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.
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Staff Development Day
School holidays commence on Monday 14 April and conclude on Friday 25 April. The first day of Term 2 is a Staff Development Day and students return on Tuesday 29 April.

Our Staff Development Day focuses on Aboriginal Education where staff will engage in Aboriginal culture, visiting local Aboriginal sites including Mount Sugarloaf and later develop an Aboriginal Action Plan for our school. Please advise the school office staff if you would like to participate. Only parents can be accommodated.

Technology Upgrade
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Term 1 Assembly
Whole school assemblies are conducted twice a term on the Friday of Week 5 and 10. Our end of term assembly will be held at 11.30am on Friday 4 April. Various group items will be showcased and a number of awards will be presented to students. All parents, families and friends are most welcome to attend.

School Council AGM
Our School Council will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 6th May at 7pm in the school staffroom. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in the new term.

Jennifer Parke

Library News
Congratulations to the four children who completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge in March: Tiana Mundine, Summer Gairns, Ben Allsop and Dina Iliopoulos and thank you to the parents who have supported the children with their challenge. This will be the last week for the 20c Book Sale. We are open in the morning on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and each lunchtime plus after school if you are quick! There are still lots of books available.

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)
To finish our term on a positive note, we are asking all students to dress in Pink on our last day of term—Friday, 11th April to celebrate Respect at Edgeworth School. This week students are receiving Pink Star Cards for demonstrating respect. A special draw will occur on Monday, 7th April.

Awards

Early Stage 1
Patrick Kiason, Hayley Jeanes, Jayla Stoimenoff, Ella Rose, Paige Dembrey, Sophie Dorsett, Thomas Iliopoulos, Zoe Dickason

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Flynn Gibson, Aiman Zuhaina, Will Pennington, Chelsea Elvidge, Indiana Kilroy, Luke Smith, Ayannah Youlten, Kai Godwin, Kya Faith, Shinnikah Weatherall, Regan Towill, Jade Mamone, Lilli Salzmann, Emma Linhart, Kyah Hodges, Brock Chapple, Cayden Berbatovci, Cooper Truebody, Izzy Donald, Bryon Mulheron, Ben Killalea

Stage 2
Sebastian Graczyk, Will Smith, Jarvis Graczyk, Aiden Cook, Dina Iliopoulos, Jacob Hagan, Daniel Coverdale, Sapphire Tabas, Ethan Wholohan, Rebekah Hillier, Seth Howsen, Cameron Jeames, Chelsea Parkinson

Stage 3
Kwinten Burns, Chloe Hillier, Tamiea Herma, Braith Ridley, Amber Hillier, Joshua McMurtrie, Blake Spruce-Con, Harrison Watt, Tahni Kilroy, Megan Clark, Shaylee Sowter, William McGegg, Elise Mitchell, Lulani Herivel, Eryn Griffiths, Blake Bridge

Keep your KIDS Safe Online
Newcastle Rugby 7s
On Tuesday March 25, Edgeworth PS competed in the Newcastle Division of the NSW Rugby 7s competition, held at Waratah Oval.
Edgeworth began their day with a 15-10 victory over traditional rivals Hunter Valley Grammar School, with tries scored by Lachlan, Andrew and Daniel. Edgeworth’s next match was against St. Josephs Charlestown. The team ran in 7 tries to win 35-10, with Tuveia scoring 2 tries, and one each to Lauchlyn, Georgia, Daniel and Blake. The teams last match was against Hamilton South PS. In a tough match, Edgeworth won 15-10, thanks to tries from Heath, Durrahn and Lachlan.
As winners of their zone, Edgeworth will now play in the Hunter Finals Day on May 8 next term. This will be the fourth year in succession that Edgeworth has made the Hunter Finals Day.

Zone Cross Country
On Friday, 26 students attended Zone Cross Country at Federal Park in Wallsend. The weather was a bit horrible in the morning but the call was made to push on and we had not a drop of rain during the day. All of the students from Edgeworth tried their very best and ran really well during the day, with most coming in the top 20 for their age group. A special mention goes to Emily Jones who came 2nd in her age race and will now go on to Regional Cross Country. All of the kids were well behaved and represented their school with pride. We would like to extend a big thank you to the parents that attended on the day and gave their support to all of the students and the school (not to mention the support provided to Mr Morton in setting up the shelter).

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking is a great way to help teach children to save and also gets benefits for our school. Every new account opened earns the school $5 and we also receive commission for every deposit made at school.
School Banking accounts are now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youth saver account for School Banking.
Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day!

Edgeworth School Banking day is Wednesday.

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.

Student Safety Around Staff Carpark & Roads
The 3pm 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. 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.
**Canberra Excursion**

Our excursion began at 6.00 am on Wednesday when students and teachers boarded the bus and travelled via the expressway to Canberra. Our driver pointed out highlights and points of interest on our journey.

We started our excursion with a visit to the Royal Australian Mint. Here students enjoyed a guided tour and watched coins minted by giant computers. Students made their own coin which came complete with a special display wallet.

We proceeded to the Museum of Australian Democracy and participated in a variety of activities including lessons in “Who’s the Boss” and “What is a Leader”. Students explored these ideas in exciting new exhibitions and engaged in role play in an historic parliamentary chamber.

Next students visited Questacon, The National Science and Technology Centre, where they explored the magic of science experiencing over 150 exhibits in six galleries including a simulated roller-coaster ride, an earthquake and a 300 million volts of caged lightning display.

We had dinner at Mega Bites Café and returned to our motel to spend the night.

Next morning we visited the Electoral Education Centre followed by a tour of the Embassy District.

Our Federal member, Mr Pat Conroy, met us at Parliament House, answered students’ questions and had morning tea with us. Students and teachers took lots of photos of this special occasion.

After lunch we visited the Australian War Memorial. A special highlight of this visit was watching our captains, Heath and Ava, lay a wreath at the official closing ceremony.

After dinner we made our way to Tunzafun where we had two and a half hours of exciting activities including dodgem cars and laser games.

On Friday morning we visited the Australian Institute of Sport. Two elite athletes, a soccer player and a hockey player, gave us a tour of the complex showing students our international standard sports facilities.

Next we visited the National Zoo. Students enjoyed feeding the giraffe and some lucky students feed the white lion.

After an interesting and informative 3 days we returned to Newcastle via McDonalds, arriving back at school at 7.30pm.
**Stage News**

**Stage 1**

**Spotlights:** Tiana Mundine

10 have been looking at life cycles in Science this term. Mrs O’Toole bought in some caterpillars and chrysalises. We watched the changes in the caterpillars and learnt about metamorphosis. We were so excited when we saw the emergence of lovely butterflies.

_The caterpillar ate lots of leaves and became a shiny pretty chrysalis._ By Hope.
_The butterflies hatched out of a golden chrysalis and we put it on a flower in our garden and it flew away._ By Myles

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**Stage 2**

See page 6

**Stage 3**

**Public Speaking**

On Friday 14th and Friday 21st March, Stage 3 were entertained by some of their peers at the stage 3 assembly. The following students displayed great confidence and presented their wonderful imaginative speeches to the stage and parent visitors: Ava Elliott, Tiarna Van Leeuwarden, Daniel Mackinnon, Larry Quinn, Blake Lloyd, Jacob White, Riley Thoroughgood, Sarah Mansfield and Hellal Alquidiey. Congratulations to these students. On Friday 11th April, we have another group of students presenting to the stage assembly. We look forward to hearing their fantastic presentations. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Premier’s Debating Workshop**

On Thursday 6th March, Edgeworth hosted an interschool debating workshop run by 3 experienced adjudicators. Seven stage 3 students from Edgeworth attended: Ava Elliott, Tiarna Van Leeuwarden, Hayley Van Leeuwarden, Mia Pearson, Liam Adamson, Blake Lloyd and Georgia Richards. All students had a great day and learnt many skills and strategies to implement in future debating competitions. A big thank you to the canteen staff for catering the event.

Miss Kellert.

**Junior AECG Planning day**

On Tuesday 25th March Glendale Technology High School held their Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Planning Day. Tahni Kilroy from 6G was invited to attend and participated in the day’s activities. Thank you Tahni for representing Edgeworth Public School.

**HSIE**

This week the Waterwatch team will begin their water sampling at Young Wallsend Creek on Friday morning at 8.30. Notes have been sent home to the students involved. Thank you for volunteering your time to keep up the good work begun by Edgeworth PS students in 2005.

**Canberra Excursion**

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Canberra Excursion**

We have a Friday available on the roster. If you are able to volunteer your time once every 4 weeks please call the school or drop by and see Jenny.

**Attention all KINDER parents** — when ordering please include the _colour of your class eg. K Pink_ or the _teachers name eg. Mrs Callinan_.

Closed in shoes MUST be worn at all times in the canteen - this is a directive from the Department of Education.
Stage 2 with Mrs Mitchell in the library
Stage 2 read a book called *What's your story?* by Rose Giannone about an orphan boy and an Aboriginal girl who met at Sydney Cove at the time of the First Fleet's arrival in New South Wales. The students have also been studying the text *Nanberry* in class and both tied in well together. Each child then selected a real convict from the First Fleet and using a register of names, crimes, sentence length, what ship they sailed on and where they came from the children wove a story around these facts and added personal imaginary details about why they did it and how they felt. The results were excellent. Here are a few examples and more are on show in the library with some of the wonderful class artwork to match.

**JOHN HARRIS**
Hi, my name is John Harris and I came on a boat to New South Wales. The boat’s name was the Scarborough. I had been on a prison ship in London and I tried to get back to my family but someone caught me. So now I have to stay in New South Wales for 99 years. I hope I can see my family again. Maybe they can find a way to come to New South Wales.
By Blake Millington

**NICHOLAS GREENWELL**
My name is Nicholas Greenwell and I have no alias. I am a 41 year old male and I came on the ship Alexander to New South Wales. I was sentenced on 8th December 1784 to 7 years in the colony. I was sent from the Old Bailey. I stole something not even worth a shilling as I had no job. My family was starving and they needed the bread.
By Cooper Field

**PHEBE FLARTY**
My name is Phebe Flarty. My story is I survived all the way to New South Wales on the Prince of Wales. It felt like it took about two years to get there. I stole a horse, a pig and a sheep because my family was poor and really hungry. All of them together were worth about 500 shillings. My friend died on the ship. It was very sad.
By Ella Griffith

**MARY MITCHELL**
My name is Mary Mitchell sometimes known as Elizabeth Jones. I am a 19 year old female. I survived on the journey. I was on the ship Lady Penrhyn. I went to the Old Bailey court. My crime was larceny for stealing a watch. My trade was a servant and I was 28 when I was sent to New South Wales.
By Kynyn Hellyer

**WILLIAM CROSS**
My name is William Cross and I am a male. I have 5 kids and a wife. And we’re very poor. I stole food but got caught and was sentenced in Coventry to 7 years in New South Wales. I sailed there on the Scarborough.
By Brock Talevski

**NANCY YATES**
My name is Nancy Yates and I am a 19 year old female. Sadly I have been a burglar. I stole jewels worth 100 shillings. My trade is milliner. The ship I travelled to New South Wales on is Lady Penrhyn. My sentence of death was changed to 7 years in New South Wales.
By Mason Walsh

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**Stage News**

**Spotlights:** Summer Gairns, Ben Allsop, Dina Iliopoulos

**Stage 2**

**HEAD LICE NOTIFICATION**

There have been several outbreaks of head lice within the school over the last few weeks.

Could all families please check their child/ren's hair on a regular basis and treat as necessary.
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
Edgeworth Public School will be offering students in Years 2-6 the opportunity to participate in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) tests. These tests are strictly optional and students may opt to participate in specific tests or all of them. Students in Year 2 are ONLY eligible to participate in the Science, English and Mathematics ICAS tests. Students in Years 3-6 are eligible to participate in ALL ICAS tests. Please find the permission note attached in this newsletter or on the Skoolbag app and return to the office with payment by the application closing date. Miss Kellert

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PERMISSION NOTE
2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

I give permission for my child ________________________________ of class __________ to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

☐ Computer Skills $8.00, ☐ Science $8.00, ☐ Writing $12.00,
☐ Spelling $18.00, ☐ English $8.00, ☐ Mathematics $8.00

Please find enclosed $________ entry fee.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________________

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT
Please attach to permission note if you wish to pay by credit card

Cardholders Name: _______________________________________ Ph: ___________________
(please print in block letters)

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I wish to pay $___________ for _______________________________________

Child’s Name: ________________________ Class: ______________