



# ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## The Grapevine

### Term 4 Week 8

Dear parents & caregivers

#### SCHOOL PLANNING INFORMATION

The last day of school for students is **THURSDAY 16 December 2021**.

The staff have completed time in lieu for the last professional learning day that is scheduled for 17 December 2021. They have remained at school on two occasions until 6.30pm completing various learning activities and evaluative projects.

There will be no staff (teaching or office) at school on 17 December 2021.

#### Kindergarten Orientation (23/11 & 30/11)

We will be holding Orientation Sessions for our newest 2022 students but it will not quite be as it has been in the past. We will be holding two Orientation Sessions – 9.30-11.00am on Tuesday 23 November and Tuesday 30 November. **One fully vaccinated parent** is able to stay onsite but will be seated in an outdoor area or in the hall if the weather is not good. That parent will need to show proof of vaccination and QR Code on arrival and departure.

#### Celebrations

**Silver BBQ, Gold Morning Tea, Presentation Day and Farewell Arch ceremonies** will all go ahead with just the children present. Unfortunately, no parents are able to attend these functions.

Please see dates in the Diary on the next page for when we will be holding these events at school.

#### Medallion & Trophy Recipients

Year 6 students will receive their medallions and trophies at the Year 6 Farewell Dinner Dance.

One parent of students who are to receive **medallions or trophies** in other grades will be invited to attend to share this very special celebration with their child. That parent must be fully vaccinated and show proof of this.

#### IMPORTANT PARENT SURVEY : TELL THEM FROM ME Survey closes this Friday 26/11/21

Parent input is very much appreciated and valued. This is especially important this year as we have had so little contact with our parent community. **Please take the ten minutes or so, it takes to complete this survey online.** It is completely confidential. 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”.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/w3qc4>

#### Friday 3 December 2021

End of Year Party Day will be held at school with a **Let Loose Day** run by Be Skilled Be Fit, Movies and lunch. There will be no cost for the activities. There will be a small cost for lunch, ice blocks and drinks. Notes will be sent home this week.

#### A Message from Busabout

##### A message to all children who travel on buses

This is to inform you of an incident that occurred on a bus where school children standing on the back door-well of a bus almost fell out of the bus. The door-well is a non-standing area, and is clearly marked as such. Please note that standing/travelling in the door-well could result in serious injury or death. Could you please inform your students of the risks involved and request that they refrain from standing on the door-well. The front door/rear door wells are to be used only for purposes of boarding or alighting from the bus.

Mrs Karen Masciocchi  
Principal



## Dates for your diary

### November

- 23 Kindergarten 2022 Orientation1  
9.30-11.00am
- 30 Kindergarten 2022 Orientation2  
9.30-11.00am

### December

- 3 Let Loose Day
- 6 Silver BBQ
- 7 Semester 2 Reports sent home
- 8 Year 6 Farewell : More information  
coming home Friday 12/11
- 9 Gold Morning Tea
- 13 Eagle Vale HS Transition Day
- 14 Students only Presentation Day  
Canteen Christmas Lunch Pack
- 16 Last day of school for 2021

## Truth Quality Care Awards



### Term 4 Week 7

Luca R, Aditya T, Maddison W, Jayron E, Jayden L, Isa Islam, Mateja L, Jax M, Gemmea F, Lana F, Jayda N, Tamika K, Jamie F, Sienna K, Alena N, Ebony J

Congratulations

## Truth Quality Care Awards



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Rory M, Elijah S, Joshua W, Emily K, Amelia C, Kobbie H, Lucas R, Zoe B, Te Moana P, Jayden M, Lilly L, Insia D, Ares G, Angelica P, Sacha C & Junena S

Congratulations

## Awards : Positive Behaviour In our School playground

These awards are given to the students who display manners, friendliness and good sportsmanship on the playground during recess and lunch. These awards are counted as part of the trade up system. The tear off strips are placed in a special box each week and 6 are drawn out each Friday to receive an ice block voucher at the canteen.

**Week 7:** Jahan K/1M, Natalie 2/3G, Isaiah 2/3G, Ariel 2D, Nate 2/3H, TeMoana 2/3H, Roma 3/4N, Jamal 4/5S, Jordan 5/6J, Sasha 5/6B, Unus 2/3G, Hamish 5/6H



## GOLD AWARD WINNERS

### Term 4 Week 7

Bryan H, Jake P, Ella K, Cooper S, Claire W

### Term 4 Week 8

Tyler E, Kayleigh C, Elaina H, Cooper A, Timothy F, Oliver V, Illeen M, Lucas R

CONGRATULATIONS.



*Congratulations !!*

Brenden Dias  
2021 Fisher's Ghost  
Writing Prize Winner (Years 4-6)  
Short Story/Essay/Memoir

### **Hidden in Plain Sight**

“Tra la la la” Jim sang as he was strolling around the Eagle Vale reserve and looking at Mother Nature when suddenly he heard a loud croaking sound. From the corner of his eye he saw a jade green toad lying majestically, as if waiting to be kissed. He was exhilarated to find a toad.

The toad had a slimy back, wet feet and ginormous jet black eyes. Jim really wanted to take him and curiosity got the better of him and he took the fascinating creature home. Jim was happily skipping home, running as fast as the wind towards his room. He prudently placed the toad in a glass box. Jim would feed it different insects every single day. He would show off the toad to his friends to make them jealous. He was on top of the world.

One day when Jim was about to feed the toad, it was nowhere to be found. In the box there were only leaves, pebbles and a rock in it. Jim was distraught and didn't know what to do. He searched frantically for the toad everywhere but all in vain. Jim was disappointed with himself for not being careful with the toad's upkeep. He went for a walk again to the reserve to possibly find him there or possibly another toad to replace the one he lost.

He was extremely gloomy and just decided to give up looking for a new toad. He stepped with melancholy back home and sat on his bed with the glass box on his lap. He shook the box in anger and then realized that the rock moved. Whoa it was the toad itself. It was camouflaged with the green environment in the box. He just couldn't believe his eyes. Was it his majestic “TOAD” he was looking all over for. He was just right in front of him but not actually visible with the naked eye. It was hidden in plain sight. Jim's happiness knew no bound to find it. He thought to himself that the toad was missing its actual habitat and he left it free back in the reserve.

Jim visits every day, watches and feeds the toad and guess what the toad too waits patiently on the same branch where he met Jim the first time. It turned out that the toad was a female and had a partner in the pond. Jim never got to name the toad and thus called her Tiffany, Tiffany-the toad. When Tiffany laid eggs, she was very upset when Jim came near. Jim did his best to help Tiffany by bringing food and talking to it daily. Jim was the kindest hearted person to Mother Nature and her creatures. As he walked past the pond, a worm passed by which he was about to trample but he managed to just miss it. It fascinated him so much that, yes you guessed it, he took it home.

## Learning Awards

KG	Matthew P	Calais A
KJ	Stephany J, Jack H	Tarik K, Cynthia M
KW	Lexa C, Kyren D	Isabella L
K/1M	Holly M	Joorie A
1C	Al-Kareem A	Ava F
1S	Pihu L	Indie J
2D	Jahmilly H	Paige H
2/3G	Baylee Mc	Moaml A
2/3H	Nate K	Declan R
3/4N	Noah Mc, Charlotte N	Jameka-Marley G
3/4W	Abbie W	Mira R
4/5M	Harry M	Dominic P
4/5S	Elyse M	Jamal S
5/6 B	Cooper S	Isabella M
5/6 J	Elenoa F, Xavier K	Matias Q
5/6H	Zaya S	Jhovana J

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## Learning Awards

KG	Connor M	
KJ	Aaliya P, Zaina T	Rayan A, Moulik R
KW	Milly S	Johnny K
K/1M	Valentina L	Youssif A
1C	Annisa G	Wahaj A
1S	Ivy E	Olivia B
2D	Maya R, Cooper G	Amar M
2/3G	My Nguyen	Natalie S
2/3H	Jeremiah L	Jujhar S
3/4N	Shannon A	Ahana S
3/4W	Yarden K	Skye M
4/5M	Santino S	Isabella Q
4/5S	Max P	William S
5/6 B	Jessica V	Nevaeh R
5/6 J	Aydon S, Alana N	Cadence F
5/6H	Ludi A	Victoria P

Term 4 Week 8

In order to allow children to achieve awards that were missed during the COVID Lockdown timeframe, we are holding stage gatherings each week and handing out the awards.

Monday – Truth Quality Care Awards and Learning Awards

Friday – Silver, Gold and Ice block awards

**LAST DAY TO HAND IN AWARDS FOR TRADING IS Friday 3 December 2021**

# Week 7 AWARD WINNERS

K-2 Winners

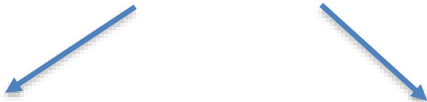


TRUTH  
QUALITY CARE  
AWARDS



Years 3-6  
Winners

## LEARNING AWARDS



Early  
Stage 1



Stage 1



Stage 2



Stage 3



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## LEARNING AWARDS

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Stage 2



Stage 3



# Do something life-changing this year

Teach ethics at your  
local school



**For around an hour a week, you can teach an ethics class at your local school and help children develop skills for life.**

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

In ethics classes, children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group and include topics such as Laziness, Voting, How can we work out what's true? and Imagining how others feel.

Volunteers are needed now to teach ethics classes at a school near you. Training and support is provided.

**Only about an hour a week**

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[PrimaryEthics.com.au](http://PrimaryEthics.com.au)



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to learn more

Primary Ethics seeks volunteers to deliver weekly ethics classes to children across NSW. While close to 40,000 children in government primary schools currently benefit from ethics education, with more volunteers it could be made available to many more.

Primary Ethics is the not-for-profit organisation that is authorised to develop and deliver special education in ethics to children in NSW.

We rely on parents, grandparents and community-minded people to become volunteer ethics teachers in their local primary school. It is a rewarding way to be involved in your local community, learn new things and help children develop skills for life.

Comprehensive training, access to lesson materials and classroom support are all provided. Previous teaching experience is not required.

Opportunities are also available for behind-the-scenes roles including coordinators and regional managers.

**“In time, not very much time at all, it will be the decisions of the children we teach today that will shape the world.”**

*– Dr Simon Longstaff  
The Ethics Centre*

Do something life-changing today.  
Apply at [PrimaryEthics.com.au/volunteer](http://PrimaryEthics.com.au/volunteer)





# Casual Work

## Campbelltown & Camden Local Government Areas

### Help protect our vibrant school communities

#### Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

#### Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
  - ✓ Community spirit
  - ✓ Positive energy



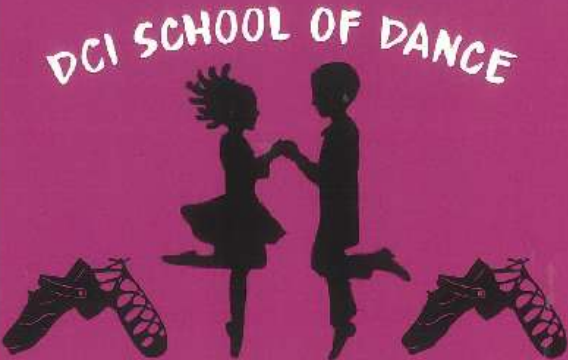
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For more information please contact Caitlin Ritchie on 02 9983 2782 or [Caitlin.ritchie@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Caitlin.ritchie@transport.nsw.gov.au)

Applications close: 11:59pm, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021




# Local Businesses Supporting Our School




DCI SCHOOL OF DANCE

Irish dance classes

 Kearns Community Hall  
66 Kearns Ave, Kearns

Tuesday 4:30 - 6:30pm  
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Teacher Donna Dankers TCRG

 Mob: 0488 045 177  
Home: 9824 8400

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CAMP 2 - 21ST DEC	<b>ST. GREG'S</b>	CAMP 2 - 13 & 14 JAN
CAMP 3 - 22ND DEC	<b>COLLEGE</b>	CAMP 3 - 18 & 19 JAN

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