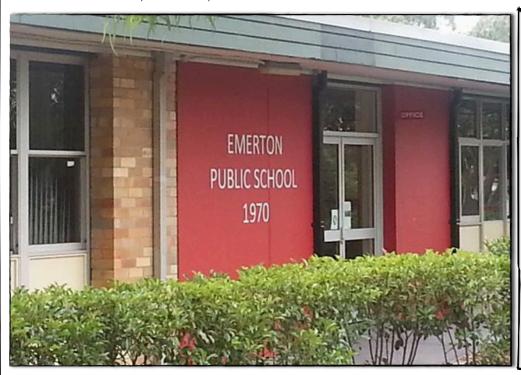
EMERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## The Endeavour

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**Key Dates** 

Mar 8: PaTCH info session

Mar 17: P&C Annual Meeting

Mar 21: Harmony Day

Mar 21: Royce Simmons RL

#### Principal's Report

#### **Excursions, cooking and other payments**

To make budgeting easier this year the school is asking for **\$40 per student** to be paid up front. This cost would cover at least **1 excursion**, cooking fees and visiting artists. Once paid you will not be asked to pay again for the rest of the year (except for camp and Swim School). A break down of what is covered for each class/ stage will be sent home separately. If the outlay is unmanageable you are able to pay by installments. Please contact the staff in the office for more details.

#### **Meet the Teacher**

Last Wednesday parents/carers of years 1-6 students were able to meet with teachers and other community members to discuss the year so far and what lies ahead. Many took advantage of the free sausage sizzle and learnt

more about the 2017 school year. Thanks to the volunteer helpers who helped with the catering and labour.

#### Respect

This behaviour is one of the key messages the school instills in the students at Emerton PS. On Monday of last week this message was emphasized by members of the Penrith NRL club who addressed the primary aged students. The presentation proved very popular with strong messages being delivered by excellent local role models.

#### **Evacuation drill**

The school is required to conduct emergency drills on a regular basis. The next scheduled evacuation is planned for next Tuesday at around 1pm. Please do not worry if you hear the

siren or the students arrive home with exaggerated stories about leaving the rooms.

involved with your child's school. It would be great to see as many people as possible at the meeting.

#### Can you help?

# Mrs Langworthy is keen to hear from any volunteers to help with the Cooking program each Thursday. An hour or two of your time makes a huge difference to the lessons....and you just might enjoy it!

#### Read to your children

If you don't remember the last book you read to your children you are missing a vital part of their learning. There are many books available at Playgroup that you can take home.....and KEEP!!

#### **P&C AGM**

The AGM will be held on **March 17 at 9:15**. Become financial, have a vote and get

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Kel Atkins

Notice of the annual general meeting of Emerton Public School Parents and Citizens
Association

#### Friday 17th March

9.15 am

#### The Kitchen

This is to advise you of the upcoming annual general meeting of the members of Emerton Public School Parents and Citizens Association. The details of this meeting are as follows:

At the meeting, *members* will have the opportunity to:

- find out about our operations and finances
- ask questions about the operations and finances of Emerton PS P&C
- · speak about any items on the agenda
- vote on any resolutions proposed.

At the meeting, **members** will be asked to vote to:

- accept the minutes of the last annual general meeting
- · accept the annual report
- accept the auditor's report
- accept the annual financial statements
- elect an Executive Committee which all positions will be vacated and made available.

## **Library Days**

**Monday** 

2/3M

**Thursday** 

K6K, 1A, 5/6D, 5/6R

Friday

KM, KP, 3/4M, 4/5L

Remember your Library Bag!

#### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

If you are able to volunteer your time from 8.30 - 8.55am Friday mornings and would like to co ordinate our school banking, please see Sylvia in the front office to complete an expression of interest form.

Applications will close Thursday 16 March and confirmed the following day at the P&C meeting.

Apologies to our regular bankers, we hope to be up and running from Week 1, Term 2 if not earlier.

#### **VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL**

We are always grateful to have parents and carers assisting around the school. We do however require everyone to have completed a Working With Children Check which can be done online.

https://wwccheck.ccyp.nsw.gov.au/ Applicants/Application

Opal cards - if your child requires an Opal card visit <a href="https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/applyNow">https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/applyNow</a> and let the office know you've made an application.

If you do not have access to the internet then see Sylvia Tuesdays after 12.30pm, Friday afternoon after 1:30pm or at any time on Wednesday.

# Song Room Community Collaboration

The Emerton Public School community has been given the opportunity to participate in the Song Room arts and music program to encourage Indigenous parents and communities to become more involved with local schools and organisations.

Research shows that high levels of parental and community involvement are strongly related to improving students' education and social outcomes.

Positive family and community involvement has a major impact on classroom learning, regardless of the social or cultural background of the family.

For the duration of Term 1 and 2 we will have Aboriginal artist Danny Eastwood collaborating together with our parents and carers to create an installation at Emerton Public School.

All parents and carers of all cultural backgrounds are invited to join us in the Community Kitchen at 1:45pm every Friday for a afternoon tea, art and good company.

For more information please see Sylvia or Mrs Szczudlo.



At Emerton Public School we want parents to be actively involved in school programs.

Are you interested in learning how to be a classroom helper?

The Parents as Teachers/Community Helpers (**PaTCH**) course is a training program to accredit volunteers supporting children learning to read, write and use counting in the early years of schooling.

To find out more please come to our Information Session/Afternoon Tea at the school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.

\*\*Please note spaces are limited.

See Mrs Snell for more information.

Alternatively, phone 9628 6367 to speak to the office.







#### **Junior Indoor Cricket**

Wednesday- U10's and U12's

Starts Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Friday- U14's and U16's

Starts Friday 24th March 2017

- Times from 4:20, 5:10 and 6:00pm
- 6 a side, Individuals and teams welcome!
- Boys and Girls Mixed Indoor Cricket (Play Together)
- \$7 per game per child. (Playing Shirt Included)
- Register Online Anytime or any weekday at the centre from 10am-4pm

Where to Find Us:

20 Forthorn Place St Marys NSW 2760 Phone 9623 5523/0406237779 www.stmarysindoorsports.com.au info@stmarysindoorsports.com.au Junior Indoor Cricket. Rego only \$40 per Child.



### EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just	that equals	which is	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is	This means that the best your child can achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 % a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	E weeks per year	Over 2 % years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

**Every day counts!** 



# Pacific Island Inspired Mural

### **Emerton Public School**

Parents, sisters, brothers, aunties, cousins, uncles, grandparents, friends......

are all invited to draw a

# Pacific Islands inspired design

that will be part of our mural at Emerton Public School.

 Píck up a drawing pack from the front office.

All drawings due back by Friday 31st March 2017.