



IMPORTANT DATES

2 July NAIDOC Week starts

1-16 July School holidays

17 July Staff return. Office open 9-11 and 2-3p.m only

18 July Students return

18 July K-2 dance program starts

19 July No assembly

20 July Final camp payment due

25 July K-2 dance program

26 July Athletics ribbon assembly

27 July OC test

31 July Education week

31 July Kinder 2024 Open Day

1 August Dance K-2

2 August Open day

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 calendars

[Epping Heights Parent planner \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 | Week 10 | June 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a fantastic end to a busy term! Last week students participated in a fun day of athletics carnival events. Congratulations to all students who tried their best and showed good sportsmanship. This is the spirit of EHPS. Special congratulations to all those students who achieved outstanding results. Notes have gone home today to invite parents of ribbon recipients to our assembly next term. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who helped on the day and especially to Mrs Armstrong for coordinating this massive and complex event. *Note: teachers were so busy doing their allocated jobs all day we didn't get a chance to capture the event with many photos. Thank you for understanding.*



Congratulations to our spelling bee finalists Stage 3- Helen Y 5A and Stage 2- Shreyansh 3N. We wish them S-U-C-C-E-S-S for the next round of the Premiers Spelling Bee competition.



I was thrilled to attend the Sydney North Dance Festival on Monday night. Our Stage 2 and 3 dancers performed exceptionally well. They remembered all their choreography and their smiles lit up the stage. Congratulations! A huge thank you to Miss Moore for leading our dance program and to Miss Gravas for taking Stage 3 dance. We are fortunate to have teachers who give up their time before school, at lunch time and nights to enable students to participate in these memorable events.



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Our school recognised NAIDOC week with a special assembly on Wednesday. This year's celebrations will be from 2nd to 9th July, which is the first week of the school holidays. NAIDOC is a special celebration that stands for 'National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee.' It used to be the name of the group of people who organized the festivities, but now it's the name of the celebration itself. During NAIDOC Week we get to celebrate the amazing culture, history, and accomplishments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It's a time to learn, have fun, and show our respect and appreciation for their wonderful heritage! We encourage you to take some time to watch the clip explaining NAIDOC week and discuss it with your child. <https://www.naidoc.org.au/awards/current-theme> Thank you to Mrs Sammut and Mr Squires for organising this special assembly.



On Tuesday all students took home their Semester 1 reports. Our school reports on your child's progress with written reports twice a year (mid and end of year). Students in Years 1-6 will receive A-E grades. Please take the time to read the explanation on the front of the report which explains these grades. Peer comparison reports showing the distribution of A-E grades for Years 1-6 are available by emailing the school. You are only able to access the peer comparison report for your child's grade. Interviews are conducted with all families at the end of Term 1 and by email request at other times of the year. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this report with the teacher, please email the school and arrange an interview.

We value your feedback and use this to strengthen our practice. Please take the time to tell us your thoughts on reports by completing this short survey. The survey will close end of week 1 next term.

<https://forms.gle/DA5CfqfcVLtdBNrU9>



What should parents look for on the report?

- Effort panel
- Social development and commitment to learning
- Comments regarding strengths (celebrate success)
- Comments to support future goals

How can I help my child improve and be a successful learner?

- Talk to your child's class teacher.
- Remember the importance of a balanced approach to school and life.
- Help your child with his/her homework.
- READ (to & with) +widely.
- Encourage your child to be independent and take responsibility for himself/herself and his/her belongings.
- Make learning fun- play games with your child.



Save the date- Education Week Open Day Wednesday 2nd August

Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, teachers and students. Education Week 2023 will be held from 31 July to 4 August 2023 (Week 3, Term 3) and this year celebrates 175 years of public education in NSW.

Parents are warmly invited to join us on Open Day. More information will be sent early next term.

Outline:

9:15-10 Open Classrooms 10-11 Aboriginal Performance for students and parents 11-11:30 Picnic recess

11:30 (TBC) K-6 Concert

Wishing you and your family a safe, healthy and happy holiday. See you next term!

Ms Megan Bridekirk (Principal)



Free holiday activities

Share Our Space activities are back for the Term 2 school holidays! Get active and connect by attending one of the many fun activities we have going on across the state.

[Browse our events](#) >



Schools open daily

Find a school that's open daily during the school holidays.

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Schools open on weekends

Find a school that's open on weekends during the school holidays.

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Our school is open as part of the Share our Space program **on weekends only** these holidays. Visitors are not permitted on school grounds during the week due to the vacation care program which operates at our school. Please note children must be supervised by adults and the toilets are not open during the holidays. Please help keep our school safe and ensure respectful behaviour if you visit.

[Share Our Space \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/share-our-space)



Kindergarten 2024

Is your child starting school next year? Come and join us.

Would you like to know more about enrolment?

Contact Epping Heights Public School today

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

Phone: 02 9876 2791

School tour

Bring your child for a school tour and information session. Topics covered include:

- Overview of EHPS programs
- School readiness
- Specialist programs
- Technology
- Academic excellence
- Wellbeing programs

31st July, 2023
9:15am -10:30am

Email our school to register eppinghts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

AWARD RECIPIENTS

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Lachlan 1G

Nathan 1G

Thomas 1HF

Roddin 1M

READ WITH ME AWARDS

Zoe 1M

Elaine 2C

Hillary 3G

Winn 3G

Arietta 4P

Declan 4S

Reca 4S

Ahanya KS

Chelsey KS

Aadit KZ

Benedicte KZ

MERIT AWARDS

Kayla 1M

Juho 2S

Juho 2S

Anderson 2/3L

Stella 2S

Ayoung 1G

Daisy 1G

Evan 1G

Oliver 1G

Ellyse 1HF

Kian 1HF

Liam 1HF

Sasha 1HF

Aarini 1M

Dhwani 1M

Lucy 1M

Steven 1M

Bella 2C

Kayla 2C

Lucas 2C

Oscar 2C

Arya 2S

Danny 2S

Eleanor 2S

Marcus 2S

Ahanya KS

Aiden KS

Dannielle KS

Zoran KS

Sasha 1HF

Chelsey KS

Band Camp 2023

On Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th June, we took 84 Band students to CRU Galston Gorge for Band Camp.

Students participated in tutorials, rehearsals, a glockenspiel musical enrichment activity, high ropes and finished with a concert. They also indulged in an abundance of food and enjoyed roasting marshmallows by the campfire!

Congratulations to Lorenzo S. and Courtney C. for being elected the Band Captains for 2023. We would also like to congratulate Hailey C. for winning this year's Band Camp certificate competition.

Well done to the students for following our school rules throughout the weekend and making it an enjoyable weekend for everyone.

Thank you to our Band Camp Coordinator, Samantha, for the hard work, time and organisation she has dedicated to this event. Thank you to our Band Convenor, Sarah, and Assistant Convenor, Jenny, for their contributions towards making this event possible. We would also like to thank the parents who stayed overnight. Thank you to all other Band Committee parents and volunteers who also gave up their time to make this a memorable weekend for all involved.

Miss Goh and Miss Gravas
Band Camp Teachers



Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, the finalists of stage two and three of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition gathered at Ngarala Public School for the Northern Sydney Local Final No.10. The event commenced with a warm welcome from Ms. Zadow, the school's Principal, and the adjudicator, James Smith.

The morning session began with the prepared speeches from the stage two participants. Representing EHPS admirably were Larry W. (4P) and Bella X. (4P). Larry delivered a thoughtful and well-researched speech titled "Racism - No Way!" while Bella explored the theme of "Sports Bringing Us Together" from various perspectives. Following the prepared speeches, the stage two students faced the challenge of delivering impromptu speeches. This proved more demanding as they had only five minutes to craft a 1 to 1½-minute talk on the topic of "Big Ideas."

In the afternoon session, the stage three students presented their prepared speeches. Representing EHPS were Sianne Y. (5A) and Jade S. (5A). Sianne delivered an engaging and well-developed speech titled "Identity - It's Complicated," while Jade spoke passionately about "Raising Your Voice" and the importance of taking action instead of remaining silent. The impromptu topic for stage three was the idiom "Better Late Than Never."

The adjudicator expressed his admiration for the overall quality of the prepared and impromptu speeches, praising the participants for their passionate and nuanced presentations. He particularly emphasised the impact of speeches that incorporated personal heartfelt stories and made organic connections.

Jade was honoured with one of the two "Highly Recommended" certificates for stage three, as her speeches were noted by the adjudicator as being delivered with much conviction.

The four finalists from Epping Heights Public School represented their school with great distinction, and they should feel immensely proud of their remarkable efforts.

Ms. Burke and Ms. Elliott
MPPS Coordinators



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Class Meetups – Term 1 and Term 2

Fostering connections among our school community is integral to the development of students. Creating opportunities for them to bond and spend time outside of the school environment helps in cultivating a supportive and nurturing atmosphere.

This year, post-covid, community is getting back to face-to-face events. P&C initiated the idea of having class meetups per term, providing a unique opportunity for students to come together, fostering a sense of unity and community among them, beyond the classroom walls. These meetups have been taking place among different classes across all stages of our school community. Students enjoyed these gatherings and cherished the memorable moments shared with their friends. Several meetups have been planned for near future as well. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to join the class WhatsApp group, dedicated to your child's class, by contacting class parent. Class parent details are given in the link below. Being part of this network brings a multitude of advantages, such as receiving important communications and updates from the School and the P&C. Additionally, it serves as an additional platform for you to stay informed about the latest happenings in your child's class, enabling you to actively participate in their educational journey. <https://tinyurl.com/EHPSClassParents>

Thanks to P&C for the initiative and for providing the funding support, and thanks to all parents for joining the meetups.

Sincerely,

Naila Mukhtar

EHPs P&C Class Parent Coordinator 2023





Dear Parent/Guardian,

The P & C will be holding the *School Colour Fun Run* as a major fundraising event this year on **THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST!** P & C are doing it to raise money for **SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND NEW PLAYGROUND MARKINGS.**

About the Day

There will be huge inflatables to run through, and you will get to meet Chase the Cheetah! Think of it as a Colour Fun Run carnival! This will be one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, so please make sure the children attend on the day and cheer the other kids on!

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Go to schoolfunrun.com.au and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward – check these out in the sponsorship booklet!

Online Fundraising

The great thing about online fundraising is that you can share the link to your child's profile with friends and family via email, SMS and Social Media. *Note: for safety reasons, children should not go knocking on stranger's doors to collect sponsorship.

Competition Time

To get our event off to a great start- we're starting our School Colour Fun Run BIG SHOW with a super easy competition! The children in the class with the most online profiles registered by **THURSDAY 27TH JULY** will win an ice block! To help your child's class win, simply create their profile at schoolfunrun.com.au.

Getting Involved

If you would like to volunteer with preparation beforehand or on the day, please contact the EHPS P&C fundraising team on eppingheights.fundraising@gmail.com.

Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE

Please contact the fundraising team above if this isn't possible. Prizes MUST be ordered between the **17TH AUGUST** and **24TH AUGUST**. Simply visit schoolfunrun.com.au to log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any issues, please contact the *School Fun Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist!

Any further questions?

If you have any more questions about the day or do not want your child to participate in the School Colour Fun Run, please email the school at eppinghts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

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FATHER'S DAY GIFT STALL VOLUNTEER CALL

To all Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach the final week of term 2, we are also turning our attention to planning for the upcoming events in term 3. One highly anticipated event is Father's Day! The P&C is thrilled to announce that we will once again be hosting a Gift Stall in celebration of Father's Day on Thursday, July 31st, 2023. Our goal is to provide students with an opportunity to express their gratitude to the special individuals in their lives who care for them. We are currently seeking a dedicated volunteer to oversee the coordination of the event, liaise with the P&C, the school, and other volunteers for gift purchases, organize shopping arrangements for the students, and manage the stalls on the day.

Rest assured, the P&C will support you every step of the way. If the idea excites you and you are interested in taking a leadership role or volunteering, kindly sign up by clicking on the link OR scanning the QR code by **Monday, 03 July 2023**, so that we can commence our preparations promptly!

Feel free to gather your group of friends and join us as volunteers together!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5A62EA5F4C16-fathers>





Free holiday activities

Running at NSW public schools these holidays

