Term 1 Week 8
Dear parents and community members,
No doubt many of you have seen or have been told about the bunnies at school. We have a couple of rabbits that we think escaped from a neighbouring home and have made our school their home away from home. They tend to keep to the area down near the veggie patch (wonder why!!) and are rarely even near the children. They remind us that Easter is on the way and the children love the fact that we have our own “Easter Bunnies”. Please come along to our Easter Hat Parade on 1st April and join in with some Easter fun.

Safety Issues and Parking woes!
1. Epping Forest Road
It has been brought to my attention that we have some young children who are running out across Epping Forest Road even when they are with their parents. This is a very dangerous thing to do. If you cross this road with your children please hold their hand and ensure they walk with you.

2. Eschol Park Drive
We have some inconsiderate parents who are parking across peoples driveways or half way across. This means when the owners come home, they cannot get into their own driveways. Please park responsibly. If there is no parking on Eschol Park Drive, please consider parking in the car park off the oval. Your children can meet you at the back gate.

3. The pathway from the crossing gate to the quad
Please be considerate and keep to the left when walking down towards the quad or back up towards the road crossing.

Thank you to those parents who are stepping out of the lining up area each morning and waiting on the curved steps. It is making our job easier but also proving to the children (particularly our Kinders and Stage 1 children) that they are “growing up” and can do it on their own.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 22nd April 2015
Please ensure your child wears summer uniform on this day. (Week 1 of next term)

UNIFORMS
If you have any good quality second hand uniforms you no longer need, please send them to school for us to use on those days when ‘accidents’ occur. We are running short of many sizes.

WEBSITE CALENDAR
Please make sure you check the website calendar regularly as we note changes to dates as soon as we are aware of the need for a change of date.

MEDICAL FORMS
Please note you need to return your child’s medical form that was sent home earlier this term. If you have misplaced your form, you are able to print a new one from the website. As our Cross Country and Fun Run in this Thursday, your child must have this form completed in order for them to compete on the day. This ensures we are fulfilling our duty of care towards your child.

Emergency Drill
Our planned Emergency Drill was successfully carried out last week. All staff and children responded appropriately and it is pleasing to note that everyone knows what to do in the case of a real emergency.

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016
Completed Expression of Interest form should be returned to your primary school no later than Friday 20 March ’15.

Sounding out aloud

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
PBIS: Playground Awards

(Positive Behaviour In School)


Week 7: Shraddha 5/6N, Mia 3/4H, Lilly 5/6W, Mele 3/4M, Yasmin KA, Mathew 3/4W, Danny 3/4H, Mahdi KB, Coby 1A, Carolana 1N, Sacha KB, Matias KA

Dates for your diary

MAR
17 Area Swimming Carnival
18 Yr K – 2 Assembly @ 9am
   Yr 3 – 6 Assembly @ 2pm
19 K-2 Fun Run @ 9am
   3-6 Cross Country @ 9am
20 Harmony Day @ 9.15am
   Anti-Bullying Day
23 Swimming Scheme starts
   Ends Thursday 2 April
25 Yr 6 to Eagle Vale HS
26 Stage 2 Environmentors

APRIL
1 Easter Hat Parade
   Stage 3 EVHS Disco
2 Last Day of Term 1

Learning Awards

KA Kristijan L  Riley E
KB Ebony J  Mahdi A
KM Jacquelyn T  Luke K
1A Leonydus A  Kailee E
1N Carl T  Adam C
   Carolina S
1/2R Taneisha L  Maddison W
2S Kaitlin W  Brandon H
2/3J Jay-Lee H  Lachlan K
3/4H Gabriella H  Kai P
3/4M Jorja L  Zara P
3/4W Kaitlyn S  Mathew H
5/6N Shafeeya K  Rebecca S
5/6S Roja S  Ashwin A
5/6W Bradley W  Liliana C

Harmony Day

Harmony Day which is celebrated the world over on March 21st each year will be celebrated, at our school, on the morning of Friday March 20th by a special assembly beginning at 9.15. There will be some special performances on the agenda and you are warmly invited to attend.

Our government website gives the following information about this important day: ‘Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.’

This is the one day of the year when we can devote time both to celebrating our cultural richness, and to making an effort to meet the people from other lands who live around us.

We would greatly appreciate it if your child could be encouraged to wear national dress (if you have it) from your own cultural background. We will have a costume parade early in the assembly program. Children who do not have a national costume are asked to come in orange or yellow clothing which are the Harmony Day colours.

It is sure to be an enjoyable event and we look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs C Reynolds & Mrs Milenkovic
Year 6 Parliament

Mad Hatter’s Mufti Day
$2.00 Gold Coin Donation
Wednesday 1st April 2015
at 9:15am in the quad
Parents are welcome to attend

Hat Categories
Most Colourful
Largest
Smallest
Easter
Looks like an Animal
Favourite Football Team

HATS NEED TO BE MADE AT HOME

LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE!

Each student can only enter in one category.

Easter Egg Collection

Year 6 Parliament are holding their annual Easter Egg Collection. All children are asked to bring an Easter egg/s of any size to school. All the eggs donated are then presented to ‘Meals on Wheels’, an organisation which provides meals for the elderly in our area. The eggs will be presented to a ‘Meals on Wheels’ representative on the day of the Easter Hat Parade.

Students are asked to bring in an egg to their class teacher by Tuesday 31st March 2015.
On Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} March the school leaders and Mrs Whitehead attended the annual GRIP Leadership day in Sydney Olympic Park. Here are some of the highlights of our day.

Phoenix - GRIP stands for \textbf{Generosity Responsibility Integrity People}, and throughout the day we learnt about these ideas in a fun conference with loads of activities to keep all us kids’ intrigued throughout the whole day. We met lots of new people, people we knew from other schools and even Mrs Whitehead met someone she knew!

Chelsey - My favourite part about GRIP leadership day was learning about being a better leader and role model for students. We played really fun games throughout the day; there was a load of kids from all different schools. There were a lot of fun activities such as Pay It Forward, Loud Noises, Looking for Opportunities to Lead, Stand Up and Developing a Leadership Plan.

Kawa - We learnt how to be a better leader in your school and how to make your school a happier place. Paying it forward is about being generous and giving is better than receiving. It also showed us how it is better to be kind than annoy everyone. We also talked about opportunities to lead and help everyone when they are feeling down or alone.

Dylan – There were over 150 schools at the GRIP Leadership day. It was great to talk to new students from other schools and play different games with them. We had to make sure we filled in our GRIP book during the day to help us remember key points for when we returned to school.
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