Epping Heights

Public School



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High School Year

IMPORTANT DATES

4/12

Tues

Tues

Wed

Thurs

7 Orientation Days (multiple schools) Wed 5/12 Presentation Day @9:30am Wed 5/12 P&C Farewell Morning Tea@11am Wed KinderGraduation @ 5/12 11:40am 6/12 Year 6 Farewell @ Thurs Muirfield Golf Club Fri 7/12 Carols Night from 5:30pm on back Oval 11/12 Yr 7 Orientation Day Tues @ Epping Boys & Cheltenham Girls

High Schools

11/12 P&C AGM @7pm in the library

You morning tea

Thurs 13/12 Big Band Breakfast
Thurs 13/12 Parent Helper Thank

12/12 Bazaar Day

13/12 P&C Muffi Day

Fri 14/12 K-6 Scripture Service @ 9:15am

Fri 14/12 ES1 Class Party
Fri 14/12 S1 Class Party

Newsletter articles due COB Friday

Values for this term:

Term 4 Integrity & Respect

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 8 | 4 December 2018

IN THIS EDITION:

- Principal's report General News, Staffing news, Read with Me and Principal's awards, Thank you again, Early reports, Safety and Carols Night.
- Student awards
- Teacher and school news
- P&C news
- Classifieds
- Community User Groups & Contact EHPS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was wonderful to see our choirs perform at the Epping Club on Monday. Our students were very well behaved as always and sang beautifully. Their performance was moving and added to the Christmas spirit that was in the air. Congratulations boys and girls.

Thank you to Mrs Kim for organising this event and to Mrs Tahir, Miss Turriff,



Miss Wong and the parent helpers who supported our students.

STAFFING NEWS

I wish to congratulate Miss Wong for successfully being appointed, through merit selection, to a permanent EALD position. Unfortunately for us, it is not at our school. Miss Wong has been a wonderful asset to the staff at our school and has been here as a temporary teacher for the last 2 years. During this time she has added value in many ways such as organising school sports program, teaching her Year 4 class, teaching our EALD students and supporting and participating in many school events. Miss Wong leaves us for Carlingford PS and she will be greatly missed. We wish Miss Wong every success in her new position and hope she will come back and visit us. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the work of



Miss Wong's mother who has been instrumental in providing many of our translated materials over the last 2 years. We will miss her service to the school.

READ WITH ME AND PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

This is the last week for students to trade their Read With Me and Principal awards. Recipients must have their awards in by this Friday 7 December. Books and awards will be presented next Monday at recess lines. There will be no further awards after this but we encourage students to always keep reading.

THANK YOU AGAIN

Thank you again to the parents who donated to the gold coin challenge and voluntary contributions. Here you

can see students in 1H using the new laptops.





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.



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 여행전에 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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SAFETY

A number of parents have been seen by teachers driving into the school carpark before and after school times. For the safety of children who are involved in OSHC and other community user activities and staff who are still on site- this is not allowed. Please do not use staff carparks at any time. Please also take care when driving near the school grounds.

CAROLS NIGHT

We hope you can join us for Carols Night this Friday evening. Please see later in the newsletter for more information about this event. Just a reminder that parents are responsible for the safety and supervision of their own children. Children must be escorted by an adult to and from the toilets and should not be left unsupervised to play in the playground.

As per the Department of Education's Code of Conduct "You must not take alcohol to a school or consume it during school hours or at any school function at any time school students are present, including those events conducted outside school premises. A school function is any occasion organised by the school and/or in the school's name, including dances, farewells, excursions, sporting fixtures and fund raising events."

There will be a parent first aid officer on the night but parents are responsible for ensuring their own child's medical needs are attended to. We look forward to a safe and happy event.

MS MEGAN BRIDEKIRK PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Sophie	2G	Dia	3E	Hyunho	3A
MERIT AWARD					
Aarna	KA	Sejong	KA	Thisath	KA
Ethan	KA	Nicki	KM	Gaia	KM
Mahil	KM	Sebastian	KM	Amelia	KP
Nathan	KP	Rowan	KP	Ahaan	KP
Matti	KS	Divyam	KS	Siyoung	KS
Paris	KS	Presley	1H	Evonnie	1H
Aiden	1H	Ryhan	1H	Allen	1N
Maryann	1N	Soha	1N	Jacob	1N
Haala	1N	Victoria	1N	Lucas	1N
Jaden	1N	Khkola	18	Anthony	18
Joanne	1S	Aadarsh	18	Vaishnavi	2C
Charlotte	2C	Joseph	2C	Aaron	2C
Sophie	2G	Elisha	2G	Sarah	2G
Ella	2G	Lilian	2K	Sophia	2K
Seojoon	2K	Elliot	2K		

MAGIC WORDS 100

Sebastian	KM		



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READ WITH ME					
Sianne	KM	Wesley	KM	Lara	KP
Jana	KP	Emily	KP	Grace	KP
Siwat	KP	Olivia	KS	Lilly	1H
Soha	1N	Chloe	1N	Michaela	18
Khkola	18	Eric	1S	Gabriel	18
lan	1\$	Maximillian	2C	Chloe	2C
Bonnie	2G	Felix	2G	Sarah	2G
Margo	2G	Seojoon	2K	Harrison	2K
Alice	3A	Advit	3A	Nia	3A
Agatha	3E	Hayden	3E	Janice	3E
Chloe	3E	Nathanael	3/4P	Lucia	3/4P
Nashita	3/4P	Jaiden	3/4P	Dana	3/4P
Tania	3/4P	Alicia	3/4P	Meisha	5/6J
Isabella	6E				



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

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

EPPING HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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P&C GENERAL MEETING

The final P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 11 December at 7 pm in the library.

All members and new members are always welcome!

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 ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR WANTED

The P&C is looking for a Community Relations Coordinator. This is a great opportunity to contribute to making our school fun and welcoming! The Community Relations Coordinator helps the school to welcome visitors, members of the community and newcomers by assisting with events such as ANZAC Day and Kindy Orientation. The Coordinator is supported by a pool of volunteers from the CUPPA CREW.

If you are interested or want to find out more, please email ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com.

NARELLE KING P&C SECRETARY

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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ETHICS@ EHPS

Thank you! As the term draws to a close we bid farewell and thank you to Jenny Read, our Year 6 Ethics Teacher. Jenny has been involved with Primary Ethics since the inception of the program at our school, and a valued member of our Ethics teaching group.

Current topics This week, year 3 students are finishing their topic on whether some animals are more precious than others, and moving on to a critical thinking topic about drawing inferences. Year 5 students are finishing their topic on teasing, and starting a unit called Thinking about Thinking. Hopefully they might get time to discuss Drugs in Sport before the end of term! Children in all classes are working through the prescribed curriculum with great energy and enthusiasm.

New volunteers needed! Now is the perfect time to kick off your application and training to become an ethics teacher at our school in 2019! Ethics Teachers facilitate the children's conversations working from a prescribed curriculum. You receive training in classroom management as well as child protection and loads of tips on how to facilitate the lessons. Contact Kate at ehpsethicscoordinator@gmail.com or 0412 389 079 to find out more, or check the website www.primaryethics.com.au We currently run classes for years 1 to 6, however there will be fewer teachers available next year due to other commitments. This means more children will be attending non-scripture, if we don't have volunteers to take the classes. Parents of Kindy and Year 1 classes in 2018 are especially encouraged to apply, as we will have vacancies for their levels in 2019. The commitment is Friday mornings, 9.05-9.40am, during school term. Some volunteers choose to teach their own child's year level, others like to take classes at other levels.



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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.

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Picnic starts from 5.30pm

Music from 6,15pm

CAROLS WILL COMMENCE AT 6.30pm

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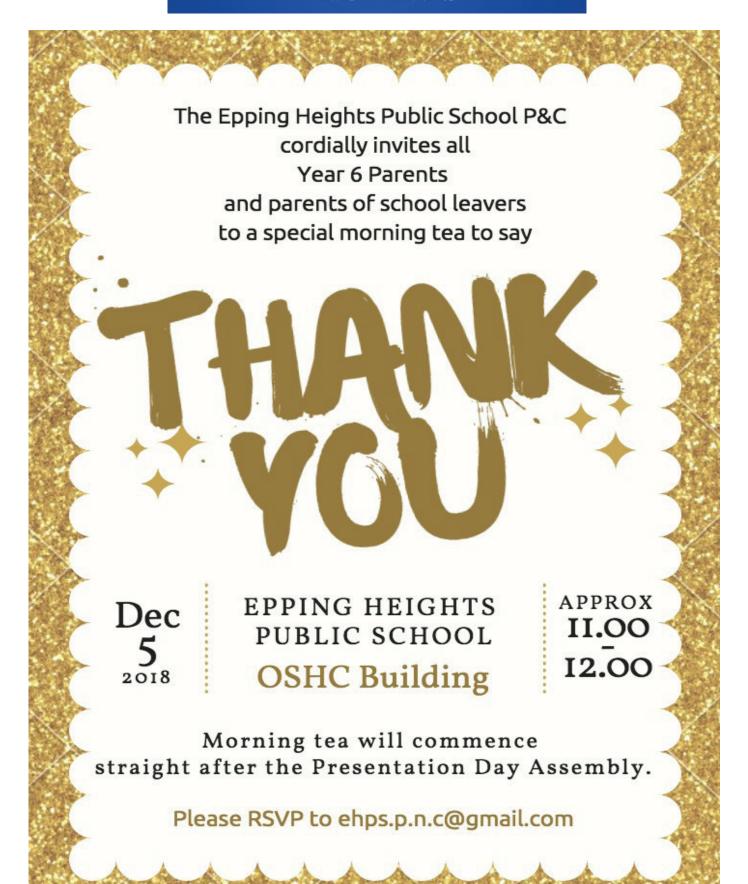
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EHPS Community Band - Members Wanted!

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!

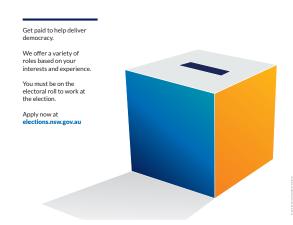
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Work at the biggest event in NSW

NSW State election 23 March 2019





PLAY SOCCER WITH EPPING FOOTBALL CLUB

IN 2019

- Epping FC is one of the largest football clubs in the Epping area with over 800 players and
 more than 60 teams that participate in both boys/mixed Saturday competition and all girls
 Sunday competition with teams in all ages from U6 to 045 and Super League.
- Our youngest teams benefit from the latest co-operative training methods to ensure the best outcomes for players and coaches.
- Our club has the best facilities in the area with 2 brand new state of the art synthetic football fields at West Epping Oval.
- Use your "Active Kids Voucher" for eligible children and obtain a \$100 credit against fees payable
- * Registrations will open early January 2019.
- * Like our Facebook page to keep updated

For more details regarding registrations go to our website www.eppingfootballclub.com.au



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Wondering what to give?

Standard sizes are preferred to help fit everything in neatly.

- Christmas cake Christmas
- pudding
- Tinned ham (450g)
- · Tinned salmon (415g)
- Tea (50pk) or Coffee (100a)
- Milo (small tin) Packet of biscuits
- Dried pasta (500g)
- Pasta sauce
- · Long-life milk,
- custard or cream · Tinned fruit and
- regetables (425g)
- Jam (500g)

- Pre-school
- Age-appropriate games
- Educational toys
- · Picture books

Children

- Good-quality toys
- Outdoor games
- Sporting equipment

Teenagers

- · Gift cards/
- vouchers
- Sporting
- equipment
- · Toiletry packs

Sadly we can't include chocolate as it's likely to melt.





Chettenham Girls High Ochool

The Promenade, Cheltenham NSW 2119 Telephone: 9876 4481 Facsimile: 9869 8521 Email: Cheltenham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au Website: www.cheltenham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY 2018

Tuesday December 11th, 2018



Information and activities include:

- A welcome assembly showcasing our Senior Choir, uniforms, and presentations from various student committees - beginning 10.00am
- Meet your teachers
- SRC activities
- Peer Support
- Recess and BBQ lunch provided
- Opportunity to purchase uniforms at the Uniform Shop
- An opportunity for parents to pay financial contributions and complete forms relating to camp, medical and permission to publish – between 8.30am and 1pm

Parents are invited at remain behind after the assembly for important information about being a C.G.H.S. Parent - from 11-11:30am.

Enrolled Year 6 students will receive further information in their Orientation Package in the mail prior to the event.



KICKS EPPING Now serving:

Epping Heights Public School

Join the best after school program in town!

KICKS After School® is a structured after school program providing free school pickup, healthy snacks, a supervised homework period and a martial arts & leadership training session.

KICKS is open until 6.30pm, Mon-Fri for your convenience.



Structured Program











3:30: Healthy snacks and supervised homework

4:15: Martial arts/leadership

lessons 5:15: Supervised recreation

time

6:30: Students picked up from KICKS

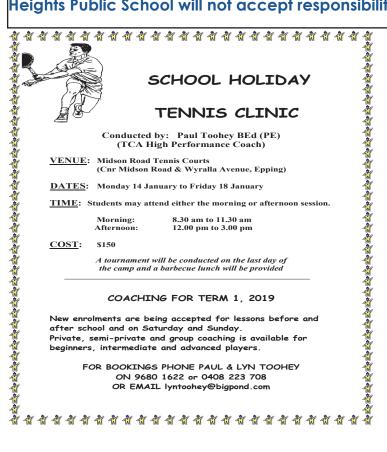
KICKS EPPING Carlingford Village Shopping Centre U12b, Lvl 3, 372 Pennant Hills Road Carlingford (Ph: 8628 7495) Register online for 2018 at KicksAfterSchool.com/Epping





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NATIONAL TRUST Friends of Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage invite you to Santa in the Cellar on 2nd December, 2018 between 11am and 1pm at Old Government House, Parramatta.

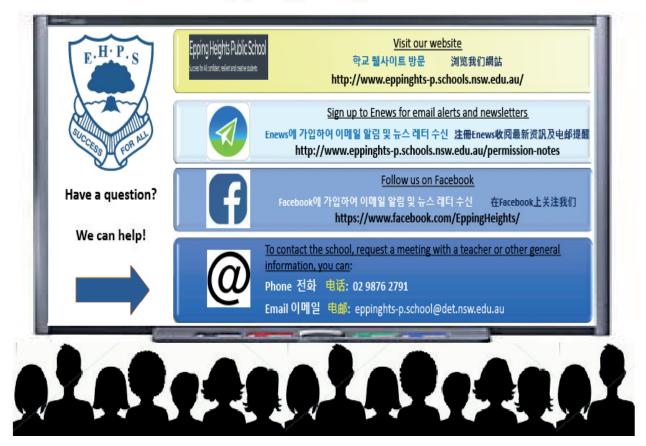


Bring your camera and take unique photographs of your children in the Macquarie Cellar. This cellar is rarely opened to the public.

Entry via a gold coin donation per person



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