

Epping Heights

Public School



NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 4 | 5 November 2019

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Confidence Resilience Creativity **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

IMPORTANT DATES

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 close
Tues	12/11	P&C Meeting in Library @7pm
Wed	13/11	Music Festival at Chatswood Concourse
Fri	15/11	Go Green Day (gold coin donation & muffi day)
Mon	18/11	Year 5 Open Day at CGHS @1.30pm
Wed	20/11	Leadership Speeches (Yrs 2-6) @1.45pm

Students were thoroughly entertained by our band at the demonstration assembly last week. It is wonderful to see so many students interested in joining this successful program. The Hands On night is tonight in the hall at 6.30pm. Please bring your child along to try some instruments and learn more about our excellent program. Thank you to our Band Committee for running such a valued program.



Newsletter articles due COB Friday

Values for this term:

Term 4 Integrity & Respect



Congratulations to our bands who performed in the Hornsby North Music Festival last Sunday. Training Band & Intermediate Band received Distinctions and Stage Band received a High Distinction. Special thanks to the parent organisers and to Mrs Armstrong and Miss J Lau for giving up their weekend time to supervise students.

BAND CONDUCTOR

We wish to announce that Mrs Linda Billingham, our lead band conductor will be leaving our school at the end of this year. Mrs Billingham is moving due to her husband's promotion. We wish Mrs Billingham every success for her future and thank her for the effort she has put into leading our bands this year. Mrs Billingham will be acknowledged at the Band breakfast event.

The P & C Band Committee has decided to run a merit selection process for the position of lead band conductor. This process will be similar to the one last year. It will be open to all who wish to apply. The panel will consist of P & C Band Committee representatives and school representatives. Further details will be sent once they are available.

LEAVE FOR 2020

If your child will not be here at the start of the school year next year, please ensure you have notified our office. Students on leave should have the appropriate leave forms completed for approval. This will help ensure your child has a reserved place in a class at our school for next year. Please ensure we are notified of any leave by November 15th as organisation for 2020 classes is underway.

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.

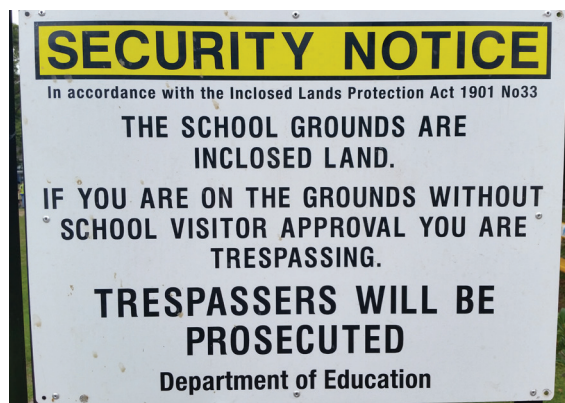
SAFETY

There will be workmen at our school on Saturday 9th and 15th of November. They will be installing the shade sail over the play equipment so children are not allowed to play on or near the front equipment. Children should not, AT ANY TIME, be playing in the school grounds unsupervised out of hours.

REPORTS

Teachers are currently completing ongoing assessments and have begun writing Semester Two reports for students. These will be sent home on Monday 16th December. Any students who are new at our school may receive an interim/adjusted reports which reflect the time they have been learning at our school. Students who enrol from today will not receive a written report but parents will have an opportunity to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher.

If your child is not here on Monday 16th December, their report will be kept in the office and can be collected next year. Reports cannot be distributed early due to time needed for school processes.





ONLINE SAFETY

As you are aware our school rules apply at all times and across all settings. Cyber-safety is taught explicitly K-6 at our school. Students are taught to be responsible digital citizens.

All students have been reminded of the rules and the trust that is placed on them by teachers and parents when they operate devices. This is particularly important as we help students build skills to ensure the discernible use of technology in high school and beyond. Students have also been reminded of the DOE user agreement they each individually enter, when they operate devices in schools.

When required, we take necessary steps to ensure inappropriate game sites are blocked by the Department of Education's (DOE) firewall. Unfortunately no Internet filter system is flawless. Within the DOE every effort is made to minimise the risk of students being exposed to improper material.

At this time and especially leading into the school holiday period, we suggest that you speak with your child about this issue and check they are playing appropriate games at home. Suggestions for conversations with children regarding online safety and security measures for home can be found at:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

<https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/>

MS MEGAN BRIDEKIRK PRINCIPAL

TABLE TENNIS

Well done to the two teams (Daniel & Murray, Armaan & Aahaan) who represented Epping Heights P.S at the Bennelong Table Tennis Cup! Both teams played their very best and showed amazing sportsmanship on and off the court against the other schools. A big congratulations to Armaan and Aahaan for receiving 3rd place in the competition and being awarded a bronze medal.

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GO GREEN DAY

On Friday, the 15th of November (Term 4 Week 5), our War On Waste team and SRCs are holding a Go Green Day. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle is our main awareness goal and we hope to inculcate this by running a fundraiser.

Go Green Day is all about our Earth and its environment. Students can wear green because it represents the environment. As part of this day, we also will make it a nude food day. This means try not to bring any foods which have a lot of packaging. This includes chip packets, juice boxes, wrapping such as foil around your food and many more. The idea is to reduce our packaging that we bring to school.

If you wear green muffi there will be a gold coin donation. All the money raised will go towards an organisation called Drought Angels which is a charity for drought affected schools and farms. Drought Angels is all about our current drought. Many people across Australia haven't seen any rain water in ages. Every dollar donated helps support families and the community's wellbeing. A drop of water is worth more than a sack of gold to a thirsty man. Help our farmers since food grows where water flows.

GO GREEN!!!!!!!!!!

BY AAROHI (6E)



ASK GRAN NOT GOOGLE

Ask Gran not Google is a fun activity encouraging intergenerational connection. The SRC will send a pack home for all students to ask seniors some questions that they would usually Google (pictured at right). Please support your child's participation in the project to help highlight the importance of seniors in our community.



In a highly technological age, seniors can be a vital source of information and support to young people. Seniors can teach children positive attitudes towards ageing and help them develop skills to enhance lifelong learning in ways the internet is unable to provide. This intergenerational exchange is just as beneficial for seniors as it can promote health outcomes and reduce depression. Building bonds between generations affirms the value of people of all ages and encourages an increase in family and community involvement in a digital age society.

Please help your child to distribute their postcards. This can be done in a number of ways:

1. hand delivery
2. mail
3. OR photograph their postcard to send via email or text message.

Of course it isn't possible for everyone, but it would be fantastic if seniors could bring their postcard to school and share their answers in person on 11 November for Grandparents Day and Remembrance Day.

Check out these videos for more info...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSU9GCw5nLY&feature=youtu.be>

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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 NEWS

HANDS ON NIGHT 2019 TONIGHT

Tonight **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

HORNSBY NORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL RESULTS

Epping Heights Bands have had fantastic results on the weekend after all their hard efforts over the last couple of months!

Stage Band - High Distinction
Intermediate Band - Distinction
Training Band - Distinction

On behalf of the band members, thank you to Mrs Billingham and Mr Endicott for all their time and efforts, our teachers who once again were there with their management expertise, the School for their on going support and encouragement, the Band Coordinators for their organisation and the Band Committee for their continued work behind the scenes.

Many thanks goes to parents, family and friends who provide the means to get band members to rehearsals, tutoring and to encourage practice.

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The level of music our students are producing, their ongoing commitment and the professional manner in which they present themselves on and off stage shows in the music (and results) that they are producing. Especially as some of them only had some of the music performed given to them just a few weeks ago!

Concert Band did not participate this time as they had the opportunity of performing in the Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble Spring Music Festival a few weeks ago where they also were able to watch other very talented students and community bands from across northern Sydney. They also performed exceptionally in front of a large audience in a professional concert hall at the Chatswood Concourse.

The String Ensemble will also be performing on the same stage as part of the Epping Music Festival in a few weeks time.

Congratulations once again and we hope you continue to progress and enjoy your music as much as we enjoy listening to your performances.

**REGARDS
EHPS BAND**

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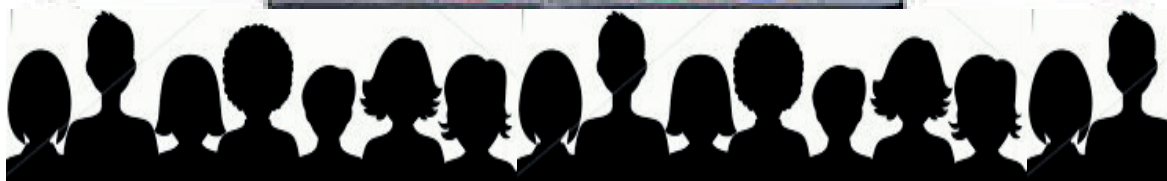
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To contact the school, request a meeting with a teacher or other general information, you can:
Phone 전화 电话: 02 9876 2791
Email 이메일 电邮: eppinghts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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