

Edgeworth Public School Newsletter

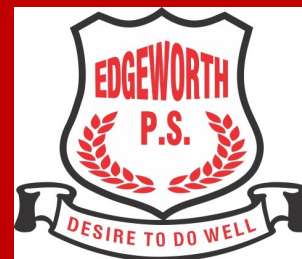
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Staffing Updates

Next week we farewell Mr Claude Schiaffi as he retires from the Department of Education and Communities to embark on a new career path. Mr Schiaffi has been our Reading Recovery and Learning Support Teacher for a number of years at Edgeworth PS and has supported many students with their learning. Mr Schiaffi is the mastermind behind our technology systems and instrumental in developing our school technology infrastructure. Gentle and kind-hearted in nature, Claude Schiaffi is admired for his genuine commitment to our school, support to students and respect to colleagues, students and parents. On behalf of everyone at Edgeworth PS I sincerely wish him all the best in his new career. Other staff relocating include Mr Ray our Aboriginal Student Learning Support Officer who has gained a permanent teaching appointment after completing his teaching degree and teachers who have held temporary positions while permanent teachers have been on leave including Miss Phillips, Mrs Van Leeuwarden, Mrs Jenkins-Choice and Miss Gilius. I thank these members of staff for their commitment to our school.

Presentation Day 2014

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Monday 15 December at 9.30am. This is our major awards assembly to recognise student achievements and celebrate whole school successes for 2014. The assembly will showcase performing arts including drumming, school choir and our 2014 'Edgie Idol' winner. A number of awards will be presented and include: Major Awards: Yr6 perpetual trophy, certificate and \$50 voucher, Leading Learner Award, Respect Award and Responsibility Award. Class Awards: K-6 medallions (3 per class) for academic performance, student achievement and citizenship. Other Awards: Sports awards Stage 2 & 3, Premiers Sporting Challenge, Premiers Reading Challenge Gold Awards, Glendale Technology High School Scholarships (2 Yr6 students), Aboriginal Education Awards (2 per stage), Baptist Scholarship Award, Leadership Awards (Yr 5 students) and Community Awards. Parents will be notified by letter if their child is an award recipient. Captains and prefects for 2015 will be announced at the conclusion of the assembly and will receive their badges at a Leaders Induction assembly in 2015.

Christmas Carols

In true Christmas spirit our annual carols concert held Last Thursday evening delighted an enthusiastic audience of all ages. The night begun with a performance from the Conservatorium Choir followed by students from all stages performing a variety of items and finishing with a very entertaining item by the staff. Thank you to our highly committed staff for overseeing the stalls, BBQ and photo gallery, and especially our organising committee (Miss McGrath, Mrs Topic, Mr Morton, Mrs Van Leeuwarden, Miss Kellert, Miss Cope and

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

Year 6 Farewell
Christmas Scripture Assembly

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

Appreciation Morning Tea for
volunteers

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

Stage 3 Recognition Assembly
9:30 am
Stage 2 Recognition Assembly
11:40 am

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

Early Stage 1 Recognition Assembly 9:30 am
Stage 1 Recognition Assembly
11:40 am

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER

Presentation Day 9:30 am

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

Party Day

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

Year 6 Clap Out 2:30 pm

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY

2015
Students return to school Years 1-6

Due to enrolled children's' **life threatening Anaphylactic allergic reaction** to all nuts and peanut products, we would like to **encourage families not to send** these products to school with their children. **These include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing any type of nuts.**

Mr Gray). Thank you to our students, parents and community who continue to supported these special occasions.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to **COLES EDGEWORTH** for their generous support of food and craft items that were sold on the night.

Uniform Changes 2015

The consultation process for the review of our school uniform is now complete. The forum held last week provided an opportunity for members of the community to view styles, discuss thoughts and make considered judgements. Thank you to everyone who showed support by attending. Those who were unable to attend put forward their opinions via the online survey (closed at 10pm Thursday) or completion of the paper survey at the office. More than 25% of families voted and they were overwhelmingly positive to changes. All votes and comments were recorded and the committee met to make future directions in accordance with DEC policy. Results to the four survey questions were as follows:

Do you support the review of the current school uniform?	80% Yes	20% No
The boys uniform of black cargo shorts and red polo shirt would remain the same. Do you support this?	95% Yes	5% No
The girls red polo shirt would remain the same. Do you support the inclusion of a tartan skort &/or skirt for the girls?	75% Yes	25% No
Would you support the inclusion of a unisex sports uniform to include black shorts, black & red jacket and black track pants?	85% Yes	15% No

The tartan skort and skirt will be introduced for the girls and a unisex sports uniform made available for those who choose (not compulsory). A uniform company will be contracted to supply uniforms through a shop to be opened in the residence from next year and will include a selection of second hand uniforms. It will take some time for the new uniform changes to become the majority (estimated 2-3 years) and certainly no urgency. Prices are comparable to our current uniform prices and the tartan skort and skirt are far cheaper than any other local school however any families in difficult circumstances and requiring support are asked to make contact for student assistance. The uniform and prices will be available on the website and sent out to students later this week.

Thank you to our P&C and School Council who have been instrumental in overseeing the community consultation process and to the representatives voted in by these organisations that were members of the steering committee.

Volunteers Morning tea

A morning tea celebration has been organised for Wednesday 10 December to acknowledge and thank our many wonderful volunteers who so generously give their time to support our school programs and initiatives for our students. In the classrooms, sporting fields, canteen, library and on excursions we are most fortunate to have the support of these men and women. Invitations have been sent out but if for some reason you have been overlooked please just attend.

Book Packs

Notes regarding the purchase of book packs including stage specific details for all students K-6 have been sent home today (green) to ensure all students have their resources ready for the start of the new year. These resources include books, stationary and home-school personal student access to Reading Eggs & Mathletics, purchased in bulk, and subsidised by the school. Preferred online payments can be made via the website link or in person at the school office.

Awards

Early Stage 1

Bohdi White, Yaegan Faulkner, Allegra-Jo McEwan, Chelsie McEwan, Blade Ayliffe, Chloe Atkins, Nathan Shorten, Zoe Dickason, Ryan Austin, Nicholas Jefferys, Patrick Kidston, Brock Laidlaw, Noah Bartlett, James Walker, Jake Roscoe, Kobe Reimer, Madison Strang

Stage 1

Neyo Walton, Jai Bramley, Dimirikye Weatherall, Kalen Hanley, Tiana Mundine, Kiesha Burns, Amalia Bowman, Indiana Kilroy, Aiden Turpin, Isabella Whitehead, Toby Carlisle

Stage 2

Joshua Howard, Sapphire Tabas, Indira rippon, Tahlia Potts, Cailin McIntosh, Drew Martin, Sam Jones, Mia Elliott, Imogen Egge, Daniel Coverdale, Hayden Bryant, Nicholas Brooks, Zayed Affan, Sujmmer Gairns, Jameca Gill, Abbey Goodwin, Jacob Hagan, Dina Iliopoulos, Melissa Davidson, Lillie Edwards, Jorjah Salzmman, Lauchlyn Douglas, Sienna Hanley, Isaac Fenlon, Kailan Linstrom, Liam Crotty, Jerome Weatherall, Georgia Chapple, Denequah Douglas, Jada Walton, Emily Sowter, Zaria Terry, Coby Forrest, Tiarne deBoer, Jessica Armstrong, Amelia Clarke, Tyreese Burnes, Holly Dunn, Lucy Black, Lorinda McEwan, Brock Robinson, Cooper Lewis, Alex Morrison, James Armstrong

Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding for 2015

On 20 November the Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced the next stage of the RAM process. Under this next stage schools will receive funding for all four equity loadings. The socio-economic background and the Aboriginal background equity loadings first delivered in 2014 will be supplemented by new equity loadings for English language proficiency and Low level adjustment for disability. Our school has been advised that we will receive \$294,000 RAM funding to support our students with additional learning needs in 2015. The school Executive will be working with our school community to determine the best ways to use these resources to support student learning.

Holiday Security and Safety

The General Assistant and a number of tradesmen will be working on the school site over the holiday period. **The school is closed to all other people.** Your attentive support in notifying **School Security on 1300880021** should trespasses or inappropriate activity be observed during the holiday period is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our whole school community including staff, students, parents and community for your collective contribution to our school and its students. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas vacation and look forward to seeing you in the New Year. School resumes on **Wednesday 28 January 2015** for students Yr1-6. Kindergarten students have been advised of dates for Best Start assessments and commence on **Monday 2 February 2015.**

Jennifer Parke

Deputy Principal Report

As this year comes to a close I would like to thank the wonderful families and students for making me most welcome at Edgeworth Public School. 2014 has certainly been a year of outstanding teaching and learning programs where students at this school have been challenged and engaged each and every day. I look forward to students returning for the 2015 school year where targeted programs will support our students to do their very best. Enjoy the holidays!

Peter Graham
Deputy Principal

Ready for high school

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days. Watch the videos: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

Choosing school shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all. Tips for choosing shoes: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>



Late Arrival & Early Pick Up of Students

Parents/carers are advised that children who arrive late to school need to come to the office to get a "Late Arrival" note, regardless of whether they are accompanied by an adult.

If you are picking up your child early from school, parents/carers or a designated person **MUST** come to the office to get an "Early Leaver" note before collecting their child. Teachers will not allow your child to accompany you unless you provide them with the Early Leaver note.

Stage News

Stage 1

We are nearly at the end of the school year for 2014. Stage 1 staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all the dedicated parents, grandparents and family members who have supported the learning of our wonderful students. The saying "It takes a village to raise a child" is true of the Edgeworth community.

Upcoming Events

Sausage sizzle tomorrow - notes are due today but there might be the opportunity to purchase on the day.

Friday at 11:40 am is our Stage 1 Recognition Ceremony where every student is recognised for their achievement.

On Monday at 9:30 am will be our whole school Presentation Day.

Tuesday is our Stage 1 Party Day with a visit to the movies in the morning followed by class parties at school.

Wednesday is the last day for students, finishing with a Year 6 clap out which parents are welcome to attend.

Book pack information will go out this week and parents are welcome to start paying for the packs this year.

Home Readers - please return all home readers to class by Friday. A great way to keep the children reading over the summer break is to join the summer reading club. Visit the link below for more details: www.summerreadingclub.org.au/program-portal/

Stage 1 staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy a well deserved break!

Stage 2

Recognition Assembly

The Stage 2 Recognition Assembly will be held in the hall at 11:40 am this Thursday, 11 December. All children will be receiving an award at the assembly to recognise their achievements for the year. Families and friends are invited to attend.

Presentation Day

Presentation day will be held on Monday 15 December at 9:30 am. During this assembly there will be 3 awards given by each class teacher to recognise academic, effort and citizenship achievements of students in their class. There will also be special awards, an announcement of next years school leaders and performances. Families and friends are invited to attend.

Fun Day

Money is now due for the Stage 2 Party Day, by Wednesday 10 December. The children will be heading to Lambton pool on Tuesday 16 December, to enjoy swimming, water activities and a pizza lunch. Students attending are reminded to bring swimmers, rash shirt, sunscreen, hat, snacks and plenty of water to drink.

Reports

Children's reports are in the final stages of completion and are due to go home this Friday.

End of Year

The year is quickly coming to an end and students are completing their learning programs. I would like to congratulate the students on their effort and achievements this year and thank the Stage 2 staff for the outstanding job they have done. I have enjoyed working closely with the teachers and children of Stage 2 this term and would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!

Mrs Baird

Student Safety Around Staff Carpark & Roads

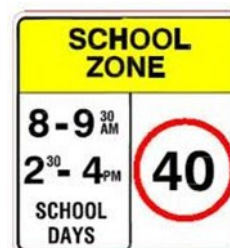
The 3:10 pm pick-up time is a 'heavy traffic' period of the day when we need to take extra care for the safety of students leaving the school grounds. The school carpark is an **OUT OF BOUNDS** area for students and parents between the hours of 8.00am and 3.30pm. The carpark is used for **STAFF PARKING ONLY**.

The new disabled parking area is for the safe drop-off and pick-up of students and parents with special needs only.

Please keep in mind these very important safety procedures:

- Use the pathways and gates when entering and leaving - don't walk your children through the carpark or use the driveways as an entry or exit.
- Use the pedestrian crossing - don't walk your children across the street, and **never** call them from across the street.

Park on the street - DO NOT enter the carpark unless you or your child has specialised needs.



LOST SOMETHING?

There is a lost property box located near the school office.

Please remember to label all items that are brought to school so that they can be returned to your child if they go missing.

Stage 3

Robogals Workshop

All girls in Years 5 and 6 participated in a Robogals workshop yesterday run by Robogals Newcastle. Students participated in basic robotics programming and testing in order to meet challenges and solve problems found in real engineering scenarios. They worked cooperatively in groups and learnt lots of new skills whilst having fun.



End of Year Events

There are a number of very exciting events coming up for Stage 3 to end the year, starting with the Year 6 Farewell tonight at Club Macquarie.

On Thursday at 9:30am is the Stage 3 Recognition Assembly. All parents are welcome to come along and see their child receive their class award, as well as the Year 6 Graduation. There will also be a number of entertainment items featured throughout.

Next Monday is the Edgeworth PS Presentation Day, beginning at 9:30am, whilst on Tuesday is the Stage 3 Party Day. Students will be leaving school at 10am to head down to Intencity at Glendale, before watching Big Hero 6. Afterwards, we will go to McDonalds Edgeworth for lunch. Students will need to bring their own money for McDonalds.

Finally next Wednesday, classes will enjoy their own class parties, before the Year 6 Clapout at 2:30pm. It would be wonderful if all Year 6 parents could attend.

International Children's Games

Congratulations and good luck to Andrew Jarvis who is competing on Wednesday at the games.

CANTEEN ROSTER

**Beginning Monday
26 January 2015**

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2015
C O'Meley, T Mackey

Beginning Monday

A new canteen timetable will be issued early in the new year.



HELP WANTED!!!

Volunteers are needed in the canteen for **2015**. If you and/or your friends, relatives are able to help in the canteen one day every weeks, lease call the school or pop into the canteen and Jenny. Thank you for your support.

Surf Safe Fun Day

On Thursday November 27, 58 Stage 3 students headed to Nobby's Beach for their Surf Safe Fun Day. Although the weather wasn't the greatest, it certainly didn't stop the students having a great time. They took part in sand and water activities, including having a go at learning to surf. Their behaviour was fantastic and they will certainly be ready for their holidays at the beach.



Thank you

Stage 3 staff would like to thank all of the parents who have children in Years 5 and 6 for their support and assistance throughout the year. We would also like to thank all of the students who have made it a fantastic year. To the students in Year 5, we'll see you next year, and for those students in Year 6 heading off to High School, good luck! Have a safe and happy holiday and a Merry Christmas!

Mrs Haley, Mr Gray, Miss Kellert, Miss Williams, Mrs Baird, Mrs Mitchell, Mr Ray and Miss Gillius

EPS Christmas Carols

Thank you to all of the families who attended the Edgeworth PS Christmas Carols on Thursday night. Thankfully the rain cleared, and the hall and senior area made for a more intimate occasion. It was wonderful to see all of the children who performed on stage, even the 'big kids' at the end. Thank you to the Conservatorium Choir who opened our carols. Also, a huge thank you to Coles Supermarkets, Alison Spruce-Conn, EPS P&C, Nikki and Nathan Topic, Karen Morgan, Kylie Martin and the Cameron Park OOSH for their donations of food for the BBQ, Christmas baubles and raffle prizes. A reminder that the students Christmas baubles can still be purchased for \$2.



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Edgie Idol

Edie Idol 2014 was an outstanding showcase of over 65 students at our school. We had 15 groups from Early Stage 1 to Stage 3 participate in a variety of acts, ranging from dance to singing to magic. All of these acts should be commended for their originality, enthusiasm and professionalism during the audition process, the grand final concerts and for some of the items performing at other school events. I would like to congratulate especially our acts that received a highly commended certificate and the grand final winners.

Highly Commended:

- Hayden Bryant (magic)
- Lillie Edwards, Jasmyn Whyte, Jorjah Salzmman, Abbey Morgan, Sarah Johnson, Abbie Martin and Drew Martin (Remix)
- Megan Clark, Amber hillier, Tahni Kilroy, Taylah Austin, Holly Sams-Hargreaves, Brianna Connolly, Lilly Caunt, Summah Wilson, Aimee Maughan, Mady Marshall, Nataliya Brisbane, Chloe Hillier and Sarah Mansfield (Cheerleading)

Grand Final Winners:

- Hayley Van Leeuwarden, Tiarna Van Leeuwarden, Ava Elliott, Maddison Whyte, Emily Griffith, Mia Pearson, Elise Mitchell, Lauren Bryant, Shakira Bye and Kendall Walsh (BFABB)

Thanks for a great year! I can't wait to see what talents we have next year!

Miss McGrath and Mrs Van Leeuwarden

ABSENCE NOTE

Edgeworth Public School



Student: _____ of Class: _____

Date/s absent: _____

Reason: _____

Parent/Caregiver's Signature: _____

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PERMISSION NOTES & PAYMENTS DUE

Early Stage 1

Preschool Fees

Stage 1

Stage 1 Movie Excursion

Stage 2

Stage 2 Party Day

Stage 3

Stage 3 Party Day

Don't forget FruitBreak



KEEP YOUR KIDS
SAFE Online



NO NUTS



Hampers for Families in need

This year Edgeworth Public School Kindergarten students had the opportunity to help families in need with our 100 Days of School can collection. As a school community I would like to ask all students to help families in need at Christmas by donating items of food for hampers. These hampers will be given to Eastlakes / Westlakes Women's Refuges and Northern Settlement to help families. ***Thank you to everyone that has already donated items.*** I am hoping that each grade will bring in the following items:

Year 6: pasta / pasta sauce

Year 5: packet of biscuits (not chocolate)

Year 4: tinned vegetables / tinned soup

Year 3: small box of cereal / muesli bars (no nuts)

Year 2: small packet of rice / pancake shake mix

Year 1: tinned spaghetti / baked beans

Kinder: tea / small jar of coffee / long life milk

Thank you

Mrs Pusz



END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES

EARLY STAGE 1	Recognition Assembly Friday 12 December at 9.30 am
STAGE 1	Recognition Assembly Friday 12 December at 11:40 am
STAGE 2	Recognition Assembly Thursday 11 December at 11:40 am
STAGE 3	Recognition Assembly Thursday 11 December at 9.30 am
School Presentation Day will be held on MONDAY 15 DECEMBER at 9:30 am	

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