Principal Book Awards
The following children have presented excellent book work for the past fortnight. Well done boys and girls.
Chloe Ayre  Michael Williams
Anna Lockey  Summer Masterson
Angelo israeil  Krishant Prasad
Isabella Sukkarieh  Caitlin Carriglio
Jovel Espinosa  Tiana Ektoros
Tyarn Lees  Dilan Salman
Joel Zahra  Justin Christensen
Jack Rusitovoc  Lukus Faokula
Chad Jones-Singleton

Merit Awards
Well done to the following boys and girls for their strong effort to excel in class work, playground behaviour and in showing community spirit and citizenship.
Titilayo Taiwo  Tristan Catalbas
Isabella Sukkarieh  Jacob Williams
York Fidler-Price  Caitlyn Keehn
Eltaf Yawari  Mackenzie Reeves
Rita Reuelu  Jeidhen Paramio

Habits of Mind Award
The Habits of Mind are an identified set of 16 problem solving, life related skills, necessary to effectively operate in society and promote strategic reasoning, insightfulness, perseverance, creativity and craftsmanship. The understanding and application of these 16 Habits of Mind serve to provide the individual with skills to work through real life situations that equip that person to respond using awareness (cues), thought and intentional strategy in order to gain a positive outcome.

Our first Habits of Mind recipients are the following boys and girls as they have demonstrated behaviours of Persistence, ie, sticking to task at hand, following through to completion and having a can do focussed mentality.
Om Patel  Krishaant Prasad
Kyle yap  Jade Horn
Maamalaa Kaufononga  Kassandra McGrath
Marielle Santos  Jewel Osborne
Amira Osborne  Amond Hansoongnern
Princess Marcos

STAR Awards
For demonstrating the values of our school the following students show that they are aware of Safety, the importance of Teamwork, Aiming High in their aspirations and show Respect to members of the school.
Jacob Williams  Alyssa Sant
Riley Gundy  Max Bagust
Aarya Metha  Yasemin Bitiktas
Mitchell Grosvenor  Rianna Lal
Natalie Reevess  Justin Christensen
Spelling Bee winners
Unlike the TV show, which only started this year and has sparked an interest in spelling, Eastern Creek conducts an annual spelling bee competition and we enter a team in the local Spelling competition. This year the champions are:-
Junior Competition
Liana Tupou  Samuel Apilado
Senior Competition
Joel Zahra  Nathaniel Guzman

These students will represent our school at the Regional Spelling Bee at Shelley PS on Wednesday the 9 September 2015.

Mrs Lotz

P&C Trivia Night- postponed till 2016
The Trivia night is being postponed to 2016 as there were only a few respondents for tables, not enough to make the night profitable for the school. The raffle will still go ahead and will be drawn in week 10.

P&C Father’s Day Stall
The P&C Father’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 27th August in the school hall. Children will have the opportunity to shop with their class for a gift for Dad. Gifts are priced from $2 with a maximum of 2 gifts per child.

We have some great gifts for Dads, like car care packs, caps, cooler bags, thermos flasks and tools etc.

Community Fruit Bowl
We now have a community fruit bowl located in the school office foyer. Fruit is available for students to take before school, either for breakfast or crunch n sip time during the morning session.

A donation of 20c per piece of fruit would be appreciated, however students without money are also welcome to take a piece of fruit at any time as we are hoping to supplement this program with a limited number of donations from local grocers.

If you are able to assist with obtaining donations from local businesses please see Mrs Flores.

Mrs Flores

Home Reading Club
Due to popular demand our home reading program is staging a comeback next term! Our revamped program will be run by year six helpers every Wednesday morning under the COLA. Membership fees for the reading club will be $2 per term. This money will go towards resources for the program, such as purchasing of books in the future and providing prizes (for every 20 books read students receive a prize) If you have any books at home that your children no longer need, please speak to Mrs Flores or Mrs Parker, any donations of books will be very gratefully accepted. Protective book folders will be available for purchase at the club for $5 each (fun patterned hand sewn water resistant fabric folders) or students are welcome to bring in their own folders from home (A4 or larger, labelled with the student’s name please)

Mrs Flores

Eastern Creek Public School “Learn to Swim Program” 2nd – 6th November
Now I did make an error in the last newsletter- the program does not last from September to November! Thank you to the numerous phone calls telling me that the swim school was too long. Also thank you to the many parents who have already sent in the expression of interest which means the program can go ahead. Please send in your note as soon as possible to ensure a place in the program.

The importance of teaching our children basic water survival skills is essential because you never know when our children could fall into a pool or creek or stream. Knowing how to swim, float or dog paddle is a vital life-saving skill. Please consider strongly, the participation of your child/ren in this vital program which targets children from Year 2 to Year 6 with no or little swimming skills.

A minimum of forty students need to participate in the program to make it viable in terms of cost, otherwise the program will have to be cancelled. The program has been modified to run over one week, there-bye reducing the cost of the bus and pool entry.
fee. The children will do five double lessons. Staff selected to participate in the program have been specially trained in “Aus Swim” and work closely with the qualified swim teachers.

If you would like your child/ren to be involved in the Learn to Swim Program complete the permission note attached, together with a deposit of $20. Principal financial assistance with this program is available.

**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

Raffle drawn at the end of term in week 10. Stay Tuned

**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 is 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.

**Fundraising, Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser**

The Preschool and P&C have combined forces this year to present to the community three order books for toys. Catalogues were sent home with the previous newsletter. They are jam-packed full of toys perfect for birthdays and Christmas gifts. You will find toys suitable for children of all ages and interests including art and craft, games, puzzles, role play, science, sport, water toys and much more.

By ordering toys through the “Fundraising”, “Chalk” and/or “Parent Direct” catalogues, 20c of every dollar you spend is donated back to not only the preschool but also to the school to spend on educational resources and play equipment. On top of this if we collect enough orders we will receive an educational toy pack as well.

To order you simply fill in the order form that can be found in the middle of the catalogues and return the order to the office together with the payment. For an additional fee you can have your purchase sent straight to your home address.
The more orders we get, the more support the preschool and the school will benefit. Please help our school fundraiser by placing your orders by Friday 29 October.

Extra catalogues are available from the office if required.

Returning Permission notes for events
Planning excursions require the permission of parents for their child to participate. It is important for you to sign the note— quite a few notes are returned without them being signed, the money is paid, but not the most important part which is the signing. Please indicate permission through signing.

Book Week Celebrations

To Celebrate Book Week 2015 we are holding a Book Parade and Book Fair on Friday 28th August, 2015. Sales begin in the Library at 8:30am for students with parents. All classes will visit the Book Fair during the day to allow students to purchase a book from the Fair. There will be a variety of books for sale to suit all interests and budgets. A percentage of sales are given to the Library to allow us to purchase new books. Start saving now and we will see you at the Fair.

Dress up as your favourite book character for our Book Parade also on Wednesday 26th August, 2015. Parade begins at 12.15pm. Musicians from the Music Bus will also perform at our parade. You are welcome to have a picnic lunch with your child from 11:30am – 12pm before the parade. Come and join the fun and help us celebrate for Book Week 2015.

Mrs Mead

Rooty Hill Bush Fire Headquarters
I received a complaint this week about parents parking on the service driveway of the brigade. The complaint was quite severe indicating that if vehicles are parked there and the brigade is called to an incident they cannot get out of their driveway. Please use the terrific car park facility at Cawarra St. We have to be the only school that has the use of such a facility—Surrounding schools do not have such a car park so use it.

Gilgandra Re-enactment of the Cooee March
I received an email regarding the re-enactment of the famous Cooee march of 1915. I thought it would be terrific, if it comes off as an event, for the children and families to be involved by either cheering as they march by, or some support shown. More news will follow as the event is organised. I have a colour copy of the signatures and will have this framed for the library. The email is as follows.

“On November 10th 1915 a warm welcome was given by the people of Eastern Creek to Captain Hitchen’s Gilgandra Cooee marchers who had left Gilgandra on 17th October walking to Sydney recruiting men on the way down the Western Road as they went.

My grandparents George and Florence Watts had a farm along Horsley Road, her handwriting tops both pages....their farm was called Oakdale and is now where the recycling and racetrack near is...not the main racecourse for motor bikes. This double page has signatures of the Army Officers and some men walking plus that of a Mr Thompson, teacher of Wallgrove Public School.

I think this would be interesting to you all, this year the Gilgandra re-enactment will be leaving Gilgandra on the 17th October so should be around Eastern Creek School area first week again in November...maybe the 10th. .....their diary and progress will be on their website to follow.

I have a photocopy of this double page that I can copy and send to the school if you would like it. It is quite large like a poster. It was printed for me by the RSL group at Epping who wanted a copy for themselves and I would like your school to have it as a memento.
Warm regards,
Imelda Silva”

The Writers Club- their stories....
Interested children run clubs during their free time. Clubs include, The Puppet Club, The Art Club, the Netball Club, the Origami Club, the Paper Aeroplane club, The Games club and one club, The Writers club like to publish their pieces of writing. Here are two more from this very enthusiastic club.
Gracie
Gorgeous
Reliable
Awesome
Cool
Irresistible
Epic

Gracie Williams

My Mother
My mother is nice.
Nice as an apple
She is as fair as a foreigner
As fair as she could be
My mother is nice
She is keen as a parrot
She is talkative as a macaw
She is just as active as a monkey
My mother is nice
She has hair as black as a crow
She is one of best of a million billion mothers
I have ever known

Yathushan Muraleetharen

My Favourite Monster
My favourite monster is a Ticia. She is from Night at Freddys. She is a robot. She has friends called Foxy, Bony, and Freddy. Ticia has sharp teeth, red eyes and has a microphone in her mouth.

Brooke Smith

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.

Busways Blacktown Timetable Changes
We have been advised that there may be changes to the current school or public route services. Please visit the website at www.busways.com.au to see how the changes may affect you.

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
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.

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 made it clear that it is mandatory for parents to do this.

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.

Astronomy Night
Saturday, 29th August 7pm-9pm

MOON SPECIAL
A close up look our neighbour.
Cost $18 Adult, $12 Child, $50 Family
Bookings are essential; follow the Link to register and pay,
www.uws.edu.au/observatory

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Principal