DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 1

Wednesday 15th February - Kindergarten Parent Information Evening, 6pm

Thursday 16th February - Parent Information Evening, Years 1 - 6

Thursday 23rd February - Blue Gum, Lilli Pilli & Hibiscus Excursion to Vaucluse House

Friday 24th February - P&C Parent Welcome BBQ

Tuesday 13th March - Casuarina Incursion - Observatory Hill Environmental project leader at Erskineville

Friday 23rd March - Ride to School Day

Thursday 29th March - Harmony Day Celebrations

INFORMATION NIGHTS
Come along to meet the teachers and find out what your child's year group will be learning about this year.

KINDERGARTEN

Wednesday 15th February
6.00pm to 6.15 pm - Open Classrooms
6.15 -7.00pm
This in an evening for parents.
We are unable to provide child-minding.

Enter by Malcolm St entrance.

YEARS 1 - 6

Thursday 16th February

Year 1 - Blue Gum room at 5.00pm
Year 2 - Grevillea room at 5.40pm
Year 3 - Eucalypt room at 5.20pm
Year 4 - Wollemi room at 6.00pm
Years 5 & 6 - Wollemi room at 6.20pm

THE 2012 SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Green

Yellow

FIRST

Tied SECOND

Blue

Red

Tied SECOND

THIRD

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS ON YOUR EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR

All of our kindergarten classes have had a successful start to school and have settled well. I have been able to meet many of the children in their classrooms and on the playground and I have been impressed in how they feel so at home here at Erskineville.

Our swimming carnival was held last Friday and once again the excellent behaviour of the children participating or cheering was a feature of the day. The enthusiasm of the Houses was evident both for the 50 metre stroke events and the novelty events for the non swimmers.

I would like to welcome to our school community three new teachers, Ms Imogene Cochrane, Mr Matt Charlton and Ms Sarah O’Dea who have joined the teaching staff here at Erskineville Public School.

Kathy Cree
Relieving Principal
Danger! Double parking

Double parking is illegal and especially dangerous around schools and parks, shopping centres, train stations, and congested roads. Children's lives are at risk when you double park. It blocks the line of vision for all other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists, forces children onto the road, obstructs the flow of traffic and increases the chance of a crash or injury.

Tips for safe parking:

Do

⇒ Allow enough time to get your child to school
⇒ Always observe the parking signs outside the school – they are designed to keep children safe
⇒ Park legally and safely, avoid No Stopping, No Parking, Bus Zones' and driveways
⇒ Park a few streets away and walk your children to the gate. This is also an ideal opportunity to teach your child road safety skills

Double parking endangers lives

park legally and safely

Erskineville Public School's

Quest for Sustainability

2012 is the first of a three year plan to achieve a more sustainable school. We have a number of things planned and here is what has happened in the short time we have returned to school:

• Staff Training and development on conducting a lunch box audit
• Lunch box audits per class
• Goal setting to reduce waste by e.g. one piece per lunch box (something achievable)
• Aiming to introduce “Waste Free Wednesdays” later in the year (more information to come)
• Creating an SRC/Sustainability Committee. Election for members of this prestigious student committee will be announced on 10th February, Friday’s Assembly
• Planning by this committee for the school’s participation in Clean Up Australia Day
• Participation by Casuarina class in the “Watch our Watts” training and development (linked with Observatory Hill Environment Centre).
• Recycling of print toner cartridges (by a company that gives part of its profits to Australian Wildlife Hospital)
• Our school newsletters will go out every fortnight with a view to going paperless by the end of term. Newsletters are always uploaded onto our school website

.... Watch this space for further progress

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Class of the Week:

Melaleuca

Students of the Week:

Hunter

Madeleine
NSW Department of Education and Communities Priority Schools Programs Survey 2012

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In previous years Erskineville has been involved in the Priority Schools Program. This program provides additional funding, staffing and consultancy services to identified schools. Such funding provides additional resources for literacy, numeracy and participation programs for students. The schools identified for priority schools programs are known as Priority Schools.

To see how these funds have been used in past years you can access the school web page and read the past Annual School Reports detailing this information.

A new list of such schools is identified every four years. To see if Erskineville is to be identified as a Priority School it is necessary for parents and caregivers to complete a survey.

The next survey of families will occur between 5 - 9 March 2012. Because of the size of Erskineville Public School it is only necessary for parents and carers of Kindergarten, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 students to complete and return a survey.

Confidential
The survey forms are returned in a sealed envelope. No-one at the school can read the response of any family. No-one who opens the envelope at the scanning company knows which family it came from as return tabs are removed on return of survey.

We need 85% of survey forms returned to be considered for the funding round.

The survey form is short.

Answers take up only one side of a single piece of paper.

Only essential questions are asked.

It is easy to complete.

Priority Schools Programs Survey measures:

- type of parent/caregiver occupation
- parent/caregiver educational qualifications
- sole parent families
- unemployment or part-time work in families
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families

Kathy Cree
Relieving Principal