Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last edition of the school newsletter for term1, which has been a very busy term. Thanks to all those parents and carer’s who have assisted and or supported the events we have had this term. As can be seen above we have a number of events in the coming fortnight that you may wish to attend. The ANZAC day assembly we are having early, as ANZAC day falls within our school holidays this year. We will be joined by returned servicemen representing the Enfield Croydon Park RSL Sub-branch, and you are welcome to attend the service which will start at 10.30am on Thursday 10 April under the COLA near the flagpoles and hall.

A wonderful way to celebrate the end of term is by attending our End of Term BBQ Breakfast, which will be followed by our BLAST Assembly and Easter Hat Parade. Please see the item re the Uniform shop later in the newsletter for details of when the uniform shop will be open. The Stage 2 camp is due to happen in week 2 of term 2 and this is a great opportunity for students to attend and learn independent skills in a safe and supported environment.

Parenting can be challenging at times and navigating Cyber safety for you and your family is an ever changing issue. I recently attended some training at our local Burwood Police Local Area Command, where we learned about the Australian Governments efforts to keep all children safe when using the internet. In the following page, information regarding strategies for parental control settings on your home computer are discussed. At the end of the article is a website address where you can log in and find out more regarding this important issue. I trust you were pleased with the information you received at the recent parent teacher interviews, this now gives you an opportunity to discuss some of the areas for further development in your child’s progress at school, which will hopefully “bear fruit” in their end of term 2 school report.

On behalf of all the staff I wish you a safe and relaxing break over the Easter period and look forward to your children returning to school for term 2 on Tuesday 29 April.

Regards

Rick Daly Principal
Cyber Safety Information

Parental Controls

What are parental controls?
• Parental control tools help parents monitor and limit what their children do online.
• There are many tools available and they all offer different functions, with some even allowing parents to limit the time children spend on specific websites or games.
• No tool is 100% effective at blocking access to inappropriate content. They are a good tool to encourage communication with children about their online activities.
• Currently there are more effective tools for use with PCs and Macs than with mobile, tablet devices and game consoles. Additional parental supervision is required with these.

What do parental controls do?
• Every parental control tool is different.
• Most can block children from accessing specific websites, protocols or applications.
• Most can filter different kinds of content, like sexual content.
• Most allow parents to monitor use with reports on sites accessed, the length of time and frequency of access.
• Some can be used to set time limits, blocking access after a set time—handy if you are not home and want to limit the time your child spends on a game or social media.
• Most allow parents to change the tool settings to reflect each child’s age and skills.

Do parental controls block all bad stuff?
• No single parental control tool is 100% effective at blocking all inappropriate content—but they can reduce the likelihood of accidental discovery.
• Parental control tools tend to be better at blocking ‘adult’ or sexual content than other types of harmful content, such as content that may promote self-harm, eating disorders, violence, drugs, gambling, racism and terrorism.
• Parental control tools have difficulty filtering content within social media sites and messaging services, including video messaging services like Skype.
• Parents need to talk to their children about the social media sites they are using, who they communicate with and what they are accessing.

What about game consoles, mobiles and tablets?
• Parental control tools are currently less effective with game consoles, mobiles and tablets. Additional parental supervision is required.
• Most parental controls do not filter internet access from game consoles. There are very few developed specifically for particular game consoles.
• Most tools for mobiles and tablets involve using a specific internet browser to block content. —If children use a different internet browser they bypass the parental control tool.
• Apps often bypass any parental control tools.

What is the best parental control tool?
New parental control tools are emerging every couple of months. Look for user reviews to find the one that is best for you.
Look for a tool that users report:
• Is easy for parents to install and use.
• Blocks content and websites well.
• Offers good reports on which websites have been accessed.
• Is automatically updated (to ensure new websites and content are blocked).
• Can’t be easily bypassed by savvy teens.
• Can be used remotely (can be handy if your child is doing a school project and the tool is over blocking content, or if your child is home alone and you want to know which websites they are visiting).

How do I find the best parental control tool for me?
• Look at recent reviews on trusted consumer review sites and technology review sites, such as Top ten reviews, Top consumer reviews, PC Magazine, Laptop magazine.
• Search for reviews on Parental control tools, content filters, internet filters.
• A recent study commissioned by the European Commission provides a ranking of parental control tools tested, including free tools. Access the review at http://sipbench.eu/

Do parental control tools keep computers and data secure?
No. Parental controls are not created for the purpose of software or hardware security.
E-security tools need to be installed to keep information and computers safe, including:
• Firewalls to block access by unauthorised systems.
• Anti-virus to block programs that seek to steal or destroy data.
• These tools must be automatically updated as new viruses are released every day.

Sourced from Australian Federal Government Cyber Safety website
www.cybersmart.gov.au
Making Sushi with Kerry.
On Friday last week year six made sushi with Kerry. We used all sorts of ingredients such as capsicum, cucumber and seasoned chicken. Kerry showed us how to roll up the sushi and make sushi rice. We also made miso soup. While we were making sushi and soup others were painting Japanese style artworks like tsunami’s and mountains. After that the year six’s devoured the food we made. It was delicious (oishii) and everyone enjoyed it. Arigatou Kerry!

2014 Regional Swimming Carnival
On the 19th March 2014 four boys from E.P.S were lucky enough to represent our school at the Regional Swimming Carnival.
The day started off with the boys at school lying across their desks as they wanted to rest and save their energy for the big event. When the lunch bell rang the boys started to get butterflies in their tummies. When we got there it was nerve racking. We were amazed by how many people were attending the carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. We had to wait 30 minutes for our warm up.
When it was time for our warm up we were ready for it, but we all still had butterflies in our tummies. We dived off the diving boards several times for practice and then we went back to the Western Suburbs stand to sit with our team. After another 10 minutes of waiting it was time for our race. The senior boys relay was called up first, we were team. After another 10 minutes of waiting it was time for our warm up.

Relay team Jaeyoung Lee, Leroi Kelly, Joshua Seo and Max Pearce

Uniform Shop update
The uniform shop will open on the last Friday of term Friday 11 April from 9.15-10.00am. All winter uniforms may be purchased on this date HOWEVER NOT GIRLS WINTER TUNICS, as there has been a problem with the manufacturer.
Winter uniforms may also be purchased and or Paper and Flexischools orders/backorders may be collected from the uniform shop on Saturday 26 April from 11.00am-12.30 sharp. The winter tunics will be available on this date.

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With 15 years in teaching this martial art. Infinite Taekwondo Academy could assist children of all ages to learn self-defence through an ancient Korean martial art system - TAEKWONDO
At Infinite Taekwondo Academy. We focus on self-defence through proactive rather than reactive behaviour. As well as teaching all students Self-discipline, self-confident, self-respect and respect for others and awareness of healthy lifestyle.
Training time:
Tuesday: 7:30pm to 9:00pm (intermediate – advance)
Wednesday: 6:30pm to 7:30pm – (beginner)
Friday: 6:30pm to 7:45pm (beginner/intermediate)
Friday: 7:45pm to 9:00pm (intermediate to advance)
New classes starting soon at term 1: Monday / Thursday 4pm to 5pm.
Also available 6 weeks self-defence / safety for children (parents participation are welcome)
For enquiries: call Alex An (chief instructor – 6th Dan Blackbelt) - Mobile 0411410825

New Special Interest Group - High Function Autism
Parents, caregivers and other interested people are invited to get involved in an exciting new project.
The caregivers of children with High Functioning Autism often face a unique set of challenges when their child is attending school as part of a Mainstream class. For a start, no two children have the same needs and abilities and it’s very difficult even for the people that know the child best to understand how to meet those needs.
We believe that one of the key factors to a successful education for students with high function autism is effective communication between caregivers and the school/teachers. Unfortunately this can be difficult to achieve as the language we each use is often very different and we frequently find ourselves talking at cross purposes.
A second factor is that caregivers often don’t have an understanding of what is reasonable to expect from the child and the school. This applies to the potential of the student, availability of resources and the level of support.
Our Special Interest Group will investigate:
• Effective strategies for communicating the needs of a child with High Functioning Autism.
• Common language, standards of measurement and/or strategies employed by schools and teachers.
• Student potential
• School structure and resources.
• Support and successful strategies
The group would also:
• Investigate/apply for possible funding to support the project.
• Develop and deliver a workshop with support materials for caregivers.
• Seek information directly from caregivers of students with High Function Autism currently or recently attending school as part of a mainstream class.
• Liaise with the DEC/Teachers/Support workers and/or other professionals
If you would be interested in finding out more, please contact Sam Pearce at scampus66@gmail.com
The group needs a wide variety of skills and you can offer as much or as little of your time as you wish.
Autumn Holiday Program @ Croydon Tennis Centre

- Autumn Camp: 14th – 17th April 2014
- Choose from our Variety of Holiday Programs:
  - MLC Tennis Hot Shots Camp
  - MultiSport & Fun Fitness Camp
  - Intensive Swimming
  - PREP Gross Motor Skills Tennis Camp (3-5 year olds)

Phone: 9747 4259

Camp features:
- Low student per coach ratio
- Qualified Coaches & WWC checked
- Sausage Sizzle Daily (full day Camps)
- Structured Skill Level Programme
- Supervised swimming in our Indoor Heated Saltwater Pool
- Attendance Certificate

Aftercare Service Available...

MLC Tennis Hot Shots
Junior Development Programme
Lets kids learn the sport quickly and easily, build their confidence and also gets them active through playing sport.

After school classes Monday thru Friday Saturday and Sunday morning classes

WOMENS HEALTH YOGA
Our program is run by Kelli
Suitable for beginners, classes are tailored for individual group needs.
43 Brighton Street, Croydon, NSW, 2132
Phone 9747 4259
info@croydontenniscentre.com
www.croydontenniscentre.com.au

Handwriting Program - Fantastic Fingers
Write Wonders
Occupational Therapy 8 week group program.
Years 1-4.

Thursdays & Fridays starting on 1&2 May 2014 @ Enfield.
Groups run for 1 hour, groups start at 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

The handwriting groups will focus on practicing fine motor skills for improving pencil grasp and control, learning how to use an efficient pencil grasp, learning letter and number rules for improving letter and number formation, correcting letter and word spacing difficulties, correcting letter and number reversals, strategies to help with organising work on the page, take home ideas for continued practice. Groups will be run at the Kids Junction Occupational Therapy Centre at 196 Liverpool Rd, Enfield NSW 2136.

For enquiries and bookings about this handwriting program as well as other occupational therapy services for your child, contact Elizabeth Nathan, Occupational Therapist at Kids Junction on 0404 978 271 or Elizabeth.NathanOT@gmail.com

Triskills Gymnastics Payments now due
A gentle reminder to those parents and Carers who have outstanding accounts for the Triskills gymnastics program, which your child has been undertaking this term. Could payments be made by the end of this week (Friday 4 April)....if a subsidy is required, please contact Mr Daly to discuss.

ICAS Competition fees due
All students who have nominated for the University of NSW ICAS assessments, your outstanding payments are required by this Friday 4 April. If payment is not made by this time, unfortunately your child’s application will not be processed.
Operation Art provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Students in Years 1 -6 who displayed an interest in drawing have been taking part in lunchtime art activities with the aim of being one of the four students whose art artwork is to be entered into the Operation Art exhibition.

At present we have approximately 40 students vying for a chance to have their artwork professionally framed and selected. Students (and teachers) give up their lunchtimes to work on each piece.

The theme is ‘cheerful and uplifting’ so we have chosen to create an artwork using our beautiful garden and adorable chooks as stimulus!

Students must remember to come to the ART SPACE at 1:05 each Wednesday as we don’t have too much time remaining to complete our work. Entries close mid May.

All work completed will be displayed at school before being sent to the Gallery.

There is no cost to students as the school has offered to provide the 4 x $88 required for each entry.


Ms Sharpe & Miss Kogeous

If you’re not an artist or you’ve missed the chance to participate don’t despair as we have an in-school writing competition coming up in Term 2 stay tuned to the newsletter for details!
**Garden Club Stall at the End of Term Breakfast on Fri 11th April.**

If you would like to pickle, poach or prepare any delicious goods that the P&C could sell to raise money for the school and the garden, we would appreciate your donations.

Mel C is thinking about doing plum and blueberry jam.....
Prue and Sam P are going to do some coloured eggs and something with beetroot.
Maybe you have some other ideas?

Please deliver your goods to us at the stall in the morning with price labels attached. We usually sell small jars for around $4 and larger jars for around $6 - depending on the contents. Goods sell faster if they are reasonably priced.

Fresh lavender always sells well. We will also pick some fresh herbs from the garden to sell and any eggs from the chickens.
If you need to pre-deliver anything, contact Mel Colvin or Sam Pearce and we can organise.

Mel Colvin

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**FUN FAIR**

Sat 10th May - 10am to 4pm
Strathfield Square, Strathfield

**FREE ENTERTAINMENT**
Pat Drummond (singer/songwriter), Tae Kwon Do,
Symphonia Jubilate,
Star Dust Children’s show, Glee Bees and more

**RIDES & ACTIVITIES**
Cup & Saucer Ride ~ Pick-A-Duck ~ Disco Show Ride
Animal Farm ~ Sponge Throwing ~ Laughing Clowns

**Tickets At:**
Beauty & the Beast Restaurant, CC’s Char Grill,
Maldini’s Espresso,
Rainbow Cakes, Wooden Bowl Family Restaurant,
Yogurberry

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**School Holiday Drama Workshop**

22nd - 25th April 9:30am to 4:30pm

**Junior Drama Workshop**
5-8 years

**Senior Drama Workshop**
8-14 years

**See web site or call to enrol now**

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