

# The Endeavour

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## Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and are ready for another fantastic year at Emerton Public School. Over the holidays I was fortunate to be able to spend some time with my parents on the far north coast. It was great to catch up on some reading and share some quality time with relatives that I haven't caught up with in a very long time. As we gear up for another year, I would like to give a special welcome to all those new students and families joining us at Emerton in 2018. In particular, I extend a very warm welcome to those who have recently moved into the area. I am certain you will enjoy being part of this unique and very special community.

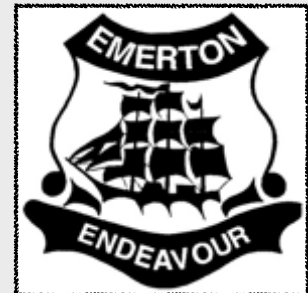
## New Students

Last week we saw our 20 new Kinder students for 2018 complete their first full week at school. I wish them well on what will be a journey of learning, fun, excitement and discovery. It is also an emotional time for many parents whether it is their first child starting school or the last child starting school. Please make our new families feel welcome. Many of our kinder students are siblings which has meant that they are already familiar with school especially here at Emerton.

## New Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Katrina Stobie as a permanent member of the teaching staff at EPS. Katrina comes to us with a wealth of experience working with children with special needs and has been appointed to the role of classroom teacher of our new Autism class. If you see Miss Stobie around be sure to say hi and make her feel welcome at EPS.

FRIDAY 16 JULY 2018



## Key Dates

**Feb 21:** Meet the Teacher and BBQ  
3.15 - 4.45

**Feb 22:** PaTCH info session

**Mar 7 :** Little Teddies transition  
begins

**Mar 9:** P & C AGM

**Mar 15 :** School Disco

**Mar 21:** Harmony Day

**Mar 28:** Eater Hat Parade

*School Banking 8.30am  
every Friday with Ms  
Amanda.*

*Emerton Little Teddies  
Playgroup everyday  
9-11am with Ms Marisa*

*Yes! we are collecting  
Coles Sports for Schools  
vouchers.*

## Issues at School???

For issues relating to your child here at school, the first point of contact for any communication is your child's **Classroom Teacher**. If there are further concerns, please contact the relevant Assistant Principal for the grade your child is in. Our Assistant Principals/Supervisors are:

- Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 - Tina Loveday (Relieving)
- Years 3 & 4 - Vicki Malloy
- Years 5 & 6 - Chantelle Routledge
- Support Classes - Nathan Smith

Our School Principal, Nathan Smith, will then be the point of contact for issues that are unresolved beyond the Assistant Principal/Supervisor.

For all other matters unresolved by the school Principal, you are welcome to contact the Public Schools NSW Nirimba Office on (02) 9208 7611 and direct your call to the Director Public Schools NSW, Mt Druitt Network.

## P&C AGM

Please mark **Friday 9 March** in your diaries as the date of the Emerton PS P&C Annual General Meeting. At the AGM, all P&C positions become vacant and can be filled by nomination. The positions to be made vacant are as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Parents and guardians of pupils attending EPS and any local citizen can become a P&C Member. Members are those who have previously attended a meeting and paid the annual Membership Fee (\$1.00). If you would like to join the P&C please feel free to join us at 9:00am on Friday 9 March.

## Hot Weather

To ensure the health and safety of all students during hot weather, hats need to be worn at all times in the playground. If students are not wearing a hat they will be asked to play under the shelter. It is advisable that all students bring a drink bottle to school with them and drink plenty of water during the day. In the event of extreme heat (i.e. above 35 degrees) students will stay inside air conditioned classes during breaks.

## School Attendance

School attendance is critical to enhanced student outcomes and we are eager to support families in any way we can to improve attendance rates for all of our students. In the event of an absence a letter needs to be sent to the classroom teacher to ensure we keep our rolls accurate. I ask that appointments during school time be kept to a minimum as the learning lost by small absences can add up over time and is very difficult to overcome. If anyone requires assistance with attendance please discuss this with your child's teacher.

## PATCH Information Session

At Emerton PS we value the role parents and caregivers play in supporting children's learning within and beyond the classroom. We are proud to offer the Parents As Teachers and Classroom Helpers (PaTCH) program to increase parent and caregiver confidence in supporting children's learning at home and in school.

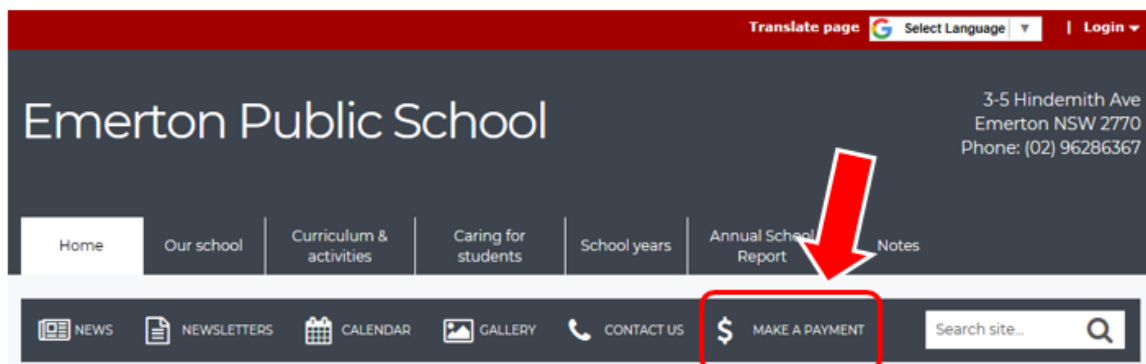
**What is PaTCH?** PaTCH is a 10 week training program run by our teachers to equip parent volunteers in supporting children to read, write and count in the early years of schooling. Parent volunteers participate in:

- 5 training sessions totalling 10hrs of tuition
- Complete a minimum of 10 hrs of in class literacy and numeracy classroom support with the help of our teachers
- Collect examples of student learning to support participant training

On **Thursday 22 February 2018**, Mrs Snell the schools Instructional Leader, will be holding a PaTCH information session for those parents who may wish to participate in the program. This session will be held between 9:00am and 11:00am in the school's Connected Classroom. All welcome.

### Parental Online Payments – POP

Earlier this term we sent home information regarding the school's excursion and activity cost for 2018. I would like to say a big thanks to those families that have already paid for 2018. A general reminder that money and/or EFTPOS payments will not be collected at the front office after 2:30pm.



When you access the **\$ Make a payment** you must enter:

- the student's full name, and
- class; **OR**
- the student's name, and
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account.

You must still complete the permission note and return it to the school.

Payments made **after 6:00pm** are not available for processing until the next business day.

### Meet the Teacher Afternoon

Next Wednesday 21 February we will be holding our Meet the Teacher Afternoon in the School Hall. The K-2 talk and welcome will be held from 3:15-3:45pm and the 3-6 talk and welcome will be held from 3:45-4:15pm. The P&C will be holding a welcome BBQ in the quad from 4:15pm-4:45pm and it would be wonderful to see as many of you here as possible. Please note that 2/3A will be participating in the 3-6 session and both K/6I and K/6A will participate in the K-2 session.

## Back Carpark

As you may be aware, there was an incident in November last year where a car, having failed to stop in a staff carpark, careered into a classroom where students were engaged in their learning. Unfortunately two students died and a small number of other students were injured. This tragic incident greatly impacted staff, students and the entire community of the school concerned.

It is with this in mind and in the interest of the safety and welfare of our students that the school have made the decision to **close the back carpark on Copeland Rd as of Monday morning the 26<sup>th</sup> February (Wk 5)**. Whilst I understand that this may cause concern for some parents, I am sure you would all agree that the safety and welfare of all our students is our main priority. I appreciate your understanding in this most important matter.

## Working in Partnership

We recognise that in order to be successful, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- Knows that you expect him/her to do well at school

## Keeping in touch with us...

You can keep in touch with what's happening at Emerton Public School in a number of ways. Feel free to download the Emerton Public School Skoolbag app to your smartphone or iPad or head across to the school website at...

<http://www.emerton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

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

Nathan Smith  
Principal

## Library News

Welcome back to 2018. The library is in the process of having a makeover. The students have had some input onto what they would like to have in the library. Ideas have included lounge seating, beanbags for reading & relaxing and laptops for research. Both staff & students are excited about the changes and are looking forward to enjoying all aspects of our school library.

### Library Days for 2018

WEDNESDAY:- 1-2F, 1-2O and KM  
THURSDAY:- 5-6R, 5-6D, 2-3A, 3-4P and 3-4M  
FRIDAY:- K-1D, K-6A and K-6K

Please encourage your child to bring a library bag on their library day to borrow a book. It would be great if they could return it each week and borrow another one.....Imagine the number of books you and your child could enjoy over the year.

Today a READER,  
Tomorrow a LEADER  
- Margaret Fuller



# SPORT

## 3-6 Sport awards

Namatijira = 50 pts

Drysdale = 250 pts

Nolan = 400 pts

Dobell = 100 pts

Lela 5/6R

Jake 3/4M

Julius T 5/6R

Sydaria 5/6R

Jarred 5/6D

Julius 3/4M

Noel 2/3R

Devontaii 2/3A

Vanessa 5/6D

Baker 2/3A

Jake A 2/3A

Kym 5/6D

Bailey 3/4M

Jerome 3/4P

Owen 5/6R

## K-2 Sport awards

Peter 1/2F

Jai K6I

Allira 1/2F

Tyler 1/2F

Laura 1/2O

Ruby P K/1D

Chloe 1/2O

Jordan 1/2F

Levi K6A

Ezekiel 1/2O

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# House Captains

## Dobell

Captains

Lettie and Eureka

Vice Captains -

Ruby and Heimata

## Nolan

Captains

Vanessa and Brock

Vice Captains

David and Dillon

## Drysdale

Captains

Anita and Aruea

Vice Captains

Tahlia and Jarred

## Namatijira

Captains

Malachi and Olepa

Vice Captain

Anzac and Mele





# Term 1 2018

## Events



### Wednesday 21st February

Meet the Teacher

K-2 3:15-3:45

3-6 3:45-4:15

BBQ 4:15-4:45

### Wednesday 21st March

Harmony Day



### Wednesday 28th March

Easter Hat Parade

9:15am

### Friday 13th April

10:30am ANZAC Day

11:00am Picnic Morning Tea

11:30am K-6 Cross Country

1:00pm Year 6 Fundraiser BBQ





## ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.**

# Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

### For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at [education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education](http://education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education) or visit [education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au) and search for road safety education.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- are never left alone in the car.



### Up to 6 months

Approved rear-facing child car seat



### 6 months to 4 years

Approved rear- or forward-facing child car seat



### 4+ years

Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat



### 145cm or taller

Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash seatbelt

# Coles Sports for Schools is back!



# Meet the Teacher

Emerton Public School will be hosting a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's classroom teacher for 2018, and learn more about what is happening this year in the classroom and around the school.

*Please Note: This is not a parent teacher interview. This is an information session.*

## **WHEN: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Time:** 3.15pm – 3.45pm (KM, K/1D, 1/2F, 1/2O, K6I, K6A)  
3.45pm – 4.15pm (2/3A, 3/4M, 3/4P, 5/6D, 5/6R)  
4:15pm – 4:45pm **FREE BBQ**

**\*\*Collect your ticket from your class teacher for your BBQ\*\***

**Where:** Hall



We look forward to seeing lots of parents at our Meet the Teacher afternoon.