CS First - Computer Science Program @EPS
This term a group Stage 2 & 3 will take part in a computer science program. We are fortunate enough to have two volunteers from Atlassian committed to helping run the program with Mrs Taylor and Ms Martin for an hour a week. Programs such these are important in exposing our students to computer science because they need more than just being taught how to use the Internet. The program will empower students to create with technology and develop a deep understanding of how technology works. I’m looking forward to the weeks ahead and seeing what students learn, create and innovate.

Creativity and Innovation Workshops
This year we are dedicating one hour each week to creativity and innovation across K-6. Teachers will work with small groups in areas such as coding and computer science, genius hour, music, and drama. The workshops are framed with developing students:
- Capacity to learn and play an active role in their own learning;
- Problem solving skills in ways that draw upon a range of strategies and key learning areas;
- Creative abilities and initiative and
- Global and local responsibilities.
These workshops will begin next week on Wednesday afternoon.

Calendar Events

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| **Week 6** |
| Monday 29 February | Ged Gilmore Author Visit Stage 2 & 3 |
| Friday 4 March | Clean Up Schools Day Swimming 3-6 @UNSW |

| **Week 7** |
| Friday 11 March | Swimming 3-6 @UNSW |

| **Week 8** |
| Wednesday 16 March | School Photos |
| Friday 19 March | Bullying Day of Action Swimming 3-6 @UNSW K-6 Assembly 2.15pm in hall |
Selective High School Placement Test for Year 7 2017

The Selective High School Placement Test will be conducted on the morning of Thursday 10 March 2016. It will be held in test centres in NSW, usually in government high schools. All applicants in NSW are required to sit the test unless they have a satisfactory explanation. The test is conducted only on this day and only in designated test centres in NSW.

Test Centres

You are told which test centre your child has been allocated to by 25 February 2016. This advice is sent by mail and/or email (if you have provided an email address). You receive a Test authority letter, which tells you where to go for the test, and information about the test. Your child must take the Test authority letter to the test centre on the day. If you were not advised about the test centre your child is to attend, please contact the Unit on 1300 880 367.

Early July parents receive the placement outcome. You are advised whether the child is:

• Receiving an offer
• Placed on a reserve list
• Unsuccessful

Parents accept or decline offers and reserve places. For further information visit http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_sampletest.php

Meet the Teacher

What a wonderful turn out of parents at our Meet the Teacher afternoon.

Harmony Day – Our Diversity is Our Strength

The school will be celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday 6 April. Stay tuned for more information, as we get closer to the date.

Our School 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 classwork

TWITTER

We are now on Twitter – daily tweets at www.twitter.com/EastlakesPS

School Website

www.eastlakes-pschools.nsw.edu.au

Thank you MGM for sponsoring our Swimming Program @UNSW for students in years 3 to 6.

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Free Vision screening for Kindergarten

The Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) program is an initiative of the NSW Ministry of Health and offers a catch up screening for Kindergarten children who may have missed out at preschool or not had a vision assessment prior to starting school. Our kindergarten students will have their screening done on the 1st March. Information will be sent home shortly please return the signed forms to your child’s teacher.

Ten cyber safety tips every parent should know

Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

1. **Nothing** replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety.

2. **Set** a technology curfew.

3. **Remind** your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.

4. **If** your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.

5. **Remind** your child that people don’t always tell the truth online, and they can’t take anything at face value.

6. **Reassure** your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.

7. **If** they get a message or email that’s threatening or rude, they should ‘STOP, BLOCK, TELL’. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.

8. **Never** click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.

9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call **Crime Stoppers** 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.

10. **Your** child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

Reference:

Sydney Multicultural Community Services, Provide support for newly arrived Migrants and Refugees living in the Local area.

We Can Help:
- Advocacy
- Information/Referral
- Education
- English Classes
- Legal help
- Youth and Family Support
- Community and social support

Sydney Multicultural Community Services have employed workers that speak many different languages.

We are located in: 3 General Bridges Crescent Daceyville NSW 2032 Ph- 02 9663 3922