Term 2 Week 5
Tuesday 19 May 2015

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Principal Book Awards
Well done to the following children for excellent achievement in bookwork.
Nour El-Mostakim Cyrus B McGill
Christopher Rasiak Toetu Tunupopo
Eteuati Brown Leona Melencion
Miguel Reyes Chase Eleele
Mikayla Grosvenor Aarya Mehta
Amelia Ektoros Sana Rafique
Caitlyn Keehn Shewatha Prakash
Zac Ryan Lukus Faokula
Sophie Tonks Phoebe Stephenson
Haliana Callaghan Luke Gotts
Silas Tohilima Gardiner Kyle Yap
Malu Ventura Mendoza

Merit Awards
Good work to the children who have managed to put in an excellent effort for learning across all area this week.
Tiger Kesboot Summer Adams
Abby Piekarski Manusianginama
Alipate Saafi York Fidler-Price
Emily Morley Jeveshh Bhalla
Malcolm Bagust Jade Horn
Andrew Kaufononga Tyarn Lees
Jeidhen Paramio Harlem Grant-Cairns
Rayaansh Narayan Lileanna Godwin

Lafi Sakaio Liana Tupou
Setu Lopeti Lucy Walker
Manuel Matini Natalie Reeves
Justin Christensen George Salloum
Lolofa Lemalu Wod Hashem
Gracie Williams Menahil Mubashar
Cecilia Luke Maamaloa Kaufononga
Jessica Fitzsimmons-Barrett
Panayiota Papafilopoulos
Polixeni Papafilopoulos

School Cross Country Team
At last the school was able to hold the anticipated Cross Country Event for 2015. The sports/tennis court was utilized for the students to sit down as it was dry. Luckily for us the anticipated rain did not come. Thank you to the supporters who turned up on the day to cheer along the competitors. For many it was their first time at running a long distance race- a few students ended up in sick bay. The team heads off to the Mt Druitt Zone District Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 21st May at Morreau Reserve. Mrs Van Wyk will be the team manager on the day.

Good luck to our team:-
Zac Ryan Deng Deng
Chad Jones Declan Howson
Krish Khanchi Calyn Strong
Tahlia Leineweber Tyarn Lees
Jewel Osborne Emily Tatlock
Sophie Tonks Mikhayla Grosvenor
Justin Christensen Aaron Cazier
Cruz Paul Max Bagust
Feda Yawari Ezekiel Oto
Alyse McCutcheon Natalie Reeves
Brinlee Smith Liana Tupou
Paniotta Papafilopoulos Rachel Priestley-Lane
Tomas Tupou Joel Zahra
Jayden Reddy Joachim Paul
Mitchell Grosvenor Koro Sinapati
Mony Almosewy Jessica McGrath
Freya Howson Mikhayla McCann
Sana Rafique Moana Sakaio
Year 6 Fundraising Activity
Over the next few weeks the Year 6 students will be fundraising for their gift to the school. They will start with a Guessing competition and will sell chances to guess the number of chocolate treats in the jar. (Thank you to the P&C for the donation!) The students will be set up in the Year 6 tables when it is asphalt play and in the COLA when the back playground is open. Children (or parents) can buy a guess for 50c and may buy as many guesses as they like. Year 6 appreciate your support in their efforts to raise money for their gift.

The Power of One Anti-bullying show
This show will be held in the hall on Wednesday 20 May. Years 3 - 6 will attend the performance at 9.30am. Years K - 2 will attend the performance at 10.20. The performance goes for approximately 40 minutes. There is no money required for this incursion, however, students must bring back a permission note. The P and C are kindly paying for the production. The children will be allowed to wear different clothes on the day as it will be a Mufti Day. They still need to wear the school hat and enclosed shoes-no sandals or thongs. Children need to bring in a gold coin for being out of uniform. This money will go towards the production.

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

Parent Teacher Interview-survey results
Thank you to the parents who provided an input into the Parent Teacher Interview Evenings next term. The results indicate, overwhelmingly that parents prefer the formal Parent/Teacher Interview evening to be in the traditional way, ie one on one in classrooms with a designated time even though they were happy with the less formal discussion at the beginning of the year.

NAPLAN Testing
Congratulations to the hard working boys and girls of Year 3 and Year 5 for their effort last week. The tests were certainly challenging but everyone tried their very best and that’s all that anyone can ask. Well Done.

Our Drill Dance Nationals
During the school holidays my family went to Bendigo in Victoria. My sister, Danica and I marched with our drill dance team called Academy Guards. It was part of the Australian Nationals Competition.

We travelled by coach which was great fun but very loud. We could watch movies on a screen at the front of the coach, talk or play games. It took about twelve hours to arrive at the Gold Nugget caravan Park which had units for us to stay in.

On day two to seven we trained. On day five we had a half day training session. On day eight we had our marching competition. On day nine we got to do a free style marching which is a bit like dancing. The Academy Guards under 17’s were champions. The under 12’s came third. We all loved it. I was part of the state team and we came first for NSW. We got two 3rds. The coaches of our team are called Ross, Karen, Karen W and Pat.

Belinda Tahana 4/5W

The Environment Team
If you have noticed that the school grounds are free of litter and looking really respectable its because of a group of students who called the Green Rangers. They voluntarily give up their time to pick up litter. They are equipped with special tools, gloves and a special bin. Well Done to; Fanar Yacoub, the team leader, ChadJones-Singleton, Tahlia Leineweber, Calyn Strong, Blake Schofields, and Lafi Sakaio.

Administering medication at school
When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for:
- bringing this need to the attention of the school
- ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
- supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
-collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.

Parents of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request.

The principal will provide the form to the parent. If parents have difficulty in completing the form they should ask the principal for assistance.

Students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents that this is a planned part of the student's health care support.

Students' immediate access to prescribed medication is very important for the effective management of conditions such as asthma and anaphylaxis. Students and parents need to be advised of this requirement so that students are not left without access to critical medication. For further information see storage of prescribed medication.

A letter to parents/carers has been prepared to confirm arrangements for the administration of the student's medication at school.

The new form and letter is available at the school upon request

Note- Whooping Cough Diagnosis
A child has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough this week. Please read the attached fax sheet from the NSW Health Dept.

School Poetry and Story Competition
Congratulations to Hannah Bagust for being selected to have her story published in the 2015 competition with the short story, “The Boy with No Family”. Her story was selected to be published in the book called The White Track- well done Hannah.

Cleaning Staff
We have a young, new cleaner just appointed to our school who will be the casual replacement for Kim if she is on leave. Please extend to him customary courtesy and welcome him to our school. His name is Ricky.

Walk Safely to School Day
This Friday, children are encouraged to walk to school safely. A sticker to wear on the day is available from the Students Representative Council Leaders on Thursday.

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 day will be changing to Tuesday in Term 2 and the lessons start next week.

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.

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sandy@mbm.org.au
www.mbm.org.au
MBM Kid’s Vision: Transforming kid’s lives through Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

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

**Family Referral Service**
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 some way they can assist your family.

Mrs Michelle O’Toole, President of the P&C has set up a facebook page for the 150th celebration.
The link is: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Eastern-Creek-Public-School-150th-Birthday-Celebration/420861321415896](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Eastern-Creek-Public-School-150th-Birthday-Celebration/420861321415896)

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| Tues 19 | Scripture
| | Newsletter Day |
| | 11.15- Keyboard Lessons |
| | Uni NSW Competition Day for Computer Technology |
| Wed 20 | Power of One Anti-Bullying Show
| | ANCHOR program starts |
| Thurs 21 | Mt Druitt Zone Cross Country Event |
| Fri 22 | 8.00-Tennis with Elton Stoney
| | Sport |
| | Music Bus |
| Tues 26 | Scripture
| | Newsletter Day |
| | 11.15- Keyboard Lessons |
| Wed 27 | Young Writers Award- RHHS Dental Screening |
| Thurs 28 | School Directors Visit Dental Screening |
| Fri 29 | 8.00-Tennis with Elton Stoney
| | 9.10-School Assembly |
| | Sport |
| | Music Bus |

**Change of Clothes**
Could parents please send in a spare change of clothes if your child is likely to wet their pants at school. We have a limited supply of clothes in the office in case of accidents but many are not returned. At the moment we have no underpants, so we will have ring parents to come and change their children if they wet their pants.

**Student Absences**
A reminder to parents that a note or a phone call to the office to explain why their child is absent from school is important. The School Liaison Officer on a recent school visit, made it clear that it is mandatory for parents to do this.

**Wes Chia**
Principal