Important Dates

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Please check dates regularly. Occasionally changes are made and often new events or activities are added!

Term 4 Assemblies

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***** Please note some changes to assembly for Years 3 – 6. The assembly for class 3R will now be in Week 5 on Thursday 6th November. 3R will be running the assembly and doing an item. Class 4F were due to run assembly and do an item on Thursday 13th Nov, however this clashes with other events on that day so there will be no assembly that week. 4F will instead perform their item at the Week 8 assembly on Thursday 27th November.

The Principal’s Desk

Welcome back to the final term for 2014 school year. We have many exciting activities for students to participate and enjoy in this term.

Students Speak Up

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Public Speaking Competition held last Wednesday 15th October at Rooty Hill PS. A great effort by all with our Stage 2 speakers, Sophie and Fale, winning the Stage 2 section of the competition. Also, well done to Sophie who came first in the Year 3 division. Emily and Teegan also came near the top in the Stage 3 division. Well done to all.

Our debating team made it through to the semi-finals and debated against Blackwell Public School for a place in the final. In a close debate, our team just missed out on making the final. Congratulations to all team members for your efforts throughout all the debates and well done to Miss Farrugia, our dedicated debating coach.
P & C Trivia Night
Well done to the committee for a great night with just over $4000 being raised to support JEPS students. Thank you to all who supported the night. The P&C’s final activity will be the Family Fun Day to be held in the school grounds on Saturday 29th November. Come and join in on a day of fun as we support JEPS students. Congratulations to the winning table!

New School Song
The school commissioned singer songwriter Jamie from Jam on Toast to write a new school song. After 26 years the first song has served the school well and it was felt it was time for a change. It is time to develop a song of more significance to our current students and we look forward to sharing this new song with its official release at the Assembly of Excellence. The main theme of the song will focus on the school motto ‘Strive and Grow’.

Planning for the Future
Our current School Plan concludes at the end of this term and we are in the process of developing a new plan for the next three years. As part of that development we have asked our senior leaders to conduct a survey of parents. We will also be asking parents to have a direct ‘hand’ in developing the plan by presenting our draft plan to the P&C. It is important that all stakeholders – students, staff and parents have a role in developing this plan.

CLASS PLANS 2015
As well as a new plan we also spend a considerable amount of time planning and organising classes for the following year. Currently, indications are that we will have enough students to have 22 classes for 2015. If you are leaving our school in 2015 could please inform the office. Please note that one student less or more can change the school structure for the new year. Also, if you are not returning at the start of the year due to an extended holiday, please let the office know.
As we do each year we will have a couple of plans in case our numbers change but when we resume school next children will stay in their current classes until we confirm our numbers.

Reading Recovery
This is a very special program that supports Year 1 students who have difficulty with reading. They are students who did not reach the required benchmark at the end of Kindergarten. A major factor to the success of this program is the involvement of parents. It is a very expensive program as each child receives one to one tuition with a trained reading recovery teacher for up to 20 weeks. It requires children to read at home with their parents as well as being punctual to school each day.

Attendance is always vital for any child to have success at school. Research tells us that for every day absent requires two days to catch up. As the first part of the morning is about planning the day ahead your child needs to be at school on time. The following link opens to an interesting article about how missing school can have a major impact on learning:

Thank you,
Les Ridgeway
**Competitions Update**

The results for the Mathematics competition have returned. Once again, we had some wonderful results. Well done to the 39 students who participated in this competition.

*Mathematics Competition Results*

- Rivin in Year 6 received a Merit
- Credits were awarded to Kirithiga S (Year 2), Brayden P (Year 2), Adam C (Year 3), Jordyn C (Year 5), Danielle G (Year 5), Henry W (Year 5), Harry Y (Year 5) & Blake B (Year 6)
- Distinctions were awarded to Cameron G (Year 2), Luke R (Year 2), Maddison G (Year 3), Rachel W (Year 3), Fale M (Year 4), Luke M (Year 4), Nihasan (Year 4), Jacinta B (Year 5) & Ashutosh L (Year 6)

Well done to all these students.

**Camp Lost Property**

At the recent Year 4 Brewongle camp, a blue and orange sleeping bag was not collected by any of the students. It is quite a good quality sleeping bag, so if you think it may be yours, please contact the office.

**Busways Bus Pass Information**

An important reminder / message from Busways for Year 2 students moving into Year 3 next year - parents are required to complete a new application form for free travel. Applications have been given to the students who are eligible for this.

**Parent Concerns**

A reminder for parents and caregivers not to approach other children in regard to concerns or issues. As you can imagine this can be, and often is, very intimidating for students and serves little purpose other than to make the situation more difficult. If you have a concern regarding another child at school, please take the time to talk to either myself or Mr Ridgeway.

Also, a reminder for everyone to be mindful about comments made on social media sites, especially in regard to the school. Once again, any concerns or issues should be addressed with the school.

Thank You,
Dale Bruce

**P & C News**

The P&C would love to say a very big thank you all our wonderful families who came and supported our trivia night. It was very successful on two levels - the amount of fun had by all and the amazing amount raised for our wonderful school.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Dale Bruce, Leisa Halicek and Buffy Cullen for their hard work and assistance on the night. We could not have done it without you.

I am sure Les and the teaching staff, along with the P&C, will see this money benefit our children in the greatest possible ways.

**Clothing Collection** - We are doing another clothing collection. Please bring all unwanted clothes and shoes to the uniform shop before Wednesday 19th November.

**WRISTBANDS, WRISTBANDS, WRISTBANDS**

Notes have been sent home to purchase wristbands for our family fun day on Saturday 29th November. The wristbands are $25 per child which allows them to ride unlimited from 10 - 5pm. There will be seven rides on the day for all ages and parents who need to accompany their younger children will not need to purchase a band for themselves.

It will be a fun filled day so please support our school, purchase your wristbands and tell your family and friends.

Our AGM will be held in the staff room on Wednesday 19th November 7.30pm. We would love our parents to come along and see what work has been done this year by the committee and how it has benefited our children. We would also like to invite you to share any suggestions you may have and perhaps even join our fantastic committee.

Thank you all and hope to see you there.

Thank you
Liz Dunlop (P & C President)
Stage 2 News

Good luck to all the students from Year 3 and 4 attending the Milo Cricket Cup on today. I am sure they will represent JEPS with pride.

On the 30th October we are having a “Day for Daniel” mufti day fundraiser. Students are being asked to wear red and bring a gold coin donation. We will also be participating in the singing of *Paint you a song* as part of the Count us in program.

Stage 2 party day notes have gone home already. We are going to the movies with a pizza lunch on Friday 12th December. Please send your $20 and the permission note to the office in the next few weeks.

The rescheduled Anti-Bullying Show is coming up. K-2 will be on the 5th November and 3-6 on the 6th November.

There are still some places available for the two weeks swimming scheme held in Week 7 and 8 this term. Please remember to send the permission note with the money to the office. The office will then forward the permission note to Mrs Williams for processing.

Thank you,

Cathy McColgan
Assistant Principal

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**Newsletter Briefs**

**Tricks for encouraging kids to read**
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at [http://bit.ly/HLPmB9](http://bit.ly/HLPmB9)

**How much water does your child really need?**
Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don't feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child's school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child’s age at [http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo](http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo)

**Private tutoring**

**Leaving your child at home alone**
At some point it will be necessary to leave your child home alone for a short period of time. There is no actual law in Australia that states what age a child can be left alone, but parents are legally responsible for their child's safety and wellbeing. You may be nervous the first few times (although most kids are excited about the independence) so making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and how to stay safe. Read more here: [http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9](http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9)

**Team sports – more than health benefits**
As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don’t go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here: [http://bit.ly/HlgxVO](http://bit.ly/HlgxVO)
Day For Daniel

The SRC has registered JEPS to participate in the Day for Daniel. Day for Daniel has been organised by The Daniel Morcombe Foundation which was established by the Morcombe family after the tragic death of their son. Day for Daniel aims to empower more Australians by educating children and their families to make all Australia a safer place for children. Children will be participating in an age appropriate child safety lesson that reinforces concepts taught previously in Child Protection lessons. They will then buddy up with another class and work together on a simple craft activity.

Children are asked to wear red clothing on Thursday 30 October 2014 and bring a gold coin donation.

Thank you for your support of this great cause.

JEPS SRC
Mrs Kim Lewis & Miss Jess Burton
Organising Teachers
K-2 Athletics Carnival
On Friday of week 1 we held our annual K-2 Sport’s Carnival. The day started with races and ended with tabloid activities consisting of soccer dribble, parachute, relays, hurdles, walking, skipping, hula hoops, egg and spoon races, javelin, captain ball/ circle pass and quoits. Students received house points for participating and the results for the day are as follows:

1st place- Macquarie (blue) - 1950 points
2nd place- Evans (red) - 1850 points
3rd place- Marsden (yellow) - 1800 points
4th place- Bennett (green) - 1660 points

Classes held races for girls and boys and 1st, 2nd and 3rd from each class went in a grade final. Class winners received a ribbon as did grade finalist winners. The winning three from each grade were:

Year 2 Boys
1st- Liam Darlington
2nd- Tareq Mel
3rd Jackson Ward

Year 2 Girls
1st- Tamara Lukanovic
2nd- Abbi Elliot
3rd Taliyah Moeroa

Year 1 Boys
1st- Luke Borg
2nd- Cooper Carr
3rd Jayden Dabit

Year 1 Girls
1st- Nekea Talaia
2nd- Olivia Kyriakides
3rd Adriana Borg

Kinder Boys
1st- Tyrone Moeroa
2nd- Zach Byers
3rd Logan Billingsby

Kinder Girls
1st- Mikayla Fisher
2nd- Shae Brukman
3rd Lara Hodges

A big thank you to parents and families who supported our day by attending and participating. A special thank you to the two mums who helped with the packing up of equipment.

End of Year Parties
For our end of Year Party day we have planned a movie and picnic day at Glenbrook for Stage 1 on Thursday 11th December and for Kinder Friday 12th December. Notes went home in week 1 and the cost of this is $22 for stage 1 and $20 for Kinder. Payments are due by Wednesday 19th November. We hope to see everyone attend.

Year 2 Swim School
Notes have gone home for swim School for Years 2-6 for weeks 7 and 8. Payment is $60 and can only be made at school by cash or cheque. While there were 120 places, there are only 30 places left so if your child is not confident in deep water and unable to swim 25 metres, this program would be great for them. Payments need to be in as soon as possible as while the last day for payments was to be Friday 7th November, the remaining places will be filled before then.

Kinder Enrolments for 2015 & Kinder Orientation
A reminder that we are still taking enrolments for 2015 for Kinder and that if you haven’t enrolled your child or if you have a friend with a child please do this as soon as possible. Kinder Orientation is week 6 - Wednesday 12th November.

Book Packs for 2015
Information about Book Packs for 2015 has been sent home. Book Packs for all classes K-3 cost $30 and this covers all of their stationary requirements for the year. Payments are due by Friday 21st November.

School Uniforms
In the few weeks that we have been back at school there have been students who have not been in full school uniform including black school shoes. Sports shoes may be worn on class sport days with black school on the other days. It is one of the criteria for bronze that students wear school uniform and unfortunately if students are repeatedly out of school uniform this will rule students out of bronze, silver and gold.

JEPS Family Fun Day
Remember to keep Saturday 29th November free for our family fun day. This great day has been planned with activities that includes market stalls, show bags live entertainment, carnival rides and so much more. Unlimited ride passes are $25 each if pre-paid otherwise will be $30 on the day. We hope to see you there!

Day for Daniel
Mrs Lewis and Miss Burton have organised a Day for Daniel on Thursday 30th October. Children are asked to wear red clothing and bring a gold coin donation. Child protection issues will be reinforced on the day.

Count Us In - Singing
On Thursday 30th October K-6 students will sing the song “Paint Me a Song” at the same time as students from around Australia and the world. They have been learning this song over the term and it will be a great experience to participate in.

Thank you,
Kim Dunscombe & Pam Williams (K-2 Assistant Principals)
Year 6 are preparing for a very busy term.

- Fun day activities and organisation are well under way. Fun day will be on Thursday 13th November from 11am until 1pm for students in Kindergarten to Year 5. Year 6 students will be very busy setting up their stalls in the morning, hoping that they have good weather and that everyone enjoys themselves.
- Year 6 high school orientation to Erskine Park High School is coming up soon. Parents should receive a letter from EPHS confirming details. The uniform shop at the high school has a massive clearance sale. Please go to the website for further information.
- The Year 6 Farewell will be held at Rooty Hill RSL on Monday 8th December from 6-9pm in the Waratah room. Graduation bears and ball forms have been sent home. Students will receive them the day after the farewell. Payments for these items are due as soon as possible so we can place our order.
- Excellent progress is being made in Chinese language by Year 5 and ballroom dancing by Year 6.

Year 5 are also getting really excited about several opportunities available this term.

- Science lessons will continue from next week at Erskine Park High School with Mrs Paul (Head teacher) each Monday between recess and lunch. All stage 3 classes will have a turn as the feedback is always very positive.
- Each Wednesday, Year 5 students will go to the high school to participate in a series of lessons as an introduction to the high school library. Mrs Doyle (EPHS teacher librarian) will run these lessons over the next 6 weeks.
- Camp is in week 9. We have to send all medical notes to Milson Island soon, so if there are any changes to health, diet or other concerns, please inform the class teacher in writing as soon as possible. Students have viewed previous camp slide shows and seem very excited about their upcoming adventures.
- A list of what to bring will be handed out in the coming weeks. Basically, each student will need one bag with appropriate summer clothes, towel, joggers and toiletries. **All students must have a hat, sunscreen, and a refillable drink bottle with them in order to participate in each activity.** No singlet tops or midriff tops are allowed under the centre policy as the Dept of Sport and Recreation has a strict Sun smart policy for outdoor activities. Students will need to bring a sleeping bag or sheets and a pillow case. Pillows are provided.
- Students who attain gold level (Term 3 or 4) will be asked to write a short speech stating why their peers should elect them as school leaders for 2013. This is a very exciting time for year 5 as they prepare for their final year of primary school.

All in all, a busy term ahead for Stage 3!

Kind regards,
Leisa Halicek
Assistant Principal
You are invited...
Xmas Under the Stars
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2014

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS

SANTA ARRIVES 6.30PM
MOVIE STARTS 8.15PM

BYO Picnic, Free Face Painting, Fairy Floss, Popcorn, Dippin’ Dots Ice cream and Glow Sticks for sale. A Sausage Sizzle will be available and all funds raised will go towards our Youth Project.

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SCYNT ARE ACCEPTING NON PERISHABLE FOOD AND NEW TOY DONATIONS DURING THIS EVENT. HAMPERS WILL BE PACKED AND DONATED TO LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGH HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH THIS CHRISTMAS.

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