Dear parents & caregivers

Good luck and farewell to our Stage 3 Campers and their teachers. They are leaving bright and early tomorrow morning heading off to Bathurst and beyond. This is a fabulous excursion with lots of really interesting places to visit and learn about. Thank you to the three teachers who are giving up their family time to accompany and supervise our students. It is much appreciated.

P&C Meeting
Thank you to those parents who came along to the meeting last Tuesday morning. This is the forum for you to voice your opinions and get involved with supporting your children at school. The P&C will be running the end of year Christmas Disco at no cost to our students. A note explaining this and asking for numbers attending, has been sent home.

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I understand that many parents have work commitments however, whatever arrangements you make, you need to understand that you remain legally responsible for your child prior to 8.30 am when supervision begins.

Attendance: WRITING A NOTE
Absences must be explained promptly in writing and will be recorded as an unjustified absence by the school after seven days. Absence explanation notes should be dated, with your child’s name and class, the days and dates they were absent, the reason for the absence and be signed by the parent/caregiver.

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Year 5 Inter-primary Debating Competition
Last Wednesday, the 18th November 2015, four Year 5 students from Stage 3 attended the ‘Year 5 Inter-primary Debating Competition’ held at Eagle Vale High School. Our debating team competed against other local primary schools on a variety of topics. I am pleased to say that Eschol Park PS won the debating competition. Our students defeated Kearns PS in the final, arguing against that ‘Australia should have a 3 day weekend.’

Well done to Jack, Paige, Roja and Parham. Thank you to Mr Wilcox for accompanying the children.

Kinder Orientation
We have completed our Orientation Sessions for our new kinders for 2016. The teachers and I were really impressed with the gorgeous little newcomers who settled so well into the classroom and enjoyed all the activities. We are really looking forward to them all starting at school next year.

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
Week 6

Congratulations to the following winners of this special award.


Technology Survey
Thank you to all the families who completed the Internet Availability survey that was emailed and sent home in Week 5. The information gathered has been very valuable for planning learning experiences for your children in 2016.

As a vast majority of respondents were in favour of an online reading scheme, this is something we are very excited about implementing next year.

Further information about this program will be sent home early next year.

Mrs Johnson

PARKING WOES AGAIN!
Please do NOT park across people’s driveways in the morning or afternoon, particularly on Eschol Park Drive.
We have some neighbours who are annoyed about people parking across their driveways waiting to pick up their children after school. This means the house owners cannot get in or out of their own driveways.
**Dates for your diary**

**Nov**
- 24: 2016 School Captain Speeches
- 25-27: Stage 3 Camp

**Dec**
- 2: Yr 7 2016 High School Orientation
- 8: 9-11am - Presentation Day Yrs 3-6
  11.30-1pm - Presentation Day K-2
- 9: 10.30am - Volunteer Morning Tea
- 10: Gold Barbeque
- 11: Year 6 Farewell
- 15: K-6 Party Day
- 16: Last Day Term 4

**Jan 2016**
- 27: Staff Development Day
- 28: Yrs 1-6 Return
- 29: Kinder Start (9am-11am)

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**Awards: Positive Behaviour In our School**

**Playground**


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**Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016:**

Your child is eligible to enrol at our school if they are five or turning five on or before 31 July 2016. If you will be enrolling your child for Kindergarten next year, please contact the office staff for enrolment details.

If you are applying for ‘Out of Area’ enrolment, contact the office staff for the appropriate form and return the form to the school as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee placement for ‘Out of Area’ children until we review all the applications. Each case is considered separately.
Writing Stars
Week 6

Each Assembly we recognize some of the talented writers at our school. Students enter their writing to the selection group before the assembly and that group votes for the piece of writing they like best. All the entries are recognized at the assembly with a super dooper pencil. The winning entry receives an award and has their piece of writing published in the newsletter.

Legong Dancer

She looked like the brightest star in the night sky,
She danced like a leaf falling from a tree,
And her eyes twinkled in the moon light,
As the loud gamelan was playing.

By Olivia
Teen Ranch

On Monday the 2nd November all of Stage 2 went to camp at Cobbitty’s Teen Ranch. There is only one in Australia. We all had a great time there and here are some of the funniest, craziest, worst, best and coolest moments from camp.

The funniest moment at camp was probably AJ on the Giant Swing. Both times he went half way and both times he went stiff and his eyes widened like a dinner plate. I thought they were going to pop out of his head!

The craziest moment at camp was when we found out that cabins 8, 1, 12, the boys toilets and cabin 2 was haunted. In my cabin, Number 8 Kyla and I thought we saw Emily Spaceman in black robbery gear with a black hat, black clothes and a black bag filled with hooks and a grappling hook. We saw her climbing up the ladder on Mia’s bed. It turned out it was just a shadow on the wall!

The worst moment of camp was probably on the first night when everyone said, “Keeley look above your head!” and I saw a gigantic Huntsman Spider right above my bed. I was on the top bunk and Mia was right behind me, so she climbed over from her bed without touching the floor. She used my camera case to squash it and we saw its guts. Brydy came over and said, “Who dares me to touch it?” Most of us put our hand up she said “Ok” she touched it and I laughed.

The best moment was defiantly canoeing. I’ve never done that before I thought I was going to tip over the canoe. I was in the front seat behind me was Kady then it was Jordan. In the end I didn’t tip over the boat and I had a great time. YAY!!

Coolest moment at camp was the Giant Swing. I went half way up I pulled the rip cord. My stomach felt like it was exploding and I closed my eyes and held on tight. It was amazing I definitely want to do it again.

Before we knew it Wednesday morning was before us and we had to pack up and leave. I wish I could have stayed longer!

Keeley
3/4m
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