Make Online Payments – Coming soon to EPS

It will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment. This will be live from the 18th March.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school levies, textbooks, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities etc. There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt will be issued from the payment page the school will not issue a further receipt.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Calendar Events

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| Monday 29 February | Ged Gilmore Author Visit Stage 2 & 3  
| Friday 4 March | Clean Up Schools Day Swimming 3-6 @UNSW  
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| 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  
| Week 9  |  
| Tuesday 22 March | Swimming 3-6 @UNSW P&C Meeting 6pm  
| Thursday 24 March | Easter Hat Parade  
| Friday 25 March | Good Friday – PublicHoliday  
| Week 10 |  
| Monday 28 March | Easter Monday – Public Holiday  

Rise to the Challenge
Ged Gilmore wrote this lovely email to Ms Martin after his visit to our school.

I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU for having me at Eastlakes School. I really enjoyed meeting you and all the students. They were very well behaved, I have to say.
I hope they got something out of the session and are using C3E3OQB to improve their stories. Please encourage them to send their stories in via my website.
Also, my promise to return to buy any purchased books was sincere - I’ll even do an extended reading for them all.
Oh - and don't forget the competition please. I'd love for Eastlakes to win!
Thanks again and all the best,
Regards,

Ged

Selective HS test

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2017 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.30pm on Thursday 10 March 2016.

The test centre for students from your Eastlakes PS is:
**J J Cahill Memorial High School**
*Sutherland St*
**ROSEBERY NSW 2018**

All parents were sent a letter telling them which test centre their child is required to attend. They were also sent a copy of a document called, Test information for parents and student

Harmony Day – Our Diversity is Our Strength

Harmony Day celebrations at Eastlakes PS will take place on Wednesday 6th of April. There will be a special performance for all students called African Beat. This is a hands on, culturally rich, informative presentation by Master Drummer Tuza from Ghana joined by an African Dancer and bringing hundreds of drums to our school so that every student will learn and play an African rhythm transforming students into a dynamic percussion ensemble. It’s going to be heaps of fun.
We will also have our wonderful harmony day lunch and wear orange on the day. A note with further details will be sent home in the coming weeks.
**Excellent Extracurricular Activities at EPS**

Extracurricular activities are an essential part of the learning process and in developing the whole child.

Participating in extracurricular activities, actually bring with them many benefits. Allowing your child to get involved in these extracurricular activities at school is a positive choice, and it can be very important in helping them to develop many skills inclusive of leadership, teamwork, organisation, commitment and problem solving. These skills can be transferred into other areas of learning and life. Extracurricular activities also help children learn to juggle many tasks at once, it allows them to discover their talents, improve their academic performance and behaviour.

At EPS we enhance student learning by providing some extracurricular activities within school time. We encourage all our students to take part in these activities as they provide experiences that are not usually included in academic areas of study. In terms 2 and 3 our extracurricular activities include the Dancesport Challenge, Debating, PSSA Soccer and Showcase and over the years EPS students have achieved great success in these activities. We are looking forward to the great things we will achieve in 2016.

Students participating in the **Dancesport Challenge** have the opportunity to perform at the most spectacular event in September at the Homebush Sports Centre. In 2013, two of our students achieved 4th place in the Salsa dance from 29 other school and over 700 students. This activity is for Year 5, Year 4 and some places for Year 6 students but only the Year 5 students can be in the finals. Look out for the note that is coming home next week. 30 students will represent Eastlakes Public School at this fantastic event.

**Debating** is an extracurricular activity offered to Stage 3 students who are keen to develop their skills in this area. Students will have the opportunity to take part in workshops prior to beginning the debating season. We are looking forward to a competitive debating season.

**PSSA Soccer** is an interschool competition held each Friday. In 2014 EPS were the PSSA Junior Soccer Champions and we hope to continue building on our successes each year. This activity is open to Years 3, 4,5 and 6 students.

**Showcase** is an extracurricular activity that is offered to students. Students will perform with other schools in the Botany Bay Network at South Sydney Juniors.

Students joining these extracurricular activities must make a commitment to the activity from beginning to end otherwise they let down the team or group performance. Further information will be coming in the weeks ahead in preparation for Term 2 and Term 3.

If you require financial assistance to meet or partially meet the cost of a school activity please contact the office.

**6/5M News**

We are steadily settling into our class routines for Term 1

In English we are discussing the topic of “Diversity” and how Australia is interconnected with many world nations and their varied cultures. We have looked at the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and read the picture book, “We are all Born Free”. We have begun to look at the culture of Japan and have written Haiku poems.

![Haiku](image)

In Japanese Haiku is "five-syllable poems inspired by nature", however they are often translated as "tanka in the wind".

**Haiku**

Japan has sushi,
Japan has pink blossom trees,
Tea cup pandan.
6/5R NEWS

In 6/5R science we have been learning about how elements influence our everyday lives. We have discovered many interesting facts about the periodic table and what different elements mean.

Did you know that the element fluorine is actually used in drinking water and toothpaste?

The next time you use cutlery to eat, check to see what it is made from- it might be silver.

If you put the elements sodium and chlorine together, you end up with salt and chlorine is used in swimming pools to keep them clean.

Here is Heidi and Hurmez drawing electron structures and our bowl of information element cubes!

EALD News

This term, in Measurement and Geometry, Kindergarten students have been learning about the capacity of containers.

They have had fun using water, pasta and rice to fill and empty their containers.

They can describe their containers using the following words: full, empty, half-full, full to the brim, overflowing.

They have compared the capacity of two containers by filling one and pouring into the other. Some students have recorded what they have done with drawings.

In Genius Hour, some Kindergarten students are thinking about the big question: What might the BEST school playground look like? All students love our equipment area, but they are already wondering if we could have a tree house, a climbing wall or perhaps even a water park area. That really would be the BEST playground!