**Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards**

This is an event that celebrates Aboriginal student achievements across primary and secondary schools. These awards were developed in 2009 in the Sydney region. They recognise the many Aboriginal students who are doing well and achieving improved outcomes. I am proud to be the principal who has initiated these awards at EPS and to have nominated a most worthy EPS student as the first recipient. The first *Deadly Kids Doing Well Award* at EPS was presented to Daniella M from 5-6R at a very special and inspirational ceremony held last Friday 14th November at the University of Technology in Ultimo. Daniella’s mother, Cheryl and I proudly sat in the audience ready to capture the special moment. Congratulations Daniella!

**Teacher Learning**

Ms Adams and Ms Santopietro attended a two-day course on assessment. Effective assessment is an integral part of teaching and learning and increases student engagement in their learning and leads to enhanced student outcomes.

Ms Adams and Ms Santopietro will share their expertise with all staff as we develop common understandings and practices about assessment that will support our continued implementation of the NSW syllabuses for the Australian curriculum.

**Surf Education**

Year 6 and their teachers braved the grey skies and cool winds to enjoy a day at North Bondi to learn about surf lifesaving. We thank the Graphic Arts Club for their sponsorship of this very important activity that our students take part in each year.

**School Website**

Did you know that our new school website is now live? We are adding more and more to it each week so keep checking in to see what’s happening at Eastlakes Public School.

You can access the following information from our school website:

- Current Eastlakes Edition Newsletter
- Permission notes
- Up to date calendar of event
- Ways to help your child with learning at home
- Photographs of the places we’ve been to
- Examples of student’s work across the stages

Remember the school website can be translated into up to 80 languages including Bengali, Turkish, Arabic and many more. Select the translate tab at the top of the website home page.

**Anthia Tsantoulis - Principal**
EAL/D Update

This term, Stage 2 EAL/D students have been working with the text *Bilby Secrets* by Edel Wignell as part of our Rich talk, Rich Text Unit of Learning. This text has both a narrative and information about the bilby. We have explored all aspects of the bilby’s life cycle. Here are some examples of our learning:

Bilbies are also called Rabbit-Eared bandicoots. By Jessica.

![Bilby illustration](image)

Bilbies live in desert in Western Australia. Habitat by Mahir.

![Bilby habitat illustration](image)

Bilbies live in burrows and are nocturnal. Bilby Burrow by Hurmez.

We have found a bilby game online if you would like to try it go to: [http://goo.gl/H4CB5P](http://goo.gl/H4CB5P)

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**Congratulation to all our K-6 Students of the Week**

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**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.

**Friday Ice Blocks**

Provided by P&C and sold at lunchtime by Year 6 Students for $1 – yummy fundraising!

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**School End of Year Disco Party - Wednesday 10th December**

Save the date for this fun end of year dance in the school hall. We will be looking for parent volunteers to manage the door and help at the snack table.

**Our last meeting for 2014 is Wednesday 6th December at 6pm in the Staffroom**

Children are welcome. Hope to see you there!

**P&C Exec Committee – Kate, Athene, Yvonne & Siti**
Kindergarten News

KA and KH students have been helping the 2015 kindergarten children to transition to school. They have worked with the new kindy students every Wednesday for the last 6 weeks, showing them the routines of daily classroom life at school.

Our students have been helping their kindy buddies to learn some L3 reading groups activities and Count Me In Too games. They have helped them change their home reading as well as assisting the children to complete creative and practical arts activities and fitness activities.

It has been a lot of fun!