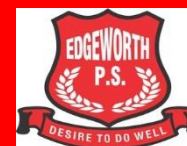




# Edgeworth Public School



## Upcoming Events

### **Term 4**

#### **Tuesday 5 December**

Year 6 Orientation

Stage 1 Recognition Assembly

9:30am

ES1 Recognition Assembly

11:45 am

#### **Wednesday 6 December**

Stage 3 Recognition Assembly

9:30am

Stage 2 Recognition Assembly

11:45am

Ronowldo Day ES1 & Stage 1

#### **Thursday 7 December**

Carols 5.30 pm

#### **Friday 8 December**

Ronowldo Day Stage 2 & 3

#### **Monday 11 December**

Presentation Assembly 9.30am

#### **Tuesday 12 December**

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

#### **Wednesday 13 December**

ES1 Party Day

Stg 1 Party Day

Breakfast Club Special

Breakfast \$1

#### **Thursday 14 December**

Stg 3 Party Day

Stg 2 Party Day

#### **Friday 15 December**

Yr 6 Clap Out 2.45pm

## **Term 4 Week 8 2017**

### *Principal Report*

With only 3 weeks to go teachers are busy working on reports, end of year celebrations and planning for 2018. We have a lot to share...

### **Reports**

This semester we have returned to our Sentral reporting system. The Department of Education are soon to release a new Reporting Policy and the trial for the reporting format used in Semester 1 provided us with an opportunity for feedback on a different reporting structure. For Semester 2 you will be informed of your child's progress, providing you with a grade and a ranking for application across all Key Learning Areas, as well as a comment for English, Mathematics and a general comment.

### **Staffing**

We will have a number of changes to our staff in 2018. Our Principal, Jennifer Parke has declared her retirement and the process is underway to appoint a new Principal to commence at the start of 2018. We also congratulate Kristy Bone, who will be leaving us after being successful at interview at Valentine PS as an Assistant Principal. Michelle Drummond was also successful in an appointment as a permanent classroom teacher at Wallsend PS. Courtney Emerton and Brianna Darcy have also accepted temporary contracts at other schools. Michelle Rawson will also join the staff at Elmore Vale PS as a Learning Support Officer. We thank each of these highly valued members of our staff for their contributions to our school, they will all be missed.

### **Classes 2018**

Teachers are working extremely hard on class formation for 2018. In previous years students have been given the opportunity to select 3 friends that they could be placed in a class with. We have made the decision to move away from this process as it often creates issues and an imbalance across classes. Teachers will use their professional judgment and take into consideration academic ability, behaviour and parent/carer requests (though no guarantees are given) when forming classes.

Due to our numbers there will be some composite classes next year and would like to take this opportunity to remind the community that outcomes are taught within stages and that each child's learning is differentiated to meet their learning needs, regardless of their academic year.

### Family, Friends and Community Members Helpers Morning Tea

A family, friends and community members morning tea will be held on Thursday 7 December to thank those that have supported our school during 2017. If you have helped out in the canteen, scripture classes, in classrooms or on excursions please join us outside the library for refreshments at 11:10.

Rebecca Baird

## Stage News

### Early Stage 1

Our party day will be held Wednesday 13 December at the Edgeworth Little Trains. Please make sure permission notes and money are returned by Wednesday 6 December. After our adventures at the trains, students will enjoy a pizza lunch.

Early Stage One's Recognition Assembly will be held Tuesday 5 December at 12 o'clock in the school hall. Year 1 students from K/1D will be receiving their awards at this assembly.

*Claire Callinan*

### Stage 1

#### Stage 1 Party Day Excursion

Stage 1 Party Day is fast approaching and will take place on Wednesday 13 December. **The cost of this excursion is \$20 and notes and money are due by Wednesday 29 November.** No late payments can be accepted. We will be travelling by bus to Event Cinemas Glendale where students will receive a movie combo (popcorn and drink) and watch the movie 'Ferdinand'. We will then be having a picnic lunch at Speers Point Park before heading back to school. We look forward to an exciting day to celebrate the end of the year.

#### Stage 1 Recognition Assembly

The Stage 1 Recognition Assembly will be held on Tuesday 5 December at 9:30 am in our school hall. All students will be presented with a certificate and all parents/carers are welcome to attend.

#### Carols

The Edgeworth Public School Carols is on Thursday 7 December. We would love to see as many families in attendance as possible.

#### Swim School

Well done to the Year 2 and Year 3 students that participated in a successful 2 week swim school program at Charlestown Swimming Pool. They were all involved in practising water safety skills according to their ability level and finished the program learning some basic pool rescues. Miss Campton and Mrs Johnson were very impressed with the overall level of enthusiasm and behaviour from the students. **Thank you to Miss Campton, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Bramley for their hard work in organising such a fantastic experience for the students.**

### Stage 2

Our Stage 2 Recognition Assembly will be held Wednesday 6 December at 11:40 am. 2/3P will ALL be recognised at this assembly.

Party day is Thursday 14 December. Please make sure you bring back your note and money.

### Stage 3

#### End of the year fast approaching

With under 3 weeks to go, the year is quickly coming to a close. We still have a number of exciting events to come (see list below), and whilst it is a fun and exciting time, standards and expectations of students behaviour remains the same. We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

#### Stage 3 Party Day

A reminder that money for our Stage 3 Party Day is due by this Thursday. No late payments will be accepted. Money for Movie Combo and McDonalds is to be given to classroom teachers.

#### Stage 3 Events

- Year 6 Fun Day on Tuesday November 28
- Stage 3 Party Day money due Thursday November 30
- Year 6 High School Orientation on Tuesday December 5 (all day)
- Stage 3 Recognition Assembly on Wednesday December 6 (9:30am)
- Carols on Thursday December 7 (5:30pm)
- Presentation Day on Monday December 11 (9:30am)
- Year 6 Farewell on Tuesday December 12 (5:30pm)
- Stage 3 Party Day on Thursday December 14 (all day)

#### Year 6 Yearbook

Our annual Year 6 Yearbook, designed by our students and brilliantly put together by MSP Photography, will be available for sale from next Monday for \$10. The cost of this magazine has been highly subsidised by our PACER Canberra money. The \$10 can be given to class teachers. Please note there is only 1 magazine per child.

#### 2018 Canberra Expression of Interest

An expression of interest note for our 2018 Canberra excursion went home today. If your child intends on attending our Canberra trip, can you please return the EOI by Friday. This will help us get an idea of numbers attending, which will affect the final cost of the trip. Once we are able to do this, we will get information out for this amazing excursion, including the final cost, and deposits can begin to be paid.

### *PBL Corner*

This fortnight in our PBL lessons we are focusing on 'Being flexible in times of change' and 'Being safe'.

#### Playground:

Each week six students are drawn at assembly to receive a prize for demonstrating our school values in the playground. These students have been spotted by teachers on playground duty for making positive contributions, receiving a green Ronowldo card which then gets placed in the PBL letter boxes and could be drawn out at our weekly assemblies.

#### Classroom:

Throughout the term students earn Ronowldos and Dojos in the classroom for being **respectful, responsible and engaged learners**. Each child can use these Ronowldos to vote for the end of term reward they would like to participate in.

**K-2-** Waterfun afternoon, choose your own sport session, free iceblock

**3-6-** Waterfun afternoon, free time for a session, free slushie

**The reward that has earned the most points for K-2 and 3-6 is Waterfun afternoon. This term's Ronowldo Rewards Day will run over two days in Week 9.**

**K-2 Reward Day- Wednesday 6 December**

**3-6 Reward Day- Friday 8 December**

A permission note for the waterfun afternoon will go home on Wednesday.

**Please Note:** for students to participate in this reward, the permission slip **MUST** be returned. There is **NO** cost.

## *P & C News*

Thank you to everyone that has supported our P & C during 2017. Over the year we have fundraised through Mothers and Fathers day stalls, Pie Drive, coloured day in our canteen, Calender Art, Woollies Earn and Learn, McDonalds Fun Night, Captain Underpants Movie Night and our Carols night BBQ is still to come.

This year P&C have donated back to support our children by way of End of Year Presentation Awards (\$3000), PSSA sporting donations and a new canteen oven.

We have a number of parents leaving P&C this year and with them, their support, so please think about becoming a member of our P&C. 2018 is a perfect time to attend our meetings and see what we're all about and give us some fresh ideas on how we can continue to raise money for our sporting field upgrade, for all the children to enjoy.

Meetings are held on Weeks 4 and 8 each term at 6:30 pm in the staffroom. We try and keep meetings to 1½ hours, and everyone is welcome.

## *Canteen Roster 2017*

<b>Week 9 Term 4</b>				
<b>Monday 4 December</b>	<b>Tuesday 5 December</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 December</b>	<b>Thursday 7 December</b>	<b>Friday 8 December</b>
K McCafferty K. Coulin	L. Towers	C. O'Meley T. Mackey	K. Schwetz J. Dafter	C. Elliott J. Hicks C. McFadyen
<b>Week 10 Term 4</b>				
<b>Monday 11 December</b>	<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	<b>Wednesday 13 December</b>	<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	<b>Friday 15 December</b>
M. Stitt	J. Young J. Spicer	M. Thouroughgood S. Barlow	D. Everson	K. Martin M. Whyte J. Strang

Also, a volunteer is urgently needed to help out on Thursday 30 November.

## *Canteen News*

As we get closer to the end of the year, the Canteen may run out of some items. An updated list will be kept outside the Canteen but we currently still have everything available.

We have a number of helpers leaving as their youngest child heads off to high school, leaving vacancies for 2018. If you can offer a day (or even half), once a term, please contact Jenny or the school. Bring a friend or meet a new one, have a great day, and a FREE lunch, with the added bonus of seeing your child smiling back at you, when they come to visit you. In preparation for 2018, I will soon commence coordinating next year's roster, so if you can spare some time and would like to be included, please let me know. Thank you.

## *Sport*

### **NSW PSSA Cricket**

Congratulations to Sam Jones (5/6G) who competed at the NSW PSSA Cricket Carnival last week in Orange. This was Sam's third Hunter PSSA team for 2017, and he again represented Hunter with distinction. Sam was one of

Hunter's best players, leading them into the semi-finals in a match winning innings on Day 2, before top scoring and being their top player in their semi-final loss to eventual winners CIS. Sam narrowly missed out on NSW selection, however left the carnival having played some outstanding cricket and proud of his achievements.



Mr Gray and Mrs Emerton

## *General Notices*

Recently, Sophie & Charlotte Barlow travelled to the South Pacific for a family cruise. Before leaving Edgeworth Public School gave many school items to be donated to a school just a boat ride away from Mystery Island. Donated items were: Scissors, exercise books, home reading books and water colour paints. Sophie and Charlotte bought lead pencils to add to the collection.

The school is Anelcachat Primary with 170 students. The Principal at Anelcachat is Ben, he was born on the island. The next village is Umej, which is remote and a 3 hour walk, they have approximately 50 students. The other school is Port Patrick and it has approximately 50 students, this school is also remote and an 8 hour walk from the main school Anelcachat. Umej and Port Patrick Schools are so remote they have no power, no roads, cars or phones.

The school was closed for the summer holidays the day the girls went, so we organised with the cruise ship to deliver the books to Anelcachat primary.



# Carols



by candlelight

## Edgeworth Public School

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

5:30pm – 8:30pm



### Entertainment

performances from special guests



### Photo Booth

with Christmas  
themed props  
\$2 per polaroid  
\$1 per phone selfie

### Available to purchase

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



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



# BaRK

## Building Reading Confidence for Kids

Dogs are great listeners! Children enjoy an environment of unconditional acceptance and emotional support. Our animal assisted reading program removes stress and peer pressure for the reluctant reader and BaRK makes reading fun.

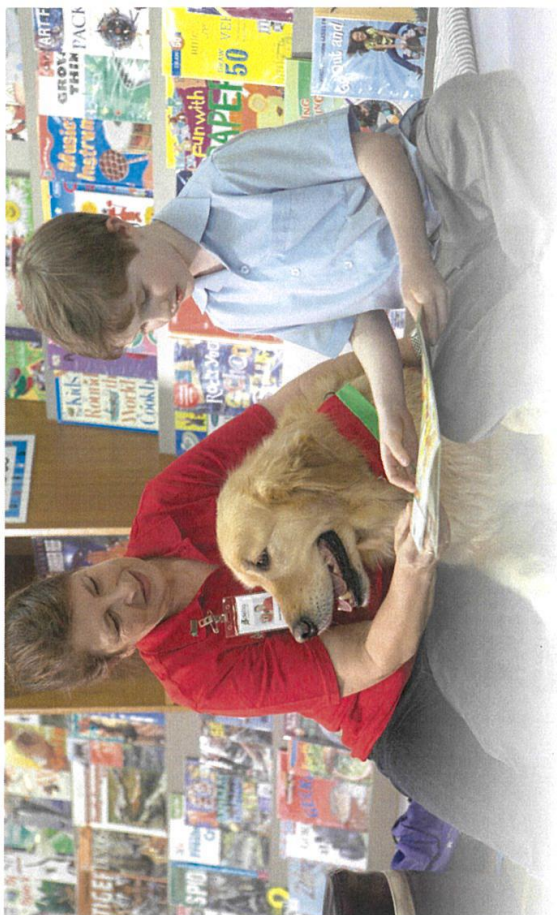


### What is BaRK and where is it offered?

BaRK is a free eight-week program run during school terms, that allows children to practice reading on a one-to-one basis to a trained therapy dog. Each session is fifteen minutes. Families must commit to the full eight-week program. The dog's trainer will sit near-by to assist the child if needed. BaRK is available at various Lake Mac Libraries. Please contact 4945 2452 for more details.

### How does BaRK encourage reluctant readers to read?

A bond is encouraged between child and dog by having the same child read to the same dog each week. The dog allows children to gain confidence and self esteem by providing his/her love and attention in an atmosphere free of criticism. The dogs in the BaRK program love to listen. Such an environment allows children to feel less self-conscious because dogs don't worry if a child stutters or mispronounces a word.



### What type of students?

The BaRK program is beneficial to all children struggling with their reading. This confidence building program also benefits children who lack self esteem or who are shy. Any primary aged children experiencing difficulty in reading may be nominated for the program by a teacher or parent.

### BaRK Dogs are trained by Delta Society

BaRK dogs are trained through the Delta Therapy Dogs Program. This program involves temperament testing of dogs and training the volunteers to become pet partner teams. Volunteers and their Delta Therapy Dogs also visit hospitals and nursing homes. The dog trainer will also have completed a working with children check.



# Application details (for primary aged children)

Name of person nominating \_\_\_\_\_

Child's relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of person nominating child \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's school \_\_\_\_\_ Child's school year \_\_\_\_\_

Child's address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child's legal guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Can this child/family commit to an eight-week reading program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which of the following books does the child currently read? ☐ Picture  
☐ Beginner readers  
☐ Chapter books

Does this child find reading frustrating? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the child a beginner reader? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does this child have any allergies to dogs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does this child like dogs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does this child feel nervous in the presence of dogs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does this child have any learning or physical disabilities that we should be aware of?

\_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to any Lake Mac Library  
or email [lakelibraries@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lakelibraries@lakemac.nsw.gov.au)