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FRONT COVER

Students in Term 1 will be working on self-portraits as part of our CAPA program. The impact that technology has had on our current modern society means that the self-portrait has turned into the "selfie".

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Community is a word we use a lot at ECPS and we know that the parents being engaged and connected contributes to a positive learning culture. Here are some ways that you can keep across all the great things that happen at our school.



SZapp - an invaluable tool for real-time notices, what's on and contacts. Available as a free download in the App Store for iPads and iPhones and in the Play Store for androids.



Facebook - highlights and day-to-day happenings of our School community. Follow us at www.facebook.com/easterncreekpublicschool.



Newsletter - published fortnightly and lands in your inbox as it is completed.



Have a chat with your child - they can show you lesson and activity information from their school books, etc

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Principal MESSAGE

Lee Sibire

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What a wonderful start to the school year. Recently, I was privileged to attend the Excellence Assembly at Rooty Hill High School with our 2019 school captains, Rayaansh and Reniah. It was an honour to witness all the wonderful achievements from the RHHS students and our leaders represented ECPS with great pride!

We spent the day at Mt Druitt Pool on Tuesday 18 February for the 2019 School Swimming Carnival. It was an amazing atmosphere and a great job from all who cheered along their team. This year there was time for free swimming and activities. The primary purpose of the carnival was to not only have fun but also to select a school swim team to represent our school at the Mt Druitt/Minchinbury District Swimming Carnival. The last four years we won the zone carnival!

A big congratulations to the students who attended the PSSA Zone trials last week. Feedback from selectors was that our students were respectful and tried their very best on the day.

Our first K-6 school assembly (Badge assembly) for 2019 will be held on Friday 22 February. It will be wonderful to see so many of our children receiving their leadership badges and we know they'll be great role models for Eastern Creek Public School.

The 'Tell Us About Your Child' evening will be held on Tuesday 26 February in our school hall from 5.30-7.30pm. This is an important event allowing parents and carers the opportunity to come along to share information about their child with class teachers and support teachers. Teachers value and appreciate your time in supporting your child here at school.

BE GOOD TO PEOPLE

You will be remembered more for your kindness than any level of success you could possibly attain.

Mandy Hale

A kind request: I understand that drop off and pick up time is a great opportunity to socialise and talk with other parents about the wonderful things happening at school. The staff at ECPS welcome any feedback regarding the education of your children and we do like to hear your feedback, both negative and positive, so we can improve on what we do: good, better, best! We are here to provide the best education for our children and believe that working in partnership is the best way to achieve this. So, please contact us if you have any concerns or questions, or hear something from other parents that you may want to know more about.

COUNCIL CAR PARK AND PLAY AREA

This is a reminder that parents have the responsibility for their children's safety when they are in the council play park. Teachers at the school will be on duty at the school gate and will return children who have not been picked up to the school office in order that parents are contacted.

More importantly, if you cannot pick your children up in the afternoon or there is a change as to the procedure you need to contact the school prior to 2.30pm the time taken to get a message to a classroom is not instantaneous, it takes time. If lateness is a regular occurrence



I ask that parents remind their children to be aware of strangers and of the time when they are playing unsupervised at the council play park. Children should be instructed to return home or to the school office if they find themselves without their parent whilst playing at the park. I also ask parents to be extremely careful when driving in the car park. Please be very responsible and be extremely alert for children in the car park. A reminder that signs indicate to reverse park, so parents are not reversing once children are in the carpark.

then after school care needs to be considered. School ends at 3.00pm and parents need to pick up their children.

The school also thanks the parents who are supporting the no entry to the school car park policy. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our children safe! In Cable Place, could you please be respectful and not block the driveways and only park in the legal areas or better still, park in the Cawarra Street carpark.

OPAL CARD

Bus Ways

Recently, we had a visit from a Bus Ways inspector to inform us on the importance of our children using an Opal card. Please note, that if your child catches the bus to and from school, the only way the company can record how many use the service is by the amount of times an Opal card is swiped. If bus ways believe the service route is not being used, they may cancel certain timetables, routes etc. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.





BACK TO SCHOOL

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COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL BANKING

Please enquire at the office for a Commonwealth Bank account for your children. Our wonderful Mum volunteers will continue to do banking on a Friday morning- we encourage all bank books to be placed in the box on a Thursday or before the bell Friday morning. Happy Savings.

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Feature

NEW SCHOOL APP

INSTALLING SZapp

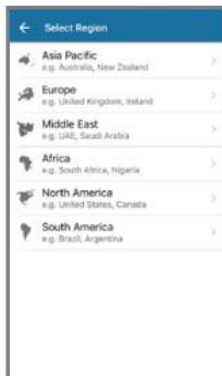


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2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.

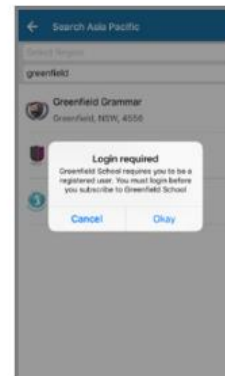
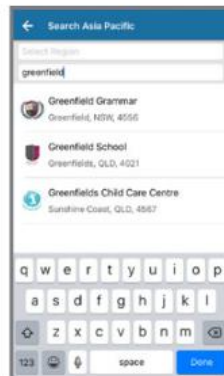
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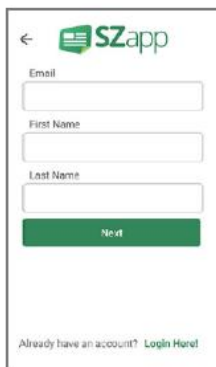
1. FIND YOUR SCHOOL

Select your school's region.
Search for and select your school.



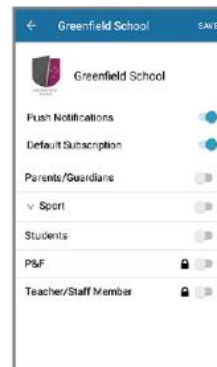
2. REGISTER A USER

Before you can add your school, you will need to register. Register with your email, or sign in with Google or Facebook.



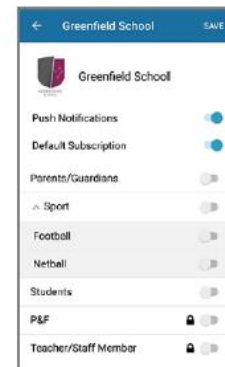
3. REGISTER A USER

Enter your email and name and then create a password.



4. MANAGING NOTIFICATIONS

Choose which group/s you would like to receive notifications from. Groups with arrows indicate that there are sub-groups which you can join.



LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parents/Care Givers,

Welcome to an exciting 2019 at Eastern Creek Public School Library.

Borrowing from the Library has begun for children in Years 1-6 and will begin next week for Kindergarten children. If possible, please have your child return his/her library books to the Returns Box in the Library between 8.40am and 8.55am on the morning of their Library day.

To protect books between school and home all children require a Library Bag. This can be a cloth bag, eco bag, pillowcase or strong plastic bag with their name and class clearly marked on the front. Kindergarten and Year 1 children may borrow 1 book; Year 2 can borrow up to 2 books; Year 3 can borrow up to 3 books; Year 4 can borrow up to 4 books; Year 5 can borrow up to 5 books and Year 6 can borrow up to 6 books each week.

Monday	2A
Tuesday	2/3P; KT; 1/2L
Wednesday	5/6S; 5/6G; KF; 5/6C

The Library is open before school from 8.30am Mondays and after school until 3.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. You are most welcome to come and share a story with your child and explore the many resources we have on offer for your child to borrow.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge will be encouraged again this year. I will be sending a Personal Reading Log (including instructions) home with every child in Years 2-6 to keep a record of the books they read. I will manage the reading longs for children in Kindergarten and Year 1. Please read this carefully, write down when your child reads a PRC book and when they complete their required number of books (20 for 3-6; 30 for K-2) please enter the titles online using your child's Department of Education username and password to login and then send the completed list to me for confirmation.

For more information please see me or look on the website <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc>

2019 Book Club

This year we will be participating in Scholastic Book Club again. Brochures will be sent to the school and given to your child during their Library lesson twice each term. Orders and payments are completed by credit card online direct to Scholastic at

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

by the due date. Any late orders will now be dealt with by Scholastic and will incur an additional postage and handling charge.

After your order has been placed the books will be delivered to the school and will be given to your child during their Library lesson.

The school Library will still receive reward points which we can spend on new books for our Library.

Anyone who would like to help in the Library with book covering/repairs or shelving on a Wednesday please contact Mrs Mead on 9625-8112.

Mrs Mead
Teacher Librarian