Welcome to Term 3
It was terrific to see the children this morning ready and raring to go after their holiday. This term will be a terrific one- full of activities and events for everyone.

The school welcomes the seven new families who have moved into our school and community and I am sure the children will certainly make the children feel welcome.

Starting off early in the term, is the Athletics Carnival which is planned to be held on Monday 3 August. Each Friday the children will be practising their running and field events. On the day there will be a range of activities for the children to participate in, a bbq and coffee and tea for everyone, so get your portable chairs and blankets, picnic baskets and beansies ready for the day. The School Chess team also starts off the term with a competition in Penrith next week-good luck team. Being planned for this term is our Milo cricket teams.

Three excursions are also planned for the term- Stage 3 is heading for Bathurst and the gold fields, Stage 2 is heading for Parramatta and Old Government House and the little ones, including the pre-schoolers are going to Featherdale Animal Park.

We also have our artists involved in the Learning Neighbourhood Art on the Hill Exhibition, to be held on the 29 April at Rooty Hill High School. The children will also be participating in a safe travel busways program on the 5 and 6 August. This is a within school activity and there is no cost. The children will walk up to the top car park to sit in a bus and participate in a special talk and discussion time about safe travel behaviour from Busways.

For Education Week starting Monday 27 July, we will be having a grandparents day where the children’s grandparents will be invited to the school to spend time in classrooms, reading to children and enjoying a nice morning tea prepared by our senior children and the P&C. Then for Bookweek starting 24 August the school will host the annual book sale and the children will be invited to participate in the book character parade. Hopefully during this week we could have an inaugural “Real Men Read Too Week” activity which as yet is yet to be finalised.

Parent/Teacher Interviews are being held next week, so if you haven't done so already, complete the interview request form, however, limited times are left. Remember though you can make appointments to see your child’s teacher or members of the school executive, anytime

Then to top off this already busy term is the annual REACH concert to be held on the 14,15 and 16 September. Already auditions have been held and practice is well underway.

So there is certainly a lot happening this term.
Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted on Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July evenings from 3.15pm.

As previously noted in the newsletter, the survey sent to parents indicated that the majority of parents wish the formal Parent/Teacher meeting to be held in the classroom, not in the school hall like our information evening at the start of the year.

If you haven’t done so already, please return the note giving your preference for three times. Teachers will try to accommodate your requests but please remember times are allocated on a first in best served policy. The Parent/Teacher Interviews are conducted at these times so that working parents can attend.

Of course there are times that you can have a meeting with your child’s teacher that best meets your availability. Contact the office for an alternative time.

Concreting Of Paths
The new path is completed and opened for traffic. No bumps, crack or trip hazards now. I thankyou for your patience but the morning assemblies will still be conducted in the hall as it was realised that the hall is much better for the children to be at on these cold winter mornings.

Commonwealth School Banking
School Banking will resume in Week 1 of Term 3.

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.

P&C News
Uniform Shop – New Opening Hours
Monday: 8.30-9.15am
Tuesday: 2.30-3pm
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 2.30-3pm
Friday: 8.30-9.15am
For all inquiries, please contact Michelle on 0403844962

P&C meeting
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th July at 4.00pm in the MPR. (change of venue from the originally posted message about being in the library)

School Uniform
Please remember that it is strongly encouraged and insisted upon that the children wear the Eastern Creek uniform. The P&C support the school in its endeavour to encourage the wearing of school uniforms and also the fact that the uniform does distinguish our children from outsiders, other schools and this si really seen when our children participate in sporting activities.

The green and white uniform and especially the school broad brimmed hat, makes it easy to see where the children are at when a count
or observation is being made. Please support the school in this matter- it is disappointing to see children wearing uniforms or wearing school hats from other schools or just not wearing the Eastern Creek hat- eg a “bull’s” hat is not acceptable at all.

**Interrelate-Family Evening Program**

An information brochure is attached to the newsletter regarding a special program for families. Its about how to tell children the facts regarding growing and developing. I have seen this program successfully operate in previous schools. The information imparted to children is relevant and important and delivered in a way that is frank but at a level the children can understand.

A few years ago Interrelate was offered but the community responded only in limited numbers so if you would like your child to be involved please return the survey. The proposition is for two consecutive Tuesday nights starting at 6.30. the cost is $30 per family for both talks and $25 for one talk. Each night has a different focus- Where did I come from? and Preparing for Puberty.

**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.

**Bayliss Hardware**

For all of your handy hardware needs
Shop 9-11 Rooty Hill Plaza
Rooty Hill Rd North
Rooty Hill NSW 2766 9625 8549

**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
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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. 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.

Eastern Creek Public School
150 Year Celebration
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

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.

2015 Learn to Swim School
This year the Learn to Swim School will be held in term 4 from Monday 2 to Friday 6 November. It will be run differently this year in order to reduce the cost by having two lessons each day, there-by cutting the bus fare. A note will be sent to the children very shortly so that you can make a booking and start payments.

From our Story Writers Club……..
Yathushan Muraleetharan writes…
My Grandmother
My grandmother is kind.
She is kind as my class teacher.
She speaks like a parrot and dreams to fly to glory.
My grandmother is kind.
She is nice as a flower.
She is cuddly as a teddy bear.
She is as soft as a pin cushion.
My grandmother is kind.
She is the best too.
She is in the million billion best.

Isabella Jankowski writes…
Quokkas are mammals. They are also nocturnal animals. Quokkas eat grass, flowers and are herbivores. They should not eat our food. It makes them extremely ill. They climb small trees and shrubs. The Quokkas make tracks to escape predators. Quokkas live on Rottnest island and Bald Island. They are related to the kangaroo, wallaby, wallaroo, potoroo and bettongs. Quokkas break into people’s tents, holiday houses and camp sites. They can also jump, leap and hop. They cannot walk.

Term 3 – July

| Mon 13 | Staff return for Professional Learning |
| Tues 14 | Students return K - 6 Scripture Preschool Closed for cleaning Newsletter Day |
| Wed 15 | Mandarin Language Program 4.00pm P&C Meeting-MPR |
| Fri 17 | Stage 2 Excursion-Parramatta 8.30- Elton Stoney-Tennis lessons Sport-athletics carnival practice Music Bus |
| Mon 20 | 3.15-Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Tues 21 | Scripture 3.15-Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Wed 22 | Mandarin Language Program ECPS Chess Team Sydney West Chess Tournament- Penrith RSL |
| Fri 24 | 8.30- Elton Stoney-Tennis lessons 9.10-School Assembly Music Bus Sport-Athletics Carnival Practice |
| Mon 27 | Grand Parent’s Day ? |
| Tues 28 | Scripture NSW English Competition 2.00pm Blacktown Council Recycling Talk-hall Newsletter Day |
| Wed 29 | Mandarin Language Program Art on the Hill Exhibit RHHS |
| Fri 31 | 8.30 Elton Stoney Tennis Sport- Athletics Carnival Practice Stage 3 Excursion to Bathurst |

Term 3 – August

| Mon 3 | Athletics Carnival |
| Tues 4 | Scripture |
| Wed 5 | Mandarin Language Program Safety on the Bus Talk 3-6 |
| Thurs 6 | Safety on the Bus Talk K-2 |
| Fri 7 | Stage 2 Excursion-Parramatta 8.30- Elton Stoney-Tennis lessons 9.10-School Assembly Sport-athletics carnival practice Music Bus |
| Mon 10 | 3.15-Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Tues 11 | Scripture 3.15-Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Wed 12 | Mandarin Language Program ECPS Chess Team Sydney West Chess Tournament- Penrith RSL |
Fri 13
8.30- Elton Stoney-Tennis lessons
9.10-School Assembly
Music Bus
Sport-Athletics Carnival practice

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 (particularly Winter clothes) in case of accidents but many are not returned. At the moment we have very few track pants to give the children, so we will have to ring parents to come and change their children if they wet their pants.

Wes Chia
Principal

Interrelate-Family Evening Program
I would like my children to participate in the interrelate Program.

Family name_________________________

I would participate in Session One_______
I would participate in Session Two_______
I would participate in Both Sessions_______