

The Endeavour

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FRIDAY 21 JULY 2017



Key Dates

July 27 : Touch Footy Knockout

July 28 : Mr Stink Excursion
Years 3-6

July 31 - Aug 4 : Swim School

Aug 4 : P&C Meeting

Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all enjoyed some quality time with your wonderful children during the recent school holidays and that you all had the opportunity to rest and relax during the break. The school calendar for term 3 is looking pretty busy already and if term 2 is anything to go by then term 3 is going to be just as hectic and action packed.

Semester 1 Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 student reports were completed during term 2 and sent home in week 10. A big thank you to all teachers for investing considerable time and effort in order to complete student reports. In conjunction with student reports, parent teacher interviews were also held in week 10. I wish to thank all those parents that attended interviews and took the time to discuss their child's progress with their class teacher.

Staff Development Day

All staff participated in the term 3 Staff Development Day at the beginning of this term. Staff took part in professional learning and planning sessions with a focus on numeracy in conjunction with staff from Shalvey Public School, classroom management, growth mindset and formative assessment strategies. Later in the year all staff will complete mandatory training in CPR and Anaphylaxis.

School Photos – Thursday 7 September – WEEK 8!

In the next few weeks you will be receiving information about our upcoming school photos. Please mark Thursday 7 September in your calendar as school photo day – Week 8!

Education Week 2017

This year at EPS, Education Week will be celebrated with a special Education Week Assembly to be held at 2:00pm on Friday 11 August. There will be a special performance item and special awards given out to celebrate Education Week 2017. I hope to see as many parents there as possible.



positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum



First Peoples
Disability Network
Australia

Our Stories Make Us Strong

Parents, carers, grandparents and family members, we invite you to join us for a day of yarning in a safe, supportive environment. During this get together we will be sharing stories and finding ways to better support your child.

Where: Marrin Weejali, 79 Jersey Road, Blackett 2770

When: Monday 21st August 2017

Time: Arrive from 9.15am finish at 2pm

Morning Tea and Lunch is provided

You can expect:

- Yarning, storytelling and planning
- To learn more about supporting your child to be strong and connected at home, school and in the community

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Panther on the Prowl

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Penrith Panther Ray Maroun to the staff at Emerton Public School. Ray is a current player with the Panthers Holder Cup side and will be working as a School Learning Support Officer helping out in classes and on the playground. Some of our students have already had the opportunity to meet Ray and everyone is very excited by the prospect of getting to know a Penrith Panther! Welcome Ray.

Swimming Scheme

Earlier in the week students in Year 2 - 6 should have received a note regarding Swimming Scheme which is happening in Week 3 this term. The program is an intensive learn to swim program which aims to develop water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. **A reminder that all money and notes need to be returned to school by Wednesday 26 July - NO EXCEPTIONS. Places are filling up fast and once we reach our capacity of 60 students we cannot accept any additional students.** Please also note that while there is no cost for instruction, families need to cover the cost of entry to the pools for the duration of the program which is \$16.50 per student. If you have any questions regarding participation in the Swimming Scheme program please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Malloy.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the 3-6 Athletics Carnival last term. A massive thank you to all those parents who assisted at the carnival and also to the teachers who coordinated individual events. A very special mention to Mrs Malloy for her stellar job at coordinating this year's athletics carnival. Well done also boys and girls on your excellent behavior at the carnival. I feel extremely proud and lucky to be able to work with such fantastic students.

Notes and Money Collection

As you would be aware, notes sent home requiring payment for excursions etc. include a section indicating the closing date for payments and for the return of notes. Please respect that our office staff cannot accept payments/notes after the nominated closing date. If you are experiencing difficulty in making a payment by the given closing date, please contact the school on 9628 6367 who will be more than happy to assist.

Also, please note that we are currently in the process of reviewing our systems and procedures around the collection of money in the office and will be making minor changes to the way that payments are collected. Some of these changes include:

- No money and/or EFTPOS payments will be receipted at the front counter after 2:30pm.
- We are not in a position to provide change. It would be appreciated if you could please ensure you have the correct amount.
- From Wednesday 26 July you will be able to make online payments through the school's website. To make a payment all you will need to do is log onto the school website at <http://www.emerton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard.

Over the next few weeks we will provide additional information regarding other changes in the office.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

At Emerton Public School we take pride in providing a positive, differentiated learning environment for our 260+ diverse learners. One strategy we use to cater for all our different styles of learning is to make adjustments to the curriculum. This support is flexible and varies in type of program, amount of assistance, content and length of time through the year. It is based on learning priorities, budgets, resources, emerging needs, new enrolments, etc.

It is mandatory for all schools in Australia (public, private, Catholic, etc.) to provide data about our programs to the Federal Government, including the number of children (not names) who participate. This data is collected by the government through the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) Program, which occurs annually at the start of August. Our school collects the required data throughout the year through regular monitoring of students' learning and the programs attended by our children. Should you wish to talk to us about NCCD, please contact Mr Smith or Mrs Linas who would be happy to discuss this data collection with you. Alternatively you may wish to visit the following website for further information.

<https://www.education.gov.au/fact-sheets-and-resources-national-data-collection>

Skoolbag App

If you haven't already, please download our Skoolbag App to your smartphone or iPad to stay updated with what's happening at EPS. All you need to do is search the Apple App Store or Android Store for "Emerton Public School" and download our free app.

Winter Weather

As the cold weather is now well and truly upon us, I ask you to check that all jumpers and jackets are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. It is so much easier to ensure those misplaced items are returned to their owner if they are clearly marked. Please also ensure your child has their school hat with them each and every day – even in Winter.

Emergency Contact Details

It is essential that emergency contact details are up to date to ensure parents can be contacted promptly if their child is sick or injured. Updated medical information, changes to family living arrangements, courts orders etc. are also important for the care of your child. If this applies to you, please let the administration staff know either by sending in a brief note or dropping into the office.

Finally, have a great week everyone and remember to look after yourselves, each other and our beautiful school.

*Take care
Nathan Smith
Relieving Principal*



Addition (+) and subtraction (-)

mental strategies (doing maths in your head)

We teach children a range of different ways to add and subtract numbers. We want them to look for patterns and use them as much as they can. We want them to have good **number sense** – an understanding of how and why different ways to add and subtract work well.

The goal is for them to be able to do it in their head in a way that makes sense to them.

To develop number sense, students learn:

Counting on and counting back	$14 + 3 \dots$ start at 14, then count on to 17 ie 15, 16, 17. $12 - 3 \dots$ start at 12 then count back to 9, ie 11, 10, 9.
To bridge to 10	Find the nearest 10 eg $17 + 5$; 17 and 3 is 20 and add 2 more
To pull numbers apart	$5 = 2 + 3$ so $8 + 5 = (8 + 2) + 3 = 13$ $24 = 20 + 4$ so $66 + 24 = (66 + 4) + 20 = 90$
Addition facts to 10	$0 + 10, 1 + 9, 2 + 8, 3 + 7, 4 + 6, 5 + 5$
Doubles	$1 + 1, 2 + 2, 3 + 3, 4 + 4$
Doubles + 1	$1 + 2, 2 + 3, 3 + 4, 4 + 5$



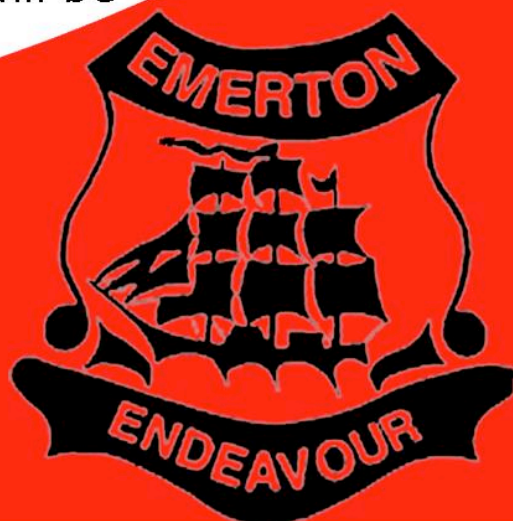
KINDERGARTEN 2018



***Emerton Public School
is taking enrolments
for
Kindergarten 2018
NOW!***

- Is your child **now 5** or **turning 5** before the 31st July 2018?
- Please contact the school to register your interest as soon as possible.
- Readiness and Orientation days will be held in Terms 3 and 4.

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2017 School Swimming and Water Safety Program



The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is a learn to swim and water safety program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

The Program will operate two lessons daily from 1:00-2:30 for 5 consecutive school days at Emerton Leisure Centre. This year our program will run in Term 3 – Week 3 Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August and is available for all students in Years 2-6. Students will walk to and from the pool each day.

The total cost for the program is \$16:50, which is the pool entry.

It is advised that all students who have not reached a satisfactory level of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, should participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program.

Permission notes were given to all Year 2 to Year 6 students this week. Please return this permission note to the office, with money, no later than Wednesday 26th July 2017.

The first 60 students to bring in notes and money will be given a place in this worthwhile program.

Mrs Malloy

Co-ordinator

ATSI Stem Camp

In the last week of Term 2, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Camp at Port Hacking for 3 days.

On the first day, students travelled by mini bus (driven by Mr Smith!) to Port Hacking and got settled into their dorm rooms. They then participated in rotating activities for the day, which included building a computer, learning about cultural landscapes and resource management, boomerang throwing and using drones. To finish off the day, students participated in a smoking ceremony and traditional singing and dancing.

Students started the second day at the Royal National Park Environmental Education Centre where they collected specimens and classified them, tested water and temperature and completed a treasure hunt using a GPS. After that, students travelled by bus into the city and explored the Powerhouse Museum. Here they participated in an astronomy session, a telecommunications session and tried to solve the mystery of Sherlock Holmes. To finish the evening, students had afternoon tea at Government House where they got the chance to meet the Governor General. La'bella was even lucky enough to interview him about his favourite footy team and get his autograph!

On the final day, students rotated through activities where they focussed on digital film, creating a floating shelter and designed an Aboriginal app. After eating lunch and saying goodbye to all of the new friends that were made, Mr Smith picked students up on the bus and took us back to school.



Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Excursions
- Sport
- Sales to Students
- Other

When?

This payment method will go live on 26th July 2017.

How?

Log onto School site at <http://www.emerton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.



Song Room Community Program

During terms 1 and 2 this year our EPS community have participated in the Song Room program with local Aboriginal artist Danny Eastwood.

On the last day of term 2 we were able to share some of our pieces with other schools also involved in the project.

Thank you to the parents and carers who dropped by and took part.

