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Herald Newsletter

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Important Dates

Term 2	
<p>May</p> <p>21st May– Backyard League– K-2</p> <p>22nd May- STEPS Debating @ Blackwell Netball Knockout</p> <p>23rd May- District Cross Country Leader's Civic Reception</p> <p>EPHS Gat class application closes</p> <p>29th May- African Children's Choir Visit</p> <p>30th May- NSW Netball Cup</p> <p>Mass Choir Rehearsal @ Blackwell PS</p> <p>31st May– Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser</p> <p>June</p> <p>1st June– PSSA Commences</p> <p>4th June- Backyard League– K-2</p> <p>- Bugs Backyard</p> <p>6th June—Year 2 Featherdale Excursion</p> <p>- Girls soccer knockout</p> <p>- GAT Test—Erskine Park High School</p>	<p>June</p> <p>7th June– Year 3 Excursion– Bush Trackers</p> <p>- University Writing competition</p> <p>8th June PSSA</p> <p>12th June– State Knockout– Rugby Union</p> <p>13th June– Sydney West Cross Country</p> <p>18th June– Backyard League-K-2</p> <p>19th June—STEPS Debating - Clairgate PS</p> <p>20th June– Senior Dance Group Audition</p> <p>21st June—Year 4 Excursion—Rocks Walking Tour</p> <p>22nd June– PSSA</p> <p>- NAIDOC Cup</p> <p>25th & 27th June– Stage 2 First Aid</p>

Assemblies

K – 2 Assemblies– Term 2		
When @ 11:20	Run By	Item Class
Friday 25th May- Week 4	1B	2J
Friday 8th June- Week 6	2R	2B
Friday 15th June- Week 7	1V	1C
Thursday 21st June- Week 8	Assembly of Excellence- English	
Friday 29th June- Week 9	KD	1P
3-6 Assemblies– Term 2		
Thursday 24th May- Week 4	4C	
Thursday 7th June- Week 6	6P	
Thursday 14th June- Week 7	5M	
Thursday 21st June- Week 8	Assembly of Excellence- English	
Thursday 28th June- Week 9	3C	

News from the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2!

Just a brief update on some of the 'bits and pieces' that have come across my desk already this term....

Mandy (Mrs Anderson) and I have participated in online training for the new budget and HR tool that is being rolled out. As part of the 'Local Schools, Local Decisions' reform agenda, all schools now manage, at a local level, their own budgets including the HR budget – requiring a regular switch between the 'accountant' hat and the 'teacher' hat. As you can imagine, a large school like JEPS carries a large budget!!

Staff Development Day – we spent quite some time ensuring our 'Scope and Sequence' documents aligned to syllabus requirements. This meant, teams of teachers working collaboratively across all stages aligning curriculum requirements with what is being taught in classrooms and then, ensuring assessment of student learning is accurately reported to parents.

Mrs Halicek, Mr Mercer and I worked with Mrs Paul from Erskine Park High School on our 2018 – 2020 school plan milestone – further developing our 'Middle Years' program. Priorities were realigned and we will continue to work closely with the high school over the coming years ensuring a smooth transition for students moving to EPHS as well as linking with our colleagues at the high school to jointly provide students with valuable opportunities to work in curriculum areas with their older peers. This year already, we see some students attending weekly mathematics lessons, others participating in sport coaching programs and one of the favourites, science lessons.

Mr Rolls attended, on my behalf, the launch of the new school website software – this new and updated version looks exciting and will be rolled out in the near future.

Tree Audit – there is an annual tree audit requirement within the Department of Education and this year, Mr Jones and a member of the DOE Asset Management Unit conducted that audit. We also elect to employ a level 5 arborist to assist us in this process. The preliminary inspection has been completed and we await a final inspection by the arborist to confirm any action that needs to be taken.

We had a visit from our new Director, Educational Leadership, Karen McSpeerin. Karen is looking forward to working closely with all of her schools in the Eastern Creek area.

This week, all staff will participate in our annual CPR and Anaphylaxis training. This will take place on Thursday afternoon/evening.

Our 2018 – 2020 School Plan has been uploaded on to the school website. At this evenings P&C Meeting I will be handing out copies of the plan for feedback. If you would like to provide some feedback on the plan and/or would like to ask questions about the directions we will be heading in over the coming three years, please feel free to email, phone or pop in.

I would also like to take this opportunity to send out a huge 'Thank You' to our P&C not only for the things they do for our students on a regular basis but over the last week.....they have organised and run the 'Mothers' Day Stall' AND organised and run a BBQ at the Council election over the weekend. We cannot thank you enough for what you do.

Kind regards

Corinna Robertson



News from the Deputy

School Photos

School photos were taken on Wednesday 9th May and sibling photos on Thursday 10th May. Any student who was away on Wednesday, class photo day, also had their photo taken for school purposes and for purchase. The estimated timeline for photos is approximately 6 weeks and as soon as packages are delivered to school they will be distributed.

Interrelate

Interrelate has been booked for term 3. Interrelate Family Centres run two programs which are interactive and family focused. The first program is for students and parents / caregivers in Years 3 & 4. The program session runs for one hour and the topic is "Where Did I come From?" The second program is for students and parents / caregivers in Years 5 & 6. This session also runs for an hour and the topic is "Preparing for Puberty." Notes about the sessions will be provided next term.

Writing

As part of our schools 3 year plan staff are working on the curriculum area of writing. Staff have been attending some extra professional learning on writing to assist all teachers with the planning and teaching of writing, which in turn should see some exciting improvements in our students' writing.

As part of this school focus late last term we had the children's author Tristan Bancks visit our school at meet with Stage 3 students. More information on this can be found in the newsletter.

Next term we have already started planning for authors to visit every stage and conduct some workshops with classes. We hope that these visits will inspire the writing of all.

NAPLAN Update

Last week our years 3 and 5 students sat NAPLAN. NAPLAN covers the areas of language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. All students were very focused and tried their best. Results will be sent out to parents in August.

Aboriginal Education

Some of the teachers will be attending some professional learning around Aboriginal and Torres Islander Perspectives. We will cover the Aboriginal Education and Training Policy, curriculum perspectives, cultural programs and PLP's for Aboriginal students. We look forward to sharing this information with staff, students and our JEPS families.

Kind regards,
Kim Dunscombe
Deputy Principal

Office News

Office Hours – 8.30am – 3pm

CareMonkey



Thank you to all those parents that have logged in and created a profile for their child/ren. We still need a number of student profiles created so **if you are receiving emails inviting you to create a profile for your child/ren please action this by completing the profile as soon as possible. We need to have all student profiles completed by the end of term 1. This profile enables the school to send correspondence direct to your email and we want all our families to be included in this new, more efficient process.**

For further information visit the CareMonkey website: www.caremonkey.com

Payment Date Reminders

Closing dates:

- Yr 1 Backyard Bugs Incursion - \$7 – Wed 30 May
- Yr 2 Featherdale Excursion - \$24 – Wed 30 May
- PSSA - \$30 – Wed 30 May
- Yr 4 Rocks Walking Tour - \$31 – Wed 13 June
- Yr 6 Camp Final Payment - \$133 – Tues 19 June
- Yr 4 Camp Final Payment - \$60 – Fri 22 June
- Yr 5 Camp Deposit - \$150 – Fri 29 June



The permission notes are available on the school website in the **'Notes' Tab** and the 'Online' payment option is also available for your convenience.

For cash/cheque payments please ensure 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.

Donations of Spare Clothes

We would be grateful for any donations of winter pants sizes 4 – 8 as we have depleted all of the smaller sizes. Please send them to the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Mandy Anderson
School Administrative Manager

P & C Update

Term 2 has started with a BANG!

The Mothers Day stall was a great success! We hope you all enjoyed the gifts picked by your children. They had a great time shopping for them.

The Election day BBQ was freezing cold and we were almost blown away. It was still a great little fundraiser for our school.

A big thank you to all those who enjoyed our sausage sizzle and to Ms Dunscombe for giving up part of her weekend to give us a hand.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who contributed by helping at the Mothers Day stall by donating gifts and/or cakes to our election day BBQ. We very much appreciate it.

Coming up we have:

Term 2 Disco—July 6th

Family Movie Night—15th September

Family Photo Day—28th October

Annual Shopping Trip—TBC



(Mothers Day stall photos)

Thank you again for your support!
JEPS P&C

family fun day

Students and their families are invited to attend the Aboriginal Ability Links Family Fun Day on May 29th, 2018. They would like to extend this invitation especially to those living with a disability or who have family who are.

The day will have services, cultural activities and workshops for the kids to be involved in such as art, dance, face painting and boomerang throwing. They will be providing a FREE sausage sizzle, fruit and cordial. There is also a FREE shuttle bus running from Werrington and Kingswood station for the community to get and from the event.

The Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation would love for you and your family to come and join in the festivities.



Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation



ABILITY LINKS
Family Fun Day

Ability Links supports people living with a disability, their carers and families to link into local services, business and informal supports.

Our **FREE** event is open to the whole community.
We would love to see you, your family and friends there.



Tuesday, 29th May 2018
10:00am - 2:00pm
Penrith Valley
Regional Sports Centre
30 Herbert St,
Cambridge Park NSW 2747

- FREE Sausage Sizzle
- Jumping Castles
- Face Painting
- Kids Sensory Activities
- Information Stalls
- Skills & Drills
- Dreamtime Stories
- Art Exhibition

FREE SHUTTLE BUS to and from the event via Kingswood & Werrington Station. Running in a continuous loop every 30 minutes.

(02) 4721 1536



Dear JEPS parents, carers and/or grandparents,

The SRC would like to invite you to our Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser on Thursday the 31st of May between 10:45am and 11.10am. We would love for you to come along and enjoy a tea/coffee and a piece of cake or slice with your children during recess to support the Cancer Council.

We hope to see you there!



Exciting news...

Book Week & Education Week is on again mid Term 3. This year our celebration is called 'Find your Treasure' and we will be having a pirate theme.

Along with some other very exciting things, we will also be doing some S.T.E.M. activities!

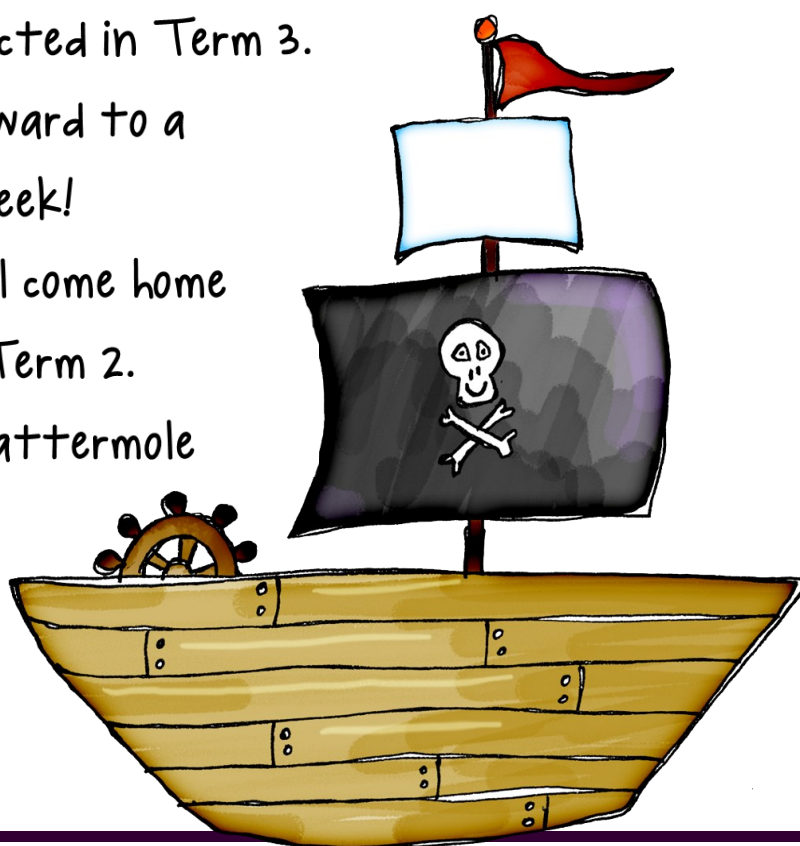
Could you please start saving shoe boxes and long tube rolls (like those from gladwrap etc).

These items will be collected in Term 3.

We are looking forward to a wonderful week!

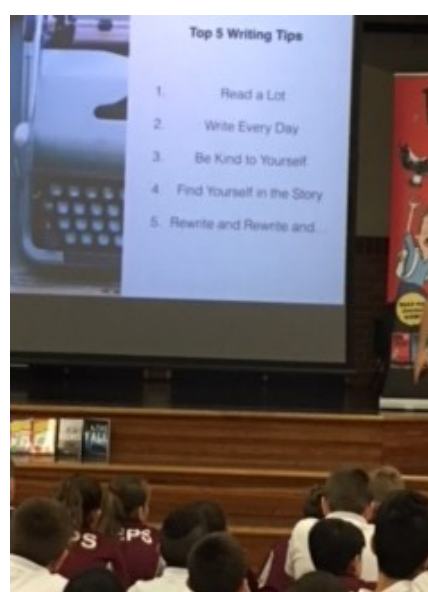
More information will come home at the end of Term 2.

Thank you! Mrs Cattermole



AUTHOR VISIT

Last term in the last week of school we were fortunate to have well known children's author Tristan Banks visit. He met with stage 3 classes, 4S and a class member from each of the other stage 2 classes. Tristan spoke to the students about where he gets his inspiration from, his life and he provided the students with some writing tips. At the end of the talk students had the opportunity to ask Tristan some questions. Students were able to pre-order his novels and he stayed behind to personally sign them. He was very generous with his time and the students and teachers present were inspired by his ideas and keen to both read his novels and use some of his ideas. For term 3 we are already planning author visits for all stages. As part of our school plan for the next 3 years we are focusing on writing. With this focus we are working on developing a wealth of ideas and strategies to both inspire and develop our students as writers. We are hoping that regular author visits will assist with our aims.



Spelling Bee News

This year our school has enrolled in the Premier' Spelling Bee. Our students in Years 2 to 6 are invited to participate. We will be having class spelling bees, with the class final to be held in Week 8 of this term.

The school final will be held in Week 9.
Years 2-4 are in the junior category.
Years 5-6 are in the senior category.



Two students from each class will participate in the school finals. The two winners from the school finals will participate in the district final, which will be held early in Term 3. Lists of words will not be sent home, but the link to access them is:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2018-premiers-spelling-bee>

The password will be sent home on a note as we are not permitted to publish it online.

We look forward to lots of fun!
Thanking you,
Cathie Cattermole

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day Ceremony

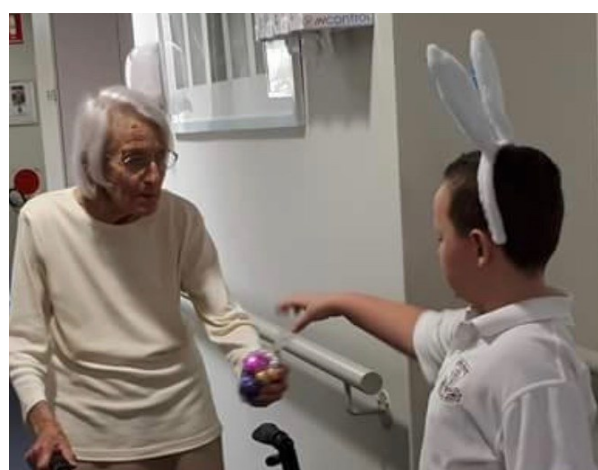
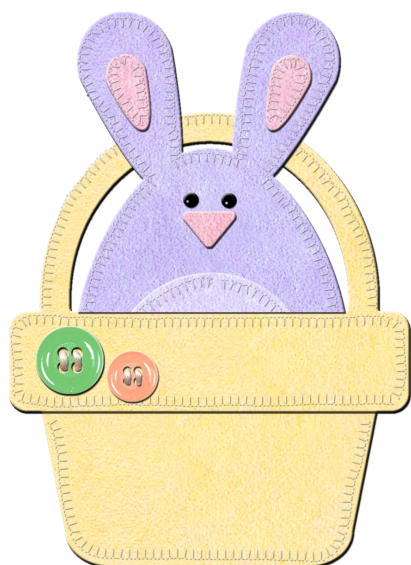
We commemorated ANZAC Day at JEPS with a ceremony on Tuesday, 1st May. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 attended the service and took a very respectful approach to proceedings. Our guest speaker Mr Ron Kelly gave a moving and sensitive recount of the meaning of ANZAC Day and we are grateful he was able to join us as he has many times over the years.

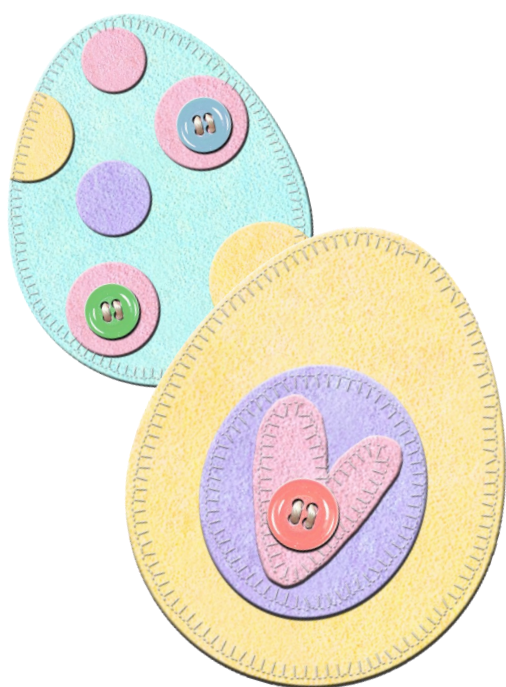
The service was run by school captains Abbi and Blake, with our Vice Captains Jayden and Tatjana laying the wreath. Year 6 student Roya read an excerpt from the poem 'The Fallen'.

Thank you to the teachers and students who contributed to the ceremony and thank you also to the parents who made the effort to attend. Next year, in addition to our school service, we hope to have student representatives attend the St Marys District RSL Branch dawn service which takes place on ANZAC Day during school holidays.



Easter News





Thank you!



*Our school community is amazing!
With over 1700 gifts delivered,
some of our special P&C Easter Bunnies
made everyone's day brighter!*



SUGGESTION BOXES



Thank you to the members of the SRC who brought in their boxes last term. They were given the opportunity to create their class 'Issues and Improvements' suggestion box. **We are still waiting** on a few members of the SRC to bring in their boxes before we implement them this term.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



Cancer
Council

Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea

On Thursday 31st May, 2018 our school will be hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea coordinated by our SRC. All money raised will be donated to the Cancer Council. Students in **Kindergarten, Year 2 and Year 6** have been asked to donate cakes to sell for 50c on the day.



JUNIOR AECG



On Wednesday 16th May, Blake, Mariah, Joseph and Lara attended the first Junior Aboriginal Education Consultant Group meeting for our STEPS community at Clairgate Public School. Each term our students will meet with all members of the STEPS Junior AECG to discuss the direction for Aboriginal Education within our schools and our community.





Stage 3 staff and students hoped that all our wonderful mums had a very Happy Mother's Day.

Thank you to the P&C for organising the Mother's Day stall

Years 3 & 5 have completed the NAPLAN testing for 2018.

Next Wednesday our students will compete in the District Cross Country carnival. Results will be in the following newsletter.

Good luck to the senior girls' netball team next Tuesday.

Friday PSSA winter sport will commence soon. Trials for teams were held weeks 1 & 2. Notes were handed out by the sport coach. Please return bus fees and note to school as soon as possible.

Year 5 will continue to attend Erskine Park High School for science lessons. The students are excited to be given this opportunity to engage in practical lessons in the high school science lab.

Year 5 camp invitation notes have been sent home. Deposit and note are due back to school.

Year 6 have been issued with a list of What to bring to camp. The next instalment for camp is due on Monday 21 May.

The full payment for the Year 6 camp must be received before 9:30am on Monday 18 June.

Kind regards,

Leisa Halicek
Assistant Principal

Early Stage 1 News

What a difference a term makes! It seems that all of our kindergarten students have grown not only physically but socially and independently as well.

We are so proud of the way they are lining up each morning, waiting quietly and sensibly in lines, showing us that they are ready to learn. Thank you to all of our kinder parents for assisting with this and we now kindly ask if you can quickly leave when the second bell has gone and allow your child to line up and enter the classroom by themselves, as this will help foster their independence.

Attendance

A reminder that rolls are marked promptly each morning, so if students are running late, they need to go to the Office to get a late note. When students are away, it is a legal requirement that a note is given to the class teacher within 7 days. Anytime after this, the absence is recorded as unexplained.

Personal Items

Please remember to name all jumpers, jackets and lunch boxes so that children can find them easily if they get misplaced. Lost items, which haven't been labelled, may be located outside the Office in a tub.

Home Reading

Home Reading has started. Each child selects 2 texts to take home each week and need to return the books in their folder along with the reading log each Friday, so new books can be selected. Just another reminder to please record the book that your child reads on the reading log and leave this in the folder. Students are also asked to practise their sight words and sounds to help them with their reading and writing.

What's Happening in the Classroom?

All kindergarten students are making pleasing progress with their reading and writing and are feeling very proud of their efforts. They are becoming confident in reading simple texts and are now working on their writing skills.

In Mathematics we have started simple addition and subtraction.

We are consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 20 and counting forwards and backwards to 30.

Each week we also fit in library, robotics, singing, drama, health, scripture, fitness, science and history. This makes for a busy and exciting time each and every day.

Important Days to Remember

Sport/Aerobics	Tuesdays
Banking	Wednesdays
Library	Thursdays for Kinder Racoons and Kinder Owls
	Fridays for Kinder Foxes and Kinder Deers
Assembly	Fridays (usually even weeks)

Mrs Clarke
Kinder Racoons

Mrs King
Kinder Owls

Mrs Davies
Kinder Deers

Miss Filipovic
Kinder Foxes



Stage 1 News:

Welcome back to Term 2.

Stage One students are well and truly into the swing of things and are eagerly learning new and exciting concepts.

Year One

In Year One, teachers are focused on further developing student writing. They are providing lots of opportunities for children to write each day by offering free writing opportunities as well as shared, guided and independent writing experiences. Students are participating in the construction of text each day with lots of print material being placed around the classroom as a model of good writing. Teachers have been explicitly teaching text composition through talking and sharing ideas.

'If I can think it, I can say it. If I can say it, I can write it.'



Students are encouraged to draw on high frequency words and independently use their knowledge of sounds and blends when writing. A strong emphasis is placed on students continuously rereading and monitoring their own writing to ensure that it makes sense. We can't wait to share some Year One writing with you soon!

We are continuing to explore our Science unit called 'Schoolyard Safari' and are looking forward to our 'Bugs Backyard' incursion later this term. Our excursion to Fairfield City Museum will occur in early Term 3 and links in nicely with our History unit 'Past and Present Family Life'. Notes about upcoming incursions/excursion will be sent home shortly.

JEP the owl is coming soon. Keep your eyes peeled for our exciting new reading initiative.



Stage 1 News:

Year Two

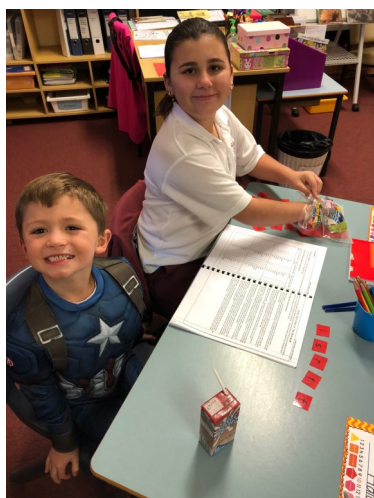
Year Two have had a great start to the term.

Year Two students will be attending an excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park to facilitate their understanding of Australian animals. The excursion will be held on **Wednesday 6th June**. The cost of the excursion is \$24 per student. Students are required to bring their recess, lunch and a drink in a small backpack. Students will need to wear their school uniform, comfortable closed shoes and a school hat. Permission notes and payments are required by **Wednesday 30th May**. We look forward to a fun filled day!

We are continuing with our science unit of Push and Pull and students have been involved in lots of hands on activities which they are enjoying. Our history unit is also continuing which focuses on the Past in the Present.

Peer Tutoring

Peer Tutoring is underway this term. It has been wonderful to see the students eager to come in and learn each morning. They are really enjoying being able to work with a Stage Three buddy to develop their skills. Thank you to Mrs Grono for her fantastic organisation of such a wonderful initiative.



Stage One Sports Day - Mondays

K-2 students will be starting NRL Backyard league on Monday 21st May. These sessions will be every Monday for 40 minutes until Week 9. This is free for students. Please remember to send your child in Sports Shoes on Mondays for the rest of the term.

We look forward to a wonderful term ahead.

Mrs Houben and Mrs McColgan
Stage One Assistant Principals

Stage 2 News

Welcome back to Term 2 ! This term we are looking forward to another productive and rewarding term.

Below is the proposed outline of our teaching and learning programs for the term and some additional information regarding upcoming events.

Reading and Viewing - During Term 2 our students will continue to use the 'Super 6 Comprehension Strategies' during reading group sessions, which were explicitly taught in Term 1. Groups will read varied texts dependent on their reading ability. Classes will engage in novel studies looking at features of imaginative texts such as plot and character development.

Writing and Representing – Our writing focus this term will be persuasive and imaginative writing skills. We will be teaching strategies to allow students to identify and use language forms such as using rhetorical questions to grab the reader, and varied sentences in imaginative writing to create suspense.

Speaking and Listening – This term we are teaching our students a range of public speaking activities with a focus on skills to deliver impromptu and prepared speeches. It is important for students to engage an audience when making oral presentations by using strategies such as facial expression, gesture, pause and repetition.

Mathematics - Our Stage 2 mathematics program includes a topic each week. This allows for students to get a thorough understanding of the topic. Each week teachers use pre- tests to gauge a student's understanding of the weekly concept. The concepts covered this term are; Fractions, Decimals, Mass, 2D Shapes, Time, Position, Angles, Chance, 3D Objects and Patterns and Algebra.

Dates for your diary:

Week 6: Thursday 7th June - Year 3 Bush Trackers Excursion

Week 7: Thursday 21st June- Year 4 Rocks Walking Tour Excursion

Year 4 Rocks Walking Tour Excursion

Students have been working hard in history this semester and they are looking forward to visiting many of the historically significant sites at The Rocks. It is important that students wear full school uniform including warm jackets and walking shoes. They need to bring recess, lunch and drink as there is no opportunity to purchase food. Please note that this excursion goes ahead regardless of the weather, so it may be a good idea to pack a raincoat, just in case! It should be a fantastic day!

Year 3 Bush Trackers Excursion

To support Year 3's hard work in history this semester, we have been provided the opportunity by NSW Environmental Trust to attend Mulgoa Nature Reserve to participate in a local bush walk. NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Rangers will guide our students on the walk, encourage the kids to share their experience through words, poems, pictures and photos. Students are to wear full school uniform, including warm jackets, hats and comfortable walking shoes. They will also need to bring recess, lunch, plenty of water to drink, 4-5 coloured pencils and a lead pencil in a small backpack on the day. If rain is forecasted, students will also need to bring a raincoat or poncho. As there is no cost to this excursion, please ensure return notes as soon as possible. It's going to be a great experience!

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all Year 3 students who sat the NAPLAN assessments during week 3. We are sure all students did their best! This diagnostic test is a snapshot of where our students are at in that moment of time. It is only part of the process and is a guide to assist our staff to monitor student progress.

Opportunity Class 2019

A note was sent home to Year 4 students regarding Opportunity Classes for 2019. The last day for entry online was Friday 18th May.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 1st August 2018.

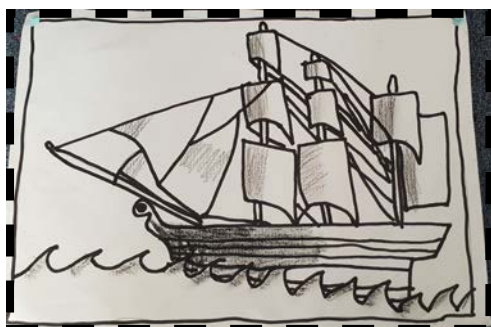
PSSA

On Friday, PSSA Winter sport begins. It will run from Week 5 to Week 10 this term. Please note, that if your child's behaviour is not acceptable throughout the week or during PSSA, they will not be allowed to attend sport.

As the cooler months are coming please ensure your child has labelled all their uniforms and belongings. Also some items in pencil cases such as glue sticks may need replenishing. Please ask your child if they are missing anything they should be using in the classroom. Thank you again for your continued support.

The Stage 2 Team

Look at some of our AMAZING ARTWORKS





KF's Class Profile

The Kinder Foxes have had a wonderful start to the school year! KF has been involved in several school day activities.



Our first day!

Developmental play!



Harmony

School disco

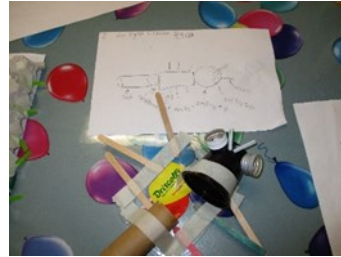
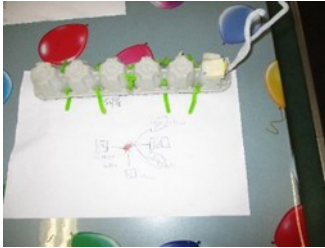
The Kinder Foxes continue to work hard each and everyday. This term KF will be learning about Families and Friends in their literacy unit.

We are looking forward to all the upcoming extracurricular activities to participate in!

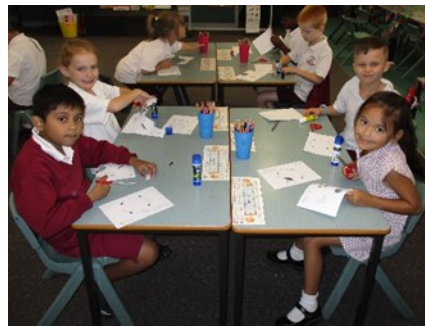
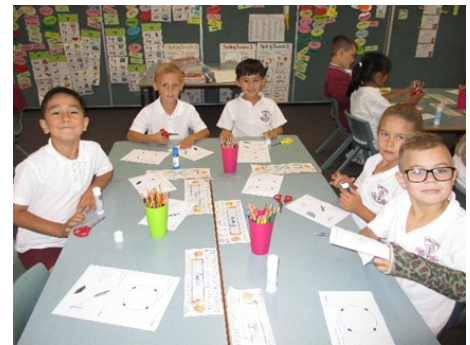


IP 2018

Students in IP enjoy coming to school each day and have all been working hard to improve their reading and writing over the past weeks. We love sport, art and craft and have learnt how to play percussion instruments, program Bee Bots in the library and so much information about insects, where do we start.



These are our bugs we made in groups



We are
busy
learning
every day!



ENGLISH

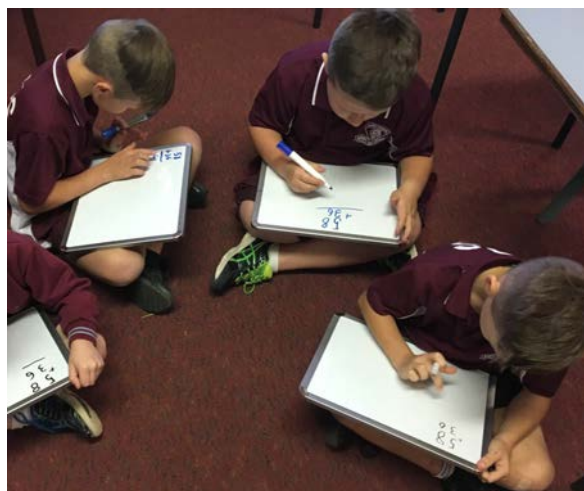
We have been learning to write narratives and persuasive texts using the correct structure and language features. We have also used a number of sizzling starts (such as onomatopoeia and rhetorical questions) to engage our readers and hook them in.

Tyarnie:

School Holidays are better than School.
Ahhhhhhhh I never miss the alarm
going on and off for School
how about you?

Jordin:

CRACK! the golden egg is starting to
hatch, what would be inside? "Maybe
a chicken or a bird" Ella said. It
started to hatch more and more
every day. After a week it cracked and
inside the ^{egg} was a bunny. Ella was



Already this year we have explored a number of units in maths. We have been working really hard to understand addition and subtraction using the formal algorithm.

MATHS

ART

We have created a number artworks with warm and cool colours and have used our understanding the colour wheel to blend paint to create a number of colour combinations.





Many of us competed in our first cross country and we all tried extremely hard! We are excited for James and Taya who both **placed first** in the 8/9 years race and will compete at the district carnival. **Go 3C!**



ASSEMBLY



On **Thursday the 28th of June** at 12.15pm (Week 9 of this term) we are running the assembly and performing our class item. Later in the term, we will bring home our speaking role to practise. We have just started working on our play and we can't wait until we are ready to perform it!



6H class Profile

6H have enjoyed a wonderful first semester. Along with lots of terrific learning, we've been fortunate to be involved in some fun, extra curricular activities at our school.



Assembly Item

Our item was the cup song from Pitch Perfect. It was fun to learn to something new and to perform while everyone watched. We loved it! **Cetahliyah and Tyler**



Learn to Lead

Learn to Lead is run by Mr Lindsay and students from Erskine Park High. They teach us about different sports and how they're played. So far we have done soccer, oztag and basketball. **Mehmet and Ryan.**



Music Lessons

Each Thursday we learn about rhythm and beat in music lessons with Mrs Powell. We have played percussion instruments and our favourite is the djembe drums.

Miah and Angel



Disco- Term!

On the last day of term I we had a fantastic time with our friends at the disco. We were dancing and singing to all the songs we know. It's the best way to end the term! **Daniel and Keira**

6H have a lot to look forward to in semester two. Some of the exciting things that are coming up include the athletics carnival, Education Week and our year 6 camp where we visit Canberra and the snow.

The 29 Wonders Of 6L

As leaders of the school, we are hardworking, caring, responsible students. We love to learn in Science about “Earth's Place in Space,” History - “Australia as a Nation”, English - “Wonder”, Wonder is a very touching novel. It is a very good book that is teaching us about kindness. Last week we got class of the week in assembly. Thank you all for the help with the Year 6 raffle!



School Cross Country

We were able to hold our Cross Country Carnival as planned on Thursday 3rd May. The 11 and 12 year old students ran 3 laps and the 8/9 and 10 year old students ran 2 laps. Congratulations to all our students for their participation and efforts.

We are very grateful to the parents who assisted us by recording the results and lap marking.

The first 8 students in each race had the opportunity to compete in the St Marys District Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 23rd May at The Kingsway, St Marys.

School Cross Country Results-

Girls 8/9 yrs		
	Name	Class
1	Taya W	3C
2	Saige M	3B
3	Keeley H	4C
4	Chelsea T	3/4D
5	Allira B	3/4D
6	Waresha I	4S
7	Tyarnie M	3C
8	Jade S	3B
9	Anastazia L	3C
10	Maria B	3/4D

Boys 8/9 yrs		
	Name	Class
1	James W	3C
2	Mataius A	3/4D
3	Ryan S	2B
4	Zack D	4W
5	Amos V	3B
6	Tate West	2J
7	Riley C	2J
8	Caleb E	2J
9	Jeremy N	3C
10	Mohammed B	2J



Girls 10 yrs		
	Name	Class
1	Mikayla F	3/4D
2	Lara H	4C
3	Shae B	4S
4	Isabella S	4C
5	Adriana B	5F
6	Louise M	4S
7	Kodey Mc	5F
8	Marley W	4S
9	Summer B	4S
10	Olivia S	4C

Boys 10 yrs		
	Name	Class
1	Harry F	4C
2	Tyrone M	4S
3	Jack P	5F
4	Jake B	4C
5	Tyler D	4S
6	Daniel A	4W
7	Daniel Z	4S
8	Brendan S	3/4D
9	Mitchell G	4S
10	Braidyn W	4S



School Cross Country Results Cont.



Girls 11 yrs		
	Name	Class
1	Nekea T	5F
2	Kayla S	5M
3	Sofia A	5M
4	Keeley P	6L
5	Georgia W	6P
6	Divyanka C	6M
7	Bree-Anna N	5F
8	Elysia Z	5F
9	Tanika A	5F
10	Ruby H	5M

Boys 11 yrs		
	Name	Class
1	Mikale H	5M
2	Jayden N	6H
3	Ethan C	5M
4	Cooper C	5R
5	Ethan A	6P
6	Ryan G	5R
7	Jayden S	6P
8	Daniel R	6H
9	Thomas S	5F
10	Mustafa H	5F



Girls 12 yrs		
	Name	Class
1	Tamara L	6P
2	Tatjana L	6H
3	Taliyah M	6L
4	Matoisha K	6P
5	Jess E	6L
6	Mariah P	6L
7	Mia W	6P
8	Adriana R	6L
9	Cetahliyah S	6H
10	Raneem A	6L

Boy 12 yrs		
	Name	Class
1	Jackson W	6P
2	Ethan H	6L
3	Jacob D	6H
4	Vince D	6L
5	Jaiden G	6L
6	Blake H	6H
7	Kane M	6P
8	Harley M	6L
9	Callum A	6H
10	Cameron G	6L











Sporting News-

Last week I represented JEPS as part of the Sydney West team that competed at the PSSA NSW Boys Basketball carnival.

The competition was held at Tamworth Sports Dome and lasted 3 days. Out of 14 teams Sydney West came 4th.

I have also been selected to be part of the NSW PSSA STATE TEAM and will be competing in Darwin this August. I am so excited!

Isaiah S- 6L



SYDNEY WEST NETBALL GALA DAY

On Tuesday 22nd of May our Senior A netball team competed at Jamison Park netball courts in the Sydney West Knockout Gala day. In the first round our team was drawn the bye and automatically qualified for round two. In their second game they defeated Kurmond Public School **17-1** and continued into our third game against Regentville Public School. Unfortunately Regentville came away with win **22-10**. Congratulations to our girls who competitively competed in all games and displayed wonderful sportsmanship.



Sport News

Winter sport commences on Friday 1 June (week 5) and will continue through until the 29 June (week 9). It will then recommence in Term 3 and continue for 5 weeks. Students will either be involved in Home Sport or PSSA sport. **PSSA sport only involves bus travel.** PSSA teams have already been selected and students involved have been issued with a permission note.

PSSA Sport Information-

Travel to the venue is by bus. Children leave school each Friday afternoon at 12.30 pm and return before 2.45pm.

Children in PSSA teams must wear sport uniform and a school hat.

Children must also bring a drink and sunscreen.

Bus fares are **\$6.00** per week. **The cost for Term 2 PSSA Sport is \$30.00 (5 weeks).**

The \$30.00 payment and note are to be placed in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's details (name, class and sport). Payment can be made by online payment (see www.jameserskip.schools.nsw.edu.au) - SPORT description – 'PSSA', cheque or cash.

Please note that payments must be made before 6pm for the school to receive notification the next day. After 6pm there will be a delay of one day for the school to receive notification. See attached online payment information.

In case of poor weather then payment will be credited to your child for Term 3.

Credits do not apply for students when they are absent as the buses are paid in advance.

Winter PSSA Sports:

Netball Jnr (A and B) – Miss Pearce

St Clair Courts

Netball Snr (A and B) – Mrs P Williams

St Clair Courts

Soccer Jnr (A and B) – Mrs Couper

Mark Leece / Roper Rd

Soccer Snr Boys (A and B) – Mr Banzon

Mark Leece / Roper Rd

Soccer Snr Girls (A and B) – Mrs Halfpenny

Cook Park St Marys

AFL Jnr and Snr – Miss J Farrugia

Cook and Banks Reserve

Rugby League Jnr and Snr – Mr Cooke

Peter Kearns Oval, St Clair

Participation in all PSSA sports is dependent upon acceptable behaviour at school as well as during Friday sport.

Parents are welcome at all venues. We do ask that parents remember that these games are a school activity and spectators are asked to set an example in sportsmanship to the children. Any complaints about opposition teams are to be referred to your child's coach.

The final date for payment is **Wednesday 30 May (Week 5)**

Home Sport groups-

Mr Mercer, Mrs Spratt, Mrs D'Angelis. Mrs Halicek and Mrs A Farrugia. Teachers will plan weekly sporting activities for students who remain at school for home sport. Students should also wear sport uniform and a school hat.

Dance Camp!

Tayjah and Charlotte (6L) Olivia (5R) J

We got the privilege to go to Kurrajong for a Dance Off Dance Camp. We had to memorise 7 routines. On each day workshops were held at 9:00am. The workshops were Jazz, Hip-Hop, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Choreography and CAPA elective (Tap, Ballet, Glee, Drama). Tayjah and Olivia both chose to do Tap and Charlotte chose to do Ballet. The first night we had a game night/trivia night. The second night we had a movie night and watched Sing! On the last day we performed all the seven dances made by the amazing choreographers. At the end of the performance all 136 students sat down and all received a participation award. Olivia was awarded with an excellence in Tap and Charlotte was awarded with an excellence in Jazz/Funk /Hip Hop. Overall it was a great experience. Thank you to Miss Chester for giving us this amazing opportunity.



Student's Work

The Shooting

Written by Jessica E

A year 6 student



When it starts,

It never ends.

When they shoot

It never quits

At the crack of dawn

We rise to play

Although some people

Might go away

Brothers, fathers, kids

All leave their friends

Until its over

And then make amends

Left to die

Left to be wounded.

Until the sun goes up

Until the sun goes down

We will remember them, lest we forget.

Student's Work

The Devastating War

At the crack of dawn,
I hear the trumpets,
War began.
The helicopters rose above,
Firing bullets away,
They were hungry,
They were wounded,
They were strong,
They were fighting,
They were dying,
War was hard it was dangerous,
Lest We Forget.

By Mariah P - 6L



K-2 Students had the most wonderful
time celebrating National Simultaneous
Storytime!

