Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4, an 11 week term which I’m sure will move fast with the extensive number of activities and programs scheduled across all classes K-6. To ensure all parents are prepared well in advance, stage leaders will be sending out notes detailing required information.

Staffing Updates
This term we welcome back Mrs Chapman who is on 3/4O with Mrs Jenkins Choice. Mrs Baird is Relieving Assistant Principal while Mr Edwards continues on leave. Mr Howard Pont has been appointed General Assistant through merit selection and will commence duty next week.

P&C
Thank you to our P&C who have generously supported the purchase of netball uniforms in readiness for the 2015 season and a variety of resources for all classes from Preschool to year 6. The financial support of the P&C is testament to the time and effort members contribute to ensure the success of the fundraising activities and canteen sales achieved through the efforts of our dedicated volunteers.

School Art Gallery
A gallery of art work has been established in the school foyer to showcase the creative talents of our students. One art piece has been selected from each grade P-6 and will be on display until mid term. Congratulations to: Kenadee Dunn, Tara Stitt, Tayla Spicer Kai Spruce-Conn, Jacob Martin, Luke Mudd, Zhakri Shafie, Mitchell Jeffries, N ate Cox and Kayla Borrow whose work has been selected for the first exhibition. I encourage parents of these students to call in to the office to view the work.

Road Safety
The second in our series of road safety articles is included in this newsletter. Please take the time to reinforce this information with children to ensure clear messages are conveyed which support movement before and after school around our heavy traffic areas.

Grandparents Day
This year Grandparents Day will be celebrated with an assembly and picnic lunch on Friday 7 November. Like previous years the event is to recognise and celebrate the valuable contribution grandparents play in society and I hope a record number of grandparents are able to attend. Activities commence at 11.30am.

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.
Application for Selective High Schools 2016
Information booklets are now available on request for parents applying for Year 7 entry of students to selective high schools in 2016. Applications can be made online between 14 October 2014 and 17 November 2014. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on 12 March 2015.

Congratulations
Congratulations to our Rugby Under 10’s team who won the Hunter competition on Monday under the directions of Mr Gray. A top effort, and obviously good preparation for more senior roles in the future.

Jennifer Parke

Deputy Principal Report
Attendance
Welcome back to a busy and exciting Term 4! It is a timely reminder to communicate to all parents and carers the mandatory obligations for student attendance in school.

* School commences at 9.10am and students are expected to arrive at school prior to the 9.10 am bell.
* If students arrive prior to 8.45am they are to wait in the COLA area until a supervised teacher arrives for duty.
* If your child is away you must notify the school within 7 days of the reason for absence.
* You can notify the school in writing, a phone call, email or using the Skoolbag App.

I will be leading the Learning Support Team this term to focus on student attendance looking closely at the number of absences for each and every child to ensure students are attending school and achieving success.

Attendance Tip # 4 Be firm!
You are the parent and kids need to feel secure in thinking Mum and Dad always mean what they say! Don’t say things if you can or won’t do it. Kids have plenty of friends but they have only one Mum or Dad. Being a parent is much more important, more special and much harder than trying to be a friend.

Quality Work
This week students from 1OT proudly displayed their recount writing. This was the first time Siena, Mia, Jess and Patrick had used a plan for their writing and their teacher as well as Mr Graham was most impressed.
New AECG
The AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) is a local group of committed indigenous members who work collaboratively with the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the benefits of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. An establishment meeting will be held encompassing the West Wallsend, Edgeworth, Glendale, Warners Bay and Cardiff areas. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 October at 5.30pm in the Cultural Room of Glendale Technology High School. All parents, cares and community members are encourage to attend. Please RSVP Melinda Brown on 0475 029 630 or email Melinda.brown@aecg.nsw.edu.au
All indigenous students received an individual invite last week.

Getting organised for Term 4
Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z's monthly planners. They're easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child's bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. [http://bit.ly/UbmtQz8](http://bit.ly/UbmtQz8)

Motivating “laid-back” children
Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical? Find out more: [http://bit.ly/1s5TNSZ](http://bit.ly/1s5TNSZ)

Lunch box ideas
Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. [http://bit.ly/qsfDOE](http://bit.ly/qsfDOE)

Peter Graham
Deputy Principal

Edgie Idol
Edgie Idol will start in Week 2, Term 4.

Monday Week 2 - Early Stage 1
Monday Week 3 - Stage 1
Monday Week 4 - Stage 2
Monday Week 5 - Stage 3
Monday Week 6 - Make up auditions

Students are welcome to watch for an entry fee of 50 cents per performance. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 may use vocal accompanied music. Stages 2 and 3 instrumental accompaniment only.

If you have any questions please contact Miss McGrath.

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.
Welcome back Early Stage 1 students to an exciting and action packed Term 4! This term Kindergarten will be learning all about the wonders of the Deep Blue Sea. Parents can support student’s learning on this fascinating topic with visits to the council library, the beach and watching movies/documentaries together with their children.

Kindergarten 2015 begin the first of their 4 transition sessions this week from 9:30 am - 11:00 am. The fourth session, on November 5 is a special Teddy Bears’ Picnic involving Kindergarten 2014, Kindergarten 2015 and our current Year 5 students. All students are asked to bring their special teddy.

Upcoming events include an excursion to the Little Trains on December 3 and Christmas Carols on December 4.

Early Stage 1 Kindergarten Yellow assembly has been postponed until Friday 31 October in Week 4 due to teacher professional learning.

Early Stage 1 teachers look forward to an exciting and rewarding term with Kindergarten!

Stage 1 have had a great start to the term. Next week Year 2 are going to The Wizard of Ox production at the Hunter School of Performing Arts. Could all notes and money please be handed in by the end of the week.

After an exciting end to Term 3 with the Musical, the children have returned settled and ready to finish off the year with hard work and celebrations. We welcome back Mrs Chapman from maternity leave, who along with Mrs Jenkins will share the teaching responsibilities for 3/4O, following the departure of Mrs O’Neill. Miss Stiller will also return this week from Long Service Leave.

This term will see a very busy time both in and outside the classroom. Students will study units of work ‘Who Will Buy’ and ‘Products and Services’, while also being busy with completing literacy and mathematics programs. This term will also be a time for lots of assessments to ascertain students progress, in preparation for reports that will go home at the end of the year.

Term 4 is also full of events including: Year 4 swim school, surf fun safety day, Edgie Idol and lots more. A full calendar of events will go home this week for families to keep track of activities and expenses that will be coming up.

As the current Relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 2, I would like to encourage parents to contact the school to make an appointment to speak to me, if you have any questions or concerns involving Stage 2 children.

I look forward to a great term and finishing off the year with lots of exciting activities! Mrs Rebecca Baird

Welcome back to a very busy term. Dance 2 B Fit commences tomorrow for Year 6 students. Students are reminded to bring their permission notes and money in.

Year 6 students are asked to bring in/email/send on USB drive, photos of themselves growing up. Mr Gray will be putting a power point presentation together for our Year 6 Farewell and assembly. Please send them in marked with the name of class of the student, by the end of October.
Stage 3 fundraising day ice cream day - On Tuesday 21 October Stage 3 will be holding a fundraising ice cream day!! Ice creams will be available at recess and lunch for a bargain price of $1. Stage 3 children are asked to bring in toppings eg sprinkles etc.

Yakka Day - Stage 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have been invited to attend a career related learning day this Friday, 17 October. Yakka Day provides young people the chance to TRY-A-SKILL, to learn more about various occupations by attempting some of the skills used in particular jobs. The day will be held at Hunter Stadium, Broadmeadow. Last day for money and permission notes is Wednesday 15 October.

Prefects 2015 - Nomination forms were sent home last week. Students are minded that the forms are to be returned by Friday Week 3.

West Wallsend High School Primary Science Competition - Last term, Stage 3 students participated in the Primary Science Competition run by West Wallsend High School and received some fantastic results. Congratulations also to Ava Elliott (5/6K) and Hayley Van Leeuwarden (5/6K) who received Distinctions and came equal third. Edgeworth Public School students were awarded a large number of Merit, Credit and Distinction certificates. Well done to all students who participated in the competition and tried their best.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Plan your trip to school so you can use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Year 2 Wizard Of Oz Excursion - Tickets are selling fast. Please return notes and $20 to confirm your child’s place as there re limited tickets available.

ICAS - Mathematics - Congratulations to Zayed Affan (3/40) who received a Distinction in the 2014 University of New South Wales Mathematics ICAS Competition. Well done to all students who participate. Miss Kellert

SCHOOL DISCO - THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER
Theme: Rainbow colours - come as bright as you can wearing fun, loud clothes and glow items

Prizes for best dressed, best dance and teacher’s favourite pick.

Cost: $4.00 each

Session Times: Kindergarten - Year 2 - 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm
Year 3 to Year 6 - 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

ALL children MUST be dropped off and picked up by an adult. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the disco with your child.

Glow items for sale. Drinks, chips and lollies will be available for sale on the night.

Volunteers needed - please text Megan 0402515070 if you can offer assistance for 1 or both sessions.
Sport
The end of Term 3 and beginning of Term 4 has seen a number of boys and girls represent Edgeworth PS in a variety of gala days.

Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day
The Stage 3 Crossroads Zone Touch Football Gala Day was held on the last Friday of Term 3 at Newcastle Harness Track. In a gala day promoting fun, fitness and participation, both the girls and boys teams played 4 round robin matches each. Their first match was against Glendore PS. The boys opened the day with a 7-0 win, before the girls then took the field claiming a 6-0 victory. Edgeworth’s next match was against Elermore Vale PS. The boys team played well winning 6-2, after which the girls played out an exciting 5-5 draw. Round 3 was against Maryland PS. In a fantastic game of touch football, a try by Andrew with 30 seconds remaining saw Edgeworth win 3-2. The girls then played valiantly before going down 3-1. Edgeworth’s last games were against Cardiff North PS. The boys won their match 11-1 while the girls finished the day with an 8-2 victory. All of the boys and girls had a wonderful time and played in the right spirit, whilst at the same time displaying a high level of skill and athleticism, even more so with tries celebrated with cartwheels, back flips and front flips! Thank you to Lauchlyn Spicer-Douglas who was our school’s referee, doing a brilliant job, and to all of the parents who came and cheered on both teams.

Girls team - Megan Clark, Tiarna Van Leeuwarden, Hayley Van Leeuwarden, Nataliya Brisbane, Aimee Maughn, Ava Elliott, Taylah Austin, Amber Hillier, Chloe Hillier, Tahni Kilroy, Olivia Childs, Mia Pearson, Emily Griffiths, Brianna Connolly.


Girls -
Edgeworth PS 6 (Megan 3, Aimee, Nataliya, Tiarna tries) def Glendore PS 0
Edgeworth PS 5 (Megan 3, Ava, Aimee tries) drew Elermore Vale PS 5
Edgeworth PS 1 (Megan try) def by Maryland PS 3
Edgeworth PS 8 (Nataliya 2, Aimee 2, Megan 2, Tiarna, Olivia tries) def Cardiff North PS 2

Boys -
Edgeworth PS 7 (Durrahn 2, Blake, Andrew, Jye, Josh, Tuveia tries) def Glendore PS 0
Edgeworth PS 6 (Andrew 2, Jeremy, Tuveia, Josh, Durrahn tries) def Elermore Vale PS 2
Edgeworth PS 3 (Andrew 3 tries) def Maryland PS 2

Edgeworth PS 11 (Jye 2, Durrahn 2, Andrew 2, Braydon, Mason, Lachlan Tuveia, Braith tries) def Cardiff North PS 0
Jarrod Mullen Cup Finals Day
The Edgeworth PS Rugby League team competed in the Jarrod Mullen Cup Finals Day on Wednesday October 8 at Croudace Bay. Edgeworth’s first match was against Hamilton South PS. In a see-sawing match, a try in last 30 seconds to Hamilton South saw them win 12-8. Edgeworth’s next match was against a very strong St Paul’s Rutherford, who won 16-0. Edgeworth responded with their best game yet, defeating Charlestown South PS 8-0. Their last match was against Tanilba Bay PS. Unfortunately two lapses in concentration hurt the team, and despite dominating the game, went down 8-4, to finish 7th in the competition. The team had the opportunity to meet Jarrod Mullen and have a chat and some photos with him.

Edgeworth PS 8 (Daniel, Heath tries) def Hamilton South PS 12
Edgeworth PS 0 def by St Paul’s Rutherford 16
Edgeworth PS 8 (Beau 2 tries) def Charlestown South PS 0
Edgeworth PS 4 (Daniel try) def by Tanilba Bay PS 8

NSW Rugby Hunter Under 10 7s
On Monday October 13, Edgeworth PS entered the NSW Rugby Hunter Under 10 7s rugby competition at Maitland. For a majority of the team it was their first experience playing rugby union. Edgeworth’s first match was against St Paul’s Rutherford, with the team playing some exciting rugby to win 30-10. Edgeworth won their next match in scrappy fashion against Soldiers Point PS 10-0, before defeating a competitive St Phillip’s Cessnock 20-10. This saw Edgeworth move in to the final, again against St Phillip’s. Edgeworth completely dominated the match, winning 10-0, to be crowned the first ever winners of the NSW Rugby Hunter Under 10s competition, completing a special double for Edgeworth PS, after the Seniors were also crowned Hunter Champions in 2014. Georgia Chapple was selected by the team as Player of the Final.

Team- Lauchlyn Spicer-Douglas, Daniel Coverdale, Georgia Chapple, Jack Hillier, Sam Jones, Liam Matthews, Jerome Weatherall, Jake Hodgins, Kai Spruce-Conn, Loghan Douglas, Will Smith, Braith Park, Coby Forrest (injured).

Edgeworth PS 30 (Sam 2, Daniel 2, Georgia, Kai tries) def St Paul’s Rutherford 10
Edgeworth PS 10 (Daniel, Georgia tries) def Soldiers Point PS 0
Edgeworth PS 20 (Lauchlyn, Daniel, Jake and Kai tries) def St Phillip’s Cessnock 10

FINAL- Edgeworth PS 10 (Lauchlyn, Daniel tries) def St Phillip’s Cessnock 0
Summer Sports Gala Day
The Crossroads Summer Sports Gala Day will be held at Federal Park on Friday October 24 (week 3). Students from Stages 2 and 3 have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports. Students will be trying out during sport time for T-Ball (Stage 2 girls), softball (Stage 3 girls), Milo cricket (Stage 2 boys) and cricket (Stage 3 boys). Notes will be distributed to students once teams have been selected. Mr Gray and Miss McGrath

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 have special needs.