

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

[Home - Epping Heights Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://www.nsw.gov.au)

You can also connect it with your google calendar

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

13 March – Term 1 Class Parents' Meeting

17 March- Parent teacher conference  
bookings **open 9a.m**

20 March – International Day of Happiness

21 March – Harmony Day and Events

26 March – Yrs 2-6 Swimming Carnival  
Ribbon Assembly

26 March – Parent teacher conference  
bookings **close 3p.m**

31 March – Interrelate Stage 3

1-3 April Parent teacher conferences

4 April – Second hand uniform sale

7 April – Interrelate Stage 3

8 April - Cross country

10 April – ANZAC Day service

**11 April – Last day for Students**

**Students return to school on 30 April.**

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | Week 7 | March 2025

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to induct our semester one student representative council elected members at the assembly on Wednesday. Congratulations to these student leaders (see names later in the newsletter). I thoroughly enjoy meeting with the SRC weekly to hear their ideas and opinions. Student 'voice' and agency is a key part of our updated school vision and School Excellence Plan. Thank you to Miss Lau and Ms Burke for helping facilitate the SRC.



Our SRC led their class meetings and came together to share and brainstorm the following:

### What makes our school a great place

- Our community
- Our resources
- Our diversity
- Our fun events
- Our technology
- Our fun games and sport
- Good teachers
- Smiling minds
- Good play spaces and shade
- Our school is safe
- Kind friends

Areas for focus / what we might need to improve, included things such as the toilets including student behaviour in them, litter, new books and toys, some ideas for canteen / lunch service, unsafe waiting after school and some instances of bullying.

Teachers are also reading the 3 things student and parent surveys to ensure we understand and build positive relationships with our students. If you are yet to complete your child's 3 things survey, please do so before the survey closes on Monday at 9a.m (see links later in this newsletter).

I also enjoyed hearing parent 'voice' through participation in the P & C meeting on Tuesday night and at the Class parent meeting yesterday. Thank you to those parents who take the time to share ideas, communicate with other parents, ask questions and give us feedback. We are fortunate to have such dedicated parents.

*Congratulations!*

Congratulations to two of our staff who are recently married. Ms Moran is now Mrs Shaylor and Miss Sullivan is now Mrs Rajmal. We know you join with us in wishing these teachers happiness for their futures.



# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Minutes lost = days lost per year

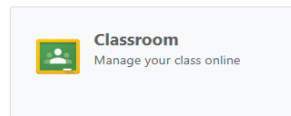
A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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### Google classroom

Instructions for how students can access google classroom were previously sent on school bytes. Please remember parents cannot access the google classroom. Students must access Google classroom from their DOE portal only. Please do not request access. This is a student only platform. Please do not reset your child's password as they will need to access google classroom at various times throughout the week.



### Harmony Day 2025

Each year at Epping Heights P.S., 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.

**Date:** Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Wear:** traditional dress or the colour orange

**Events:**

1. 9:05-12:30pm - Class and buddy activities
2. 12:30-1:15pm - Family picnic  
Families are invited to have a picnic lunch with students. Parents are 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. Please collect your child from their classes at 12:30pm and move to the Front Oval, COLA or Back Oval. Note: the 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.

3. 1:20pm - P&C Cultural Concert in the school hall.

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



## Parent teacher conferences

As stated in our school vision we work ***“in partnership with parents to enact our school motto success for all”***. Information regarding parent teacher conferences in week 10 (Tuesday 1 April- 3 April) will be sent on school bytes on Monday. Please be sure to get in quickly to book a time with your child’s teacher. Please note teachers are being released from class to hold these interviews. As such, these are the designated times available. If you are unable to make the interview in person, please select phone interview and the teacher will call you at your appointment time.

## Lost property

Thank you to Mrs Roux a parent volunteer for her organisation of our lost property area. Please ensure you check this if your child has lost anything. It is vital to label all items as we know how expensive uniforms can be. The lost property area is located to the left of the canteen next to the hall.



## Zone Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 20 students from Epping Heights went to Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre with Mrs Gomez and Mrs lenna.

We tried our best swimming all day. Congratulations to the people that were in many races during the day. We raced our hearts out in the relays and feel proud of our swimming.

By Grace Zhang 4EB



## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Principals Awards

Daisy 3/4K	TJ 3S
Thomas 3S	Hana 5BP

### Merit Awards

Olivia 2B	Leanne 4/5L	Malachi 5G
Ian 2B	Leo 4/5L	Scarlett 5G
Blaire 2B	Jacqueline 4/5L	Grace 5G
Arrow 2B	Mo 4/5L	Kerryn 5G
Haemin 3/4K	Hazel 4EB	Demi 5G
Anderson 3/4K	Ibrahim 4EB	Jasmyne 5G
Jax Shun Hei 3/4K	Oscar 4EB	Yik Ki 5G
Ivy 3/4K	Natalie 4EB	Savannah 5G
Amelia 3S	Stella 4EB	Hana 6D
Chase 3S	Elizabeth 4EB	Alice 6D
Vincent 3S	Isabella 4EB	Taj 6D
Liam 3S	Lucas 4EB	Sofia 6D
Jacqueline 3S	Parisan 5BP	Jackson 6D
Louie 3S	Winn 5BP	Owen 6D
Dhwani 3S	Emily 5BP	Ian 6D
Ayoung 3S	Hana 5BP	Camila 6D
Charlotte 4/5L	Emma 5BP	Yahya 6SH
Elina 4/5L	Nathan 5BP	Gianna 6SH
Mia 4/5L	Lloyd 5BP	Jedediah 6SH
Juho 4/5L	YIK TIM5BP	Yahya 6SH

## SRC Representatives

2025 Semester 1 - SRC Representatives		
Class	Representative 1	Representative 2
2B	Leah	Ian
2/3T	Kynthia	Joshua
3S	Hannah	Lachlan
3/4K	Chloe	Seth
4EB	Abbey	Ibrahim
4/5L	Leanne	Winston
5BP	Winn	Raymon
5G	Scarlett	Daniel
6SH	Leana	Advik
6D	Hana	Raven



Our school vision is that **every student can learn, grow and belong**. To help us to better know your child, please write three things the class teacher/s should know about your child. These may be likes/dislikes, strengths/weaknesses, family information, areas of special interest etc



Thank you for taking the time to help us get to know your child. **(survey closes Monday 17 March)**

<b><u>Three Things Parent Survey links</u></b>	
<b><u>Class</u></b>	
KZ	<a href="https://forms.gle/LGh1ZeW9pEcpRhXe6">https://forms.gle/LGh1ZeW9pEcpRhXe6</a>
KM	<a href="https://forms.gle/wJGjS7hGC63sEwM6">https://forms.gle/wJGjS7hGC63sEwM6</a>
K/1S	<a href="https://forms.gle/KJggEdefhP2X1NoN6">https://forms.gle/KJggEdefhP2X1NoN6</a>
1A	<a href="https://forms.gle/waYw4wsRqAmDWEpm6">https://forms.gle/waYw4wsRqAmDWEpm6</a>
1C	<a href="https://forms.gle/XeXqx4XQ1Rq7LFEh9">https://forms.gle/XeXqx4XQ1Rq7LFEh9</a>
2B	<a href="https://forms.gle/MwSH58rzjRnikkTN9">https://forms.gle/MwSH58rzjRnikkTN9</a>
2/3T	<a href="https://forms.gle/attwbmKWLLoe7SWS6">https://forms.gle/attwbmKWLLoe7SWS6</a>
3S	<a href="https://forms.gle/Ed1MgMmy3JW3oknz9">https://forms.gle/Ed1MgMmy3JW3oknz9</a>
3/4K	<a href="https://forms.gle/fy5zEwBH2beTX3sz8">https://forms.gle/fy5zEwBH2beTX3sz8</a>
4EB	<a href="https://forms.gle/rusHKG2C121rL5SX6">https://forms.gle/rusHKG2C121rL5SX6</a>
4/5L	<a href="https://forms.gle/13ANwTynFwvRWtmd7">https://forms.gle/13ANwTynFwvRWtmd7</a>
5BP	<a href="https://forms.gle/HrqQ6CVvLDUDvrUu8">https://forms.gle/HrqQ6CVvLDUDvrUu8</a>
5G	<a href="https://forms.gle/s8yPHH3cMzDjN8Mx9">https://forms.gle/s8yPHH3cMzDjN8Mx9</a>
6SH	<a href="https://forms.gle/tnXSphcqAVzqR5ACA">https://forms.gle/tnXSphcqAVzqR5ACA</a>



# STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE



Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

**Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!**

**Draw:** Friday, 23 May 2025

## Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



Transport for NSW

## School Student Travel



### School student travel information for parents and students

#### School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

#### Terms of Use

**Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off** in line with the [Opal terms of use](#) .

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

# The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

### Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

### Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

### Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

## Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at [transportnsw.info/ssts-update](https://transportnsw.info/ssts-update)

## How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

### Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students)

### Step 2

The school endorses your application.

### Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over can apply for themselves.



## Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

### Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week\*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off†
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more at [transportnsw.info/opal](https://transportnsw.info/opal) or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit [transportnsw.info/opal-retailers](https://transportnsw.info/opal-retailers)



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a Transport Concession Entitlement Card. To apply contact your school or institution.

\* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

#### Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at [transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/opal-privacy-policy](https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/opal-privacy-policy) and the School Pass Terms [transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms](https://transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms)







## Harmony Day Celebration 2025

Harmony Day is coming up and we look forward to celebrating cultural diversity in the community.

**Date: March 21, Friday**

**Student & Family Attire:** Traditional Outfit or the colour **ORANGE**

### Events:

**FAMILY PICNIC at 12:30 – 1:15pm**

Parents may pick up their child from their class at 12:30 and move to either the Front Oval, Back Oval, or the COLA for the picnic.

**P&C CULTURAL CONCERT at 1:20pm in the School Hall**

## Invitation to be a Class Parent

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be a Class Parent, we are thrilled to have you on board.

We are still looking for Class Parents for the following classes:

-K/1S

-4/5L

-4EB

-5G

-6SH

If you are a parent of a student from any of the classes above and have contemplated on taking on the role of Class Parent, take the leap and sign up now. This role can be shared with another Parent as well.

For questions on the role and for signing up, please email our P&C Class Parent Coordinator at [naila.abbasi06@gmail.com](mailto:naila.abbasi06@gmail.com)

## Class Meet-ups Happening Soon

### **Building Connections Beyond the Classroom**

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

Our class parents are organizing a series of meetups outside of school. These gatherings are open to students and families from all composite classes, offering everyone a chance to connect, relax, and build lasting friendships.

You can find the list of upcoming meetup dates in the table below. Each date also includes a link to the relevant WhatsApp group, where further details and updates will be shared. If you haven't joined your class group yet, we encourage you to do so soon to stay informed and be part of the conversation!

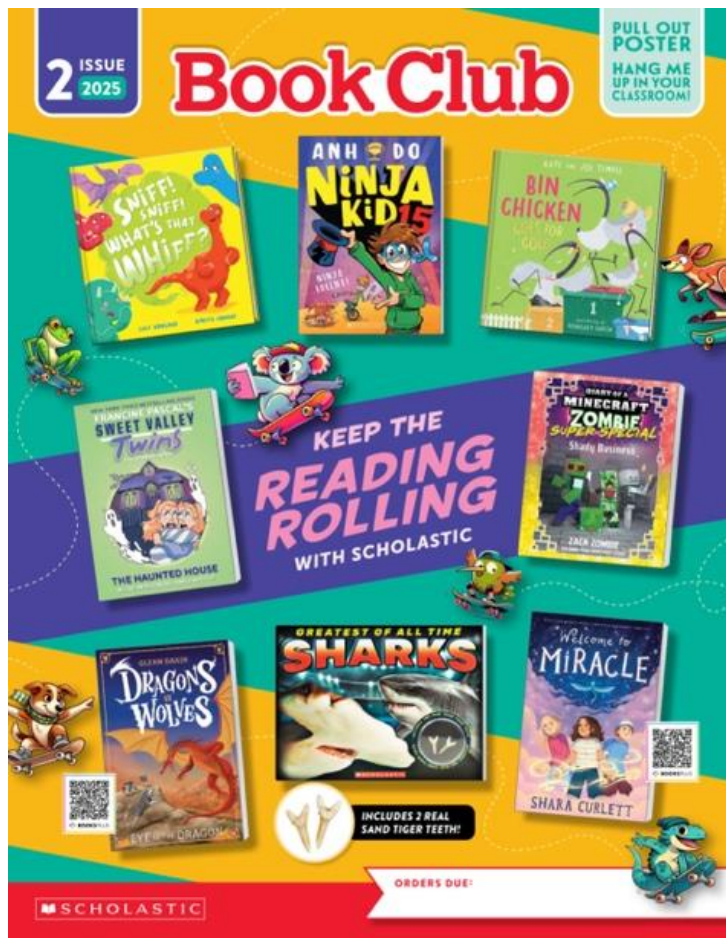
For **composite classes**— there is the flexibility to attend *either* of the meetups for their respective year groups.

We look forward to seeing many of you at these meetups and making wonderful memories together.

Class	Meetup Date	WhatsApp Link
KZ	Saturday 29th March 2025, 3:30PM - 5:30PM	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/IMzA0PrC6p8D2UMDinpTyy">https://chat.whatsapp.com/IMzA0PrC6p8D2UMDinpTyy</a>
KM	Saturday 29th March 2025, 3:30PM - 5:30PM	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/Fzg9xnJQC6r9imAHUZRGUZ">https://chat.whatsapp.com/Fzg9xnJQC6r9imAHUZRGUZ</a>
K/1S	Saturday 29th March 2025, 3:30PM - 5:30PM - <b>Kindy</b> Sunday, 6th April 2025, 3:00PM- 5:00PM - <b>Year 1</b>	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/JZZxiMkBF77cs7veYdXra">https://chat.whatsapp.com/JZZxiMkBF77cs7veYdXra</a>
1A	Sunday, 6th April 2025, 3:00PM- 5:00PM	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/CVaQABubcLw34mQ3cg19Vv">https://chat.whatsapp.com/CVaQABubcLw34mQ3cg19Vv</a>
1C	Sunday, 6th April 2025, 3:00PM- 5:00PM	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/IWCQ39bEVYY6U1kPol1mj">https://chat.whatsapp.com/IWCQ39bEVYY6U1kPol1mj</a>
2B	Sunday, 6th April 2025, 3:00PM- 5:00PM	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/LRNOWD6j5lC82sbY7Dce1k">https://chat.whatsapp.com/LRNOWD6j5lC82sbY7Dce1k</a>
2/3T	Sunday, 6th April 2025, 3:00PM- 5:00PM - <b>Year 2</b> Sunday, 13th April 2025, 2:30PM-4:30PM - <b>Year 3</b>	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jg43rmt6XoP3bB7GieOsXX">https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jg43rmt6XoP3bB7GieOsXX</a>
3S	Sunday, 13th April 2025, 2:30PM-4:30PM	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/E6vNYKL9X1SHtr0NBji18R">https://chat.whatsapp.com/E6vNYKL9X1SHtr0NBji18R</a>
3/4K	Sunday, 30th March 2025, 2:00PM-4:00 PM Cheltenham Oval	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/LeH3WIRB0q05bcghMhb8F0">https://chat.whatsapp.com/LeH3WIRB0q05bcghMhb8F0</a>
4EB	Sunday, 30th March 2025, 2:00PM-4:00 PM	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/DFEcGpVbCHIL5P0x5nWpSs">https://chat.whatsapp.com/DFEcGpVbCHIL5P0x5nWpSs</a>
4/5L	Sunday, 30th March 2025, 2:00PM-4:00 PM - <b>Year 4</b> Saturday 22nd March, 2025, 4:00-6:00PM - <b>Year 5</b>	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/JVr9TbXu2921ND9mhHI6Tw">https://chat.whatsapp.com/JVr9TbXu2921ND9mhHI6Tw</a>
5BP	Saturday 22nd March, 2025, 4:00-6:00PM	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/DNkcwLUIdIE4c9EDKGfmQW">https://chat.whatsapp.com/DNkcwLUIdIE4c9EDKGfmQW</a>
5G	Saturday 22nd March, 2025, 4:00-6:00PM	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/DyWw5AVv5F6CiAnCWpS25p">https://chat.whatsapp.com/DyWw5AVv5F6CiAnCWpS25p</a>
6SH	TBD	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/CrfO53jOIP0IF4qZe8zOol">https://chat.whatsapp.com/CrfO53jOIP0IF4qZe8zOol</a>
6D	TBD	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/LOWGpLnuE88L55Lai3NfoX">https://chat.whatsapp.com/LOWGpLnuE88L55Lai3NfoX</a>

## Book Club Update

Ordering via Book Club is back! Issue #2 is now out and to avail of **free shipping**, the **deadline to order is on March 21**.



## Volunteers Needed

If you have about an hour or so to spare after school drop off, consider volunteering to pack book orders. Feel free to bring a friend and a cuppa!

For questions and volunteer sign up, please email Narae Song our Book Club Coordinator at [eppingheights.bookclub@gmail.com](mailto:eppingheights.bookclub@gmail.com)

## Uniform Shop Reminder

Term 2 is just around the corner which means it is time to start thinking about **Winter School Uniforms**.

To ensure that the needed winter uniform items are received before the school holidays, please **place your orders before the deadline of April 6, Sunday**. Any orders placed after this date will be received in Term 2 as the Uniform Shop is closed over the school holidays.

For any questions, please reach out to the Uniform Shop at [eppingheights.uniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:eppingheights.uniformshop@gmail.com)



# Cheltenham Girls' High School

warmly invites

**Yr 5 and Yr 6 students and their families**

to our annual

## Information Afternoon

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**Tuesday  
25th March**



**4pm - 5pm**

School Tours

**5pm - 5.30pm**

Hear from our Principal,  
Wellbeing Team and P&C



Please RSVP [HERE](#)