



ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Grapevine

Term 2 week 2

Dear parents & caregivers

Welcome back for a productive Term 2. I hope you all had a lovely Easter Holiday break. We have quite a few things happening this term so please read the Newsletter each week so you know what is going on at school.

Medications

From time to time, your child may need to have medication at school. If this applies to your child, we need to have a written and signed permission note. This permission note can be found on the school web page in the Notes section.

P&C Mother's Day stall – Last chance for your child to purchase that special gift for Mother's Day!!
Thursday & Friday this week outside the Library before and after school.

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

FUN RUN (Friday 10 May @ 11.30am)

The K-2 students will participate in the Fun Run (which is our equivalent to the Cross Country event). All students will run 100 metres with their own grade group peers. All parents are invited to attend and join in the fun.

Children who turn 8 this year can choose to run with the Junior Primary 8/9 Year division.

CROSS COUNTRY (Friday 10 May @ 11.30am)

Our school Cross Country Carnival for children in Years 3 - 6 will be held on Friday 10 May 2019 starting at 11:30am on our school oval. Students in Years K – 2 will participate in a modified fun run on the day. As these events will be conducted on our school oval, permission notes will not be required.

As this is an important school sporting activity, we expect that all children will participate. If your child has a medical reason excluding them from competing, a note stating the reason that they are unable to participate needs to be handed to their class teacher. If your child has asthma they must carry their inhaler with them, and they will be given a red wristband to wear.

All children will need to wear their full sports uniform or house colours and appropriate footwear. It is recommended that the children bring a hat, a water bottle that will last the whole cross country session and something to sit on. Please mark all property with your child's name.

The fastest six children in each age division will be selected to represent Eschol Park PS at the Zone Cross Country Carnival.



To all our wonderful mothers, have a great day on Sunday. Let your family spoil you and show how much they really love you.

Mrs Karen Masciocchi
Principal



ANZAC Day Ceremony

Dates for your diary

May

- 9 & 10 Mother's day Stall before & after school
- 10 Yrs 3-6 Cross Country, K-2 Fun Run
- 14 NAPLAN
6pm P&C Meeting
- 15 NAPLAN
- 16 NAPLAN
- 17 Bookclub Due
- 22 Assemblies 9am: Yrs K-2, 2pm:Yrs 3-6
- 23 Zone Cross Country
- 28 3K Drama Play Day Excursion
- 31 GALA Day 1



Awards : Positive Behaviour In our School playground

Term 1

Week 10: Carolana 5/6N, Penny K/1P, Riley 3/4B, Mokoia 4H, Ashwin 1JS

Week 11: Janan 1JS, Aaliyah 2J, Ashwin 1JS, Archie 1JS



HARMONY Day Celebrations

INFORMATION about APPLYING for YEAR 5 entry to an OPPORTUNITY CLASS in 2020

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes located in 75 NSW government primary schools cater for Year 5 and Year 6 academically gifted and talented students. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students and using specialised teaching methods and educational materials at the appropriate level.

Parents normally apply when students are in Year 4. Students who are placed then attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program. In the majority of cases, students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class. There is no provision to apply for Year 6 placement only.

How do I apply?

Parents must apply **online** from the department's website at the following link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> and should read the instructions carefully. Applications are available between 30 April and 17 May 2019.

You must apply by the due date. You will:

1. register to receive a password using your own email address, not one belonging to your child
2. log in to complete the application using the password
3. submit your application
4. receive an email confirming that you have successfully submitted your application
5. check the attachment to the email to confirm all details are accurate.

The attachment will contain an application number in the format C19 123 456. **You must quote your application number whenever you enquire about your application.**

Applying without internet access

If you have no internet access at home you may need to go to a public library and complete the following steps:

- set up a web-based email to use for the application, such as Yahoo, Hotmail, Gmail or similar
- use that email account to register at:
- wait to receive an email with a password and a link. You may need to check your email spam or junk folders as well as the Inbox
- copy the password
- log in using the password you copied
- complete the application and, in the Contact details section, click on **'Mail only'** for all future correspondence
- submit the application
- check your new email account for the confirmation email and print the file showing all your application details. Check the email spam or junk folders as well as the Inbox.

You must apply online by Friday 17 May 2019. The application site will close at 10pm on 17 May 2019. The closing date will be strictly observed except where there is a shortage of suitable candidates or where extenuating circumstances are serious and well documented.

Writing Stars - Award Winners from Term 1 : Week 9

A Recount of "Black Dog" by Yuna King in 2B



One spring day there was a little house near a forest. Inside was Black Dog and Christina. Black Dog and Christina were best friends.

In spring they ran down hills together. In summer they swam together in the river. In autumn they jumped in leaves together. In winter they collected sticks for the fire.

When it got colder Christina got worried about the birds. She took a loaf of bread and scattered the crumbs. Christina waited for a bird to come. A yellow bird came and ate all the crumbs hungrily.

The next day Christina scattered more crumbs and waited at the window. This time two birds came and hungrily ate the crumbs.

The next day Christina saw a blue bird. Well she thought she saw a blue bird. In her dream she dreamed about the blue bird. The days passed, she scattered more crumbs but there was no blue bird.



Suddenly she heard an usual sound. She saw the tree moving and there it was flying! Christina ran outside. Black Dog landed in a heap. Christina put him on the bed and said "I love you."

No Buddy

"Ebony, come Quick, we have something for you!" I came as quick as I could from my room to the lounge room. Dad had a mask and he put it on me. I felt something get put next to me by Mum. I slid my mask off and I screamed "AHHHH!" It's a puppy! I knew what to name it straight away. "Let's name it Buddy", "That's a great name", said mum excitedly. It's a puppy! The next day I went outside in the morning straight away. When I got outside buddy was gone. Where could he be?

I went inside to tell mum and dad. "Mum, dad, I can't find buddy," I exclaimed. Mum and dad looked worried. They got out of bed and got dressed and so did I. "let's go look for Buddy." So we did. I went to the park with dad and mum handed out posters. This is what it said. "LOST PUPPY he is not 1 yet, he is brown and white and his name is Buddy, reward \$1000, please help." We were so scared if we lost our brand new puppy. We searched for hours and hours but no luck.

We went home and I was crying uncontrollably. Mum and dad were trying to cheer me up but they couldn't, I was devastated. When we got home there was a lady at the door, I got the money ready and ran up to the door... "BUDDY" I yelled "you're back," I was hugging buddy so much and thanking the lady so much.

My buddy was home!

Ebony 4H



The Ring

A flash of luscious greenery hits my eyes. I look up and the sight of faint, delicate clouds appears. A hint of civilisation is nowhere to be seen. I hear the soft icy snow glazing over the steep, rocky mountains. I inhale the frosty mint air. I handle the snow as it melts in my cold, shaking hands. I study the snow-coated berries dangling from the daunting pine trees. The leaves act as if they are needles, stabbing me every time I walk past. Suddenly I slip on a piece of ice. "Oh no!" I yell. My hopes of having the best day ever in the snowy mountains are destroyed. I dropped my great grandmother's ring. I remember how the amethyst jewel sparkled in the sun, how it had a slight dent on the left hand side and how the rusty old silver had a warm, welcoming touch. The ring has been in my family for generations, and now it is gone.

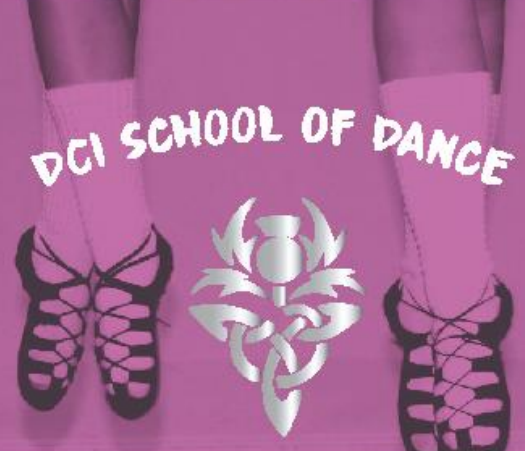
Mum will never forgive me. I frantically search the ground, but it is nowhere to be seen. It must have fallen down to the bottom of the mountain. How on earth am I going to get it back? As I brush the snow off my brown shorts, I notice something ...

Am I dreaming? No, I can't be. To be sure, I move my thick black braids out of my eyes. Regret beats inside of me like a second heart. There, standing before me, is a hideously scary wolf. He says, "Elouise, looking for something?" He holds up my great grandmother's ring. How did he get it? And how does he know my name? "I am Kelsey. The king of the mountains. How dare you enter my land without permission" he says. "But... but ..." I try to explain. "No buts!" Kelsey answers sharply. "In order to get this ring back, you must complete challenging tasks set by me. Your first task is called 'Buried Alive'. There are five gems hidden under the snow in front of you. You must find them in the time I give you. GO!"

I drop to my knees and search like I've never searched before. I find one. Two. Three. Four. Five. "Finished!" I yell. "Well done." Kelsey carefully examines the gems. "You have found all of them. Now it is time for your next task, 'Anchor Dig'. You will find the buried anchor and uncover it. Your time starts... Now!"


Where could it be? I dig and dig until I hit something hard. I take a closer look. It looks like an anchor, all right! I quickly bring it to the surface and brush off the excess snow. "Stop the clock!" I shout. "Wow, you were quicker than I thought you'd be," Kelsey admits. He reveals an object he had behind his back. He hands it to me. The amethyst jewel sparkles in the sun, it has a slight dent on the left hand side and the rusty old silver has a warm, welcoming touch. It is my ring.


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