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James Erskine Public School

Herald Newsletter

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Important Dates

Term 3 - August/September	
23rd August	PSSA
29th August	Arts in the Park @EPHS
30th August	Arts in the Park @EPHS
30th August	K-2 Sport Carnival
4th September	District Athletics @ Blacktown Sports Park
6th September	OPEN DAY, Colour Run
11th September	Coin Race
13th September	Yr 1 Backyard Bugs Incursion
18th September	Yr3 Lizard Log Excursion
26th September	Yr6 Friction Frenzy

Assemblies for Term 3

When	Run By
Wednesday 21st August 1.45-2.45	5W
Wednesday 28th August 1.45-2.45	KF
Wednesday 4th September 1.45-2.45	5C
Wednesday 11th September 1.45-2.45	KB
Wednesday 25th September 1.45-2.45	3B

Assembly of Excellence Friday 20th September



News from the Principal

It has been a very touching term for many reasons and I want to take a few minutes to explain why.

I'm hoping you have seen in the information going home to parents, Facebook posts and/or from your child/children directly, the message of 'kindness' we are teaching/promoting/experiencing!! As a staff we have been learning about the 'Kindness on Purpose' program and how we will deliver it across the school. This program as I explain is simple in its philosophy however very complex in its purpose, possibilities and impact.

We are endeavouring through professional learning to train staff to deliver this program which focuses on empathy and self-regulation of emotions using the skills of kindness. Students are encouraged to be kind to promote empathy.

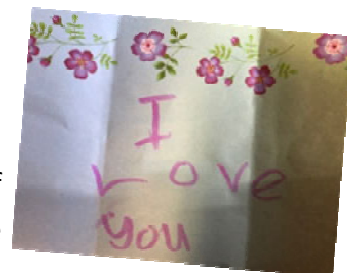
Staff have been participating in their own 'kindness' acts this past week through something called 'August Angels'. Mrs Halfpenny put forward this idea some months ago and participating staff were anonymously given the name of another staff member that they would be 'kind' to across a period of two weeks. This kindness could be just kind words, small items that we know others would like such as a favourite chocolate etc etc.

Students have been getting into the 'spirit of kindness' as well. I have had many students writing cards and notes and the joy they get from delivering these messages is just wonderful, not to mention how special they can make the receiver feel. Today I had one lovely little girl from year 1 and she had made a box of kindness notes. I was able to choose a note from the box....it really made my day.

During the last holidays we had some artwork done around the school and in student and staff toilets. These messages again are also focused on kindness.

Hopefully we all get to see how a few kind words can have a really big impact.

Corinna Robertson



News from the Deputy Principal

Colour Run

On Monday we had the launch of our whole school major fundraiser for the year, the Colour Run. Students were excited to see what will occur on the day and to see the prizes on offer for the major prize winner for each grade. Sponsorship forms and an explanation of this exciting event was sent home at the end of week 2 and additional forms can be obtained from the Office. Parents are encouraged to participate in this event too and notes were sent home regarding an entry fee. Two years ago when we held our first Colour Run we had some brave parents participate but many more wish that they had. We hope this time that we have numerous more join us.

Colour Run prizes:

Major Prizes

*Student K-2 that raises the most; \$300 voucher and surprise gift

*3-6 student that raises the most; \$300 voucher and surprise gift

Grade prizes for the student in each grade that raises the most money include:

- A games package including various indoor games, playdough, slime and
- Virtual reality headset & cube bundle
- Outdoor games package & 2 family bowling passes
- Raging Waters package
- Art Package



Class Ice-cream party for the class that raises the most money and for the class that brings their money in first.

Students as they return their sponsorship money will be provided with a token and there will be regular draws where students will select a prize from the prize box.

We are very thankful for your support with our fundraising plans.

Lateness

Unfortunately lateness for students still remains an area of concern. Hoping that as we move out of winter the warmer weather this may allow families with late issues opportunities to establish and maintain some morning routines to allow for students to arrive in time for school.

Evacuation Drill

As part of our Emergency procedures each term, we hold an emergency drill of either an evacuation, lockout or lockdown. Students are informed of our procedures throughout the year and teachers receive training and have a guideline of procedures in their rooms to follow. This term we will hold an evacuation drill in week 5 of the term. We will provide you feedback in our next newsletter.

Kindness on Purpose

This term at school we have had a big focus on Kindness for both students and staff. The students have been exploring the concept of Kindness towards their peers and themselves through a program called Kindness on Purpose. In week 2, we had the founder of this program work with each class to explore the concept of kindness and how everyone is born kind. This week we have been looking at heavy and light feelings so that students can verbalise their feelings. Each week a new concept will be explored. In week 7, as part of our Open Day program parents are invited to visit their child's class to observe a Kindness lesson and to visit the hall for a talk with Katrina Cavanough, the founder of Kindness on Purpose.

The teachers have been participating in a kindness initiative called August Angels where we have been paired with a partner and we perform acts of Kindness for them. These acts have taken various forms from thoughtful gifts, to homemade treats, poems, cards with inspiring and encouraging messages and thoughtful touches. Teachers have found these acts wonderful when being the receiver but also in the giving. We will be encouraging the students to perform acts of Kindness at home, school and in the community.

Kindness on Purpose (KOP) Parent Session

Katrina from Kindness on Purpose offers weekly parent sessions through a Live Q and A weekly on a Monday at 8:00pm. These sessions can be viewed through; facebook.com/kindnessonpurpose

We hope you find these sessions helpful and would love to hear your feedback.

School Photos

School photos were distributed last week. We hope that parents are happy with their packages. For any queries regarding photos, the School Photographer can be contacted directly by phone

(9674 9824) or by email at the schoolphotographer.com.au

You may also leave your feedback or concerns with the Office staff.

Group photos of the school leadership team (captains & counsellors), SRC and Sports Leaders are on display at the office/ front display board. These photos cost \$16 and order forms are available at the Office

Kim Dunscombe

Office News

Office Hours – 8.30am – 3pm

Payment Date Reminders

Activity/Event	Closing Date	Cost
PSSA Final Week	23 August	\$7.00
District Athletics	23 August	\$2.00
Yr 5 Camp Final Instalment	23 August	
Yr 1 Backyard Bugs Incursion	6 September	\$7.00
Yr 3 FORCES Excursion	6 September	\$30.00

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.

Colour Run

If you have completed your sponsor form and collected the money, you can send it to school from Monday 26 August. The money payment options are;

***Cash/Cheque**

Place sponsor money/cheque in an envelope with the sponsor form. Clearly label the envelope with your child's name, class and payment for 'Colour Run'.

***Online**

Sponsor money can be paid online -

(see www.jameserski-p.schools.nsw.gov.au) – OTHER description – '**Colour Run**', Please return sponsor form to class teacher or school office.

Please note that online 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.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020



Applications to enrol have commenced. If your child is turning 5 by 31 July 2020 they are eligible to enrol. For families residing in Erskine Park you can collect an enrolment package from the school office. If you reside outside of Erskine Park you may complete a 'non-local enrolment form'. The following documentation is required prior to enrolment - Evidence must = 100 points;

Proof of residency – Property Contract, Lease Agreement, Rates Notice
Utilities Bill – Water, Electricity etc.

Additional documentation – Telephone, Medicare Statement, Electoral Roll
Registration etc.

Student Documentation required (originals)

Birth Certificate/Passport
Immunisation Statement

If applicable, provide; court orders/health care/specialist reports

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mandy Anderson

School Administrative Manager

News from the P & C

The P & C are looking forward to a busy term 3!

August 29th Father's Day Stall

Notes will come home for this event very soon.

September 6th JEPS Colour Run

Colour run shirts will be available to try on for size at the uniform shop on :

Monday 19th 8.30-9.00am

Tuesday 20th 8.30-9.00am

Thursday 22nd 2.30-3.00pm

Friday 23rd 8.30-9.00am



Shirts are priced at \$8.00 and accessories \$4.00.

September 15th Laura Jean Family Portrait Day

We have been lucky enough to secure the same wonderful photographer as last year. For a \$20 sitting fee you will receive a 10 x 13 unframed portrait PLUS a keyring with photo. Your photos will be available to view on Thursday 26th September . Appointments will be made with the photographer on the day of your sitting.

September 27th Last Day of Term Disco

Glowsticks will be available for \$2.00 the morning of the disco. Disco notes will be going home very soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

JEPS P & C

Early Stage one News

Can you believe it is already Term 3! Our kindergarten students have come along way since the beginning of the year. Nearly all of our students have shown great improvements with their reading and writing and are displaying very pleasing skills in mathematics. Remember to keep practising all sounds and sight words (identifying and writing them) as this helps build your child's confidence with both their reading and writing.



Our kindergarten students had a great time participating in the Naidoc activities in the first week of this term and have been undertaking lessons about kindness and empathy in our classrooms.

K-2 Sports Carnival The K-2 Sports carnival is coming up on Friday 30th August. This will be Kindergartens first ever sports carnival. It is a fun day and parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. The children have been asked to wear sporting clothes of their house colour on this day. They will also need to wear sunscreen and a hat and bring water to drink. The morning session will be the running races and after recess the students will undertake a variety of tabloid activities. It is such a fun day and we hope to see you there.

Kinder Excursion As part of our work in science this semester, we have planned an excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm for Kindergarten students during the second week of Term 4. This is a fantastic excursion with many hands on experiences for the children. More details to follow soon!

Kindergarten Enrolments We are currently taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2020. If you have a child turning 5 before the 31st July 2020 they are eligible to start school next year. Please contact the school office on 9834 3009 or call in to collect the enrolment package. Our Kindergarten Transition Program and Orientation Process will commence in Term 4

Stage 1 News

Welcome back to another busy term!

We have had a hectic start with our two days of Naidoc week activities and our 3-6 Athletics carnival in the first week of term.

We also have lots of events coming up for Stage 1 students.

*Book week Monday 19th August Magic shows for K-6 (free for students)

*Friday 30th August –K-2 Sports carnival where children will be doing running races and completing novelty activities. Parents are invited to come along for an approximately 9am start and students are encouraged to wear their house colours. More information to come.

*Friday 6th September OPEN DAY/COLOUR RUN

*Friday 13th September Year 1 Backyard Bugs incursion. More information to come.

A few Reminders

*Please ensure your children have warm clothes on these cold days as some children are coming to school with no jumper. Please also make sure all clothing is labelled with their names.

*We are encouraging parents to allow their child to line up by themselves when the morning bell rings. We are trying to encourage some independence in students as it is now Term 3 and they should all be settled enough to walk with their teacher in their line without parents accompanying them to the classroom door.

*Please also remember to send absent notes on the day your child returns to school after being away. This is a legal requirement and saves teacher's time in chasing you for a written explanation.

Thank you for cooperation

Cathy McColgan/Andrew Rolls

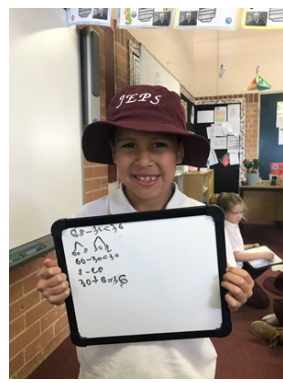
Assistant Principals



In 2B we have been working so hard during reading to clarify words, chunk sounds and increase fluency



We have been learning how to play high and low notes on the recorder while practicing to play the song 'Hot Cross Buns'.



We have been working on maths every day and studying many different concepts including split strategy, money, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction.

During Science we learnt about materials that float and different liquids that mix and don't mix. We are just starting to learn about life/space cycles and growth of all things but particularly focussing on the meal worm.



Stage 2 News

Hopefully our Stage 2 students have been coming home and filling you in, on all the wonderful things happening at school. Especially our “KINDNESS ON PURPOSE” focus.

“HOW BEAUTIFUL A DAY CAN BE, WHEN KINDNESS TOUCHES IT!”

Some new curriculum areas we will be covering this semester

Child Protection

As in previous years, students will be involved in a series of child protection activities. The Stage 2 child protection units cover areas such as, identifying safe and unsafe situations, body parts, feelings and warning signals, protective strategies, seeking help and assertiveness.

Science

Year 3 Feathers Fur and Leaves - Students will explore how living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things. They will use this knowledge to investigate plants.

Year 4 Smooth Moves - Students will explore the physical branch of science, with the opportunity to study forces and motion including investigations with magnets.

Geography

Places are Similar and Different - Students will examine natural and human features of Australia and the diverse characteristics of Australia's neighboring countries. They explore the different climates, characteristics of places and use this information to imagine what it would be like to live in different places.

The Earth's Environment - Students explore the climate, natural vegetation and native animals of places in Australia and Asia. They will identify sustainable practices and recognise that there are differing views on how sustainability can be achieved.

Regional Spelling Bee Final

Good luck to Rana and Connor who will represent stage 2 in the Regional Spelling Bee. We will all be cheering for you!

Public Speaking Competition

It's public speaking time again! Students in stage 2 are required to deliver a 2 minute speech, focusing on voice projection, eye contact as well as getting as close to the correct time as possible.

The Year 3 topic is ***"Every family has a story"***

The Year 4 topic is ***"An Australian Story"***

Selected students from class finals will then speak at grade finals and the winners will then move onto the school final. So start rehearsing, we are looking forward to some entertaining speeches.

Athletics Carnival

Thank you to the parents and visitors who attended the athletics carnival on Thursday the 25th July. We appreciated the additional assistance from our parent helpers. Also a big thank you to Mrs Halfpenny who organised such a wonderful day. It was great to see our students trying their very best and achieving pleasing results. Good luck to all of our athletes who are competing at the district athletics carnival to be held on Wednesday 4th September.

Upcoming Excursions

YEAR 3 Forces Excursion on Wednesday 18th of September". This excursion aims to develop student's initiative, curiosity and problem solving skills in science. Students will be involved in an interactive setting to build their STEM knowledge about "Forces"; from friction to gravity and everything in between. **Last day for payment is Friday the 6th of September.**

Camp

The Year 4 overnight excursion to Yarramundi is fast approaching. Final preparations are being made for our Thursday 12th September departure. Medical notes have been sent home and need to be returned asap. Additional notes with details on what to bring and our itinerary will be coming home soon.

Thanks again for your continued support.

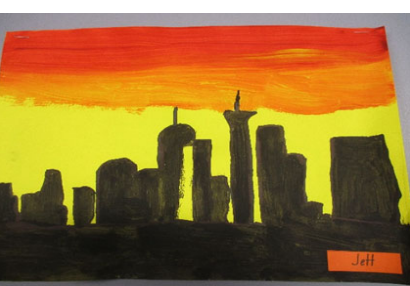
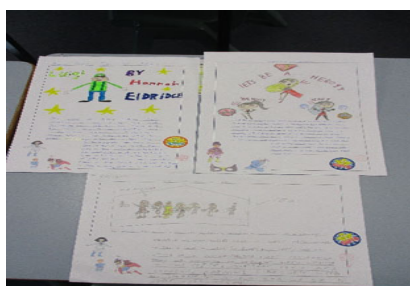
The Stage 2 Team



“3W 2019”

3W are enjoying their time in Year 3 with the new activities and challenges that it brings. The best parts of Year 3 so far are being able to play P.S.S.A. sport on Fridays, go to all the sport carnivals, learning to do running writing, striving to achieve our “Pen Licence” and Primary assembly. We all thoroughly enjoy reading, being read to and finding out information in texts of all types.

Art and craft time is also a highlight of the week. We hope all our mums loved their flowers in the baskets for Mothers’ Day. These photos show some examples of our art, our sporting and spelling achievements.



NAIDOC Activities

On Tuesday the 23rd July 2019 we went all around the school to learn about Aboriginal culture. We learnt about famous Aboriginal people. Next we went cooking and tasting native food. Then we listened to a Dreamtime story called the Mimis and illustrated it. The last activity was we learnt the rules and how to play an Aboriginal game.

My favourite thing was the Aboriginal game.

Cooper Wright 3W

NAIDOC Performances

On Wednesday the 24th July 2019 the Koomurri performance group came to J.E.P.S.

K-6 students were split into four groups. The activities took place all around the school and at Peppertree Oval.

The performance group did a Welcome to Country Ceremony at the COLA with burning gum leaves. Our first activity was artefacts. We listened to what the man had to say. We got to feel painted boomerangs, an Aboriginal mobile telephone and other things.

Then we went to the courtyard and did a big handprint picture. We talked about native animals. Next we went to the hall and listened to the didgeridoo being played and we got face paint. The face paint is made up of baby powder or two rocks ground together.

Our final activity was boomerang throwing on the oval.

The final part of the day was a farewell concert at the COLA for the whole school.

Hannah Eldridge 3W

JEPS Sports Carnival

Yesterday on Thursday 25th July 2019 it was JEPS' annual sports carnival at Blair Oval behind Ripples at St Marys. Students from year 2 to year 6 compete to have fun and learn new skills. You can go by car or bus. Students try their hardest so they can compete at district and represent the school.

At the sports carnival the activities were tug-o-war, 100 metres run, long jump, captain ball, discus, novelties, 800 metres run, shot putt and high jump.

At the end of the day I went home with dad. I mostly liked the sports carnival because we got to do different sports.

Alexander Theodoropoulos 3W

JEPS Sports Carnival

Students from years 2 to 6 went to the sports carnival yesterday. It was at Blair Oval, St Marys. The date was 25th July 2019. We went there to have fun and learn new skills. People like me will go to district to represent the school I got there by bus.

The events were shot putt, high jump, tug-o-war, 100 metres race, 800 metres race, long jump, discus, captain ball, tunnel ball, novelties and a long line at the canteen.

It was a really, really great day! I am going to district for discus and the 100 metres race.

Indee Carr 3W

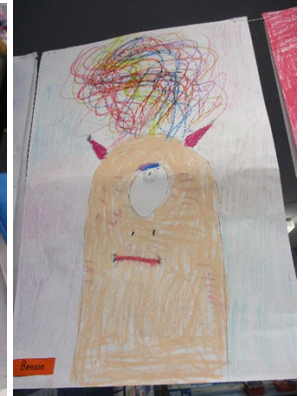
JEPS Sports Carnival

Students from J.E.P.S. came to the sports carnival from year 2 to year 6. Some year 7's came too to help around the carnival. It is at Blair Oval, St Marys. It was on 25th July 2019. J.E.P.S. have their sports carnival to have fun and learn new skills.

The J.E.P.S.' sports carnival had a lot of fun events. I was in nine-year girls. Nine year started with high jump, then tug-o-war. 100 metres was next, then long jump. Tunnel ball was after long jump, then my mum took me home.

It was amazing and fun.

Josie Hall 3W



Stage 3 News

We have had a busy start to the term. NAIDOC celebrations and rotating activities, athletics carnival, PSSA, Year 6 camp, dance groups performing, STEPS Music Festival, Milo cricket, small group of Year 6 students to EPHS for a whole day of art, small group to Year 5 to Western Sydney University for science week with Year 8 EPHS group, basketball and touch knockout teams winning their games, Year 5 and 6 visiting the high school to view the mobile planetarium.....and we are only in Week 4!!!

- Year 6 will be holding a raffle in the coming weeks.
- Colour Run notes have gone home. We have seen the display of great prizes so start getting some sponsors.
- All students are preparing for Public Speaking in week 6&7.
- All classes are collecting coins for the coin race which will be held on September 11.
- Year 6 are reading and writing in preparation for the 'Fiction Frenzy' display.
- Year 5 camp payments are now due. Please keep your child's reports including NAPLAN for enrolment at the high schools(particularly if you do not live in Erskine Park or are seeking a place in a specialist high school.
- Year 5 & 6 are studying geography this semester.
- 4/5 K are busily studying Bees!
- EPHS are once again hosting Arts In the Park from 28–31 August.

Stage 3 Teachers

5W CLASS PROFILE

Week 1: NAIDOC Week Rotation Day, Koomurri Performance and Workshop Incursion, Athletics Carnival.



During the Koomurri Incursion, 5W experienced different Aboriginal activities and cultural traditions. These included activities such as the Didgeridoo and storytelling, Aboriginal song and dance, Aboriginal art and being able to throw a boomerang!



Also this term

This term 5W has been learning about Earth and Space. 5W has been visiting Erskine Park High School and have just measured the scaled distances between the Sun and other planets.

We have also started Music this term with Mrs Powell every Wednesday. 5W are enjoying *jammin'* to the music.



SUPERSTAR MENTIONS



Mia

For her achievements at the Judo National Championships where she won gold in the Junior Girls under 36kg category.

Tyronne

For his outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the NSWPSA Championships.



Mitchell

For his enthusiastic performance and stage presence during the Senior Dance Group performance.

5W ASSEMBLY

Please join 5W for their assembly next week 21st August at 2pm.

Stage 3 News

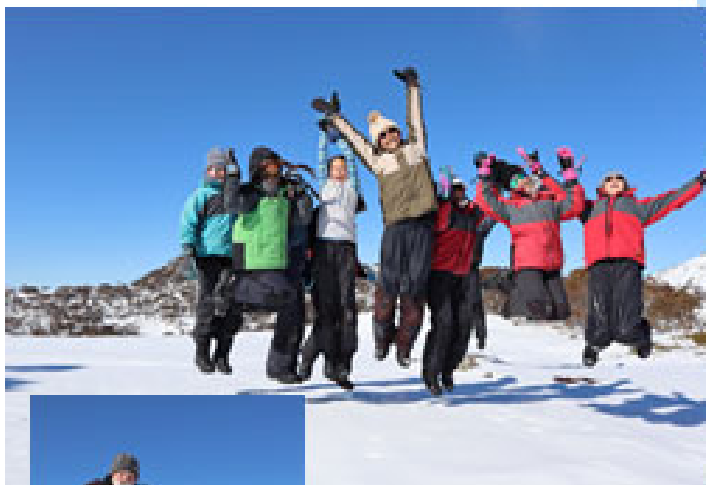
Year 6 Camp to Canberra and the Snow- 2019

66 Year 6 students have recently undertaken a 3 day educational tour of the national capital. Our students demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout their time at camp. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes that focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. Visits included Parliament House (Parliamentary Education Program, Senate and House of Representatives), The Electoral Centre, The Museum of Democracy, The Australian War Memorial Guided tour and Questacon (National Maths and Science). Students experienced snow play at Perisher and visited the Kosciuszko Education Centre.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. We thank the Government for their support and contribution towards funding this excursion, as it was a most rewarding experience for James Erskine students. It is opportunities like this excursion which makes learning fun and provides real life hands on experience that enables children to have a positive approach and understanding towards their learning.



Photos





Camp Top Ten

- 10. The food at the place we stayed at was alright. There was food that I liked and enjoyed, but the food wasn't proper food that I would usually eat.*
- 9. The snow was pretty fun; it was my first time going. I thought you could build with snow though but it was still a great experience.*
- 8. Before we went to the snow we went to a ski place to get our snow gear. The people working there gave us the clothes to put on top of what we were already wearing. After we did that we went on the bus to go to the snow.*
- 7. The cabins was a relaxing place with your friends. We played lots of games and did some challenges too. I liked when we had free time because you could go to your other friends in different cabins.*
- 6. Parliament House was a cool place to go to. It was cool to see people debating in both chambers. We also got to look on the inside of Parliament House.*
- 5. The bus ride was relaxing to fall asleep or watch the movie that's put on the televisions. It was nice to talk to your friends if they sit close to you. It is also relaxing if you took something with you on the bus to entertain yourself.*
- 4. We went to McDonalds for breakfast on Monday morning, on the way to camp, and for dinner on Wednesday night, on the way home. The lines were long but they went quickly. I liked the meals that I bought from McDonald, they filled me up until we got to our destination.*
- 3. We went to the War Memorial on the first day, Monday. It was really cool to learn about the war and what would happen after the war. The aircraft area was also really cool to see all the old planes that they would use.*
- 2. The old Parliament House was an interesting place to go to. It was cool going into the old House of Representatives and doing activities with friends.*
- 1. The last thing we did on our camp was go to Questacon. Questacon was an interesting place to go to and learn about different things. It was cool looking at how technology is so far. It was also cool to do some of the activities with my friends.*

By Elysia Zinghini-Silva

Div's top 10 favourite things at camp!

1. My favourite thing was going to the snows
2. Going to Questacon
3. Having the food at the snows
4. The wedges at the place we stayed at
5. Going to new parliament house
6. Going to Australian war memorial
7. Going to old Parliament house
8. Going down the slide at smiggins
9. Going to Mount Kosciuszko recreation centre
10. Going to Maccas for Breakfast and Dinner

Top 10 things about Year 6 camp

1. The snow was personally my favourite. It was really enjoyable for me especially because I have never been to the snow. I really liked when we made a slide in the snow and everyone had a turn sliding down.
2. Having Macca's to and from the motel was great because I was starving and the food was delicious and filled me up for the long trip.
3. The cabins for camp were great. We didn't have many people so it wasn't crowded and we all had our own space to do our things. We got to play games and watch TV so that was really fun.
4. Questacon was so interesting. Everywhere we looked there was so many different creations and designs. I loved the exhibitions. We got the opportunity to be so interactive and I have never seen anything like it before.
5. Games night was pretty cool. It was time where we could relax with our friends playing games as some of them were not in the same cabin as us.
6. The War Memorial was actually one of the most interesting places we attended. I really enjoyed learning about so many historical events that happened. I especially liked when we got to look at some of the showcases that were there.
7. Smiggins's food was actually really good. For lunch we were provided with a meat pie, chips, an apple and a muesli bar with a drink. It was delicious and I would definitely love to go there again.
8. Free time was great. We got to have a choice between playing basketball, soccer, pool, air hockey or table tennis. I thought it was really enjoyable playing something really fun with my friends.
9. The disco was quite good. I mean partying with your friends, dancing to great music, there is nothing really more that you could want.
10. Parliament house was quite good. I think something that I really liked was when we got to go to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

By Nekea Talaia

Science Week

Planetarium Visit at EPHS

As part of science week Year 5 and 6 students were able to attend the high school on Wednesday 14th August to explore Starr's planetarium.

Here is a recount by Hayley 6S.

The planetarium was very interesting. After we arrived at EPHS we were blown away by the size of the dome that was set up in the hall. We had to take our shoes off and sit down. A man popped out of the dome. His name was Gary and he told us what were going to be doing. We headed into the dome and we were learning about the phases of the moon, orbit, constellation and the moon landing. The thing that I find most interesting was the supernova facts. Did you know that the sun will eat up the earth in 5 billion year?

Overall, I thought that the experience was pretty cool!



James Erskine's Annual Athletics Carnival

The Annual Athletics Carnival was held at Blair Oval on Thursday 25th July. The results from the day are listed below.

Thank you to the teachers for working so hard to make the carnival run smoothly and to the parents for supporting the event. A special thank you to Mr Micallef and Mrs Couper who gave up their day to help with timekeeping. A big thank you to the 9 students from Erskine Park High School who also assisted. I would also like to congratulate our JEPS students on their fantastic behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day.

A special mention goes to **Nekea** who broke records in the 12 year girls 100m and senior girls long jump, and **Joseph** and **Harrison** who broke the 11 years 800m record. A fabulous effort by these talented athletes, well done!



Athletics Carnival Results

100M		
8 yr Boys		
1st	Isaac M	16.82
2nd	Bailey J	17.94
3rd	Mohammed B	18
4th	Prince A	23.25
8 yr Girls		
1st	Katarna H	18.16
2nd	Indee C	18.34
3rd	Briana M	18.56
4th	Skye W	19.16
9 yr Boys		
1st	Kayden M	16.38
2nd	Ryan S	16.43
3rd	Tate W	17.16
4th	Samuel S	17.41
9 yr Girls		
1st	Chelsey T	17.94
2nd	Scarlett R	18.12
3rd	Jasmine C	18.22
4th	Makayla G	18.69
10 yr Boys		
1st	Amos V	15.75
2nd	Mataius A	16.1
3rd	Lucas A	16.62
4th	Zayne W	16.78

10 yr Girls		
1st	Tyarnie M	16.82
2nd	Saige M	17
3rd	Leilani R	18.06
4th	Jade S	18.35
11 yr Boys		
1st	Joseph L	15.07
2nd	Harrison F	15.34
3rd	Cruze C	15.63
4th	Zach B	15.94
11 yr Girls		
1st	Adriana B	14.91
2nd	Kodey M	15.94
3rd	Lara H	16.28
4th	Mia W	16.52
12 yr Boys		
1st	Mikale H	15.35
2nd	Cooper C	15.78
3rd	Ethan C	16.5
4th	Luke B	16.75
12 yr Girls		
1st	Nekea T	14.1
2nd	Elysia Z	16
3rd	Bree-Anna N	16.68
4th	Jordyn B	16.9



800 M**8 yr Boys**

1st	Isaac M	3.15
2nd	Mohammed B	3.31
3rd	Blake P	3.35
4th	Callum F	3.36

8 yr Girls

1st	Briana M	3.55
2nd	Katarna H	4.11
3rd	Georgia A	4.21
4th	Skye W	4.36

9 yr Boys

1st	Ryan S	3.16
2nd	Caleb	3.2
3rd	Kayden M	3.24
4th	Samual S	3.26

9 yr Girls

1st	Taya W	3.29
2nd	Chelsey T	3.4
3rd	Indyana C	3.59
4th	Maria B	4.01

10 yr Boys

1st	Mataius A	3.13
2nd	Jeremy N	3.21
3rd	Zayne W	3.26
4th	Amos V	3.33

10 yr Girls

1st	Saige M	3.51
2nd	Keeley H	3.56
3rd	Annabelle D	4.02
4th	Jade S	4.03

11 yr Boys

1st	Joseph L	2.4
2nd	Harrison F	2.42
3rd	Jack P	3.03
4th	Daniel D	3.08

11 yr Girls

1st	Lara H	3.05
2nd	Shae	3.18
3rd	Olivia S	3.26
4th	Adriana B	3.28

12 yr Boys

1st	Mikale H	2.54
2nd	Ethan C	3.3
3rd	Cooper C	3.34
4th	Fletcher M	3.44

12 yr Girls

1st	Nekea T	3.11
2nd	Sofia A	3.42
3rd	Bree-Anna N	3.51
4th	Jordyn B	3.52



Long Jump

8 yr Boys		
1st	Isaac M	2.85
2nd	Bailey J	2.78
3rd	Prince A	2.35
4th	Nate C	2.27
8 yr Girls		
1st	Katarna H	2.39
2nd	Marissa S	2.44
3rd	Jayla W	2.22
4th	Charli D	2.14
9 yr Boys		
1st	Kayden M	3.11
2nd	Samuel S	2.96
3rd	Ryan S	2.78
4th	Caleb	2.77
9 yr Girls		
1st	Chelsey T	2.82
2nd	Taya W	2.7
3rd	Jasmine C	2.53
4th	Scarlett R	2.52
10 yr Boys		
1st	Amos V	3.35
2nd	Zach H	3.3
3rd	Mataius A	3.25
4th	Gavin G	3.06

10 yr Girls		
1st	Tyarnie M	2.9
2nd	Allira B	2.69
2nd	Leilani R	2.69
3rd	Jade S	2.49
11 yr Boys		
1st	Harrison F	3.46
2nd	Jayden D	3.28
3rd	Daniel R	3.14
4th	Jake B	3.11
11 yr Girls		
1st	Adriana B	3.36
2nd	Lara H	3.28
3rd	Mikayla F	3.03
4th	Mia W	3.02
12 yr Boys		
1st	Cooper C	3.5
2nd	Luke B	3.25
3rd	Ethan C	3.22
4th	Ryan G	3.21
12 yr Girls		
1st	Nekea T	4.7
2nd	Bree-Anna N	3.45
3rd	Elysia Z	3.28
4th	Georgia A	3.08



High Jump

9 Yr Boys

1st	Riley C	105	
2nd	Tate W	100	on countback
3rd	Ryan S	100	on countback
4th	Caleb E	95	

9 Yr Girls

1st	Chelsey T	100	
2nd	Hannah E	95	
3rd	Indyana C	90	
4th	Isabelle P	85	

10 Yr Boys

1st	Matiaus A	112	
2nd	Jeremy N	110	on countback
3rd	Charlie C	110	on countback
4th	Amos V	108	

10 Yr Girls

1st	Tyarnie M	105	
2nd	Keeley H	103	
3rd	Jade S	100	
4th	Leilani R	95	

11 Yr Boys

1st	Zach B	120	
2nd	Jaxson A	115	on countback
3rd	Joseph L	115	on countback
4th	Harrison F		

11 Yr Girls

1st	Lara H	129	
2nd	Kodey M	118	
3rd	Adriana B	110	
4th	Mikayla F	108	

12 Yr Boys

1st	Mustafa H	112	
2nd	Thomas S	110	
3rd	Cooper C	105	on countback
4th	Brent D & Ethan C	105	on countback

12 Yr Girls

1st	Nekea T	124	
2nd	Bree-Anna N	115	
3rd	Jordyn B	110	on countback
4th	Abbey M	110	on countback



Shot Put

8 yr Boys

1st	Prince A	5.13
2nd	Bailey J	5.11
3rd	Issac M	4.55
4th	Izayah R	4.17

8 yr Girls

1st	Tabitha D	4.27
2nd	Charli D	3.98
3rd	Indee C	3.82
4th	Jayla W	3.8

9 yr Boys

1st	Kayden M	5.78
2nd	Jai G	5.05
3rd	Tate W	5.04
4th	Hugh T	4.4

9 yr Girls

1st	Taya W	4.96
2nd	Chelsey	4.94
3rd	Hannah E	4.56
4th	Indyana C	4.49

10 yr Boys

1st	Riley F	6.95
2nd	Jack J	6.8
3rd	Mataius A	6.54
4th	Harrison W	6.32

10 yr Girls

1st	Zhaliya T	7.96
2nd	Tyarnie M	7.4
3rd	Rose A	4.76
4th	Ritzia A	4.65

11 yr Boys

1st	Braidyn W	8.49
2nd	Ben P	7.45
3rd	Tyrone M	7.24
4th	Riley F	7.17

11 yr Girls

1st	Lillith L	6.68
2nd	Lara H	6.46
3rd	Ava M	6.29
4th	Mia W	6.27

12 yr Boys

1st	Luke B	6.87
2nd	Cooper C	5.68
3rd	Brent D	5.55
4th	Cohen O	5.19

12 yr Girls

1st	Nekea T	7.67
2nd	Olivia M	5.86
3rd	Bree-Anna N	5.5
4th	Jordyn B	5.36



Discus		
8 yr Boys		
1st	Prince A	11.31
2nd	Jack E	11.02
3rd	Isaac M	10.89
4th	Blake P	10.62
8 yr Girls		
1st	Indee C	8.61
2nd	Jayla W	7.47
3rd	Charli D	7.53
4th	Katarna H	7.24
9 yr Boys		
1st	Kayden M	15.13
2nd	Ryan S	11.89
3rd	Tate W	11.02
4th	Tareq D	10.81
9 yr Girls		
1st	Chelsey T	12.31
2nd	Indyana C	11
3rd	Taya W	10.02
4th	Yujin B	9.41
10 yr Boys		
1st	Jeremy N	14.43
2nd	Jacob D	14.16
3rd	Elijah W	12.3
4th	Jack J	12.16

10 yr Girls		
1st	Tyarnie M	16.32
2nd	Zhaliya T	15.32
3rd	Gabriella C	11.57
4th	Allira B	9.07
11 yr Boys		
1st	Tyrone M	16.44
2nd	Braidyn W	15.4
3rd	Jayden D	12.63
4th	Bryce M	12.51
11 yr Girls		
1st	Adriana B	13.18
2nd	Lara H	11.36
3rd	Mikayla F	11.1
4th	Alissa E	10.53
12 yr Boys		
1st	Luke B	15.98
2nd	Brent D	13.29
3rd	Cooper C	13.27
4th	Ethan D	11.72
12 yr Girls		
1st	Nekea T	18.11
2nd	Bree-Anna N	14.28
3rd	Jordyn B	13.25
4th	Olivia K	12.82







Girls Touch Football



On Thursday the 8th of August the Girls Touch Football Knockout team versed Clairgate Public School in the 4th round of the competition. Our girls won the match 9 - 0 and will progress to the 5th round. Congratulations girls.

Milo Cricket Gala Day

Another spectacular day at Ropes Crossing on Tuesday 6th August, not only in the sun, but watching Stage 3 and Stage 2 play in their first cricket gala day for the year. JEPS were lucky enough to have six teams entered from Stage 3 and two teams from Stage 2. Mrs Spratt, Miss Couper and Mrs Miller loved watching JEPS students encourage each other throughout the day and were so proud to see such a high standard of behaviour which was mentioned by a number of parents. The day finished with a lot of excitement when the Stage 2 boys' team 'JEPS Wade' took out the win and will be attending the Regional Milo cricket gala day later in the year.

Congratulations once again!





Basketball State Knockout

On Thursday the 1st August, our boys State Knockout Basketball team played a vigorous game against Quakers Hill Public School at the St Clair Recreation Centre. The boys showed exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship and won the game 48 points to 39.

On Monday the 12th August our girls State Knockout Basketball team travelled to Castle Hill to play a really tough game against Jasper Road Public School. The first two quarters were incredibly close, but the team managed to keep them scoreless in the third quarter, allowing the team to come away with a 23-15 point win.

Both teams have progressed to round 5, which means they are both in the top 4 teams in the region! Both teams are facing up against Regentville Public School in the next round. Good luck JEPS!





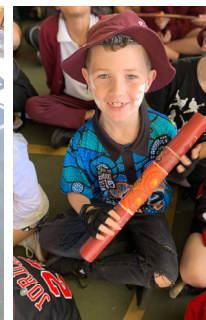
This year at JEPS we celebrated NAIDOC week on Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 1. On Tuesday 23rd July, JEPS students participated in a variety of Aboriginal activities within their grade groups. Some of these activities included Aboriginal art, games, dance and storytelling. The Aboriginal art was particularly enjoyable because we got to paint with our fingers and experiment with Aboriginal colours. We also really liked learning hunting skills through the Aboriginal games. **Mataius & Roumina - 3/4C**





On Wednesday 24th July, JEPS students participated in a Koomurri Performance and workshops. At the beginning of the day, we attended a welcome to country ceremony. Throughout the day, we did four Aboriginal activities. Our first activity was hand painting. The second activity was face painting with ochre and listening to the didgeridoo. We had to guess what animal Russell was playing. The next activity was throwing boomerangs. The last activity we did was looking and touching Aboriginal artefacts. At the end of the day, we watched a traditional smoke ceremony. We learnt a lot about Aboriginal culture. It was a great day and we had so much fun.

Summer & Rose - 5C



STEPS MUSIC FESTIVAL



On Thursday the 1st of August the JEPS junior dance group, senior dance group and choir performed in the STEPS Music Festival at Penrith Panthers.

Our junior dance group performed their dance 'Firework' under the guidance of Mrs Kattic and Mrs Falzon. Our senior dance group performed their dance 'Hairspray Medley' under the guidance of Miss Chester and Miss Borg and our choir performed as part of the STEPS Mass Choir under the guidance of Mrs Powell.

The students have spent many hours at school rehearsing and perfecting their performances and should be congratulated for their hard work and dedication. All teachers involved are incredibly proud of the effort that each student has shown. We would like to thank all of the parents and carers that came along and supported the students.



JEPS Junior Dance Group



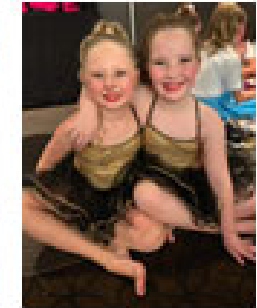
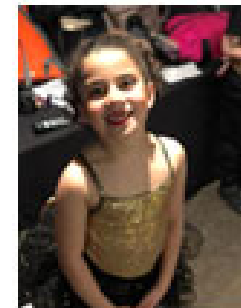
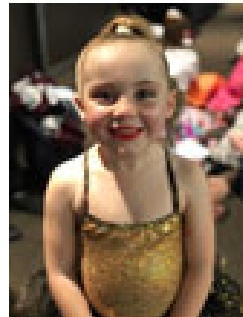
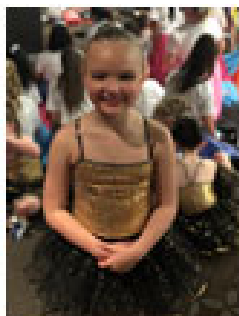
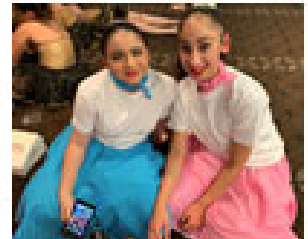
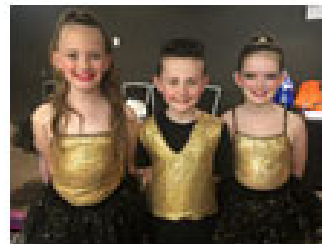
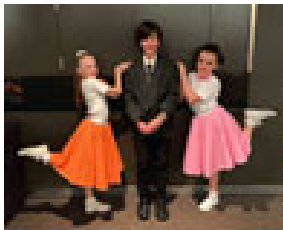
JEPS Senior Dance Group



JEPS Choir



STEPS MUSIC FESTIVAL



The *Tell Them From Me* parent survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

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 community.

At our school we say:

YES to RESPECT

