



# ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## The Grapevine

### Term 2 Week 4 (16 May 2022 – 20 May 2022)

Dear parents & caregivers,

#### Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to the hardworking P&C members who volunteered their time to ensure children had the opportunity to purchase lovely Mother's Days gifts. Thank you to our Eschol Park community for supporting the Mother's Day stall.

#### Volunteers to Support our P&C

Our P&C works hard to support special events and financially support initiatives of the school. One such initiative is raising funds for sporting equipment. The P&C are seeking volunteers to assist with organisation for the Zone Cross Country on Tuesday, 24 May 2022. This event will be held at the back of the Eschol Park Public School grounds. If you are available and able to help, your support from 9.00am until 1:30pm would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school if you are able to help via email [escholparkp.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:escholparkp.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or via phone on 9824 7111.

#### Gala Day

Despite our organisation and confirmation of buses to transport children to their Gala Day events, the buses did not arrive, and children were very sadly, unable to attend. To avoid this situation recurring we have booked transportation with a different company for future Gala Day events. This company will provide a coach service to and from the playing fields. Coach services operate a little differently to a bus service and as such will shuttle teams to their destinations. Parents and carers will be informed of any small changes to school arrival times prior to the next Gala Day event.

#### School Photography

We have now been able to finalise a date for school photography and this has been rescheduled to Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022.

**\*\*RAT Kits will be coming home this week.**

#### Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Reconciliation week runs from 27 May to 3 June. This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week is "Be Brave. Make Change." and is a challenge to all Australians to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians. Mrs Scales and our teachers have a variety of activities ready for students as part of classroom programs. Mrs Scales will also host a parent meeting to connect and gather community voice about the school's initiatives and progress in Aboriginal Education. More information about the date and time will follow.



#### National Walk Safely to School Day

It's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school.
- If you do need to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2022! For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au).

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## Dates for your diary

### May

- 10 -20 NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)  
20 National Walk Safely to School Day  
24 Field's Cross Country  
26 Dance2bfit

### June

- 3 Gala Day

### August

- 3 School Photography

## Learning Awards

To minimise interruptions for students completing NAPLAN, only an assembly for K-2 was hosted in week 3. Congratulations to our award winners:

KG	Arthur P	Kinsley M
KM	Angus N	Verona H
K1B	Ava H	Bella S
1C	Aditya T	Penelope E
1S	Ashton H	Stephany J
1/2M	Emily K	Shaun O
2D	Ryan D	Annisa G
2H	Olivia B	

### *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.

Term 2 Week 2: Penny 34G, Taylah 56S, Zoya 56S, Oraib KG, Bradley 1C, Al Kareem 23H

Term 2 Week 3: Cecelia K1B, Steph 1S, Hunter K1B, Orlando KG, Matthew 1S, Jayden 34G



### Dance / Fitness Program - Dance2bfit

We are participating in the Dance2bfit Program in Term 2 2022. The Program is energetic, innovative and a fun way for our students to get fit and funky learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time.

Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus. Students will learn a range of routines suitable for their age and ability level as well as develop their confidence and skill in this area of the Arts.



All Dance2bfit staff have completed the COVID infection control training course from the Australian Government Department of Health.

- \*Instructors are fully vaccinated
- \*We are spreading classes out
- \*No contact in dance routines

Classes to commence Thursday 26th May 2022 (Week 5) for 5 weeks with the last class being taught on Thursday 23rd June 2022 (Week 9). There is no cost to any student to participate in the Dance2bfit dance program. We hope that all students are able to participate.

Mr S. Wilcox



# Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  
 = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week  
 = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed



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