P&C News

Pushie Pampering at Erko

The first Erskineville Community Bicycle Workshop is being held on Sunday 28th August at 10am. If you've always wanted to know how to:

- quickly and easily fix a flat tyre;
- adjust your brakes so they work properly and don’t squeal;
- adjust your gears so they change smoothly and quietly; or
- fix any of the dozens of other annoying little things that can go wrong with your trusty pushie

then bring your bike and your enthusiasm along and someone will help you out.

If on the other hand you already know how to do those things then come along and help, and we might even let you use our brand new tool kit (purchased with a community matching grant from the always wonderful and cycle friendly folks at Sydney City Council) to fix your own bike.

Even if you don't want to fix bikes you can come along and help us relive every pedal stroke from the last two mountain stages of the Tour de France – there couldn't be a better way to spend your Sunday morning could there?

If you want to come along and help out by fixing bikes or running the barbecue call Iain Martin on 0413 183 063.

The BIG Working Bee

We haven’t had one for a while but it is time for one of Erko School’s famous mega working bees. **Sunday 28th August** is the date and there will be plenty happening, so keep the day free and come along to join in the fun. Work plans include:

- a simple revamping of the Bridge St entrance
- Moving a mass of compost and soil to build up the garden bed
- mulching the entire garden
- Transplanting seedlings
- Filling our garden with masses of flower seeds
- Moving and sorting trash & treasure
- maintaining your bikes
- Feeding a mass of people with a mini-gourmet BBQ.

There will be something for everyone come along, enjoy the day, help us get the school looking great for Berzerko and make some new connections in our school community.

Safe speeds through Erko Village

One year on and we have a commitment for change! Thanks to the persistence of Gretchen Miller who has kept on the case, the RTA has indicated that the Erskineville Village will be classified as a high pedestrian and cycle zone. This means a **40 km/h speed limit** will be applied throughout the village, extending the school zone conditions from where they are at the moment. Thanks Gretchen and thanks to all of you who turned out for the photo opportunity recently. It’s all about keeping our community safe.

P&C meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held 6.30pm Tuesday 30th August in the Tom Bass Learning Centre. Hope to see you there.
Hear the buzz?
Its all about ERKO BERZERKO

The Berzerko buzz is building, there is plenty of speculation as to which rides will be there, who is going to be dunked and who the fantastic performers will be this time around.

Lock in the date, there is nowhere else to be on 5th November 2011 but at Erko Berzerko. This is our major fundraising and community event, a great day for all your friends and family. We need your help to make it happen.

A disappointing piece of news is that our grant application to City of Sydney Council was unsuccessful. This means we will need to work even harder to generate funds to support the school.

The list of stalls and coordinators are listed below. There are still some – if you can help out please let me know at 0421 867 180 or haryana@dhillon-pack.net

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Raine & Horne Newtown – Major Sponsors

As you know Erko Berzerko is both a major undertaking and vital fundraiser for the school, we can’t do this without the support of sponsors. We are very pleased to be working with Raine & Horne Newtown to deliver an action-packed day that reflects the diverse nature of Erko’s community.

Prospective sellers weighing up real estate agencies who’d like some of their commission to benefit public education, can team up with Raine & Horne Newtown.

As the major sponsor of Erko Berzerko, Raine & Horne Newtown is donating $500 of its commission on each qualifying sale between now and March 2012. To qualify, vendors should be located within an approximate 3km radius of the school and pay standard commission.

“Raine & Horne Newtown was keen to be associated with Erko Berzerko because it is such an eagerly awaited event attracting a wide cross section of local residents, and the sponsorship opportunity is an excellent way for us to give back to our community,” said Raine & Horne’s local area specialist Duncan Gordon.

“The more residents who sign with us because of our support for Erko Berzerko, the more money we’ll raise for Erskineville School, which we expect to amount to several thousand dollars at least.”

Silent Auction & Raffle
What skills do you have that someone else might want to pay for in our silent auction or win in the raffle? Can you donate some time to generate income for the school?

Things like:
- Weekend away at a holiday house
- Colour consultation
- Garden design consultation
- Art, specialist crafts
- Babysitting
- Taking a cultural experience to someone
- An inner west shopping specialist

Can you think of anything to donate? Can you connect us with people to make donations? We need raffle prizes, lucky dip prizes as well as silent auction items.

Please think about your connections and link us in to make this the best Berzerko selection yet.

Lucky Dip Lunacy
This year at Erko Berzerko we are having another lucky dip extravaganza and we need small toys that can be bagged together.

The ideal size is matchbox car size, and things can range from small dolls, balls, cars, little stuffed toys. Every home has hundreds of mini toys lying around, so now is your chance to get rid of them! Admittedly there is the risk they will return with friends, but life is a lucky dip.
Please place them in the lucky dip box near the office (so little hands are not tempted to dip and get lucky). We will also sort through the toy donations if you have already brought some in. Thank you.

**Kids Zone**

This time around we welcome the City of Sydney Council’s Erskineville Youth Service Team, Lorraine Ventura, to our Berzerko team. Lorraine, her colleagues and the local youth will be getting involved in Berzerko; they are going to be part of **KIDS ZONE** this year. Thanks Lorraine!

We still need an overall coordinator for this section, if anyone is interested please let me know.

**The Treasure is Rolling In**

We can see that many of you have been saving up that excess of treasure especially for Berzerko. Keep it coming in, please remember if you can that Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings are best when Gretchen and Isabel will be available to collect and move donations.

We are going to need plenty of help to sort items and move them to the storage locations. If you can spare some time during the week or on a weekend please let Gretchen know.

**ERKO BERZERKO CRAFT STALL**

Those simple but really funky ideas and patterns are going out to people, but we can always do with more! Please email Burcak Gurun Muraben at burcak@bias.net or contact Helen Field on 0413 276 915 so we can either email you a pattern or give you a copy in the playground.

If you are a graphic designer or just able to draw, think about designs we could use on Christmas cards, gift cards and tags - send an email to the above address or make yourself known to us.

For other ways you would like to be involved, ideas and suggestions, please find Burcak or Helen in the playground.

Anyone can help!

If handicrafts aren’t your thing, or if you have a ‘stash’ hidden away at home you still might be able to help us … we also need donations of

- Cotton drill fabric – for making library bags again (so nice and strong)
- Other printed fabrics of all shapes and sizes
- Knitting yarn – wool or polyester is fine
- Felt
- Pompoms big and small
That’s entertainment
The entertainment program is coming together with some local connections and parent volunteers coming forward. If you have suggestions please contact Danielle on 0400 293 995 or danielle@awlnsw.com.au as soon as possible as we are locking things in quickly.

Carpets of green
The garden group planted hundreds of seeds at our first garden afternoon of the term. Some of them are already starting to emerge and unfurl – there will soon be a carpet of green! To help us keep things moving along and growing gracefully please join in the working bee on 28th August, and join us for future garden days.

There will be garden days on:
- Sunday 28th August - bigger working bee combined with bike workshop and BBQ
- Saturday 10th September, 1pm-4pm
- Sunday 25th September, 9am-12pm

If you are already growing things for Berzerko please let us know what you have. Remember if you have plants that need to be revitalized and re-homed we can do that too.

For any garden matters please get in touch with Tracy Cantwell, Bianca Heinemann or Kate Low.

In a Pickle?
This year we are planning to market Berzerko smallgoods such as pickles, jams, preserves and oils. Can you make jam, pickles or other such things? Would you like to learn? Contact Sandra Kemp on 0410 331 685 or skemp3@optusnet.com.au

If you can't help with making things, can you collect and bring in clean glass jars and bottles? Drop off on Monday mornings at school.

Dunk a Dude
Who would you most like to see dunked at Erko Berzerko? Would it be the school captains? Members of the SRC? Your friends? Your parents? Your teachers? A local business owner? Your sports coaches? A politician?
Send those suggestions in to Haryana and we will do our best to secure their participation! We need to know who you’d like a chance to dunk!

There will be an opportunity to dunk plenty of people during Erko Berzerko, so get those throwing arms working and that target practice happening.

This year’s sponsors, Raine & Horne Newtown, will be onsite to auction the most popular dunkees at 3pm on the day. Please send your suggestions for local community members and celebrities to Haryana at Haryana@dhillon-pack.net or 0421 867 180

You might even want to volunteer yourself as a target....