Term 2 week 6 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Star Struck
Following many weeks of organisation, planning and rehearsals our Starstruck team of 32 dancers will take to the stage at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre next week for the 2014 production ‘Magic Happens’. Starstruck showcases the creative talents of students across our region and provides an opportunity for students to learn new skills, work in teams and perform in front of large audiences. Needless to say, an incredible amount of effort is required to put a production of this size and calibre together. DEC personnel, teachers, executive, parents, volunteers and students work together to ensure its success year after year.

Students at Edgeworth PS have participated in Starstruck for a considerable number of years and have had the support of a many teachers and parents who have trained supervised, transported and sewn costumes to ensure our students’ participation. I acknowledge the leadership of Mrs O’Neil who coordinates our school’s participation and the many people who have dedicated their time and effort for our students. Thank you one and all.

Public Speaking
Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are currently preparing and delivering speeches as part of their semester 1 English assessment and preparation for the Hunter Central Coast Public Speaking Competition. The school will conduct a ‘Speak-Off’ on Monday 16 June to determine the champion and runner-up speaker for each stage. Scheduled times for each stage are: Kindergarten: 9:15 am Stage 1: 11:30 am, Stage 2: 10:15 am and Stage 3: 2:10 pm. Trophies will be awarded for the winner and runner-up in each stage group and all students representing their class will receive a certificate. Parents and members of the community are most welcome to attend. The winner and runner-up from each stage will represent the school at the Zone Public Speaking Competition next term. Thank you to Miss Kellert for her leadership in coordinating our school public speaking this year.

Safe People, Safe Places
I draw to your attention the article on student safety which is included in this newsletter. It is most important that children who walk to and from school have a clear understanding of how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they feel that they are in danger. All teachers have addressed each point raised in this article with students in their class this week and to give even greater impact, I ask parents to reinforce this message with their children.

P&C Trivia Night Success
Congratulations to our fantastic P&C committee under the leadership of David Kidston who conducted such a brilliant Trivia Night at Edgeworth Bowling Club on Saturday 24 May. Over 180 teachers and community members gathered to make such an entertaining and enjoyable night for everyone. Profits for the night went towards the P&C donation of $15,000 to our school technology program. Thank you to: Megan Chapman, Angela Wahlsstedt-Smith, Paul Hillier, Glenda Hillier, Tracey Clarke, Trudy Drinkwater, Leigh Freund, Kylie Bramley, Jo Egge and David Kidston, we are incredibly privileged to have

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.
such a generous, collaborative and hard-working P&C.

Staff Development Day
Our Term 3 Staff Development Day will be held on FRIDAY 25 JULY when all staff will attend The University of Newcastle professional learning day for teachers. This is an alternate day from previous years, students return to school on MONDAY 14 JULY after the term vacation. Please ensure you make alternative arrangements for this day as teaching staff will not be at school on Friday 25 July.

Student Success Stories
Congratulations to our senior girls dance group under the leadership of Miss Welsh who have been successful in gaining a place in the Hunter Schools Dance Festival. Congratulations also to Bailey Rae who has been selected to play for Macquarie in the NSW Soccer Championships this weekend. Good luck Bailey!

National Cyber Safety Week 2-6 June 2014
Stay Smart Online Week, formerly National Cyber Security Awareness Week, aims to help Australians using the internet – whether at home, the workplace or school – understand the simple steps they can take to protect their personal and financial information online.

This year’s theme - ‘On The Go’ - reflects the importance of staying safe and secure online while using mobile devices when social networking, banking, shopping, and navigating the internet.

A range of activities are taking place around Australia, including seminars, industry events and community activities which you can attend or participate online. Find an event near you in the 2014 Events Calendar on the website www.staysmartonline.gov.au

Some useful tips on this website include:
- Set strong passwords, particularly for important online accounts and change them regularly.
- Stop and think before you share any personal or financial information—about you, your friends or family.
- Don’t give your email address out without needing to.
- Be very suspicious of emails from people you don’t know.
- Limit the amount and type of identity information you post on social networking sites.
- When shopping online use a secure payment method such as PayPal, BPay, or your credit card.

Staffing Updates
I will be on leave from Tuesday 10 June until the end of the Term 2, Mrs Haley will be Relieving Principal and Mrs Parson Relieving Deputy Principal during this time. The interview for our new Deputy Principal will be held this Wednesday 4 June and it is anticipated the successful candidate will take up the position from day one next term.

Jennifer Parke

LIBRARY NEWS
I would like to say a big thank you to the amazing Edgeworth Public School community, parents, grandparents and especially our students. Through your enthusiastic shopping at our Scholastic Book Fair last week you helped raise $1406 which has allowed the school to select a wonderful range of books from the books on offer at the fair – 130 books in all.
I would also like to congratulate the 11 children who have completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge in the last fortnight: Chelsea Clark, Blake Lloyd, Billy Barber, Draken Leeman, Zack Davies, Joel McCann, Lauren Hopton, Ashleigh Barber, Abbey Bramley, Ethan Wholohan and Joshua Nupier. It’s good to see a Year 6 name at last – thanks Blake! So now we have 34 children who will be receiving special awards from the Premier at the end-of-year recognition assemblies. The closing date to give me completed logs is Friday, August 14 so there's still plenty of time for you to get yours in. Happy reading, Mrs Mitchell.

Awards

Early Stage 1
William O’Driscoll, Ryan Wilson, Ben Partridge, Tara Stitt, Aidan Griffith, Annalesis Mulheron, Allara Campbell, Tahlia Kiega, Chelsea Clark, Sophie Dorsett, Blake Ayliffe, Zoe Dickason

Stage 1
Zac Lewis, Kaylb Agocs, Brodie Phillips Maddison Weekes, Chelsea Elvidge, Neo Graczyk, Zac Nichols, Jacinta Gill, Cooper Parkinson, Paige Harrison, Aiman Zuahainc, Flynn Gibson, Holly Durham, Erin Grogan, Jaimee Dobbins, Jai Bramley, Zack Davies, Regan Towill, Dimirikye Weatherall, Reece Watt, Nate Cox, Jaylah Boney, Sienna Kirkland, Reiley Atkins, Jake Bailey, Shanessa Jenkins, Myles Lees, Koen Hinds, Brock Simpson, Georgia Robinson, Sean Weston

Stage 2

Stage 3
Kindergarten have enjoyed learning about dinosaurs. They have studied fossils, researched a variety of dinosaurs and created some amazing artworks. They have now started a unit about endangered animals. Our Stage Assembly is Friday at 9:15 am.

Stage 1 have been thoroughly enjoying extra activities this term. Raw Art has been a success, with great artworks produced and students are very proud of their work. Gymnastics is extremely popular with students enjoying learning new skills with expert coaches (some teachers have been joining in too!). We have started practising for our Athletics Carnival on 23 June - hope to see you there!

Stage assembly presentation
Firstly can I say congratulations to the amazing students who participated in our Stage 2 assembly item last Friday to showcase what is coming up at our Athletics Carnival in a few weeks. Your drama skills were outstanding and it was very well received by the audience.

Excursion
A reminder that our major Stage 2 excursion is taking place at the beginning of next term and permission notes went home last week. If you would like to be considered as a parent helper for the day to come with us please write this on your child’s permission slip when it is returned and teachers will advise you by the end of term if you have been selected.

Links to home
As our Stage is currently looking at changes in our area over the last 200 years, it is a good opportunity to have a chat with your child about what is different and has changed since you were a child, at school, at home or where you live. I know we all use the saying “When I was a kid.....” at some time in our lives, and this is usually the moment when your child rolls their eyes and looks at you as if to say “Here we go again”, but now is a great time for that conversation. It is unbelievable the amount of students who simply can’t fathom life without computers, iPads, mobile phones, colour TV and Foxtel. The idea that you could walk to the corner shop and buy a whole bag of lollies for 10c instead of a small packet from Coles for $2.00. Learning and exploration makes more sense to children when they can connect it to real life situations and your input as parents is invaluable.

CUP CAKE DAY WEDNESDAY 4 June
It will be 6H and 2CT’s turn to host cupcake day on Wednesday 4 June. Money raised will go towards our Student Representative Council and their fundraising efforts.

Students are asked to bring any flavoured cupcakes. Please remember NUT ARE NOT ALLOWED for the safety of our students with allergies.

Cakes will be on sale during recess on Wednesday. Cakes selling for 50 cents and $1.
Planetarium Show
Notes went home last week about a visiting Planetarium Show, an interactive ‘Imax’ style of presentation. The 3D immersive experience allows the students to fly to different parts of the solar system and explore the night sky and movement of the Earth. The show will take place on Friday 27 June.
Permission notes and $10 payment are due by Friday 20 June.

Great Aussie Bush Camp
Expression of interest notes for The Great Aussie Bush Camp went three weeks ago. This is an outdoor based education program where students will have the opportunity to challenge themselves to participate in activities that they are not usually exposed to, as well as learning to work together in teams.
Students are asked to bring in their expression of interest note along with a $50 deposit by this Friday 6 June.

Star Struck Audience Excursion
Students are being given the opportunity to be part of the audience at the school performance matinee of Star Struck 2014 Magic Happens! This performance will be held Friday 13 June 2014 at 10.30am, at Newcastle Entertainment Centre. Tickets can be purchased through the school for $35.00, this includes bus travel. This is a limited number excursion, payment due by this Friday 6 June.

Public Speaking
All stage 3 are finalising their speaking and listening assessment for term 2. Two students from each class will have the opportunity to compete in a stage 3 ‘speak off’ in Monday 16 June 2:10pm. Our top 2 children from this event will be chosen to compete in the Zone Public Speaking competition.

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

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

CANTEEN NEWS
If your child orders a slushie, iceblock, cup of noodles or milo, they MUST bring the lunch bag back to the canteen to collect it. These items are NOT packed in the class tubbies
SPORT

The last 2 weeks have seen a continuation of sporting success for Edgeworth PS, with numerous teams being involved in a variety of competitions.

**PSSA Netball**

Over the past 2 weeks the Junior and Senior Netball teams have played some great netball and have come away with a mixture of results. On Friday 23 May we played against Wallsend South Public School. The juniors had a win of 13-0 and unfortunately the seniors lost 26-12. Overall both teams played well with numerous standout players in each team. In the junior team Abbey Morgan’s shots were on fire and so were Aimee Maughan’s in the senior team.

On Friday 30 May we played at home against Glendore Public School. The junior team were unlucky in losing in a close game ending at 8-9. All of the girls gave it their all, especially the defences Jasmyn Whyte and Drew Martin. The seniors stole the show and had an amazing win of 21-4. Once again this win was put down to excellent team work and skills by all of the girls. The defences, Tayla Gradwell and Lulani Herivel, in the senior team also shone as they intercepted many passes.

Both teams should be super proud of their efforts as there has been an outstanding performance put in from all of the girls that have played so far. Well done girls, here’s to a great season! Can’t wait for our next game.

Don’t forget that our senior netball team are representing our school in 2 upcoming competitions. The first competition is the PSSA Knockout Gala Day which is on this Thursday 5 June at Ulinga Courts at Cardiff and the second competition is the Netball NSW Schools Cup which is on Tuesday 17 June at Charlestown courts. We wish the girls the best of luck in both of these competitions.

Thank you to all the parents who continue to support the girls in their weekly matches.

**PSSA Soccer**

Last week the boys’ soccer teams played Glendore Public School during the weekly PSSA competition. The juniors started with their usual high energy and intensity and finished with a strong 6-1 win. The senior game was a tussle at the start with Glendore opening the scoring. From that moment, however, it was Edgeworth who ascended to the lead and proved victorious 4-1.

On 23 May, Edgeworth played Wallsend South. Commitment to the ball saw Edgeworth finish victorious with a 2-1 win. The seniors played a hard fought game against a strong side. Minor slip ups in a few key areas cost Edgeworth, who went down 3-0.

**AFL**

Congratulations to both the boys and girls AFL teams on their efforts last Tuesday during the Paul Kelly Cup at Teralba. Both teams played extremely well, improving with every game. The end result saw the boys finish equal second but missing out on advancing through to the next round by percentage. The girls finished third, but due to one team withdrawing from the competition, will participate in the next round on Tuesday 10 June. Good luck to them next week.

**State KO Rugby Union**

Edgeworth PS’s Rugby Union side began their campaign of the State KO Rugby Union at Waratah Oval, a competition they finished equal 3rd in last year. After a bye first round, Edgeworth played New Lambton PS in round 2. In a strong display, Edgeworth won 47-0. In the third round, Edgeworth met a tough Soldiers Point PS. In an entertaining match, the scores finished 5-all, with Edgeworth progressing to round 4 on for and against.

Edgeworth PS 47 (Tries- Durrahn 2, Tuveia 2, Andrew, Megan, Daniel; Goals- Andrew 4, Lauchlyn 2) def New Lambton PS 0

Edgeworth PS 5 (Try- Andrew) drew Soldiers Point PS 5

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**School Banking Competition**

**Only 4 weeks to go**

For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits every Tuesday at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**Major Prize.**

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet ‘n’ Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3000 travel gift card to get you there.

**Runner up Prizes.**

130 Toys “R” Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

PLUS, a separate draw of $1000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

So come on Edgeworth let’s get saving and remember your deposit can be as little as twenty cents just as long as you make 3 deposits!

Knights KO Rugby League
Over the past 2 weeks, both the Senior and Junior teams have competed in the Knights KO competition. The Senior day was held at Bower Field, Glendale, with Edgeworth drawn in Pool D. Their first match was against a strong St Theresa’s. In a flowing game, St Theresa’s scored after the siren to win 12-8, despite tries from Heath and Tuveia. Edgeworth played Cessnock West PS next, winning 12-4, with Lachlan, Megan and Lauchlyn scoring. A 4-4 draw against Kahibah PS followed, with Tuveia scoring the try. Needing a win in their last match to make the quarter finals, Edgeworth went down to Kurri Kurri PS 12-8, with Andrew and Tuveia crossing.
The Junior team played their gala day at Waratah, having been drawn in Pool B. Their first match was Grahamstown PS, where they recorded a 16-8 win, with Daniel scoring 2 tries, and Logan and Coby one each. Their second match was against St Pauls Rutherdford. In an interesting game, Edgeworth went down 12-4, despite Daniel scoring. A 20-0 win over St Brigids followed, with Daniel (2), Logan, Lauchlyn and Kai scoring. Edgeworth defeated King St Singleton 24-0 in their next match, with tries scored by Lauchlyn, Brenton, Will, Daniel, Braith and Jack. In their best match yet, Edgeworth defeated a competitive Anna Bay PS 8-4, with Jack and Will crossing for tries. This saw Edgeworth top their pool, and meet Nulkaba PS in the quarter final. Unfortunately Edgeworth couldn’t get going in this game, and despite dominating, went down 4-0. However to finish quarter finalists is a fantastic effort!

Hunter PSSA Touch Football Trials
Congratulations to Andrew Jarvis and Durrahn Douglas who were successful in gaining selection to represent both Edgeworth PS and Crossroads Zone PSSA at the Hunter PSSA Touch Football trials last Friday. Both boys played very well at the trials, although did not gain selection in a strong Hunter PSSA side.

Athletics Carnival
The Edgeworth PS Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday June 23 at the Hunter Sports Centre at Glendale. Qualifications for the field events are taking place during sport time. Those involved in PSSA sport and 8 year olds in Year 2 will get their chance to qualify throughout the term.

Miss McGrath, Mr Pankhurst and Mr Gray

P & C QLD HOLIDAY RAFFLE
Thank you to everyone who participated in Edgeworth Public School P&C’s QLD Holiday Raffle and congratulations to the Laws family, the lucky recipients! The prize was drawn at our Trivia Night on the 24th of May and it was lovely to be able to award the prize directly to the winners who were in attendance.

The raffle was a huge success, raising over $3000.00 which has contributed to fulfilling our commitment to donate $15000.00 to the school to support technology upgrades. Thank you for supporting the P&C and ultimately your child, YOU ARE AWESOME!!

For those families who sold full books (we had some families sell multiple books!!), your child will be receiving a ‘You’re Awesome’ wristband to acknowledge this achievement. The winner of the iPod (drawn from the pool of full books sold) went to the Dobbins Family. Congratulations!

(If you have not yet returned your raffle books, please hand in to the office at your nearest convenience)

PLEASE NOTE
THAT DOGS ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

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.

THE LAWS FAMILY - LUCKY WINNERS OF THE QUEENSLAND FAMILY HOLIDAY.

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NO DOGS ALLOWED

NSW Education & Communities
Musical
There was a misprint in last week’s newsletter for the upcoming dates of our school musical. Please mark the following dates in your calendar…….

**Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 September!!!**
We will be presenting one matinee (Wednesday) and two night performances that are set to be an amazing showcase of the talent we have here at our school. Tickets will go on sale the first week of Term 3.

If you have any questions about your child’s participation in the musical please speak with your child’s class teacher as soon as possible as preparations and rehearsals have already begun.

HELP NEEDED!!!

Currently we are looking for students from our school who would be interested in gaining a major role in our upcoming production. These students would need to meet the following criteria:

- Be professionally tutored in an instrument or singing outside of school on a regular basis
- Be able to perform confidently in front of an audience using that talent
- Be able to read music (if playing an instrument) and learn new music
- Be committed to attending additional rehearsals at an agreed upon time
- Be committed and enthusiastic to their role in the production
- Own their own instrument and be able to bring that instrument to school when needed

If your child meets the above criteria and would like to be considered for auditions in our production please complete the return slip below and return to school by Friday 13 June. This process will be subject to replies and availability of students for these starring roles.

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OR

My child is professionally tutored in singing
Tutors Name: __________________________________________

These lessons occur:

- twice a week □
- once a week □
- once a fortnight □
- once a month □

Parent signature: ________________________________      Date: ______________
Starstruck
Starstruck is fast approaching and as this is our last newsletter before our fabulous team of students go out and represent our school I would like to wish them the best of luck!!!! They are an amazing group of girls who consistently try their best and make me proud each and every time they attend. I have received positive feedback from staff of other schools at how amazing they truly are and I am sure that they will continue this next week when they perform along with 3, 500 students from throughout the region, to audiences of up to 10, 000 people that they will shine!!!

This however would not be possible without the amazing help and support of many people and although they each assisted in different ways their dedication was outstanding. I would like to thank all the staff, parents and grandparents who came along to our two weekend sewing bees or took home costumes to complete some sewing. Even parents that do not have children in the team or at our school got involved to support our students, thank you Mrs Neilson and Deb Rowe. It just goes to show what an amazing community of support we have here at Edgeworth Public School.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the following people who have worked tirelessly over the past 6 weeks to ensure that our team will look amazing:
Mrs Cowling, Marcia Scott (Mrs Cowlings mother) Mrs Boguz, Mrs Elizabeth Mitchell, Mrs Maloney, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Blayden, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Jennifer Mitchell and Sandy Barnes. Without your dedication, support, time and persistence our team would not look as brilliant as they will next week, I can’t thank you enough!!!

Also a reminder that we are looking at sending a group of students to the matinee show on Friday 13 June to see this amazing event and notes went home on Friday. There is a cut off in numbers due to bus sizes so you will need to get in quick.

Safe People, Safe Places Message

- Avoid walking on your own and instead walk with other family members, friends or an adult you know;
- Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people;
- Make sure your parents or another adult you know know where you are at all times;
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to;
- Know where safe places are -- a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police;
- Learn about safe adults you can look to and talk to if you need help -- police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust;
- Don’t talk to people you don’t know and never get into a car with someone you don’t know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person inside, do not stop, and
- If you are scared, call Triple Zero (000) and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to touch you or grab you, yell loudly, “Go away, I don’t know you” as this will let other people know you are in trouble.

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.
We are taking names and payment for Semester 2 dance groups. There will be only **TWO** dance groups with 30 participants in each.

Seniors (Yrs 4, 5 and 6) and
Juniors (Yrs 1, 2 and 3)

If your child has shown interest in participating in the school’s dance group please read the information below and get in quickly to put your child’s name on the list!

**Membership:**
Dance group is open to all students from **Year 1 to Year 6**. Students do not need to know how to dance or have had any experience. Students are expected to attend regularly and to display excellent behaviour while at lessons and when away on performances. Children who fail to attend for three consecutive sessions during a term will have their position replaced by a more willing participant. Children whose behaviour is not satisfactory will be withdrawn from the Dance Group. Fees are non-refundable. If your child becomes a member of a dance team they are to join for a minimum of 2 consecutive school terms (one semester).

**Availability:**
There are only 30 positions per group. There is no preference given to previous members. The first 30 students with their permission slips and payment returned will have their name placed on the dance group list. Those unfortunate students who missed out will go on a waiting list. When a position becomes available it will be offered to the next student on the list.

**Cost:**
$100 each semester is required to be paid in one lump sum at the school office with permission slip. Please be aware that this payment is non-refundable in the event of your child being absent. Students will not be allowed to continue in the Dance Group if their fees are not paid. These fees include costume costs. Please send all permission notes and money to the office or hand it in yourself at the office to ensure a place on the team.

**Lesson Times:**
Commencing Week 1 Term 3, 2014. Each session will be held in the school hall at lunchtime. It is encouraged that children avoid lunch orders on this day as it becomes difficult for them to be finished in time for class to begin at 1.30pm.

- Tuesday Senior Dance Group
- Thursday Junior Dance Group

**Commitment:**
Your child must understand that the Dance Group requires a commitment on their part. Children must commit to their decision, as dropping out mid-term affects the whole team performance, not to mention the stress it puts the choreographer under. If you are unsure whether your child is going to participate in the performances please do not make this commitment. Please discuss this with your child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours on 49 581831.

Emma Welsh and Phoebe Williams (Dance Co-ordinators).

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**DANCE GROUP  SEMESTER 2, 2014**

I __________________ (parent / guardian) would like for my child ______________________

of class_____________________ to be a member of the school dance group in Semester 2, 2014.

Please circle the correct group:

- Seniors (Yrs 4, 5 and 6) or
- Juniors (Yrs 1, 2 and 3)

I have enclosed a payment of $100 for fees.