



ECHO



No. 4 Week 3, Term 2 2009 Tel 02 9834 3536 website: www.erskinparkhs.com.au

BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER)

After much to-ing and fro-ing we have been given permission to deliver a significant, generational impact on our school environment by replacing the thin, scantily sealed and inadequate walkways in the school playground. Instead, we look forward to wider, concrete sealed weather-proofed walkways which will cater more effectively for our heavy pedestrian traffic in our playground.

My firm belief is that when such unexpected government funding opportunities arise, the provision of long lasting and significant improvement to the school is required. Our 100,000 litres of watertank storage, our sparkling amphitheatre and our new COLA and lawns tell us this.

This of course does not diminish the need for external paintwork and new carpets which will occur progressively through NSW DET funded works identified in a recent Condition Based Assessment. The BER monies will impact elsewhere, making our playground and student

areas the best in Western Sydney. Our students deserve no less.

Many thanks to our Federal member, Mr Chris Bowen who has supported us in securing this news for us.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please be aware that as published elsewhere, staff supervision commences at 8.00am each day. Students should not be arriving at school before this time.

STAFF CHANGES FOR TERM 2 2009

Mrs Lavinia Sullivan has left us for a Head Teacher Mentor promotion position at Doonside High School and will be replaced through interview very soon. We wish her well in this new challenge. In addition, Mrs Joanne Cooper makes a return to Science this term, while Mr Corey Galea also returns to his position in PD/H/PE. Mrs Bernadette Attard and Mr Michael Burke will continue to be engaged at the school and we thank them for their tremendous work across the school at this time.

NEW YEAR 10 ASSISTANT YEAR ADVISER

Please be aware that Mr Steven Lester (HSIE staffroom) joins Mrs Natalie Nix as the new Year 10 Assistant Year Adviser. Steve is highly capable and is very happy to assist students and parents of Year 10 students in this important year.

WHO IS MY SON/ DAUGHTER'S YEAR ADVISER/ ASSISTANT YEAR ADVISER?

Year 6-7: Jessica Morris/ Rick Lopez
Year 7: Michael Roffey/ Emma Grealy
Year 8: Gary Parker/ Ted Payne
Year 9: Naomi Andrews/ Kelly Herben
Year 10: Natalie Nix/ Steve Lester
Year 11: Rod McNulty/ Corey Galea

Year 12: Sandy Golder/ Anna Murphy

REPORTS—NEW LOOK

As Term 2 gets underway, Semester One reports will be produced and delivered across this term. You will notice they will be printed on upgraded paper and housed in special Presentation Folders sponsored by the school P&C.

PARENT-TEACHER NIGHTS—TERM 2

Years 11/ 12 Parent-Teacher Night will be held on May 27th (4-7pm) and the Year 7-10 Parent-Teacher Night will be held on July 9th (4-8pm)

772 ST MARYS STATION BUS—NEW BUS AND ARRIVAL TIME

We have been successful in negotiating a change of afternoon bus route and time of arrival for those students going to St Marys station. This commenced on the 17.3.09. NO TEACHER SUPERVISION will be provided for anyone attempting to access the old 772 bus which exits on the other side of Swallow Drive to the bus bay. It should therefore be avoided. A letter to this effect has been provided to all of the parents of students who normally catch the 772 bus, and to our P&C President.

OUR THOUGHTS

Our thoughts are with the Coy family at a difficult time for them and their son Ben, ex HSC 2007.

Have a great start to Term 2.

Tim McCallum (Principal).

2009 P&C MEETING DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

**Monday 25/5, 29/6, 27/7, 31/8, 28/9, 26/10, 30/11
7.00pm in School Admin. Block**

ATTENDANCE

We need EVERY parent to help us in lifting expectations of student attendance at school:

Explaining EVERY absence and

REDUCING student absences to single figures across the year.

BETTER STUDENT RESULTS DEPEND ON OUR COMBINED EFFORTS.