

EMERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Endeavour

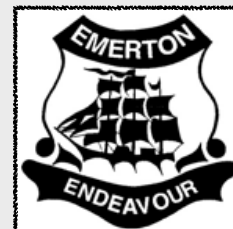
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FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2017



Key Dates

June 9: Stage 2/3 History Excursion:

June 12: Queens Birthday Holiday

June 14: NAIDOC Celebrations

June 26: Primary Athletics Carnival

Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers,

Can you believe that we are already halfway through Term 2? The last two weeks at EPS have been action packed with lots of learning with some fun thrown in along the way. I have enjoyed popping in and out of classrooms, observing students engaged and excited about their learning. Earlier in the week I dropped into 5/6D and learned all about fractions from the wonderful Miss Deguara. I had a wonderful time and enjoyed working with the Stage 3 kids on their learning in maths.

Mr Smith's joke of the day...

What did one pencil say to the other pencil?... Gee you're looking sharp!

Footy Fun Day

To coincide with the Rugby League State of Origin on Wednesday, EPS held our wonderful Footy Fun Day fundraiser. Many of our students and staff came to school dressed in their favourite team colours to raise money for the Year 6 farewell which is held at the end of each year. The day also included a staff versus students oztag game which was enjoyed by the whole school. It was great to see our staff put up a gallant fight against the students who took out the game

three tries to one. The staff were all but scoreless except for a last minute dash down the side-line by Miss McIntyre who crossed the try line to the thunderous applause of both the students and staff. It must be noted that the referee, Eli from 5/6D made some dubious calls against the staff and will need to go back to referee's school to polish up on his skills. Big thanks to Miss Routledge for organising the day and being the driving force behind this wonderful opportunity for both the students and staff.

Diary of a Wombat Excursion

On Tuesday this week our K-2 students travelled to the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith to see Diary of a Wombat. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves seeing a live puppetry performance. The school has provided every student in KP, KM, 1A, 1/2SA and K6K with a memento of this wonderful experience having received a copy of a Jackie French book. Thank you to Mrs Miles and Mrs Snell for organising this fantastic opportunity for our students.

How important is attending school?

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children. If students miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they may have problems

later on. Regular attendance at school will help your child to succeed in later life. So far this term at EPS our average rate of attendance is 88%. The average attendance rate across the state is 94%. It would be wonderful to see us match this benchmark, if not exceed it. Let's try hard and do our very best to be at school every day and on time.

Parent Interviews

We invite all parents to attend a Parent Teacher interview to discuss their child's progress. This year we are holding our interviews in Week 10 - Term 2 on Wednesday 28th June. Please note we will be sending further information home later in the term outlining the booking process for interviews.

Student Reports

As part of our school Assessment and Reporting Process, parents receive two written reports each year. We will be sending home student's Semester one reports in Week 10 – Monday 26 June 2017. Some reminders when reading the report:

- Written reports are just one way that school uses to communicate with parents about how their child is progressing.
- Semester one reports only report on what has been taught and assessed in semester one.
- NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority), known in recent times as "The Board of Studies", determine and have developed the A to E grading scale descriptions of achievement. A comprehensive explanation of these descriptions is located on your child's report.
- Student reports will also include information on your child's level of effort, school activities, commitment to learning, absences and a final teacher comment.
- The grades that students receive are only one aspect of the report to parents and students.

Bullying v's Misunderstandings

Misunderstandings and arguments are pretty common in the playground. Kids are still developing social skills and learning how to communicate with others. Not every incident or disagreement that upsets a student can be defined as bullying. Sometimes it's a one-off problem or a genuine misunderstanding. Bullying is different. Bullying is a deliberate and repeated abuse of power of one student over another. It can be verbal, physical or psychological abuse that is intended to cause harm.

Emerton Public School has in place a comprehensive anti-bullying plan that can be found on our school website under 'Policies'. If you believe that your child is being bullied, please make contact with your child's classroom teacher to raise your concerns. Bullying is a serious issue, that can have life-long consequences for all kids involved, if it's left to go on unchecked. It is really important your child feels supported and that you encourage them to report any potential problems.

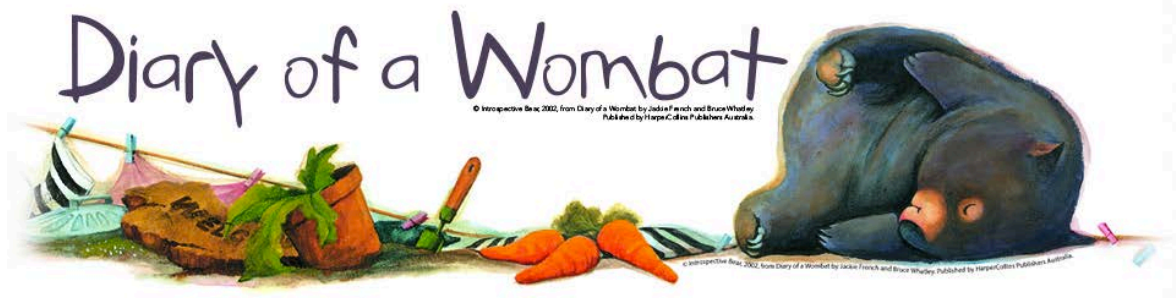
Learning for Life Scholarships

We have partnered with The Smith Family to take part in Learning for Life. This program provides support for children to attend school regularly, achieve their goals and receive funding to access educational programs. Payments are made twice a year and can be used to pay for school-related expenses. We have submitted applications for 59 of our EPS families with a number applications still to be completed. If you are interested in hearing more about this scholarship please contact the office or Sylvia.

Remember that this weekend is the first weekend of Winter so if you're heading out to watch your kids play sport you might need to rug up! Have a great weekend and remember to look after yourselves, each other and our wonderful school.

Kind regards

*Nathan Smith
Relieving Principal*



I liked the part when the girl and the boy were scared of the wombat because the wombat was hungry. The girl gave him a carrot.

Levi 1/2SA

I went to the Diary of a Wombat. There were 3 girls and 1 boy. I liked the part when the wombat chased the boy and the girl. Also, the part when the wombat broke the door because it was funny. It was cool when the girl played the cello.

Noel 1/2SA

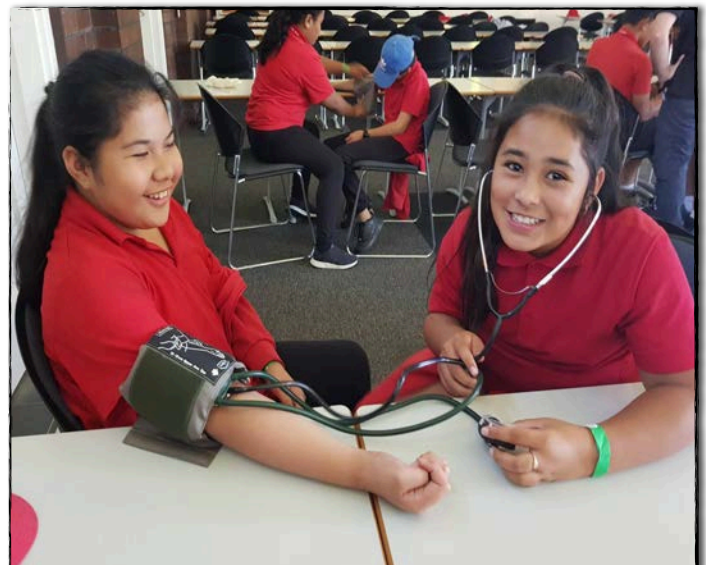


Stage 3 Western Sydney University Visit



On the 25th of May, stage 3 went down to Western Sydney University at Hawkesbury to participate in the First Foot Forward program. Students experienced a range of courses such as medical science, coding and Spanish. We learnt how to check our blood pressure, how to administer CPR and how to code for robots and IPADS. At the end of the day we received a delicious healthy lunch, free hat and left with possible ideas for the future.

Miss Deguara, Miss Routledge and Ms Loveday



Emerton School Camp

This year's annual camp is available for **students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**. These students are invited to attend a 2-day, overnight camp to 'Blue Mountains Camp' at Katoomba. The camp will take place from **Thursday 16th November to Friday 17th November, 2017** which is **Week 6 of Term 4**.

The cost of the 2 day, overnight excursion is \$150.00. This price includes meals over the two days, bus travel to and from Katoomba and accommodation.

The camp has offered us a Team Building/Outdoor Living Program which covers Stage 2/3 Syllabus outcomes in PDHPE. Some example activities are team building challenges, outdoor living camping skills, orienteering team activities using compasses to navigate around a course and bushwalking to local lookouts and waterfalls.

There are only 50 places available to students who are interested in attending the excursion. A deposit of \$50 is required. The school camp can be paid off over the year. **As little as \$5:00 per week will see your camp paid off in less than a term.**



The poster features a vibrant border of Aboriginal art. In the top left is a stylized Australian flag. In the top right is a cartoon lizard. The bottom left shows a stylized flower, and the bottom right shows a boomerang. The background of the border consists of various wavy and geometric patterns in shades of red, orange, and yellow.

NAIDOC Day Celebrations

Wednesday 14th June, 2017

Morning Session: Formal assembly and Ryka Ali performance

NAIDOC activities in classrooms

Recess: Food tastings (crocodile & kangaroo)

Dreamtime stories

Traditional Aboriginal activities

11.30am: NAIDOC activities in classrooms

Afternoon Session: Dreamtime stories

*The performance will be free of charge for all students

If you wish to help out with the classroom activities on the day, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Zone Cross Country last Tuesday! Everybody represented the school with pride and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Jonathon and Rochelle for making it into the Sydney West Cross Country. We wish you good luck for week 8. A big THANK YOU to Ida for coming along and supporting EPS, we appreciate everything you do for us!

Miss Deguara



Netball

Congratulations to the Emerton netball teams on a fabulous effort in the last three weeks. Our senior A's, senior B's and junior B's teams have been representing our school with pride and enthusiasm at each and every game. This week we will be playing against Hebersham Public School and Rooty Hill Public School. Good luck girls and boys! On behalf of the netball teams, Miss Deguara and Miss Kelly we would like to thank Ida from the bottom of our hearts for stepping in while Miss Marisa is on holidays.

Miss Deguara

SPORTS POINTS

Week 4

Naba
Maddie
Morteza
Jayden
Ricky
Cordoroy

Week 5

Michael
Soane
Shanvi
Luciana
Dillon

Week 6

Zac H
Junior
Mynia
Laura
Jasst
Owen

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

