

IMPORTANT DATES

Please check our planner on the website which is regularly updated.

[Home - Epping Heights Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

You can also connect it with your google calendar.

[Epping Heights Parent planner \(google.com\)](#)

- 14 September – Local gov elections
- 17 September – Strictly Live concert
- 18 September – Yr 3-6 Assembly led by 4L
- 25 September – Yr K-2 Assembly led by 1A
- 27 September – Last day of Term 3
- 14 October – First day of Term 4**
- 14 to 25 October – Swim School
- 16 October – Yr 3-6 Assembly led by 3/4G
- 17 October – Combined Music Festival Rehearsal

ENROL NOW FOR KINDER 2025

[Enrolment - Epping Heights Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

Don't miss out on important information and dates for Kinder next year!

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | Week 8 | September 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



A conversation could change a life | R U OK?

The health and wellbeing of our students, staff and wider community is at the core of what we do. It is important to me, as Principal, that our whole school community is "ok". We work hard to ensure our school vision is enacted- that every student is known, valued and cared for. We recognise that sometimes families are dealing with challenges and tough life situations. We respect your privacy but ask that you please keep us informed of anything that may impact your child's wellbeing and learning. This can include death of an extended family member, financial pressures, parent issues, friendship issues, parent mental health, domestic violence, online addictions or challenges...anything. Sensitive information is kept confidential and only those who work directly with your child are told so they can offer support. Please call the school or send an email to myself or my team marked confidential, and we will give you a call.

I was again reminded of the commitment of our parent community when I attended the class parent network meeting last week. Thank you to those parents who take on such a valuable role. Your support is vital to helping parents feel connected to our school. Thank you also to our highly active P & C who volunteer hours of time to work in the lunch service, uniform shop, book club, band program and organise many events at our school.



We have also recently received lovely thank you notes and emails regarding support for students. We appreciate the time taken by parents to give us positive feedback and staff cherish this acknowledgement. We strive for excellence and growth as a school. Please take the time to tell us your thoughts through the Tell Them From Me survey (see later in newsletter). Each year we analyse the data from this survey and share it with our school community at P & C. Feedback is used to drive next steps in school improvement.

Congratulations to our Zone athletics team! Teachers reported they showed excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. It is wonderful to see our students reach their sporting potential and represent our school. A huge THANK YOU to Mrs Armstrong who coordinated the Zone athletics carnival for 21 local schools. Her professionalism and organisational diligence were appreciated by our community of schools. Thanks also to Miss Lau, Miss Smith, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Gomez who supported the event.





NEWSLETTER

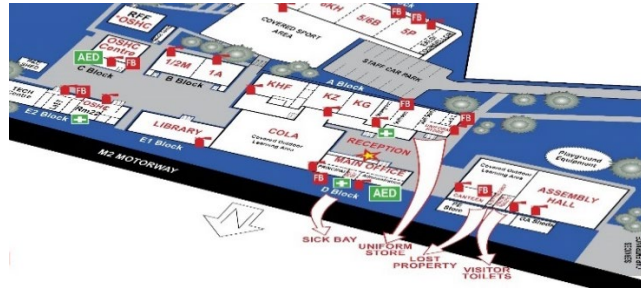
SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten 2025

If you have not enrolled your child yet or you know someone whose child will be starting at Epping Heights in 2025, please get them to enrol online using the following link: <https://eppinghts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html> This link can be used for general enrolment information and how to apply to our school for students K-6. Translated applications are also available.

Toilets

A reminder that the student toilets are only for students. Adults needing to use the toilet while on school grounds should use the toilet located outside of our school hall.



We recently have had to speak to students about the **Be Respectful** rule. Children are blocking toilets with paper towel, toilet paper, food and sticks. This causes damage and requires toilets to be closed whilst plumbers are called (at a big cost to the school). Please speak to you child about ensuring they behave the same way in the toilets at school as they do at home.

Student safety

We are aware that some parents are asking children to wait to meet them in the local area well after the school day has ended. This is unsafe. Parents have duty of care of your child after the school bell goes. Children waiting outside school gates, particularly in the bushy areas across the overpass bridges are at risk. We have recently had reports of police being called to local areas where children from other schools have been approached by strangers. Children are not permitted to wait around in school grounds unsupervised. We understand families may have financial pressures but please contact our OSCH services to see if they can help. Your child's safety comes first.

Attendance

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Give students time to greet their friends before class.
- Reduces classroom disruption.
- Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school every day or on time, please talk to our school staff so we can work together, because **every day counts**.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day



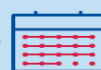
= 3 days



30 mins per day



= 18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

Tell Them From Me

Our school will once again be participating in the **Partners in Learning parent survey**, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. We ask all parents to complete the survey.

Why should I participate?

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include:

communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements and relates directly to our Strategic Improvement Plan.

How does it work?

The survey is conducted on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between September 13 to October 17. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access go to the address below or use the QR code.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2b9hc>



The class ice-block competition was a success last year so once again we are looking for the class with the highest percentage of survey responses. When you have completed the survey, please write the last question on the slip below and return to the class teacher. If you have more than one child at this school you can complete the survey more than once and return the slip for each child. The winning class will receive an ice block and one extra period of play time.

Mr Domonic Buckman
Assistant Principal

Ms Megan Bridekirk
Principal

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Child name _____ Class _____

I have completed the Tell Them From Me Parent Feedback Survey for 2024 and the last question

is _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



Parent information and survey is available in 23 languages.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2b9hc>



Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

Before you Begin

Your child's school is participating in a survey that allows parents to express their children's experiences at home and school. If you have more than one child, you may choose to complete the survey for each child's experiences.

Your participation in the survey is anonymous and confidential. When you are recorded on a secure site without personal identifying information. Your answers are shared with parents and caregivers from the school. You may skip any questions you do not want to answer or are not asking which school year your child is in.

I understand and am ready to start:

[Begin Survey](#)

Language:

- English (Australia)
- English (Australia)
- Traditional Chinese (繁體中文)
- Arabic (العربية)
- Spanish (Español)
- Italian (Italiano)
- Punjabi (ਪੰਜਾਬੀ)
- Tagalog (Tagalog)
- Portuguese (Português)
- Greek (Ελληνικά)
- Korean (한국어)
- Ukrainian (українська)
- Somali (Soomaali)
- Russian (русский)
- Polish (polski)
- Urdu (اردو)
- Farsi (فارسی)
- Tamil (தமிழ்)
- Chinese Simplified (简体中文)
- Turkish (Türkçe)
- Vietnamese (Tiếng Việt)
- Karen (ကရင်)
- Khmer (ខ្មែរ)
- Thai (ไทย)

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“由我来告诉他们”家长调查：我们要求所有家长完成此次问卷调查，以便向学校提供来自父母和监护人对孩子在校经历的宝贵看法和信息。此链接可以找到为家长准备的 23 种语言的调查介绍

请访问此链接完成调查，同样有 24 种语言版本：<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2b9hc>

학부모 설문 조사: 자녀들의 학교생활에 대한 학부모님들의 소중한 의견을 듣기위한 설문 조사에 참여해 주세요. 아래 링크로 들어가시면 24 가지 언어로 번역된 설문조사에 대한 정보가 있습니다.

아래 링크로 들어가시면 한국어외 24 개국어로 되어 있는 설문조사를 하실 수 있습니다.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2b9hc>

अ_भभावक के_वारा उ_ह बताए सव_____ण (Tell Them From Me Parent Survey):

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सव____ण यह सेपूरा कर ,यह २३ <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2b9hc>

AWARD RECIPIENTS

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Evelyn 1/2M
Aiden 1A

Alyssa 1A
Zoran 1/2M

Charlie 1A
Sebastian 2C

READ WITH ME

Gabriel 1/2M
Mivaan 1/2M
Scarlett 1/2M
Rick 1/2M
Chelsey 1/2M
Joshua 1/2M
Holly 1A
Ian 1A
Blair 1A
Thomas 2/3T
Juliana 2/3T
Steven 2/3T
Zoe 2/3T
TJ 2/3T
Nathan 2/3T
Kynthia 2C
Sarah 2C
Kay La 2C
Sebastian 2C
Ayoung 2C

Vanya 2S
Sasha 2S
Hailey 2S
Nancy 2S
Andrew 3/4G
Matilda 3/4G
Natalie 3/4G
Jeremy 3/4G
Isabella 3/4G
Harriet 3KP
Kiran 3KP
Rouning 3KP
Noelle 3KP
Shrieniq 3KP
Jacqueline 3KP
Janny 3KP
Sofia 4/5S
Jackson 4/5S
Arietta 4/5S
Beatrice 4/5S

Marielle 4/5S
Akshaya 4L
Juwon 4L
Jasmyne 4L
Ariel 4L
Ethan 6KH
Ahaan 6S
Timothy 6S
James KG
Ellie KG
Daniel KG
Marcus KG
Fredrick KG
Cadel KHf
Pavika KHf
Daniel KHf
Theo KHf
Anna KZ
Liam KZ

MERIT AWARDS

Nomin 1/2M
Joyce 1/2M
Hailey 1/2M
Eliz 1/2M
Ethan 1/2M
William 1A
Charlie 1A
Nina 1A
Aurora 1A
Daisy 2C
Jonathan 2C
Abdul-Rafay 2C
Ayoung 2C
Liam 2S
Edward 2S
Pratyush 2S
Lleyton 2S
Lucas 3KP
Harman 3/4G
Emily 3/4G

Elizabeth 3/4G
Isabella 3/4G
Alice 4/5S
Abdullah 4/5S
Ian 4/5S
Eliana 4/5S
Tian 4EB
Zoe 4EB
Ian 4EB
Tammy 4EB
Parisan 4EB
Anujin 4L
Malachi 4L
Raymon 4L
Shahzad 4L
Bethany 5/6B
Jayden 5/6B
Rian 5/6B
Felix 5/6B
Jayden 5/6B

Siddhi 5P
Afraaz 5P
Advik 5P
Camila 5P
Lachlan 6KH
Grace 6KH
Rowan 6KH
Patric 6KH
Maya 6S
Zac 6S
Gaia 6S
Zhoulin 6S
Danissa KG
Marcus KG
Fredrick KG
Alex KG
Harvey KG
Ian KZ



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

To avoid a late payment administration fee,
remember to order your school photos before:

Friday 20 September 2024

Head to our website to view the available
packages and to place your order

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE

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Strictly Live Concert

We are excited to announce that our highly anticipated band event the Strictly Live Concert is next week! We thank all parents for taking time out of their busy schedules to support our incredibly talented students. These students have dedicated countless hours to practice and have gone through auditions to earn their spot on stage. We applaud them for their hard work and commitment!

As with last year, the P&C School Lunch Service will offer hot dinner packs at \$7.50 per serve. This year's menu is limited due to the service provider being pre-booked for another event. To ensure a smooth start to the concert, all dinner orders must be picked up by **5:15 PM** on the day of the event.

We look forward to an evening of fantastic music and community spirit!

School Lunch Service Survey

We value your feedback and suggestions on how we can improve! Please take a few moments to complete our survey to help us enhance our efforts. We also encourage you to have your children participate, as their input is especially valuable!

Parent Survey:

<https://forms.gle/CYFqQna3cxUV2GQ9>

Student Survey:

<https://forms.gle/3sf7QqYFoXq8uCxaA>

Term 3 Class Parents' Meet

We recently concluded a very successful class parents' meeting with the P&C executives and Ms. Bridekirk. The turnout was great and we thank the class parents who made time for this on a work day morning to share their thoughts and feedback. Your support is crucial! Below is an excerpt of key points discussed during the meeting:

1. Term 3 Teacher Interviews: There was a request to hold teacher interviews in Term 3. While the school currently conducts parent interviews for students with high support needs, there is a plan to explore more proactive engagement with new families. Other parents are encouraged to request meetings with teachers as needed.
2. Communication Simplification: It was emphasised that messages shared with the community should be simple and concise. Additionally, important messages should be translated to support parents with limited English proficiency.
3. Centralized Communication Channel: The idea of creating a centralized broadcasting channel on WhatsApp was discussed. This would help eliminate the need for common messages to be relayed through a lengthy chain.
4. Formation of Class Groups: At the start of the year, class groups will be created by the Class Parent (CP) Network Coordinator and shared with all parents for them to join. Once a class parent is appointed, the group will be handed over to them.
5. Upcoming Surveys and Focus Group Discussions: The school plans to run several surveys, such as "Tell Them From Me," to gather feedback on school communications (e.g., whether newsletters are effective or if alternative methods are preferred). Additionally, a couple of focus group discussions will be conducted to delve into behavioural policies and strategies.

We now have some new parents who stepped up to take the responsibilities of Class Parents. Thank you CPs of classes 4L, 5/6B, 5P and 2/3T for picking up the job mid year! Here's an updated list of CPs:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fr57OvEqdckgmNbmuaE_Fj5NutbS4chS/edit

Volunteer Appreciation Note

What a year it's been! The P&C is beyond grateful for our amazing parent volunteers who made every event unforgettable. This term, we were thrilled by the Colour Fun Run, a heartfelt Father's Day celebration, our very first Second-Hand Book Fair, and a successful Second-Hand Uniform Sale!

Colour Fun Run: Our biggest fundraiser of the year, led by our fantastic Fundraiser Coordinator **Amanda Pearson**, raised nearly \$16,000 for new tech! Thanks to all the volunteers **Michelle Chau, Sharon Chung, Jennifer Ho, Meng Jiang, Vivian Kwong, Janice Ho, Wai Chi Lin, Rukaswari Kandasamy, Juok Jo, Kylie Hwang** and **Naila Mukhtar** for bringing the fun and excitement!

Second-Hand Uniform Sale: Congratulations, **Francesca Padilla** and **Kylie Hwang** for another well-run uniform sale, making it easy for families to find quality uniforms while repurposing pre-loved items. Thank you to our volunteers **Rukaswari Kandasamy, Jennifer Ho, Cherrie Cheng, Naila Mukhtar, Julia Yu** and **Sonia Pokharkar** for all their help!

Father's Day Celebration: This year's Father's Day was truly memorable, thanks to our P&C Vice Presidents **Julia Yu** and **Naila Mukhtar**, who planned every detail. A special thank you to our **OSHC Educators Zoe, Jordan, Kiara, Annalise** and **Matt** for their help at the BBQ, to the **school bands** for some fantastic music and to our Treasurer **Ray Tran** for such thoughtfully selected gifts. It was all a hit! Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped make the event memorable.

Breakfast Service: **Trent Hoffman, Reena Paul, Tina Chaisuwan-Baker, Sharon Wijaya, Fany Lius, Priscilla Lay, Sandy Soukhavong, Simone Witschge, Sushmita Ruj, Lu Bai, and Anna Taletskaya** Gift Stall: **Francesca Padilla, Jennifer Ho, Kritika Singh, Sonia Pokharkar, Vivian Kwong, Amy Jiang, Hani Kim, Muniba Zaman, Juok Jo, Francesca Padilla, Joyce Rong** and **Zadie Zhou**

Second-Hand Book Fair: Our first-ever book fair was a smashing success! Special thanks to our Book Club coordinators, **Jackie Kim** and **Yena Lee**, for their passion and organization. We received wonderful book donations in great condition, and the enthusiasm from students and parents was fantastic, with many returning both days. A huge thank you to our community for fostering a love of reading and to our dedicated volunteers **Jasmine Kwan, Miranda Lawrie, Narae Song, Priscilla Lay, Kwong Merryn**, and **Sonia Pokharkar** for their hard work sorting, packing, and selling books.

Shout-out to Our School Admin Team: A big thank you to **Mrs. Carter, Miss Walford, Mrs. Swancott**, and **Mr. Frankish** for always going above and beyond to support our events, whether it is coordinating logistics, assisting with communications, or stepping in whenever needed. Their dedication extends beyond their daily roles, and we are truly grateful for their efforts in building a stronger, more vibrant school community. Thank you for everything you do!

P&C Executive & Sub Committee Roles

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held in November. During the meeting, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant, and nominations will be called for the following executive positions and subcommittee heads/coordinators:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. President | 6. Uniform Shop Coordinator | 10. Community Relations |
| 2. Vice-President x 2 | 7. Book Club Coordinator | Coordinator |
| 3. Secretary | 8. Fundraising Coordinator | 11. Communications |
| 4. Treasurer | 9. Class Parent Coordinator | Officer/Publicity & Promotion |
| 5. Canteen Coordinator | | |

To help everyone understand the responsibilities associated with these roles, we have prepared detailed role descriptions. You can access the document using the link provided below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lmtDRO0ytJVQdy0KYZZnAcZefNO9NunF/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111907732717774055479&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Please note, all sub-committee roles can be shared between two or more people. We encourage all parents to take the time to review the descriptions and consider volunteering for any of these positions. The current team is here to support you every step of the way. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or would like to learn more!

COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS GIVING BACK

The next generation of generosity

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

WANT TO KEEP YOUR CHILD BUSY DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH INTERESTING ACTIVITIES THAT ARE ALSO FUN AND MEANINGFUL?

Our school holiday programs are the perfect chance to introduce your child to the world of volunteering – and empower them to give back in an age-appropriate way.

- > **COOK4GOOD - LITTLE HELPERS - 5-7YRS**
 - preparing easy meals for the homeless community
- > **HELPING HANDS FOR THE HOMELESS - 8-14YRS**
 - making meals & essential items for vulnerable people
- > **COOK4GOOD - 12YRS+**
 - preparing meals for the homeless community

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LOCATIONS - PADDINGTON & PARRAMATTA





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Oakhill Drive Public School
1 - 5 Oakhill Dr, Castle Hill NSW 2154

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22ND SEPT PUBLIC SCHOOL

11:00AM - 4:00PM

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