Dear parents and caregivers,

School Forum
All parents are invited to attend our School Forum on Wednesday 10 September at 6.30pm. The community forum is part of our school evaluation process, it’s an opportunity to evaluate our current school practices in partnership and together make plans for our next three years and beyond.

If you would like to participate please respond to the electronic invitation which will be distributed with a link to www.schoolinterviews.com.au (event code 335DY) via the Edgeworth PS Skoolbag App or contact the school office. Please note that refreshments will be served from 6.15pm.

School Mission
After extensive professional discussion the following statement has been developed to express the collective view of our school’s mission. This will underpin all actions and our goal for the future:

At Edgeworth Public School students learn in an engaging environment which fosters innovation, creativity and resilience. Students feel happy, safe and successful in a school which values partnerships with community.

SAS Recognition Week
This week all schools across NSW will celebrate the important contribution of our School Administrative and Support staff. A number of significant system changes and administrative procedures have been implemented in schools and this year’s theme ‘Stepping up to the Challenge’ is most appropriate. Thank you to all our wonderful SAS staff: Mrs Thompson, Mrs Bogusz, Mrs Berry, Mrs Broughton, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Murrell, Mr Ray, Mr Pring, Mrs Rodgers and Mrs Woollard, your contribution to Edgeworth PS is highly valued and greatly appreciated.

NAPLAN
This week students in Years 3 and 5 will receive results from their NAPLAN tests conducted last term. Reports will be sent home in envelopes with students by Friday.

Road Safety
With the volume of traffic around our school student safety and in particular road safety continues to be a priority. In this week’s newsletter the first in a series of road safety messages will be sent home for parents. I encourage all families to read and discuss appropriate sections with their children.

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.
Congratulations students
Congratulations to all students who represented our zone at the Regional Athletics carnival held last Friday. Both Jack Hillier and Megan Clark have done exceptionally well and will now represent the Hunter Region at the NSW Athletics carnival. Jack will compete in Shot Putt and Megan in the 100m sprint.

School Displays
New school directories have now been installed at both main entry gates. The large displays are designed to promote our school, convey our school values and provide a school map to support visitors in locating areas within the school site. Additional school murals promoting our school mission and values, and students’ work will be installed shortly in the office foyer.

Father’s Day Breakfast
I remind all fathers and grandfathers that our Father’s Day breakfast will be held in the school grounds on Friday 5 September the K-2 playground. The celebration will commence at 8.00am with a sausage sizzle and conclude at 9.30 am. This activity is free for all students and their fathers.

Jennifer Parke
Deputy Principal Report
It’s not ok to stay away!

Attendance Tip #2 Be positive about school in front of your child.
• If you have any concerns, make an appointment with the class teacher or a member of the executive rather than create a negative image about school for your child. You will create problems for yourself if you teach your child to be negative about school.

School Website
At Edgeworth PS we ensure effective communication with our school community. As part of our communication framework we have a school website which contains regularly updated information and resources for parents. The EPS website has been updated to include school notes, dates of upcoming events, photo galleries, useful websites, general school information as well as useful information from P&C and the school canteen. The ongoing development of our website is part of our current school plan to maximise communication and showcase the outstanding achievements of our students.
The Edgy App is also another great tool we use to communicate with our community and there are currently **483** downloads of the iPhone and **269** of the Android version.

**Quality Work**
This week a number of students displayed outstanding work in their classroom including Tyrone of 2P whose wonderful artwork was a great example of artistic flair.

**Mr Pring’s Retirement**
After 23 years serving the Edgeworth PS community our well-loved general assistant Mal Pring will be retiring at the end of the term. A retirement afternoon tea will be held for Mal on Thursday 11 September at 3:30 pm in the school hall. Parents only are most welcome to attend.

**Stage News**

**Early Stage 1**
It’s not long to go until Early Stage 1 are ready to amaze our parents and friends with our Musical Performances. If you need any help organising your child's costume, or if you need to give your teacher notice that your child will not be present for any / all of our performances, you need to let your child’s teacher know. Our next assembly will be hosted by KPink on the 12 September at 9:15 am.

**Stage 1**
Stage 1 is continuing the blogging journey and we encourage families to look at the blog sites at home and add a comment. Please remember not to put your full name or email address for privacy reasons. We are encouraging the use of blogs as a learning tool, so comments should relate to the learning, particularly if you are commenting on another students’ work. All classes are enjoying practising for the musical. Please ensure that costumes are brought in as required by each item. Stage 1 have been enjoying reading and sharing persuasive texts about a naughty pigeon. Below is a sample of writing from 1M:

In 1M we read the book ‘Don’t Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late’. The naughty pigeon was trying to persuade us to let him stay up late. We brainstormed reasons why the pigeon should not stay up late to persuade him to go to bed early.

**Byron**
1. He will fall asleep in the middle of the day.
2. He might get into trouble.
3. He will be noisy all night.
4. He will be tired all day.
5. He will be grumpy the next day.

**CUP CAKE DAY WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**
It will be 5W and 1M’s turn to host cupcake day on Wednesday 6 August. Money raised will go towards our Student Representative Council and their fundraising efforts.

Students are asked to bring any flavoured cupcakes. Please remember NUTS 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.
Taylor
1. In the morning he will be tired.
2. He will be grumpy in the morning.
3. He will fall asleep in the middle of the day.
4. He will get into trouble.
5. He will yell all day.

Sean
1. He will be really tired.
2. He will not want to go to school.
3. He will fall asleep in the middle of the day.
4. He will be very grumpy.
5. He might go to sleep at school and get into big trouble.

Year 6 students recently visited Glendale Technology high School and participated in a drug education program run by Year 9 students and staff. We all had a fantastic day and would like to thank the staff at Glendale THS for providing our students with such a valuable experience and the opportunity to get to know students from other primary schools.

GTHS will be providing a number of support lessons and activities for selected students of Edgeworth PS> Parents of the students nominated for transition support will receive letters this week outlining the programs. It will be the parents’ responsibility to transport their child to and from these transition activities.

Commonwealth Games Projects
As part of Stage 3’s study of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, students were asked to create a board game based on the Commonwealth Games. Students needed to produce the game including all the equipment used to play and the rules that players needed to follow. Students brought in the games to play with their class and has some VERY creative ideas. Well done!

Dance 2 B Fit
The Dance 2 B Fit program for Year 6 students will commence in Week 2 of next term. The program runs for 8 Fridays at a total cost of $23. The program is highly enjoyable with the students learning a series of dances that they will perform at the Year 6 Farewell, on Tuesday December 9. Notes will go home in Week 1 of Term 4.

FATHERS DAY STALL
The P & C will hold a Fathers Day Stall on 4 September. All presents will be $6 each. Please remember a plastic bag for the children to take their precious gifts home.
It has been a very busy few weeks with an even busier few weeks to come. With bike licence, pen licence, musical rehearsals and end of term activities it is shaping up be a great end of Term 3.

Stage 2 welcome Mr Richard French onto 4S for the remainder of the term and the beginning of next term while Mrs Stiller is overseas enjoying a well deserved holiday.

Congratulations to Year 4 students who have obtained their pen licence. I know it is a highly anticipated award and students are reminded that they need to demonstrate consistent quality work in all areas to be awarded this privilege. Also congratulations to Year 4 students who have successfully completed their bike licence theory exam and have been awarded their bike license. The remaining Year 4 students will be given the opportunity to re-sit the test during the remainder of the term to obtain their license.

Stage 2 would like to wish our students, Jack Dennis and Ryder Sutton, that are heading off to the regional spelling bee next week all the best of luck. We know they will be fine representatives of our stage and school.

Musical
It is at the nail biting end of the term and things are becoming extremely busy with costumes starting to come in and final rehearsals happening students are starting to get pretty excited!!

Ticket, t-shirts and FACT sheets including all the parent information needed for the week of the musical will be sent home on Thursday. If you have any questions regarding this information please contact your child’s class teacher or the school.

Please be reminded that as part of musical celebrations students will be allowed to wear their musical t-shirt throughout Week 9 and 10 in place of their school shirts. If students did not purchase a shirt they are to wear normal school uniform. This is not an out of uniform time but a time to celebrate our hard work and effort.

LIBRARY NEWS
For the next three weeks Mrs Winterbine will be busy teaching Mrs Mitchell’s library classes. She will be really pleased if students remember to bring back the books they have borrowed. There are many books that have not been returned for a long while. Please have a good look at home for any books with an Edgeworth Public School barcode on the back. Teachers have lists if you need to check what you are looking for.

Premier’s Reading Challenge entries closed last week but these students were able to be added at the last minute: Drew Martin, Cooper Callan, Sophie Dorsett, Allira Judge, Jasper Watkins and Callum Cousins. A new student to our school, Jordan Bidner, had also completed his challenge so congratulations to these children. Altogether we had 134 students complete their Premier’s Reading Challenge.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE
TOY CATALOGUE FUNDRAISER
Educational Experience has taken a new approach to their Fundraising Toy Catalogue campaign this year. Rather than distributing a catalogue to each family, they have instead made the full catalogue available to view and place orders on their website. Additionally, all orders will be delivered directly to your door rather than to the school.

For every $1 spent from the Fundraising catalogue, Educational Experience will donate 20 cents in learning resource vouchers to our school to obtain invaluable learning resources to enhance our children’s learning and development.

A flyer outlining this fundraiser will be sent out to all families this week. To view the full Fundraising catalogue visit www.edex.com.au/fundraising

If you do not have online access or would prefer to view a hard copy of the catalogue, please contact Tracey on 49588624 to view the copy we have received.

Thanks for your support and happy shopping!
Stage 3 - Debating
On Tuesday 19 August, the Edgeworth Emeralds debating team participated in the Premier’s Debating Challenge inter-zone final against Toronto Public School. The team included Tiarna Van Leeuwarden, Hayley Van Leeuwarden, Ava Elliott and Mia Pearson. Unfortunately the Edgeworth Emeralds were unsuccessful in an extremely close debate that could have gone either way. They were the affirmative team arguing for the topic, ‘That we should pay teachers a bonus based on student feedback’. The Edgeworth Emeralds won their zone in the 2014 Premier’s Debating Challenge and are congratulated on their amazing effort in debating this year.
Miss Kellert

ICAS – Writing
Congratulations to Kooper Robson (5/6K) who received a Distinction in the 2014 University of New South Wales Writing ICAS Competition. Well done to all students who participated.

ICAS – Spelling
Congratulations to Zahid Shafie (3/4O) who received a Distinction in the 2014 University of New South Wales Spelling ICAS Competition. Well done to all students who participated.
Miss Kellert

SPORT
Our netball and soccer teams will compete in the Crossroads Zone PSSA Competition Finals this week while a number of students have excelled at Regional and State level.

PSSA Netball
On Friday 13 June the junior and senior netball teams played Cardiff South at school for our last home game for the season. The junior team won 16-1 with Jessica Armstrong, Georgia Chapple, Ellie Mackay being stand out players. The senior team lost 32-16 however, played a really great game with standout performances from Ava Elliott, Brooklyn Wilson, Lulani Herivel, Tayla Gradwell, Shakira Bye and Hayley Van Leeuwarden.
On Friday 5 September both netball teams will participate in the PSSA finals day at Nancy Dwyer Netball courts at Cardiff. The junior team ended the season in 2nd place and the senior team came 3rd. I would like to congratulate the girls on their efforts this year and wish them luck for the finals. I hope to see lots of parents and family members cheering on the girls and showing their support next Friday.

PSSA Soccer
This Friday 5 September, Edgeworth will compete in the finals of the Crossroads Cup PSSA Soccer competition. All games will be held at Federal Park, Wallsend. After big performances during the regular season, both teams have finished second in their respective divisions. The first game for both teams will be against Barnsley with the juniors kicking off their first game at 10:00 am and the seniors starting at 11:00 am.
At present there will be a sausage sizzle running as well as a makeshift canteen available.
PSSA encourages and promotes fair play and good sportsmanship. Any fans or players who can’t adhere to these regulations will be asked to leave. A reminder that the vicinity around the playing area is a smoke-free environment. Please consider the health and safety of all players.

Good luck to all of the boys and we hope you play to your best.

**NSW PSSA Athletics**

Congratulations to Megan Clark (6G) and Jack Hillier (5/6K) who have successfully gained a place at the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival to be held on October 15 and 16 in Sydney after last Friday’s Hunter PSSA Athletics Carnival. Megan in the 13 years girls 100m and Jack in the Junior boys Shot Put.

A complete report on Edgeworth PS students efforts at the Hunter PSSA Athletics Carnival will be in the next newsletter.

**NSW PSSA Rugby Union Carnival**

Congratulations to Durrahm Douglas (6G), Heath Goodman (5/6K) and Beau Walker (5B) who represented Hunter PSSA at the NSW PSSA Rugby Union Carnival in Kiama recently. Despite playing in difficult conditions due to the rain and wind, the boys had a great time and made some excellent plays over the 3 days.

**Peer Support 2014**

This week saw the conclusion of our six week Peer Support program. Students from Years 5 and 6 were leaders and co-leaders of 69 groups throughout the school. Over the course of the program, they investigated topics and concepts including ‘Working Together’, ‘Being a Good Friend’, ‘Being Resilient’, ‘Bullying’ and ‘Being an Upstander’. They used a variety of interactive games, discussions and role plays to help the students in their group develop their understanding and skills in these areas. The students had a great time during the lessons, taking the opportunity to socialise with students from different grades across the school. A huge congratulations to all the leaders on their efforts.
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.

Players needed to fill Teams

Club Cricket (Saturdays)
8 & 9 year olds
10 & 11 year olds
12 & 13 year olds
14 & 15 year olds
Registration - $155 (no weekly fees)
Payment plans can be organised
*New Registrations receive a free shirt and hat*

Milo In2cricket – 5 to 8 years (Monday)
Registration - $70 (no weekly fees)
*Registration includes backpack, drink bottle, bat, ball, shirt and hat*

For further information contact
Phone: 0408827194 Email: handsfielded@optusnet.com.au
A friend of mine has a three year old little girl that has never had a break from hospitals since she was a couple of months old. Renea is Ruby-Rose’s mum and she has never had a moment that she could rest her mind, knowing that her baby girl would be alright. From one thing to another this strong little fighter has fought her way through so many battles and having her strong, kind-hearted, loving mum by her side every step of the way.

In April this year Ruby-Rose took a turn for the worse with a large lump growing in her cheek. She was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Ruby-Rose started chemotherapy straight away then endured surgery after surgery. John Hunter Hospital became home to Ruby and mum Renea. As a friend of Renea’s, I watched the single super mum of five children, try so hard to be by Ruby’s side every moment she could, all while juggling four other children, a job of 28 hours per week, as Renea still has to work to pay for her mortgage. She also has medical expenses and needs to support her family.

Renea has an un-renovated bathroom that Ruby cannot go near due to health regulations, so she has to bathe in a baby bath in the lounge-room when she comes home from time to time. As the cost of renovating a bathroom is huge for a single mother of five, the point where myself and many others feel it’s time to get in and help in any way we can. So Ruby, Renea and the other children can have a new bathroom and so Renea can be helped financially. Ruby needs her mum by her side as much as she can whilst she is fighting this cruel battle against cancer.

Ruby-Rose has just finished 30 days of chemotherapy and multiple surgeries, which the results were not positive. The bone marrow scan showed that there was still too many cancer cells and Ruby-Rose now needs to continue another round of chemo for another 8 weeks before she can go off to Randwick Children’s Hospital for radiation treatment and more surgery.

If you feel in any way that you could help Ruby and her family, no matter how small or large, your donation would be greatly appreciated.

We are holding a children’s disco on the 27th September 2014 at Edgeworth Sport and Recreational Club and an Adults Only night on 1st November 2014.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, hoping to hear from you soon.

With many thanks Christine Graczyk – 0424044414 Email – christine.graczyk@bigpond.com

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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 children’s hair on a regular basis and treat as necessary.

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RUBY-ROSE
FUNDRAISER DISCO

27th of September 2014 - 3pm to 6pm
At the Edgeworth Sport & Recreation Club
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

$5 Photo Sheet
Buy $25 Photography

Lollies and a Cup Cake Sale

Raffles and DJ
Cold Coin Donation
for Outdoor Fun
spinning or face painting

Come along and Help Ruby-Rose and have some fun
$5 per Child, Adults Free
Tickets available from Christine 0424 044414
Road Safety around Edgeworth Public School

Your child’s safety depends on you!
Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about, and always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
On Friday 5 September, Edgeworth Public School will be holding a Father’s Day Breakfast and sports games and activities morning. All fathers, grandfathers, uncles and carers are welcome to come along.

The morning will begin with a free BBQ breakfast starting at 8:00 am. Sausage sandwiches and juice will be provided free of charge (limited to 1 sandwich per person). A coffee van will be on site for parents to purchase a freshly brewed coffee.

After breakfast, visitors can join students for a variety of fun sports games and activities in the school playground, concluding at 9:30 am.

We hope to see you there!

EFTPOS Payment Advice

CHILDS NAME: ___________________________ CLASS: _______
PAYMENT FOR: ______________________________________________________________
CARDHOLDER NAME: ___________________________ AMOUNT: _______
(PLEASE PRINT)
CARD NUMBER: _________ _________ _________ _________ EXPIRY DATE: ____/____
C.V.C. NO: ________ ________

VISA MASTERCARD
(Please Circle)

SIGNED: ___________________________ DATE: _______________
DAYTIME TELEPHONE: ___________________________

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.