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School Assembly- Friday 4th April
This week our swimming sports stars will be receiving recognition for their efforts during our school swimming carnival in February. Assembly starts at 9.10 a.m. and should conclude by around 10.00 a.m.

Updating Contact Details
Please inform the office of changes to phone numbers, addresses or other details such as a list of responsible adults who will be contacted or will be picking up your children from school. Already this year, the school has experienced some difficulty in contacting parents as the mobile phone numbers have changed.

Council Car Park and Play Area
This is a reminder that parents have the responsibility for their children’s safety when in the council-park. Teachers at the school will be on duty at the school gate and will return children who have not been picked up to the school office in order that parents be contacted.

We would still like a community volunteer to assist with the opening and closing of the carpark gates. Currently there is only one parent who looks after a key and this will cause problems in instances of sickness etc. I have been informed that some parents are parking in the “Kiss and Drop” zone and leaving the vehicle to walk their child into school. The purpose of the “Kiss and Drop” zone is to allow parents to drop off the independent walkers at a place that is close to the school gate so that children do not have to navigate their way through the carpark. If you wish to come into school with your child, please use the car parks provided, leaving that space for dropping off only.

Student Recognition
Merit Awards
The following students have received Merit awards at our last assembly. They earned these awards for academic achievement or application in the weeks in the lead-up to assembly. Congratulations are offered to them all.
Malcolm Bagust
Andre Bettridge
Biar Deng
Yasmine Paul
Agol Akeen
Leeanne Ross
Bella Churton
Setu Lopeti
Ryshaanth Narayan
Cruz Paul
Lachlan Reeves
Helen Matini
Alyse McCutcheon
Phoebe Stephenson
Joachim Paul
Mikaella Manalo
Riley Marshall
Chloe Leuthwaite
Mackenzie Reeves
Julia Gewargis
Dilan Salman
Lilley Gotts
Taka Faokula
Christine Bettridge
Riley Gundy
Ritika Prasad
Justin Christensen
Nicole Chua
Amira Osborne
Jade Ridley-King
Shazim Siddique
Lachlan Camden
**Book of the Week Awards**
The following students are to be commended for their effort or achievement in their class work in the past fortnight. The work covers both academic and creative tasks and was sent to Mr Chia for recognition.

Benjamin Moore  
Cooper Masterson  
Ryan Moon  
Lilley Gotts  
Maliki Misa  
Aarya Mehta  
Sahar Haideri  
Helen Matini  
Nathaniel Guzman  
Sana Rafique  
Claire Paler  
Ryan Stagljar

Danica Tahana  
Sophie Tonks  
Tianna Rakoroi  
Ishaal Siddique  
Michael Williams  
Erica Padilla  
Brinlee Smith  
Liana Tupou  
Reigne David  
Polixeni Papatlopoulos  
Jade Ridley-King  
Kye Warby

**Milo Cricket T20 Funday**
20 of our Stage 3 students attended this Cricket Funday at Blacktown Indoor Sports Centre. They had a series of skills activities taught and then they participated in friendly matches against three other schools. Their behaviour was exemplary and sportsmanship was at the highest expected level. They are looking forward to more cricket days in Terms 3 & 4. A great day was had by all.

*Mrs Gerges*  
PSSA Sports Co-ordinator.

**Fluro bands and Trading cards.**
Currently there are two “fads” with many students wearing bracelets made from fluro rubber bands or collecting “trading cards” from the supermarket. While these activities would not normally concern teachers, it has come to my attention that both activities are becoming a distraction during class time. We know that, over time, activities like this do generally disappear with no action on schools behalf.

However, we do ask that parents remind children that if they want to swap cards with their friends they should do this at home as school does not encourage swapping of belongings. Children do not always make the connection between swapping items of little or no monetary value and items that parents have paid for and would be upset about if their child swapped it with another child.

Should the fluro bands continue to be distracting in class, then children will be asked to put them in their schoolbags rather than wearing them.

**Insights- Michael Grose**
“Can you have two fun parents in the family?” is this week’s article by Michael Grose. This article reinforces that it is not money but parenting that has the greatest influence on outcomes for children. He focuses on finding that balance where firmness and discipline meet fun and nurturing. For many of us the discovery that parenting is not as easy as we believed prior to having our children can be quite a surprise! Enjoy the read.

**Western Sydney Speech Pathology**
Western Sydney Speech Pathology is able to offer Speech Pathology Services at Eastern Creek Public School. Doctor referrals are not necessary. Appointments are essential. To make an appointment or enquire about our services call our office on 9622 1616. Any of our therapists Julie, Georgina, Annemarie or Celine will be happy to talk to you and answer any questions you may have.

**Western Sydney OT Services**
At Eastern Creek the services of the Western Sydney Occupational Therapy Service is open for business on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30am to 9.15am and on Thursday 2.30pm to 3.00pm.

**Commonwealth School Banking**
Mr Loeckenhoff is the temporary P&C banking officer and is managing all student banking. Please enquire at the school office for a Commonwealth Bank account for your children.

**Rooty Hill RSL Baton Twirlers classes.**
If you would like your child to participate in learning the very special sport program of marching and baton twirling please contact Mrs Kristine Ross on 0414781631. The Rooty Hill RSL Baton Twirlers meet on Monday evenings 5.00pm to 8.00pm and on Saturday afternoon from 1.30pm.

**Taekwondo Classes**
David Adlam, from Nepean Wolves Taekwondo instructs Taekwondo classes on Friday afternoon. If you are interested in your children participating in the class please contact David on -  
Tel: 47513494  
Mobile: 0408609464  
Email: nwtkd@exemail.com.au  
Website: nwtkd.com.au
Before and After School Care
Families in our school have one provider available for before and after school care. It is:
“St Anthony’s Early Learning Centre” at 46-48 Eskdale St, Minchinbury. The telephone number is 9832 7477.

School Tennis lessons
Mr Elton Stoney, the school's tennis coach, is available for lessons both private or group and can be contacted on- 0412 122 976. Currently lessons are on Friday morning only. Places are available for two sessions 8.00 and 8.30 at $7 a session.

J & E Piano Music Centre
Some of our children participate in keyboard lessons during the week and are instructed by trained teachers of piano and keyboard. Keyboards are provided for the children to use. If you would like your child to participate please ring Johnny Young on 9651 4892 or 0411 884408

The Music Bus
If you are interested in your child learning drums, guitar or singing, please contact Kristy Ph: 1300 168 742
Fax: (02) 9527 0631
P.O. Box 2675, Taren Point NSW 2229
www.themusicbus.com.au

Caroline Roseman
Assistant Principal

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Locked Gates
A reminder to parents that the external gates-rear car park gate and the middle front entrance gates are locked between 9.00 and 2.30. The entrance into the school is through the gate opposite the Preschool. You need to park in the Cawarra St car park and walk through the walkway into Cable place and then through the entrance gate at the preschool.

School Holidays
Tue 29 First day back for students
Wed 30 Mandarin Language Class- Stage 3

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Fri 2 ANZAC assembly 9.10