# Epping Heights

## Public School



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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Wed	28/11	3-6 Additional Awards Assembly @1.45pm
Wed	28/11	K-2 Assembly @2.25pm
Mon	3/12	Choir s performing at Epping Club Carols
Tues	4/12	High School Orientation Day (multiple schools)
Wed	5/12	Presentation Day @9.30am
Wed	5/12	P&C Farewell Morning Tea @11am
Thur	6/12	Year 6 Farewll @ Muirfield Golf Club
Fri	7/12	Carols Night from 5.30pm on back Oval

## **NEWSLETTER** TERM 4 | WEEK 7 | 27 November 2018

#### IN THIS EDITION:

- Principal's report General News, School Excellence Evaluation, Kindergarten Orientation, ICT Parent Workshop, Essential Website, New Bells & PA System, Early Reports
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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week I was extremely proud of our students' behaviour in the Leadership speech assembly. The Year 5 candidates clearly outlined the reasons they would make great leaders. Each of them should be proud of their efforts. The Yr 2-6 student audience showed the care, understanding and respect reflected in the lines of our school song "Our school's a place of caring and sharing, helping each other day by day." Parents who were present even made a point of speaking to me or emailing me to congratulate the students. I am lucky to regularly to witness such 'wrap around support' by staff, parents and students daily, across a range of scenarios. The genuine atmosphere of good-will and kindness that exists at our school makes me constantly proud to be Principal.

#### SCHOOL EXCELLENCE EVALUATION

Thank you to the 131 parents who returned the survey and gave useful feedback. We appreciate your time and input. The results of this survey will support our annual school evaluation process.

Throughout the year we collected and evaluate a range of evidence to inform our practice and improve outcomes for our students. We are currently evaluating 2018 milestones in the School Plan and setting direction for next year. A special thank you to the executive team -Miss Moore, Mrs Moran, Miss Gerard, Mr Buckman and Mr Johnston- for their work in supporting this process. We look forward to sharing our findings in the Annual School Report available early next year.

#### **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**

Our final session for new Kinders and their families was held last Wednesday. Children had fun in classrooms with their buddies and parents told us they appreciated the warm welcome, useful information and nice morning tea. Thank you once again to all involved in this special event, especially Miss Moore for her organisation. We look forward to seeing all new Kinder students at 10a.m on 31st January and 1 February. From Monday 4th February Kinder students will begin at 9:05a.m like all other students.

#### Newsletter articles due COB Friday

Values for this term:

Term 4 Integrity & Respect

#### Note: Year 1-6 students return on 30th January at 9:05a.m.



#### **ICT PARENT WORKSHOP**

Our parent information session on Information Communication Technology at our school and across the curriculum, was again well received. Thank you to Mr Buckman and Mrs Evans for presenting and to Mr Squires for collaboratively planning the session. Engaging with parents to build understanding of the curriculum is a key milestone to achieve Active Learners and Engaged Community. Some key messages are:



## General Capabilities incorporated into the NSW Syllabus

General capabilities encompass the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours to assist students to live and work successfully in the 21st century.

The general capabilities are:

Critical and creative thinking \*\*

Ethical understanding

- Information and communication technology capability
- Intercultural understanding
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Personal and social capability #

https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/general-capabilities/

#### What is the ICT general capability?

Information and communication technology capability Students develop Information and Communication Technology (ICT) capability as they learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems and work collaboratively in all learning areas at school and in their lives beyond school. ICT capability involves students learning to make the most of the digital technologies available to them, adapting to new ways of doing things as technologies evolve and limiting the risks to themselves and others in a digital environment.





#### **ESSENTIAL WEBSITE**

Did you know the Department of Education website for parents has been updated?

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers It has information on:

- Starting primary school
- Starting highschool
- Learning resources
- Help with homework
- Family wellbeing
- NSW School Term dates ....and much more.

There are also lots of translated documents available. <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents</u>

#### **Translated documents**

Information is available in many languages.

Telephone the interpreter service on 131 450 if you need help talking with your school. This service is free. Listen in your language.

#### Search by document name

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#### **NEW BELLS AND PA SYSTEM**

You may have noticed our new PA system which has bells and line up music. Our system is entirely new and includes internal speakers in each classroom so messages, bells and health and safety calls are clearly heard. The system includes evacuation, lock out and lock down bells and announcements. Students have listened to each announcement and will undertake a practice drill in the coming weeks to ensure they know what to do when they hear each bell and in the case of an emergency. Thank you to those who donate to school voluntary contributions as this money has been used towards the new system.





#### **EARLY REPORTS**

Due to the time required to ensure our reporting process is thorough and printing of over 530 reports is done accurately, we are unable to give student end of year reports early. **Reports will be sent home with students on Monday 17 December.** If you are unable to collect it then you can either provide the office with a stamped self-addressed envelope and we will post it home, or your child can collect it from the office next year.

#### **2019 PLANNING**

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.)





## **Compulsory School Attendance**

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

#### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

#### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

#### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why. Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

#### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.



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#### My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

## What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

 Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

Application to the Children's Court

 Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

#### What age can my child leave school?

All New South W ales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

#### Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities. If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library* 

#### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

#### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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#### MS MEGAN BRIDEKIRK PRINCIPAL



#### LIBRARY NEWS

Pig the Pug is ready for Christmas, are you?

There is no more borrowing for the year. Only returning in preparation for stocktake. If you have any library books at home, please drop them in to the returns box in the library.

Thank you, MRS WILMOT



#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Alanna	1H	Naomi	1N	Hyunho	3A
Murray	3A	Amy	4B	Daniel	4W
Nandini	5D	Freyja	5/6J	Jay	6H

#### **MERIT AWARD**

Ariv	KA	Darren	KA	Riya	KA
Sonia	KA	Grace	KM	Hannah	KM
Patric	KM	Tevon	KM	Ahaan	KP
Amelia	KP	Nathan	KP	Rowan	KP
Ella	KS	Jessica	KS	Katie	KS
Krish	KS	Hailey	1H	Kai	1H
Micah	1H	Myra	1H		1N
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Anneliese	15	Emma	15	Esteban	15
Jaden	15	Annika	2C	Hayden	2C
Isabella	2C	Saed	2C	Norah	2G
Rumir	2G		2G		2G
Annabelle	2K	Kingsley	2K	Melissa	2K
William	2K				

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#### SRC LOLLY GUESSING COMPETITION- THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Epping Heights students for participating in the SRC lolly guessing competition. We raised \$64.40. This amount together with the \$387.40 we raised recently to support Day for Daniel will be forwarded to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation so that they can continue their great work and Daniel's legacy. <u>https://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/australias-biggest-lesson.html</u>

Thank you!

#### SRC COORDINATORS

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





To our parent helpers and volunteers, In appreciation for all your help throughout the year You are cordially invited to a **'Thank you' morning tea to be held on Thursday 13th December 2018 from 11:00am to 11:30am under the Hall COLA** 

We look forward to seeing you there! From the staff at Epping Heights Public School

Please RSVP for catering purposes using the note sent home with your child or by emailing the school Office

#### TOYS 'N' TUCKER 2018

In 2017 Anglicare distributed 4,650 Christmas Food Hampers and 2,917 gifts and toys, helping to share the joy of Christmas and making it a much happier time than it might otherwise have been for many people in the community.

This year we will again be participating in Toys 'n' Tucker, assisting Anglicare to provide gifts and a Christmas meal to children in Sydney and Wollongong who normally go without. By helping in a small way we can provide a little bit of hope this Christmas for many children in need. At the back of this newsletter (in the Classifieds section) there is a list of items that Anglicare are hoping to receive from us. Items include gifts such as toys, board games, sporting equipment or retail gift cards or long-life food items such as Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, long-life custard or tinned ham.

Anglicare will be picking up the generously donated items from our school on **Monday 10th December 2018** so please start collecting and let's put some smiles on faces this Christmas! Returned items will need to be placed **under the Christmas Tree in the office from 26th November (the beginning of week 7)**.

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

#### **ATTENTION 2019 DANCE TROUPES**

Dance Troupe practise will begin this week for the Stage 2 and Stage 3 2019 Performance Dance Troupes. *Please attend only if you received an acceptance letter.* 

Stage 2 will be held on Thursday from 3.15-4.15pm in the hall. Parents, please be prompt to pick up.

(Any students who attend OOSH are asked to attend roll call before making their way to the hall. Miss Moore will walk them back to OOSH after practise is finished)

Stage 3 will be held on Friday morning from 7.35am-8.35am in the hall. Please be prompt so we can get started on time.

I look forward to seeing you all.

#### **MISS SARAH MOORE**

EPPING HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

#### P&C MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019 NOW OPEN

P&C membership is a great way to:

- Find out what is happening at school
- Be involved in decisions that affect the school and your children
- Contribute to fun community and fundraising activities
- Show your children how much you care about their school and education
- Meet other cool parents!

Membership is only \$1! You can be involved as much or as little as you like.

Join now on Qkr! or email <u>ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com</u>

#### NARELLE KING P&C SECRETARY

#### \*\* LAST CHANCE \*\* TO ORDER STRICTLY LIVE ENSEMBLE 2018 CD/DVD!

Recordings of Strictly Live Ensemble 2018 concert is 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 Friday 30th November at

#### https://www.ehpsband.com/events/strictly-live

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

#### **EHPS BAND COMMITTEE**

#### **OSHC VACATION CARE**

Dear Families,

Please note that Vacation Care for December/January is now available to book online.

The due date for booking is: 14.12.18

Please book in quickly to avoid missing out!

Sun Safety:

As a friendly reminder, sun safety is a priority at this time of year, so please ensure your child has a hat every day and uses sunscreen regularly.

If you are interested in seeing some pictures from all the great activities that are enjoyed at OSHC please visit our OSHC photo blog at:

#### https://eppingheightsoshc.smugmug.com

(Our galleries are password protected, please contact the Centre for the password if you require it.) Regards,

#### ADAM PEARSON (CENTRE DIRECTOR)



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#### **BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 8 ORDERS DUE TOMORROW WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER**

Thank you to everyone who placed an order this year. Every Book Club order earns 20% of its value in Rewards dollars for the School. These Rewards can be spent on books and other classroom resources from Scholastic. This year we earned almost \$3000 in Rewards for the school!

Orders for Book Club Issue 8 are due tomorrow, Wednesday 28th November 2018. If you don't have a copy of the catalogue you can view it online at <a href="http://scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/assets/pdfs/bc818.pdf">http://scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/assets/pdfs/bc818.pdf</a>



Please use our preferred ordering method, Book Club LOOP for parents. LOOP ordering will remain open until **10:00pm** on the due date.

Cash orders will be accepted for those unable to use LOOP.

Correct money **and** order form must be submitted to the Book Club letterbox in the school office by **3:00pm** on the due date. Late orders cannot be processed.

Please DO NOT give orders to your child's class teacher. Send all Book Club enquiries to <u>EppingHeights.bookclub@gmail.com</u> Thank you for your support.

#### MONICA SETO BOOK CLUB COORDINATOR



#### 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 grtay1@yahoo.com.au if you are interested!

## EPPING HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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# EPPING HEIGHTS CM/DJ 2018

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.

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

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## REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help us on the Carols Night (Friday night 7 December 2018). We are looking for:

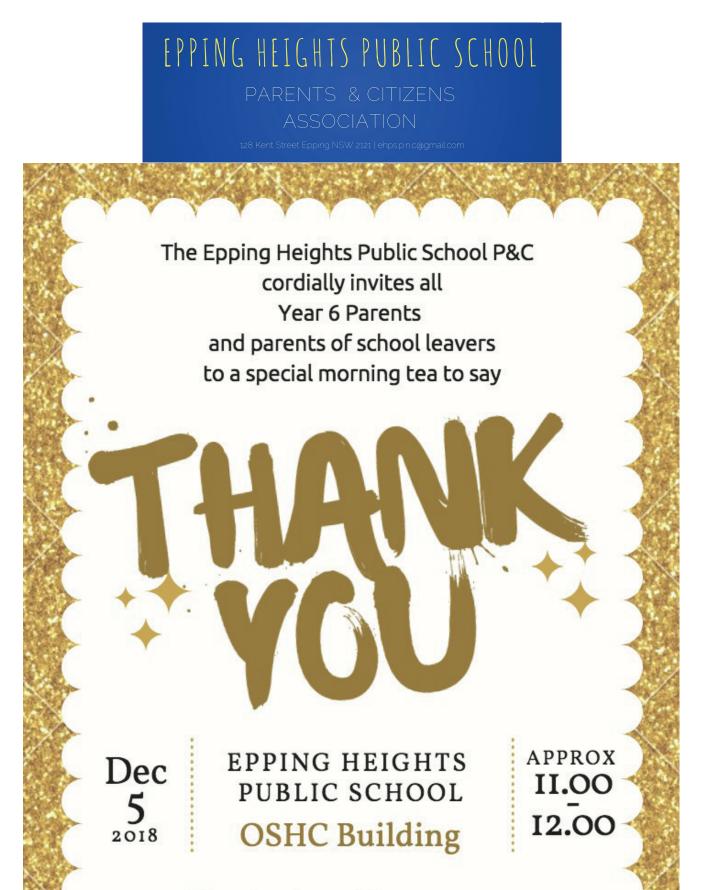
- A few families to help set up (from 4.00pm).
- A few families to help pack up at the end of the night.
- General helpers on the night.

If you can help or would like more information, please email ehpscarols@gmail.com

#### UNIFORM SHOPS CHANGE OF OPENING TIME

The uniform shop will open slightly later this Wednesday 28th November - from 3pm-4pm.

**MRS OTTEN** 



Morning tea will commence straight after the Presentation Day Assembly.

Please RSVP to ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com



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## **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