Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to The Enfield PS Newsletter for week 4. Many of our Mums with 0-5 year olds turned up for our Playgroup today (Wednesday) and there are still vacancies if you would like to come along each Wednesday morning in the canteen area from 9.45a.m.-10.55a.m. Teachers continue to finalise semester 1 reports that will be sent home on Friday 20 June.

The NAPLAN assessments appeared to go well last week, with students in years 3 and 5 becoming more familiar with the “no fuss” approach to student assessment. If you could discuss with your children that we all need to be assessed sometimes on material we have learned, and this is a routine part of the learning cycle. With this low key approach it is hoped that children and parents, can keep the nervous and anxious feelings to a minimum.

We have recently revised our PSSA and school Sport policy, and it has recently been uploaded to the website under Curriculum and Activities/PSSA. Why not have a look, as I’d be interested in your feedback on this matter.

Unfortunately due to safety concerns we have had to have the Grandmother tree removed from our playground this week. Students and some parents will be busy spreading some of the mulch around the playground. If you are able to offer a few hours of your time, it would be gratefully accepted.

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
Tom Gates fans might like to enter the doodling competition being run by Ashton Scholastic Book Club. All you need to be is a ‘doodler’.

Congratulations to our Operation Art winners

Operation Art is an initiative of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead and the NSW Department of Education and Communities. The program allows schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of NSW. This year Ms Sharpe & Ms Kogias invited interested students to attend art lessons during lunchtimes in an attempt to create a scene from our beautiful garden in the playground.

Students had to photograph the garden then photo shop the background to create an abstract scene in which to adhere their chickens. The chickens were drawn using lead followed by charcoal and some very gooey paint. Some very fine cutting was needed and lots of patience. The final works are displayed in the upstairs hall, please feel free to come and see what clever artists we have at Enfield PS.

The pieces created by Antonique Amperidis, Zoe Ibrahim, Savanah Leng and William Yang were chosen by a panel of judges to have their work framed and displayed in the Armory Gallery later in the year. The judges were oblivious of the artist but Ms Kogias and Ms Sharpe can reveal it was a very close contest and if we could have sent more pieces we certainly would have.

Well done to all the boys and girls who made the commitment to attend during lunchtimes. At times it was a hectic juggle with students needing to attend debating and dance, often on the same day!

Special mention to Christian from Year 1 who turned up every lesson without needing to be reminded; not only is he a budding young artist but he is displaying social skills way beyond his years & size!

Congratulations everyone – we can’t wait to start again next year!

Ms Sharpe
Forget the Cross Country – it was just a warm-up! Enfield's Annual Walkathon is here again and it’s definitely the best fun you can have in sneakers! You don’t even have to wiggle your hips in that weird way the Olympic walkers do.

**WALKATHON 2014**

**Thursday, 29th May**

**BE A PART OF IT –**

**DONATE!**

All donations of homemade or shop-bought cakes, cookies, slices, jelly cups etc. to sell on the day would be extremely welcome.

Power-walking is thirsty work too, and nothing quenches the thirst like natural oranges, so we are also asking for donations of oranges.

Oranges can be left in the staff room during the week and cake donations can be dropped off on the day.

**VOLUNTEER!**

We know Enfield Mums and Dads love to help, so why not give us a hand on the big day by manning a stall or a BBQ? For details, call our Fundraising Coordinator, Michelle Stanhope: 0402 904 700.

The P&C is grateful for all your kind contributions.

And compared to running, the best thing about walking is there’s no problem doing it on a full stomach. So don’t hold back Enfielders – the P&C has organised some mouth-wateringly yummy food options for both children and parents on Walkathon day:

**Recess:**

**MASSIVE CAKE STALL**

Cakes from $1!
Donuts $2.50
And for Mum & Dad – coffee & tea $3

**Lunch:**

**ENORMOUS FEAST**

Sausage on a roll – $3
*Halal sausages will be available*
Spring Rolls – 2 for $1
Chicken Wings – 2 for $2
Corn in a cup – $2
Juice / Water – $2

Enfield Public School: “You’ll Never Walk Alone”
Peer Support at EPS
Our Peer support program started last week where student learning sessions of 45 minutes are held every week led by 2 trained year 5 & 6 Peer Leaders with multi age groups from the younger years. Possible outcomes of an effective Peer Support program includes
- Building Positive relationships
- Developing skills
- Enhancing mental health
- Taking personal responsibility
- Embracing lifelong learning
- Developing key concepts
- Encouraging participation

Key concepts students will be undertaking include
- Responsibility
- Persistence
- Sharing
- Being inclusive

*Happy Talk
*Co-operation
*Resilience (The ability to Bounce back from disappointment)

Students will be learning new activities in the playground each week. Please discuss these concepts undertaken each Monday with your children.

Social Skills BLAST focus
The new social skills focus for week 4 is: 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.

Week 5 & 6 the focus is Be Safe on the stairways and halls
- Always walk
- Store bags neatly
- One stair at a time
- We don’t eat or drink when moving through the building

Walk Safely to School Day – This Friday
On Friday 23rd May 2014, Enfield Public School will be participating in Walk Safely to School Day.

We are encouraging parents and carers to walk to school with their children, reinforcing safe behaviours as pedestrians.

Walk Safely to School Day promotes the health benefits of walking, assist children to develop regular walking habits at an early age and to develop vital road crossing skills.

If you drive a considerable distance, you can participate by simply parking the car a street or two away from the school and walk the rest of the way with your child.

Children who are 10 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult and we are encourage children to hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

Don’t forget to wear comfortable walking shoes on the day!
Learn to Play the Violin!

Violin Lessons at Enfield Public School

Thank you to those parents and carers who expressed an interest in your child undertaking group violin lessons at school. We’ve had enough parents respond to make the costs viable so I’d like to provide you with a little more information about how the lessons will work.

Lessons will be taking place Monday lunchtimes in the school hall (after they have eaten), commencing Monday 26 May.

There will be two teachers in the room with the children to make sure everybody gets appropriate attention. Lessons will be a combination of introduction to musical concepts and introduction to the violin.

Cost - $16 per lesson, payable directly to the tutors at the start of term in a lump sum, so $80 this term. There will be no make-up lessons if one is missed.

Violin hire is $27 for the term, payable directly to the school. We have a hire agreement currently being finalised that you'll need to complete and return with payment if you decide to go ahead with the lessons. Your child will all be allocated a violin size that is appropriate for their age.

At this stage there will be no need for participants to purchase music books - children will work from photocopies of the 3 books selected by the teachers (which are: Essential Elements for violin book 1, Suzuki violin book 1 and Fiddle Time Starters).

It would be great if you could contact me by Wednesday 21 May to confirm your child’s participation. I'll then get the school to get hire forms to you asap so your child can start their lessons on the 26th. You can call me on 0402 904 700 or email michellegstanhope@gmail.com

Let me know if you have any queries and I look forward to hearing from you

Michelle Stanhope
(Parent violin co-ordinator)
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 on 17-19 June in Tweed Heads in northern NSW.

Zayn was also in the Northern Zone Rugby trials held at Matraville Sports High School on Monday 19 May.

Well done Zayn! We are proud of you!!

Uniform Shop update
Winter uniforms may 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.

Achieving School Success

Achieving School Success: Information Sessions for Parents
Supported by Burwood Council and Multicultural Health Service, Sydney Local Health District

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Achieving School Success, delivered in Mandarin

A series of workshops for Mandarin-speaking Parents and Carers are being delivered at Ashfield Town Hall throughout June. This is a FREE four-session program for parents, grandparents and carers of 6 – 12 year olds to run Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th June from 10am – 12pm at Ashfield Town Hall (260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield). These workshops will cover; how the Australian Education System works, how to help your child succeed at school, how you can support your child’s learning and school success at home, how you can help prepare your child for school, university and beyond, and how your home life can affect your child’s learning. For information and to register please call Chinese Australian Services Society (CASS) on 9789 4587, press ‘2’ for reception

Literacy Hint – Reading to your children every night, no matter if they are in kindergarten or year 6, … is a great way to show them that you value reading, and you are one of the most important role models to your children.

PSSA Netball
The PSSA netball teams thoroughly enjoyed their third round of games. Our senior Sapphires won 11-5 and our senior Pearls lost 3-4. Our junior Emeralds drew 2-2 and our junior Diamonds lost 3-12. All students participated and supported one another for the school community at large.

Ms Finnegan

PSSA Soccer
May 10 2014
Both soccer teams remain undefeated after two rounds this season, with the junior boys winning 6-0 and the senior boys winning 5-2. Teamwork and unselfishness was again the main feature of both games. Well done Boys!

Mr Wilson

May 17 2014
We had the bye this week which meant we had a good chance to train. The boys completed a challenging physical training session before having some match practice.

Mr Wilson
EPS Inaugural Writing Competition 2014

Open to Year 2-6 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 2  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:
Ms Finnegan wins Rose of Tralee Sydney Competition

Our warm congratulations from the Enfield Public School community, goes to Ms Imelda Finnegan, who recently competed in the Sydney Rose of Tralee competition. The Rose of Tralee International Festival is one of Ireland's largest and longest running celebrations. The heart of the festival is the selection of the Rose of Tralee which brings young women of Irish descent from around the world to County Kerry, Ireland, for a global celebration of Irish culture. Year 3 teacher Ms Imelda Finnegan has won the opportunity to represent Sydney and compete for the title of Rose of Tralee. Ms Finnegan was picked for her honesty, sense of justice and charity work. We wish Ms Finnegan all the best in the competition. Ms. Finnegan will be replaced for four weeks (From Wednesday 6 August, Week 4 term 3, until Wednesday 3 September, Week 8 term 3) by Ms Michelle Bray.

Pictured below Ms Finnegan at the Ball announcing her winning the Rose of Tralee Competition.
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 award winners for week 2 term 2

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The Great Aussie Bush Camp

We left school on Monday the 5th of May at 9:00am. Years 3 and 4 were going to Kincumber. It took 2 hours to get to Kincumber. We got there at 11:00am. The instructors then showed us to our bunkhouses. I was in bunkhouse 8 with Anoosha, Amelia, Alayna, Delal, Tamu, Raven and Hannah.

After going into our bunkhouse and setting things up, we sat around the campfire on a log. We were then put into 3 groups. I was put in group 3 with Nikki as my instructor.

The first activity that I did was Archery. I didn’t get the arrow on the target, but I got it below on the ground. Everyone had 6 shoots each.

It was then time for lunch. For lunch I had a burger with a beef paddy, tomato, lettuce and carrot. For a drink I had cordial. Everything was seriously delicious!

After that, I did tree climbing. I climbed the middle one but didn’t get to the top. I had to put a harness on before climbing, a helmet and a pair of glasses.

Soon it was time for dinner. For dinner there was garlic bread and spaghetti. It was yummy!

Then we sat around the campfire to listen to a story. The story was about an instructor called Seb. He was driving his $1000 car when he heard a funny noise. The noise was coming from his car. It was broken. Then Seb thought that he would call the NRMA, but there was no connection. He then walked up to a strangers door and knocked on it. A nice man opened the door. Seb told him what happened and he wanted to use his home phone. The man said no but he could sleep in the barn. Seb accepted what he said and did it. The man walked in the barn not knowing Seb was pretending to sleep. He opened a door from the ground and put a code in. Then he unlocked a chain and walked into a very dark room. Seb wanted to know what the man was doing so he watched the man. The man then looked left and right. Seb was really interested in what he was doing now. He saw the man come back up so Seb rushed into bed again. The man then closed the barn door and walked into the house. Seb then opened the door. He remembered the code so he put it in. Luckily the man didn’t lock the chain so Seb walked through into the dark room. He felt around for a light switch. Seb turned the light on and then heard a funny noise. He turned around a saw a very, very BIG............................................
GORILLA! Seb slowly moved his hand closer to the giant gorilla and touched him. The gorilla then jumped out of his cage and chased Seb out the door. He was screaming so loud the man came out of the house to see what happened. Seb quickly ran to his car and thought he lost the gorilla. He was wrong. The gorilla found Seb in his car and lifted the car up. He then pulled the front door off and put the car down again. The gorilla then tipped Seb because he thought he was playing tips when Seb touched him. Seb got such a fright he jump out of his car and ran down the path into the dark.

After the very hilarious story, we went to our bunkhouses to get our pjs. We then went to the bathroom and had a shower. It took forever! Finally it was my turn. I had a quick shower and got changed into my pjs. Then I walked back to my bunkhouse and put on my shoes and jumper.

We then had ice cream. I didn’t have any because I was already cold.

It was then time for a movie. We watched the movie in a hall. It was called Planes. I had already watched it, but I didn’t spoil it for anyone. After the movie we had hot chocolate and biscuits. I didn’t have any again.

It was then time to brush our teeth. We went to our bunkhouse and got our toothbrush and toothpaste. It didn’t take very long, so that was good.

After that, we went to our bunkhouse and got ready to sleep. Tamu made too much noise so we didn’t get to sleep straight away. Alayna and I moved from one room to the other. Finally there was silence and everyone got to sleep.

At 6:15am the next morning, Seb knocked on our door and told us to get up. I was already awake, just waiting for everyone else. I got out of my sleeping bag and packed up. I had to wake Amelia up first.

Then we got changed and had breakfast. For breakfast there was spaghetti, toast, baked beans, pancakes, scrambled eggs and a variety of cereal. For drinks there was orange and apple juice. I had cereal and milk, but no juice.

After that, we got into our group again and did our next activity. My next activity was the giant swing. It was my favourite activity. Before going on, we had to put on a body harness and a helmet. We had to climb a ladder to get on because the posts that held the swing up were 12.5 metres high. There was a rope to pull that made us go higher and higher. I went on with Kiana and Delal. We went nearly the whole way, but Delal said “stop!”
After that, we had morning tea. There was bananas, apples and snow cones. I only had a snow cone.

When we had finished our morning tea, we went to do another activity. The next activity that I did was Bush Craft. We made a campfire, a shelter and cooked damper. To make a campfire, we had to collect sticks from the forest. We also had to get a stick as long as our arm and as thick as our thumb for the damper. It took a long time for it to cook. Finally it had finish cooking. I had it with maple syrup. It was delicious!

Then it was time for lunch. For lunch there was hotdogs and soft drinks. I had a hotdog and no drink. It was yummy!

We then did our last activity for the day. It was Frisbee Golf. You had to throw the Frisbee into the hole. Some holes were round and straight.

After that we went to the hall and picked up our bags. Then we brought the bags to the bus. We sat on the bus and went back to school. It took 2 hours. We arrived at school at 4:00pm. My dad was waiting for me at the gate. After I found my bag, I went home.

It was the best time of my life and an experience I will never forget! By Ellie
Enfield Public School Playgroup
For Children 0 – 5 years old and their parents/carers
Wednesday Mornings (beginning May 21st 2014)
during school term time
9.45am until 10.55am
Thanks to those people who registered an Expression of Interest. The playgroup began on Wednesday 21 May. The playgroup is open to EPS community and friends to begin with. Once we confirm numbers and have been going for a couple of weeks we will expand who the program can be used by.
Please register at the front office for your attendance…..or just come along next Wednesday. The program will be coordinated by The Ashfield Child Abuse Prevention Council. If you have recycled toys you would like to donate, please leave them at the front office. The program will operate in the Canteen space.

Congratulations to the winners of the Captain Underpants Author Talk competition (students in Years 2 - 6) are very excited to be going to Burwood RSL next Monday.
Thanks to Mrs Sharpe our librarian for organising and Burwood RSL for paying for the event, and The Weldon Centre for providing complimentary transport.

@ Enfield Public school
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