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.
Class teachers will contact parents or care givers of a child in their class who has been away for **two or more days** and no explanation has been received. Lateness is recorded as partial absence and must be explained in the same way as other forms of absence. Excellent attendance promotes:

- Improved learning outcomes
- Opportunities in sport, music and other activities
- Positive teacher - student relationships
- Improved peer interactions and social skills
- Student safety and wellbeing
- A school report reflecting positive attendance and punctuality

**Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?**

**Car Parking**

Changes to the parking areas around the school have caused significant concern to many parents trying to drop off and pick up children before and after school. Despite the limitation of spaces, parking and dropping off in neighboring residential driveways, pedestrian areas, no parking zones, bus zones and the footpath is both illegal and dangerous. Note that entry to the car park is for staff only unless approval for special purposes is granted.

**Wednesday meetings**

Home school partnerships are both acknowledged and encouraged as an important practice to ensure communication is open and student needs are best met. Parents who wish to discuss a concern or seek clarification of a matter related to their child are encouraged to make contact firstly with the class teacher or for more serious concerns the Deputy Principal or Principal. Due to the attendance of teachers at various meetings beyond their classroom teaching time it is advisable to ring or email the school to make a convenient appointment time. Please note all staff **participate in professional learning immediately after the 3.10pm bell on Wednesdays** and therefore on most occasions not available at this time.

Jennifer Parke

**Deputy Principal's Report**

2014 Education Week Mathematics Afternoon
### Social Media

Students today are more techno savvy than ever before and technology for learning and leisure is part of their everyday lives. It’s important parents have conversations with their children regarding the use of social media. Students access social media websites for instantaneous communication with their friends and peers. This can be enjoyable and engaging however students and parents need to be aware of the regulations set out by social media websites. One of the most important aspect is appropriate age and students at primary school are legally underage for accessing these websites unless under direct supervision by their parents/carers. Students need to remember what they upload cannot be hurtful, derogatory or inflammatory in any way. Guidelines for appropriate usage of any website is set out on the homepage of any web based application to which users need to join.

A good strategy for students to remember before uploading a comment, blog, tweet or text:

**THINK**

- **T** = is it true?
- **H** = is it helpful?
- **I** = is it inspiring?
- **N** = is it necessary?
- **K** = is it kind?

### Stage News

#### Early Stage 1

Early Stage 1 have spent a beautiful day at Oakvale Farm learning about and caring for a variety of farm and Australian animals. Kindergarten 2015 parent evening is on Tuesday 12 August at 7:00 pm. We have enjoyed having the Henny Penny hatcher at school. Please remember to send a flannelette shirt tomorrow for our photo with the chicks. Adopt a chick notes to be returned by Thursday 7 August.

#### Preschool

- Please return Kindergarten enrolment forms to the office as soon as possible to assist with our planning for 2015.

Thank you to the many parents who accompanied both groups to ‘Wombat Stew’ at the Civic Theatre last week. Many children experienced the excitement of their first bus ride and enjoyed games in Civic Park before the show. The performance brought a favourite story to life for the children and will help them prepare for their own performance in the school musical.

#### Stage 1

All Stage 1 students are excited about our excursion to the Wetlands. Year 2 and 1/2P attended today and Year 1 will attend tomorrow. It is a wonderful opportunity to link practical activities to our HSIE unit - Wet and Dry Environments.

Congratulations to our newly formed signing choir who performed beautifully at our Education Week Showcase Assembly. Congratulations also to Xanthia and Kyah who both received a Highly Commended Award when they represented Edgeworth PS at the Zone Public Speaking competition last Wednesday.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Mathematics Workshop on Monday night and practical activities sessions on Tuesday afternoon. The students loved sharing this time with you.
Stage 1 is beginning to blog! 2P and K/1P are already in operation and teachers on other Stage 1 classes are working hard to have their blogs functioning. Stay tuned for further details.

All walkers, children meeting parents will now be at the top of the Junior COLA. If siblings used to meet outside Year 1 and 2 classrooms they are now to meet under the Junior COLA.

Stage 2

What a busy few weeks we have had to start the term. Congratulations to our students who represented the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival last week. Some students in our stage were successful in their events and will go on to compete at the regional later this term. Also congratulations to our Zone Public speakers, Hayden Bryant and Abbey Goodwin who did a wonderful job against some very tough competition. Their presentation of these speeches at last weeks Education Week assembly brought smiles to a number of faces.

Congratulations also to all our Spelling Bee finalists. Some of the words were difficult and to be able to stand in front of an audience and spell them aloud is quite a skill. They all did a wonderful job. Special congratulations to Jack Dennis and Ryder Sutton who will go on to the next level and compete against other schools. We wish these boys all the best. Congratulations also to Miss Quinn for her thorough organisation of the event.

With a number of events still coming up this term it is shaping up to be a great one. With Year 4 commencing Bike Education lessons this week, musical rehearsals well underway and many other exciting activities in the pipeline.

Stage 3

Teen Talk

Young Teen talks are on today in Mr Gray’s room and tomorrow in Mrs Haley’s room. This is a program designed by Mrs Susie Blackwood, a registered nurse and midwife to provide information to students in relation to health, physical developments in puberty and relationships. Parents are encouraged to attend at the cost of $12 payable to Mrs Blackwood on the day.

Spelling Bee

As part of Education Week, Stage 3 hosted it’s Premiers Spelling Bee competition. Lakeisha Bailey, Ella Harrison-Virag, Ava Elliott, Kendall Walsh, Damon Woodbridge, Zac Hopton, Luke Hepworth, Lachlan Squires, Larry Quinn, Kobi Handford, Ethan Falvey and Jesse Trimble represented their classes in the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Ava and Larry, who were successful in gaining selection to represent Edgeworth PS at the Regional Spelling Bee at Coal Point PS on September 8.

Peer Support

Congratulations to all Stage 3 students who are leaders and co-leaders in our Peer Support program. The program started last week, and the students have been exceptional so far as leaders of their groups. Lessons occur on Monday afternoons and will run until Week 8.

Musical

Classes are ramping up their preparations for the School Musical. Costume notes have gone out. Can you please ensure your child has brought in their costume ASAP, as this will help with the continued preparations for the musical.

PIZZA DAY - Wednesday 27 August

All orders and money to be in by Friday 22 August. Please note NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted.

FATHERS DAY STALL

The P & C will hold a Fathers Day Stall on 4 September. All presents will be $6 each.
Stage 3 – Debating

Edgeworth Emeralds
On Thursday 31 July, the Edgeworth Emeralds debating team participated in their fourth debate in the Premier's Debating Challenge against Booragul Public School. The team consisted of Tiarna Van Leeuwarden, Hayley Van Leeuwarden, Ava Elliott and Mia Pearson. The Edgeworth Emeralds were successful in winning the debate as the negative team arguing against the topic, 'That we should have an extra afternoon of sport at school'. The Edgeworth Emeralds debating team have now won all four of their debates in their zone. They will now go on to the inter-zone knockout finals to be held later in the term. Well done Edgeworth Emeralds!

Edgeworth Stars
On Thursday 31st July, the Edgeworth Stars debating team also participated in their last debate in the Premier’s Debating Challenge against Fennell Bay Public School. The team consisted of Blake Lloyd, Georgia Richards, Tayla Collins and Liam Adamson. The Edgeworth Stars were successful in winning the debate as the affirmative team arguing for the topic, 'That playing team sports should be compulsory at school'. Congratulations Edgeworth Stars!

Miss Kellert and Miss Quinn

Hunter Primary GATS Camp – Mia Pearson (5/6K)
On Tuesday 22 July – Friday 25 July, I attended the Hunter Primary GATS Camp at Active Education Experience, Morisset Centre. At the camp I did some fun camp activities and learnt some movie making skills. The camp activities I participated in were high ropes, archery, rock climbing and my favourite, the giant swing. I also learnt lots of movie making skills such as creating trailers, news reports, animations, using a green screen and making stop motion titles for our interviews. I used apps like iMovie, Action Movie FX, Do Ink, Buddypoke and iMotion. The camp went for four days and three nights and it was AMAZING! I made lots of new friends and I even saw Mr Pankhurst. Overall, I had a great time and I wish I could go again. By Mia Pearson 5/6K

School Banking: New rewards released in Term 3.
The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

Rewards available in Term 3 are:
- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

Please send in your redemption card and tokens on banking day. Rewards will be delivered in 1-2 weeks. Pooling of tokens is not allowed.

If you wish for your child to participate in the program Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132221. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.
Zone Public Speaking

Congratulations to all students who represented Edgeworth P.S at the Zone Public Speaking on Wednesday 30th July.

Big congratulations to Brock Laidlaw from Early Stage 1, Kyah Hodges and Xanthisa Callinan from Stage 1 and Ava Elliott from Stage 3 who all received a Highly Commended! Miss Kellert

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all the children and parents who have visited our 20c Book Sale. We have raised $43 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Also a big congratulations to these students for completing their Premier’s Reading Challenge as well as to their parents for supporting them: Guinevere Leeman, Ayden Nupier, Alex Morrison, Ellie Mackey, Tayla Spicer, Natasha Whitbread, Sienna Robson, Taj Barton, Reece Barton, Mia Elliott, Mitchell Jeffery, Mikka Kaminski, Luke Hepworth, Cooper Griffiths, Nicholas Jeffery, Wade Neilsen, Tyler Neilsen, Elise Mitchell, Hannah Mackey, Emily Jarvis, Isabelle Hillier, Ava Elliott, Jack Hillier, Lauren Bryant, Nathan Shorten and Kooper Robson. Our closing date for your reading logs is August 15 so make sure you have them in to me by then.

Happy reading, Mrs Mitchell

Lost Something?

There is a lost property box located in the print room of 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.

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.

Don’t forget FRUIT BREAK
MUSICAL
Tickets
Just a reminder that musical tickets are now on sale. Just complete the yellow form in the musical information pack sent home last week and return it to the office. Tickets will be allocated in order of when they were handed in and sent home during Week 8 this term. Tickets are selling fast so if tickets for a specific show begin to sell out information will be posted on Skoolbag and in the newsletter.

T-Shirts
Also available for order are the musical t-shirts which students can wear during musical week in place of their school uniform. This is a great keepsake of such a wonderful event and at only $10 it’s a bargain. A correction to the original order date of the t-shirts with orders and money for the t-shirts need to be in by Friday 15 August.

Program Competition
Just a reminder that these entries are due soon. Students are encouraged to draw things related to our musical and make it bright and colourful. One entry from each stage will be used to make our program and DVD cover for this year.

DVDs
DVD orders are due by the end of term. No late orders will be accepted.

Photos
Students will be photographed in their musical groups during the week of the musical and photos will be available for parents to purchase at all three shows at a cost of $5 per photograph. If there is an issue with your child being photographed please see your class teacher as soon as possible.

Congratulations
Congratulations to all the students who auditioned for the main acting roles in the musical. There is an amazing amount of talent within the school and you should be very proud of your efforts. Special congratulations to the following students who were successful and will form our musical cast: Tyler Neilson, Tiarna Van Leeuwarden, Liam Mistelbauer and Kate Parker.

A story from our ESL Student Sukontha.....
The Zone Athletics Carnival
Yesterday I went to the Zone Athletics Carnival. I ran in the relay and our team came second. I also ran in the one hundred metres heat and I came first. Then I ran in the one hundred metres final and I came fourth. It was fun and I had a good time. Next year I want to go again.

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.
SPORT
Congratulations to our netball and soccer teams, and our Athletics representatives for their efforts over the last fortnight.

PSSA Netball
On Friday 1 August, both netball teams played Glendore Public School in the PSSA competition. Both teams played extremely well and both teams won. The junior team won their game 11-6 and the senior team won 14-6. All of the netball girls should be commended on their hard work in representing Edgeworth Public School at PSSA so far this year. Both teams have only had one loss each.

PSSA Soccer
Edgeworth’s junior and senior soccer teams continued their winning ways with solid victories over Glendore. The Junior team scored a 3-1 victory, with Mason scoring twice as well as a goal to Logan. Others to play well included Sam, Lachlan and Mason. The Senior team took out their match with a 2-0 win courtesy of goals to Tyler and Jye. They were unlucky to not win by more, with the Glendore keeper making a number of great saves. Jackson, Jeremy and Bailey also played strongly.

Zone Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all the students who represented Edgeworth PS with pride and distinction at the Zone Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. We had a number of students who made finals and finished top 3 or 4 in their races and field events. Overall our school came 3rd.
The following students finished top 2, and will now represent both Edgeworth PS and Crossroads Zone PSSA at the Hunter Region Athletics Carnival on Friday August 29.
Megan Clark- 1st 13 years girls 100m
Emily Jones- 1st 11 years girls High Jump, 2nd 11 years girls 800m, 2nd 11 years girls Long Jump
Ashleigh Clark- 1st Junior girls Discus, 1st Junior girls Shot Put
Nataliya Brisbane- 2nd 11 years girls High Jump
Ava Elliott- 2nd Senior girls High Jump
Tayla Gradwell- 1st 11 years girls Shot Put
Sam Jones- 2nd 9 years boys 100m
Mason Snowden- 1st Senior boys 800m
Jack Hillier- 1st Junior boys Shot Put, 2nd Junior boys Discus
Corey Carlisle- 2nd 11 years boys High Jump
Tuveia Leon- 2nd Senior boys Shot Put
Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay (Megan Clark, Emily Jones, Hayley Van Leeuwarden, Tiarna Van Leeuwarden)- 2nd

Mr Gray and Miss McGrath