

# Edgeworth Public School Newsletter

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## Respect

## Responsibility

## Learning

### Principal's Report Week 8 Term 4

Dear parents and caregivers

#### Student Leaders

Congratulations to the 16 students who participated in the leadership selection process for a position in 2016. All candidates completed an application, produced a promotional poster, participated in a Q&A session and presented a speech written at school. The calibre of all students and the quality of leadership they each demonstrated was outstanding! Successful candidates will be announced at Presentation Day 7 December and will receive their badges at a Leaders Induction assembly in 2016.

#### Emily Jones

Last week our school captain Emily Jones attended the NSW Pacific School Games in Adelaide competing against students from Australia and New Zealand in swimming. She has achieved fantastic results with a bronze in the 4 x 100 metre freestyle relay. Edgeworth PS community is very proud of Emily and a detailed report is provided in the sport section of the newsletter.

#### Presentation Day 2015

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Monday 7 December at 9.30am. This is our major awards assembly to recognise student achievements and celebrate our school successes for the year. The assembly will showcase performing arts including drumming, school choir and our 2015 '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 Yr 6 students), Aboriginal Education Awards (2 per stage), Baptist Citizenship Awards (1 per stage), Leadership Awards (Yr 5 students) and Community Awards. Parents will be notified by letter if their child is an award recipient.

#### Christmas Carols

Our school carols night will be held on Thursday 10 December commencing at 6.30pm. A fantastic committee including Miss McGrath, Mr Morton, Miss Cope, Miss Tongue, Miss Welsh, Mrs Emerton, Mr Gray, Mr Ross, Mrs Croft, Miss Campton, Miss Munday, Miss Micevski, Miss Dunbar, Miss Martin and Mrs Hodges have put together a wonderful evening of entertainment for families to celebrate Christmas with our school community. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

### Upcoming Events

**WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER**  
Year 4 Swimming Program with  
GTHS

Parent Information Evening at  
GTHS for Year 7 - 2016  
League Oz Tag Day

**THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER**  
Year 4 Swim Program

**FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER**  
Year 4 Swim Program

**MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER**  
Edgie Idol Grand Final

**TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER**  
Year 6 GTHS Orientation Day for  
2016  
Early Stage 1 Recognition Assembly at 9:30 am  
Stage 1 Recognition Assembly at  
11:40 am

**WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER**  
Stage 2 Recognition Assembly at  
11:30 am  
Stage 3 Recognition Assembly at  
9:30 am  
ES1 & Stage 1 Excursion - Little  
Trains

**THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER**  
Year 6 Fun Day

**MONDAY 7 DECEMBER**  
Presentation Day 9:30 am

**TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER**  
Year 6 Farewell 5:50 pm

**WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER**  
Green Day

**THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER**  
Carols by Candlelight  
Scripture Concerts 11:45 & 12:30  
pm

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.**

### **Book Packs**

Notes regarding the purchase of book packs 2016 including stage specific details for all students K-6 will be sent home shortly to ensure all students have their resources ready for return to school in Term 1 2016.

### **Enrichment Classes**

This year we increased the number of enrichment classes to accommodate one for each stage on a trial basis. Following our evaluation it has been determined to have a Stage 3 enrichment class only in 2016. A survey and information sheet will be sent home with students currently in the Stage 3 and Stage 2 classes to assist in determining placements for next year. Offers of placement for 2016 will be distributed to parents later next week.

### **Thank You Edgeworth P&C**

I would like to extend my deep appreciation to the P&C for their continued support throughout the year. This is a small team of highly dedicated parents and members of the community who have the interests of our school and more importantly our children at the heart of everything they do. Our P&C are heavily involved in the planning of our 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations which includes the school fete in Term 1.

During 2015 the P&C provided funds for new library furniture, Presentation Day awards, scholarships to students representing our school at state level and a pledged payment for the replacement of shade cloth over the fixed playground. These donations represent an amazing effort from fundraising and canteen operations. I sincerely thank each and every P&C member, parents and community who support our fundraising and our many canteen helpers who volunteer their time to support our school.

Jennifer Parke

### **Volunteers**

I am seeking any volunteers who would like to support personalised learning and support programs. Volunteers would be provided training and support in delivering learning programs to support student achievement. The time is flexible based on needs of volunteers across a school week and parents, carers and grandparents are encouraged to contact the school if you would like to find out more information. If you are interested please ensure you have a current volunteer working with children check.

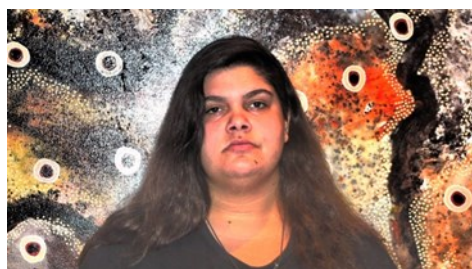
Peter Graham  
Deputy Principal

### **Aboriginal Education Worker**

It has been an enjoyable start to the term for me in the role of Aboriginal Education Worker at Edgeworth Public School. I have been working my way around to each classroom, introducing myself and learning about our Aboriginal students. At this stage the majority of the Aboriginal students have participated in Aboriginal art, goal setting and mentoring in the Residence.

I am currently working with the school executive and staff developing strategies to support Aboriginal students and families at Edgeworth Public School. I look forward to working with the staff, Aboriginal students and families at Edgeworth Public School.

**Jarrah Cain**



## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS AND EVENTS

### NEW AECG APP

The NSW AECG has an app which can be downloaded from the apple, windows and google plus stores. The App has some great information including our professional learning dates, locations of our Local and Regional AECGs, some great Connecting to Country videos, resources we have available and a whole lot more....Check it out and download it now!

### AWABAKAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE

The Awabakal Aboriginal Primary Health Care Centre provides health and wellbeing services to the local Aboriginal community from Lake Macquarie to Port Stephens. We offer chronic care management, preventative health advice, dental services, mental health services and counselling and general medical services.

**Services** include health checks and assessment, doctor bulk billing, Aboriginal health workers, visiting specialist appointments, diabetes care, Mums/Bubs Program, outreach clinics, eye health, hearing tests, dental treatment, drug, alcohol and mental health, grief and trauma counselling.

The practice is a bulk billing practice for Medicare card holders. Patients who do not hold a Medicare card will be charged at Medicare Bulk billing Rates.

**Practice/Clinic hours: 9am to 5pm (Mon to Fri). 38a Samdon Steet, Hamilton. Phone 4907 8555**



## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS AND EVENTS

### WALK A MILE KOORI STYLE

**When: 28th November, 12.00pm to 6.00pm**

**Where: King Edward Park**

**Contact: Warlga Ngurra Women and Children's Refuge: Liann Taffe 4950 1566**

**Entry: Gold Coin**

**The walk will involve any men who want to take the White Ribbon Pledge. Aboriginal male youth will be leading the**

## Stage News

### KD in the Spotlight

This term KD have been learning all things 'Under the Sea' and we thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to the Sydney Aquarium. We loved going under the waters' surface to see all the different sea creatures in their environment. Our favourite sea animal that we saw on the day was the Dugong. He was the biggest animal in the tank and he was grey all over. He was being silly, as he was poking his tongue out at us. Here are some snaps from our awesome day!



This year we have been doing L3 program to help us develop our literacy skills and we have loved participating in literacy groups daily. Each day we have 7 stations; reading, writing, word work, number, fine motor, technology and sounds, that we visit and we always try our best to do a quality job. We have also been working really hard to master our number skills. We are learning how to count on to find the total count. KD's reading, writing and number skills have developed so much over the year. I am truly blown away by their progress. All students should be so proud of themselves.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all students of KD for a fabulous year of fun and learning. I am so very proud of the hard work, determination and effort that all my students have put into their first year of school and I wish them every success in their future schooling. I also would like to thank the parents for their ongoing support throughout this year. You have FANTASTIC children!

**Miss Darcy**

## Awards

### Early Stage 1

Crystal Rose Fairfull, Keira Cockburn, Ebony Caunt, Noah Blakeley, Cooper Milton, Ryley Martin, Kruze O'Neill, Ruby Smith, Latrell Mckenzie, Byron Karman

### Stage 1

Skye Bozic, Lanah Durham, Eva Kamin-ski, Kristy Somai, Lillian Maddigan, Kayden Lees, Jake Roscoe, Jasmine Borrow, Brock Laidlaw, Jessica Xu, Aiman Zuhaina, Callum Cousins, Will Flanagan, Sean Weston, Kyah Hodges, Isabella Brodie, Makenzie Nimmo, Toby Fennell, Harrison Brooks, Rosemary Lazarus, Lucas Africa, Jasmine Borrow, Connor Reed, Cooper Callan

### Stage 2

Taylor Knowles, Wade Neilsen, Isabella Whitehead, Josh Young, Izzy Donald, Julia Collins, Noyo Walton, Cameron Jeanes, Jack Denniss, Liam Crotty, Bailey Halliday, Zayed Affan, Kiesha Burns, Cooper Field, Dina Ilipoulos, Sienna Robson, Shinnikah Weatherall, Tyeisha Shaw, Zack Davies, Aliah Kelly, Sienna Hanley, Ella Kidston, Rebekah Hillier, Zhakri Shafie, Noah Hodges, Mason Walsh, Aidan Kembrey, Emily McMurtrie, Ella Mawson, Lucy Drinkwater, Jai Bramley, Kayne Murray, Hayden Stitt, Broden Novoselski, Andre Hornell, Sukontha Vaenkwaen, Keely Parkinson, Adam Fajkovic, Patrick Morris, Jason McKenzie, Seth Towers, Khalid Shafie, Joshua Howard, Kailan Linstrom, Bailey Dundas, Shannen Good, Patrick Turon





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## Stage 1

Stage 1 would like to congratulate all Year two students who completed swimming school. The weather was brilliant and Mr Morton and Miss Pusz were proud of the achievements of every student.

We are looking forward to the Little Trains excursion next Wednesday 2 December. Don't forget to bring in your permission note and \$5 by next Monday. Please put money in an envelope with your child's name and class printed clearly on the front.

Our party day note has also gone home, we will be going to Superstrike at Warners Bay and Speers Point Park. The cost is \$16.

## Stage 2

### Year 4 Swim Program

The Glendale High School swimming program, at Speers Point pool, for our Year 4 children has commenced this week. It would be a good idea if children wear their swimmers to school under their uniform. They will then be able to bring their underwear and change after they get out of the pool. They are also reminded to bring their towel, sunscreen and a rash shirt. Children are invited to bring spending money with them on Friday, to purchase a snack at the conclusion of the program.

### Recognition Assembly

Families are reminded that the Stage 2 recognition assembly will take place on Wednesday 2 December at 11:30. All students will perform an item and our Stage 2 Edgie Idol contestants will present their items. Every student will receive an award to celebrate their achievements this year.

### Party Day

Stage 2 Party Day will be held at Lambton Pool on Tuesday 15 December. A reminder that notes and payment will be due by Wednesday 9 December.

### 3P - In The Spotlight

This term, Stage 2 has been focusing on Local Government as part of HSIE. 3P are currently putting their learning into practice, forming small councils to debate topics and look at ways they can plan to meet the needs of the community. This has included nominating and voting on mayors and deputy mayors to raise topics in meetings.

As we approach the end of the year, we look forward to the many activities that are on offer for the students. Edgie Idol, Recognition Assembly, Year 6 fun day, presentation day, Carols by Candlelight, Ronowldo rewards day, and Stage 2 party day are all events that the students are excited about as we prepare to wrap up an amazing 2015.

### Surf Safe Fun Day

On Wednesday 11 November, students from Stage 2 went to Nobbys Beach to participate in a surf safe fun day. Students learned about beach safety and what it would be like to participate in a nippers program. Activities included flags, volleyball, paddleboard riding, and an obstacle course.



## Stage 3

### Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell on Tuesday December 8 is fast approaching. Thank you to all of the students who have returned their RSVP slips and payments. Any families who are yet to pay due to experiencing financial hardship, it is important they contact the school immediately.

Following the success of last year's photos, students will have their photo taken upon arrival at the Farewell, as well as have the opportunity to have group photos with their friends. Photos will then be able to be purchased for \$2 each.

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## Leadership Positions 2016

Congratulations to all Year 5 prefect applicants who presented their speeches to the school last week. All participating students presented their speeches with confidence and pride and should all be very proud of themselves. Successful applicants will be announced at Presentation Day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## Stage 3 Recognition Assembly

The annual Stage 3 Recognition Assembly will be held on Wednesday December 2 in the school hall starting at 9:30am. All Stage 3 students will receive an award from their class teacher, in a presentation that will also include some performances from some of our very talented students who competed in Edgie Idol. We would love to see as many parents there as possible.

## Year 7 2016 Glendale High School Parent Information Evening

The Glendale High School Parent Information Evening for next year's Year 7 students will be held tomorrow night, Wednesday November 25.

## Glendale High School Orientation Day

The Glendale High School Orientation Day for next year's Year 7 is on Tuesday December 1.

## Year 6 Fun Day

Year 6 students have been busy getting organised for the Year 6 Fun Day, which will be held on Thursday December 3. They are reminded it is their responsibility to provide all necessary resources and materials, as well as prizes. This is always a fun and enjoyable experience for our Year 6 students.

Students from other grades are reminded to bring coins to spend at the various stalls.

## Stage 3 Party Day

Notes and information regarding Stage 3 Party Day have been sent home. The students will be going to Intensity at Glendale for 1 hour, before watching 'The Good Dinosaur'. We will then head to McDonalds Edgeworth for lunch. All money and notes are due by Tuesday November 8 so we can inform the various venues of our numbers for catering.

## SRC - Fundraising/Charities Committee

### Hamper Donations

The Student Representative Council would like to support families in need as we approach Christmas. As a school community, we would like to ask all students to support families in need by donating items of food to create hampers. The hampers will be given to the Eastlakes/Westlakes Women's and Children Refuge.

**The SRC are asking that each grade bring in the following items if you can assist:**

**Year 6: Pasta or Pasta Sauce**

**Year 5: Packet of Biscuits (Not Chocolate)**

**Year 4: Tinned Vegetables or Tinned Soup**

**Year 3: Small Box of Cereal or Muesli Bars (No Nuts)**

**Year 2: Small Packet of Rice or Pancake Shake**

**Year 1: Tinned Spaghetti or Baked Beans**

**Kinder: Tea Bags, Small Jar of Coffee or Long Life Milk**

Please send in any donations to your child's classroom for collection by Friday 4 December.

## Ring Pull Collection

We will begin collecting ring pulls again at the start of 2016. Start saving your ring pulls now!



## PERMISSION NOTES & PAYMENTS DUE

### Early Stage 1

**Preschool Fees  
Little Trains Excursion**

### Stage 1

**Little Trains Excursion  
Stage 1 Party Day**

### Stage 2

**Stage 2 Party Day**

### Stage 3

**Dance2BFit  
Year 6 Farewell  
Stage 3 Party Day**

## Awards

### Stage 3

Ethan Wholohan, Erin Parker, Ella Harrison-Virag, Larry Quinn, Hannah Thoroughgood, Jackson Leenderts, Cameron O'Connell, Logan Roxby, Kayla Philp, Kade Youlten, Deky Giugliarelli, Harry Roskell, Kody Wyatt, Jasmyn Whyte, Cameron Bergquist, Ethan Falvey, Tommy Barber, Ryan Westwood, Ellie Taylor, Isabella McIntosh, Ashleigh Clark, Lillie Hallett, Kai Spruce Conn, Kane Gargett, Max Young, Sahid Shafie, Amelia Clarke, Summer Gairns, Daniel Mackinnon, Kayla Borrow, Di-Erin Weatherall, Braiden Cameron, William Dennis, Ayden Fajkovic, Malcolm Quinlan, Libby McGovern, Myar Jukes, Liana Harwood, Grace Randall, Maiya Tran, Damon Merrick, Mia Marks, Jack Barlow, James Dwyer



### **Movember Update**

Thank you to all of the teachers, families and students who have donated towards our Movember campaign. We have 1 week to go, and have raised nearly \$1000! If any families, students, parents or community members would still like to donate, they can either drop in a donation to the money box that will be left at the school office, or by going online to <http://moteam.co/edgies-gentlemen> All donations made online are tax deductible. We thank you for your help in changing the face of men's health.

### **P & C/CANTEEN NEWS**

#### **Christmas Hams**

Johnno's Quality Meats, Carrington Street, West Wallsend (49532955). Anyone that orders a Christmas Ham and mentions Edgeworth Public School, will receive a 10% discount and this money will come back to support our school.

**Fruit** - To encourage healthy eating in our school the canteen committee have decided to lower the price of fruit for the remainder of Term 4 to only 50 cents a piece. Please get on board and encourage our children to eat fruit.

#### **Canteen Roster 2016**

If you are currently on the roster and would like to change days, please let Jen know THIS WEEK. Also if you are unable to help us in 2016 please let Jen know. We still need help for next year. Please support if you can spare a day or any time at all.

### **School Banking Update**

The invisible ink pens from Term 2 are now running low in stock and only available until the current stock is exhausted. Please note that the last day to order rewards this year is Tuesday 1 December. Any items ordered after this date will not be received until next year. The final banking day this year will be Tuesday 8 December. Thank you for supporting the school banking program this year.

### **Edgie Idol**

Congratulations again to all 58 of our Edgie Idol Finalists for 2015. All students involved have been busy preparing their items for the Grand Final which is on Monday 30 November. The Grand Final show will be run twice on Monday, K-2 students will be invited to watch the 9:40 am show and 3-6 students will watch the 11:40 am show. Parents and community members are also invited to come and watch our wonderful talented students and may attend any show that suits.

There will be a short whole school assembly at 2:10 pm on Monday 30 November to announce the 2015 winners and hand out certificates and prizes. The winners of Edgie Idol will also perform at Presentation Day on Monday 7 December and all items will have a chance to perform at another even such as recognition assemblies or carols to showcase their talents to the wider community. Good luck to all 16 of our fabulous items. Miss McGrath and Miss Kellert.

## EDGEWORTH PS 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday 11 November our captains Emily and Tyler were fortunate to spend time interviewing a lovely lady at Hawkins Masonic Village whose family have had four generations of children attending our school. Mrs Betty Redman shared many memories of her time at Young Wallsend School as it was known in 1924 when she began school as a 6 year old. Betty was amazed to see her name and details in the School Register of Admission which is held in the library archives. Betty's mother, Elsie Harris, had attended the school which must make her one of the earliest pupils and we found Elsie's photograph in the Upper Class of 1903 in Sue Sokoloff's book *Youngy Then and Now*. Betty's own children and grandchildren also attended the school. Betty was born in August 1918 in Ridley Street and joked with us that she had come full circle, being born on the morning side of the hill and eventually dying on the evening side (but not just yet), with just a short time spent living at Speers Point. She told how her grandfather was a miner at the Young Wallsend Colliery which was situated in the paddock across the road from Ridley Street and her father was a blacksmith. She was quite a tomboy and loved to ride her horse in the paddocks around her home with all the boys. The children made their own fun with cubby houses being a favourite with the girls. Soccer was very popular in and out of school and the old game of vigaro was played for sport as well. Interestingly the soccer team colours were red and black even back then. Later dances held in the hall next to the hotel (now the car park) and at Barnsley were the way the young folk socialised and where Betty met her husband.

It is purely coincidence that we were able to spend time with Mrs Redman as Tyler's mum, Mrs Mel Neilsen, is Betty's hairdresser and learned of her connections to Edgeworth PS as they chatted while she had her hair done. As it was Remembrance Day this seemed fitting too as Betty had been born just before the end of WWI. Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Neilsen also really enjoyed listening to Betty's memories of life in Young Wallsend, especially after Mrs Mitchell stopped filming the interview and Betty relaxed. She certainly has a great sense of humour and is in such good health for 97 years of age. She is planning to come along to our Back to Edgeworth Open Day on May 14, 2016. The Edgeworth community certainly has close ties to our school and we hope that you will let all your families and friends know about our special year of celebrations in 2016 and that you can come along to some of the events we are busy planning for the year. Don't forget our fete on 27 February, the Back to Edgeworth Open Day from 10-2pm on Saturday 16 May, the anniversary dinner at Club Macquarie that evening (\$60) and our school musical in Week 10 of Term 3.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all the wonderful customers at the Scholastic Book Fair last week. With the commission the school received for your purchases, I was able to select \$1162 worth of new books for the library. A magnificent effort everyone.

Here are the winners of the Book Fair Colouring Competition. Congratulations to you all.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

**Beginning Monday  
30 November**

**Monday 30 November**  
K McCafferty, K Coulin

**Tuesday 1 December**  
B Handford, D Everson

**Wednesday 2 December**  
A Bergquist, A West

**Thursday 3 December**  
J doig, R Bromell

**Friday 4 December**  
M Chapman, C Elliott

**Beginning Monday  
7 December**

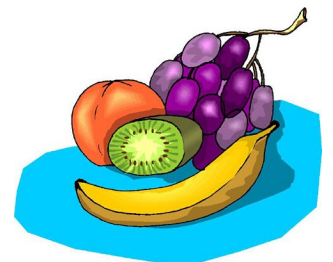
**Monday 7 December**  
M Stitt, K McIntyre

**Tuesday 8 December**  
O Standen, J Young

**Wednesday 9 December**  
L Towers, B Towers

**Thursday 10 December**  
L Mistelbauer, T Clarke

**Friday 11 December**  
G Blakeley





Now it's time for the annual hunt for those library books that have been minded at home till after we set the library up after the recent repainting and carpeting. The shelves are looking very bare so please have a good search at home and return them to the library – Ronowldo rewards offered. This week is also the last week for borrowing and books must be returned within the week (not the usual fortnight). Good news, Mrs Mitchell found the Cow chip throwing competition trophy! Mrs Mitchell

## **Sport**

### **History Made!**

Congratulations to Edgeworth PS Captain Emily Jones, who is currently competing at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. On Sunday, competing in the 4x100m Freestyle relay, Emily was part of the team that placed third, seeing Emily become the first student ever from Edgeworth PS to win a medal at the Pacific School Games. To put the enormity of the event in perspective, there are over 4000 athletes from 12 countries competing, making Emily's achievement extremely special. Overall Emily will compete in 7 events, that in itself an achievement. So far, in addition to her bronze medal winning performance, Emily has placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 12 years 50m Butterfly, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 4x50m Medley relay and 10<sup>th</sup> in the 12 years 200m Individual Medley, swimming personal bests in all 4 races so far! We look forward to hearing how Emily goes in her remaining 3 events.

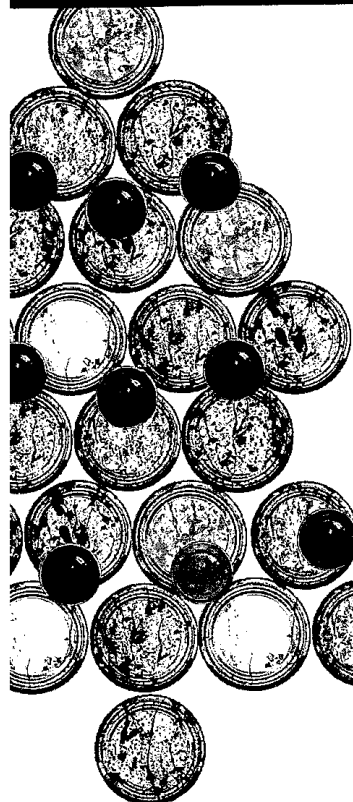


### **Knights OzTag Gala Day**

The Stage 2 and 3 LeagueTag Gala Day will take place tomorrow at Waratah Ovals, with students to arrive by 9am. A draw has been sent home today. A reminder a canteen will be operating. Please ensure your child has a hat, sun-screen, water, food and appropriate footwear (joggers or boots).

Mr Gray and Miss McGrath

## **Recycled Christmas Tree School Challenge**



**Grab your classmates  
and create a unique  
and innovative  
Christmas tree  
using only recycled  
materials.**

**Bunnings will donate a prize to  
the school with the most  
creative entry! All entries will  
be displayed in-store**

All entries will receive a Sustainability  
visit to their school in 2016.  
For more information, contact Emma  
on 49541900 or e-mail  
[glendalewhao@bunnings.com.au](mailto:glendalewhao@bunnings.com.au)

**All entries are due in store by  
Wednesday the 7th of  
December 2015**

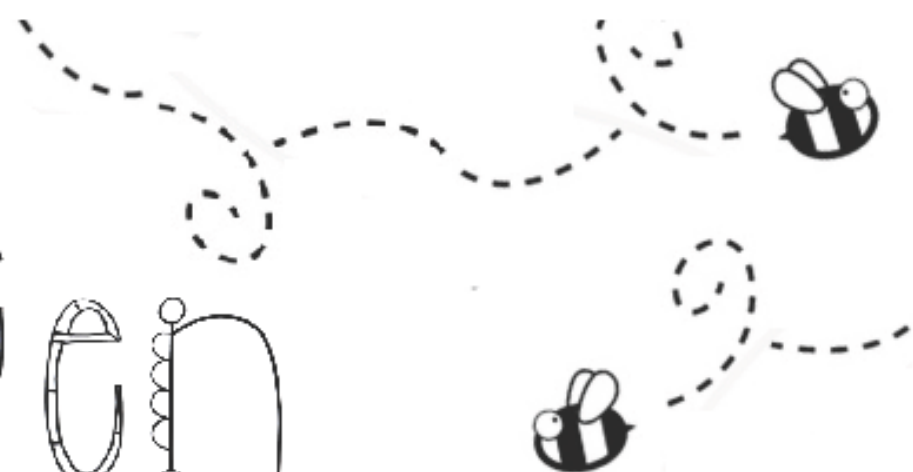
**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse

**LOWEST PRICES  
ARE JUST THE  
BEGINNING...**

Green

day

w e d n e s d a y  
D e c e m b e r 9<sup>th</sup>



**go green & dress up**  
in green coloured crazy clothes

**gold coin donation**  
to raise funds  
towards our school's  
"Edgie Veggie Garden"

**get grubby with dirt**  
and plant a tree with your class

# 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://transportnsw.info/school-students).



## **1<sup>st</sup> EDGEWORTH SCOUT GROUP CAR BOOT SALE Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 9am – 2pm Main Rd Edgeworth**

**LOTS OF STALLS** new and pre loved

**BBQ, cake stall, snow cones, fairy floss, chocolates**

**Nutrimetics, Jamerry Nails, Close to My Heart, Suka Duka Kids clothes, Newcastle Personalised Locketts, Dodgeball Clothing, I Dream of Beads, jewellery, candles and salt lamps, flowers, gifts, toys, cards, craft supplies, Christmas gift ideas, wood and glass engraving, American License plates, door mats, knick knacks and a large garage sale section....**

**Something for Everyone NOT TO BE MISSED!**



# Carols



by candlelight

## Edgeworth Public School

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015

6:00pm – 8:30pm



Entertainment

performances from special guests

Available to purchase

BBQ food & drinks  
snow cones  
coffee  
glow products  
face painting  
raffles

Photo Booth

with Christmas  
themed props  
\$2 per photo



Bring along the family,  
and a chair or blanket too.  
Join in the carols singing,  
and enjoy the night right through.