schools were encouraged to join a live online broadcast and make history by being part of Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson. Bruce and Denise Morcombe will share strategies for students to help promote safety.

While some schools did a community walk, JEPS watched a video which was about creating a family password, and after recess we talked about a safety network, created red paper chains with our buddy classes and hung red balloons on the gates. Mr Banzon tried to take a whole school photo.....but the rain got in the way! James Erskine Public School was able to send to the Daniel Morcombe foundation \$515. Thank you to everyone for your support. For more information about Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson go to <http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/australias-biggest-lesson.html>

Keeping Kids Safe Resource Kit and Educational information
<http://www.recognisereactreport.com.au/>



Student Wellbeing

At recess and lunch time the students have the opportunity to join in the following activities as part of our Kids Club activities ;

Chalk/ Crayon Drawing

Uno & Games

*Paper
Planes*

**Coding/
Sport**
Mr Cooke

*Bouncy
Balls*

**Crick-
et**

**Coding/
Sport**

Art

Soccer

Building

**PLAY
DOUGH**

**Board
Games**

Gardening

Drumming

**PAPER
CRAFT**

**Just
Dance**

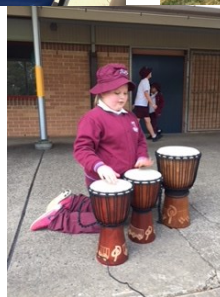
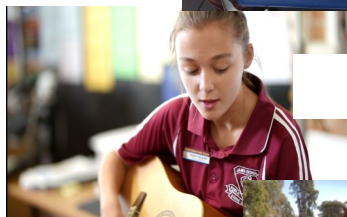
Water Play

**Movie
Colouring in
Drawing**

**Chess
Uno**

Play Day (You need a
ticket)

Stage 3 lab



K- 2 Athletics

K - 2 A T H L E T I C S

T A B L O I D A C T I V I T I E S



Even with the cool, windy weather, the K-2 athletics carnival was an enjoyable day for students, teachers and parents! Students rotated through a variety of tabloid activities including sack races, tug of war, skipping, egg and spoon races and much more.



K- 2 Athletics

SPRINT

FINALS



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Students rotated through a variety of tabloid activities including sack races, tug of war, skipping, egg and spoon races and much more.

Our sprint finalists were:

Kindergarten Boys - 1st Isaac KK, 2nd Grayden KK, 3rd Izayah KLand 4th Mitchell KL

Kindergarten Girls - 1st Briana KL, 2nd Emily KL, 3rd Melissa KK and 4th Indee KL

Year 1 Boys - 1st Ryan 1C, 2nd Samuel 1C, 3rd Jett 1A 4th Caleb 1/2N

Year 1 Girls - 1st Jasmine 1/2N, 2nd Amariah 1C, equal 3rd Haloum 1A and Summer 1P

Year 2 Boys - 1st Matais 1/2N 2nd Charlie 1/2N 3rd Amos 2Land 4th James 2C

Year 2 Girls - 1st Tyarnie 2J, 2nd Jade 2L, 3rd Chelsey 2C 4th Scarlett 2L and Mia 2J

Congratulations to all of our finalists for their achievements, as well as parents and pre-schoolers who participated in sprint races. A big thank you to parents and caregivers who were able to attend, we appreciate your ongoing support.

Student Profiles

The following students have achieved outstanding success in the sporting arena ;

Kate



Represents– Sydney West Cricket,
NSW Cricket Representative

Position– all rounder

Trains– 6 days a week

Goal– Would like to represent NSW at cricket

Favourite Sports person– David Warner

Something you may not know about Kate–

She started playing cricket at the age of 6

Jett



Represents– Sydney West Softball

Position– pitcher

Trains– 6 days a week

Goal– Would like to play in the MLB– Major
League Baseball

Favourite Sports person– Mike Trout– he
plays for the Angels– USA team

Something you may not know about Jett -

He started playing baseball when he was 8 after
watching the movie The Sandlot Kids

Blake



Represents– NSW Pacific School Games– Golf

Trains– twice a week for golf but trains every
night as he also trains for cricket, swimming,
tennis and touch

Goal– Would like to play golf professionally

Favourite Sports person– Jason Day– golfer

Something you may not know about

Blake He can play the didgeridoo

Student Profiles continued

Charlie



Represents– Sydney West Softball

Position– 1st base

Trains– 3 nights a week

Goal– Would like to play in the MLB– Major League Baseball

Favourite Sports person– Andrew Rodriguez
he plays for the New York Yankees

Something you may not know about

Charlie– When he is bored, he likes to sketch

Breanna



Represents– State & National Athletics

Trains– 5 days a week

Goal– Would like to represent Australia at the Paralympics

Favourite Sports person– Alexander Lindsay
Paralympian

Something you may not know about

Breanna– This is her first year competing in athletics competitively

Nekea



Represents– State Athletics

Trains– 3 days a week

Goal– Professional Olympian sprinter

Favourite Sports person– Paige Hadley

Something you may not know about

Nekea– Loves to go in the pool on the weekend.

Sports News

Regional Athletics Carnival

It was a beautiful, sunny day at the Sydney West PSSA athletics carnival in late term 3. Congratulations to all the James Erskine Public School students who represented St Marys Zone. A huge congratulations to Nekea and Breanna who achieved outstanding results in their events and went through to represent Sydney West at the NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival. Go JEPS!

JEPS St Marys Zone Team

Nekea—100, 200, long jump and Jnr Relay

Breanna - Multi Class 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, shot put and discus

Tamia - 100m, Snr Relay

Tamara - 800m, Snr Relay

Brodie – 800m, long jump

Adriana – 100m, Jnr relay

Kody McQueeney – Jnr Relay

Mikayla Fisher- Jnr Relay

Kiayla Casserly – High Jump

Seth Ndeleluela – 100m

Bella McEachern – 100m, Snr Relay, High Jump, long Jump

State Athletics Carnival

Breanna and Nekea participated in the State Athletics Carnival on 18th and 19th of October. Breanna came 2nd in the Snr girls multi class shot put and 1st in Snr girls multi class discus. Nekea jumped 3.86 metres and she ran 100 metres in 15.05 seconds. Well done girls!



Winter PSSA Results

Congratulations to all students who participated in one of the Winter PSSA teams. The results are as follows;

SOCCER

Junior Mixed Teams

- 1st - **JEPS A**
- 2nd - Tie with Clairgate and Ropes Crossing

Senior Boys

- 1st - Ropes Crossing A (undefeated season)
- 2nd - **JEPS A**

Senior Girls

- 1st - **JEPS A**
- 2nd - Clairgate A

NETBALL

Seniors

- 1st: **JEPS A**
- 2nd: Ropes Crossing

Juniors

- 1st: Ropes Crossing
- 2nd: **JEPS A**

RUGBY LEAGUE

Juniors

- 1st: **JEPS Jets** (12)
- 2nd: **JEPS Jaguars** (11)

Seniors

- 1st: **JEPS Jaguars** (14 undefeated)
- 2nd: **JEPS Jets** (8)

Swim School

Swim School starts in week 5 and continues for two weeks. This year we are trialling attending double lessons and each group only going for one week.

The first group which is all primary classes will be taken by Miss Pearce, Mrs Halicek (M, Tu & W) and Mr Rose (Th & F).

The second group which is Year Two and 3D, 3H and 3/4W will be taken by Miss Couper and Miss John.

Each group will leave the school at 10:20am and return around 1pm.

We are all hoping for great swimming weather.

Mrs P Williams
Organiser

Sports News

NSW PSSA State Softball Carnival Report

Term 4, Week 1 Charlie and Jett represented JEPS and Sydney West at the NSW softball carnival. We won 9 games in a row and then in our tenth game we played Sydney East. The score was 5-5 until one of their players hit a home run and they won 9-5. On the last day we won our first game of the day against North Coast. In our last game we played the team that was coming first by one point, Sydney South West. It was a really tough game but we just won 6 to 5 and that meant that we (Sydney West) won the state tournament. It's been 14 years since Sydney West last won the tournament. Jett hit 2 home runs and Charlie hit 2 as well. We played first base and short stop for the team.

GO SYDNEY WEST!



Cricket Report

Congratulations to the State Knockout team who defeated Harrington Park PS in the fifth round of the competition. This win puts them into the final 16 schools in the competition. The whole team played extremely well, bowling Harrington Park out for 85 runs.

Kate, Blake, Adam, Zack, Charlie, Liam and Latrell all took wickets and Jesse took a great catch. JEPS reached the target in the 19th over. Liam had to retire after hitting 40 runs. Thank you to Mr Varday for umpiring and to the parents who came and supported the team.

We wish the team good luck in their next match against Parkes PS in Parkes on the 8th November.



Sydney Dance Sport Championships

30 schools now compete in the Sydney Dance Sport Championships. This exciting competition started in 2007 with three schools. It is a ballroom dancing competition between primary schools where each school learns the same dance, uses the same music and proudly wears school uniform on the day. The event expands each year with new schools coming on board. We now have to hold the event over two days.

This year our school competed on Thursday, 19th October. Our students trained really hard at recess and lunch times to learn the step sequences. Our junior team danced the Samba, Slow Rhythm and the Australian Barn Dance. Our senior team competed in the Cha Cha, Waltz and the Gypsy Tap. Individual couples performed extremely well making the semi- finals and grand finals with several placing in the top 5. This gave JEPS plenty of overall score points.

Our team events were outstanding with JEPS juniors placing 1st overall for the 3 dances and the senior team placing 3rd overall. JEPS finished a remarkable 2nd overall for the entire day of competition. We congratulate Northmead Primary who came 1st overall and Blackwell who finished 3rd.

JEPS students were wonderful school representatives. It was very pleasing to see so many boys and girls participate and have so much fun at Penrith Basketball Stadium last Thursday.

Congratulations to all students involved.

A special congratulations to the following students who placed in the individual couple dancers;

1st— Tyler & Ava— Australian Barn Dance

4th— Ethan & Jordyn—Slow Rhythm

4th— Latrell & Brooke— Waltz

Mrs Halicek



Stage 3 News

2019 Selective High School Application

If you are thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2019 you **must apply online** at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

The website closes on Monday 13 November 2017 for entry applications. NO late applications will be accepted.

If you require any further information please see Mrs Halicek.

Broken Bay Camp

WHEN: Monday 20th November- Wednesday 22nd November

WHO: Year 5 students and teachers

WHAT: Please complete medical information online.
Check notes and website for list of items to pack.

Year 6 events

Year 6 Farewell, Monday 11th December– note and \$10. To be sent to school ASAP

Sport and Creative Arts awards – 9am Cola, Monday 11th December

Fun day preparations – please do a clean-up at home and bring in items for the stalls

High School orientation – please pay attention to the dates and times for each school

Talent quest and mufti day reward- Thursday 2nd November

Debating grand final - 23rd November

Fun day – 29th November

Presentation day- 8th December at EPHS

Stage 3 party day- Wednesday 13th December

Year 6 pass out parade- last day of year, 15th December at 2:30pm, starting on the COLA

JEPS and EPHS

This term 5M and 5H are continuing science lessons every second Friday morning. These lessons take place in the high school science lab, taught by high school science teachers. Our students work collaboratively with Year 8 buddies on design and make tasks.

Year 6 are continuing the Learn to Lead P.E program with Year 7 each Friday morning. This term they are having a round robin competition. In week 8 Year 6 students from Blackwell and JEPS will combine with EPHS for a BBQ and games session.

Year 5 will shortly begin their annual lessons at Erskine Park High School library.

Shopping Trip Update

We would like to thank the following companies who donated prizes for raffles held on the bus trip;

F45 Training - Penrith	Penrith White Water
Venus Fitness for Women Mt Druitt	Sittanos Restaurant
BTS - Kylee and Ricci Camilleri	Blues Brews and BBQ
Envy Tanning & Beauty - Hayley	Little Party Dress - Kelly
Bunnings Mt Druitt	Sense-sational Beauty - Tracy
Vagabond Cruises	Elie's Hair & Beauty
Calmsley Hill City Farm	The Beauty Parlour Erskine Park
The Edge Rock Climbing Castle Hill	The Hair Shack
Off Road Rush Sydney	Bowlarama Wetherill Park
Ripples	Ninja 101 Wetherill Park Plus Fitness St Marys
Pancakes on the Rocks	The Lakeside Restaurant
Dentist of Queen	Scenic World
Spoil your senses with Nicki	Jenolan Caves
Inflatable world St Marys	Complete Body Dynamics St Clair
Sydney Olympic Park Swimming Centre	Bundeena Kayaks
Escape Hunt Sydney	Penrith White Water
The Hair Shack	

A big thank you to the ladies and gentleman who attended the shopping trip. We hope you had a wonderful day and made lots of purchases at a great price. We thank you for your support.

Year 4 Camp– ZooSnooz– Photos of Camp



Year 4 Camp– ZooSnooz– Recounts

Our camp was fun! We looked at the animals, slept in tents and went for a walk around the zoo. It was a great experience to see the animals all in their natural habitats and to get close to them.

My favourite part was when we slept in the tent. We were still really hungry and we had a mid-night feast. We had creamy oreos, crunchy chips and extreme sour worms. We had some laughs and giggles and an ok sleep.

Adriana 3/4W

Year 4 camp was amazing! We saw the best view of the Harbour Bridge and we had so much fun. The animals we saw included sun bears, koalas, tigers, kangaroos, giraffes, hippos, meerkats and elephants. Just to name a few.

Taronga Zoo had a camp site where we stayed overnight. Most of us didn't get to sleep because of the seals. Camp was full of animals. When we left I was so tired and so were my friends. The seal show was great! At the end the seal did a back flip and then waved goodbye. I didn't want to leave camp because it was that awesome.

Olivia 3/4W

Last Thursday Year 4 went by bus to Taronga Zoo. The storm clouds in the sky were as grey as cement. I knew we were in for some adventure.

Firstly, we met the instructors. They were really nice. One of them had rainbow hair. Her name was Del and she told us all about the zoo and animals. Then we were shown to our tents. We unpacked and got ready for dinner.

Dinner was the best! We had roast potatoes, chicken, corn chips and sour cream, baked beans and of course some vegetables. For dessert we had an ice cream.

After dinner we saw a ten minute video about the zoo. It was really informative.

Then we got to see some animals. One of my favourites was the snake. People think they are as slimy as a slug but actually they are smooth as silk. I got to hold it at the front while Del held the back. It was amazing!

The next morning we were up by 6. Ahhhh! Breakfast was delicious with blueberry muffins, fruit and cereal.

Then we were off to the zoo for the day. It really was the best time.

Nadia 4C

Community News

2 Week Free Pass to F45

F45 were kind sponsors of our Shopping Trip. They have kindly donated free passes to trial F45 at Rooty Hill. All you need to do is print this voucher and take it along with you.



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Book your 715 health check at the [Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service](#) during the Rugby League World Cup and you can score one of the Deadly Roos shirts!

Support the Deadly Roos, just as they're supporting better health outcomes for community.

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Sensory Garden Update

Stage two of our garden project is now complete! Our students are having a great time enjoying our new area which opened this week. We have a deck for outdoor learning, climbing and construction area, sandpit, hidden seating, a lilly pilly hedge, cubbies and lots of native plants to investigate. Now that the plants have begun to settle in and flower, we are eagerly awaiting visits from native wildlife.

