

East Links

Term 1 | Week 2 | 5 February 2020



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TERM 1 PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Term 1 Parent/ Teacher interviews to discuss how your child has settled into the 2020 school year will be conducted on **Wednesday 4 March 2020 from 3.30pm – 5.30pm** for all classes K-6.

The main focus of the interviews will be to have a brief discussion about your child's start to the school year.

Please phone the school office (Ph: 6962 1804 or 6962 4409) and they will book you a time slot (10 min maximum) with your child's teacher.

Confirmation of your appointment time and interview venue will be sent home with your child.

If you are unavailable on this day please make an appointment through the school office to have an interview with your child's teacher at another mutually convenient time.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival will be held on **Wednesday 19 February 2020** at the Griffith Aquatic Centre for all students in Years 3 – 6 and Year 2 students who turn 8 this year and can competitively swim 50 metres.

Event nomination forms have been sent home and need to be returned to school by this Friday.

The carnival program will cater for all swimming abilities from non swimmers, to developing swimmers, to competent swimmers.

Normal lessons will occur for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

PARENT INFORMATION - NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Coming home with your Newsletter today is **updated information** from the Department of Education and Health Ministry regarding the recent worldwide outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

P & C MEETING

The P & C will be holding their first meeting for 2020 this Thursday **6 February 2020 at 7.00 p.m.** in the school staffroom in the Administration block.

All parents are welcome to attend the P&C meeting and it is important that parents are aware that **they must be a financial member of the P & C to vote at the AGM in March. The cost of membership is \$1 and can be paid at the meeting.**

SCHOOL HOURS

Playground supervision commences at 8.45 a.m. and lessons commence at 9.15 a.m. each day.

We realise that some students catch buses which arrive before 8.45am due to buses servicing a number of schools with different starting times. **Students who arrive before 8.45am must stay seated in the Gunyah until the 8.45am bell rings.**

It is expected that students who do not catch an early bus to school do not arrive at school before 8.45am.

School finishes for the day at 3.15pm and children who do not catch buses are expected to leave the school grounds.

The fixed playground equipment is out of bounds before 8.45am and after school.

CANTEEN

Monday 10 Feb

- Christina Catanzariti

Tuesday 11 Feb

- **NEED SOMEONE**

Wednesday 12 Feb

- Mel Ireland

Thursday 13 Feb

- Rochelle Matthews

ROSTER

Fri 14 Feb

- Lynette Kenny
- Lynsey Pasin

Cakes 12 Feb

- Mel Carter
- Michelle Kelly
- Liz Rebetzke
- Tenneel Tagliapietra



CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed any of your contact details in the holidays ie: phone number, address, emergency contacts, could you please let the office know as soon as possible so that our records can be updated. It is important that we have the correct details for your child in case we need to contact you in the event of illness or an emergency.



USING DIGITAL DEVICES, INCLUDING PHONES, AT SCHOOL

You may have recently seen stories in the media about whether phones and other digital devices are harmful for students. We know that using technology is a key part of our daily lives and digital technology skills are important for learning and preparing our children and young people for life beyond school. We also know we need to support our students to use technology in safe, responsible and respectful ways.

To support schools and students, a new Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services has been released for implementation in NSW public schools from 27 January 2020. The policy is available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library>.

The policy on the use of all digital devices in schools will apply in all NSW public schools from the start of Term 1 2020 and meets current implementation timelines. Our school will be updating our digital devices procedure to reflect the new requirements.

Under this policy, the use of digital devices by our primary school students will be restricted during class, before school (playground), at recess and at lunch unless:

- use is approved by a teacher or principal for an educational purpose;
- where use forms part of a reasonable adjustment for student learning and wellbeing; or
- where an exemption has been granted for other reasons.

Except where required by law, the school principal has discretion to consider and approve exemptions and to choose which parts of the school procedure the exemptions applies. The exemption may be ongoing or for a certain time period. An exemption can be requested from the principal by parents, carers, school counsellors and other student support staff, and, if required, students themselves.

This policy has been developed in response to the findings of an independent review into the risks and benefits of mobile devices in NSW schools conducted in 2018.

Information on this policy and responses to some Frequently Asked Questions are available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/our-reports-and-reviews/mobile-devices-in-schools>

We are looking forward to working with our school community to support our children and young people be safe online and balance the benefits and risks of digital technology.

GEPS - Term 1 2020

Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
2	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb School Leaders Induction Assembly P & C Meeting – 7.00 p.m.	7 Feb	8 9 Feb
3	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb 3-6 Assembly with 5N	14 Feb K-2 Assembly with 2M	15 16 Feb
4	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb School Swimming Carnival	20 Feb 3-6 Assembly with 4C	21 Feb K-2 Assembly with 1C	22 23 Feb
5	24 Feb Information for Kindergarten Parents – 6.00 p.m.	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb 3-6 Assembly with 5G Zone Swimming Carnival Scripture commences	28 Feb K-2 Assembly with 1/2K	29 Feb 1 Mar
6	2 March Young Leaders Day- Sydney	3 March School Photos	4 March School Photos Term 1 Parent /Teacher Interviews	5 March 3-6 Assembly with 3D P & C AGM – 7.00 p.m	6 March K-2 Assembly with 2N	7 8 Mar
7	9 March	10 March The Maths Show Performance	11 March Riverina Swimming Carnival	12 March 3-6 Assembly with 6CM	13 March K-2 Assembly with 2B	14 15 Mar
8	16 March	17 March	18 March	19 March 3-6 Assembly with 3S Camp Quality Puppet Show	20 March K-2 Assembly with 1G	21 22 Mar
9	23 March Yr 4 Borambola Excursion	24 March Yr 4 Borambola Excursion	25 March Yr 4 Borambola Excursion	26 March 3-6 Assembly with 5GA	27 March K-2 Assembly with KM	28 29 Mar

Brochures for Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club are being sent home today with your child. All orders are due back to the school by NO LATER than Friday 14th February.

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