



ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Grapevine

Term 3 Week 8

Dear parents & caregivers

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL PARENTS:

When your children bring home a note about an excursion, incursion, GALA Day and other activities, there is always a date by which all notes and money are to be returned to school.

For those parents who may have forgotten or not read previous information, there is a need to stick to these dates for the following reasons:

1. With our new LMBR Finance System, we have to attach a date before every event where money is collected and it has to be before the actual event. This is to allow the Department to receive an invoice and pay the companies involved. WE DO NOT WRITE CHEQUES ANYMORE. IT IS ALL DONE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S FINANCE SECTION. All money is collated and counted **BEFORE** an event.

2. We compile student lists for the various events which are retained as Variation to Routine paperwork : some need to have medical forms attached, all need permission from an adult, we need to provide work for those students not going and work out where they are going if their teacher is on the excursion, we need to work out teacher ratios when some children go and some don't. We need to ensure we mark our rolls accurately as these are legal documents.

3. We don't have time to be checking many notes and payments, ringing parents about forgotten equipment etc when we have buses waiting out the front to leave. It means a very stressful time for all involved in the front office and for teachers to be sure of who is going and who is staying at school.

Please ensure you have all money and notes in on time. This way your child will be sure to go on the excursion.

REMEMBER from now on, if your note and money is not in by the specified date, your child will remain at school.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS

Children and their parents need to attend all three days. More information will be available closer to the dates. Enrolments forms are available from the school office. **(Full Birth Certificates required.)**

Orientation Days are :

Wednesday 8th November (2.00-3.00pm)

Thursday 16th November (10.00-11.30am)

Thursday 23rd November (9.00-11.00am)
(includes Morning Tea)

HAPPY SAS Staff Week

4 September – 8 September 2017

Please take the time to pop into the office and thank our hard working School Administrative and Support Staff for the great job they all do.

Thank you to Mrs Evans, Mrs Lume, Mrs Portelli, Mr Leonard, Mrs Bootsma, Mrs Greaves, Mrs Courtney & Mrs Hagipantelis.

Mrs K Masciocchi
Principal



Truth Quality Care Awards Term 3 Week 6

Oliviya C, Elaina H, Dominic P, Tahlia B,
Ethan C, Dilara S, Cooper S, Leah S,
Kyla H, Elizabeth W, Hunter E,
Lorelai H, Aliyah B & Elise B.

Congratulations.

All notes can be found on our school's website under "Notes to Parents"
www.escholpark-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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Dates for your diary

Sept

- 8 Football Colours Charity Day
- 12 Debating Workshop Yr 5
- 13 Assembly K-2: 9 am, 3-6: 2pm
- 19 STEM Showcase at EVHS
- 22 Pyjama /Movie Day
- Last Day Term 3

Thank you P&C

To our hard working P&C members – thank you for your efforts last week in particular for the preparation time spent purchasing, wrapping and selling Father’s Day presents for our students (and dads).

THANK YOU from the parents, students and staff.

Learning Awards

KJ	Mileyna S	Aaliyah H	
KH	Cooper S	Lewis S	
K/1N	Ryan S	Ashton B	
1/2B	Taylah G	Hadi B	
1/2D	Ariel L	Xavier K	
1/2S	Aydon S	Insia D	
2JM	Jordyn B	Isabel H	
3/4A	Isaac-Paul E	Jessie G	
3/4B	Alex D	Mahnee G	
3/4W	Maddison W	Hayden M	
4/5G	Deaken S	Charlotte H	
5/6K	Lily B	Brodie H	
5/6S	Maribel R	Hannah M	
5/6W	Izybel P	Isabella K	
		Armani B	

Awards : Positive Behaviour in our School on the playground

Term 3

Week 6 : Joel 1/2B, Timmy 3/4A, Carlos 2JM, Hayley 3/4B, Elise 5/6W, Max KH

Week 7 : Paul 3/4W, Maddox 5/6K, Max 3/4B, Yanaai 1/2D, Georgia 3/4B, Amir 1/2D



Woolworths Earn & Learn – 26 July until 19 September 2017

When shopping at Woolworths you can collect the Earn & Learn stickers. 1 sticker for every \$10 spent.

Stick them onto a sticker sheet or just drop the stickers into the collection box in the school office.

The more stickers we get the more resources we can obtain for the school.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2018:

Your child is eligible to enrol at our school if they are five or turning five on or before 31 July 2018. If you will be enrolling your child for Kindergarten next year, please contact the office staff for enrolment details. If you are applying for ‘Out of Area’ enrolment, contact the office staff for the appropriate form and return the form to the school as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee placement for ‘Out of Area’ children until we review all the applications. Each case is considered separately.

Friendly Reminder to High School students who pick up their brothers and sisters after school.

I am requesting that all high school students wait for their brothers or sisters in the area in front of the school canteen. Please do not wait outside the classrooms or in the corridors. I also ask that you do not throw footballs, basketballs etc around as we have had one lady hit in the head recently. The playground is too congested at this time for these games

SPORTS REPORT : Athletics Champions

These are our Athletics champions receiving their trophies at the recent Friday assembly. Congratulations to these fine athletes. Thank you is extended to Mrs Natter for her fine organisation of the whole Athletics event.

The Winning House was Hollylea

Senior Boy : Tye Junior Boy : Brock
Senior Girl : Charli Junior Girl : Jakeelie



On Tuesday 29th August (26 students) and Wednesday 30th August (27 students) attended the Fields Zone Athletics Carnivals for Track and Field events.

The students competed well and special mention goes to Tye, who broke the Zone record in the Senior Boys High Jump with a height of 1.64m. The following students will now be representing the Fields Zone at the Sydney South West Area Carnival next Wednesday : Brock, Kiyaan, Amir, Zaid, Hayley, Jakeelie, Layla, Aisha, Tye, Jordyn, Charli.

Congratulations to these students and good luck for next week.

SCHOOL PLANNING INFORMATION

The last day of school for students is **FRIDAY 15 December 2017**.

The staff have completed time in lieu for the two professional learning days that are scheduled for 18 and 19 December 2017. They have remained back at school on four occasions until 6.30pm completing various learning activities and evaluative projects. Therefore, there will be **no staff** at school on these two days

AWARD REMINDER

This is a reminder to all students and parents that it is the responsibility of each child to look after their own PBL, Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. When they are ready to trade make sure you bring in the awards and give them to the class teacher who will sign the back of each award when they are traded so they cannot be reused.

Also please remember that this is a new system and it will take most children approximately 2 years to reach a Gold level. It is a most prestigious level now and takes time to get there. This makes it even more special.

CANTEEN SPORTS FEVER LUNCH DAY

31 August

All students who purchased a Lunch Package for this promotion last week, had the chance to win a prize.

The two lucky winners of a football and a basketball were : Jaymie and Ben



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TELL THEM FROM ME : PARENT SURVEY

Dear parents and caregivers

The **Tell Them From Me** survey helps us to clarify and strengthen the important relationships between the parents and school. The survey is anonymous and is held once a year (Term 3) and is run at the same time as the Focus on Learning teacher survey and the student survey.

The parent survey provides our school with parents' perspective on our school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviours, all help to build an accurate and timely picture that we can use for practical improvement.

The survey is conducted online at home or you can use the computers at our school. The lab will be open on Wednesday 6th September, Thursday 7th September and Friday 8th September from 8.30-9.00am if you wish to use the school computers. Mr Howe and Mrs Whitehead will be available to help you set up. The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The survey link will close on 21st September 2017.

Please copy and paste the following link into your internet browser and this will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey – “Begin Survey”.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ftsbt>

If you have any issues with the link or the survey, please contact the school office staff who would be most happy to help you.

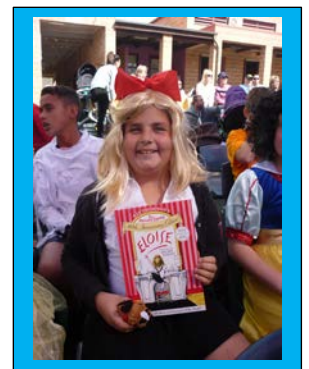
Thank you for your support and valued input into life at our school.

Mrs K Masciocchi
Principal



A FABULOUS OPEN DAY FOR BOOK WEEK

It was great to see everyone get into the spirit of Book Week and dress up as their favourite book characters. I have uploaded many photos to the website so take a moment to have a browse. Thank you to the many parents and relatives who came along and made it a special day for everyone.



Writing Award Winners from Term 3 : Week 6 Assemblies

The Bull Ant

Classification: All Bull Ants are insects. There are 90 different species of Bull Ants in Australia. Bull Ants have very good eyesight to find food.

Appearance: A Bull Ant has 3 different body parts: a head, a thorax and an abdomen. A Bull Ant has large eyes and long, slender mandibles. A Bull Ant has a venom loaded stinger in the abdomen.

Habitat: Bull Ants live in Australia in urban areas, forests, bushes and woodland. Bull Ants live in a colony underground. A few hundred ants live in each colony.

Movement: Bull Ants are active during the day and at night. Bull Ants have very good eyesight to find food. They grab twigs and leaves from their nest and put them in other ant's nests so the other ants can't get out.

Feeding Habits: Bull Ants eat nectar, tree sap, fruit and other insects. All Bull Ants use their mandibles to grip on to their prey. Then they use their stinger to inject venom into their prey.

Breeding Habits: The Queen Bull Ant lays the eggs. She digs out a chamber and lays her eggs. The eggs hatch and the larvae come out and finally the Bull Ant grows into an adult Bull Ant.

By Sienna 112B



A report about penguins

The penguin is a warm blooded flightless bird. There are 17 different types of penguins.

Penguins have two layers of feathers and under that is a layer of fat called blubber. Penguins always have a white belly and they are black too. There is a special oil on its feather so that it is waterproof. Penguins can be a metre tall and the smallest is 30cm tall.

The penguin lives in or near water where there are cold climates. They also live on ice.

The female lays 1-2 eggs. In 35 days the egg hatches. The male stays with the chicks while the mother goes out to hunt. The mother comes back with food and vomits the food into the chick's mouth and the chick swallows it.

All penguins use their beaks and swallow their prey whole. They eat squid, krill and shrimp.

The penguin's predators are; sea leopards, sea lions, orcas, snakes, sharks and foxes.

By Adam

3/4B



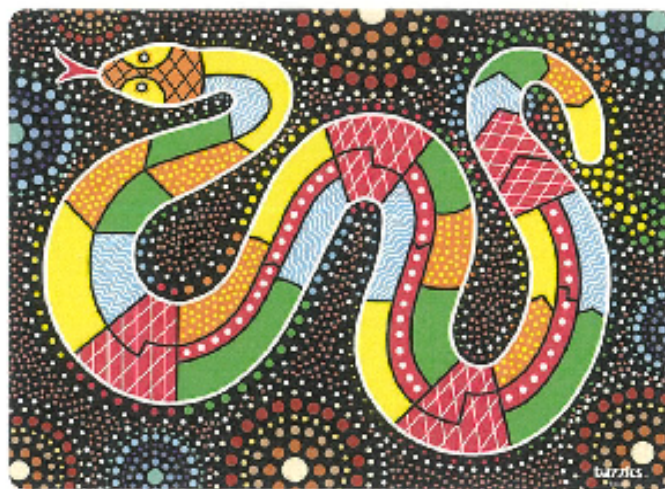
The Rainbow Serpent

Long, long ago in the dreamtime, the earth lay flat and still. Nothing moved and nothing grew.

One day, a beautiful snake awoke from her slumber and came out from under the ground. This snake was known as the Rainbow Serpent. The serpent slithered through the land making marks in the ground where ever she travelled and stayed.

One day, the Rainbow Serpent went to the frogs and told them to come out of their hole. They slowly came out of their hole because of all the water they had in their mouth. The Rainbow Serpent tickled the frog's bellies and the water came flowing and rushing out of the frogs bellies and started to create creeks, rivers and water holes. This made the trees grow and the grass turn green. Animals also came out of their holes and started living on the land and following the rules of the Rainbow Serpent which were to live in harmony. The animals that didn't and caused trouble were turned into rock.

The animals that the humans were before are now their totems. That's how the Rainbow Serpent created the land.



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