Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome back to another term full of great teaching and learning experiences for your child or children. We have had quite a few new enrolments this term and I know you will welcome any new mums or dads you see on the playground as warmly as our students have.

Application for Opportunity Class : for Year 5 in 2015.
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.
Parents are requested to apply for opportunity class placement on the Intention to apply form available on the intranet or on forms available from the school. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to the NSW Public Schools website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement
Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must be completed on an official printed application form. Application packages will be available in schools from 5 May 2014.
Application forms are to be submitted online by Friday 16 May 2014.

Cross Country (Yrs 3-6) & Fun Run (K-2)
Friday 9th May 2014
11.30-1.00pm

All children are expected to participate in this sporting activity. In the Cross Country Carnival the six fastest children in each age division will go on to represent the school at the Zone Cross Country. The K-2 run is non-competitive and is just for fun.
Mrs White and Mr Howe are organizing the day and would love some extra help from parents. So if you can help out even for a short amount of time, please see either of these teachers.

NAPLAN
On the 13, 14 & 15 May all students in years 3 & 5 will sit the NAPLAN Assessment. NAPLAN has the support of the State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.
Tuesday May 13 : Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday May 14 : Reading
Thursday May 15 : Numeracy

Annual School Report

Take time to have a look at our website. There is an area to click on at the top which will translate our site into whatever language you highlight. Also it is a great site to look at our photos in colour and check up about various happenings around the school. Also the calendar is up to date if you are not sure about an upcoming event. You can also print off all the notes you may missed. Please visit our website : www.escholpark-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Don’t forget the Mother’s Day Store is on Wednesday 7th May at school. All gifts are $5.00.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our wonderful mums from the students and staff at Eschol Park Public School.

We hope that you have a wonderful, relaxing day on Sunday May 11th.

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
## Dates for your diary

### MAY

**Week 2**
- 6  Mother’s Day wrapping
- 7  Mother’s Day Stall
- 8  Dance 2B Fit
- 9  Cross Country & Fun Run

**Week 3**
- 13  NAPLAN
- 14  NAPLAN
- 15  NAPLAN

**Week 4**
- 20  ICAS Computer Test
- 21  K-6 Assembly 2pm
- 22  Dance 2B Fit
- Zone Cross Country

### PBIS: Playground Awards
*(Positive Behaviour In School)*

**Week 2**

### Premier’s Reading Challenge

All classes have made a good start to the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students have been taking their books home to read and then entering them on the website at school. Some students have already completed their challenge which is great news! Years 3-6 have to read 15 books from the list and 5 of their own choice. Years K-2 have been reading their books in class. They will be reading 30 books with their teachers.

Please encourage your children to complete the challenge by the end of August.

It is possible for students to access the DEC Portal at home through your internet connection.
1. On Google search for DET Portal NSW
2. The ‘Student Portal’ comes up as a link
3. Type in your user name and password that you use when logging on to the Internet at school
4. Click on ‘I agree’
5. To access the Premier’s Reading Challenge click on the ‘Learning’ link. Click on ‘More’ and you will find the link called ‘Premier’s Reading Challenge’
6. The students can then add books on their own personal reading record using the author, name, title and ID if they have it.
King Penguins
King penguins eggs are large and grey. JAZMIN

Leopard Seal
In the winter, all Leopard Seals migrate to the sub-Antarctic Islands for 2 months. KATHRYN
The Leopard seal is the only seal to eat other smaller seals. EDDIE

Killer Whale/Orca
The Killer Whale keeps itself warm in the cold harsh conditions with its thick layer of blubber. ISABELLA
The killer whale is part of the dolphin family. DALTON
The orca has no natural predators, it’s only predators are humans. JESSE
Killer whales eat krill, seals, fish, squid, and sea birds. JOSIAH
Killer whales eat whatever they can but no animals eat them. DYLAN

Hourglass Dolphin
The Hourglass Dolphin is the only dolphin that lives in Antarctica. PENNY
They are rare dolphins so people don’t know that much about them. MAKAYLAH

Gentoo Penguin
The southern Gentoo penguins weigh about 5.5kg and are about 71cm tall and the northern Gentoo penguin weighs 6.2kg and is 80cm tall. JAYDEN

Snow Petrel
Snow Petrels are one of the only 3 birds that breed in Antarctica. CURTIS

Antarctic Sea Spider
There are thousands of species of sea spiders but none of them are more unique than the ones in Antarctica. BIANCA
Southern Right Whale
The southern right whale migrates from June to the end of November.
JACKSON

Fur Seals
When Fur Seals are born they are pale blonde. DESTINY

Emperor Penguin
Emperor penguins have a thick layer of fat beneath their skin which helps keep them warm. RAED
Emperor penguins are the largest of the 17 species of penguins. ZAID
Emperor Penguins scientific name is Aptenodytes Forsteri. SARAH
The Emperor penguin can hold its breath for up to 22 minutes and can dive to a depth of 1800 feet. MADELYN
The Emperor penguins are the largest of 17 species with an average weight of around 30kg to 40kg. EMMASHAE

Humpback Whale
A Humpback whale catches their prey by making a big burst of bubbles to trap small fish in the centre. BRIEANNA

Elephant Seals
The Elephant seal can hold its breath up to 2 hours long. MADISON

Harp Seals
The harp seals are amazing sea creatures that were born with yellowish fur which grows in to a brilliant white fur like snow. PHETMANEE
The harp seals scientific name is Pagotilus Gronelandicus. BRADLEY

Arctic Wolf
The female wolf is the only one to have the young. ELIJAH

Rainforests
There are only six percent of rainforests in the world.
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