PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

VRPs this Week

Very Responsible Respectful Resilient People

These names were drawn out of the stage boxes at last week’s K-6 assembly. These names, along with others were added to the boxes by their teachers for showing one or all of our three school wide expectations during the week.

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<th>Aiden KB</th>
<th>Jasper 2M</th>
<th>Ceridwen 3R</th>
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Congratulations Connor!! I’d like to acknowledge Connor (Yr 4), for his success at being selected to represent our school and state in the NSWPSA interstate swimming championships. Connor will compete later in July and we wish him the very best of luck. In the mean time it means up and ready by 4:30am and in the pool by 5:00am training daily to achieve his goal. As I said to our students last Friday at assembly, success just doesn’t happen upon you. You have to make an effort. Well done Connor.

Term 2 Payments: Invoices have now been sent home to families. You will find listed outstanding payments for term 1 and additional payments for incursions and excursions relating to term 2 only. Your prompt attention to finalizing these payments is appreciated. This term Mr Barnett is assisting teachers in Yr 4, 3R and Yr 5 in assessing, planning and teaching mathematics. Whilst Mrs Harbridge, will be supporting all year one, two and 1/KW students. This is above and beyond our DEC staffing allocation. A luxury only made possible by each family paying their voluntary P&C school contributions. It is this money we use to pay the additional teachers to replace Mrs Harbridge and Mr Barnett from their classes. If you were not in a position to pay this in term one you may now be able to assist. We appreciate the support you show us for this initiative.

Opportunity Classes: Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is op-
portunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 25 July 2012. Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2013 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class. If you would like your child to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2013, you need to do so soon.

1. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 30 April 2012 at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement OR

2. If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form and return it to this school by 18 May 2012.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether you apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only ONE application for each student.

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy: (NAPLAN) is conducted each year for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. Please note these dates in your diary. Unless there is sickness no Yr 3 or Yr 5 child should miss this assessment.

Tuesday 15 May – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.

Wednesday 16 May - Reading test

Thursday 17 May - Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern, Chance and data, Measurement and Space)

Who's who? Sometimes parents and students do not share the same surname. When sending correspondence, telephone messages etc, please include your child’s name and class to assist us with matching information.

Parent Volunteers: At ENPS we welcome your support of assistance in our classrooms. When parents are on site they must sign in and out at our Admin building. Parents must also wear a visitor's badge. These are procedures as outlined by OH&S guidelines, to ensure your safety in an emergency, as well as to protect our children.

School Photos: Class, Family and individual photos will be taken on Wednesday 9 May. Students must be in their school uniform. Payment is to be made in the envelopes provided to the classroom teacher on the day. All other sporting, dance and band photos will be taken in term 3.

Privacy Awareness Week 29 April - 5 May: The objectives for Privacy Awareness Week are to raise awareness of the meaning and value of privacy, especially among children and young people and the risks of the online world and to highlight where to find existing privacy guidance materials for children, young people and parents which privacy authorities have produced. For further details visit http://www.privacy.nsw.gov.au/Lawlink/privacynsw/ll_pnsw.nsf/pages/privacy_privacy_privacyawarenessweek

Playground Issues: Sometimes children may come home to say that other children in the playground have been unkind to them. In those situations listen carefully to your children and try to give them strategies to assist them to deal with this situation. If issues persist, please inform their classroom teacher, who will investigate and try to gain a better understanding of the matter from all parties involved. At no time is it appropriate for you to approach children whilst at school to reprimand them or demand an explanation.

Betty Ploeg
Principal
EPPING NORTH PS SCHOOL PHOTOS 2012

Next Wednesday  9th May 2012 The School Photographer will be visiting our school to take class photos, school executive, Year 6 and family photos. Students are required to dress in full winter school uniform and to bring their photo envelope on the day with exact payment and hand it in to their classroom teacher. Unfortunately no change can be given on the day.

Mrs Maxine Johnson and Ms Fiona Righetti
School Photos coordinators

SCIENCE FAIR

Parents are invited to come along to school to view the
Term 1 Science work of our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students.

When: Thursday 17th May, 2012 (Week 4)
Where: School hall
Time: 3.10pm to 4.30pm (*commences straight after school)

Details:
3.10pm to 3.30pm – View models made by Stage 3 students. The focus of the models is ‘The use of minerals in every day spaces and objects’. The research of mineral use was integrated with Stage 3’s Term 1 Unit ‘Mining’.

3.30pm to 4.30pm – View Stage 2 videos. There are 20 short videos to see (ranging from 1.30 to 3.30 minutes in length). The videos star our talented Stage 2 students (from classes 3R, 4A, 4D & 4HB) and present information on Australian scientists, designers and innovators. The videos were created as part of Stage 2’s Term 1 Unit ‘Being Australian’.

We look forward to seeing you!

Mrs Hunter
Science Teacher

ENPS SRC ‘S’ DAY

On Friday 11th May, SRC are fundraising for Stewart House, Stewart House is a home to help children with no family and less resources than us. The children at Stewart House will benefit by students bringing in a gold coin donation and dressing up in anything that starts with ‘S’, e.g. Santa, soccer, silly, smurfs and much more. There will be a cake stall at recess and there will also be a ‘snake guessing competition’ at the time so if you want you can bring extra money.

See you there!

Jake for SRC Committee

SRC BADGE PRESENTATION

Dear Parents,

We would like to invite you to the presentation of our SRC badges this Friday 4th April, 2012.

After a long wait the SRC badges have arrived and we will be presenting them at Friday’s school assembly. The assembly is straight after recess and will begin at 11.40am.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday.
P & C NEWS

Events News

Welcome back to term 2! An Events Newsletter will be sent home shortly outlining our plans for the rest of the year, so check those school bags.

Mother's day Stall

Have you got any donations still sitting at home? Please get them in this week.

They can be left in the lost property space between the staffroom and resource room. We will collect daily.

Helpers required: We will need to start wrapping ASAP.

This is done in the old bike shed (underneath the old hall).

Contact Michelle Stern if you can be of assistance

michelle.stern@bigpond.com

Easter Parade BBQ

A big thank you to Better Homes Realty who sponsored our BBQ. Due to their generous support 100% profit will go back into the school. Thank you to everyone who helped to feed the masses! Supplying 600 sausage sandwiches in the space of 1 hour is no mean feat! A special thank you to Jennifer who collected and tallied the orders.

Jennifer and Melissa were troopers at the BBQ on such a hot day.

Entertainment Books Available Now

Pre-order forms have been sent home with children, alternatively you can purchase directly by going to www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1230q49

- Sydney Edition $65
- Sydney North Edition $65
- Sydney Greater West Edition $60

(including Parramatta, The Hills, Blue Mountains & Macarthur)

Any questions contact Nicole Woodhill on 0424147904 or nicwoodhill@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Email: Vaughan.brown@hotmail.com

Canteen duty for this week 4/5: Fiona Bush & Deb Hocking

Canteen duty for the following week 11/5: Caroline Hale & Tracey Hutcheson

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Welcome to CHESS CLUB TERM 2 2012!
This Friday some of our children will be starting the NSW Interschool Competition. For their parents I will be sending you an email to tell you what is happening and where.

Would your child enjoy playing and being taught about the game of CHESS?

Chess Club runs from 3:15pm to 4:15pm each Friday of terms 1, 2 and 3 with a professional teacher from the Sydney Academy of Chess. Chess Club is available to all children from year 1 to 6. Tuition costs $6.00 per class and is payable on a per term basis. Like all the other clubs at Epping North, the Chess Club is run by parents.

We ask each parent/caregiver to contribute $10.00 per child (for the whole year) towards afternoon tea, so that the children can enjoy a quick break with something to eat. For current Chess Club Members this fee is now due.

If your child is interested in playing, come to the Library on Friday straight after the bell rings.

Dianne Norton (0402 339850)

MODERN JAZZ & BOYS’ DANCE NEWS

Parent Roster for week beginning Monday 7 May

**Monday 7/5**
Year 1 Co-ed – Lin Chang
Year 3 Girls – Lisa Daly

**Tuesday 8/5**
Year 4 Girls – Morgan Family
Year 2 & 3 Boys – Sarah Griffiths

**Wednesday 9/5**
Year 2 Girls – Tracey Jones
Year 6 Girls – Sue Neil

**Thursday 10/5**
Year 4, 5, 6 Boys – Amanda Joslin
Year 4/5 Girls – Ann Lyndon

Thanks to all the parent reps and supervisors for your time in the mornings.

Tracey Hutcheson Louise Daley
9876 1766 0410 531 025

BAND

Band Camp

All families who have children going to this year's Band Camp should have received notes last Friday about the camp. These include permission notes that need to be completed and returned by this Thursday - 3rd May to the Band Box near the office. Parents are asked to please return them promptly as the information is needed to confirm details with the band camp venue.

And a reminder that if your child normally plays weekend sport, to please let the team coach know that they will not be able to play that weekend (25-27 May). Yamaha Band Festival Dates

Training Band - Saturday 2nd June
Senior Band - Tuesday 12th June  
Concert Band - Wednesday 20th June  
Times will be confirmed closer to the date. Further detail will be sent via email.

Committee Meeting  
Next committee meeting will be held on Thursday 10th May at Claire Roos house. 6 Marcella Avenue, North Epping

Parent Supervision for the coming week  
Friday 4th May - (SB) - De Lima family
Monday 7th May (CB) - Pathak family  
Tuesday 8th May (SB) - Lyon family  
Wednesday 9th May (CB) - Hale family  
Thursday 10th May (TB) - Fordham family  
Friday 11th May (SB) - O'Donoghue family

Band Committee meeting  
Our next meeting is Thursday May 10, 7:30pm at Claire Roos house, all committee members and parents are welcome.

Sally Dalton & Alison Hall  
0418 410 764 and 0425 224 991  
Band Co-ordinators enpsband@gmail.com

STUDENT BANKING WITH BENDIGO BANK  
Welcome back to Term two, hope everyone had a good restful Easter break. We would like to remind all that school banking resumes on May 2, 2012.

From this term we will be running a Consistent Saver Competition to encourage children to save on a regular basis. The winner will be drawn at the end of the term for the most regular saver. They will only be counted if saving was done through the school banking and the deposit amount does not affect the winner selection. There will also be an award for the class with most Consistent Saver too.

If your child does not have an account with us and you would like to participate in school banking please call into our branch with your child’s ID.
**Epping North Netball Program**  
**Thursday 4:20pm – 5:20pm**

**Venue:** Epping North Public School.  
**Time:** Thursday 4:20pm – 5:20pm.

**Age:** K – 6.  
**Cost:** $70 for 8 weeks.

**Netball Program Includes:**
- Passing drills: chest, lob & bounce!
- Footwork and movement skills!
- Positional play!
- Attacking & defensive play!
- Goal shooting!
- Fun games of netball!

**Dates:** Thursday 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st May, Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th June.

**Bookings:** Email your child’s name, age, school, parents name & contact number to sportsday@live.com.au or call Greg 0448 619 543.

Netball program begins week 3 on **Thursday 10th May**!
Epping North

After School Soccer Program


Soccer Program Includes:

- Passing, dribbling skills & drills!
- Kicking technique sessions!
- Attacking & defensive play!
- Positional play & goal keeping!
- 3 vs 3 soccer!
- Fun games of soccer each week!

Dates: Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st May, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th June.

Bookings: Email your child’s name, age, school, parents name & contact number
sportsday@live.com.au or call Greg 0448 619 543.

Soccer program begins week 2 on Thursday 3rd May!