Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a really happy holiday and enjoyed time with your children. It is so nice to stop and relax and not have to worry about getting out the door early in the morning with clean uniforms, lunch boxes, homework, notes, hats etc and to be able to chill out with your family!!

As usual we have a busy year planned for your children and the teachers and I have already started to plan excursions, sports days, themes, etc for the year as well as stage planning for quality educational experiences.

Welcome Kindergarten of 2014
We have 61 students enrolled in Kinder at this stage and they are almost ready for full time days. We have one more Best Start Day to go. Thank you to all the parents who supported us this week by picking up their children at 11am each day (except for the day their child completed the Best Start Assessment). This has meant your child has had a gradual introduction to school with time to rest each afternoon.

Swimming Carnival
Next Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} Feb, we will be holding our School Swimming Carnival at Macquarie Fields Pool. Your child would have already brought home a permission note for you to complete and return. This day is a normal school day and rolls will be marked at the pool. All children in Years 3-6 are expected to attend. Children in Year 2 who turn 8 this year and can swim the length of the pool are invited to attend. If you do not have a note please ask Mrs Natter for one.
We hope to see lots of supportive parents at the pool cheering their children on.

Classes and staff for 2014
We were able to form 14 classes this year and as such have welcomed a new teacher to the school.
Mrs Milenkovic comes to us from Minto PS.
Mrs Argall has taken long service leave for terms 1 & 2 and Mrs O’Meara is teaching 3/4A.

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SUPPORT STAFF
- Library: Mrs Morrison
- Reading Recovery: Ms Petith
- Learning & Support: Mrs Mackie & Mr Streater
- ESL: Mrs Reynolds
- Teacher’s Aides: Mrs Bootsma, Mrs Nagle, Mrs Greaves, Mrs Clarke & Mrs Hagipantellis

ADMINISTRATION STAFF
- Admin Manager: Mrs Evans
- Admin Officers: Mrs Lume & Mrs Wotton
- General Assistant: Mr Leonard

WE HAVE A FRUIT BREAK EVERY DAY

Have a great week everyone.

Mrs Karen Masciocchi
Principal

All notes can be found on our school’s website under “Notes to Parents”
www.escholpark-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
WHAT’S ON AT EPPS
FEBRUARY
6 Kinder start full day
10 Swimming carnival Yrs 3-6
11 P&C Meeting 6pm
17 Kinder Vision Screening
25 Zone Swimming Carnival
26 GRIP Leadership Day
27 Zone Swimming Carnival

SOME WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR NEW KINDER STUDENTS:

Rhianna: “I love the canteen because I love blue Slushies. My mum is happy at home because I come back every day.”

Aiden: “The canteen sells everything. I have a nice teacher. My mum is really happy that I am at school, she stays at home now relaxing.”

Paul: “I like playing with my friends and I like the cars we can play with. My mum misses me.”

Samuel: “I play with my best friend Coby and I like going home because I am tired. I slept in today. I like drawing at school. My mum is happy, she smiles in the morning and when she picks me up.”

Charlotte: “I love school even on my long day. I get to draw. I like to draw great flowers. My mum is happy that I am at school, she would be resting.”

INTRODUCING OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2014

Breanna Baker  
Captain
Riley Lewis  
Captain
Emma Miller  
Vice Captain
Zaid Isaacs  
Vice Captain

ATTENTION PARENTS & CAREGIVERS
Information from the Home School Liaison Officer
About Compulsory School Attendance

Good attendance at school by all students is a high priority at Eschol Park PS.

The law in NSW states that all children between six and seventeen years of age are required to attend school regularly, it is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to make sure that their children attend each day the school is open for instruction.

Regular attendance at school enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and build important coping and friendship skills. These children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. All children have a right to an education and through regular attendance at school can make the most of educational opportunities leading to happy and successful futures.

At various times throughout the year, the executive teacher in charge of attendance and/or the HSLO may contact parents of students with identified concerns in their attendance. Concerns with attendance may include:
- An attendance rate lower than 90 %
- Unexplained or unjustified absences
- Regular lateness / part day absences.
- Extended periods of illness.

The purpose of contact with parents is to promote and support improved attendance at school.

Parents are encouraged to work with the school to resolve any attendance concerns to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for all students at school and in their future opportunities. If you are having trouble with your child’s attendance please contact the school as soon as possible.

Tom Pastor
Home School Liaison Officer
Eschol Park Public School
9824 7122
Move it, Groove it, Dance Studio
New to Kearns in 2014 Fun Dance classes for everyone.
Classes held @ Kearns Primary School starting February 10th 2014.
Fairy Ballet, Cheerleading, Tap, Jazz, Musical Theatre & Contemporary. All ages tiny tots to Adults. Workshops and weekly lessons. Qualified and experienced Teachers.
Call 0409462922 or find us on facebook www.facebook.com/moveitgrooveitdancestudio

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$15 ½ hour shared class
$25 ½ hour private lesson

2/11 Hollylea Road, Leumeah
To enroll call 4626 7777 or 4626 7766
www.thewizardofozfunland.com

COME PLAY AFL!
Campbelltown Swans Junior AFL registration is on 16th and 23rd Feb between 10am and 2pm at Clark Oval. Raby Rd, Kearns. Or you can register on line now at campbelltown.aflnswact.com.au
So register now for this great Winter Sport. Season starts 6th April. Enquiries contact Peter Hunt on 0417 257 775

2013 Christmas Raffle Donations

The P&C would like to thank the following businesses and Parents who donated to our Christmas raffle in 2013. Each year it becomes harder to get donations for our raffle to help raise funds for our students and their school. A huge thank you to all of you.

KINGPIN BOWLING MACARTHUR SQUARE
SNAX WITH ATTITUDE
LIFESTYLE HAIR & BEAUTY
NUTRI METICS BY NICOLE PATERSON
RALPH’S CHEMIST CAMPBELLTOWN
TANYA DUNHAM
MELISSA MILLER
WIZARD OF OZ FUNLAND
WOOLWORTHS MARKET FAIR
BABYBUNTS (BELINDA HODGES)
NUTRI METICS BY TAMMY WELLS
BUNNINGS CAMPBELLTOWN
INDUSTRIAL DOORS SERVICES
CLASSIC PEST CONTROL
PAPER DREAMS SCRAPBOOKING

Thank you
P&C Committee 2013