

The Endeavour

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FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2017



Key Dates

Aug 11: Education Week Assembly

Cafe E Year 6 Fundraiser

Aug 15: Stage 1 Field of Mars

excursion

Principal's Report

Welcome to your Term 3, Week 3 Newsletter. I'd like to start this week's newsletter by sharing with you all an email I received from a member of the CHL team who visited our school last week....

Mr Smith,

My name is Kelly and I was at your school today conducting hearing screening tests. I just felt that this was an important email to write after such a positive experience. Being itinerant teachers we go into many schools and by far this has outshone any interaction we have had by far.

My colleague and I walked into your school and were greeted with a huge smile and a good morning ladies by who I now know as Kim Hutchison. As she was helping us, three siblings walked in late to school. Kim greeted them with a huge smile and individually acknowledged each of them as well as engaged them in conversation as to how they were. They were given their late passes with "have an amazing day!" These children were quiet and sullen as they walked in late to school but as they walked out the door their whole character had changed with heads up, shoulders back and even smiles. This was brought about by how they were greeted by Kim. WOW!

This then continued on as two parents were walking out of the door and once again Kim engaged in conversation as to how they were in the same positive manner she used with the children. I must say it was infectious.

I'm sure you are aware of how amazing she is but as a guest in your school she definitely set the scene for us as our first port of call. Your students, parents and staff are extremely lucky to have such a vibrant, positive person.

So thank you to Kim for the reception we received but mainly for the way you changed those student's day. It was a pleasure to be at your school. Thank you for setting the expectations very high!

Kind regards

Kelly D

Specialist Teacher – Hearing

Congratulations Kim! You are an amazing person who is evidently committed to ensuring that the students and whole school community at Emerton Public School receive the highest quality of service standard. It is an absolute pleasure to work with you and as Relieving Principal of Emerton Public School I would like to publicly state how extremely lucky we are to have someone who is so dedicated to the local community as part of our team. Great job Kim!

A few things to mention this week include....

Education Week 2017 – Reminder!!!

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 special performances by 3/4M and our Kindergarten students and awards will be given out to celebrate Education Week 2017. I hope to see as many parents there as possible.

Student Travel in Private Vehicles

From time to time our school relies on the good nature of parents to provide transport for small groups of students to and from excursions and/or sporting events. In order to meet Department of Education guidelines around the transport of students, the school has in place a set of procedures for parents intending on transporting students. If transporting students to and from school events, you will need to visit the school office and produce the following documentation.

1. Current drivers licence
2. Car registration details
3. Working with Children Check Appendix 5 – Declaration for volunteers and contractors

The office will take a copy of both your drivers licence and car registration details which will be sighted and certified by the Principal. You will also need to complete a *Working with Children Check Appendix 5 – Declaration for volunteers and contractors* which the school will provide to you. These documents will be held by the school and retained for a period of 12 months. We sincerely appreciate your support and understanding in this important matter.

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



NSW
Education Week
2017

Friday 11th August



I LEARN.

WE LEARN.



Education Week highlights the achievements of public education and our local schools, shining the spotlight on our students, our educators and the communities that support them.

This year's theme is **I Learn, We Learn**, celebrating the commitment of the NSW Department of Education to ensure that every student, every teacher, every leader and every school improves every year.



Please join us at **2pm on Friday 11 August** for a whole school assembly to celebrate Education Week at Emerton Public School.



SYSTEM-WIDE
IMPROVEMENT



HIGH EXPECTATIONS
FOR ALL



PERSONALISED
STUDENT LEARNING



DEVELOPMENT OF
THE WHOLE CHILD



SCHOOLS ARE THE HUBS
OF COMMUNITIES



Education

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>

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 have made some changes to our systems and procedures around the collection of money in the office. 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.
- You are now 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.

Influenza

I'd like to bring your attention to the rise in the number of cases of influenza occurring across the community. Influenza can be quite contagious. Do not send your child to school if you suspect they may have influenza. We ask that should your child show some or all of the following symptoms, please contact your doctor.

- Fever or chills
- Cough sore throat and runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches, joint pains, headaches or
- Fatigue, nausea, diarrhoea or vomiting



It is important that should your child be diagnosed with influenza, you follow the doctor's orders and the child does not return to school until the doctor advises. Please visit the following website if you would like more information about influenza.

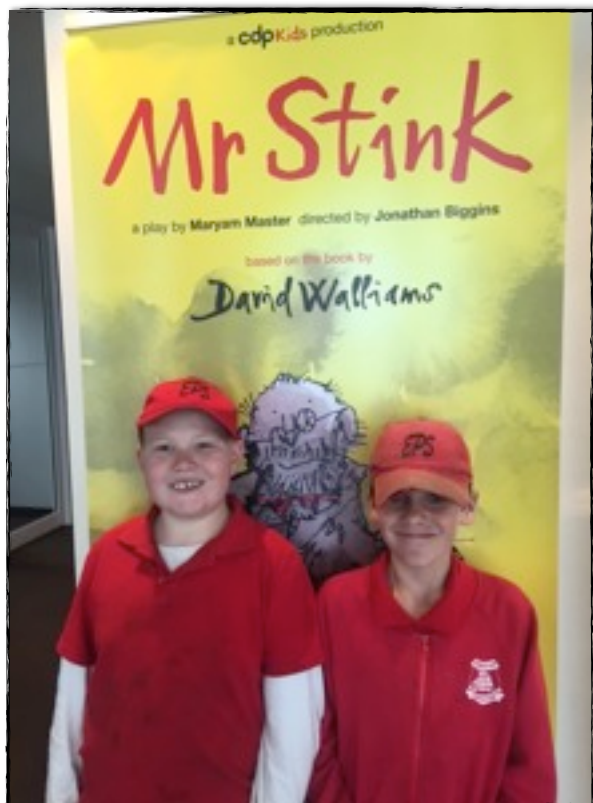
http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/influenza_factsheet.aspx

Evacuation Drills and Lockdown Drills

As part of our Health and Safety, the school runs evacuation and lockdown drills. This is done so that in the case of an emergency, students will be aware of the procedure and move in a calm and safe manner. These drills need to be completed as if there is a true emergency and that means any parent in any capacity on our school site must follow directions. In the case of an evacuation, you will need to move to an assembly point. This is usually on the oval. Where that is unsafe, you will be directed to another safe assembly point. In the event of a lockdown, you need to move to the nearest room and remain there until the all clear is given.

Supervision before School

Recently I have noticed a number of children arriving at school quite early – in some cases before 8:00am. A reminder that supervision is provided for half an hour prior to the commencement of classes from 8:25am – 8:55am. During this time all students are supervised under the COLA and on the quad. Children arriving at school before 8:30am are required to sit quietly in the COLA area until they are dismissed by the teacher on morning supervision at 8:25am. The students are then permitted to play on the concrete area or sit under the COLA. These areas are designated as passive play areas. Handball may be played and students are expected not to run in these areas and to move about safely. Students



are not permitted to play with large balls during this time.

NAPLAN and NAPLAN Online

In the next few weeks students in Year 3 and Year 5 will bring home their individual student report in NAPLAN. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

Also, a heads-up that NAPLAN is moving online. This means moving NAPLAN from the current paper-based tests to computer-based assessments. The transition to NAPLAN online will commence from 2018. In week 9 this term, students in Year 3 and Year 5 will complete a modified trial of the NAPLAN Online system. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Routledge for coordinating our schools' involvement in NAPLAN online

and for ensuring we are ready for the big switch.

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

Take care
Nathan Smith
Relieving Principal

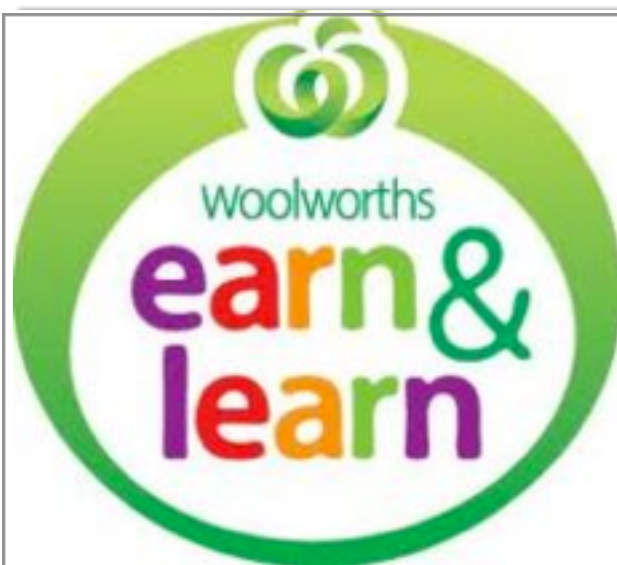
CAFE E

Friday 11 August



All funds raised will go towards the Year 6 end of year celebrations.

Prices will start from \$1
Tea & coffee will be available to parents prior to our Education Week Assembly



**Collect your earn and learn
stickers and drop them at the
office!**



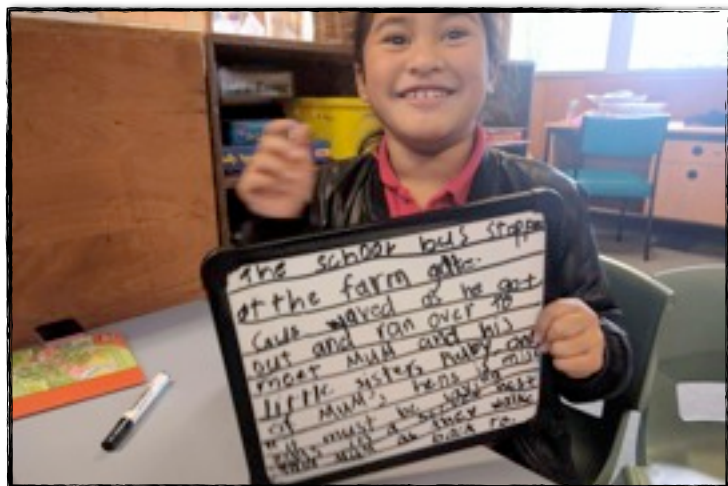
OUR SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES ARE CHANGING!

This term our school assemblies will be changing to a **whole school K-6 assembly** each fortnight. This will take place in **EVEN WEEKS** from **2.05pm**. Our assemblies will be run by the school leaders, with a class presenting a small item and a different class sharing some work they have been doing.

Please see the outline below of when classes are presenting.

K-6 Assembly Roster Term 3 and Term 4, 2017		
Term / Week	Class Item	Class Sharing Work
Term 3 Week 6 (25.8.17)	2/3F	1A
Term 3 Week 8 (8.9.17)	5/6D	K6K
Term 3 Week 10 (22.9.17)	1/2SA	4/5L
Term 4 Week 2 (20.10.17)	2/3M	3/4M
Term 4 Week 4 (3.11.17)	5/6R	1/2SA
Term 4 Week 6 (17.11.17)	1A	5/6D
Term 4 Week 8 (15.11.17)	K6K	KM & KP

Please note that 3/4M, KP, KP and K6K will be performing at our Education Week assembly in Week 4!





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	$1 + 2, 2 + 3, 3 + 4, 4 + 5$

Splitting numbers into 10s and ones	$62 = 6 \text{ tens and } 2 \text{ ones}$
Counting up in 10s	eg 5, 15, 25, 35, 45 or 2, 12, 22, 32 etc for 58 + 30 start at 58, then think 68, 78, 88
Counting down in 10s	eg 97, 87, 77, 67, 57 for 85 – 40 start at 85, then think 75, 65, 55, 45
Easy combinations that add up to 10	$5 + 4 + 9 + 1 + 6 = 5 + (4 + 6) + (9 + 1)$
Easy combinations that add up to 50, 75 and 100	$45 + 80 + 55 + 20 = (80 + 20) + (45 + 55) = 200$
You can add in any order but not subtract in any order	$36 + 45 = 45 + 36$ but $76 - 32 \neq 32 - 76$

EMERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILD PROTECTION TERM 3

In NSW, all agencies which provide services to children, young people and their families, or whose staff come into contact with children and young people in the course of their work, are considered to have a particular role in protecting children and young people from harm. (DECIntranet 2010)

At Emerton Public School, students are taught Child Protection lessons each year. These lessons are taught by your child's class teacher, as they know your child best. At the end of each lesson, teachers will send home a small note outlining the main idea of the lesson. We encourage you to talk to your child about what he or she has learnt and discuss ideas in the context of your family.

Theme	Kindergarten	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
POWER IN RELATIONSHIPS	Relationships	Trust Rights and Responsibilities	Bullying Trust	Different types of relationships
RECOGNISING ABUSE	Protection Body parts Yes/no feelings	Yes and No Feelings Body Parts	Body Parts <u>Recognising safe/unsafe situations</u>	Protection Body Parts Indicators of Risk
PROTECTIVE STRATEGIES	No, go, tell Networks	No, Go, Tell Networks	No, Go, Tell	No, Go, Tell Planning for Safety

Please note: students in K6K will complete their child protection lessons in Term 4 when Mr Kumar has returned.

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.



DID YOU KNOW: EAR WAX IS GOOD

Your ears have their very own built in cleaning system! Ear wax naturally helps to clean and protect your ears, fights off infection and keeps dust and dirt out of your ear.

DID YOU KNOW: COTTON TIPS ARE BAD

When you push a cotton tip into your ear you are pushing the wax up against your ear drum which stops your ear drum from working the way it should.

The only part of your ear you need to clean is the outer ear with a face washer.



AND DON'T FORGET...

Blowing your nose regularly helps to keep your ears clear and working properly by unblocking the tube that connects your nose and ears.



Song Room Community Program

Our parent program will involve Nene Brown owner of Kalico Catering. A local business which takes Australian cuisine and adds a bush tucker twist. We'll look into cooking on a budget, supermarket shopping and how to get those kids to eat their veggies!

This program will commence Friday August 18 9.15 in the kitchen.



Floristry TAFE Course

TAFE is offering a floristry course to our community here at Emerton Public School. The cost will be \$50 which will cover all expenses for the 10 weeks. Please contact Sylvia for further information



Junior Indoor Soccer

THE BEST COMPETITION IN THE WEST!

PH: 9623-5523
0406 237 779

STARTING MONDAY 4th September 2017

- Times from 4:20, 4:45, 5:10, 5:35 and 6pm
- Mon: U6-8'S Tues: U9-12'S Wed: U13-16'S
- 5 A SIDE

- U/6-U/16- Boys and Girls (Play Together)

- Individuals and teams welcome!

- Rego includes a playing shirt and shorts

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS: NOW!

Visit the centre weekdays between 4pm-6pm to register

Where to Find Us:

20 Forthorn Place
St Mary's NSW 2760

www.nationalindoorsports.com.au
stmarys@nationalindoorsports.com.au



Rego & Game

Fees Total = \$200

\$60 upfront
\$70 by round 5
\$70 by Round 10

This includes each
player's:

- Rego
- Game Fees
- Uniform
- Insurance



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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