School Uniform

Our EPS uniform is smart, gives students a sense of pride and belonging and defines our school identity within and around the Eastlakes community. All students are encouraged to wear school uniform everyday.

Last term, a P&C subcommittee, together with staff reviewed the school uniform to clarify and verify which items make up the Eastlakes PS uniform as well as to discuss a sports uniform option. As a result we confirmed uniform items with the suppliers, PSW and also decided on a low cost sport uniform option to introduce in 2015. The sports uniform will be worn on Fridays for sport activities. On occasion students may be required to wear the sports uniform when the school has organised other sport programs in addition to Friday sports. The sports uniform is comfortable and allows children to move freely and with flexibility during physical activity and sports games.

We are aware that this is an additional cost for families and are not expecting current students to have the sports uniform from Term 1 2015. All new students will be required to wear the sports uniform from Term 1, 2015 for Friday sports. In the next few weeks further details about EPS uniforms will be sent home.

Kindergarten Orientation and Transition

We have met some of our 2015 Kindergarten students who have been attending our Orientation and Transition program each Wednesday from 9.30-10.30am. The program offers literacy, numeracy and developmental activities for the children as well as parent information sessions about school programs, routines and procedures. Next week our parent program will focus on Numeracy learning in Kindergarten. If you know any families with school age children let them know that Eastlakes PS is now taking enrolments for 2015 and all are welcome to join in our transition program.

An ex-student visits Eastlakes PS

Mr Ron Hoenig, state member for Heffron visited our school on Monday 20th October. Mr Hoenig attended the school as a young child and has fond memories of his time here. He shared with us his knowledge about the suburb of Eastlakes and how it has changed over the years. He took time to meet with student leaders and Mrs Tsantoulis, the P&C, visit many classrooms and had morning tea with all the staff.

Selective High School Applications

Online applications for selective high school placements opened on Tuesday 14th of October. Parents of our current Year 5 students, who are interested and wish to apply for a Year 7 placement in 2016, must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. For information on the Selective High School Placement Test go to: www.schoolsnsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacements/ss_sampletest.php
**Head Lice Alert**

From time to time head lice are about in the community. When this happens they usually come to school. If just one student in a school has head lice, they can very easily be transferred to other students. Therefore it is important to act quickly to eradicate them. Would you please check your child’s hair and take action if you find evidence of head lice or eggs in your child’s hair.

The local chemist will have suitable preparations that you can use to kill the lice. Please remove all eggs from your child’s hair. It is also important to wash bedclothes, combs and hairbrushes with hot water and to check all other family members’ hair as well. Please check your child’s hair daily with a fine tooth comb after the treatment and retreat hair as directed on the preparation to ensure that the problem is eradicated.

**YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING - 5c COINS**

**Learning in 5/6M**

In History 5/6M studied Colonial Australia in the 1800’s which included bushrangers, the gold rush in Bendigo and Ballarat Victoria and the Eureka Stockade. The game of Minecraft was the stimulus for students to design a paper version of the Eureka Stockade using their mathematical knowledge of position, area, spatial awareness, 2D shapes and 3D objects.

**P&C News**

P&C stands for ‘Parents & Citizens’ and the P&C Association is open to all parents and citizens of the Eastlakes Public School community.

This week we met to discuss the upcoming events for our last term of the year:

- **Friday Iceblocks** – Sold at lunchtime by Year 6 Students for $1 – yummy fundraising!

- **Year 6 Farewell** – the P&C will be involved in this event to help celebrate and farewell our Year 6 students.

  More information soon.

- **School End of Year Disco Party** – Save the date for this fun end of year dance in the school hall – Wednesday 10th December – Watch this space for more details.

- **Our last meeting for 2014** is Wednesday 6th November at 6pm in the Staffroom.

  Children are welcome. Hope to see you there!

P&C Exec Committee – Kate, Athene, Yvonne & Siti.