Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2 which looks to be another busy term. Our website calendar has all events listed, as does our App calendar which is free to download, just type in Enfield Public School, user name enfield and password community. I have “revamped” the newsletter to attempt to make it more user-friendly, your feedback would be appreciated.

Our stage 2 children left yesterday on their first school camp at Kincumber on the Central Coast and will return this afternoon. Attending a school camp is a wonderful safe opportunity for students to develop independence and try new activities in a safe and supported environment, and I know you will hear lots of stories of the fun and challenges they experienced whilst on camp.

Our long Lunch in the Garden is happening again this year on Saturday 31 May, and I’d encourage you to attend as this is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents in a relaxed environment and eat some healthy food and share some refreshments.

Our PSSA teams have been preparing for the season with training each week, under coaches Mr Wilson for soccer and Ms Finnegan for netball, and the draw can be found on the website.

We look forward to our cross country carnival this Thursday at Henley Park for years 3-6, why not come along and cheer your child on if you have the time.

You will also see information about our year 3-6 Writing competition, please encourage your child to participate.

Finally if you would like to discuss any concerns regarding your child’s education, please contact me to make a mutually convenient time to meet. Until next time.

Regards
Rick Daly
Principal
From the P&C
Our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 21 May from 7.30pm in the staff room.

Lost Property
As we start the new term, we ask parents to please check all of their children’s items to make sure that they belong to them. We have had a number of parents asking about lost hats, drink bottles and lunch boxes. If you find a stray item in your child’s bag, could you please return it to school as soon as possible. Please ensure all your child’s clothing (particularly those EXPENSIVE school jumpers) are marked with a permanent marker.

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 undertook last term. Could payments be made by the end of week 3 (Friday 16 May)…if a subsidy is required, please contact Mr Daly to discuss.

Mother’s Day Stall
Our P&C Mother’s Day stall will have some excellent gifts to purchase for $10 this Wednesday 7 and Friday 9 May. A great way to show how much you appreciate Mum, Grandma or that special woman in your life!

Social Skills BLAST focus
The new social skills focus for week 2 is: Be Safe in the Classroom and for weeks 3 & 4 Show Respect in the Playground
If you are showing respect in the playground you are*
*Sharing equipment & space
*Waiting your turn
*Showing good sportsmanship
*Caring for living things
*Using polite language
*Putting rubbish in the bin.

Walkathon Thursday 29 May
Our EPS P&C Walkathon is scheduled for Thursday 29 May, where students have the opportunity to get fit and recruit sponsors for our walkathon. This is an excellent fundraiser for our school and an excellent way for children to understand about keeping fit and active.
More information to come in the next few weeks.

Cooking with Kerry
Last Friday the year 5 students had an amazing time cooking scones with Kerry in the garden. Kerry taught us good techniques for making scones, which will definitely come in handy with mother’s day coming up.
To make the scones we made our own dough and combined the ingredients with our hands until they were soft and ready to be cut in to squares and put into the oven to be baked. After 10-15 minutes the scones were ready to be devoured by hungry children that couldn’t wait to try them.
Even the teachers enjoyed our delicious scones. It was super fun cooking with Kerry and we can’t wait to do it again next time. By Meryem & Ritika 5/6I
Learn to Play the Violin!
The school has 10 student violins in sizes that suit ages from year 1 to year 6. We would like to make these violins available for hire to students and plan to arrange small group violin tuition one morning (possibly Monday at lunctime) per week before school in the hall (details to come). We hope to commence lessons as soon as possible, once the violins have been allocated and tutors confirmed depending on numbers.

Likely costs would be:
$16 per week per student paid to the violin tutor for the group lesson (paid in advance at the start of the term's lessons)
$27 per term for violin hire paid to the school at the start of term (or $80 to hire for the remainder of 2014). Terms and conditions will apply to the instrument hire.
Alternatively you may wish to purchase your own Violin (approximate cost $275 from Logans Piano’s Burwood)

The classes will be a fun introduction to music making and playing the violin. Students do not need to have any prior musical experience. There is no expectation that students joining the classes need to also be having private lessons, although as student’s progress these additional lessons are strongly encouraged.

There are only a limited number of instruments available so violins will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. To register your interest, or to find out more information, please contact parent co-ordinator, Michelle Stanhope on 0402 904 700 or the Principal, Rick Daly directly at the school.
Please complete the following EOI and return to school by Friday 16 May, 2014

Violin Ensemble Enfield Public School-Expression of Interest

Student Name___________________________ Class:___________________________

☐ Yes, I wish to hire a violin from EPS

☐ I will provide my own violin but wish to be part of the Ensemble

☐ Yes, I am interested in group tuition one morning before school

☐ Yes I am interested in a private lesson for my child at school before or after school

Signed

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Parent/Carer                                         Date
Congratulations to Zayn Sluvinsky-Wilkins who has been selected in the Sydney East Under 12 team for the State NSW Rugby League boys competition to be held in late June in Tweed Heads in northern NSW. Well done Zayn! We are proud of you!!

Uniform Shop update
The uniform shop will open on the last Friday of term Friday 27 June from 9.15-10.00am. Winter uniforms may also be ordered online through Flexischools or with a paper order form through the front office and should be processed to be sent home by the following Wednesday.

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 Functioning 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.

Numeracy Hint - Look for opportunities to talk about numbers. For example, read speed signs as you are driving along the road, talk about the patterns in house numbers, look at and read phone numbers, and number plates on cars.

PSSA Netball
What a great start to the netball season with all girls excited and ready to play. Our juniors need to be commended on their excellent attitudes. Many of the younger girls had never played netball before but put in 110% and listened to all advice given. Seniors worked well as a team and Enfield showed great sportsmanship in both their two wins and two losses. I am looking forward to seeing the girls continue to improve with smiles on their faces. Well Done!
Ms Finnegan Netball Coach

PSSA Soccer
Both the Junior and Senior soccer teams represented Enfield Public School with distinction in their first matches of the season. The seniors won 6-0 and the juniors won 3-1, but it was the unselfish teamwork and the great sportsmanship from all Enfield players that was a standout. I was very proud of all students and am looking forward to a successful season building on this brilliant start.
Mr Wilson, Soccer Coach

App of the Week
Mathletics Students
Price: Free
Mathletics is now an iPad app. Now you can take Mathletics with you anywhere you go. This app allows students to go head to head in arithmetic battles with children across the world. To log on students will simply need their Mathletics user name and password. Enjoy!
EPS Inaugural Writing Competition 2014

Open to Year 3-6 writing enthusiasts
Do you have a story bursting to be told?
Well dust off your slates, quills, notepads or keyboards & get writing!

Categories are open to: Year 3-4 Year 5-6

**THEME for short story & Poem:** What would happen if?
This question could be your title or a line in your short story or poem.
It must be included to be eligible for selection.

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

Entry fee is $2 / entry. **Present fee & work to Ms Sharpe** by Thursday 5th June (Week 6)

You can enter a piece in more than one category.

Entries can be under the word limit but **not over the** word limit.

- **Short story:** Maximum 700 words (Two A4 pages type font Arial 12 min)
- **Poem:** 25 lines

Book Prizes will be presented to Gold, Silver, Bronze (Encouragement) winners.

Award Winner’s names will be published in the last Newsletter this term.

Writing will be displayed on boards on school noticeboards – corridors / halls. From 17th June until the end of term. (Week 8 – 9)

Entries must be original and own work.
Any entry deemed to be copied / plagiarised will be disqualified.
Names and characters must be original and not resemble any living person.

The judge’s decision will be final.
Feedback will be provided to all entrants.

Ms Sharpe & the Library space will be available each Thursday second half lunch for students to develop their writing skills and or to work on their entries.

Ms Sharpe
Teacher Librarian

Mr Daly
Principal

References that might prove useful:
Congratulations to all students for great work in class, for showing respect or for recognising a mistake as an opportunity for learning. A special congratulations to all our BLAST Star award winners from term 1.

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You are invited to the Long Lunch in the Garden Saturday 31 May 1.00pm – 4.00p.m.
This is a great opportunity for you to bring along some slow cooked food to share. We will have the Pizza oven fired up and have some good company and fine food. Please register your interest at the front office RSVP by Thursday 29 May.

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7-13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

The Go4Fun Program is an established healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight.

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks over school term for children and their parents. Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes plus much more!

Sydney Local Health District has 15 places on the program in your local area, completely free of charge.
To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit www.slhd.nsw.gov.au/Go4Fun.
Our trip to the farm

I saw the goats. One goat was very fluffy. I saw some
cows. One cow was an Indian Brinam cow. It was so
big. My favourite thing was milking the cow because
when I touched it's teat it was squishy. I liked petting
the rabbit. It was soft. We watched a working dog show.
The dogs in the show were kelpies. Their names were Dot
and Toby. We met our guide and her name was
Danielle. We saw some chicks. They looked so cute. I
was so excited!!!! By Katie