Welcome back for 2014

Welcome Back!
A warm welcome to everyone, whether you are returning to EPS or if this is your first year with our school community.
This is a brief newsletter to advise you of events and happenings over our first couple of weeks of term 1.

2014 Classes
Classes for students will be formed on Friday 31 January sometime after lunch when we are sure of confirmed students attending. This limits disrupted movements as much as possible, and students will be in 2013 class groupings until then. They will be revising school rules and expected behaviour, as well as looking at preparations for the year.
Teachers have thought long and hard about class groupings for 2014, taking into account social, academic and emotional needs of each individual and believe that whilst some disappointments may be felt, learning how to ‘bounce back’ from setbacks that occur in life can build resilience. We appreciate your understanding and support with this matter.
If you wish to discuss any matter with me please give me a call to make an appointment.

Dates for the Diary - Term 1 2014 – Weeks 2 & 3

| Monday, 3 February | Monday, 10 February |
| Tuesday, 4 February | Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival Henley pool | Tuesday, 11 February |
| Wednesday, 5 February | Lorin Nicholson Author visit | Wednesday, 12 February |
| Thursday, 6 February | PSSA yr 3-6 Softball trials | Thursday, 13 February |
| Friday, 7 February | PSSA yr 3-6 Softball trials | Friday, 14 February |

Looking ahead....
*Friday 14 February 2.15-2.30 New Kinder Parents welcome Afternoon Tea
*Wednesday 19 February 6.00-7.00pm Meet the Teachers evening P&C meeting 7.30pm
*Friday 21 February Yr 3-6 Summer PSSA Sport and Swimming begin
*Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 February Playground Turfing working bee 8.00am start

Staffing 2014
A new school year always brings movement and change with staffing. We welcome Ms Zoe Kogias, Ms Rebecca Scott and Ms Danielle Cassin to the staff. In term 2 we will be joined by Ms Narelle Wardman, who will be replacing Mrs Borg who will be taking maternity leave.
Finally, to advise that we have had an increase in our student numbers and have been able to form a 12th class, and teachers on particular classes is written in a later part of the newsletter. In any school we have composite and straight classes, and can I reassure you that where your child has been placed has been thought through very carefully. Given encouragement and positive teaching strategies they will thrive to the best of their ability in whatever class they are placed.
A number of permission/information notes will be sent home this Friday outlining voluntary contribution fees, textbook costs and TriSkills Gymnastics note. They will also be able to be downloaded from the school website.
If you have any concerns you wish to raise with me please contact me to make an appointment.
I look forward to a positive and productive year at Enfield Public School, attaining great educational outcomes for your children.
Regards
Rick Daly
Principal
Parent Information Evenings

We will have a parent information “Meet the Teachers” evening from 6-7 pm on Wednesday 19 February. For those parents with more than 1 child, the session will be k-2 6:00-6:30pm and year 3-6, 6:30-7:00pm. This is a time for teachers to outline timetables, scope and sequence of the programs students will be undertaking and expectations for the year, as well as covering homework and other relevant topics. **This is not a time to discuss individual students, as you will have this opportunity later in the term to attend a 10 minute parent teacher interview.**

Of course, if you wish to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss relevant issues, please arrange with them a mutually convenient time. **However, in the early weeks it's important to give teachers time and space to assess students learning needs and abilities, and the time to observe social interactions so they may then have an opportunity to give a more insightful response.**

Swimming Carnival

Our annual school Swimming carnival for students in years 3-6 or those year 2 students turning 8 years of age this year is on **next Tuesday 4 February** at Enfield Pool. (It is not compulsory for 8 year olds in year 2 to attend). This is a great way for students to show their swimming skills and have the opportunity to represent the school in the Zone carnival. It’s also a great way for parents and community members to come along and support our school. All welcome!

New Kindergarten parents welcome

Afternoon Tea

Kindergarten children started school on Thursday 30 January for their first day of "Big School". I know their year 5 Buddies are very excited at the idea of supporting them and making them feel welcome. They will have a shorter day, finishing at 2.30 for the first two weeks of term (ending on Friday 14 February). A getting to know you welcome afternoon tea provided by our very supportive P&C will happen in the downstairs hall on Friday 14 February from 2.15-2.30. If you are a new kindergarten parent/carer and are able to attend, it’s a great opportunity to get to know other kinder parents & carer’s and some of our supportive P&C parents. If you are a kindergarten 2013 parent, if you can attend and provide a plate, please register for this at the front office. You are very welcome we hope to see you there!

**The School A to Z website**

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

is a comprehensive and safe website offering students and parents assistance in all areas of the curriculum.

Messages and information can be easily translated into languages other than English which can make explaining concepts easier and simpler.

2014 Classes and teachers

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Reading Recovery and support st 1 Ms Carlie Fisher

RFF- Music (Mon, Tues) Ms Danielle Cassin

Leaning & Support (Mon, Tues Wed) Mrs Kirsty Logan

Leaning & Support (Thursday Friday) Mrs Belinda Sleeman

ESL term 1 Mrs Rose Black (Ms Vicki Houteas on leave)

Library (Tues, Wed, Thurs) Ms Leanne Sharp

Counsellor (Monday) Mrs Heather Gough- Fuller

School Admin Manager Mrs Jill Maurer

School Admin Officer Mrs Janelle Tynan

School Learning Support Officer Mrs Liz Nielsen

School Learning Support Officer Mrs Joanne Bradley

School Learning Support Officer Mrs Andrea Economou

General Assistant (Tuesday & Thurs) Mr Mark Goggins

Cleaner Mr Rey Villegas

TriSkills Gymnastics Program term 1 2014

Our school will be participating in the TriSkills program in term 1, each Monday and Tuesday. Students will participate in a 30 minute lesson each Monday/Tuesday using innovative and engaging resources by qualified physical education teachers in order to develop skills and outcomes related to the K-6 Physical Education, Health and Personal Development outcomes. Cost will be $60.00 for the 10 week program (paid in one amount please) a permission note has already been sent home, classes begin in week 2, and students should wear sports uniform and sports shoes on Monday and Tuesday for this program in term 1.

Please note, sports uniform can be worn on the day that your child has their gymnastics lesson. Please see the list below if you are unsure of the day.

**Monday Gymnastics Classes** are: KW, KR, K/1H, 3/4W, 4T, 4/5S, 5/6K and 5/6I.

**Tuesday Gymnastics Classes** are: 1B, 1/2A, 2S and 3F

However, due to the swimming carnival 3F and the students in 2S going to the swimming carnival will have gymnastics on Monday and K/1H will have their lesson on Tuesday (next week only).

School Canteen

Our school canteen serving delicious and nutritious home cooked meals by owner operator Tina is back with a great menu. See the school website for the menu selection, and a menu is attached to this newsletter, as are ordering procedures.
Cyber Safety: Managing Sites to protect our children
A Google safe search can be installed on individual computers. Open the link & follow the directions.


Alternatively, encourage your family to use Searchypants http://searchypants.com/ where you can create your own safe search page.

School Playground – Working Bee
You may have noticed work has begun on returfing part of the school playground, with rotary hoeing of the area being completed in the holidays.

In order to cut down on cost of returfing the playground, we are having a working bee over two Saturday’s in February 2014. The first, Saturday 8 February where we will be levelling 25 tonnes of soil (please bring shovels and wheel barrows) and the second on Saturday 15 February where we will be laying 835 square metres of turf.

Thanks to those few people that have already volunteered some of their time. We still require more volunteers. Work begins at 8am on both days to attempt to beat the heat! Could you please contact the front office to offer your Assistance and advise if you can provide a wheel barrow/shovel/rake by Friday Wednesday 5 February.

Author Visit - Lorin Nicholson.
Lorin Nicholson is one of Australia’s pre-eminent entertainers and motivational speakers. He has an imposing and unforgettable presence, and a musical ability. He is visiting Enfield Public School next Wednesday to address the students in Years 1 - 6. He will share some music and his inspirational stories with the students from 9:30 - 10:30am in the Hall. We are sure everyone will be inspired by his tales. There is no cost involved as the visit is sponsored by Burwood Council’s anti bullying campaign. For more information visit his website http://lorinnicholson.com/

Enfield Public School App
Advantages in having the EPS App include;
1. Active Academic & Activities Calendar. The calendar functionality of the App has all the events of the school broken down by grades and terms. The App allows the user to view and be reminded of any event on the school calendar. It also allows the user to customise the content of the App based on the grade their child is in.
2. Instant Push Notifications. This is an amazing feature which will allow the school to push notices or urgent messages to users. These notices can be completely customised, for example, parent-teacher meeting reminders, reminders to a specific class to be somewhere at a certain time, reminder to fill out an authority letter for excursions, a note to advise that the school has sent a donation collection chocolate box, etc.
3. Photo Gallery. This is the most fun part of the App where photos from all school events are published instantly and the users can share these photos with family and friends straight from their personal mobile device or just save these memorable photos on their device. This module allows the users to see photos from the grade of their child or all photos of the school. The photos are categorised by date and events into albums.
4. News. Having all the school news and newsletters in your pocket puts you on the top. It's the best way to have all news in one place. It reduces carbon footprint, saves paper and gives you access to all previous newsletters and the distribution is instant. No more origami with paper newsletters and lost newsletters in emails. The address is: http://enfieldps.myauschools.com/Community User username: community password: enfieldLinks for the Apps
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Enfield Public School Canteen - 2014 Ordering
Welcome back to the school canteen.
Orders can be taken for both lunch and recess using a bag ordering system. Spare paper bags are available to collect from the canteen in advance. The current menu is available at the Canteen and on the school website.
Below is an outline of how to place a canteen order:
1. Parents or students can place an order directly at the canteen with Tina from 8.30am in the morning Monday to Friday.
2. Or/- your child can place their order into the classroom canteen basket when they enter class after the bell rings.
3. A separate bag should be filled out for Recess and Lunch.
4. The details to be included on the bag are:
   · Student / Staff name
   · Student class
   · Type of order - Recess or Lunch
   · Order details
   · Correct money must be included in the bag with the order and the total amount written on the bag. If recess and lunch are being ordered by the same person, the total amount may be included in the lunch bag.
   · The canteen will have limited cash kept on the premises and change may not be available, so please endeavour to include the correct money with your order.

Canteen debit account
For parents who wish to have a debit account with the Canteen, a deposit of $50 may be made in advance and this will be debited with each order placed. When the account is low in credit, Tina (the canteen operator) will contact parents by email or phone to alert them to top-up their account. No credit will be given. Accounts can only be established with cash payments in advance. Cheques, debit or credit cards will not be accepted.
If you would like to establish a credit account with the EPS Canteen, please fill out your details below and drop it into Tina at the Canteen Monday – Friday between 8.30am and 2.00pm.

Enfield Public School Canteen - Debit Account
Parent / Carer name: __________________________________________ Date: ____________________________
Credit amount: __________________________
Student's name/s: __________________________________________ Class: ____________________________
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I acknowledge I have deposited the above amount to be used for payment of my children’s
Canteen orders at Enfield Public School:
Signed: __________________________
School Uniform
It was wonderful to see so many children arrive at school on the first day in full school uniform. Thanks to all those parents who have already purchased uniform requirements from the uniform shop, which is open each Friday morning from 9.00-9.30. If you are unable to purchase directly from the shop on Friday morning you can download an order form from the website, and have it handed into the front office with the correct money. The items will then be given to your child to take home the following week. Please check sizes when ordering.

Just a reminder, that black shoes are required every day except sports day (Friday…… and Monday and Tuesday in term 1 when your child’s class is undertaking gymnastics). School hats (peaked or slouch) can be purchased from the uniform shop. School hats should be worn to provide sun protection as we are a sunsafe school. Sun protection cream approved by the cancer council is provided in each classroom for children to apply. Please encourage your children to do this. Children with hair longer than collar length need to have it “tied up” with yellow or green “scrunchies” or bands, and earrings should be silver or gold sleepers only. Nail polish is not permitted, and should be left for the holidays or weekends.

We encourage all children to wear the school uniform as it provides a feeling of belonging to our school community, reduces “fashion competition” and teaches them to be proud of their school and its values. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Before and After school Care
We have three providers for before and after School care.
* Kids on the Go (97446818) www.kidzonthego.com.au
* Kids@Weldon (97474577)www.weldon.com.au
* Beaumaris Street Early learning Centre (971535220 info@beaumariselc.com.au
All providers are approved under child protection guidelines and provide excellent care. Before and after care also providing supervised transport and activities to and from the school.

All children will now wait for their afternoon pick up in the lower hall area of the main building.

Parents & Citizens Group
Our Parent & Citizens group meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Our first meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 February in the staff room on the ground floor of the main school building. This is a great opportunity to contribute to your child’s school. New members are always welcome!