



# ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## The Grapevine

### Term 2 week 6

Dear families,

Term 2 is flying by, and it is so wonderful to see all our students engaging in their learning, enjoying the sunshine and growing and sharing together.

Our community is experiencing a number of positive COVID19 cases, please use the RAT tests sent home as required. Classrooms are continuing to be cleaned and teachers are ensuring ventilation is present. We hope that everyone stays well over the upcoming weeks.

Jo Fair

Principal

### Safety for Drop off and Pick up

Please be mindful of the road safety laws and courtesy to other drivers around the school. Parking or stopping in the bus zone is causing undue risks to students' safety and we ask all drivers to cease this behaviour.

Parents and carers are a child's first teacher and are responsible for modelling safe road user behaviours as children naturally imitate the adult's around them. Children should only be getting into and out of cars on the footpath side.

Together we can make arriving and departing school a happy and safe time for everyone.

### School gates locked

To ensure all students remain safely within the school, the gates will be locked from 9:20am until 2:50pm. If you require access to the school during the day, please call the office on 9824 7111 and someone will meet you at the gate.

We thank you for your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Community Gardening Day

We had a fabulous morning on Sunday working on the school gardens. Thank you to all our school families, teachers and their families who were able to volunteer on the day. We made a huge impact on the gardens in the back playground and also managed to start the painting job on the slats for outdoor seating. We will keep you posted for the next gardening morning in Term 3.

### Athletics – 800m

The 800m events for all ages will be held Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>. The races will begin at 1:15 (during lunch time). Parents are welcome to attend. The 800m event is for competitive runners only. We will catch up other events in the coming weeks.

### Zone Netball Carnival

Isabella had an awesome day representing Eschol Park PS at the Zone Netball Carnival. The Fields had an amazing day and the entire team represented their schools with pride and showed great sportsmanship and positivity on the court. CONGRATULATIONS Isabella!!



## Dates for your diary

### June

1	Stg 2 Science Excursion - Wollongong
2	Gala Day
7	P&C Meeting 9am
19	Aboriginal Dance Workshop
21	Yr 1 Campbelltown Art Centre Excursion
22	Assemblies
23	Gala Day
28	Pyjama Day Mufti
29	Yr 2 Campbelltown Art Centre Excursion
30	Last Day Term 2

### July

18	Term 3 begins K-6
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## Dates for our assembly Term 2

K- 2 Assembly 9am  
3-6 Assembly 2pm

22 June

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## Reconciliation Week

Our school has been observing Reconciliation Week this week. Reconciliation Week started Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May and runs until Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Lessons and activities have been occurring within each class to help all students understand the meaning and importance of Reconciliation Week and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, through discussion and voting, decided on the significant activities they wanted implemented. They were our "Sea of Flags" and to play traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander games.

We thank those families who were able to join us on Tuesday to take part in a Reconciliation Week activity with their child.

Lee Scales



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023

27 MAY — 3 JUNE

# BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS

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#NRW2023



**Keep up the momentum for change: the theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023 is *Be a Voice for Generations*.**

The theme encourages all Australians to be a **voice for reconciliation** in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we **live, work** and **socialise**.

For the work of **generations past**, and the benefit of **generations future**, act today for a more **just, equitable and reconciled country for all**.

National Reconciliation Week – **27 May to 3 June** – 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.

This year we spoke to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students about how they would like to mark Reconciliation Week and put their ideas to a vote (as we could not do all the ideas). Here's what they decided.

1. Everyone in the school to please colour/ paint/ craft an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island flag to create a sea of flags around our school flag poles. The flags are now visible on the grassed area near the flag poles.
2. Classes play Traditional Indigenous games and sports or join with other classes to play these games.
3. All families within the school community were invited to the school to participate in a class Reconciliation Week activity on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm -3pm.



# Local Businesses Supporting Our School

NSW Active Kids Voucher Accepted



## BASKETBALL CLINIC

Develop and improve the fundamental skills you need to become a better basketball player.

**TERM 2 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

**Macquarie Fields Indoor Sports Centre**

Fields Road, Macquarie Fields 2564

**Cost: \$180 per child**

**8 Week Program**

**Every Monday**

**Beginners (Ages 5-10): 4:30pm**

**Intermediate (Ages 10 & up): 5:30pm**

**1st May- 19th June**

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