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NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 3 | 29 October 2019

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wed	30/10	Band Demo for Years 2-5 @1.45pm
Wed	30/10	Music Festival Tickets on sale via Ticketek
Mon	4/11	Bennelong Schools Table Tennis Cup
Tues	5/11	Band 'Hands On' evening @6.30pm in Hall
Wed	6/11	3-6 Assembly (4P) @1.45pm
Wed	6/11	K-2 Assembly (KP) @2.25pm
Wed	6/11	Auditions for 2020 Dance Troupes
Mon	11/11	Grandparents Day & Remembrance Day
Mon	11/11	Applications for Yr 7 2021 Selective High Schools closes
Tues	12/11	P&C meeting in Library @7pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our children are to be congratulated for their sensible, responsible and respectful behaviour. Teachers who have visited our school in the last few weeks have commented on how our students follow the school rules and show respect and care to one another and the staff. This makes me very proud.

The way in which our students wear full summer uniform is also impressive. It shows respect for our school. Thank you to those parents who support their child in ensuring only school uniform (including black shoes each day unless it is sport) is worn daily.

SWIM SCHOOL

Congratulations to all students who participate in the swim school program. All children improved in their abilities and showed growth mindset and perseverance. A huge thank you to Mrs Chadwick who organised swim school and taught in the pool and to the supporting teachers Miss Gerard, Miss Groom, Miss Abrahamian, Miss Balakrishnan, Mrs Lopes and Ms McAlister. Helping children learn such an important life skill in our country, where swimming is a key part of the culture, is highly valued.

STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2020

Information regarding the student leadership election process has been sent home with all Year 5 students today. I spoke to Year 5 about the highly valued positions and encourage all those who are interested to apply. I look forward to reading the nomination letters which are due next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many exciting up coming events planned for our students and school community. These include Grandparents and Remembrance Day, Kinder orientation, Presentation Day, Year 6 farewell and bazaar day, Epping Music Festival, Carols at the Epping Club, P & C Carols Night and many more. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who are working to plan and organise these events.

Newsletter articles due COB Friday

Values for this term:

Term 4 Integrity & Respect

STRATEGIC
DIRECTION 1
Active Learners

STRATEGIC
DIRECTION 3
Engaged Community



MUSIC FESTIVAL

Senior choir students are busy preparing for the Epping Music Festival which will be on Wednesday 13 November 2019 starting at 7:00pm. This year the concert will be held in the Concert Hall of the Concourse at Chatswood. Information about ticket sales was sent home yesterday.

Tickets will go on sale **Wednesday 30 October 2019** and will be available through the Ticketek online booking site.

The cost of all tickets will be \$25.00 plus a credit card fee. Please note there are no children prices. Students participating in the Music Festival do not require a ticket.

Ticket sales will open on **Wednesday 30 October 2019 and are sold on a 'first in' basis**. Ticket numbers are limited – so to avoid disappointment and miss this wonderful event, ensure you purchase your tickets early.

Ticket sale Procedure:

Ticket sales will be available through the Ticketek online booking site.

To access ticket sales click on the following link <https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=EPPING19> or via The Concourse website.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Enrolment applications for Kindergarten next year should be filed with the office now so that you don't miss Orientation. If you know anyone with a child who lives in our local catchment and who will turn 5 by 31 July 2020 please advise them to contact the Office about enrolment.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR ACCESS

Should your child require support regarding any issues related to school or home, our school counsellor is a trained specialist who is available to help them.

The NSW school counselling service contributes to student wellbeing in NSW public schools by providing specialised psychological assessment, counselling and intervention services.

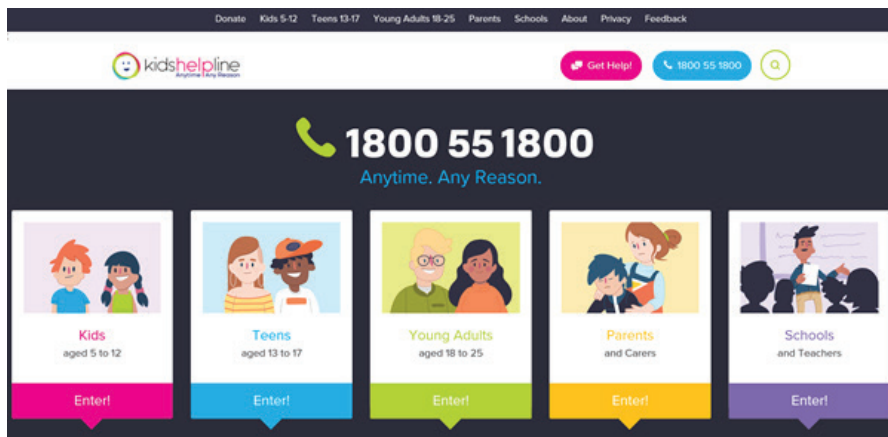
As well as having a specific role in providing psychological services, the school counselling service contributes to student learning and wellbeing outcomes through membership of school based learning and support teams.

For more information please visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/counselling-and-psychology-services/school-counselling>

The school counsellor can also advise parents on how to support their child.

Access to the school counsellor can be made confidentially through Ms Bridekirk.

Alternatively Kids Help line is a valuable free service available 24/7. <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>



MS MEGAN BRIDEKIRK PRINCIPAL



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Aarna	1S	Maryann	2C	Grace	4P
Anouk	6S				

MERIT AWARD

Larry	KM	Raven	KM	Steven	KM
Zara	KM	Annie	KP	Evelyn	KP
Neeraj	KP	Thomas	KP	Akshaya	KS
Helen	KS	Wadeea	KS	Yogan	KS
Anika	K/1E	Charlotte	K/1E	Lachlan	K/1E
Nathan	K/1E	Leon	1H	Maya	1H
Samritha	1H	Thisath	1H	Danielle	1S
Ella	1S	Eric	1S	Liam	1S
Evelyn	1T	Lachlan	1T	Leandro	1T
Leanne	1T	Carlos	1/2D	Hailey	1/2D
Nikolaus	1/2D	Saumya	1/2D	Abbie	2C
Helen	2C	Jacob	2C	Lorenzo	2C
Jasmine	2G	Joanne	2G	Michaela	2G
Pranav	2G	Branden	2/3K	Chelsea	2/3K
Krystal	2/3K	Leesha	2/3K	Bonnie	3A
Catrina	3A	Lucas	3A	Tanisha	3A
Hay Li	3E	Jena	3E	Kevin	3E
William	3E	Albert	3/4B	Nathan	3/4B
Rhian	3/4B	Zach	3/4B	Alex	4P
Janice	4P	Lydia	4P	Samuel	4P
Clare	4S	Jaiden	4S	Jonathan	4S
Kaitlyn	4S	Alicia	5B	Eloise	5B
Joshua	5B	Terry	5B	Cadyn	5D
Chloe	5D	Joyce	5D	Sooah	5D
Amy	5/6J	Nicholas	5/6J	Oviya	5/6J
Zayan	5/6J	Alexander	6E	Jaskirat	6E
Rianna	6E	Shashank	6E	Aashwin	6S
Alexander	6S	Nicola	6S	Radhika	6S

READ WITH ME

Henry	KS	Max	1S	Mihir	1S
Olivia	1S	William	2C	Aarohi	6E



LEADERSHIP TEAM ELECTIONS FOR 2020

Year 5 students now have the opportunity to nominate themselves for the position of student leader for 2020. Mrs Bridekirk and Mrs Buwalda have spoken to the children regarding the qualities expected of a school leader.

Once the nominations have been received, which includes a letter of nomination from the student, Year 5 will vote for the peers they feel are best suited to this role. The results of the peer voting will be used to select 16 students to be short listed. Nomination letters should be given in writing to Ms Bridekirk via the office by 5th November, 2019.

These 16 short listed nominees will be required to give a speech to students from Years 2 to 6. The speeches will be presented on **Wednesday 20th November 11:40a.m** in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. The students must write their speeches at school on Tuesday 19th November with no teacher or parent assistance. Students may take this home and practice in preparation for the following day. Speeches are to be a maximum of 3 minutes and the order of the speeches will be drawn from a hat.

Students from Years 3 to 6 will then vote for the 8 students they would like to be leaders for 2020. Students will vote by preference 1-4 for boy candidates and 1-4 for girl candidates.

The qualities Year 6 student leaders are expected to have are:

- Exemplary behaviour
- Being an excellent role model
- Showing pride in our school
- Being responsible and reliable
- Confident in public
- Showing kindness and thoughtfulness to others
- High level of engagement in class and school

MRS BUWALDA

RELIEVING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

DANCE TROUPES 2020 AUDITIONS

In Week 4, Miss Kafkis and I will be holding auditions for the 2020 Performance Dance Troupes. Students who will be in Year 3 and Year 4 in 2020 (current Year 2's and 3's) are invited to audition to join our Stage 2 Performance Troupe. Students who will be in Year 5 and Year 6 (current Year 4's and 5's) are invited to audition to join our Stage 3 Performance Troupe. The initial auditions will be held during class time on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

If you were a member of the 2019 Dance Troupe, please remember that you will need audition along with the other interested students if you would like the opportunity to be a part of the Troupe next year. This process ensures fairness and an equal opportunity for all students.

An eNews has been sent today with a link to the 'Expression of Interest' form. If you have more than one child auditioning, each child will require their own form to be submitted. All Expression of Interest forms must be submitted no later than **Monday 4th November 2019 at 5pm.**

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Moore via email or the front office.

Happy Dancing!

MISS MOORE



INTENTION TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2021

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2020**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at [https:// education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7).

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. **You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

MS BRIDEKIRK PRINCIPAL

LIBRARY NEWS

Term 4 is upon us and it is nearing that time of year when borrowing will cease and books will need to be returned.

Mrs Waldron-Lamotte is processing overdue items in the upcoming weeks with notices being issued to those students who have not yet returned their books. On these notices there will be a section to fill out to inform Mrs Waldron-Lamotte the whereabouts of the book. Instructions on this process will be detailed on these notices.

Last chance for borrowing will be in week 5.

In week 6 all books will need to be returned please.





2020 SCHOOL TRAVEL APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAMS

ASIC recently announced that it is seeking the public's views of school banking programs to help inform its review. ASIC would like to hear from school parents. You can do this online by answering ASIC's short survey and providing any other feedback. Simply visit consultation.asic.gov.au/financial-capability/review-school-banking-programs/

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EPPING HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C NOTICE FOR 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019 7.00PM @ EHPS LIBRARY

The 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Epping Heights Public School Parents and Citizens' Association will be held at the school library on **TUESDAY 3 December 2019** commencing at **7.00pm**.

All financial members are strongly encouraged to attend as voting will take place on the night for the 2020 P&C Executive. You will also be able to join or renew your membership on the night.

On the night, the current P&C Executive and Heads of Sub-Committees will present their reports for past year's activities.

After this, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Nominations will also be sought for the head(s) of the following P&C Sub-Committees:

- Fundraising
- Uniform Shop
- School Banking
- Grounds
- Band
- Book Club
- Community Relations

A brief description of the roles and responsibilities for all P&C positions follows this notice. If you are interested or would like more information, please send an email to ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com.

Please note that the AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

**** THE AGM WILL BE FOLLOWED STRAIGHT AWAY BY THE DECEMBER P&C GENERAL MEETING.**

EHPS P&C ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PRESIDENT

The president is responsible for the overseeing of the P&C and the associated committees, presiding and running the P&C meetings, representing the P&C at school events and liaising with the NSW P&C Association and the Principal over any P&C and school matters.

VICE PRESIDENT

The vice president in the absence of the President presides over meetings and fulfils the President's responsibilities.

SECRETARY

The Secretary is responsible for giving notice of meetings, attending meetings and keeping record of all meetings, business conducted.

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TREASURER

The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining financial records and ensuring that all accounts are up to date. They also make payments and organise audit of books.

FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising coordinator plans, oversees and co-ordinates any fundraising events for the school.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop coordinator is responsible for the running of the uniform shop. This includes maintaining records of sales, money receipted and the ordering of uniform stock.

SCHOOL BANKING

The School Banking coordinator manages the school banking program at our school and facilitates weekly banking for our students

GROUNDS

Grounds convenor organises working bees with volunteers from the school once a term at the school.

BAND

Band Coordinator is responsible for managing the EHPS band sub-committee and overseeing the EHPS band program.

BOOK CLUB

Book club coordinator oversees the school's book club orders throughout the year.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Community Relations Coordinator's main role is to liaise with the school and to help the school welcome any visitors, members of the community and newcomers. The Community Relations Coordinator is supported by a pool of volunteers from the CUPPA CREW.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KINDY 2020 ORIENTATION

EHPS Kindergarten Orientation will be held on the 13 and 20 of November 2019 (Wednesdays in Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 4).

We need some volunteers to help greet the new families as they arrive, hand out information packs, serve morning tea and help clean up at the end of each session. We will need the volunteers from 8:30am -11:30am.

If you are free and can help out on one or both of the mornings, please send an email to ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com.



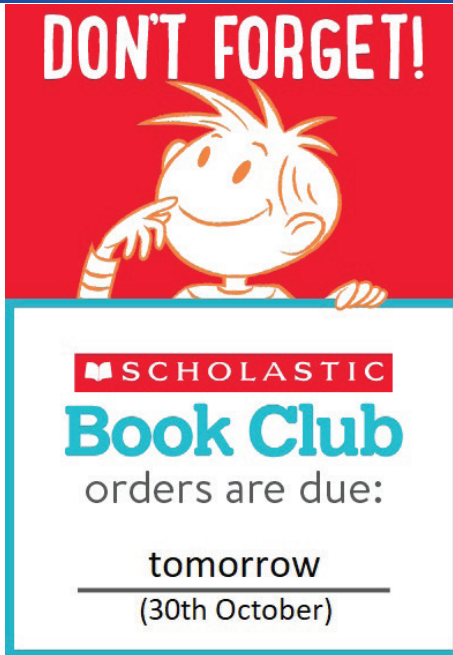
CAN YOU HELP WITH SOUND AT CAROLS 2019?

Carols committee would love the assistance of a few people with experience in sound systems help set up and run the PA system for the Epping Heights carols on the afternoon and evening of Friday 6th December. Any time you could contribute would be greatly assisted. Please contact ehpscarols@gmail.com if you are able to help.

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BAND HANDS ON NIGHT 2019

On **Tuesday November 5 at 6.30pm** the EHPS Band will hold a night where students get the unique opportunity to try out the various instruments which make up the band.

This Hands On night involves the opportunity to physically pick up and play all the instruments, a chance to talk and to be assessed by a professional musician as to whether a child has the physical capacity to actually play the particular instrument of choice.

Playing an instrument and getting the best out of the experience is not just about practice, it's about being passionate about playing the instrument and having the physical capacity (ie sometimes this requires lung capacity, finger reach or an ability to have the right shape formed by their mouth). Children do not need to have any historical musical experience to be able to join the EHPS Band program.

We have a variety of instruments available to play and a number available to loan for the first year of playing with the EHPS band, some of the larger instruments are available for loan for longer due to cost of purchasing these individually.

We currently have more than 100 students participating in the EHPS Bands and they are learning to play a variety of musical instruments and styles of music with their friends and positively participating and contributing to the band and greater school community by providing live music for all to enjoy.

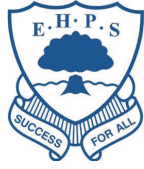
We welcome all students from EHPS to participate in this Hands On night.

Students need to be in Year 3 (2020) or above to join the band program in 2020.

As always we welcome students in Years 4 to 6 in 2020 who are not currently in the school band but are currently learning an instrument - you are also welcome to attend this night.

For more information about the EHPS Band program please see our website www.ehpsband.com or contact us via bandehps@gmail.com.

*****Please note information on auditions to join our Strings group to be advertised shortly so please keep an eye out for this*****



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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to swap to healthy snacks

Foods packed in the lunch box contribute significantly to a child's overall diet. It is important to try and keep unhealthy treat foods out of the lunch box. Try these healthy swaps:

Swap this	For this
Chips	Plain popcorn
Chocolate bar	Homemade bliss balls
Sweet biscuits	Raisin bread
Fruit roll ups/sticks	Tub of canned fruit
Lollies	Dried fruit
Flavoured biscuit	Crackers with cheese
Commercial muffins	Homemade fruit muffins

For snack ideas visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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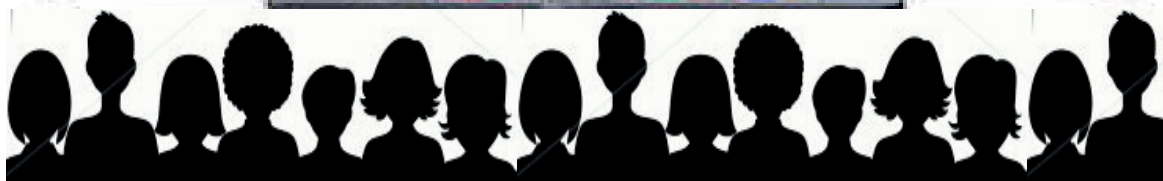
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Email 이메일 电邮: eppinghts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Have a question?
We can help!



Community User Groups at Epping Heights PS

Did you know there are many extracurricular activities offered by private businesses at our school? Please contact the groups direct if you are interested in attending any of these activities.

Activity	Day	Time	Contact person	Phone
Drama Enrichment Class	Monday	3.15pm	Halina Abramowicz	0422 542 166
Chess Class (Syd Academy of Chess)	Monday	3.10pm	Brett Tindall	9745 1170
Guitar Lessons (VIP Music)	Tuesday	Morning	Urszula Koh	9411 3122
Keyboard Lessons (VIP Music)	Tuesday	Morning	Urszula Koh	9411 3122
Mandarin Class (Happy Chinese)	Wednesday Friday	3.15pm 3.15pm	Nancy Zhou	0433 589 696
Art Class (Art Platform)	Friday	3.15pm	Fergus Tam	0412 168 198
Karate Class (Australia's Youth Self Defence)	Saturday	Morning	Matt Klein	9904 5667
Peking Chinese Language Class	Saturday	Afternoon	Min Hua Li	0406 949 894
Punjabi Lessons	Sunday	Morning	Narian Singh	0405 217 446