

EMERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Endeavour

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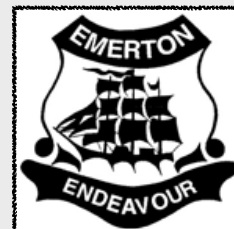
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We love writing in Kindergarten

FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2013



Key Dates

Mar 21 : Royce Simmons RL

Mar 22: Harmony Day

Apr 6: Easter Hat Parade

Apr 7 : ANZAC Day Service

Last Day Term 1

Apr 26: First Day Term 2

Principal's Report

\$40 per student payment

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already paid the \$40 per student to the office for costs associated with excursions, cooking and in-school activities for 2017. Your attention to this request is already making a huge difference to planning. A reminder that the final date for payment is Friday March 31. Any family experiencing difficulty in paying by then should contact the office so that an alternate plan can be arranged.

Tell Them From Me survey

This survey provides excellent information to the school to assist with planning. Soon everyone will have the opportunity to contribute to the future direction of the school through the completion of the survey. Keep an eye out for more information.

P&C AGM

The new executive of the P&C was elected today. Details of positions can be found in the P&C section of the newsletter. Thank you to the outgoing team for all of the hard work that took place in 2016.

PaTCH training

3 members of the parent community have signed up to train as classroom and teacher helpers. Mrs Snell will be leading this group through weeks of training with a view to providing ongoing support to the students of the school.

Staffing

The selection of a new Assistant Principal was conducted over the last week. It is with great

pleasure that I inform you that Bronwyn Szczudlo is now a permanent member of the staff at Emerton PS and holds the Assistant Principal position. Bronwyn is a highly valued member of the team and it is terrific that she is now permanent at the school.

I would also like to inform you that I will be taking leave from 16th May until the end of Term 3. Following this I will be retiring. A relieving Principal will be selected to fill my position before a permanent replacement is identified.

Harmony Day

This annual celebration will take place on Wednesday 22nd March. This day

celebrates diversity and is always a highlight of the school year. Students are encouraged to wear traditional costumes, orange clothes or Aboriginal clothing on Wednesday. A variety of foods from around the world will be available for the students to taste.

Sad news

Mrs Deborah Weeks, a former Assistant Principal at the school, passed away early last week. Mrs Weeks moved to Ropes Crossing PS as Assistant Principal about 3 years ago. Her support of both schools will be sorely missed. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends.

Kel Atkins

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 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ 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!





Harmony Day

On Wednesday 22th March 2017 Emerton will be having our annual Harmony Day. This will be a fun filled day for everyone. Students will be doing multi-cultural activities in the classrooms.

On this day children should wear national costume, orange (the Harmony Day colour), or Aboriginal clothing. The costume parade will be held at 9:00am in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Children should also bring an international food dish to share which will be included in the food tasting. This is to be brought to the school kitchen before school begins at 8:50am. **Don't forget: this is just a taste and children will still need to have their usual lunch.** Parents who would like to assist at the tasting can see me or Sylvia McKenzie, our CLO.

Classes will be allocated a time after recess starting at approximately 12:45pm for tasting. Parents are welcome to attend our taste testing at 1:20pm however we ask that you wait until ALL children have been served first.

We're all looking forward to a great day!

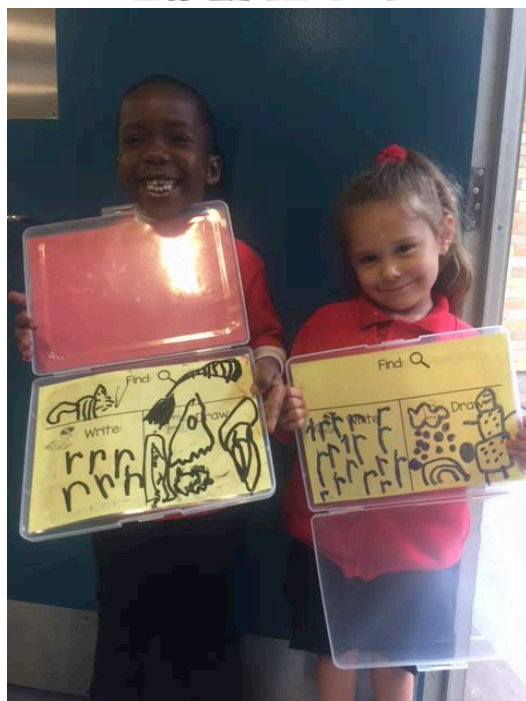
Mrs L. Livio (Co-ordinator)

PBL Corner

Token Day afternoon for Primary classes

including 2/3F & 2/3M

will be in
Week 11 on Friday afternoon.
Don't forget to collect your tokens!!!!
PBL Team



Vafumba and Allira from KP show us what begins with 'r'

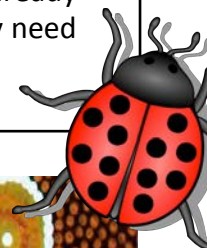
Stage One Insect Incursion and Classroom Experience



On **Monday, March 27 2017**, students in 1A, 1/2SA, 2/3F, 2/3M and K6K will participate in an incursion called 'Backyard Bugs'. This is a one hour show where students will get to explore the features and abilities of different bugs in the environment, with the opportunity to touch and hold many different bugs in a safe and exciting way. This incursion links in with the Stage One Science unit 'Schoolyard Safari' that students have been studying this term.

In week 9, **1A** and **1/2SA** will also be receiving some classroom critters to study as part of their Science unit. Students will have the opportunity to observe how these critters feed, clean, moult and lay eggs and will be able to handle each insect with teacher supervision during lessons.

The total cost of the 'Backyard Bugs' incursion and 'Classroom Critters' is \$15. Payment and permission note is due to the front office by **Wednesday 22nd March**. If you have already paid your \$40 excursion levy then you only need to return your permission note.



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.

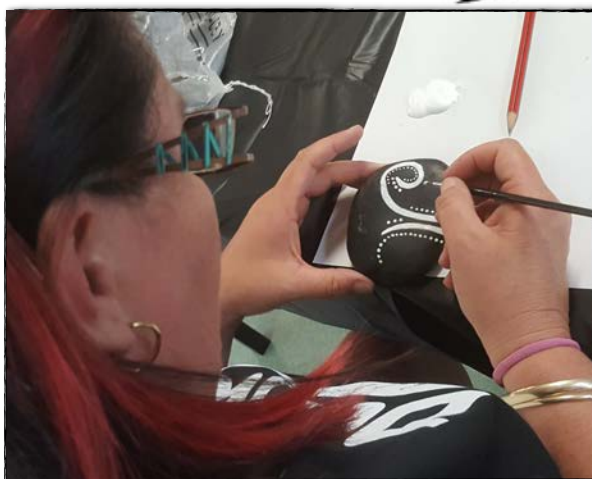
For the duration of Term 1 and 2 we will have Aboriginal artist Danny Eastwood collaborating together with our parents and carers to create an installation at Emerton Public School.



Sunset paintings in Week 1 with Danny Eastwood

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

For more information please see Sylvia or Mrs Szczudlo.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

School Banking

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

Working Bee

If you are available for an hour on a Tuesday afternoon a group of parents and carers get together and help prepare reading books, and classroom tools for our teachers. Come down and have a cup of coffee in the kitchen.

Breakfast Club

Do you get to school at 8.25am? Can you make toast? Then get involved and help keep our breakfast club running. See either Sylvia or the office

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 for free.

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

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

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

Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 24 March 2017**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Library Days

Monday

2/3M

Thursday

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

Friday

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

**Remember your Library
Bag!**

P & C AGM

As a result of this morning's AGM the following people were nominated and elected to the Executive Committee of Emerton Public School Parents and Citizens Association.

President : Kim Dixon

Vice President : Trish McDougall

Treasurer : Natasha Faufli

Secretary : Leanne Bowen

We'd like to thank Ida and Kristy who served on the executive committee for their hardwork and time during 2016.



Junior Indoor Cricket

Wednesday- U10's and U12's

Starts Wednesday 22nd 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

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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.

- *Pick up a drawing pack from the
front office.*

All drawings due back by
Friday 31st March 2017.



Australian Government

HARMONY DAY



Wednesday 22nd March

Strength in Harmony

Come dressed in national dress, Aboriginal colours (red, black or yellow) or orange for harmony for our Harmony Day Parade.

Bring a plate of food to share.

Enjoy celebrating diversity in Australia



everyone belongs
www.harmony.gov.au

