



ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Grapevine

Term 4 Week 6 (14th November to 18th November)

Dear parents & caregivers,

Sun Safety

Especially now that we are heading into the warmer months, all students must wear a hat when playing outside. Students without a hat will play in the shade. School hats are available for purchase from the school office for \$10 for caps & \$15 for bucket hats. We are waiting for a delivery to arrive.

Bike and Scooter Safety

We have noticed that some children are riding bikes to school without a helmet and that some children are riding their bikes on school grounds. All persons riding bicycles and scooters in NSW must wear a Standards Australia approved helmet. All children must walk their bike or scooter when entering and exiting school grounds. Bikes and scooters must be stored securely in the bike racks. The school does not accept responsibility for the loss or theft of bikes, scooters or helmets.

Children should only ride to and from school once they are 10 years of age or older. Younger students riding should be accompanied by an adult. Further information can be found in this newsletter and by clicking the link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing/health-and-safety/safe-travel/travelling-safely-to-and-from-school-on-a-bike-or-scooter>

P&C News

We are fortunate to have a committed P&C who raise much needed funds to support school initiatives. \$1000 was raised from the recent Crazy Sock fundraiser. Monies will be used to fund school end of year activities and celebrations. A special thank you to Mrs Carr for her support and thank you to our school community for supporting this event.

Year 6 Farewell Arch

The last day of school for all students will be Friday 16th December. On this day, we will be farewelling our Year 6 students as they move on to various high schools and begin the next stage of their learning journey. We will be forming an arch of hands and say a final farewell. This is always a very moving occasion, and we invite all our school community to be part of this special event.

Congratulations Mrs Hodges

Congratulations Mrs Hodges on receiving a Metropolitan South and West School Performance Directorate Excellence Award. Mrs Hodges' winning nomination was selected from many received from all principal networks within the directorate. It acknowledges the significant contributions that Mrs Hodges has made to our school community.



NAIDOC Message Stick Competition

Congratulations Taylah A, who received a 'Highly Commended' award from the NSW Parliament NAIDOC Message Stick competition. This was presented by our local Member Anoulack Chanthivong last Friday.

MIL-PRA AECG Exhibition and Art Prize

Congratulations Chelsea S, who won second prize in the recent MIL-PRA AECG Exhibition primary category. Chelsea's artwork is currently on display at the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre.

Is Your Child Starting Kindergarten in 2023?

We have commenced the enrolment process for students starting Kindergarten in 2023. If you have a child starting kindergarten, or know of a family who does, an enrolment application should be submitted as soon as possible.

- In-area and non-local enrolment applications are now accessible online on the school's website <https://escholpark-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Jennifer Phani, Relieving Principal



Dates for your diary

Term 4

November

- 16 Selective High School Applications for current Year 5 students closes
- 16 **Assemblies:**
9:00am: K – 2 run by 2D, 2H, 1S, 1C
12:30pm: Stage 2 run by 34W
2:00pm: Stage 3 run by 5/6J
- 17 Gymnastics K-2
- 17 Kinder Orientation 9:30 – 11:00am
- 21-22 Stage 2 Teen Ranch camp
- 23-25 Stage 3 Narrabeen camp
- 24 Gymnastics K-2
- 24 Kinder Orientation 9:30 – 11:00am

December

- 1 Gymnastics K-2
- 2 80's Disco - during the day
- 5 **Presentation Day:**
K-2 12pm
3 & 4 10.30am
5 & 6 9.15am
- 6 Silver BBQ
- 8 Gymnastics K-2
- 8 Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 13 Gold morning tea
- 15 Party Day - more information to come
- 16 Farewell Arch – 2:15pm
- 16 Last Day Term 4

Learning Awards For Term 4 Week 6

- KG Oraib C, Orlando B, Anoop K, Sam L
- KM Haneen A, Stara O, Kenzee Mc,
Zaynudeen R, Yuvraaj S
- K1B Arad H, Sammie A
- 1C Georgia S, Toby H
- 1S Leon L, Zaina T, Nuwaira H, Mikela C
- 1/2M Jayron E
- 2D Safwana H, Jade L, Indie J, Eden O
- 2/3H Casey K, Georgia J, Lyric T, Swara N,
Ammar M
- 3/4G Isabella B, Darine B, Yasmine G,
Cooper S
- 3/4M Avni M, Felicity L, Christina M,
Te Moana P
- 3/4W Illeen M, Jacob M
- 5/6B Lilly L, Grace S, Myah J, Olivia J
- 5/6H Josh H, Lilly F, Zishaan A, Hadi B
- 5/6J Skye M, Cianna S, Jamal S, Bianca D,
Nicola G, Ethan C
- 5/6S Lachlan S, Ilyaas S

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 4: Jujhar 34M, Aisha 1S, Carole 1S, Ariel 34M, Josh 56H, Aliyah 2D

Week 5: Kyren 1C, Ayden 1C, Adam KM, Cooper K1B, Ayden 12M, Davonte K1B





Truth Quality Care Awards



Term 4 Week 6

Malakai B, Kobi K, Logan S,
Abigail M, Charlotte S, Calais B,
Penelope E, Elijah S, Joorie A,
Brodie P, Henry T, Janan Z,
Andrew M, Baylee M, Elaina H,
Nevaeh S, Isabelle M, Michael J,
Yasmine G

Congratulations

GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Term 4 Week 6

Mikaela H
Emily D
Penny F
Jessica V
Ava F
Jacob M

CONGRATULATIONS.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY?

**FRESH START CANTEENS NOW HAVE
BIRTHDAY BUCKETS!**

Bucket of Quelch Sticks \$15 (Up to 30)

Simply order online through Quick Cliq

Or hand into canteen directly by 9am



ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Ride a bicycle safely

As younger children are still developing the skills needed to ride alone, the safest place to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards is within fenced areas.

Until children are at least 10 years old they should ride away from vehicles and driveways. As they are learning to ride it is important to ride or walk alongside them and talk about how to be a safe bicycle rider.

Children between 10 years old and 12 years old should ride away from busy roads.

Children under 16 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

Teach your children to be safe bicycle riders by getting them to always:

- follow bicycle road rules including:
 - ride to the left on footpaths
 - give pedestrians right of way on footpaths
 - watch out for cars entering or leaving driveways
- wear a correctly fitted bicycle helmet – it's the law
- wear bright-coloured clothing such as a vest so other road users can see them.

For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit education.nsw.gov.au and search for road safety education.

For older children, think carefully about the following when judging their ability to ride on their own:

- How safe is the travel route?
- What are their riding skills like?
- How aware are they of their surroundings in the traffic environment?
- How well can they manage unexpected hazards?

Your school will have procedures about students bringing bikes onto school grounds. Ensure your children follow these at all times.



Dear parents/caregivers

One of the most difficult tasks for us at school is to determine the exact number of students at the beginning of a new school year.

The number of students of course, determines how many teachers we are entitled to and how to form classes.

We sincerely request parents who:

- a) have children who **will not be** returning to Eschol Park Public School in 2023 (**excluding current Year 6 of course**) or,
- b) have children who will be attending Eschol Park Public School in 2023 but **will not** be returning for the first few days of term (due to extended holidays etc)

to complete the appropriate section below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Mrs Phani
Relieving
Principal

Eschol Park Public School

A. STUDENTS who are **NOT RETURNING** to Eschol Park Public School in 2023

My child _____ of class _____ will not be attending
Eschol Park Public School in 2023 because _____

Signature _____ Date _____

B. STUDENTS who are **RETURNING LATE** in the 2023 school year **-AFTER 31/1/2023**
(The first day for Year 1 to Year 6)

My child _____ of class _____ will be
attending Eschol Park Public School in 2023, but will not attend until _____

Reason _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date.....

Student School Travel

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 opened from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from

Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**.

This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#),

we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their

Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from

their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School travel application endorsement

Occasionally, applicants completing the online form make mistakes, so we ask that school administrators be mindful of this and only endorse applications with correct information.

If you identify an error, you can amend the first name, date of birth or grade of a student's travel application by clicking

in the relevant row on the portal. Please ensure you have confirmed the information before making any changes. Refer to page 16 of the School Portal User Guide for further instructions. The user guide is accessible within the School Portal by clicking the arrow next to your username.

If a student's details cannot be confirmed or they are not yet enrolled please do not endorse the application. By selecting 'no' the application will be rejected and the applicant will be informed. They will then need to submit a new application.

If a school administrator endorses an application in error, please advise our Concessions team as soon as possible [here](#).

If school administrators require access to the School Portal, please request an account [here](#).

If you need to remove school portal access for staff members who have left the school recently, please let us know via a [feedback form](#) and select 'school/operator portal' and then 'remove existing user access'.

[Transport Concession Entitlement Cards \(TCECs\)](#)

Schools applying for Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCECs) for senior students are advised to submit applications at least four weeks before the end of Term 4. This will allow time for processing and delivery to the school before the holiday period commences. Applications scheduled for delivery during the holiday period will be held and delivered when school recommences from January 2023.

When applying for TCECs before the end Term 4 2022, ensure you enter the grade the student is in this year, not the grade they will be in during 2023. E.g., year 11 students who have commenced year 12 studies are still considered as being in grade 11 until the end of 2022.

[Travel from Term 1 2023](#)

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).

Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

Local Businesses Supporting Our School

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A warm family environment, a safe & secure space to Learn, Grow & Play.

Family Day Care from 6 weeks to 12-year-old. Home base setting, flexible childcare & smaller group sizes facilitate a more personalized approach with a family home.

Educators have current First Aid & CPR qualifications. Our education and care program incorporates a ready for life and ready for school programs.

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Eschol Park P&C would like to thank all the following businesses for their generous donations to our Christmas Raffle



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