



# ECHO



No. 9 Week 9, Term 3 2008 Tel 02 9834 3536 website: [www.erskinparkhs.com.au](http://www.erskinparkhs.com.au)

## SCHOLARSHIPS—YEAR 10 INTO YEAR 11

Once again, through the wonderful generosity of our local business community, we are offering scholarships for current Year 10 students for use in Year 11 2009 when they return to our school. Year 10 students have received an application form in Term 2, have had classroom and Year Assembly reminders and been encouraged by their Year Adviser and Assistant Year Adviser and submitted their application in writing to the Principal by Friday September 12th (Week 8). Successful students will be notified before the end of this term.

**SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS—CURRENT SUPPORTERS**  
Under this programme, the Erskine Park Day and Night Pharmacy, Wendy's at Mt Druitt Westfields, Harper Timber, St Clair Rugby League, St Clair Shopping Centre, St Clair McDonalds, Woolworths St Clair and Western Storm Soccer Club are also fine sponsors of our Year 10 into Year 11 Scholarship Programme. We thank each of our generous sponsors for their ongoing support. Please support them as they have supported us with great initiative, spontaneity and good cheer. Scholarships are worth \$250 each, with some of our supporters having offered multiple scholarships to this value each.

**BREAKFAST—REMINDER**  
Please be aware that many students are indicating to their teachers that due to sleeping in, hurry, lack of personal planning or developing time management, breakfast is skipped more often than we would like. Our concern centres on student focus and preparedness for learning in our morning lessons before recess. There are two 75 minute lessons before recess. Recess occurs at 11.15am.

Please encourage your sons and daughters to eat breakfast—something our PDHPE staff are reinforcing through lessons each day.

## BELL TIMES 2009 AND BEYOND

Our changes to Sport for 2009 will mean that our bell times will be adjusted. The start time is unchanged. We expect students at school at 8.20am for a 8.30am start. The finish time will be 2.40pm EVERY day. (At present this shuffles from 2.55pm to 2.40pm to 2.30pm. Teaching time is unaffected. We maintain our 4 x 75 minute timetable structure)

I am aware this may impact on some parents whose pick up time is slightly earlier, but we do have staff supervision in the school grounds for bus duty until the last bus leaves. I have included the bell times for 2009 below:

	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Roll Call	8.30am – 8.40am(10)
Period 1	8.40am - 9.55am (75)
Period 2	9.55am – 11.10am(75)
Recess	11.10am – 11.30am (20)
Period 3	11.30am – 12.45pm (75)
Lunch	12.45pm – 1.25pm (40)
Period 4	1.25pm – 2.40pm (75)
End	2.40pm

Much consultation and collaboration has occurred over this, including full briefings of our P&C before the arrival at this decision.

## DADS AND LADS BBQ

A huge thank you to all the fathers who were able to attend our annual 'Dads and Lads' Father's Day BBQ breakfast. Under cloudy skies, the ability to have boys affirmed in their education by the presence of their fathers at school is a powerful support. A great congratulations to Mr Lester and his

staff team on this fabulous initiative.

**SPORT 2009**  
Our meeting to inform parents of the changes to the structure and delivery of Sport in 2009 occurred on the evening (6pm) of August 25th.  
Thank you to all those in attendance.

## YEAR 12 HSC PREPARATION

Recently, I met with Year 12 to discuss their progress after the Trial HSC. The message was one of hope and reassurance that if a strong HSC examination result can be arrived at, this can boost their overall performance. At this time, students need to know their continued hard work in school and at home or across the next holiday break, can be rewarded many times over. As a school we hold high expectations for our students and we wish them well in the preparatory HSC phase at this time. Have a great holiday break. Mr McCallum

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!**  
FIND SOME PAST PAPERS, SAMPLE PAPERS AND EXAMINER'S COMMENTS ON STUDENT IMPROVEMENT POSSIBILITIES IN THE HSC AND SCHOOL CERTIFICATE. LOG ON TO:  
[www.boardofstudies@nsw.edu.au](mailto:www.boardofstudies@nsw.edu.au)

**2008 P&C MEETING DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY**  
Monday 22/9, 27/10, 24/11 7.00pm in School Administration Block



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