



Public School

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Success for All



"Here in Australia we're fortunate enough to have one of the richest and oldest continuing cultures in the world. This is something we should all be proud of and celebrate."

Dr Tom Calma AO. Reconciliation Australia Co-Chair

IMPORTANT DATES

Please check our planner on the website which is regularly updated.

<u>Home - Epping Heights Public School</u> (nsw.gov.au)

You can also connect it with your google calendar

Epping Heights Parent planner (google.com)

- 22 March 8:30 helper induction
- 22 March Easter Scripture service
- 25 March Reading workshop for parents
- 26 March last day to book Parent teacher interviews online
- 27 March Harmony Day events
- 27 March EALD parent session
- 28 March High school online applications due
- 29 March Public holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
- 1 April Public Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
- 2 April- 5 April- Parent teacher interviews (bookings only)
- 9 April P & C meeting 7p.m
- 9 April Cross Country carnival
- 10 April ANZAC service
- 12 April Last day of Term 1
- 13 April- 29 April school holidays.

Students return 30 April.

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | Week 8 | March 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are fortunate to have students who are community service minded and have leadership abilities and aspirations. It was a pleasure to help induct our Semester One Student Representative Council (SRC). These students serve their peers and classmates and ensure student voice is heard. We thank them and the valued Library Monitors for their service to our school. (See names later in this newsletter).





We are also fortunate to have our group of committed Class Parents who wish to serve the school community. I enjoyed meeting with the network last Monday to discuss the role and strengthen communication between home and school. It is wonderful to have such a strong sense of community at EHPS. Thank you to Naila & Sonia from P & C and to the class parents for giving up your time to meet and develop the class parent network at our school. We encourage all parents to sign up so you can get reminders, have a forum for simple questions and answers and connect for social events for your child.



International Day of Happiness is an initiative by the United Nations.

International Day of Happiness | United Nations. As part of our ongoing commitment to wellbeing, this year we celebrated to remind each student and our staff that they are known, valued and cared for. We hope your child uses their wrist band or pencil (Yr 6 only) to remember to let their light shine brightly in this world.

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SAFETY REMINDERS

We want to work with parents to ensure your child feels safe and happy at school. The learning and wellbeing of students is our focus. *If you have concerns about your child or the behaviour of another student towards your child, please bring those concerns to the school.* This can be best done by emailing to make a time to meet the class teacher or a member of the executive team. This way we can work around class responsibilities and commitments to give you the time and privacy needed. **Please DO NOT approach other people's children**. You are a stranger to other children. It is not appropriate for a parent to approach or discuss matters with our students. You would not like another parent to approach your child, so please be respectful. Thank you for understanding.

NSW Department of Education





Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff

education.nsw.gov.au

Students have now settled into morning routines at school. Teachers need to be able to have clear visibility in the playground and students need to be able to see the teacher on duty. This is currently hard to do as there are many parents waiting until the class bell goes. Please rest assured you can leave your child in the playground once the duty teacher (in the yellow vest) arrives at 8:35a.m This will also give your child the chance to develop independence and friendships.

We respectfully ask you to now please drop your child, give them a hug, say goodbye and leave them to play. Please remind Grandparents to do the same.

Thank you for your help.



SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance

On Monday 25 March we move to school bytes attendance. <u>This means you can no longer use enews to explain your child's absence</u>. Please use school bytes or email to explain absences.

Children should attend school every day that they are well. Please keep your child at home to recover if they are sick. This also helps ensure classmates and teachers do not catch illness. Staying home for birthdays is not approved leave.

Boost in confidence, friendships and getting the best out of their education is what happens when students attend school every day. #EveryDayMatters even the days leading up to end of term. Please remember to only plan travel during school holidays so students can get the most out of their learning.

If travel during school term for more than 5 school days is necessary, an Application for Extended Leave will need to be completed. Application for extended leave - travel (nsw.gov.au)

Under Department of Education guidelines, the Principal will not approve holidays during school terms. *Absences relating to travel may be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.*



Safety resource for parents

The "NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook" is a comprehensive and free resource to assist parents and carers on a range of topics essential to child safety.

The updated digital edition (link below) includes important content updates from: Fire and Rescue NSW (home fire safety), Transport NSW (school bus and seat belt safety), NSW Department of Communities and Justice (keeping children safe), eSafety Commissioner and NSW Rural Fire.

NSW Police Legacy – https://www.policelegacynsw.org.au/resources/ Child Safety Hub website – https://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/

Home- school communication

From Monday 25th March we will no longer be using enews. All communication such as newsletters, permission notes, updates, emergency messages, events, bookings, P & C notices etc will be sent via School Bytes. Please ensure both parents have signed up so you don't miss out on vital information.

https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5184859634191-Parent-Portal-Set-up-your-parent-portal-account

Please also ensure your contact details are up to date and you or your emergency contacts are able to be reached during school hours in case your child gets sick or has an accident.



Just a reminder to book an interview with your child's class teacher in Week 10 as per the note sent home. Teachers have allocated times around their commitments and class teaching load so please ensure you follow your time allocation.

How to book an interview time with your teacher

- Parent teacher interviews will be booked online and held in Week 10.
- To ensure equity, bookings will open at 9:30am Monday 18 March and will close at 9a.m Wednesday 27th March.
- Interview availability for each teacher will be shown on the online booking system.
- You have the option to select either a face-to-face interview at school <u>or</u> a phone interview. <u>Please</u>
 write your preferred option as prompted when booking online.
- Once you have made your booking, you will receive an email confirming your interview. Check your
 junk box if you do not receive a timely confirmation.
- If you are no longer able to attend your interview time please email the office to cancel your booking. eppinghts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Please follow the instructions below to book online.

To book a place at our Parent Interviews please log on to the following website and follow the prompts:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Select 'Make a booking'.

Enter the school event code and follow the simple steps online.

- 1. Enter your details (please include email
- 2. Enter your child's details.
- 3. Click Finish.





When you click **finish**, your interview booking confirmation will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your booking - until bookings close.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Note: Kinder and Year 1 classes are represented by our Year 6 leadership team- Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects.

Alana 1/2M Abdullah 4/5S

Oliver 1/2M Michael 4EB

Tejo 2/3T Kelly 4EB

Lucas 2/3T Franchesca 4L

Damon 2C Mahijith 4L

Clementine 2C Aarush 5/6B

Liam 2S Evelyn 5/6B

Nancy 2S Jasmine 5P

Marcus 3/4G Afraz 5P

Emily 3/4G Curtis 6KH

Kiran 3KP Jasmine 6KH

Erika 3KP Sebastian 6S

Alice 4/5S Helen 6S

Library Monitors

Harry 5/6B

Elia 5/6B

Avaleigh 6KH

Abdul 6KH

Grace 6KH

Shrihitha 6KH

Nicki 6S

Maya 6S

Riya 6S

Rivana 6S

Leanne 6S

Olivia 6S

AWARD RECIPIENTS

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Emily	3/4G	Raymor	n 4L	Gaia	6S
Ryan	3KP	Emily	5/6B	Sophie	6S
Orlando	3KP	Hannah	5P		
Olivia	4EB	Abdul	6KH		
MERIT	AWARDS				
Evelyn	1/2M	Jasmine	e 2S	Maxwell	5/6B
Mivaan	1/2M	Taewoo	2S	Aarna	5/6B
Benedic	te 1/2M	Hailey	2S	Madeline	e 5/6B
Zoran	1/2M	Eilionora	a 2S	Harry	5/6B
Lanya	1/2M	Bella	2S	Siddhi	5P
JOYCE	1/2M	Hazel	3/4G	Taj	5P
Thomas	s 2/3T	Marcus	3/4G	Afraz	5P
Valerie	2/3T	Elizabet	h 3/4G	Aaradhy	a 5P
Austin	2/3T	Matias	3/4G	Danielle	6KH
Josh	2/3T	Harriet	3KP	Delrick	6KH
Tomas	2/3T	Kiran	3KP	Nora	6KH
Abbey	2/3T	Ethan	3KP	Ethan	6KH
Kian	2/3T	Noelle	3KP	Wesley	6S
Lucy	2/3T	Alice	4/5S	Angela 6	SS
Daisy	2C	Abdullal	h4/5S	Timothy	6S
Damon	2C	Marlon	4/5S	Sianne	6S
Damon	2C	Leana	4/5S	Rey	KG
Kay La	2C	Olivia	4EB	Seb	KG
Kayla	2C	Kerryn	4EB	Fedor	KG
Ayoung	2C	lan	4EB	Andrew	KG
Agnes	2C	Emma	4EB	Elbee	KZ
Luke	2C	Malachi	4L	Anna	KZ
Damian	2S	Juwon	4L	Lennard	KZ
Vincent	2S	Shahza	d 4L	Liam	KZ
Edward	2S	Savanna	ah 4L		



Harmony Day Wednesday 27th March

Each year at Epping Heights, we celebrate Australia's cultural diversity through **Harmony Day**. Our school values inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

When? Our school is celebrating on Wednesday 27th March.

What? We encourage our students to wear **traditional dress** or the colour **orange**.

9:05-12:30p.m Class and buddy activities

**Special EALD session- more information to come.

12:30-1:20p.m Family picnic: Families are invited to have a picnic lunch with students. Parents are also encouraged to wear traditional dress or the colour orange. You are welcome to bring a picnic blanket and some cultural food to share with your child/children. Please collect your child/children from their classes at 12:30pm and move to a location of your choosing on the Front Oval, Bottom COLA or back oval only Note:

- Top Court will be used for student only play.

Allergies: Many students at our school are allergic to a variety of food items which can have serious and sometimes life-threatening consequences. To protect the health of all students, we ask that children ONLY eat food prepared by their own parents. While we appreciate the kind gesture, please do not offer or share food with other children.

1:30p.m P&C Cultural Concert in school hall. (see P & C notices)

We look forward to celebrating this special day with you and the school community.





Applying for placement in an opportunity class

– a webinar for parents of Year 4 students

Applying for placement in an opportunity class – a webinar for parents of Year 4 students

Wednesday, 3 April 2024 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm AEDT

Please share this with parents in your communities

If your child is currently in Year 4, you may wish to apply for placement in an opportunity class for Year 5 entry in 2025. You can find out more about the application and placement process by attending our webinar about opportunity classes on Wednesday, 3 April.

Opportunity classes are one of the ways that the NSW Department of Education provides support for high potential and intellectually gifted students.

Many public primary schools across NSW offer opportunity classes. Students living in rural and remote areas can also apply for a place at Aurora College, which provides online opportunity classes at approximately 600 host schools.

High potential and gifted students are supported across all NSW public high schools through the High Potential and Gifted Education policy.

Applications open on 4 April and close Monday 20 May 2024

Learn more and apply at: education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Register now

This webinar will cover the steps involved in applying for placement in an opportunity class for Year 5 entry in 2025

It will cover:

- · what are opportunity classes
- · who are opportunity classes aimed at
- the benefits of opportunity classes
- the placement process
- · the Equity Placement Model
- Aurora College: for students in rural and remote areas
- · submitting the online application
- · reasonable adjustments for disability
- · preparing for the test
- outcomes
- the appeals process.

Participants may submit questions in advance.

The Equity Placement Model helps make access fairer for more high potential students in our community. This includes students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, rural and remote students, and students with disability. All Year 4 students are encouraged to apply.



Speakers

Magda Pollak PSM Leader, Selective Education Unit, NSW Department of Education, Selective Education Unit

Magda Pollak has led the Selective Education Unit since 2005. She has spent almost 20 years as a high school English teacher and has two publications for English teaching staff to her name. She has always had a special interest in the education of high-

potential and gifted students. She is particularly passionate about providing a suitable peer group and teaching environment for such students who might otherwise find themselves isolated in mainstream classes and become disengaged.

She is also committed to ensuring equal opportunity of access for disadvantaged groups and has received a Public Service Medal in recognition of her services to public education.



Morag Swankie Opportunity Class Placement Advisor, Selective Education Unit

Morag Swankie is an Opportunity Class Placement Advisor for the Selective Education Unit. She has worked in public education for more than 10 years. Prior to joining the Unit, Morag was an Assistant Principal in a primary school and the coordinator for opportunity class and selective high school applications.

Morag is a passionate advocate for the provision of opportunities for high potential and gifted students for all students K-6.



Garth Bolwell
Relieving Manager, Selective High School Placement

Garth Bolwell has worked in NSW public education for almost two decades. He has been a primary school Opportunity Class teacher, assistant principal and principal. For the past 6 years, Garth has worked within the department on online assessment, teacher professional development, policy development and implementation.

He is a passionate advocate for high-potential and gifted learners and has worked extensively to support equitable participation in selective education for students from underrepresented groups, with a particular focus on gifted students with disability. Garth has relieved as the Opportunity Class Placement Manager and the Selective High School placement Manager within the Selective Education Unit.



Skye Bower
Senior Disability Placement Officer

Skye Bower is a Senior Disability Placement Officer for the Selective Education Unit and is responsible for arranging reasonable adjustments for students with disability sitting the Selective High School Placement Test. Prior to joining the Unit, Skye worked as a primary school teacher, enrichment teacher and learning and support teacher for over 10 years.

Skye is a passionate advocate for students with disability and is committed to ensuring equitable access for all students applying for placement in a selective high school. Skye has a BA Dip Education with first class Honours and a Postgraduate Certificate in Learning Difficulties Support Teaching.

If you have any questions, please email events@pandc.org.au

Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteers form the backbone of our community, and their selfless contributions never go unnoticed.

Francesca and Kylie, our EHPS P&C Uniform Shop Coordinators, assumed their roles less than six months ago, yet they've already accomplished a great deal. They've organized two successful second-hand uniform sales, completed the annual stock take exercise, and efficiently managed all uniform orders, including the high-demand periods at the beginning and end of the school year. Their exceptional coordination, organization, and diligence deserve our heartfelt appreciation.

The Winter Second Hand Uniform Sales, held on March 11, 2024, was a resounding success, thanks to the dedicated efforts of volunteers **Euna**, **Juok**, **Jennifer**, **Min**, **Sandy**, **Cherrie**, **Miranda**, **and Yvonne**. Their invaluable assistance before, during, and after the sale ensured its smooth operation and made it a memorable experience for all involved. We extend our sincere gratitude to them.

Our School Lunch Service, one of the most popular and successful services offered by the P&C, owes its success to the meticulous planning and organization of **Julia and Xinyuan**, the service leaders. They've curated a comprehensive menu, including daily hot specials that change each term, tailored to the students' preferences. Their leadership has cultivated a team of dedicated volunteers, among whom **Alicia**, **Euna**, **Juok**, **Rukeswari**, **Joyce**, **and Flora** stand out for their consistent support. Their willingness to go the extra mile, covering emergencies and contingencies, ensures the seamless operation of the service. We deeply appreciate their hard work and ongoing dedication.

Volunteer Sign-ups and ICE BLOCK Competition

We are delighted to announce that our 'Just One Thing' volunteering campaign has received a great response, thanks to the generosity of our parents. In light of this, we are keen to ensure that no class misses out on the chance to participate in our **ICE BLOCK competition!**

Therefore, we're excited to extend the **last date for form submissions to 03/04/2024**. The class with the highest number of forms returned or filled out online will be rewarded with an Ice Block in the last week of this term!

Let's keep the momentum going! Send your responses online by filling the google form here https://forms.gle/DJZf1zLQ4oVpeoLr6 or by returning the physical copies to your child's class teacher.

Become a Class Parent

If your class does not have a Class Parent, kindly consider signing up to be the Class Parent.

Talk to a fellow parent and take up this role together. Your involvement as a Class Parent is greatly appreciated!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fr57OvEqdckgmNbmuaE Fj5NutbS4chS/edit?usp=sharing &ouid=110902583284442592482&rtpof=true&sd=true

Join the Class Parents Network

As we continue to navigate through the school year, effective communication and strong community engagement become increasingly vital. For effective communication, our fantastic class parents will create Parents Network for each class.

By joining our Parents Network, you will gain access to a convenient communication hub via WhatsApp or email. Each class with have a separate network where your class parent will share reminders of the upcoming events, important deadlines, changes to information, P&C updates, and class social events.

Signing up is quick and easy! Please fill out the Google Form link below. Your information will be shared with Class Parent, and they will contact you soon.

Your participation in our class network will not only streamline communication but also foster a stronger sense of community within our school.

<u>Class</u>	Google Form Link
KZ	https://tinyurl.com/EHPSKZ2024
KHF	https://tinyurl.com/EHPSKHF2024
KG	https://tinyurl.com/EHPSKG2024
1A	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS1A2024
1/2M	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS12M2024
2S	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS2S2024
2C	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS2C2024
2/3T	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS23T2024
ЗКР	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS3KP2024
3/4G	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS34G2024
4L	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS4L2024
4EB	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS4EB2024
4/5S	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS45S2024
5P	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS5P2024
5/6B	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS56B2024
6KH	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS6KH2024
6S	https://tinyurl.com/EHPS6S2024

Book Club

Issue 2 Due Date - Monday 25th March 2024

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED TO KEEP FREE DELIVERY HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

Book Club only happens twice a term. More helpers are needed for <u>Monday morning</u> unpacking from 9:05am to 9:40am. If you can kindly lend a hand, please email <u>eppingheights.bookclub@gmail.com</u> and I will let you know the exact date when Book Club needs your help. You don't need to come every time.

Issue 2 Catalogue - It will soon be sent home with your child, and here is the link to a PDF copy: https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/book-club/

How To Order – Please use Book Club **LOOP** for ordering. You can download the free LOOP App on your phone or go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP to order and pay. LOOP ordering will remain open until 10 pm on the due date. No cash orders are accepted.

All Scholastic Book Club orders earn 15% back in rewards points for the school to purchase books for students such as *Read With Me*. If you would like to place an order, please do so by the due date.

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

Jackie Kim & Ye-Na Lee

Book Club Coordinator





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Autumn 2024 Vacation Care Program Week 1

OR

OR

OR

Monday 15th April Blaxland Park

& BBQ

(Excursion)

\$78

Laser Tag &

Arcade Games

(Excursion)

\$107



Tuesday 16th April Holey Moley & Hijinx Hotel

\$92

Fishing Adventure

(Excursion)

\$105



Wednesday

17th April



Moving

Bodies

(Excursion)

\$95

Tree Tops

Adventure

(Excursion)

\$110



Thursday 18th April Animal Adventures (Incursion) \$88

OR

Featherdale Wild**l**ife Park

(Excursion)

\$92



Friday 19th April Archery Tag & Bubble Soccer OR

(Incursion)

\$89

Futsal

Fanatics

(Excursion)

\$91



BOOKINGS DUE BY SUNDAY 07/04/24 NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER SUNDAY 07/04/24 (Fee Increase 08/04/24)



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Autumn 2024 Vacation Care Program Week 2

Monday 22nd **April**

Pizza Hut

Party

(Excursion)

\$87

OR

Tada Kids

Cafe & Pizza

(Excursion)



Tuesday 23rd April

Rat Burger

Sydney Opera House

(Excursion)

\$96

OR

(Excursion)

Zen Tea'

Lounge

\$95

Wednesday 24th **April**

Spectacular

Science Show

Glen St Theatre

(Excursion)

OR

Scenic World

Blue Mountains (Excursion)

\$105



Thursday 25th April

PUBLIC

HOLIDAY

CLOSED

Friday 26th April

Bilpin

rchard

(Excursion)

OR

Go Karting

Extreme

YEARS 3 - 6 ONLY

(Excursion)



\$85

Week 3



Movie Day

(Excursion)

\$75







