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<td>First day for our new Kindergarten students</td>
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Please note that the school parking lot is only for the use of staff, delivery vehicles and special transport. The safety of our children is paramount; therefore the gates will be locked at different intervals throughout the day.
FINAL DATES FOR PAYMENTS AND PERMISSION NOTES

- Monster Christmas Raffle Tickets closing date 8th December
- Party Day Money K-2 $7 due 2nd December, 3-4 $5 due 4th December and 5-6 $12 due 1st December

Please be advised that these dates are final. The school sets these dates as final numbers are required for administration purposes, which include ordering buses when needed and settling the final payment amounts which often depend on the number of students attending. Payments can be made by cash, EFTPOS (before midday) or online. Online payments should only be made via the school website which is listed at the top of this newsletter. Once you are on our website you click on $ make payment and follow the instructions.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As you know I am retiring at the end of the year. A relieving principal will soon be appointed for 2016 by Jo Marshall the Education Director for Eastern Creek.

Towards the end of 2016 a panel will be formed by the Director to appoint a new permanent principal for Bennett Rd PS.

On Wednesday we held a thank you morning tea for all our parent volunteer helpers. At this event I thanked all the volunteers for their continuous help for our students on behalf of the school community, students, staff and myself.

Running a school is a team effort. No one can do it alone.

There are many more school events over the next three weeks to finish the year. I hope to see you at some of them.

Matthew Plummer

KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS

If you have a family member or know of a child likely to start school next year please advise the school now or encourage them to visit the school and commence enrolment. They need to complete a form of several pages, produce a copy of the child’s birth certificate and immunisation records and proof of residential address (electricity account or similar).

You can also download and print your enrolment form on line. Just go to: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/gotoschool/enrolment/detsef.pdf
K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

K – 2 Assembly for Term 4 Week 4 was held on Friday 13th November, 2015 and the following children received assembly awards:

- **KC** – Sariyah, Kinilda and Gemma
- **KL** – Selvan and Letzryniann
- **KM** – Natallie and Robert
- **KS** – Charmain and Haidar
- **1C** – Seth, Tylar and Alyce
- **1P** – Elise, Erika and Balun
- **1R** – Gloria, Zac and Cooper
- **2C** – Sharlis and Yusaf
- **2D** – Maison, Chayce, Katie and Taleah
- **2R** – Chloe, Mokere, Casey and Jonah
- **2W** – Fred, Tyler, Isabella and Aleisha

The Mystery Teacher’s award was awarded to classes KM and 2D

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students have no right or reason to enter these school grounds. Unfortunately a few cause difficulties by entering buildings, being rude or abusive to our students, teachers and parents - and on occasions making threats. Often these few are our ex-students voicing their anger about some incident that has nothing to do with our school. **It is in everyone’s best interests if all high school students stay out of our school grounds.**

If parents are meeting high school students at our school they need to meet outside the school grounds.

CHANGE IN BUS TIMETABLES

Busways advise that a new Public Timetable for Busways Region 1 will come into effect on the 29th November, 2015.

There will be changes to your current school or public route services.

To view the changes please visit Busways’s website at [www.busways.com.au](http://www.busways.com.au) or contact their customer service team on 94971870 or 94971887.
Special thank you to Channel 9 for our super comfy bus.

We were so excited that we made masks for our assembly item.

Lots of the animals we had been learning about.

When it came to our visit at Taronga Zoo, we were very excited to see animals.

KP and the animals.

In KP we have been learning how to write information.

A labelled diagram to support our information.
Long neck. The seals were swimming. The name of the zoo was Taronga Zoo. The giraffes had a very long neck. We went to Taronga Zoo. We saw zebras at the zoo.

We went to the zoo too. Letzynianam. We liked the zoo too. We saw a kangaroo at the zoo. Ducks have feathers. We saw a crocodile at the zoo. Ducks have red noses. We had little lunch under the shade.

The seals were swimming. The name of the zoo was Taronga Zoo. We went to Taronga Zoo. We saw zebras at the zoo.

Marie

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Class KL have been writing about their visit to Taronga Zoo, here are some examples of their beautiful work:
We went to Taronga Zoo on Tuesday and first we had little lunch. Then we saw emus and kangaroos. April.

After that we looked at some animals. We looked at the crocodile. Then we looked at some more animals.

Taronga Zoo was fun. We went on the bus to get there. I loved the zebras and we saw giraffes and the seal was swimming the water.

Shane

Penguins were cute. Swimming, the fish was all ears. And we saw Zebras. I loved the bus we went on the bus to get there. We went to Taronga Zoo. 1st November 2015.

April.
As we approach the end of the school year there is still a lot happening and we need your help please.

We will be having a cake stall at the Christmas concert on Thursday 10th December. For this to be successful we need a supply of cakes, biscuits and slices to sell, as well as volunteers to help sell the cakes on the day.

The Monster Christmas Raffle tickets have been sent home this week. There are over $2500 worth of prizes to be won, so be sure to ask your friends, family and neighbours if they would like to buy tickets. These are due back to school by Tuesday 8th December, 2015.

We are still collecting old mobile phones, and will continue to do this next year, so keep this in mind if Santa brings you a new phone for Christmas.

Collection of the 5c pieces has ended for this year, and counting of the coins is under way and we will announce the winning class soon. Keep collecting those 5c pieces over the holidays, as we will be running this again next year.

We will also be holding a cake stall at the Colyton Christmas Carols being held on Saturday 12th December from 6pm – 9pm at Roper Rd soccer fields. Be sure to come down and enjoy the carols with the family and support us by some of our delicious cakes that we will be selling.

Our next meeting and AGM will be held on Friday 4th December at 9am. We always welcome any suggestions or assistance, to try and get us closer to our goal of providing air conditioning for every classroom.

P & C Committee

P & C THANK YOU

The P & C would like to thank the following companies who kindly donated prizes for our Monster Christmas Raffle: Kelz Kutz N Kolourz, Wik Soy Candles & Melts, Kidabout, Cables Wake Park, Hoyts Mt Druitt, Lollipops Penrith, Calmsley Hill City Farm, Aqua Golf, Unreal Mini Golf, Museum of Fire, Taronga Zoo, Australian Reptile Park, Inflatable World, Captain Cook Cruises, Featherdale Wildlife Park, Ripples, Penrith Slot Cars, Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler, Penrith Whitewater, Powerhouse Museum, Scenic World Katoomba, and Penrith Rugby League Club. Without the generous donations made by each of these companies, we would not have over 30 raffle prizes for you to win.

P & C Committee
PBL PLEDGE

At Bennett Road, I promise to be a Safe, Respectful Learner!
I will be Safe by following the school’s expectations.
I will show Respect for all, including the school, other people and myself.
I will learn by trying my best, taking on challenges and learning from mistakes.
I will act in ways that others will be proud of me and I will be proud of myself!

Students who are Safe, Respectful, Learners in the playground can get a playground ticket. This is collected throughout the term and drawn at the end of each term. From K-2 and 3-6 one winner is picked and then the tickets are put together for a major prize draw. At the end of last term we draw the attendance and PBL raffle.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The school breakfast club has become very popular with the students and we are now running it on four days each week. The Breakfast Club will run every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning in room 19 from 8:30am to 8:45am. All students are most welcome to join in.

We have a variety of cereals and toast available. This is a free service which is made possible by the generous donation and continued support from Baker's Delight at Centro Nepean and Springwood, who have been supplying our bread each week. Thank you for your continued support.

Sharon’s Superb Slices
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Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.
Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.
A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).
Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.
The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.
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Any queries can be made direct to Excel Uniforms

Phone 9623 1805 Fax 9833 1037

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8:30 am - 9:30 am Every Tuesday

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Opening Hours Term 1 2016

The last opening day of the Term is Tuesday 8 December 2015

Extra Opening Time for Kindergarten Orientation

Uniform Shop Hours

8:30 am - 9:30 am Thursdays

Uniform Shop

BENNETT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Bennett Road Public School

1. CONTACT DETAILS

First Name

Surname

Date of Birth

Phone

Fax

Email

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Overdue Fee: $10.00

Order Date: 18/02/2016
CHRISTMAS CONCERT – SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Thursday 10th December, Week 10, we will be having our annual Christmas concert. The concert will start at 9:30am followed by a family picnic from 12 noon till 1:30pm. You are welcome to stay and enjoy a picnic lunch with the children.

The school will be also having a sausage sizzle after the concert. The cost will be $2 per sausage sandwich. Drinks and other Christmas items will also be on sale through the P&C.

If you would like to purchase a sausage sizzle for yourself and your child/children please return your orders to the school by 9am Friday 4th December.

On the day your child will be given tickets for the amount of sausages that have been purchased.

Thank you,

C. Thornton

Bennett Road
K-6
Christmas Concert

10th December
9:30am