



Success for All

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 18 November 2020 OC Test – Yr 4 only

Wednesday 25 November 2020 Last Day for Read With Me Kindergarten Orientation

Thursday 3 December 2020 Yr 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

Friday 29 January 2021 First Day of School for 2021 – Yrs 1-6

Monday 1 February 2021 First Day of School for Kindergarten 2021

Newsletter articles due by COB Monday

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 5| 12 November 2020

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Yesterday I was once again very proud of the respectful behaviour of all students during our special Remembrance Day assembly. Led by Emma & Juwon (KM), Lukas & Kalia (KK) and supported by our prefects Declan and Kaitlyn- our school paused to remember the end of WW1 and think of those who have lost their lives or been injured so that we can live safely in a free country. Thank you to Miss Kafkis who made the special video and to Mr Buckman who read The Ode.







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Last week our Band presented a special Halloween movie. Congratulations to the students who performed. We were very entertained. Thank you to the Band Committee for putting this together. We hope you enjoy it too.

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Next week we will have a Band demonstration. This will be done via zoom given the current health restrictions. We hope many students will be inspired and interested to join our outstanding band program. More details to come.

Principal awards and Read With Me books

The rewards program for Read With Me and Principals awards ends on Wednesday November 25th. Please encourage your child to finish reading 100, 200 or 300 books as this program restarts next year. If your child has 5 merit awards (including keys to success) they can trade them for a Principal's award. Whilst our regular zoom assemblies have ended, I look forward to presenting these awards in classes or via PA assemblies.

A huge thank you to Mrs Linda Wong and the P & C helpers for running the book club program. Profits from this program go directly back to our students through the purchase of read with me books. This year more than \$2500 worth of books have been purchased by P & C.



Presentation Day - Save the date

Monday 7th December is our annual presentation day. Due to health guidelines we will be hosting this in a different format this year. Each stage will have their own presentation assembly. Students will receive class awards and book prizes (as sponsored by the P & C- 4 per class). Year 6 special awards will be presented at the Stage 3 assembly. Every Kindergarten student will receive a graduation certificate.

If your child is receiving a special award this year you will be notified by email. <u>Please ensure your email address</u> is updated with the office by Monday 16th November so you don't miss a possible notification. This is best done by emailing the school.



Parents are invited to attend via zoom. The assemblies will also include a special performance by some of our bands. Information about times and a link to join us will be sent via enews in the coming weeks. We hope you will join us to celebrate student achievement.

<u>P&C</u>

Our school benefits greatly form a dedicated and active P & C. This group of committed parents fill many functions and provide essential services in our school. The P & C is a place where parents can meet (once a month via zoom) to discuss ideas and issues or ask questions. It is a valued place where the school gets to consult and collaborate to find out what parents think, value and want for our children.

I would like to thank the outgoing P & C Executive and committee members for 2020.

President	Mrs Janet Lawrence
Vice-President	Mrs Monica Seto
Secretary	Mrs Jenn Kwaan
Treasurer	Mrs Flora Miao
Uniform Shop	Ms Nicole Otten
Band	Mrs Hannah Chim
Book Club	Mrs Linda Wong
Banking	Ms Sara Chohan
Carols Committee	Mrs Janette Hudson, Mrs Jenn Kwaan, Mrs Denise Brix-Nielsen

This has been a challenging year for everyone and our P & C have worked together to support the students, staff and our school. We are grateful.

There are a number of positions to fill for the P & C 2021. Please consider helping or even sharing a role. Please see the P &C section or contact this friendly group for more information.

Help needed!

In the coming weeks we will be meeting with the P & C and our wider parent community to share findings from our Situational Analysis and set future school directions. We are asking for any parents who would be willing to help us translate written materials and also assist me by translating in short live zoom parent forums. If you are able to help, please contact the office and I will get I touch with you as soon as possible.





Health and safety update

If your child has cold symptoms you are asked to take them for a COVID-19 test. Students will be sent home if they display any cold or flu symptoms and asked to get a COVID test as per Department of Education guidelines. **Students who have a COVID-19 test are not allowed to return not school until you give the school a copy of a negative result.**

Please leave our school grounds immediately after picking up your child. Please do not stay behind to play on school equipment. Please remind grandparent helpers to do the same.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to keep our school community safe.

Ms Megan Bridekirk

Principal





PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Karyn	1T	Remington	2/3A	Robert	3E
lan	3E	Violet	4P	Daniel	5/6Q

MERIT AWARDS

Haasith	KK	lan	KK	Demi	KM
Aiden	KM	Sivin	KT	Teagan	КТ
Eric	K/1H	Pavitej	K/1H	Imogen	1/2S
Jane	1/25	Mustafa	1G	Annie	1G
Rian	1T	Jasper	1T	Lara	2C
Sharvari	2C	Iren	2G	Evelyn	2G
Leon	2K	Rucha	2К	Lorenzo	3E
Ethan	3E	Eric	3M	Abiyash	3M
Kent	3/4B	Jeremy	4P	Neeti	4P
Matthew	4P	Sophia	4P	Harry	4S
Jayla	4S	Katerina	4/5M	Rocco	4/M
Marcus	4/5M	Aakash	5B	Kate	5B
Leah	5D	Murray	5D	William	5/6Q
Laila	5/6Q	Jessica	6E	Joshua	6E
Vidyarth	6S	Caleb	6S		

READ WITH ME AWARDS

Kalia	KK	Zoe	КК	Tian	KT
Larry	K/1H	Alice	K/1H	Abdullah	K/1H
Rowan	2G	Riya	2G	Jana	2G
May	2G	Nicki	2K	Charlie	2/3A
Tara	4P	Nashita	4/5M	Maximilian	4/M
Srihan	4/M				



Reminder - Swimming Carnival 2021 Expression of Interest Due FRIDAY for Year 1 and 2 students.

REMINDER - Expression of Interest for Year 1 and 2 Students attending the 2021 Swimming Carnival will **close this FRIDAY the 13th at 3pm.** Please follow the link or QR code below to access the Google Form to indicate whether your child will be attending the carnival or not. Any students who have not indicated, will be considered not attending.

https://forms.gle/THe61Nt28WXig6J66



This week Primary Ethics turns 10!

Join Our Volunteer Team



Epping Heights PS was one of the earliest schools to adopt Ethics, with the first students taught by volunteers Shaun Mooney and Jenny Kane. Thank you to our current trained volunteers who facilitate the Ethics lessons, Hannah Chim, Nicole Otten, Eddie Jones, and Kate Booth. Our new trainee Elly Blewden will start Term 1 next year.

In 2020, we teach over 70 children every week. Each Friday morning, the children have conversations on ethical issues including topics such as: imagining how others feel; how do we treat living things?; what is laziness?; how do we disagree in a respectful way?; and fairness.

Lesson plans are provided by Primary Ethics and have been approved by the Department of Education. The curriculum aims to help children develop a life-long capacity to make well-reasoned decisions on ethical issues. We hope students will become informed and inquiring adults with the ability to recognise ethical issues and explore them with others in a considered, productive and respectful way. They are encouraged to think about the impact of their actions, not just on the people close to them, but also on the broader community.

We would love to expand the program to all grades and need more volunteers to do so! Maybe your work schedule is more flexible now? Grandparents and other members of your family and friends network might also be interested in volunteering, so please speak to them about volunteering.

Classes run on Friday mornings during term, from 9.05-9.40am. See the website for details <u>www.primaryethics.com.au</u> or contact the school coordinator Kate on 0412 389 079 orehpsethicscoordinator@gmail.com to find out more.



School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A

new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should <u>re-apply or update their details</u>.

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new <u>eligibility criteria</u>, 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 a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <u>https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails</u>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, 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 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older) 🛛 Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.



EPPING HEIGHTS OSCH

Dear Families,

Our new enrolments for 2021 have now commenced. Please contact the centre to obtain your enrolment password should you wish to use our services next year.

Please note that our Dec/Jan Vacation Care dates have changed:

- The last day for OSHC/VCare for 2020 is Friday 18th Dec
- We will reopen Monday 11th January 2021



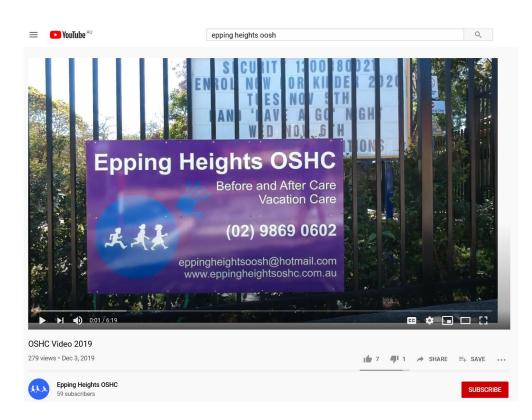
If you require holiday care additional to the dates we are providing, please contact us for referrals to other affiliated services.

If you are interested in watching some of our videos, please search for Epping Heights OOSH on YouTube and check out all we have to offer.

Regards,

Adam Pearson

(Centre Director)





EPPING HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL Parents & citizens Association

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EHPS Annual General Meeting 2021

Thank you to all who attended our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday night.

A warm welcome and congratulations to the following P&C committee members for 2021:

- Treasurer Flora Miao
- Uniform Shop Hayley Cho
- Book Club Linda Wong
- Community Relations Lynley Yeo

Thank you again for volunteering and our school is very fortunate to have you all give up your time to make our school a better place.

We are currently still looking for volunteers to fill the following positions for 2021.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Banking Coordinator
- Grounds Coordinator

If you are interested, please email <u>ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com</u> for more information

JOIN EHPS P&C 2021
Joining our school's P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C, you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community.
The 2021 annual membership fee of \$1.10 is payable via Qkr ! and entitles you to full voting rights as a Financial Member at our general meetings. Should you choose not to pay the membership
fee, you are still welcome to participate as an observer but you will not be able to vote or hold office.
If you have any questions, please email ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com



Book Club – Issue 8 Orders due Friday 20th November 2020

Hi everyone! Our last Book Club of this year – Issue 8 is out! The catalogues have been sent home. If you don't have one, you can pick up a copy from the school office or click on this link: <u>https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5754/bc820.pdf</u>

A big **thank you** to all the parents who have participated in Book Club this year. So far, our school has ordered \$2,519 worth of books for students' *Read With Me Awards* using the Book Club reward points earned by your purchases through Book Club.

As you may already know, all Scholastic Book Club orders earn 20% back in reward points for the school to purchase books for students, so if you would like to place an order, please do so by *Friday 20th November 2020.*



All orders must be made online through <u>LOOP</u>, and LOOP ordering will remain open until 10:00pm on the due date. <u>DO NOT drop any cash at the school office</u>. Thank you!

Please send all Book Club enquiries to eppingheights.bookclub@gmail.com.

Linda Wong Book Club Coordinator JOIN US ONLINE FOR A NIGHT OF FESTIVE FUN & SINGING

EPPING HEIGHTS

TO CELEBRATE THE END OF 2020! ONLINE FROM 6:00PM FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2020

We're excited to announce that EHPS Carols 2020 will still go ahead!

For the first time ever, we will have our CAROLS ONLINE and families will be able to join in the festivities from the comfort of their own homes (following NSW Health Guidelines). Bands and singers will be pre-recorded, and broadcast details will be released closer to the time.

So SAVE THE DATE, spread the word, and get your singing voices and party platters ready!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 2021

The **Epping Heights Public School Parent & Citizens Association (P&C)** works with the school to improve the learning environment for our kids and to build a stronger community in our school.

The P&C contributes to the school in many ways including:

- financially supporting the purchase of classroom equipment;
- organising and running fundraisers;
- coordinating the school music program; and
- providing essential services such as the uniform shop, book club and the school banking program.

To do this, we rely on parents who are also keen to make this school a better place for their child(ren).

We are looking for parents willing to volunteer and fill up positions for our school's P&C for **2021**. Some of the roles we need to fill are:

President - runs our meetings and represents the P&C
Vice-President - supports the President with their responsibilities
Secretary- take notes at meetings and handles the paper work
Uniform Shop Coordinator - runs and coordinates the uniform shop
Fundraising - plans and coordinates fundraising events for the school.
Grounds - organises school working bees with volunteers from the school once a term
Banking - runs our school banking program

The roles above **<u>CAN BE SHARED</u>** and you will get a lot of support and assistance. You do not need to have experience and we are always happy to see new faces. If you are interested or want to find out more, please email the EHPS P&C Secretary at **ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com**.





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