# Epping Heights

### Public School



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# NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 5 | 13 November 2018

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Tues	13/11	Parent Helper Induction Session @6.30pm in Library
Tues	13/11	P&C AGM @7pm in Library
Wed	14/11	Kinder 2019 Orientation Day 1 @9.05 - 10.45am
Thur	15/11	Band Auditions
Fri	15/11	Band Auditions
Mon	19/11	Year 5 2018 Open Day at Cheltenham Girls' HS
Wed	21/11	Kinder 2019 Orientation Day 2 @9.05 - 10.45am
Wed	21/11	2-6 Assembly (Leadership Speeches) @11.30am
Wed	21/11	K-2 Assembly (KP)

#### Newsletter articles due COB Friday

@2.25pm

Values for this term:

Term 4 Integrity & Respect

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our school offers many opportunities for students to participate in memorable events such as the Epping Music Festival last Thursday night. The concert took many months to plan and students work hard in rehearsals. This culminated in a spectacular event at the Chatswood Concourse. Our students performed exceptionally well from the minute the concert band opened the event with the National Anthem and their piece, to our many



students in the

mass choir and also our soloists
Sophie & Teon. I was extremely
proud not only of the level of talent
and effort, but also of our uniform
presentation and student behaviour.
Thank you to the parents who
supported this event. Thank you
to Mrs Billingham for conducting,
to Mrs Tahir and Mrs Armstrong for

attending the day rehearsal and evening performance and to Mrs Kim who once again was exceptional as a conductor and accompanist.

It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and special people visiting our school last Friday to share stories on Grandparents and Remembrance Day. Students who had their grandparents visit felt very proud and special, as did those classes who had a grandparent read to them. Our Remembrance Day service was respectful commemoration of the 100 years since the armistice. The guests



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commented that our students were well-behaved, VEG sang beautifully and the afternoon tea put on by our P&C was lovely. Thank you to the Cuppa Crew for their support and to Mrs Gallagher for donating the beautiful wreath. Special thanks to Mr Buckman for organising the event.



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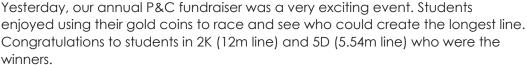




I enjoyed chatting to the finalists and winners of the stage one Oratory Competition last week. Congratulations to Remington who spoke about 'When I opened the door' and to Ella who spoke about 'Why mistakes are good'.



#### **GOLD COIN CHALLENGE**



Thank you to everyone who donated to this event and especially to those parents who made very generous donations. This money will be used to increase our fleet of laptops for students and support our strategic directions over the coming years. More information on the amount raised will be shared at the P & C meeting this evening. Special thanks to Mr Warwick Tsang who coordinated the event and to Mrs Carter and her team for all the behind-the-scenes work.



#### STAFFING NEWS

It is with great pleasure that I announce that following a rigorous merit selection process, Mr Domonic Buckman has been successfully appointed as our permanent Assistant Principal. Mr Buckman has done a wonderful job this year as Relieving Assistant Principal and class teacher of 4B. The panel were impressed with the high calibre of his written application addressing the criteria designed to meet the needs of our school. Mr Buckman's referees spoke very highly of him and in his outstanding interview his dedication, high-quality teaching, strategic and supportive leadership, deep curriculum knowledge, exceptional skills in ICT leadership and most of all his passion for teaching students and connecting with the school community, was clearly evident to the panel. Congratulations Mr Buckman on a well deserved achievement. We look forward to you continuing your work as a key member of our executive team, staff and school community. Thank you to the panel Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Chan, Mr Johnston and Mrs Robbins who collaborated closely with me to select the best candidate for our school.



#### KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Tomorrow we will welcome our first group of new Kinders for 2019. Students will participate in activities in the classrooms whilst parents learn more about our school through informative talks in the hall. Thank you in advance to all of those involved in organising this special event, especially Miss Moore for her coordination. If you know anyone who is planning to enrol at our school for kindergarten or any other grade next year please

If you know anyone who is planning to enrol at our school for kindergarten or any other grade next year please encourage them to contact our office as soon as possible so we can begin planning classes for 2019.

#### **PLANNING FOR 2019**

We are currently planning for the 2019 school year. It is important to let the school know if your child/children will be returning late to school next year. This will ensure a place will be kept for your child in a class for 2019. By informing the school of your return date in writing this will keep your position open. Applications for extended leave must be submitted for approval BEFORE travel takes place.

The first day for school students in Years 1-6 is Wednesday 30th January 2019. Kindergarten students will start on Thursday 31st January 2019 (Note: Kinder start time will be 10a.m initially. More details will be provided at Kinder orientation).

#### 規劃2019年

我們目前正在籌劃2019學年。重要的是你要讓學校知道你的孩子明年是否會延遲返回學校, 這將確保會為你的孩子於2019年預留學位,請書面通知學校你的返回日期以保留孩子的學位 。延長假期的申請必須在旅行前提交批准,1-6年級學生假期於2019年1月30日星期三開始,幼 稚園學生則於2019年1月31日星期四開始。

(注意: 幼稚園預定10:00am開始, 更多細節將會於幼稚園迎新公布)

#### 2019년 계획

저희 학교는 현재 2019년 새학기를 계획중에 있습니다. 새학기에 자녀분들의 자리를 지키기 위해서는 학교에 늦게 복귀하는지에 대한 여부를 알려주셔야 합니다. 서면으로 학교 복귀 날짜를 알려주시면 학생의 자리는 열려있게되고, 방학 연장/장기 결석에 대한 신청서는 여행 전에 반드시 승인을 받으셔야 합니다. 1~6학년 학생들의 개학은 2019년 1월 30일 수요일이며, 유치원 학생들은 2019년 1월 31일 목요일입니다. (유치원의 학기 초는 오전 10시 시작이며, 자세한 사항은 오리엔테이션을 통해 제공될 것입니다.)



#### **PARENT HELPERS**

Community involvement is an essential part of our school culture, vision and school plan. Children flourish when surrounded by caring adults who support them in their goals. We are proud of the harmony that exists between staff, parents and the community. Each day we welcome helpers into classrooms, on excursions, for extra curricular activities and for the many services provided such as uniform shop and banking.



In order to ensure the upmost care and safety of students, staff and visitors to our school we have a very clear process for parents and community helpers.

This process involves annually signing the Parent and Community Helper Agreement located on our website. In addition to this we ask helpers to provide the appropriate documentation as per the Department of Education Probity Unit requirements. Links to requirements maybe found on our school website and can be downloaded and completed prior to coming to our school to make it easier. <a href="https://eppinghts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/e/eppinghts-p/policies/2018">https://eppinghts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/e/eppinghts-p/policies/2018</a> Parent and community helper agreementv2.

Documentation as outlined in our agreement is only required once during the parent's time at our school. Appendix 5 may be emailed if witnessed by a JP. In this case, the volunteer must then bring the original documents to be sighted prior to their first helping session. For all parent helpers, we cannot verify WWCC anymore so Appendix 5 is the required documentation. This documentation is carefully stored and kept for seven years. If you have any questions about the documentation required, please contact our staff at the school office.

In addition to the documentation, in order to connect and build relationships with our helpers, we request an annual face-to-face parent induction. This session usually takes around half an hour and enables our community to hear the latest work, health and safety information to support themselves and our students in case of an emergency. Given some parent helpers offer their support outside of regular school hours, this is essential, as staff may not be on site at the time of an emergency. We also include information on supporting the identification of risks and hazards and reporting accidents to visitors. The session also covers requirements for child protection and offers support for what a helper should do if such a very sensitive situation should arise. The induction allows community members and parents to ask questions of staff and discuss scenarios they may face. In this way, whilst the same key messages are covered in each induction session, sessions are also tailored to meet the needs of particular groups or individuals. This local induction is a very important way for us to communicate, engage and support helpers as they work in collaboration to benefit our students and keep them safe.

This year we have held 7 sessions and have had positive feedback from many who have attended. They say that they feel greatly supported in their role as a helper. In order to ensure as many parents can help as wish to, we are holding an **induction this evening at 6:30p.m in the Library**, **as previously advertised**.

To further strengthen our connection with community, based on feedback, next year we will hold a number of inductions during the day and evening. Inductions will be held at key points in the year to support all those who wish to help.

Please note the following 2019 dates in your diary:

- 9:05a.m 15 February (for all helpers including Scripture and Ethics teachers)
- 6:30p.m 28 February (prior to initial band meeting for the year)
- Term 1 week 4- date and time to be confirmed (aligned to Meet the Teacher afternoon)
- 6:30p.m 12 March (prior to P & C)

We will also schedule 1 session in Term 2, 3 & 4 for any new parents to our school.

Any parents who wish to help but are unable to make one of these half hour inductions, should contact me directly. Please note the helper agreements and face-to-face induction are annual requirements i.e. once every 12 months.

We thank you for your ongoing support and involvement with our school.

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#### **INTERNET SAFETY**

When students sign into their Department portal, they agree to use technology appropriately.

Please discuss this agreement with your child and remind them there are consequences for misusing technology at our school. These consequences may include suspension from technology (removal of class, library and/or technology centre privileges), detention, call to parents or suspension of their DOE account. Hacking a person's online account has serious consequences at a school level and may be

referred to the DOE or police for further investigation.

# MS MEGAN BRIDEKIRK PRINCIPAL

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Catherine	KM	Phoebe	3E	Tess	3E
Amy	4B	Ray (x2)	4B	Sam	4B
Heidi	5/6J	Isabella	5/6J	Trudy	5L

#### **READ WITH ME**

Sebastian	KM	Dylan	KP	Ella	KS
Irene	KS	Krish	KS	Harry	2K
Lilian	2K	Amy	4B	Chloe	4B
Sam	4B	Vid	4B	Mia	5D

#### **MAGIC WORDS 200**

Sejong	KA	Gaia	KM	Ella	KS
Jessica	KS	Nora	KS		

#### **MAGIC WORDS 100**

Athirai	KA	Helen	KA		
Avaleigh	KS	Jessica	KS	Liam	KS
Maxwell	KS	Nora	KS	SiYoung	KS

#### EAL/D

Athirai	KA	Max	KM	Wesley	KM
Daiana	1H	Krishiv	1H	Khkola	1S
Yaas	3E	Wendy	4W	Radhika	5L
Sarah	6H				

# student portal

#### Conditions of Use

When going online I agree to follow these rules.

- No to looking for, reading, sending or linking to anything rude, scary or unkind
- Go to a responsible adult if I see anything rude, scary or unkind
- Tell a responsible adult about anything I receive, send or read that makes me feel uncomfortable

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Agree





#### **MERIT AWARD**

Aviana	KA	Curtis	KA	Neil	KA
Reyansh	KA	Helena	KM	Osborn	KM
Sophie	KM	Zac	KM	Annabelle	KP
Chris	KP	Emily	KP	Leon	KP
Ella	KS	Jessica	KS	Maxwell	KS
Nora	KS	Alanna	1H	Daniel	1H
Lavyansh	1H	Rebecca	1H	Eduardo	1N
Maryann	1N	Naomi	1N	Xiao Tian	1N
Alexis	18	Irene	18	lvy	18
Sunandita	18	Aaron	2C	Chloe	2C
Luna	2C	Vishwam	2C	Ella	2G
Neeti	2G	Smyan	2G	Sophie	2G
Barbara	2K	Harrison	2K	Jemimah	2K
Kevin	2K	Aaron	3A	Amber	3A
Jonah	3A	Vihaan	3A	Agatha	3E
Luka	3E	Tanish	3E	Tess	3E
Clare	3/4P	Eden	3/4P	Esther	3/4P
Nicholas	3/4P	Amy	4B	Caden	4B
Harry	4B	Sebastien	4B	Anu	4W
Eric	4W	Krish	4W	Vedant	4W
Margaret	5D	Myles	5D	Seojin	5D
Spencer	5D	Anthony	5L	Jasmine	5L
Kevin	5L	Nidhi	5L	Alex	5/6J
Iru	5/6J	Jaeger	5/6J	Marcus	5/6J
Bronte	6E	Jonathan	6E	Naina	6E
Samuel	6E	Lachlan	6H	Lina	6H
Peter	6H	Sophia	6H		

#### K-6 ASSEMBLY YEAR 6 SPECIAL AWARDS

On Wednesday 28th November there will be a special assembly in the school Hall commencing at 1.45pm. A number of our Year 6 students will be receiving a certificate to celebrate their involvement in the following school activities: library, band, choir, VEG, performance dance troupe and Year 6 debating. You are most welcome to attend. The drama group will also be performing their annual item. Parents are welcome to attend.

MR JOHNSTON
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



## Help your child prepare to live and work successfully in the future with a shared understanding of ICT teaching practices in our school

Do you want to help your child become a successful Future Focused Learner?

Do you want to connect with teachers and understand what they teach?

Do you want to know what happens in classrooms with ICT?

Epping Heights Public School is committed to preparing our students to be successful Future Focused Learners, confident and discernable users of technology and active and informed digital citizens.

Our school community is also committed to providing parents and carers with opportunities to engage with teachers to build a shared understanding of Australian Schooling and support their child in achieving their personal best.

You are invited to participate in an information session to explore ways to help your child be a successful 21st Century digital citizen. Teachers will present information to help parents form a deep understanding of Future Focused Learning and an understanding of the General Capability, ICT (Information Communication Technology) that is needed for life and work.

Session Date	Time	Venue	
Thursday 22nd November	9.00am - 10.00am	School Hall	

The ICT Parent Information Session is going ahead as we have met the numbers required to run the workshop

#### **SPORT HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS FOR 2019**

Year 5 students now have the opportunity to nominate themselves for the position of Sport House Captain for 2019. Once the nominations have been received, students will present a 1-2 minute speech to Years 2 to 6. The speeches will be presented on Friday 30th November during House meetings. The students must write their speeches at school on the morning of the 30th November with no teacher or parent assistance.

The qualities Sport House Captains are expected to have include:

- Following the school rules (Be safe, be responsible, be respectful)
- Being an excellent role model
- Showing pride in our school
- Being responsible and reliable
- Confidence in public
- Showing kindness and thoughtfulness to others
- High level of engagement in class, school and sport

Some of the responsibilities of a Sport House Captain include:

- Running Sport assemblies and House meetings
- Giving Sport reports and collecting class house points weekly
- Supporting school based sport initiatives, which may involve giving up your lunch time
- Leading cheers during sport events

All nominations should be handed in to Miss Wong by Thursday 22nd November.

MISS GRACE WONG
SCHOOL SPORTS COORDINATOR



#### **LOLLY GUESSING COMPETITION**

From Tuesday 13th November to the Friday 16th November the SRC will be running a lolly guessing competition each day during recess and first half lunch with all proceeds going to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. 50 cents for one (1) guess and \$1 for three (3) guesses. 4 jars of Iollies up for grabs. Prize winners announced at morning lines Monday 19th November.

Thank you!

#### **SRC COORDINATORS**

#### MRS ANNIE MACKENZIE, MRS EMILY TAHIR, MISS SELENA GOH AND MR DOMONIC BUCKMAN



#### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

#### Uniforms are now available to order on Qkr! No more filling out forms!

(Please note – order forms must still be used to pay by cash or cheque)

To simplify the process of ordering uniforms without attending the uniform shop, we have now made uniforms available to order via the Qkr app.

The process is very straight forward – I'm sure many have used to app for other P&C payments. The cut off each week is Wednesday at 11am for delivery to your child's class by Friday.

Exchanges of size of unworn items can be facilitated by sending the items to the school office or bringing to the uniform shop. If not attending the shop to exchange, please enclose details with the item and/or send an email to the address below so we are aware an exchange is required. No refunds can be given – except in case of faulty items.

#### **NICOLE OTTEN**

#### UNIFORM SHOP COORDINATOR eppingheights.uniformshop@gmail.com

#### **ORDERS FOR STRICTLY LIVE ENSEMBLE 2018**

Recording of Strictly Live Ensemble 2018, held last term, is now available for purchase. We offer 3 formats that can be purchased separately:

- Audio CD (\$3) ideal for listening in the car with the kids
- DVD video disc (\$5) for your TV or home theatre
- DVD data disc (\$5) MPEG-4 video files and MP3 audio files for your computer or smartphone

To order, please complete the online form and pay online by Fri 30th November at <a href="https://www.ehpsband.com/events/strictly-live">https://www.ehpsband.com/events/strictly-live</a>

CDs and DVDs will be sent home with students after all orders are received.

#### **EHPS BAND COMMITTEE**

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# EPPING HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C NOTICE FOR 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2018 7.00PM @ EHPS LIBRARY

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Epping Heights Public School Parents and Citizens' Association will be held at the school library on TUESDAY 13 November 2018 commencing at 7.00pm (straight after the School Induction for Parent Volunteers).

All financial members are strongly encouraged to attend as voting will take place on the night for the 2019 P&C Executive. You will also be able to join or renew your membership on the night.

On the night, the current P&C executive and head of committees will present their reports for past year's activities.

After this, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Nominations will also be sought for the head(s) of the following P&C Sub-Committees:

- Fundraising
- Uniform Shop
- School Banking
- Grounds
- Band
- Book Club
- Community Relations

If you are interested in any of the above roles or would like more information, please email Jenn Kwaan (P&C Secretary) at <a href="mailto:ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com">ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com</a>.

Please note that the AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

\*\* THE AGM WILL BE FOLLOWED STRAIGHT AWAY BY THE NOVEMBER P&C GENERAL MEETING.

#### **EHPS COMMUNITY BAND - MEMBERS WANTED!**

#### Can you play an instrument? Can you sing?

The EHPS Community Band is looking for new members to join them for EHPS Carols Night 2018.

There will be a few rehearsals leading up to the event but it's really just a group of parents or ex-students playing music and having fun.

Please email Geoff at <a href="mailto:grtay1@yahoo.com.au">grtay1@yahoo.com.au</a> if you are interested!



#### SCHOOL GROUNDS WORKING BEE

The Term 4 Grounds Working Bee will be held on Sunday, 25 November 2018, between 2pm and 4pm.

Classes rostered on are: KP, KM, 1H, 2G, 3P, 4W, 5/6J, 6H

If your class is not rostered on but you wish to help out, please feel free to join in. The Working Bees are a lot of fun, and a great way to meet other families in the school community.

If you are able to come, please email <u>samir.d.sawant@gmail.com</u> or text 0478 311 163. You are also welcome to just turn up on the day. We meet under the COLA.

Please bring along gardening equipment such as gloves and tools (it's a good idea to ensure any equipment you bring along is clearly marked with your family's name). Drinking water and biscuits are provided.

We look forward to seeing you there, if you can make it!

Please note, if it is raining, the Working Bee will be cancelled.



# EPPING HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

# PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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Carols will be held on Friday 7 December. It is a relaxing night which brings the whole school community together. The school bands play and every EHPS child will sing with their year group.

So pack a picnic dinner and join us at the back oval for a night of festive singing and music. There will be no food for sale on the night.

FRI 7 DEC

Picnic starts from 5.30pm Music from 6,15pm CAROLS WILL COMMENCE AT 6.30pm PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

**DIJONES** 

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#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

Please note that as we have no means of checking the bona fides of advertisers, Epping Heights Public School will not accept responsibility for any advertisements.



#### Enrol in our School Holiday Programs for January 2019

Intensive programs at MultiLit Literacy Centres

- Intensive intervention programs for primary and secondary students, including young adults
- Customised literacy support based on needs
- Research-based programs delivered via high-quality one-to-one sessions by peer-assessed tutors
- Face-to-face and fully online sessions available

#### Program dates for NSW School Holidays

7 – 25 January 2019 (15 days)

tudents complete a 50-minute session each day of the rogram.

Programs are held over consecutive weeks (excluding NSW Public Holidays).

Lessons can be undertaken face-to-face with qualified tutors at one of our dedicated MultiLit Literacy Centres located in Macquarie Park and Bella Vista.

Lessons can also be completed fully online or using a combination of both face-to-face and online tutoring services

Placement test: \$50 (must be completed prior to commencement) An additional option for existing MultiLit Literacy Centre students is a one-week program for \$620.

No Placement Test is required for continuing students.

#### About MultiLit Literacy Centres

MultiLit, a research initiative of Macquarie University, offers proven programs to improve reading accuracy, fluency, comprehension and spelling, designed specifically for students who are reading at a level significantly below their peers.

Our most recent analysis has shown that students who ha completed two-term programs at a MultiLit Literacy Centre nade three to six times greater progress than they were pically making prior to receiving MultiLit instruction.

Our School Holiday Programs provide similar benefits to ou regular School Term programs in an intensive format.

#### For more information or to book a place

T: 1300 559 919 E: literacv.centre@multilit.com

www.literacycentres.multilit.com





#### Saturday 17th November 10am-2pm @YMCA EPPING

Face painting - Gymnastics - Kids Games - Jumping Castle - Sausage sizzle - Fitness challenge - and more!

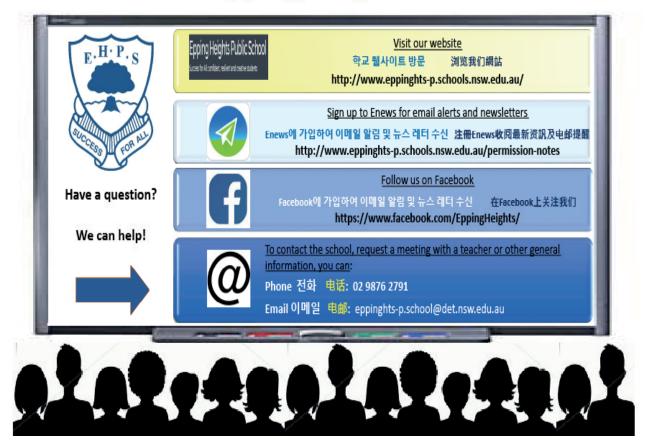
Come and enjoy the Free Family Fun!



YMCA Epping 14 Ward Street, Epping 2121 ymcansw.org.au/epping



# Welcome to Epping Heights Public School!



Community User Groups at Epping Heights PS

Did you know there are many extracurricular activities offered by private businesses at our school? Please contact the groups direct if you are interested in attending any of these activities.

Activity	Day	Time	Contact person	Phone
Drama Enrichment Class	Monday	3.15pm	Halina Abramowicz	0422 542 166
Chess Class (Syd Academy of Chess)	Monday	3.10pm	Brett Tindall	9745 1170
Zumba Class	Monday	7.30pm	Alicia Speer	0414 266 101
Guitar Lessons (VIP Music)	Tuesday	Morning	Urszula Koh	9411 3122
Keyboard Lessons (VIP Music)	Tuesday	Morning	Urszula Koh	9411 3122
Mandarin Class (Happy Chinese)	Wednesday	3.15pm	Nancy Zhou	0433 589 696
Art Class (Art Platform)	Friday	3.15pm	Fergus Tam	0412 168 198
Karate Class (Australia's Youth Self Defence)	Saturday	Morning	Matt Klein	9904 5667
Peking Chinese Language Class	Saturday	Afternoon	Min Hua Li	0406 949 894
Punjabi Lessons	Sunday	Morning	Narian Singh	0405 217 446