# **Epping Heights**



Public School
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Success for All

### **IMPORTANT DATES**



At Epping Heights PS our focus is on students. We are committed to equity and excellence so every student can learn, grow and belong. Our positive wellbeing culture supports explicit teaching in Literacy and Numeracy and an enriching balanced curriculum. We are committed to nurturing, guiding, inspiring and challenging our students. In partnership with our students, parents and carers, we enact our school motto- success for all.



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)

12 May - Disability Recognition Week

13 May- registrations for Reading workshop close.

14 May - K-2 Assembly led by 1C

15 May – Global Accessibility Awareness

15 May- Parent Reading workshop

15 May – Working Bee (registrations close Tuesday 13 May)

16 May- Walk Safely to School Day

21 May- 100 Days of Read with Me

21 May- 3-6 Assembly led by 5G

22 May- Zone Cross Country

26 May- National Sorry Day

27 May- National Reconciliation Week

28 May- Cross Country Ribbon Assembly

29 May- Kinder school tour

# **NEWS**LETTER

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 2 | Week 2 | May 2025

What a wonderful start to the term for students and our school community! It has been a joy for the executive team and I to welcome students to school at the back and front entrances in the morning. Children have so proudly carried their own bags and walked independently or with friends. The playground is much calmer before school as children are able to easily find friends and their buddies to play with. A huge thank you to the parents who have supported this transition for their child. It has made a positive impact on student wellbeing and set up success for the day.



Currently our student attendance rate is 95%. This is 5.3% above NSW State average and 1.3% above our Hornsby school network average. Students attending more than 90% of the time is 82.1%. This is 12.9% above the NSW State average and 2.9% above our Hornsby school network average. It is wonderful to see students attending school when they are well. Just a reminder, as the cold and flu season has started, please keep sick children at home. This is vital so they can recover and focus on learning. It also helps prevent the spread of illness to other children and staff.



The exciting Play on Sports athletics program has started. Children enjoyed the variety of fun skills taught last Tuesday. There is a range of specialised equipment and explicit teaching to ensure challenge for all students. I was proud of the excellent writing by lan and Sebastian in Year 1 who enjoyed sharing about their lesson. (Please see later in this newsletter). Contribution for this program is due by 6 June. If you require financial assistance or a payment plan, please contact us.

On Thursday, once again, our P & C volunteers and OSHC team did an amazing job of organising wonderful Mother's Day events. Children enjoyed having a delicious breakfast with their mum, grandma, aunty or special adult. They also loved buying gifts at the stall. A huge thank you to Julia (P & C President), Naila & Francesca (Vice Presidents) and Ray (Treasurer) and their team of volunteers who gave up their time to work for our children and community. We are fortunate to have such supportive parents. Thank you to Mr Frankish who set up and packed away and to the fantastic concert band who entertained us. Happy Mother's Day for Sunday!





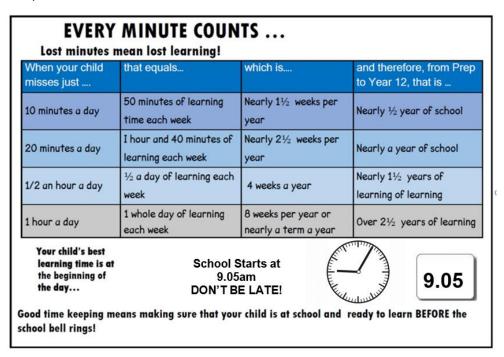
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#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

### Late to school

Attendance on time is vital to support student learning and wellbeing. Please help your child to come to school on time each day. If they are later, you must bring them to the office to provide a reason. It is a legal requirement that you supervise your child and provide a reason for later arrival. If you receive a text or email about attendance including late arrival, please ensure you respond.





Please register for this fun afternoon of gardening and afternoon tea.

Registrations close on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>
May at 9a.m Currently we have zero registrations. If we do not have enough interest, this event will be cancelled.

This would be very disappointing.

Please come for an hour or two and make a difference to our school

grounds.

#### Student voice- NSW school survey

During weeks 4-6 this term our students in Years 3-6 will participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey is a vital part of our data for Strategic Direction 2 (see below). It gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school. Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours. Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please email us and we will send the appropriate 'opt out form'. Further information about the survey is available at <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss">https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss</a>

# Strategic Direction 2 - Student engagement and wellbeing

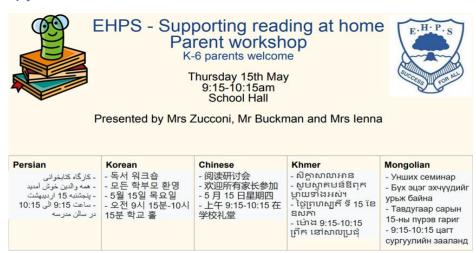




### **Purpose**

In order to ensure students are engaged and have a positive sense of wellbeing, we will enhance student voice and agency and ensure appropriate levels of challenge

### Parent workshop- Help your child at home



Don't miss out. Register by Monday 13 May at 3p.m viahttps://forms.gle/FTCANcu6ZokkjGtJA

### Play on Sports recounts

Yesterday we went to sport. We were late but we lined up the best. Then we did the first activity. It was hurdles. Then we did discus. Next, we did the parachute. If you can run faster the parachute goes higher. Finally, we went into two lines and went back to class.

By Ian K/1S

Yesterday we went to sport. First, we did the discus. Next, we did the parachute. After that we did the hurdles. Finally, Miss Smith took us back to the classroom. I had lots of fun. I can't wait for next week!

By Seb K/1S



### **AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **Principals Awards**

Joyce 3/4K Akshaya 5BP

Jeremy 4EB Leana 6SH

### **Merit Awards**

Damian 3S

Dev 2/3T Lucas 4EB Bella 5G

Jayden 2/3T Bella 4EB Kelly 5G

Marcus 4EB Aisha 2/3T Norah 6SH

Vanya 2/3T Tomas 4EB Owen 6SH

Esther 3/4K Akira 4/5L Sanil 6SH

Mohith 3/4K Reuben 4/5L Daeun 6SH

Callum 3/4K Lucas 4/5L Raven 6D

Agnes 3/4K Doris 4/5L Darun 6D

Yik Tim 5BP

Lila 6D

Eilionora 3S Shashank 5BP Saanvi

Nathan 3S Aiden 5G

Nancy 3S Charlotte 5G



# The complexity of school refusal

# Webinar for parents, carers and educators

# Wednesday 14 May, 7 - 8.30pm

If your child is struggling to attend school, you're not alone. Join experts from KYDS, EPIC and Youth Up Front to gain a greater understanding and explore support options to help 10 to 16 year olds navigate school attendance challenges.



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To our dear EHPS Community,

Welcome students, families, and staff to Term 2!

We are kicking off the start of the term with our Mother's Day events. These being the Mother's Day Breakfast and Gift Stall. We greatly appreciate the participation of our Students, Parents, Teachers, and Parent volunteers. A huge THANK YOU to everyone that has taken part in these activities.



For any questions or more information on how you can get involved and volunteer, feel free to get in touch with us at ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com

We wish you all an amazing Term 2 ahead.

With best regards,

P&C Executive Committee

# **Mother's Day Celebration**

### Mother's Day Breakfast

Our breakfast would not have been possible without the cooperation with **EHPS OOSHC** who has fired up the BBQ for the breakfast, **EHPS Band**, and our **Parent Volunteers**.

Thank you to the **210 registered attendees** who made the time to celebrate the **90 mums** in our school community. The participation and support is greatly appreciated.



# Mother's Day Gift Stall

The students have been given a chance to visit the Mother's Day Gift Stall this Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. It has been a privilege of ours to see the kids thoughtfully pick out a present that they think mum would like. Math skills have also been put to the test, especially for the younger ones, as they did their transactions with the help of their Teachers, Buddy, and Parent Volunteers.



Special thanks to the tireless efforts of our Parent Volunteers: Rob, Karen, Jeanette, Vanessa, Konda, Laura, Amy, Vivian, Sherry, Na Rae, Ami, Kylie, and Juok.

**Kudos** to the **Staff, Teachers**, and **Ms. Bridekirk** for the well-organised student attendance that allowed all classes to have equal opportunity and enough space to browse. And to the **Students** who were in their best behaviour during their visit to the Stall, being safe, responsible, and respectful.

# **Book Club Reminder**



**Deadline of Orders** for Issue 3 (as shown above) is on **May 16**th **at 6pm** to continue to avail of the **free school delivery**. Orders from this catalogue made after the deadline will be charged a delivery fee.

# Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to pack the Book Club orders. For inquiries and volunteer sign up, please email eppingheights.bookclub@gmail.com



From Curiosity to Capability: A Personalised K-12 STEM School Experience

# INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

Our mission is to make STEM education relevant, real, and accessible to our students. Twenty first century skills such as problem solving and collaboration are at the heart of our programs.

# OUR PARENTS ARE ENGAGED & INFORMED

How many activities do your kids attend where you don't know what they are doing each week? We hold regular parents briefing sessions and keep you informed by posting updates, pictures and videos from the workshops.

# OUR PROGRAMS ARE SKILLS BASED

Unlike other providers, our focus is on developing skills that can be learned and improved over time using our proprietary Coding & Robotics learning framework.

# K-12 STEM SCHOOL EXP

We provide a personalised, structured, year-by-year STEM curriculum that nurtures young minds from their first spark of curiosity to developing capability for advanced problem-solving and innovation.

# OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

Here's the proof! Our students regularly participate in local and international coding, robotics, and STEM events/competitions showcasing their skills and confidence.

### **OUR PROGRAMS ARE HELD**

# IN SCHOOL PREMISES

Most of our programs are held on school premises, making it easier and practical for your kids to attend immediately after-school. You don't need to taxi them from school and you may even save on after-school care costs!



Free Online School Holiday Programs & Competitions Download Our Prospectus Now







# Creative Coding / Robotics (Pre-school, Kindy, Year 1)



Give your child the ability to think critically and learn to solve problems in a safe, collaborative, and fun environment



Age Appropriate Programs

Curriculum aligned activities



Coding (Scratch / Python) (Years 2+)



Learn Scratch/Python Coding using world-class Google Computer Science (CS) First curriculum Robotics (Years 3+)



Learn to Code motors and sensors and progress through stages to learn advanced coding and robotics

/ Competitions

After School Coding &
Robotics Classes @
Epping Heights Public
School
Starting from 9th May
Fridays 3:15 - 4:45pm



Participate in global STEM programs such as FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL), FIRST® Tech Challenge, RoboCup and solve real-world problems!

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