



ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Grapevine

2019 : Term 1 Week 10

Dear parents & caregivers

Please take time to read the page outlining the Support Programs we run at school. Hopefully this will clear up any confusion that some parents may have had.

Special Group Photos

Leadership Team, School Captains and Year 6 Muck Up photos are available to view and purchase online.

The Year 6 Muck Up photo is included in the Graduation Pack which the students will receive at the end of the year so you do not need to purchase one.

Go to www.gsimaging.com.au

Go to Online Payment Option

Go to School Group Images and Payment

Online password is: eppsgroups19.

These photos will be available online for 4 weeks. After this time the orders will be dispatched to our school.

If you have any problems with your photos please contact **GS Imaging directly on 9672 7400.**

Reminder

I am disappointed at the response to the very considerate request for school contributions, paper levy and word book money. We do rely on this funding for specific programs and would really appreciate everyone sending in the note and money. **The note is reprinted in this newsletter.**

Thank you

A special thank you is extended to the hard working P&C volunteers who so generously gave up their time on the Election weekend to provide a bar-b-que for our community. They raised much needed funds for the school (Approx \$800 profit)



NAPLAN

On the 14, 15 & 16 May all students in years 3 & 5 will sit the NAPLAN Assessment. NAPLAN has the support of the State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

Tuesday May 14 : Language Conventions
Writing

Wednesday May 15 : Reading

Thursday May 16 : Numeracy



Congratulations to Jakeelie, Chanelle, Hayley and Zoe who represented The Fields Zone at the Area Soccer Carnival. Jakeelie and Hayley were successful in making the Sydney South West Team.

HOLIDAYS

Just a reminder that we have one more week of school left and our last day of term is 12 April.

When they do start - have a wonderful holiday and Easter season, Enjoy the precious time you have with your children.

*Mrs Karen Masciocchi
Principal*

Dates for your diary

April

- 3 Canteen Fun Lunch
- 5 Harmony Day Celebrations
@9.30am All Welcome
- 11 Mad Hatter's Parade & Activities
@9.15am All welcome
- 12 Last Day of Term1



Budding Ballerinas

PLAYGROUND HAPPENINGS



Awards : Positive Behaviour In our School playground

Term 1

Week 8: Lachlan 2J, Jayden 2B, Mary-Kay 5/6K, Blair 2B, Jamal 2B, Madison 4H

Week 9: Luke 3/4B, Georgia 5/6K, Jack 5/6N, Safiyah K/1P, Mahdi 4H, Kyla 5/6G, Gemma 1H



On Friday April 5th 2019 our school community will come together to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. An assembly will take place in the school hall at 9:30 am, parents are warmly invited to attend. Children are asked to come in cultural dress or wear an item of orange clothing or accessory.

SUPPORT PROCESSES AT ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

There has been some confusion about support programs we run at the school and hopefully this explanation will make it very clear for everyone.

EAL/D Support (English as an Additional Language or Dialect)

Students are classified as EAL/D learners if they speak a language other than English at home and/or if their parents are from a language background other than English. This information is obtained from the enrolment forms parents completed when enrolling their child in a public school. Our school has approximately 38% of students with an EAL/D background.

Mrs Victoria Ellaway is a specialist teacher who supports some of these students with their learning of the details required to read, write and speak in English. Mrs Ellaway and the class teachers meet regularly to discuss students who need extra EAL/D support and these children are included in the intensive programs. These groups are fluid and once the child has met the milestones, they no longer attend intensive support groups but are supported in their classrooms by their class teacher.

Mrs Ellaway's program is the same program as is taught in the classroom but at a more in-depth and supported manner depending on the needs of the students.

Learning and Support (Supervised and taught by Mrs Mackie (Specialist Support Teacher) and Support Officers- Mrs Bootsma and Mrs Hagipantelis)

MiniLit (Years 1 & 2) is a Literacy Program that is taught 4 times per week for 80 lessons to individual children or to a small group who need extra support with their reading. It is comprised of three components – Sounds and Words Activities, Text Reading and Story Book Reading.

MultiLit is the primary (Years 3-6) version of MiniLit.

Buddy Reading is a Stage 2 Fluency Program aimed at improving fluency and speed skills in Reading levels. Stage 3 Students (who are avid, competent readers) buddy a Stage 3 student for 10 minutes each morning at the start of the school day.

Mathematics - as part of the Maths groupings, Mrs Mackie and Mrs Noud teach support groups daily in Stage 2 & 3 to those children who require smaller group tuition and more individual instruction. Mrs Mackie also works in classrooms supporting students with Writing.

Mrs Armstrong (Support Teacher)

Year 1 Reading Support Group - this small group is taught daily by Mrs Armstrong and is aimed at supporting those children who require more intensive support to access the Stage 1 curriculum. It follows the Reading Recovery Program model.

Year 2 Mathematics Support Group – Mrs Armstrong teaches a small group of Year 2 students daily who require intensive support with Mathematics.

Reading For Life (15 week program : 45 minutes of individual instruction per week)

Ten Stage 2 children are supported through this program which aims to develop literacy skills. The program is delivered at our school by teaching staff and volunteers who are trained and supported by Learning Links (funded by Perpetual Philanthropic Services).

As you can see, a significant amount of support is provided to those children requiring it. We track all our students very carefully and thoroughly, and ensure their learning needs are being met.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs Mackie, Mrs Noud or Mrs Masciocchi.



Writing Stars - Award Winner from Term 1 : Stage 1 Assembly

Room on the Broom - Recount

By Alysha

At dusk on a stormy evening a nice witch was flying in the sky, above the forest. She realised that her hat blew away so she flew down. She looked for it but there was no sign of it. then a dog came to it and grabbed it and said "I found your hat, do you have room on the broom for a dog like me?" "Yes" said the witch, so he got on.

This time she lost her bow. Down they went. She looked for the bow and a bird found it. He grabbed it and said "I found it, so do you have room on the broom for a bird like me?" "Yes!" said the witch so he got on the broom. This time she dropped her wand. She looked everywhere but there was no sign of it. Then a frog said "I found it in the pond!" So he grabbed the wand and said "Do you have some room on the broom for a frog like me?" The witch said "Yes!"

The frog got on and the broom snapped in two pieces and they all fell. Then a dragon got the witch and said "MMM witch and chips! Maybe I'll just have witch!" Then the animals dressed as a mud monster. They said "Go, that's my witch!" and the dragon said "I made a mistake!" and left. He was so scared.



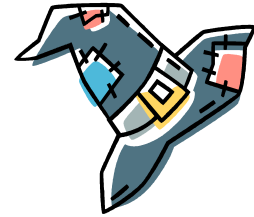
Year 6 Leadership Team
Mad Hatter's Mufti Day

\$2.00 Gold Coin Donation

Thursday 11th April 2019

at 9:15am in the quad

Parents are welcome to attend



Hat Categories

Most Colourful

Largest

Smallest

Easter

Looks like an Animal

Favourite Football Team

Hats will need to be made at home.

Each student can only
enter in one category.



Easter Raffle Fundraiser

Members of the Year 6 Leadership Team will be selling raffle tickets at recess and lunch for 50 cents each or 3 for \$1. There are three prizes and the winners will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade.

Easter Egg Collection

Year 6 SRC is holding their annual Easter Egg Collection. All children are asked to bring an Easter egg/s of any size to school. All the eggs donated are then presented to 'Meals on Wheels', an organisation which provides meals for the elderly in our area. The eggs will be presented to a 'Meals on Wheels' representative.

Students are asked to bring in an egg to their class teacher by Tuesday 9th April 2019.



When: Wednesday 1st May 2019

Gifts are priced at \$3.00 & \$5.00 each. Students will have the opportunity to purchase two gifts when they come through with their class (one from the Mum Table and one from the Grandma Table). Additional gifts can also be purchased at recess on the day and then in front of the library before and after school on Thurs 2nd, Fri 3rd, Thurs 9th and Fri 10th May (Younger Siblings are welcome to purchase then as well). Please Note that each class has a set quantity of each item to ensure fairness across the school.



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1 March 2019

Dear parents,

This year students in K- 6 will be asked to pay a paper levy as we print off many different booklets and sheets etc for their use. Students who do not have **My Word Book** in Years 1-4 will be required to purchase one. If your child has this book from last year it will be crossed off their note. Please send in the note below with your money as soon as possible. Your child will be given their book, if needed, when payment is made. I have included the voluntary contribution amounts. The amount is set by the P&C and the funds directly support our teaching and learning programs and are very much appreciated and used.

The contribution per individual child is \$30 or \$60 per family.

Thank you
 Mrs K Masciocchi
 Principal

Kindergarten Paper levy (\$10.00) Total due \$10.00	Year 1 My Word Book (\$4.00) Paper levy (\$10.00) Total due \$14.00	Year 2 My Word Book (\$4.00) Paper levy (\$10.00) Total due \$14.00 or \$10.00
Year 3 My Word Book (\$4.00) Paper levy (\$10.00) Total due \$14.00 or \$10.00	Year 4 My Word Book (\$4.00) Paper levy (\$10.00) Total due \$14.00 or \$10.00	Year 5 & 6 Paper levy (\$10.00) Total due \$10.00

All payments are due by Tuesday 12th March 2019

Thank you.

Individual Child	Family Group : FAMILY SURNAME →			
Child's name	Child's name	Child's name	Child's name	Child's name
Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
Amount \$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Contribution \$30.00	Contribution \$60.00			
Total enclosed \$	Total enclosed \$			

PARENT ADVISING THE SCHOOL THEY HAVE PAID ONLINE

I have made an online payment.

My receipt number is _____ Date _____



ADOLESCENT SCOLIOSIS SPINAL CURVATURE

The National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis

A HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM
RECOMMENDED BY THE SPINE SOCIETY
OF AUSTRALIA. THE PROGRAM IS
ENDORSED BY THE PAEDIATRICS AND
CHILD HEALTH DIVISION OF THE ROYAL
AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

How to detect Scoliosis.

*Helpful information for
schoolgirls in years 5 and 7
and their parents.*

What is scoliosis?

Scoliosis is a lateral or sideways curve of the spine. The spine also rotates on its long axis as it curves. It usually develops during early adolescence (age 10-13 years) when growth is most rapid.

What is the cause of scoliosis?

The cause is unknown, but 80-90% of cases occur in otherwise healthy adolescents. This is called idiopathic (cause unknown) scoliosis.

We know that scoliosis is NOT contagious and NOT caused by bad posture, a soft mattress, carrying a heavy school bag or eating junk food.

Why is early detection important?

While very small curves are common and of no significance, about 2% of girls have a curve which warrants medical observation during the growth period. Three girls per 1,000 will require treatment during the growth phase.

If treatment is required, the earlier it is undertaken, the better the long-term result. This is the basis for screening since in the early stages scoliosis produces no symptoms. The way to detect scoliosis is to look for it!

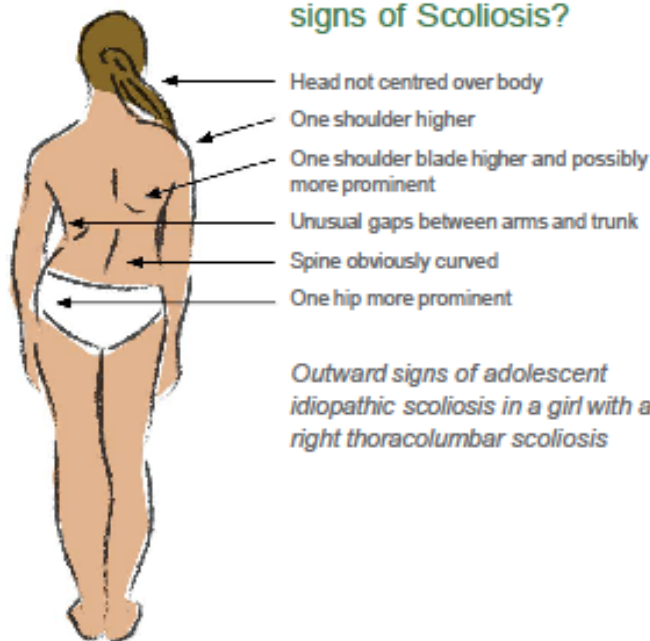
The National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis

This information is designed to make parents of schoolgirls aware of the outward signs of scoliosis.

Each year, all government and non-government girls' schools will be asked and by a direct approach to school principals, to download the *Self-Detection Fact Sheet* from www.scoliosis-australia.org and distribute it to girls in Years 5 and 7 (10 and 12 years of age in most states and territories).

This is the age range when scoliosis first appears. If after reading the Fact Sheet you or your parents think you may have this condition, please consult your family doctor.

What are the outward signs of Scoliosis?



Outward signs of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis in a girl with a right thoracolumbar scoliosis



Anyone can help you earn equipment

Starting Wednesday 1 May, anyone can collect stickers to support your school when they shop at Woolworths, whether they're staff, parents or friends.

Stick together and collect more

With every \$10 spent* at Woolworths, one sticker is collected. These can be placed onto the Earn & Learn sticker sheets and dropped into the collection box at Eschol Park Public School or your local Woolworths.

To help boost your sticker collection, look out for the range of participating products in store which will earn you double stickers.

Earn great equipment from MTA

Once again, we're proud to be partnering with Modern Teaching Aids, Australia's largest supplier of educational equipment.

The Woolworths Team

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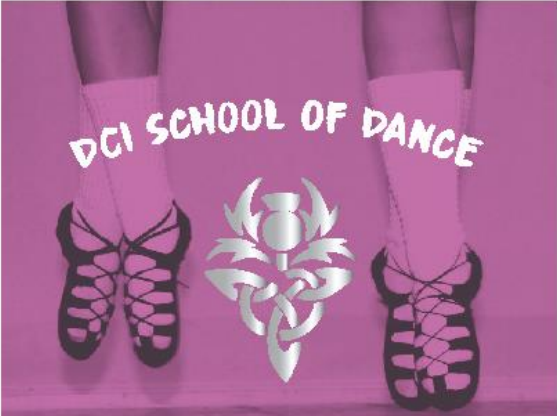
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Teacher Donna Dankers TCRG

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