

# The Endeavour

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## Principal's Report

*Behold the second edition of The Endeavour for 2018. It's hard to believe that we are already past the halfway point of Term 1 and that there are only two weeks until Easter and only four weeks left of the term. A few things worthy of a mention in this edition of our newsletter include...*

### Road Safety Awareness

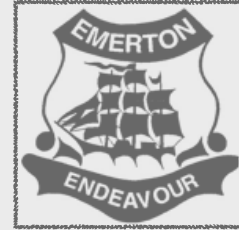
Firstly, may I take the opportunity to thank the whole school community for your understanding given the recent closure of the carpark adjacent to the Youth Centre. Your primary aged child is still developing an understanding of danger and safety. While they are often keen to do things for themselves, **an adult must always be responsible for your child in the traffic environment.**

Your child is a vulnerable road user. They are still developing the skills that help them to judge the direction of sound and the speed and distance of vehicles. Your child is physically small, making it harder for drivers to see them. They may be easily distracted and tend to only be able to focus on one thing at a time. This means that they find it difficult to deal with sudden changes in the traffic environment.

**Getting in and out of the car** - Ensure your child always gets in and out of the car through the **Safety Door**. This is the rear kerb-side door of the car. Never allow your child to get in and out of the car on the traffic side. Your child should remain in the car until an adult opens the Safety Door.

At school, your child learns about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). Help them practise the road safety messages they learn at school by using and sharing them whenever you are out and about.

FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018



### Key Dates

March 21 : Harmony Day

March 28 : Easter Hat Parade

March 30 : Good Friday

April 2 : Easter Monday

April 13 : ANZAC Day Service

Picnic morning Tea

Cross Country Carnival

Year 6 BBQ Fundraiser

### Students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

- Hold a grown-up's hand when
  - you cross the road
  - you're on the footpath
  - you're in the car park

### Students in Stage 2

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road

### Students in Stage 3

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road



### Online App Concerns

One of our parents has passed onto us some information about a new app called “Roblox”. She has indicated that, through her own child, she understands there are a number of our younger students using the app. There seems to be concerns around the content within the app and its use as a communication tool. As we have not had any first-hand experience with the app ourselves I ask parents to spend some time checking in with your children and what apps they are using online to check their appropriateness for your children.

### NAPLAN 2018

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact the school
- contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](http://nap.edu.au/TAA)
- visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

### NAPLAN 2018 Tests Timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 mins	Reading 45 mins	Numeracy 45 mins
	Writing 40 mins		
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 mins	Reading 50 mins	Numeracy 50 mins
	Writing 40 mins		





## Road safety around your child's school

### Your child's safety depends on you

#### Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

#### Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold **your child's hand**. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road.

**STOP!** one step back from the kerb.

**LOOK!** for traffic to your right left and right again.

**LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic.

**THINK!** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these **safe pedestrian habits** from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

## Year 6 Shirts

Year 6 students have the opportunity to purchase a memorable Year 6 shirt to wear for the rest of 2018. Shirts are \$27 each and orders are due to the front office by **Thursday 29 March**.



Option 1

## Attendance

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all our families who have been vigilant in justifying their child's absences. Thank you to everyone who have provided notes and used the Skoolbag app. Just a reminder that you only have to ring the school if your child is going to be absent for **two or more days**. For **one day** absences please use the Skoolbag app or send your child with a note to give to their teacher.

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
<b>1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)</b>	<b>19 days per year</b>	<b>≈ 4 weeks per year</b>	<b>Nearly 1½ years</b>
<b>1 day per week (80% attendance)</b>	<b>38 days per year</b>	<b>≈ 8 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 2½ years</b>
<b>2 days per week (60% attendance)</b>	<b>76 days per year</b>	<b>≈ 16 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 5 years</b>
<b>3 days per week (40% attendance)</b>	<b>114 days per year</b>	<b>≈ 24 weeks per year</b>	<b>Nearly 8 years</b>

## Skoolbag App

Have you seen our app?? The app is a free download and a great way for parents to keep up to date with notes, newsletters and it is an easy way to communicate with the school when your child is away by completing a simple form. The app will be regularly updated with permission notes, newsletters and event details.



## Year 6 Moving into Year 7 2019

An Expression of Interest form for moving into Year 7 in 2019 was sent home with all of our Year 6 students earlier in the term. If you have already returned your form - well done! If you are yet to do so, please complete and return this form to the school office by **Friday 16 March**.

## 2018-2020 School Plan

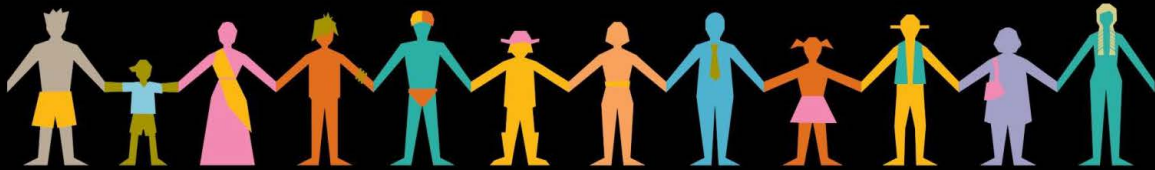
I am pleased to announce that through an extensive process of evaluation and consultation our new 2018-2020 School Plan has been endorsed by our network director, Ms Karen McSpeerin and is now available to view on the school website. The school plan documents the strategic directions and associated improvement measures that have been developed by the school community to bring about sustained change and deliver quality education for all students. To view a copy of the plan please visit the following web address:

<http://www.emerton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/annual-school-report>



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# HaRMONY DAY



## Wednesday 21st March

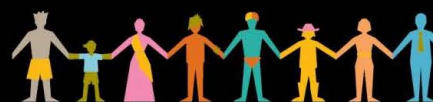
Come dressed in traditional attire of your own culture, in orange or Indigenous colours (black, yellow and red).

Bring a plate of food to share at our Tastes of the World Table.

- Closed shoes must be worn
- Tasting table will be samples only, children will still need to bring their lunch



**EVERYONE BELONGS**  
[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)





## Student Toilets

I would like to remind everyone that parents or other adults visiting the school should not use the student toilets at any time. This has the potential to cause concern, particularly in the area of child protection. If it is an emergency, please see the school office where one of our friendly office ladies will assist you.

## National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 16 March 2018, a large number of Australian schools, including Emerton Public School, stood united to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools and in 2018, schools were called upon to imagine a world free from bullying. The day was a huge success for Emerton Public School with students in all classes participating in a range of activities and lessons with a focus on anti-bullying and bullying prevention strategies. For more information regarding anti-bullying and how you might assist your children if you feel they are being bullied please visit the following web address:

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/YourRole/Pages/For-Parents-and-carers.aspx>

## Late Pick-up from School

A gentle reminder that school finishes at 2:55pm each day and that children should be collected promptly at this time. Recently we have had a number of students presenting to the school office because parents haven't arrived on time to collect students. While we understand that there may be unforeseen circumstances preventing you from arriving on time, please be mindful that school office staff finish at 3:15pm and are not in a position to supervise students at this time. If you are running late a quick phone call to Kim, Jackie or Kylie in the office to let them know would be appreciated. Many thanks for your support and cooperation in this matter.

## Important Dates

Easter Hat Parade - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Good Friday (no school) - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Easter Monday (no school) – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Last day of Term 1 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

First day of Term 2 - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

*Enjoy the coming weeks and as always remember to look after yourselves, each other and our wonderful school.*

*Nathan Smith  
Principal*

## If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.



## KM News

KM have now been at school for six weeks! They have been enjoying learning to read and count, play instruments and make friends. KM library day is on Wednesday. Please remember to send a library bag. KM have been very excited about sharing what they like most about school with you.



Here are some of their ideas:

- I like school because I like to read. Sophie*
- I have lots of friends at school and I like playing sport the best. Quade*
- I like school because I can play with the rocket and read with Mrs Miles. Jaxon T.*
- I like school because I have made some new friends. Jade*
- I like school because I like to play with Theao and Psalms. Kai-o-lani*
- I like school because I love learning to read and draw. Johanna*
- I love to sing with Mrs Miles. Zion*
- I like listening to stories and counting. Amaziah*
- I like to draw and write. Sanra*
- I like to play the drums and count to 10. Jaxon W*
- I like seeing all of my friends. Jane*
- I like reading books with Mrs Miles and Mrs Jackson. Marley*
- I like counting the boys first and then the girls. Tyrese*
- I like counting with Mrs Miles but I love sport the best. Psalms*
- I like school because we play with play-do. Shenelle*
- I like everything about school. Theao*
- I like cutting out pictures with scissors. Logan*
- I like playing with my friends and dancing. Titus*
- I like singing about the five little frogs. Eleni*
- I like to play sport and I like all of my friends at school. Harmony*



# 2018 Easter Hat Parade

**Wednesday 28th March**  
**9.15am**

Emerton Public School will be holding its annual Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 28 March 2018 at 9.15am in the school hall.

All parents and friends are invited to attend this event.

All students are encouraged to design and make a hat or basket at home in preparation for the parade.

**P&C Easter raffle to be drawn at the parade**  
free ticket to those who participate and donate to the prizes!




KM with their i i i Indians



## Emerton P & C AGM

Congratulations to the newly elected committee

### **President**

Amanda Galea

### **Vice President**

Kim Dixon

### **Treasurer**

Tash Faufli

### **Secretary**

Leanne Bowen

Our next meeting will be 9th April 9am



# Sports

## Namatjira

Cordory 56R  
Charlotte 56D  
Rochelle 56D  
Malachi 56D  
Lela 56R x2  
Rhys 34M  
Anzac 56R  
Jordan 23A x2  
Shelby 34M  
Dylan G 34M  
Monika 56R  
Timothy 23A  
Dezirae 34M  
Elepa 56R x2  
Analyze 34P  
Duyanh 34M  
Bridget 56R  
Isaac 34P  
PJ 56D  
Sinamoni 34P

## Drysdale

Aruea 56D  
Alex 34P x2  
Tahlia 56R  
Anna Grace 34M  
Anita 56R x2  
Ella 34M x2  
Labella 56R  
Tukara 56D x3  
Jarred 56D x2  
Zainib 23A  
Jake 34M  
Alex T 34M x2  
Emma 56R  
Aruea 56D  
Laura 56D  
Corey 56D  
Malo 56D  
Warren 34P

## Nolan

Lucianna  
Brock 56R x2  
Baker 23F x2  
Jake 56D  
Devontaii 23A  
Metitilani 56D  
Sivai 56D  
Ruby 34M  
Steven 34P x2  
Kym H 56D  
Abbrevce 34P  
Rhys 34M  
Logan 34M  
Noel 23A

## Dobell

Connor 56R  
Lettie 56R x3  
Junior S 56R  
Julius 56R  
Junior P 56R x2  
Caprice 56R  
Jayden 56R  
Sina 23A  
Ramon 56D  
Sara 34P  
Jaxon 56D  
Caprice 56R  
Morteza 56R  
Jaxon 56D  
John Paul 34M x2  
  
Janice 23A  
  
Owen 56R  
  
Dominick 34P

# House Points

## Namatjira

1450

## Drysdale

1650

## Nolan

1350

## Dobell

1300