A Super Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our students for their excellent participation at our swimming carnival last week. It was fantastic to hear and see children ‘having a go’ and being so proud of their efforts no matter what the race result. Many thanks to Mr. May for his excellent organisation and to the many parents who lent a vital helping hand. Congratulations and best wishes also to our zone swimming team members competing today and this coming Wednesday.

Thank You Parents

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our parent information session(s) last week. I hope you found them informative and enjoyed meeting our teachers and hearing about our programs. We are so lucky to have such fantastic parent support- it makes all the difference to our students’ success. Please remember that parents can communicate with teachers through the parent portal (or through email if the teacher prefers) or by making an appointment for an interview at any time. Many thanks also to our band families for organising the BBQ - I know it was enjoyed by all and the funds raised much appreciated.

The Next 7 Days......
Playground Update
Over the next few weeks we will be removing the bottom playground fixed equipment as it no longer meets WHS requirements and has been deemed beyond repair. Our children certainly miss our much-loved equipment and we are hoping to replace it very soon. If you have any thoughts on planning, sponsorship contacts or fundraising ideas please come along to the next P&C meeting (March 21 at 6pm).

We would love a new playground fixture for our kids.

Happy week 5 (already)
Kind regards,

Josie Bailey (principal)

EPS Parent Portal
This week sees the introduction of the EPS Parent Portal for new families to the school, particularly kindergarten students. Letters have today been placed in the bags of new students to enable parents to create their account for this initiative. It is a convenient way to keep up to date with your child’s schooling. Please make sure you register as soon as possible.


Parents/carers will need the access key to finish the process - see your letter.

To continue to use the portal, set a shortcut or favourite to: http://web2.eleebana-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal

For families with an existing account, please be aware that if you forget your password there is a "forgot password" function at the bottom of the login page (in red print) that will allow you to have a new password sent to your registered email address.

2016 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Students have the opportunity to participate in the 2016 ICAS conducted by Educational Assessment Australia. EAA describe the aim of these tests as being: to motivate, stimulate and challenge students; recognise and reward excellence at each level of achievement; provide students, parents and
teachers with a comprehensive analysis of student performance. Parents meet the cost of the competitions. All students receive an individual results letter indicating student performance as well as the average mark for the State, suitable for inclusion in a student portfolio. Certificates awarded include: High Distinction - top 1% in the State; Distinction - next 10%; Credit - next 20%; Achievement - top 20% of the school; Participation - all other students.

Please consider whether you wish your child/ren to participate and nominate on the Term 1 Costs sheet that will be sent home this week. Payment is required with the nomination. These tests are offered as an opportunity and entry is your choice entirely.

Entries close in these competitions well in advance of the testing dates.

• Please make payment with the Term 1 Costs sheet by Friday 31 March 2016.
• Late entries CANNOT be accepted and there is no refund available.

ICAS Dates and Fees for Australia - All fees listed are exclusive of GST.

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Kind regards,
Dr Leonard - Deputy Principal

**Sports News**

Swimming Carnival: Last Monday was an absolutely beautiful day and proved to be a very successful swimming carnival. Congratulations to every student who attended as their behaviour and sportsmanship on the day were first class. A special mention to our Sports Captains whose leadership and assistance on the day was exceptional. Thank you also to the parents who gave up their time on the day. Well done to Koonda who are our 2016 swimming champions.

Zone Swimming: Good luck to our team of students who will participate in the Eastlake’s PSSA Zone swimming carnival this week at Swansea Pool. Our team is: Indiana, Harrison, Sophie, Hudsyn Nicholas, Oshein, Brayden, Sakura, Jordan, Chazz, Layla, Jenna, William, Chevelle, Nikita, Imogen, Travis, Mason, Lara, Toby, Aidan, Sienna, Laura, Seon, Grace, Blaine, Nathan, Murray, Max, Amelia, Emily, Rosie, Reese, Amalie, Riley, Elliot, Amity, Samantha, Jack, Reeve, Erin and Imogen.

Basketball: Congratulations to Torren Peters who was successful in making it through to the Hunter Basketball trials this Friday. We wish him all the best.

Tennis: Well done to Emily Watts and Max Cotton who were successful in gaining entry into the Hunter Region Tennis trials this Friday. Good luck!

Diving: The bouncing Cooksey’s are it again this year and will be swapping the trampoline for the diving board. We wish Domenic, Georgia and Alix all the best at Hunter Diving Trials tomorrow.

Nathan May – Assistant Principal

**Library News**

Congratulations to Abbey Hemsworth 2O and Nick De Grauw 5/6M who have now completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Information about the Challenge was issued at last week’s parent-teacher afternoon. Kindergarten has been given their Reading Logs so they can start recording their books.

The students have been very excited to see another new book spinner arrive for the Junior Reader books. Our library revamp has improved the student’s ease of access and the visual appeal of our workspace. This is an ongoing process but most of the hard work has been done.
Critter Feast Sculpture
We have been very fortunate to have this fantastic sculpture donated to the school due to Ms Dorin Suciu’s contacts. It is made of clay by artist Tanya Bechara and donated by a retired school librarian, Sylvia Longfoot. It is creating a lot of interest for the students spotting the critters with their amazing camouflage and detail.

Those who read – succeed
Robyn Forbes

Working Bee
The P&C will be holding a working bee on Sunday 20th March from 9am - 1pm. Morning tea and a BBQ lunch will be provided. Children welcome are welcome to come along and play. Any enquiries please contact Marie on 0411 980 290.

Canteen Roster

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OOSH News
We have been very busy down at the OOSH. A lot of children have been enjoying playing with the new hockey set. We are still working on our giant flower project – if you have any green coloured plastic bottle caps they would be much appreciated.

Date for your diary: There is an additional extraordinary general meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st March this will be a very short meeting to finalize the Financial Audit held over from the AGM.

The following are the dates for the Committee meetings for the rest of the year.
Term 1 - 5/4
Term 2 - 3/5 & 28/6
Term 3 - 26/7 & 13/9
Term 4 - 1/11 & 6/12
All meetings are held on a Tuesday night in the OOSH room at 6:30pm

For enquiries or further information about the OOSH please phone Kate or Amelia on 49428186 or visit us between 7-9am or 2:30-3pm (please avoid after 3:00pm as this is our busiest time of the day and our priority is taking care of the children)

Thanks Kate.
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