



Success for All IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 3 December 2020

Year 6 Farewell

Friday 4 December 2020 EHPS Virtual Carols – 6:00pm

Monday 7 December 2020

Presentation Day

Tuesday 8 December 2020

P&C Zoom Meeting

Thursday 10 December 2020 Bazaar Day

Monday 14 December 2020

School reports to go home

Wednesday 16 December 2020

Final day of school for students

Friday 29 January 2021

First day of school for 2021 – Years 1-6

Monday 1 February 2021

First day of school for Kindergarten 2021



Newsletter articles due by COB Monday

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 8| 3 December 2020

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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

It is hard to believe it is already December. What a year this has been! Our students are working hard to achieve their goals and prepare for the following year. Teachers are becoming nostalgic as we recognise the growth of our students emotionally, socially and academically. Learning will be celebrated at our Annual Presentation day assemblies next Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

In order to ensure equity of access to the zoom assembly for all families, we ask that ideally only 1 connection per child is accessed. A maximum of 2 is allowed but if you don't need both, please only access one.

Just a reminder that all Kinder students will receive an end of year certificate (not an award) and all Year 6 students will receive their graduation certificates.

I look forward to seeing you next Monday via zoom as we celebrate together.

## High school transition

On Tuesday most of our Year 6 students attended their local high school for orientation day. This is a valuable part of preparing our students for high school. Children reported they had fun and many have a new appreciation for our 'small' primary school. Year 6 students will also be involved in a high school preparation afternoon at our school. They will be shown resources to support their learning and wellbeing and have an opportunity to ask questions and address issues or concerns. As part of this session they will also watch a movie made by some of our ex-students called "Top tips for High school'. I would like to publicly thank Aarohi B (Year 6 2019) for initiating this idea. Aarohi has been in communication with me over the last few months to design a useful resource to help her peers currently in Year 6. Thank you to Alexander G, Gabriella S and Hamish H (Year 6 2019) for also sharing their tips for high school.

## Year 6 farewell

We look forward to celebrating with Year 6 later this evening at their farewell. Parents are reminded to check enews for information about the evening. This includes compulsory sign in and sign out procedures. Photos from the evening will be shared with Year 6 parents via a link on enews next week.

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## **Congratulations**

We wish to acknowledge the work of Sooah K whose beautiful artwork has been selected to be in the 2021 DOE Book week calendar. Well done Sooah.

We also congratulate Alex L & Serena C who had their artwork selected by Mr John Alexander OAM MP for his 2020 Christmas Card. Please see here their lovely Christmas Card artwork.



### Kinder 2021 – optional play session

We noticed last week that many new Kindergarten children were very interested in our lovely play equipment on the front oval. **We would like to offer the opportunity to bring your child for a play on the equipment and in our sandpit**. This is a chance for them to meet new friends and have another fun time at 'big school'. Please see enews for more details about this event.





### **Gifts for teachers**

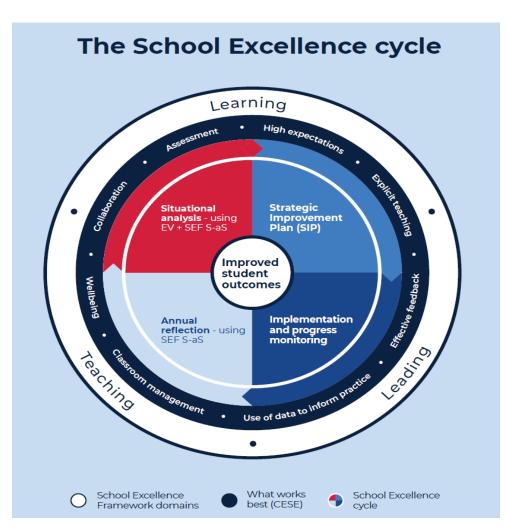
The Code of Conduct clarifies the standards of behaviour that are expected of Department of Education staff in the performance of their duties. It gives guidance in areas where staff need to make personal and ethical decisions. Our staff undertake annual training to ensure they understand this policy.

As we come to the end of the year, we know many parents would like to thank their child's class teacher. Whilst not expected, this is welcomed and teachers are grateful.

Please be aware that the Code of Conduct clearly states that teachers are unable to accept gifts/tokens that are over \$50 or presented as cash.

Thank you for understanding.

### Strategic Improvement Plan



As discussed at P & C and in previous newsletters, our school has undertaken our situational analysis. This involved the executive team and staff looking inward, outward and forward. We have analysed a range of evidence and data to evaluate current school practice and identify areas for future focus. This included examining the information and feedback you have given us in the Tell Them From Me survey. We will share some of the findings at our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 8 December at 7pm.



#### Presentation Day

Our annual presentation day will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Due to health restrictions they will be held across the day as follows:

Stage 3 at 9.15am (including Year 5 from 4/5M)

Kindergarten at 10.15am (including K from K/1H)

Stage 1 at 11.30am (including Year 1 from K/1H and Year 2 from 2/3A)

Stage 2 at 2pm (including Year 3 from 2/3A and Year 4 from 4/5M)

The assembly will include a pre-recorded performance by the bands. 4 awards will be presented per class and special Year 6 awards, student leaders and house captains will be announced at the Stage 3 assembly.

To support parent involvement, each assembly will be live streamed via Zoom. The live stream will focus only the stage (not the audience).

Parents of students who are receiving awards have been <u>emailed</u> with information. We ask that you keep this award a secret so it is a surprise for your child. Students receiving awards must have permission to participate in the live stream. A Google form has been sent to you <u>via email</u> if your child is receiving an award.

All Kindergarten children will receive an end of year certificate. Parents have been sent a link via enews to give permission for your child to participate in this live stream.

All Year 6 students will receive their graduation certificates. Parents have been sent a link via enews to give permission for your child to participate in this live stream.

Students who do not have permission will have their name read at the assembly and will be presented with their award after the live stream has ended.

All parents will be invited to view the assembly via Zoom. The link will be sent via enews closer to the event. We ask that only 2 separate accounts per student log in, to ensure there is room for all parents. We look forward to joining with you in this unique way to celebrate student achievement at Epping Heights Public School for 2020. Please ensure in the coming days you check enews and emails for more details.

Ms Megan Bridekirk

PRINCIPAL

### School Office Opening and Closing Times During Holidays

The admin office will close at **11.30am on Friday 18 December for the school holidays**. It will reopen again on Wednesday 27 January, however there will be some times of closure for staff mandatory training on the first two days of term, which are school development days (no students). The hours are –

Wednesday 27 Jan – Open 8.30 to 10.30am and 12.30 to 3.15pm (Closed 10.30 to 12.30)

Thursday 28 Jan – Open 8.30 to 10.30am and 12.30 to 3.15pm. (Closed 10.30 to 12.30)

Years 1 – 6 Students return on Friday 29 January at 9.05am. Kindergarten 2021 students begin Monday 1 Feb at 10am.



## Calling All Kindy 2021 Parents!



Are you looking for a really fun way to get involved in your child's school next year, that doesn't take a lot of your time but the kids really enjoy? Each Friday morning during term from 9-9.40am, our volunteers facilitate the children's discussion of the Primary Ethics curriculum. We don't currently have a volunteer for Kindy and would love to offer this fantastic program. See www.primaryethics.com.au for details, or contact our school's Primary Ethics Coordinator Kate on 0412 389 079 or ehpsethicscoordinator@gmail.com

## EPPING HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL parents & citizens association

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The Epping Heights P&C Association invites you to join us for our next P&C general meeting at **7pm on Tuesday 8 December** 2020. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting will once again be held online via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining us online for the meeting, please register your interest by emailing <u>ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com</u> by 5pm <u>Monday 7 December 2020</u> and we will forward the Zoom link via email to you on the morning of the meeting.

We hope to see many of you there!

EHPS P&C



• SEE THE EHPS BANDS PERFORM, CHILDREN SING AND A SPECIAL GREETING FROM EACH YEAR GROUP

# EPPING HEIGHTS

TO CELEBRATE THE END OF 2020!

## ONLINE FROM 6:00PM THIS FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2020

PLAN YOUR **COVID-SAFE** PARTIES AT HOME. SEE NSW HEALTH FOR NEW LARGER GATHERING LIMITS

LINK TO THE EVENT WILL BE SENT OUT VIA E-NEWS ON FRIDAY



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## **Welcome to Epping Heights Public School!**



There are many activities put on by Parramatta City Council over the summer holidays.

They can be accessed via the following link -

https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/recreation-school-holidays





KICKS After School® is a structured after school program providing free school pickup, healthy snacks, a supervised homework period and a martial arts & leadership training session.

AFTER SCHOOL

KICKS is open until 6.30pm, Mon-Fri for your convenience.

notion valid for new enrolments commencing before 30.11.20



- 3:05 : Kids picked up from school 3:30 : Healthy snacks and supervised homework 4:30 : Martial arts/leadership lessons
  - 5:30 : Supervised recreation time

6:30 : Students picked up from KICKS

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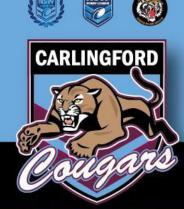
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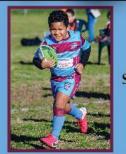




## CARLINGFORD COUGARS Junior Rugby League Football Club

## Come and Play Junior League for the mighty Cougars!

2019 NSWRL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER! 2018 NSWRL "RESPECT" AWARD WINNER! 2017 NSWRL GRASSROOTS CLUB OF THE YEAR!



"Come & Try" Day Rugby League & League Tag Sunday, December 6, 2020 9.00-10.30am at Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, Dundas.

"Come & Try" Night Rugby League & League Tag Friday, February 5, 2021 5.30-6.30pm at Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, Dundas.



#### Mini Footy (Ages 4-8) Mod Footy (Ages 9-12)

Safe Play modified rules used for boys and girls from U6-U12 age groups.

#### League Tag - Girls Teams (Ages 10-Opens)

Come play "Non-Contact" League Tag. Open to girls aged 10 and above.

We are an accredited Active Kids Provider

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## Rugby League (Ages 13-17)

Safe Play Rugby League rules used for U13s and above.

### Season Kicks Off in April

- Our games are played on SUNDAYS as part of the Balmain JRL.
- All players receive jersey, shorts, socks, training shirt and NRL passcode. (Mouthguard, headgear and boots not included)
- Contact us for further information about the Active Child rebate.
- U6 First Year Free Rego Contact us for your discount code





## ALL DAY SUPERVISION 8AM-6PM

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