Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers

Second annual Eglinton Spelling Bee Results

Congratulations to all of the students participating in this event. Tuesday was an exciting day for both the participants and the audience, as our best spellers battled it out in the Spelling Bee.

Year Two
First: Kyan Schmidt
Second: Laura Martin-Clark

Stage Two
First: Harvey Lew
Second: Xavier Haynes

Stage Three
First: Digby Sharpham
Second: Mia Barcham

School Uniform
Parents are asked to please support our uniform policy. Students should only be wearing the official school jumper, the school polar fleece or a plain royal blue jumper. Year Six are of course allowed to wear their Year Six Jumpers and Western Representative apparel is allowed on sports day. Jumpers from soccer, netball and football are not school uniform and students should not wear them at school. Your cooperation in maintaining our high standard is appreciated.

Kindergarten 2015
A reminder that if you have a child eligible for Kindergarten enrolment in 2016 then now is the time to register them with us. Transition to school activities begin next term.

Parent Survey
Research indicates that partnerships between home and school improve student learning outcomes. Please give five minutes of you time to complete our simple, anonymous survey. Results will inform future planning and be reported in the Annual School Report.


Meleesa Smith
Relieving Principal.

Dates to Remember

TERM 3

WEEK 6
FRIDAY AUGUST 21ST
Assembly Junior 12:30pm
Senior 01:30pm
Year 5 Bathurst Observatory

WEEK 7
TUESDAY AUGUST 25TH
Oosh Meeting
FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH
Assembly Junior 12:30pm
Senior 01:30pm

WEEK 8
MONDAY AUGUST 31ST
Book club orders due; give to Ms O’Connell in the Library.
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND
Year 6 leave for Canberra/Snowy excursion.
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH
Assembly Junior 12:30pm
Senior 01:30pm
Kindor Featherdale Excursion
Swimming Lessons begin.

WEEK 9
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH
Swimming Lessons
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH
Swimming Lessons
P & C Meeting
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH
Swimming Lessons
Eisteddfod Dance Ensembles
10:30am
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH
Swimming Lessons
Bike Safety check day.
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH
Swimming Lessons
Assembly Junior 12:30pm
Senior 01:30pm
Week 5 Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly.

**Gold Awards:** Patrick Anderson, Brooke Rankin, Angus Healey, Cooper Crosby, Chilali Baggins-Cupitt, Evie Scott, Riley Renshaw, Cohan Bowes, Sienna Whalan, Cooper Earsman, Joely Anderson, Victoria Barrie, Travis Barrie, Emma Jones.


**Principal Awards:** Zach Weal, Finn Latham, Grace Wright, Alex Lewis and Dakota Tyson.

**Virtue Award: Enthusiasm**

Declan Howard, Anthea Clark, Krystal Sharpe, Reshia Winfield and Riley Finlayson.

PEDAL PUSH PREPARATION

As you know this term we hold our annual Pedal Push activities. Now is a great time to start thinking about our children’s bikes and their current condition. In accordance with NSW Road Regulations, ALL bikes must be fitted with front and rear reflectors and a bell. Please check your child’s bike has these important safety items as they will not be able to take part in our Pedal Push without them. Children (Years 3-6) will be asked to bring their bikes and helmets to school during Week 9 to have their bikes ‘safety checked’ in readiness for the ‘on-road’ ride on the last day of term. Children in Kindy-Year 2 will participate in Pedal Push activities within the school grounds on the last day of term. Our Pedal Push Social will also be held in the last week of term.

**TIMETABLE**

- **Bike Check (3-6)** 10.9.15
- **Pedal Push Activities (K-6)** 18.9.15

More information and permission notes will be sent home in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing plenty of parent helpers again this year! Thank you,

Mrs Arnold

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**Virtue of the Week**

**FAITHFULNESS**

Faithfulness is being true to someone or something. It is holding true to what you believe no matter what.
Healthy Bites
It has been a busy start to our “Fresh for Kids Campaign”, with over 140 items purchased of fresh fruit and/or salad. The students are loving the coloured pencils with rubbers.

We still have a lot of empty spaces available on our roster, please call in or phone, Mum, Dads and grandparents more than welcome.

Thanks Amanda 0429 951 665.

Learn to Swim Scheme
Names are now being taken for your child to participate in the 10 day intensive swimming lessons beginning Friday 4th September 2015. Lessons are for students in years 2,3 & 4 and who are unable to swim 25m confidently in deep water. There are limited spaces so please return permission slip and money as soon as possible.

Clothing Pool
TAGS – Could everyone please check name tags on clothing to see if you have your own child’s clothing or accidentally picked up someone else’s. People are purchasing clothes that have names on them and not getting returned to the student or lost property. Thank you.

POLAR FLEECE JUMPERS – Any orders that were not picked up from last term have been returned to stock. So we have a variety of sizes (no sz10) in stock. So if you are after one, please come in and purchase one.

LOST PROPERTY – please check (in tubs on kindy verandah). Reminder: PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING.

THANK YOU to all volunteers and THANK YOU to all for your donations.
See you Mondays...... reminder: Order form is available at school office or on school website. If unable to come in on a Monday, fill out form, circle ‘leave in office’, provide mobile no (so I can text you) and you can pick up after the next Monday. Or if really needed, please contact me and I’ll see what I can do.
See you Monday, Denise

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2015
Our school contribution structure helps with the purchase of a range of classroom resources. Fees for students in Years K-6 for 2015 are $50 for the first child in a family, and $30 for every additional child thereafter up to three children attending the school.
Please complete the attached payment slip and return with payment to the school.

Please find enclosed:
1. $50 School Contribution for……………………………………………………
2. $30 Additional student for……………………………………………………
3. $30 Additional student for……………………………………………………
4. No Fee
Introducing: **Tracey Hicks**, Year 5 teacher.

**Main job description:** Classroom teacher. Tennis Team Manager. Western Area Tennis Convenor.

**How long have you been working at Eglinton Public School?** 14 years.

**What do you enjoy most about your job?** Working with a fabulous team. Building confidence and improved academic performance of students.

**In one word describe working at Eglinton Public School.** Busy.

**What inspired you to do the job that you do?** Other teachers. Teachers from primary school

**What’s your most favourite occasion on the Eglinton Public School’s calendar and why?** School socials. School camp. Sporting events.

**What advice could you give parents in helping with their child/rens education?** Read each night with and to your child.

**What extra curricular activities/clubs are you involved with?** Bathurst Netball – Umpires’ Convenor.
Introducing: Cheryl Benson, Year 5 teacher.

Main job description: Classroom teacher.

How long have you been working at Eglinton Public School? Since 2010, this is my 5th year here at Eglinton.

What do you enjoy most about your job? I enjoy learning something new from each year's group of students and enjoy that they learn from me!

In one word describe working at Eglinton Public School. Inspiring.

What inspired you to do the job that you do? My teachers.

What's your most favourite occasion on the Eglinton Public School's calendar and why? Year 5 Sport and Recreation Camp and Year 6 Canberra excursion. It's a great experience for teachers to teach and students to learn outside the classroom.

What advice could you give parents in helping with their child/rens education? ‘The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.’ - Dr Seuss. Reading!

Eglinton P&C August 2015
Great Cycle Challenge Australia

My name is Joanne Renshaw, mother of 2 young children who attend Eglinton Public School. I am taking part in the 2015 Great Cycle Challenge this October to support the Children Medical Research Institute to find a cure for childhood cancer.

Please sponsor me to support my challenge and end childhood cancer by following the link


2015/2016 JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATION

WHEN: SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
TIME: 1PM – 3PM
WHERE: BATHURST SHOWGROUND
NEAR THE CRICKET NETS

COST: $80.00 FOR U7’S & U9’S
$100.00 FOR U11’S, U12’S, U13’S & U14’S

ALL NEW PLAYERS TO THE CLUB WILL RECEIVE A PLAYING SHIRT AND ALL REGISTERED PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A BUCKET HAT

WE WELCOME PLAYERS OF ALL AGES

CONTACT STEPHEN CAIN ON 0405 030 032 OR TRACY CALLEN
0431 301 621

Bathurst Little Athletics

Registration for 2015/2016 Season

On line at www.lansw.com.au from August 1st 2015
or
In person at Bathurst Panthers
August 23rd at 10am – 3pm
Suitable for Children
3 years to 17 years of age

For More Information go to www.bathurstathletics.org.au

Or call Sharon on 0466 855 528
Annual Registration Fee
3-5yrs $70, 6-17yrs $85-$95
No ongoing Weekly Fees

Eglinton War Memorial Community Meeting

Eglinton War Memorial Hall and Park Inc. will be holding our meeting and AGM on the 27th August, 6.30pm at the hall (across the road). All Welcome. Please come along and be involved in your community.

Bathurst Bushrangers Cricket Club
Primary Ethics Classes

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if:

- their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes and
- Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don’t attend the available Scripture/SRE (Special Religious Education) classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school community or the wider community.

What are ethics classes?

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Our curriculum comprises a wide range of age-appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about these ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people’s points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Our K-6 curriculum has 78 topics, starting with Questions and Puzzlement, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference.

Research shows that well-reasoned moral judgement does not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills accompany individuals into adulthood.

Starting ethics classes at your school

If there are no ethics classes currently available at your child’s school, you should:

- let your principal know that you would like ethics classes for your child,
- go to the Primary Ethics website www.primaryethics.com.au to find out more about our curriculum, information for parents and volunteering, and
- email Primary Ethics at info@primaryethics.com.au to let us know the name of your child’s school and the year he/she is in.

We will contact you and/or your principal to get things started at your school.

No classes for your child’s year?

If there are ethics classes at your school but none for your child’s year, please contact your principal and the Primary Ethics Coordinator to let them know you would like ethics classes for your child. We will need to find a volunteer to start a class, so volunteer yourself or ask your friends/family if they are interested. See www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicsteacher.html