Welcome back!
A very warm welcome to all our students and their families. It is going to be a year full of exciting learning opportunities for the whole school community students, teachers and parents. All students are in their classes for the year and teaching and learning is underway.

Our new kindergarten students have settled into their classes well and are getting to know the school environment and routines. I have been visiting their classrooms and observing them in the playground and have seen them engaging in a variety of activities. They have demonstrated cooperation, independence and curiosity. We are all looking forward to getting to know our newest students and working with them.

Parents, your involvement, interest and enthusiasm will help make this year a wonderful year of growth for you and your child in whatever grade they are in.

Our school vision is: Educating students in a dynamic, diverse, quality-learning environment to develop individual potential, a passion for learning, responsible citizenship and where excellence and equity underpin school and values.

Our three strategic directions of: Quality Learning and Teaching; Quality Relationships & High Expectations and Quality Systems will drive what we do to achieve our school aspirations and vision.

It has been a great start to the new school year and I am certainly looking forward to a fantastic year ahead filled with excitement, collaboration, creativity, and challenges for us all.

Anthia Tsantoulis
Principal

Classes and Staff 2016
We have formed 8 classes this year. Here is a list of our classes, teachers and non-teaching staff for 2016:

- **KW**
  - Mrs Whyte

- **1-KV**
  - Ms Vella

- **2-1S**
  - Mrs Stephan

- **2P**
  - Mr Pizanias

- **3SH**
  - Mrs Sippel and Mrs Holland

- **4S**
  - Ms Santopietro

- **6-5R**
  - Ms Roth

- **6-5M**
  - Ms Martin

- **EALD & Reading Recovery**
  - Mrs Taylor

- **EALD**
  - Mrs Quartly

- **RFF Maths**
  - Mrs Holland

- **Library**
  - Mr Spencer

- **Learning and Support**
  - Mr Schwartzman

- **Bangla Community Language**
  - Mrs Aktar

- **School Administration Manager**
  - Mrs Carter

- **School Administration Officer**
  - Mrs Peralta

- **School Counsellor**
  - Mr Ulrick

- **General Assistant**
  - Ms De Kantzow Term 1

  - Mr Steve Kozarovski

We welcome two new staff members to our teaching team both in temporary positions, Mr Pizanias and Mr Spencer. We look forward to working with them and know they will contribute positively to our school community.
School Uniform

Wearing school uniform promotes school pride encourages students to feel part of a cohesive and supportive community. The summer uniform for girls and boys is listed below and is worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Students must wear a hat in the playground at recess and lunchtime and for all sports activities. One of our playground rules is: No Hat Play in the Shade. Sports uniforms are worn on sport days. This term it is Friday only.

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School uniforms are available for purchase at the PSW shop located at:
PSW Kingsford 395 Anzac Parade
Kingsford, NSW 2032
Phone: (02) 9313 6003

Our School Rules and Expectations

- We are respectful
- For self
- For others
- For the school community
- For the environment

- We are learners
- Everyone has a right to learn and work in a harmonious environment

- We are responsible
- To be safe
- To show acceptable standards of personal behaviour
- To be on time
- Complete all coursework

School Hours

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<td>8.30 – 9.00</td>
<td>Playground supervision starts at 8.30am so students should not arrive before that time. All children stay in the amphitheatre at this time and at 9am they line up in their class lines. K-6 Assembly on Monday morning in the amphitheatre.</td>
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<td>9.00am - 11.00am</td>
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<td>1.10pm - 1.20pm</td>
<td>Eating Time All students sit in the amphitheatre to eat their lunch under the supervision of their teacher.</td>
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<td>1.20pm - 2.00pm</td>
<td>Lunchtime Students continue eating until they have finished their food and then move off to play either in the amphitheatre or the hill. Extra curricular activities will be available at varying times during the year at lunch time.</td>
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<td>2.00pm - 3.00pm</td>
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<td>3.00pm</td>
<td>After school Students are dismissed at 3pm. Parents to meet their child in the amphitheatre at 3pm.</td>
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Appointments

Your child’s teacher is your first port of call if you have any questions, queries or concerns regarding your child’s learning. Teachers are happy to talk with you about your child at mutually suitable times. Please contact the office on 96673659 to make an appointment. Leave your name child’s name and class, a contact number and some dates and times you are available to meet and the office staff will get back to you to confirm an appointment time and date. If you wish to meet with the Assistant Principals or Principal please make an appointment with the office.
Label all belongings
At the beginning of the new school year students usually have new school bags, jackets, hats, uniforms, pencils, pencil cases, lunch boxes etc. Parents please label everything with your child’s name, this way if the item is found around the school we know who it belongs to. At the end of last year we accumulated a large amount of lost property, many items with no names. It can be very expensive if you have to buy new items every term. A lost property box is in the amphitheatre where you can check for any lost items.

Swimming Program 3-6 @UNSW
Thank you to MGM Properties for their sponsorship of our Term 1 Swimming Program at the University of New South Wales. This program is now in its 3rd year and has been highly successful with places filling up very fast. Swimming skills across grades 3-6 have improved immensely.

Attendance
While there is a legal obligation for schools to record attendance and absences, there is also a parental obligation for students to attend school every day the school is open. The National Standards for Student Attendance are applicable to all primary school students. School attendance policies and procedures include:

- Family holidays and travel outside of vacation period are counted as an absence. Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, and should be specified on the application.
- Families intending to take extended leave during school term must make an appointment to discuss their plans with the principal or assistant principals.
- The principal will only accept a reason for travel during school term if it is in the best interests of the student. Educational, social and participation reasons should be specified on the application.
- We encourage all our families considering holidays with their child to travel during the school vacation period.
- Where the principal considers that the travel is appropriate during school term, parents will be issued with an Application for Extended Leave – Travel for completion. Parents will be informed if the application is accepted, a Certificate for Extended Leave will be provided which must be carried with you while you travel and the absence will be recorded as Leave, in the attendance register.
- Travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket, is to be provided and attached to the application.
- The unexplained absence code will be applied if parents have provided no explanation within 7 days of the absence or if the Principal does not accept the explanation.
- If a student’s absence is due to sickness, a medical certificate is requested in addition to an explanation if the student has a history of unsatisfactory attendance.
- Students arriving to school late must report to the front office with their parents or carers to obtain a late pass before going to class. School starts at 9.00am sharp.
- Parents and carers are reminded there is no supervision prior to 8.30am. Please make other arrangements for the supervision of your child prior to 8.30am.

Reference: NSW DEC School Attendance Policy and Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures 2015

TWITTER
We are now on Twitter – keep up to date with our school at www.twitter.com/EastlakesPS

School Website
www.eastlakes-pschools.nsw.edu.au

Calendar events
Check the school’s website for calendar events.