

The Entrance Public School

NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 25 Oct	- 13 Dec - Drum Corp
Fri 26 Oct	9:30am Grandparents Special Assembly & Whole School Assembly
Mon 29 Oct	- Fri 9 Nov - Swimming Lessons
Wed 31 Oct	Sport in Schools K-2
	State Athletics
	K-6 Yoga
	Headstart 9:30am-11am
	Passport to Tumbi
Thurs 1 Nov	State Athletics
	Ball Games Carnival
Fri 2 Nov	Drum Corp Super Jam, Westfield
	Tuggerah 6:30am
	Drum Corp Performance
Mon 5 Nov	- Tues 6 Nov - Year 6 ATSI Sports camp
	Sport in Schools K-2
Wed 7 Nov	K-6 Yoga
	Headstart 9:30am-11am
	Passport to Tumbi
Thurs 8 Nov	Drum Corp
Fri 9 Nov	9:30am Whole School Assembly
Wed 14 Nov	Headstart 9:30am-11am
Tues 20 Nov	P&C Meeting 9:30am
Wed 21 Nov	Year 6 Students - Tumbi Umbi Campus
	Orientation Day
Fri 23 Nov	Year 6 Fete
Fri 4 Dec	Books in Homes Kinder Assembly
	2:20pm
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Concert
Mon 17 Dec	Year 6 Farewell

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 4! Already the students have settled back into their class routines and as I visit classes the amazing work that is happening every day is pleasing. This term is 10 weeks and we are already in Week 2.

Congratulations to those students who are reading every night. We have started handing out our 300 night reading certificates. Keep up the great work.

Good luck to all our swim school participants over the next two weeks. The skills that will be developed will mean this summer our students will be safer in and around water. I also look forward to a big participant rate at next year's swimming carnival.

Our "Headstart" program for 2019 Kindergarten students is in full swing and it is amazing how confident and prepared the students are in their last year before Big School. It is not too late to join "Headstart". If you know of any families in our area that have children that are old enough to start school next year, ask them to contact our office.

A reminder that if you have a concern regarding a conflict or have a concern with another student and your child that it is NOT appropriate to approach the child. All concerns must be raised with a staff member, Assistant Principal, Deputy Principal or the Principal. Failure to follow the correct way of dealing with these issues may result in the Police enforcing the Inclosed Lands Act which then prevents access to the school.

A reminder that the toilets at school are for The Entrance Public School students use only. Visitors to the school throughout the day, including before and after school who need to use the toilets need to see the office staff and be

directed to a staff or visitor toilet. Thank you for your assistance with this. It is for the safety of our students and is a child protection issue.

Kids, social media and privacy: Regardless of your child's age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram).
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram.
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

Have a great week!

Mark Rudd
Principal

State Athletics Championship

Cait (K-6B) and Lucas (6C) recently gained selection to compete at the State Athletics Championships at Homebush in Sydney. Cait will be competing in the Junior Multi-Class 100m and 200m, whilst Lucas is competing in the 11 Years High Jump. The Championships will be conducted in Week 3 of this term on Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November. The TEPS community wish them the best of luck in their events and will publish their results afterwards.



Swimming lessons commence
Monday 29th October,
running daily until Friday 9th November.
Full payment must be made before lessons commence.



School Banking has arrived at our school with The Greater. Any student who wishes to bank money can bring their bank book and money to the office on **Friday mornings**.

Ms Ally Bayfield
Organising Teacher

PARENTS AS TEACHERS/COMMUNITY HELPERS (PATCH) COURSE A SUCCESS!!!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!!

Congratulations to our dedicated and committed participants for successfully completing Parents as Teachers/Community Helpers (PaTCH) course. You are role models, lifelong learners and we are immensely grateful to your role in the lives of your own children and those at our school that you have an impact on!! Thank you!!

WHAT DID THEY DO?

Our amazing volunteers participated in 10 hours of theory. They learnt about how children learn, how children learn to talk, read and write, the importance of speaking and listening to literacy and numeracy development and gained skills in how to assist children in the classroom in Literacy and Numeracy. Our wonderful volunteers completed a minimum of 15 hours in class assistance, reflecting on their learning during our theory sessions.

WHAT DID THEY SAY ABOUT THE COURSE?

"I have gained skills that will benefit the kids at school and I can also help my own child .. I liked the activities that can help kids to learn through play."

"Please keep offering this opportunity to parents!"

"An understanding of the complexity of language and literacy for young children."

"Delivery of content was clear and easy to understand, friendly and helpful teachers - thankyou Karen and Sue!"

"Having a teacher's perspective on how best to help in a classroom".

"It has been a positive experience, personally fulfilling "



PaTCH Participants 2018: Amy Roper, Melissa Mackie, Cat Donohue, Raelene Steele, Danielle Bright

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

SWIM SCHOOL

K Swim school begins next week and will run every day for two weeks. Kindergarten will be heading off at 11:50am returning at 1:45pm. Students will need to wear their swimmers to school under their uniform. Please pack a towel and underwear in a strong plastic bag. It is recommended that students wear goggles. Please help your child by **LABELLING EVERYTHING!** We would like to avoid having a huge pile of lost property at the end of swim school.

UNDER THE SEA

This term Kindergarten are learning about all of the weird and wonderful creatures found under the sea. We will also be learning how to keep ourselves safe around water as well as what we can do to look after our oceans, lakes and rivers.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

The team from Sport in Schools will once again be here every Monday morning in Term 4 to teach gymnastics to all of the K-2 classes. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to be engaged in practical gymnastics activities.

Gymnastics promotes all-round physical development, muscular strength and endurance, joint flexibility, balance, coordination and core strength required for everyday living. There is no cost this term for the program.

HOME READING CHAMPIONS!

Home reading in Kindergarten is still going strong! We now have quite a few children receiving a book for 100 nights. Congratulations to the following children:

KL

75 nights – Elizabeth

100 nights – Charlotte

125 nights – Courtney, Noah

150 nights – Ben, Lilly

KQ

75 nights – Eliza

125 nights – Corey, Noah, Izac, Sierra

150 nights – Corey, Izac

200 nights – Harley, Mikayla

225 nights – Harley

KW

25 nights – Mia-Lee

125 nights – Alyzah, Grace

150 nights – Thembe, Emily Mac, Logan

KD

75 nights – Stevie,

100 nights – Havana, Wesley,

125 nights – Lachlan

150 nights – Cadance

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Donna Andrews, Nicole Quye, Nikki Wilson, Adam Lonergan

STAGE 1 NEWS

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Welcome back to the last term of the year. We hope everyone had an enjoyable school break. Term 4 is always a busy term, so please check bags for any notes and newsletters. We also put notifications/messages/changes on our website and Facebook page.

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Swim school will begin in Week 3 on Monday 29th October for those students who have paid, and it runs for 2 weeks. Please remember to label all items taken to the pool such as towels, goggles, clothes, underwear, swimmers, socks, etc.

Stage 1 Sport in Schools is running again this term on a Monday morning. This has been funded by the school so every student will be attending.

The students had a wonderful day last Friday with the Colour Fun Run. There were lots of smiling, colourful faces running around the oval (and a few colourful teachers as well!).



Here are our clever home readers:

2K:

25 nights: Ayla
150 nights: Ava
200 nights: Michelle
225 nights: Toby & Ruby

2C:

150 nights: Robert
250 nights: Jamie & Cameron

1/2D:

100 nights: Mariam & Ruby
125 nights: Max
250 nights: Rosie

Kind regards,
Stage 1 Team

STAGE 2 NEWS

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Welcome to Term 4, we hope everyone enjoyed their break and had some time to relax with family and friends. We have a very busy term ahead of us as we move toward the final activities for this school year.

Stage 2 Camp

Camp was held the last Friday of Term 3 at Active Outdoor Education in Somersby. The students enjoyed a fun-filled, challenging day as they overcame their fears and braved the heights and focus required to complete the organised activities. Some of the screams of fear, ended in tears of joy and a feeling of real personal accomplishment. It was an amazing experience that we will look back on and remember for many years to come. Special mention goes to Mrs Duncan, who organised this great opportunity for our students to enjoy.





SWIM SCHOOL

Swimming begins Monday 29th October – Week 3 and continues until Friday 9th November - Week 4 for those students who have paid to attend. All places have been filled and there are no vacancies. These students will travel to swim school at Mingara Aquatic Centre by bus, leaving at 10.50am and returning at 12.30pm. Be sure to pack a towel and underwear for your child, goggles are recommended, but not compulsory. Normal class routines continue for those students not attending.

Year 4 Rock Pool Rambles Excursion

The Year 4 excursion has been rescheduled for Wednesday 21st of November (Week 6). This has been organised for Year 4 students only, to explore the local rock pools located between Blue Bay and The Entrance. This includes the study of the natural features of this area, its lurking dangers, as well as observing the fauna and flora that live in these habitats. Remember the students will need to bring along a clear plastic container, to collect and observe some of the small **safe** rock pool marine animals. It is expected that every Year 4 student attends this excursion, as it is closely linked to our Geography unit from last term and our 'Safe Living' Health unit, this term. If your child has not previously paid, please return permission notes and \$2.00 to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you to Ms Ambrose for organising this great opportunity for our Year 4 students!



Stage 2 Teachers

Mrs Haslam (4H), Ms Ambrose (4A), Mrs Burke (4B), Mrs Canobie (3C), Mrs Kirk (3K) and Mrs Duncan (3/4D)

STAGE 3 NEWS

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

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Welcome back for the final term of 2018. We hope you had a wonderful two weeks with your children and are ready to tackle this busy term.

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Connecting Behaviours: Listening



Week 1-2 we are focusing on the connecting behaviour of 'listening'. This skill includes facing the speaker, being mindful of what the speaker is saying, asking questions when appropriate and waiting till the speaker has stopped talking before responding.



Stage 3 Relationships

Maintaining friendships in Stage 3 is very important. Students in Years 5 and 6 face many challenges not only in the school environment but also online. Although we promote positive relationships between our students, 'dating' is not permitted in our school.

This has caused drama particularly in Year 6. We hope you understand and support this decision. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with me regarding this issue.



2019 Leaders

Year 5 students who have nominated themselves for a leadership role must be mindful that this involves responsibilities that go beyond the classroom. For instance,

School Captains are expected to represent the school in public ceremonies such as the ANZAC Day ceremony and in TLLC functions. We, the whole school community, expect that all potential leaders display the school values at all times.



Sport News

Congratulations to students who made the **Ball Team!** Please make sure that you return your note to Ms Ambrose as soon as possible.

Swim School begins in week 3.

Please ensure that all outstanding fees are paid to the office. All items of clothing must be clearly labelled and students must bring a plastic bag to put wet items in.

Year 6 News



The Year 6 Fete will be on Friday Week 6 (23rd November). Please have a conversation with your child about their stall. If you have any donations for the White Elephant Stall, please have your child bring it to school with them.

Our Year 6 Farewell is on Monday Week 10 (17th December). Mrs Bayfield will be holding another parent meeting soon.

Details to follow.

Kind regards,

Miss Martinez (Rel. AP Stage 3), Mrs Bayfield, Ms Chaffer, Mrs Robinson and Mr McInnes

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all fabulous volunteers who come in.

Exciting news our canteen is undergoing a refurbishment. We will be operating out of the school hall for a few weeks. Our menu during this time will be limited.

We won't have a phone available whilst renovations are happening, please call our School Office on 4332 2422.

Menu for first few weeks

Hot dogs with tomato sauce	\$3.00
Nuggets 3 for	\$1.80
Sausage roll	\$2.60
Tomato sauce 50c	
Cheese or vegemite sandwich	\$2.00
Cheese toastie	\$2.70
Pieces of fruit	\$1.00
Drinks	\$2.00
Snappies Fizz 80c	
Chips	\$1.40

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thurs 25 th	Judith, Kathy
Fri 26 th	Kathy, Kylie
Mon 29 th Oct	Kathy, Rita, Sue
Tues 30 th	Sammi
Wed 31 st	Kristie, Sue, Kathy
Thurs 1 st Nov	Kathy, Judith
Fri 2 nd	Kathy, Kylie
Mon 5 th	Sue, Kathy, Rita
Tues 6 th	Sammi
Wed 7 th	Kirstie, Sue, Kathy

Uniform Shop – Any unwanted uniforms would be most appreciated for our second hand uniform shop.

Cheers,
Emma Brophy
4333 5174

Next P&C Meeting
Tuesday 20th November at 9:30am
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Coast Community Connections' Evolution Youth Service is hosting two sessions for parents of young people to gain more awareness of mental health.

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Headspace Gosford will present to attendees with information about mental health wellbeing.

Date: Wednesday 24 October 2018
Times: 10am or 7pm session
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93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy
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