Principal Book Awards
As the term comes to an end with excitement and interest for the REACH concert at its peak, quality work is still being produced by our children. Congratulations to the following boys and girls.
Ben Moore  Jacqueline Sinclair
Riley Marshall  Summer Masterson
Oliver Cotter  Magrace Fahina
Mark Catalbas  Alipate Saafi
Lukus Faokula  Shazia Zaheer
Alyse McCutcheon  Christine Bettridge
Thomas Bogaz  Thomas Darley
Evdokia Papafiropoulos  Tiarna Rakoroi
Mikayla Grosvenor  Sophie Myathit
Nathaniel Guzman  Diya Kumar
Princess Marcos  Jovel Espinosa

Merit Awards
Excellent application to all areas of school work goes to the following children.
Krish Chand  Titilayo Taiwo
Jayson Luke  Andre Bettridge
Jessica Fitzsimmons-Barrett
Pilar Martinez Lara  Halianna Callaghan
Lisa Dulfo  Ryan Van Dyk
Yasmine Paul  Rayaansh Narayan
Chloe Ayre  Mischa Howson
Feda Yawari  Kaledanne Mafi
Yasemin Bitiktas  Cayln Strong

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.
Helen Matini  Tamia Berroa
Brinlee Smith  Lucy Walker
Cindy Myathit  Lilley Gotts
Jasmine Xagoraris  Mackenzie Reeves
Allan Wright  Taleah Stocker
Amond Hansoongnern

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.
Yasmine Paul  Emily Tatlock
Danica Tahana  Kelvin Nakier
Lilley Gotts  Christopher Rasiak
Cruz Paul  Christine Bettridge

Spelling Bee winners
This year the Spelling Bee champions are representing our school at the Regional Spelling Bee at Shelley PS on Wednesday. Good luck in the competition.
Junior Competition
Liana Tupou  Samuel Apilado
Senior Competition
Joel Zahra  Nathaniel Guzman

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.
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 your children are regularly using the service it would be appreciated if the donation can be made- it’s terrific to see the fruit being eaten but at the moment, Mrs Flores is buying the fruit herself. If you are able to assist with obtaining donations from local businesses please see 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
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.

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.

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

Fundraising, Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser
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.

Stage 3 Fundraising
It is calendar time once again and early next term you will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of great products in time for Christmas. Children are working on the artwork in the classrooms and it will be sent home once completed. You can choose to have a 2016 calendar made with your child’s artwork or a photograph or you may prefer to have a set of photo or art cards (and at a little more than $1 each they are not only very personal, but a great bargain).

The ever popular computer mouse mat is always a great gift idea, or maybe you want something from all the choices. Remember, photos must be in landscape position for calendars covers but can be in either landscape or portrait position for the greeting cards. The greeting cards have no text inside, so are suitable for a variety of occasions.

This year photos may be uploaded direct to the website and if you choose this option you need to record the allocated number on your order form. Sample products are available to view at the school office. Please come and have a look at these beautiful products. Payment is due with the order, and a school EFTPOS slip is included in the envelope for your convenience. Costs for all products will be
included in the envelope that your child will bring home, along with the artwork.

There is no limit on the number of items you wish to purchase. Order forms are with your child’s artwork and need to be completed and returned to the school with the artwork or photographs in the envelope provided, by Tuesday October 13th. Orders will be sent to the company at the close of business on this day, so to avoid disappointment, please make sure your order is in.

Ms Roseman

Preschool to Year 2 Excursion to Featherdale

On Thursday children in Preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 had an exciting day at Featherdale Wildlife Park. The children had the opportunity to view and learn about a wide variety of Australian animals. Since the excursion, the children have been engaging in lots of interesting discussions and writing about their experiences. The children and teachers had a busy but exciting day and we all learned lots.

Mrs Heywood

At Featherdale I saw an emu. It was standing and it was big.
Om Patel KH

At Featherdale I saw a wombat. The wombat was sleeping
Tristan Catalbas KH

At Featherdale I saw a big kangaroo. It was hopping.
Mia Grima KH

At Featherdale I saw a snake. I saw a kangaroo.
Titilayo Taiwo KH

At Featherdale I saw a crocodile. I saw an echidna
Jacob Gale KH

Kinder Orientation Program

In order to find out more about Eastern Creek Public School, parents and carers are invited to attend our Kindergarten 2016 information night on Wednesday 7 October at 7pm in the school library. The evening provides an opportunity for families to familiarise themselves with teaching staff and to find out what to expect when their child starts school.

We would also like to invite you and your child to attend our Kindergarten 2016 ‘Coming to School Program.’

The ‘Coming to School Program’ will be held from 2 – 3pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday 14 October
- Wednesday 21 October
- Wednesday 28 October
- Wednesday 4 November

During the ‘Coming to School’ program children will visit the Kindergarten classrooms and engage in a range of activities to prepare them for school.

While the children are busy with teachers in the Kindergarten rooms, parents and carers are invited to attend a series of workshops in the school library. Topics to be covered in the workshops include:

- The Kindergarten ‘Best Start’ Assessment.
- Support Staff at Eastern Creek Public School
- The Parent Volunteer Program.
- Packing a healthy lunch box

If possible it is recommended that families and their child attend all 4 ‘Coming to School’ program sessions.

When attending the information evening and the ‘Coming to School’ program, families are asked to park in the Cawarra Street car park and enter the school from the back gate.

If you will be attending the Kindergarten 2016 information evening and the ‘Coming to School’ program could you please let us know by contacting the school office on 96258112. A letter with this information is being sent to parents with expression of interest in enrolling and those with an enrolment form already completed shortly.

Mrs J Heywood

2015 Book Week Celebrations

We have had lots of fun celebrating Book Week at our school. On Monday we launched the new Library system called OLIVER. One student, Ritika Prasad from 4/5W, was chosen to be our student tester to check all systems were go. The system then went live and is now operating in our Library. The Library Monitors were invited to a launch party at recess and were introduced to the new search system called ORBIT. All had fun exploring ORBIT, changing their personal screen backgrounds and avatars.

I heard some very positive comments such as “This is so cool” (Freya) and “this is so much better than the old system” (Mischa) and “this is so exciting” (Ritika). The first person to borrow from our Library using the new Oliver Circulation was Freya Howson from 5/6G – congratulations Freya on a successful borrowing experience.

On Wednesday we held our annual Book Character Parade. There were some fantastic characters in our parade including many super heroes, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Frozen. We even had Mary Poppins, The Cat in the Hat,
Tigger and a cow join our parade. It was a fabulous parade well done everyone.

On Friday we finished the week with our annual Book Fair in the Library. We had a wide variety of books with prices from $1.50 up to $14. Thanks to your very generous support we sold almost $3,000 worth of books and I have 150 new books to add to our Library collection. Also a big thankyou to the following people who kindly bought a book to donate to our Library: Ryan Van Dyke, Nathaniel Guzman, Kassandra McGrath, Phoebe Stephenson, Caitlin Carriglio, Keiara Laidlaw, Emma Bowman-Trinh, Jessica McGrath, Jamieson Sukkarieh, Princess Marcos and Ms Roseman.

Thankyou also to Mrs Tatlock and Mrs Gerada who were an outstanding sales team and to Mrs Parker for helping me set up the books for display. What a hugely successful and fun filled week we had celebrating books which light up our world. A big thankyou to everyone.

Mrs Mead

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, Annmarie 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.

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.

**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.

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