Student Leaders
Our special badge assembly recognised our students who have officially assumed their role in the school as leaders.

Jovel Espinosa School Leader
Tahlia Rademaker School Leader
Jonelle Betham-Misa School Leader
Caitlin Carriglio School Leader
Jemma Gewargis School Leader
Jayden Reddy School Leader
Phoebe Stephenson School Leader
Malu Ventura Mendoza School Leader
Reuben Indolos Sport
Panayiotis Papafilipoulos Sport
Brooklyn Casey Sport
Amond Hansoongnern Sport
Jay Brown Sport
Erica Padilla Sport
Joachim Paul Sport
Jamieson Sukkarieh Sport
Logan Cross Sport
Brinlee Smith Sport
Kayla O’Brien Sport
Ezekiel Oto Sport
Max Bagust Sport
Jewel Osborne Sport

Hannah Bagust Sport
Riley Fitzgerald Sport
Chloe Ayre SRC
Tiyana Curmi SRC
Riley Gundy SRC
Cruz Paul SRC
Jack Rusitovic SRC
Natalie Reeves SRC
Belinda Tahana SRC
Nathaniel Guzman SRC
Menahil Mubashar SRC
Emma Bowman-Trinh SRC
Helen Matini SRC

Updating Contact Details
This is really important. We have had instances of families moving and/or changing phone details and not telling the school. 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.

Council Car Park and Play Area
This is a reminder that parents have the responsibility for their children’s safety when they are in the council play 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 are contacted.

Please do not use the staff car park to drop off and pick up students. The more vehicles going in and out of the entrance will lead to an accident. The Before and After School Care bus from St Anthony’s has reported that they have difficulty dropping off the children in the morning because parents are exiting and entering the school driveway. Please use the car park in Cawarra St.
A parent contacted me about the way some parents drive in the Cawarra St car park. They were extremely concerned about the speed some vehicles travel when in the car park. A silver four wheel drive was seen driving very quickly after dropping off the children. Please be aware that children have poor side vision and are not focussed on road or car park safety—they just want to get to school. It is up to adults to be sensible and careful when driving a vehicle.

Harmony Day-Rooty Hill HS

On Friday 20 March, Rooty Hill High School will hold a cultural concert and activities day to celebrate Harmony Day. Students in years 3 and 4 from our partner primary schools are invited to attend. The free concert showcases Rooty Hill High School students performing cultural dances from their diverse cultural backgrounds.

Students may also take part in a variety of fun activities including outdoor performances, face painting, sponge throwing, competitions and sporting challenges.

There will also be food stalls serving food from around the world.

Tickets for activities and food are $2 each and are available from the primary school in advance.

C Mattimore
Deputy Principal
Rooty Hill High School

Harmony Day at ECPS-19th March

This year as part of Harmony Day we will be encouraging students to add a “touch of orange” to their school uniform on Thursday 19th of March 2015.

Over the coming few weeks the SRC will be running a little stall selling orange items, ranging in price from 20c for a stick on badge, up $3 for a pair of hand dyed orange socks.

All funds raised from our orange items stall will go towards the purchasing of playground equipment to promote “harmony” in our play time.

Mrs Flores

Commonwealth School Banking

Please enquire at the office for a Commonwealth Bank account for your children.

School Text Books

As we do not want students disadvantaged, all text books are issued in trust that parents are expected to make payment on them. Text book payments last year were an improvement on the previous year but still the school had to pay the full amount. The text books nor the student access to online learning programs, are not free. Soon, an invoice will be issued listing the cost of the books, stationery fee and for the online programs, “Mathletics” and Reading Eggs and the Voluntary Contribution Fee.

The Anchor Program

This program supports children after parental separation and conflict at home. It is fully funded by the Attorney Generals Department and provides children with strategies that will help them to cope. Please read the attached letter. Application forms to a workshop in Blacktown are located in the office and an invitation is offered for families in the school. In addition a school based program is also being planned.

Matilda-the Musical-An Expression of Interest

So far we have 28 interested people wanting to go. This includes adults—apparently the show is terrific!

The school is considering organising an excursion to the city to see the musical “Matilda” for our children K-6. The cost will be approximately $80 which includes the bus fare. This is an expensive excursion for a cultural activity and prior to any organisation the school would like to see at least 50 students participate. If you are interested in sending your child please complete the expression of interest form included in this newsletter.

2015 Book Club

This year Scholastic Book Club has changed their ordering and payment system. Brochures will be sent to the school and given to your child during their Library lesson each term. Orders and payments are only being accepted online direct to Scholastic into the school account by the due date – you no longer need to worry about sending paper order forms to school or finding that loose
change for the order. Any late orders will now be dealt with by Scholastic and will incur an additional postage and handling charge. After your order has been placed the books will be delivered to the school and will be given to your child during their Library lesson.

The school Library will still receive reward points which we can spend on new books for our Library.

This is a Scholastic initiative and I hope it will make it easier for you to order and make payments for your child.

For further information please see attached flyer from Scholastic or you can talk to me at the “Tell me about your child night” February 17th at 6.00- 7.30pm

Mrs Mead

What is hepatitis A?
We have heard about the health concern from frozen food lately in the media. So the following information may help you understand the concern.

'Hepatitis' means inflammation or swelling of the liver. It can be caused by chemicals or drugs, or by different kinds of viral infections. One common cause of infectious hepatitis is hepatitis A virus. Infection with one type of hepatitis virus does NOT give protection against infection with other hepatitis viruses.

What are the symptoms?
Symptoms include feeling unwell, aches and pains, fever, nausea, lack of appetite, abdominal discomfort, followed by dark urine, pale stools and jaundice (yellowing of the eyeballs and skin). Illness usually lasts one to three weeks (although some symptoms can last longer) and is almost always followed by complete recovery. Small children who become infected usually have no symptoms. Hepatitis A does NOT cause long-term liver disease and deaths caused by hepatitis A are rare. The period between contact with the virus to the development of symptoms is usually four weeks, but can range from two to seven weeks.

How is it spread?
Infected people can pass on the virus to others from two weeks before the development of symptoms until one week after the appearance of jaundice (about three weeks in total). Large amounts of the virus are found in faeces (stools) of an infectious person during the infectious period. The virus can survive in the environment for several weeks in the right conditions (for example, in sewage). Hepatitis A is usually transmitted when virus from an infected person is swallowed by another person through:
• eating contaminated food
• drinking contaminated water
• handling nappies, linen and towels soiled with the faeces of an infectious person
• direct contact (including sexual) with an infectious person.

Reported outbreaks of hepatitis A have been traced to:
• person-to-person spread, including among men who have sex with men
• drinking water contaminated with sewage
• eating food that has been contaminated with sewage such as shellfish
• eating food contaminated by an infectious food handler.

Infection with hepatitis A continues to be a problem for people travelling overseas, especially people visiting developing countries where hepatitis A is common.

Who is at risk?
Those who have not had hepatitis A and who have not been vaccinated against it are at risk of catching the disease.

How is it prevented?
People infected with hepatitis A should not attend work, school or childcare until they are no longer infectious which is at least seven days after the onset of jaundice.

Vaccination
A safe and effective vaccine is available against hepatitis A. The vaccine may take up to two weeks to provide protection. Vaccination is recommended for the following higher risk groups of people:
• travellers to countries where hepatitis A is common (most developing countries)
• frequent visitors to rural and remote indigenous communities
• men who have sex with men
• child day-care and pre-school workers
• the intellectually disabled and their carers
• some health care workers who work in or with indigenous communities
• sewerage workers
• plumbers
• injecting drug users
• patients with chronic liver disease
• people with haemophilia who may receive pooled plasma concentrates.
What else can be done to avoid hepatitis A? Everyone should always wash their hands thoroughly with soap and running water for at least 10 seconds and dry them with a clean towel: • after going to the toilet  
• before eating  
• before preparing food or drink  
• after handling objects such as nappies and condoms.

What can be done to avoid infecting others? If you have hepatitis A, as well as washing your hands thoroughly, you should avoid the following activities while infectious (that is, until at least one week after onset of jaundice): • do NOT prepare food or drink for other people  
• do NOT share eating or drinking utensils with other people  
• do NOT share linen and towels with other people  
• abstain from sex  
• wash eating utensils in soapy water, and machine wash linen and towels.

How is it diagnosed? Diagnosis is based on the patient's symptoms and confirmed by a blood test showing IgM antibodies to hepatitis A.

How is it treated? There is no specific treatment for hepatitis A. Household contacts and sexual partners of an infectious person usually need an injection of hepatitis A vaccine or immunoglobulin. These injections may prevent or reduce illness if given within two weeks of contact with the infectious person.

What is the public health response?  
• Doctors, hospitals and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of hepatitis A infection to the local Public Health Unit.  
• Public Health Unit staff will work with the doctor, the patient or the patient's family to identify close contacts at risk of infection and arrange for those at risk to receive information about the disease. Public Health Unit staff follow special guidelines for managing cases of hepatitis A in people who attend or work at a child care centre, and in people who handle food for sale.  
• Public Health Unit staff also investigate outbreaks of hepatitis A to identify the cause of the outbreak, control its spread and prevent further infections.

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055

Learning and Support Team  
Thank you to the families who have returned notes indicating interest in 'The Anchor' programme. At this stage the programme is being scheduled for Term 2.

Mrs Flores will be Learning and Support Teacher for P-2 on Wednesdays and Thursdays and Mrs Parker with be working with Years 3-6 on Mondays, alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Our office is next door to 5/6C. Please come and say 'hello' and talk with us about how best we can support your child's learning.

Thank you to the families who have returned notes indicating interest in 'The Anchor' programme. This programme aims to support children who are experiencing family separation. At this stage the programme is being considered for Term 2. If you would like you child to be considered as part of the programme, please complete the tear off slip and return to the front office.

Mrs Flores, Mrs Parker

P and C Meeting  
The trial of the first 4.00pm meeting had over 16 people attend. Thankyou and welcome to the new families to our P&C. Hopefully your voice can be heard at other meetings and activities. Please read the attached information about the P&C AGM.

Auskick Wed 11 February  
On Wednesday children are learning the skills of Aussie rules football on the back playground Further information can be obtained from My School Auskick, Adrian Boelhouwer on 0433498254.

ANZAC medallion to Defence Force families  
The children of parents who are in the Defence Force may be eligible for a medallion. Contact for the medallion is: office.adcc@anzacday.org.au  
Phone: 07 32637118

For your information:-  
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 and 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

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

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.

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St Alban’s Church
St Alban’s church runs ESL programs for people in our community twice weekly.
Sandy Galea
St Alban’s MBM Children’s Minister
ph: 0432 592 949
sandy@mbm.org.au
www.mbm.org.au
MBM Kid’s Vision: Transforming kid’s lives through Jesus Christ to the glory of God. Please see the attached flyer.

School App
To connect with the school App use the web portal http://www.myauschools.com Eastern Creek Public School. The username is community and the password is easternckps.

Family Referral Service
Thank you to Karen from the Family Referral Service for attending our ‘Tell us about your child night’ last Tuesday. The balloons, pens, usb wrist bands and goodie bags were a ‘hit’. Did you know that the Family Referral Service is located at Westfield Mt Druitt above Goldmark Jewellers? The service is free and has computers, photocopiers and fax machines available to assist students to complete homework. They provide information for children, young people and their families about a range of services in our local area. The store is open Monday to Friday 8.30am-5.30pm and located near the Dawson Mall exit. Look out for the bright green sign and pop in to see if there is someway they can assist your family.

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| Tues 3  | Scripture                           |
| Wed 4   | Mandarin Language Class Yr 5/6  
Auskick activity  
Mt Druitt Zone Swim Carnival  
7.00pm P&C AGM-Library        |
| Thurs 4 | 9.00-12.00 Principal Officer visit to ECPS  
11.15-Keyboard               |
| Fri 6   | 8.30-Tennis-Elton Stoney  
9.10-School Assembly  
Sport  
11.15-Music Bus              |
| Mon 9   | RHHS Student Leader visit to Yr 5/6 |
| Tues 10 | Scripture  
Newsletter Day                   |
| Wed 11  | Mandarin Language Class Yr 5/6  
Auskick activity               |
| Thurs 12 | 11.15-Keyboard                   |
| Fri 13  | 8.30-Tennis-Elton Stoney  
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Sport  
11.15-Music Bus              |
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| Wed 18  | Mandarin Language Class Yr 5/6  
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| Thurs 19 | Harmony Day at ECPS-K-6  
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**Wes Chia**  
Principal

**Join the “Champion” Blacktown Premier Spurs Soccer Club**

Online registrations will open on the 2nd January 2015 (U5 - Youth League Boys & Girls). 2015 registration includes Soccer Starter Pack Valued at over $100.00.  
Go to: www.premierspurssoccer.com.au and follow the links  
Don't miss out, register early & keep your kids active with the largest participation sport in Blacktown and the world SOCCER!

**For More Info Visit:**  
Blacktown Premier Spurs Soccer Club Inc.  
Po Box 4053  
Marayong NSW 2148  
P: Terry Isaaks 0419306904  
Email: blkpremier@hotmail.com  
Website: www.premierspurssoccer.com.au

**2015 Expression of Interest for Matilda**

Please circle the option if you are interested in participating in the excursion to the show.  
The Musical cost is $80  
I am interested in sending my child to Matilda  
I would also like to attend to see the show with my child

**Attention: Learning and Support Team**

ANCHOR EOI  
I would like my child__________________________ to be considered for inclusion in The Anchor program in 2015.  
I understand this service will be provided by Unifam Counselling and Mediation Services.  
Signed: ________________________________  
Date:___________________  
Print  
Name:__________________________  
Relationship to child:_________________