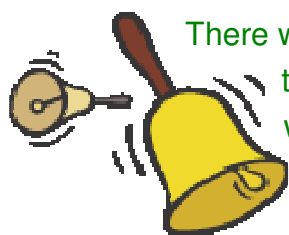




Attendance

After a recent check on student attendance by the Departments Home School Liaison Officer, a number of children have been flagged whose attendance is showing concern. The Home School Liaison Officer will be meeting with those families of concern, to offer support in improving their child's attendance at school.



There were also a couple of areas highlighted for improvement across the school – the number of students who are required to travel overseas in school time, who do not apply for an exception from the school Principal, and the issue of students arriving late to school. The morning school bell rings at 8.55am to indicate it is time for all students to move to class to begin the school day.

There are a number of students who regularly arrive late to school, and miss the start of the morning lessons. The Home School Liaison Officer will also be monitoring those students, and if no improvement is noted, may meet with those families as well. If the need to travel overseas cannot be organised in school holiday time, parents must inform the Principal in writing when this is going to occur and for how long. If the length of time overseas is longer than 15 school days, parents will be required to collect an 'Exemption from School' application form from the front office, to be completed and sent in to the Principal in advance of leaving.

Please value the learning opportunities your children need to have for a successful future, and recognise that they actually need to be at school, on time, every day the school is open. When your child is sick or unable to attend school you are required to send in a note of explanation on the day your child returns. This process is going to be closely monitored during Term 4.



2011 Student Leaders

Term 4 is a very busy term for the teachers and students. The first important task is to begin the process of selecting suitable students to fill the positions of student leaders (Prefects) for 2011. The process will be slightly different this year. The students in Year 5 have already been asked to nominate the students within their grade they feel should be included on the 'voting' form. We are then moving the voting process in line with the manner in which we as adults are required to vote. The ballot form will include 16 members of Year 5 chosen by their peers. Students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will then have the opportunity to vote for their top 6 candidates. These 6 candidates can be mixed either boys or girls, in any combination. When the votes are counted, the top 6 scoring candidates will be the elected prefects for 2011. It may or may not work out to be 3 girls and 3 boys, but it will represent the top 6 students that our school believe can and will carry out the responsibilities of the leadership role. I would like to wish all the candidates luck, as we carry out this process.

2011 Enrolments

We have a greater number of Kindergarten students joining our school in 2011 than in the past, which is great news for the growth of our school population. We welcomed the parents on Wednesday morning at the orientation, and will also help the new students to become more familiar with our school through the transition program over the next three weeks. It is of vital importance that all notes for students returning in 2011 are sent back in as soon as possible. This information may assist us in applying for an extra teacher in 2011.

Moving into C Block

We hope to move into C Block classrooms at the start of next week, which will be very exciting for the four classes who have lived in the demountable classrooms for most of the year. We are unsure of the completion date for the covered area in the rear playground, as they are awaiting confirmation of the tender to resurface the asphalt, and complete the restoration of the surrounding grass and gardens. We may have to prepare for our Christmas Concert and Presentation Day in the hall this year, rather than outside as normal.

K. de Falco

Principal

What's happening at EPPS...

The following is a brief outline of notes that have gone home so far this term. Please note the closing dates for each activity and be sure to get your payments made by the closing dates specified. We don't want to disappoint anyone, so must stress that we cannot accept late payments.

- **P&C Disco**

On Thursday, 21st October, the P&C will be holding a disco.

There will be two sessions:

K-2	4:00—5:30 pm
Yr 3-6	6:00—7:30 pm

Cost: \$6.00, which includes entry, a packet of chips and a drink.

Send money in now, or buy your ticket at the door.

- **Taronga Zoo—Kindergarten**

On Friday, 22nd October, Kindergarten will be visiting Taronga Zoo. Closing date for this excursion was 18th October.



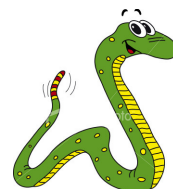
- **Stewart House Clothing Appeal**

Please fill the plastic bags we sent home last week with good, wearable clothing, blankets, etc, and return them to school by Tuesday, 26th October 2010.

- **Deadly Australians**

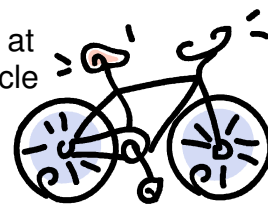
'Deadly Australians' will visit our school on 10th November to present entertaining and educational shows that focus on the unique venomous animals that live in our backyards.

The cost is \$5 per student and \$10 for families of two students or more. Parents are invited to attend free of charge—preschoolers must be closely supervised at all times. Closing date for payment is 9th November.



- **CARES**

On Thursday, 25th November, Yr 4 children will attend the CARES program at Bass Hill. This program teaches the children important skills relating to bicycle safety and road rules and is conducted by the NSW Police Service. The cost is \$15 which is payable by Monday, 22nd November.



- **Holiday Reading is RAD**

Holiday Reading Is RAD is an initiative of the Priority Schools Program and has proven to be effective in maintaining reading skills from K-6. To maintain reading skills and to receive a **Holiday Reading Is RAD** kit, students must return the commitment slip to school with payment of **\$2.50** before **17 November**. Families are advised to get in early, before stocks run out!



As you may know, thousands of young people, including teenagers, are diagnosed with cancer every year. The S.R.C members of Edensor Park are proud to support a fantastic foundation called 'CanTeen' by holding a fundraiser. We are raising money for young people who suffer from Cancer.

On Friday 29th of October it's National Bandana Day. We have already started selling bandanas. Have you got yours yet? Come and help us support CanTeen by buying one of the cool, vibrant bandanas for only \$4! Not only will you look cool and 'hip' in your brand new bandana but on a couple of Fridays we will be playing some "funtastic" games using the bandanas! For example, blindfold games and races.

So don't forget, until Friday 29th of October, you can buy an awesome bandana at 1st half of lunch for only \$4. We will be selling them right outside the canteen.

Then come along to the grass on Friday and participate in some fun Bandana Competitions. You can even win a prize!

By Michael Mansor, Jessie Morris, Sercan Karakis
Student Representative Councillors

Selective High School 2012

Application is required in November 2010 for parents and carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2012.

**Parents with internet access are requested to apply online.
Online application will be available from 25 October—22 November.**

Application information is available from the internet.
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement



KINCARE NURSING AGENCY is in need of domestic help for the aged, the sick and the frail. You can work the hours and days that you want.

**If you can help in this very rewarding work please phone
1300 733 510**

**BELGENNY FARM
FARM SUNDAY**

9am – 3pm on Sunday, November 14, 2010

An event where historic and modern day agriculture come together to provide a family attraction which promises to feed, entertain and educate.

Local farmers markets, working dogs, sheep shearing, music & entertainment plus the famous Carlton Clydesdales. All in the pleasant setting of the historic property established by Australia's pioneering Macarthur family.

Adults \$2.00 : Children free

Plenty of free parking.

Belgenny Farm

Elizabeth Macarthur Ave

CAMDEN NSW 2570

Ph: (02) 4654 6800

www.belgennyfarm.com.au

Edensor Park Girl Guides

Girls aged 5 to 10 years old meet every Friday 7-9 p.m. at Madge Mallory Hall (opposite Westbus Depot), Bonnyrigg Ave, Bonnyrigg. Girls aged 10, 11 and 12 years meet every Wednesday 7-9 p.m. Girls learn leadership and teamwork skills as well as having LOTS of Fun.

Phone Adjee 9607 8696 for more information

Fairfield City Council

Families Together

NO SECRETS

Protecting our children

Presented by Petra Will-Herat, Relationship Educator

We all want to raise our children in a safe, loving environment so that they can grow up to be confident and resilient young people. As parents we want strong, open relationships with our children so that they feel comfortable in approaching us to talk about anything that is happening in their lives. This training will provide us with some strategies to help achieve these outcomes.

Thursday, 23rd September, 6.30—8.30 p.m.

Brian Wunsch Centre Training Room

126 Avoca Rd Wakeley

Next to Fairfield CC Administration Centre

Bookings are essential and places are limited.

Please call Dina on 0407 708 626 to book your place

Fairfield Parent Support Centre

Self Care: This course is six sessions and 3 hours each, organised in partnership with Wetherill park TAFE for those interested in learning about skin care, hair care and make-up.

Starting: 27th October 2010

Time: 10am to 1pm

Venue: Wetherill Park Community Centre

Years 5 & 6 had a ball at Narrabeen at the end of last term!

A bus load of very tired children (and teachers!) arrived back at school on the last day of Term 3, after spending three action packed days at Narrabeen. What a fantastic experience they had, doing activities way beyond their comfort zone and discovering that they can do anything they set their mind to.



Kindergarten 2011 Transition Program



Parents and carers of 2011 Kindergarten enrolments attended an information meeting which was held in one of our brand new classrooms on Wednesday. I am sure that they have gone home very impressed with the presentation that was given by Mrs de Falco, Mrs McCosker and their team. The children will begin the three week Transition Program next week. If you know of anyone who hasn't yet enrolled for Kindergarten 2011, please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

Stage 3 visited The Rocks



First we were on the bus which was full of laughter and excitement. On our way to The Rocks we saw the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. When we finally arrived, we had our recess and then went to the main entrance of The Rocks and met our tour guide, Margie. She told us to dress up as convicts or soldiers and we finally started our tour. Margie kindly brought us to the first convict house that was made out of

bricks—not just plain bricks, but bricks that had markings on them showing that convicts built them. After that Margie told us about the oldest street, George Street. She also told us no one would dare walk down the streets after dusk because there would be gangs of people that pick-pocketed other people. We then went to a house that was owned by two well respected convicts. Then it was my turn. Margie told everyone that I (Mary Riebey) am on the \$20 note. I was also the richest person in the colony and was very well respected. I was married to John Riebey. We did a lot more fun things with Margie. She was very kind. When we finished the tour we had lunch and then had to get back to school on the bus. That was the end of our excursion to The Rocks. It was the best day ever! We learnt heaps!!

Report by Vivien Pham (4R)



Firstly, everyone hopped on the bus and we were all full of excitement. While we were looking through the windows it got even more exciting. We saw the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge! Everyone started taking photos. Finally, we got there and met our tour guide, Margie. She got us to dress up as convicts or soldiers and then she showed us around the first convicts house.

They were made out of bricks which had special markings on them to show that convicts built them. After that, Margie showed us the oldest street (George Street), the oldest dwelling and much, much more. We were walking down a street and we saw a huge, dead mouse and everyone got shocked. Finally we went back to the Tour Guide Centre to take our costumes off. We learnt heaps on our excursion to The Rocks. It was time to have lunch and go back to school. After having an exciting day on our excursion to The Rocks we had to hop back on the bus and go back to school.

We all had a FANTASTIC day.

Report by Jovana Kolar (4R)

Dates to Remember



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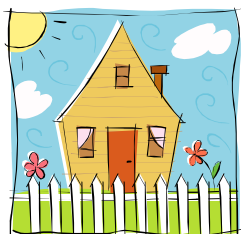
- 20th : 5/6M Pizza Making
- 21st : P&C Disco
- 26th : Stewart House Clothing Appeal
- 27th : P&C Meeting
- Now until 29th—Bandana Sales
- 29th : National Bandana Day Competitions and prizes

Kindergarten Transition Program begins next week:

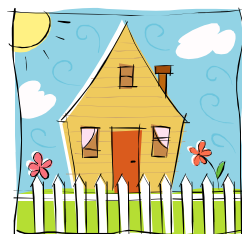
Thursday, 28th Oct	Friday, 29th October
" 4th Nov	" 5th November
" 11th Nov	" 12th November

November

- 10th : 'Deadly Australians' Performance
- 25th : CARES Excursion—Yr 4



Enrol now for Kindergarten 2011



Children who turn five before 31st July 2011
are eligible to start school next year.

If you have a child, or you know of any children in Edensor Park who will be ready to start school next year, please call into the office now for an enrolment form.

PLEASE PHONE

1300 880 021

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