

Edgeworth Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Report Week 10 Term 4

Congratulations and farewell Mr Graham

At the end of this year we will farewell our Deputy Principal Mr Graham as he takes up a new position as Deputy Principal Avoca Beach PS commencing Term 1 2016. Mr Graham has demonstrated outstanding leadership as a member of the executive team, leader of our Learning Support Team and a major contributor to our school's strategic directions. Mr Graham is without doubt a credit to the outstanding calibre of leadership within the NSW Public Education system, he is a highly valued colleague who is deeply respected across our entire school community and the impact of his service will be a lasting legacy to Edgeworth PS. Thank you Mr Graham, everyone will sadly miss you!

Student Leaders 2016

Congratulations to our students elected into the student leadership team for 2016. School Captains: Katie Dingwall & Daniel Coverdale. School Prefects: Jameca Gill, Abbey Goodwin, Drew Martin, Brenton Bye, Lauchlyn Spicer-Douglas and Kynyn Hellyer. Students will receive their badges at a Leaders Induction Ceremony in Term 1 next year.

Thank you to our outgoing 2015 prefects and captains for their outstanding leadership and commitment to their role. They have been wonderful ambassadors for our school and should be proud of their achievements.



Carols evening

Our annual Carols by Candlelight will be held this Thursday 10 December commencing at 6.00pm. Please bring your blankets, chairs and best singing voices and join us for an evening of Christmas celebration.

Appreciation Morning tea

A morning tea celebration has been organised for Thursday 10 December at 11.00am 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, sport fields, canteen, library, and on excursions we are most fortunate to have the support of these men and women.

Upcoming Events

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
Appreciation Morning Tea 11 am

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER
Ronowldo Day

MONDAY 14 DECEMBER
Stage 1 Party Day

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER
Stage 2 & 3 Party Days

WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER
Year 6 Clap Out 2:30 pm
Last day of school for 2015

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 including stage specific details for all students K-6 will be sent out this week 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.

Changes to school crossing

Lake Macquaire City Council will be upgrading the school crossing in Oakville Road by removing the existing pedestrian refuge and installing a crossing to include kerb blisters where only one car can pass in either direction on the crossing. Additionally, the student drop-off area 'Kiss & Ride' will be extended to include the area adjacent to the school playground in Oakville Road. It is anticipated this work is completed in the school holidays prior to the start of Term 1 2016.

School Dates

The last day of school for 2015 is **WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER**. No staff will be in attendance after this date. The General Assistant and some tradesmen will be working on the school site over the holiday period however the school is closed to all other people. Your support in notifying School **Security on 1300880021** should trespasses or inappropriate activity be observed during the holiday period is greatly appreciated.

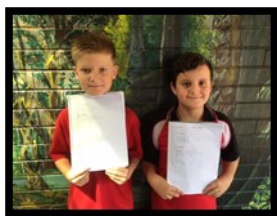
Thank you to our whole school community including staff, students, parents and community for your support and contribution to our school throughout 2015. I wish everyone a happy, peaceful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing everyone in 2016.

SCHOOL RESUMES 2016: Wednesday 27 January Years 1-6 and Tuesday 2 February Kindergarten.

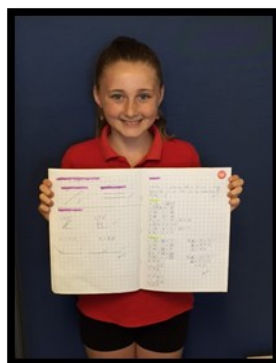
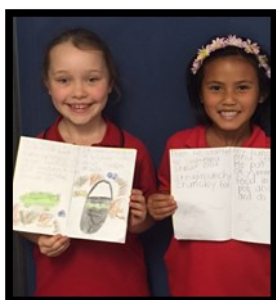
Jennifer Parke

Deputy Principal's Report

As this is my final newsletter to the Edgeworth Community as Deputy Principal I would like to acknowledge the wonderful students, staff and parents who continually demonstrate the school's values. It is with mixed emotions that I leave Edgeworth. I am excited to learn about a new school community and getting to know the students of Avoca Beach PS. I am more importantly sad at leaving Edgeworth, a school I continually promote as a public school of excellence. In my time I have had the greatest of opportunities to relieve as Principal and developed skills to one day lead a school as Principal. I wish to thank the staff and particularly the executive team for their commitment and professionalism they show to students each and everyday. I also wish to publicly thank Mrs Jennifer Parke who has supported and guided my leadership. Mrs Parke you are a public school principal of distinction. I hope all students and families enjoy their holiday. Peter Graham, Deputy Principal



Quality Student Work



LIBRARY NEWS and 20c BOOK SALE WEEK 10

Thank you to all the students who have returned books to the library and thank you to family members who have helped to search for them. Unfortunately there are still many books that are hiding somewhere. Could **Year 6 students** and **those who are not returning to Edgeworth PS** next year please try your very best to locate and return these. I have offered **an ice-block to each student in the first class to have absolutely no overdue books**. I wonder which class that will be? Class notices have been given to teachers to help remind students and I will send personal notices later in the week. Please disregard the column which says how many overdue notices have been sent as unfortunately every time I check who has books loaned to them, the computer program adds one, even though I haven't sent any notices at all!

Yes, the annual 20c book sale is on again! I have a table full of older library books that will be sold for this bargain price. Stocks are limited so the **early bird will catch the worm** - remember our chats about idioms! These will be sold near the double doors of the library before school and at lunch times till there are no books left.

125th Anniversary: More Fascinating Facts



Mrs Betty Redman with school captains, Tyler Neilsen and Emily Jones, 11 November 2015.

It really was lucky that we learned of Betty's long association over four generations with our school. Is she the oldest living pupil of Young Wallsend School?

Likewise a chance remark by Eryn and Cooper Griffiths' grandfather brought Mrs Griffiths to the library to re-search Isaac Griffiths' connection with the school. What we found was fascinating. In *Youngy Then and Now*, on the end paper and pages 14 and 15 we discovered maps and information showing that in April 1862 Isaac Griffiths bought Portion 72, 50 acres bounded by Cocked Hat Creek, Main Road, Minmi Road and what would become Oakville Road. So 153 years later, his descendants are attending school on that very same land.

How many more of these stories are out there waiting to be shared? Mrs Mitchell would love to hear from anyone in the community whose family has a long-standing connection with our school. And is there anyone who attended the school who is even older than our 97 years young Betty?

To leave a lasting reminder of your family's time at Edgeworth Public School, why not order one of our engraved commemorative pavers (\$30) which will be laid in the

Edgie Veggie Garden area to make a relaxing seating area and pathways. There is a sample paver at the front office and also a flyer and order form attached to this newsletter and also on the school website.

ELIZABETH MITCHELL

TEACHER 1985 - ?



Stage News

Preschool News



Kookaburras and Koalas have enjoyed visiting Kindergarten as part of the comprehensive Transition to School Program and during informal visits each Wednesday afternoon. Children enjoyed wearing their new uniform and ordering lunch from the canteen on Dress-Up Day.

We used literature to enhance our learning about Anti-Bullying and using brave talk. Children acted out the Three Billy Goats Gruff and made paper bag princesses. Miss Pusz also visited several times and played language games with the children. We learned about the difference between words and sounds, described ourselves and our feelings and used position vocabulary.



Koalas enjoyed the opportunity to think scientifically during the Tiny Scientists Workshop last week. The children investigated energy and movement, balance, sound, circuits and observed experiments. Kookaburras are looking forward to this wonderful experience this week.

We would like to thank our trusty volunteers who have helped us walk safely to the council library each week. Thank you to the Hearn, Streete, Spicer, Kallianan, Barlow, Rittchen-Hart, Hurry and Johnston families. Without your help we would not be able to venture outside the school gate. Thank you also to Jamuna Ganesen who has worked enthusiastically as a volunteer with the Koala group throughout the year.

Parents and carers are invited to come a little early and join us for a sing-a-long from 2.45pm on the children's last day (Thursday 10 and Tuesday 15 December). Wishing all our families a very peaceful holiday time and an exciting start to Kindergarten in 2016.

Ann Blayden

Jennifer Mitchell

Early stage 1

What an amazing year our Kindergarten students have had! They have attended two excursions, participated in the fairy tale and Easter hat parade and have had some special visitors in their classrooms including Margo from pacific smiles and some fluffy chicks from Henny Penny hatchery. The kindergarten rooms have been a delight to visit as I have always been greeted by students wanting to show off their work and reading skills. Here is a special poem that reflects the year in kindergarten.

Awards

Early Stage 1

Georgia Brooks, Kayne Gairns, Noah Hindman, Astitva Verma, Zachary Nupier, Callum Cox, Nehemiah Oto, Slade Nicholson, Indigo Gardner, Georgia Brooks, Callum Cox, Harmony Barber

Stage 1

Skye Bozic, Lanah Durham, Eva Kaminiski, Kristy Somai, Lillian Maddigan, Kayden Lees, Jake Roscoe, Jasmine Borrow, Brock Laidlaw, Jessica Xu, Aiman Zuhai-va, 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, Camden Bullen, Ella McKinlay, Ryan Wilson, Chelsie McEwan, Allegra McEwan, Oliver Bunt, Noah Towers, Taj Barton, Lucas Africa, Sienna Tabas, Rosemary Lazarus

Stage 2

Jessica Evans, Soophie Whitelaw-Stephens, Mason Rae, Shiralee Mitten, Cooper Lewis, Madison Witenden, Ella Kidston, Cameron Jeanes, Noah Hodges, Lara Cockburn, Ashleigh Barber, Jessica Evans, Katian Smith, David Pelasio, Colin Metcalfe, Madison Witenden, Reagan Simpson



K is for Kindergarten—hip, hip, hooray.
I is for imagination we use everyday.
N is for numbers—we know one, two, three.
D is for drawing, the best you can see!
E is for exercise to keep our bodies strong.
R is for reading good books all day long.
G is for good friends. We make more each day.
A is for the alphabet we know how to say.
R is for remembering everything we learned.
T is for treats that we have earned.
E is for excitement! This year we've had some.
N is for now look out world here we come!

Congratulations to all Kindergarten students on a very successful year. I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the Early Stage 1 staff. It has been a privilege to work with these extraordinary educators. They have dedicated so much time and effort to provide students with so many opportunities.

On behalf of Early Stage 1, I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe holiday! Mrs Callinan

Stage 1

Thank you to all our parents who attended our Recognition Ceremony last Tuesday - it was an extremely hot day but it was lovey to see so many parents and friends celebrating the success of their children. Just a reminder that the celebration continues on Monday with our stage party day at Speers Point Park and Superstrike. If you have not already done so, please return permission notes and money as soon as possible to your child's teacher.

Stage 1 staff would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on a busy, happy year and to wish everyone a safe, happy holiday. All the best for 2016!

Stage 2

Thank you to all of our families that attended the Stage 2 Recognition assembly, it was great to see all of our students recognised for their efforts throughout the year!

Party Day

Stage 2 Party Day will be held at Lambton Pool on Tuesday 15 December. A reminder that the final day for payment is tomorrow Wednesday 9 December.

Thank You and Happy Holidays

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful students and families for a fantastic year. We have enjoyed lots of adventures, made great progress in class and are very proud of every child's achievements. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday!

Stage 3

Stage 3 Party Day

A reminder our Stage 3 Party Day is next Tuesday. Students are reminded to be at school, in full school uniform, by 9:10am. The students will be going to Intensity at Glendale for 1 hour, before watching 'The Good Dinosaur'. We will

will go towards the Year 6 gift to the school. Thank you to all students who came and had some fun.

Year 6 Magazine

A note will be going home this week for students to order their Year 6 magazine at what will be a small cost.

Canberra 2016

A note will be going home this week for Year 5 students and families about deposits for the 2016 Canberra excursion. A deposit of \$50 can be paid prior to the end of the year, to secure your child's place on this outstanding excursion.

Thank you and happy holidays!

On behalf of all the Stage 3 teachers, we would like to thank all of the students for their efforts in 2015. We have had a wonderful year, with many happy memories and experiences. Thank you to all of the parents who have helped out during the year, or even just passed on a nice comment. Good luck to Year 6 as you head off to high school. We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays, and hope that the Christmas period is full of smiles and enjoyment, as well as a visit from Santa.

Mr Gray, Mrs Stiller, Miss Williams, Miss Kellert, Mr Ross, Mr Taylor, Miss Martin, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Haley.

EDGIE IDOL

The Edgie Idol talent quest was again a highly rewarding and valued event in 2015. With 16 items and a total of 58 students involved it was one of the best shows we have ever done! Both students and community members showed significant support and enthusiasm towards the talent quest. Congratulations to all items this year everyone did an amazing job! A special congratulations to the following items that placed-

1st- The Bomb

2nd- 8 Awesome Freaks

3rd- Lips are moving and Check Me Out

I look forward to another year of talents from EPS in 2016!

Miss McGrath and Miss Kellert

Bushfire Procedures

The WHS Committee have recently reviewed our bushfire procedures to ensure that we are prepared in an emergency. If there is an imminent risk to Edgeworth Public School from a bushfire the school will be required to activate our emergency management plan and respond accordingly. The community will be notified of any actions that the school is required to take via our Skoolbag app and ABC radio. It is important that our phone lines remain free from congestion to allow effective communication with emergency services.

SRC

SRC Fundraising Purchases

The SRC have been busy fundraising throughout the year to make positive changes in the school. The SRC purchased two Buddy Benches which will be implemented in the school at the start of 2016.

The SRC have also purchased some tomato and strawberry plants for our school gardens.



PERMISSION NOTES & PAYMENTS DUE

Early Stage 1

Preschool Fees

Stage 1

Stage 1 Party Day

Stage 2

Stage 2 Party Day

Stage 3

Stage 3 Party Day

Awards

Stage 3

Tyler Neilsen, Abbey Goodwin, Jesse Trimble, Lulani Herivel, Malcolm Quinlan, Ethan Falvey, Alex Cox, Maddison Rose, Lillie Edwards, Hayley West, Kynyn Hellyer, Tyson Robbs, Mia Cumpson, Summah Richards, Lakeisha Bailey



Hamper Donations

Thank you to everyone who supported families in need by donating Christmas hamper items. All items were delivered to the Eastlakes/Westlakes Women's and Children Refuge last week.

Ring Pull Collection

Thank you to the Egge family for delivering all our ring pulls to the Newcastle Ronald McDonald House on behalf of Edgeworth Public School. We will begin collecting ring pulls again at the start of 2016. Start saving your ring pulls now!



EDGEWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP - SHOP OPENING HOURS TERM 1 2016

JANUARY

Thursday 7th – 9.30am till 12.30pm, Thursday 14th – 9.30am till 12.30pm, Thursday 21st – 9.30am till 12.30pm, Thursday 28th – 8.30am till 9.30am.

FEBRUARY

Monday 1st – 8.30 – 9.30am, Tuesday 2nd – 2.30 till 3.30pm, Thursday 4th – 8.30 till 9.30am, Monday 8th – 8.30 – 9.30am, Tuesday 9th – 2.30 till 3.30pm, Thursday 11th – 8.30 till 9.30am, Monday 15th 8.30 – 9.30am, Tuesday 16th – 2.30 till 3.30pm, Thursday 18th – 8.30 till 9.30am, Monday 22nd – 8.30 – 9.30am, Tuesday 23rd – 2.30 till 3.30pm, Thursday 25th – 8.30 till 9.30am.

MARCH

Tuesday 1st – 2.30 till 3.30pm, Thursday 3rd – 8.30 till 9.30am, Tuesday 8th – 2.30 till 3.30pm, Thursday 10th – 8.30 till 9.30am, Tuesday 15th – 2.30 till 3.30pm, Thursday 17th – 8.30 till 9.30am, Tuesday 22nd – 2.30 till 3.30pm, Thursday 24th – 8.30 till 9.30am, Tuesday 29th – 2.30 till 3.30pm, Thursday 31st – 2.30 till 3.30pm.

APRIL

Tuesday 5th 2.30 till 3.30pm, Thursday 7th – 8.30 till 9.30am.

ANY QUESTIONS – JENNY GORDON 0439-472-902 or email skooluniforms168@gmail.com.

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.

Knights OzTag Gala Day

On Wednesday November 25, the Stage 2 and 3 Edgeworth PS OzTag teams took part in the Knights OzTag Gala Day. Our Stage 2 team, the Edgeworth Chargers, had a successful day, winning 3 out of their 4 matches. For our Stage 3 teams, the Edgeworth Blues were the most dominant team on display, winning all 4 of their matches by an average score of 9 tries to 1, whilst our Edgeworth Warriors had 2 wins, a draw and a loss. Overall every student had lots of fun and enjoyment, which was the main aim of the day.

2015 Sports Awards

Congratulations to the following students who won our 2015 Sports Awards at yesterday's Presentation Day:

Year 3: Kate West and Cooper Griffiths

Year 4: Sukontha Vaenkwaen and Sam Jones

Year 5: Georgia Chapple and Lauchlyn Spicer-Douglas

Year 6: Emily Jones and Beau Walker

PSC Medal: Daniel Coverdale

Our Edgeworth Public School Sporting Hall of Fame was also unveiled. Students who make a Hunter PSSA or NSW PSSA team will have their name added to our new honour board. Those who gain NSW selection will also have their photo mounted and be inducted into our Hall of Fame. Our inaugural inductees were former students Mathew Smith (2012) and Jacob Snowball (2012), along with current school captain Emily Jones.

Playground Games Leaders

Congratulations and thank you to all of our Playground Games Leaders for your efforts in 2015. It was a successful program overall, and taking in feedback from teachers and students, we will be making the program even more effective in 2016.

Congratulations to all students across the school on your efforts in sport in 2015. We look forward to another very successful 2016. Mr Gray and Miss McGrath

CANTEEN ROSTER

Beginning Monday

Beginning Monday

Ulinga Netball Club
Cross Street Cardiff South 2285
C/: 8/117 Minmi Rd Wallsend 2287
Mob: 0423 323 393

Registrations for the 2016 winter netball competition will be held on Saturday 30.1.16 10-12pm at Ulinga Netball Courts, Cross Street Cardiff South.

Prices are: 5-10 years \$182

11 - 17 years \$190

Senior \$220

Uniforms are to be purchased through the netball shop online at a cost of \$75.

For more information please contact the club on 0423 323 393 or our facebook page.



Green day

Wednesday
December 9th



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

Carols

by candlelight

Edgeworth Public School

Thursday 10th December 2015

6:00pm - 8:30pm



Entertainment

performances from special guests



Photo Booth
with Christmas
themed props
\$2 per photo

Available to purchase

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



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



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