Dear parents and caregivers,

School Musical Showcase
Our school musical ‘Fame, Fortune and Chimney Sweeps’ is the highlight of this week and is sure to provide an exciting finale to a huge term. The excitement is felt across the entire school with every student in every class from our preschool to Year 6 buzzing with enthusiasm as they rehearse and fine tune acts and costumes in preparation for our opening performance on Tuesday.

Events like these happen as a result of careful planning, passion, talent, teamwork and sheer hard work by staff who put an incredible amount of time and energy into getting things just right to ensure every student is included and every student has a chance to shine. The entire staff at Edgeworth PS including: teaching, office, support and ground staff have contributed in some way to tasks including: script writing, rehearsals, costumes, technology, set construction, props, ticket sales and much more. I acknowledge and thank every one of them for their contribution to the success of this event.

Large scale productions such as this also require a dynamic leader capable of coordinating over six hundred students on and off stage. For us, we are incredibly lucky to have Mrs O’Neill as our production manager who is well supported by Miss McGrath, Miss Kellert, Mr Gray and Mr Schiaffi. What a production team...what an amazing job! I’m sure this production will be uniquely memorable for students, parents and staff.

A Spelling Wonder
Congratulations to Larry Quinn a highly talented student who gained first place and was awarded Senior Regional Winner in the NSW Premier’s Spelling Bee. Larry fiercely competed in several rounds to eliminate competitors one by one to gain the title and will now contest the NSW State Spelling title in Sydney next term. Larry should be extremely proud of this achievement.

Farewell Mrs O’Neill
This week we bid farewell to Mrs O’Neill as she prepares for her new appointment as Assistant Principal Hunter School of Performing Arts after the holidays. Mrs O’Neill is an exceptional member of staff, a wonderful teacher, highly skilled leader and an absolute professional. She has been a member of the executive team this year and has been instrumental in supporting the professional development of our staff. I congratulate Mrs O’Neill on her fine achievements, thank her for her outstanding contribution to Edgeworth PS and wish her all the best for the future.

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.
School Newsletters
For greater efficiency our school newsletters will no longer be distributed to individual email accounts. They will continue to be sent electronically via the Skoolbag App and uploaded to the School Website on the day of distribution.

Farewell Mr Pring
Thank you to the many parents who joined staff to farewell Mal Pring at his retirement function last Thursday. I acknowledge Mal’s outstanding service to Edgeworth PS and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Holiday Dates
School holidays commence Monday 22 September and conclude Monday 6 October. Students resume Tuesday 7 October after the public holiday. Please note there is no Staff Development Day at the commencement of Term 4 and the school site is not open during the holiday period. Please report unauthorised personnel or vandalism to School Security 1300880021.

Jennifer Parke
Principal

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

Attendance Tip #3 Build your child’s problem solving skills.
Rather than solving all problems for them, help your child solve problems by asking them what they think is the best thing to do or what do other kids do if this happens. Discuss ideas together rather than just giving them the answer or criticising the school. You are a model for your child.

Communication
Communication between school and home is vital for strong educational outcomes for our students. From time to time parents may need to raise an issue with a member of the school regarding the educational, social or general wellbeing of their child. Parents are reminded that for the majority of concerns parents need to seek their child’s class teacher first. If the issue is not resolved or of a more serious nature then an appointment can be made with the Stage Supervisor. An appointment can also be made with the Deputy Principal or Principal if the concerns have not be resolved once a meeting has been held with the Stage Supervisor and class teacher. The Executive team members of EPS are:

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) – Naomi Goldberg (rel.)
Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) – Kerry Parsons
Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) – Rebecca Baird (rel.)
Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) – Sue Haley
Deputy Principal – Peter Graham
Principal – Jennifer Parke
**Quality Work**
This week students from 3M proudly displayed their projects from their study of State and National Parks. Students spent a great deal of time creating brochures, posters and models depicting real and imaginary landscapes.

Peter Graham
Deputy Principal

**Stage News**

**Early Stage 1**

Congratulations on the conclusion of another busy term! We are looking forward to starting fresh for Term 4, ready to learn all about the wonders of the ocean. The school holidays are a fantastic opportunity to visit the beach, gaze in to rock pools or out into the big beyond and ask questions ‘I wonder why…..How do they….What if…..’. We look forward to sharing our questions and building our knowledge as we work together to become the amazing Year 1 of 2015!

**Stage 1**

Congratulations to all Stage 1 students for all the effort they have put in for the School Musical. Well done to all students on a successful term. Thank you to Mr Harvey for his dedication and commitment to 1/2P and Edgeworth Public School.

**Stage 2**

It has been an exceptionally busy term with an even busier one to come. Parents are reminded that there will be a number of events next term with swimming school for Year 4, reports to go home, stage party day and the highly anticipated recognition assembly that will highlight the skills of our students.

Congratulations to the students who have achieved their best this term. It can be difficult to uphold our values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning during special events and get carried away in the moment. To be able to show respect, make the right choices and continue on your learning journey without straying is a skill in itself. Have a safe and happy holiday and enjoy the break!

**Lost Something?**
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A message from Mrs O’Neill to our School Community

As this will be my final newsletter whilst at Edgeworth Public School I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words to the parents and community members with whom I have been involved over the last 8 years.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share in your children’s learning journey. Most of you did not have a choice in having me as your child’s teacher, but I would like to hope that even if you did, you would have done the same thing. It has been an honour and a privilege to be involved, and make a difference in their lives. Our support during whole school events is a tribute to you in the way you get involved in the school. As a parent and a teacher I know that this can only lead to success and the children at this school should feel honoured that the community is always there. I have never seen crowds so big as to what you can see here on Grandfriends Day, Carols by Candlelight, Edgie Idol and many more.

When I was at university I did a placement in a very small school and when I walked into their foyer I read a poem that stills stays with me today. At the time I thought to myself that this is something that you would only see in a small, tight, close-knit community, but this school has proven me wrong. I have had the amazing opportunity to be involved with so many parents during my time here and I want to thank you for the memories and experiences I will take with me for the remainder of my career. This poem rings true with this school community and I feel honoured to have been a part of it.

Unity
I dreamt I stood in a studio,
And watched two sculptors there.
The day they used was a young child’s mind,
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher, the tools he used
Were books, music, and art.
One a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled,
With a touch that was deft and sure.
While the parent laboured by his die,
And polished and smoothed it o’er.

And when at last, their work was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had moulded into the child,
Could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed they would have failed
If each had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher the home.

Author Unknown

Thank you.
Karen O’Neill
Thank you to Mrs O’Neill and her awesome team for all of their hard work and dedication to making our School Musical a wonderful experience for all our students. We will really miss you Mrs O’Neill but know that you will be a very successful Assistant Principal at your new school. We hope the parents enjoy watching our Musical as much as we have had rehearsing and performing.

ICAS – English
Congratulations to Ella Harrison-Virag (5/6K) and Erin Parker (5/6K) who both received a Distinction in the 2014 University of New South Wales English ICAS Competition. Well done to all students who participated. Miss Kellert

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.

Creative Arts Camp – Ella Harrison-Virag
In Week 8 of this term I was lucky enough to be selected and given the opportunity to attend a creative arts camp at Myuna Bay for dance. On Monday we arrived at the centre and went into the hall for an introduction to the staff that would be looking after us. The staff consisted of 3 drama teachers, 2 dance, 2 music and 3 for visual arts.
Each day the dance group would go to the hall to learn our choreography. As the camp theme this year was Africa, we learned some African dance moves and a bit about the culture.
Every day after lunch we would have rotations where we got to try a little bit of the different art forms. My favourites were visual art and drama. After our rotations, all of the art forms would go to the hall for finale practise for our big camp presentation at the end of the week. This is where all of the art forms performed what they were working on during the week.
After finale practise, we would go out to the basketball and the volleyball courts for an hour of free time. Also each night after dinner, everyone would go down to the hall to play some games and have fun. Every night we would do something different. We played trivia, had a talent contest and a disco. On Friday we performed our big presentation. I performed my 2 dances and the other art forms showed everyone their presentations.
At my camp I had loads of fun, I learnt new things and met new friends. I’m glad I got selected and was given the opportunity to go.

By Ella Harrison-Virag

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.
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Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee – Years 5 and 6
On Monday 8 September Larry Quinn and Ava Elliot represented Edgeworth P.S in the senior division of the Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee at Coal Point P.S. Larry Quinn won the whole senior division competition; attacking words such as magnification, chintz, machete, chivalry and pugnacious with his excellent spelling skills. Larry will now go on to represent both the region and Edgeworth P.S at the State Premier’s Spelling Bee to be held next term. Ava Elliott also did extremely well, placing equal third. Both students were exceptional representatives of the school and should be very proud of their achievements.

Great Aussie Bush Camp

At 7:30 am Monday 9 September, Year 5 students hopped onto the bus and made their way to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. They participated in activities that included both individual and team challenges such as archery, canoeing, the giant swing, dual flying fox and the very muddy Lost Island. Students worked together, showing fantastic support and encouragement towards their peers. Everyone had a great time with many reaching goals they had set for themselves and overcoming their fears.

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!
Science & Engineering Discovery Day
On Wednesday 10 September, 30 Stage 3 students participated in the Science and Engineering Discovery Day held at Kahibah Public School. Students learned about science and engineering in a fun interactive environment working on tasks such as building a bridge to carry a dynamic load, constructing a vehicle to transverse an undulating surface using rubber bands for suspension, building an earthquake proof tower, constructing a balloon powered car, experimenting with cables and a power distribution simulation board to power a city and building pipe networks to gravity feed water. All students displayed great behaviour and all had a fantastic day. Miss Kellert

Edgy Strollers
Calling all mums with strollers and anyone who wants to stroll!!! Come and get fit and meet new people. The Edgy strollers groups is perfect for anyone who wants to walk to get fit. Enjoy a walk around the local community and then relax with a coffee afterwards. The first walk will be held on Thursday 9 October at 9:30 am. The walk will start from Edgeworth PS gates on Oakville Road. If there is enough interest this group will meet on a regular basis.
Road Safety Message

Talk with your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road.

**STOP!** One step back from the curb.
**LOOK!** For traffic to your right, left and right again.
**LISTEN!** For the sounds of approaching traffic.
**THINK!** Whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn **these safe pedestrian habits from you** and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

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**Konara Cultural Centre**

**YARN AND CHAT**

**MORNING**

Thursday 16th October at 9:30am

Come and chat over coffee and cake in the Konara Cultural Centre at Edgeworth Public School. All parents welcome.

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**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.**
Sport
Congratulations to our netball and soccer teams on a successful Crossroads Zone PSSA Competition Finals Day, while our Rugby Union team has also been in action.

PSSA Netball
On Friday 5 September both the junior and senior netball teams participated in the PSSA finals day at Cardiff. During the season the juniors placed 2nd overall and the seniors placed third.
The junior team played Wallsend South Public School first and won 21-6 which meant that they moved in the grand final game. In the grand final they played Glendore Public School and won 29-10. This is the second year in a row that the junior team have been Crossroad Zone Champions.
The senior team played Cardiff South Public School first and lost 15-31 and then had to play for third position. They then played Elermore Vale Public School and won 25-15 which meant that they finished the season in third place. This was a great result for the girls as they didn’t make the finals last year.
I would like to congratulate the girls for all of their effort and hard work this season. Both teams deserved to make the final days and I’m especially proud of the junior girls for winning the competition 2 years running. I would also like to thank Janelle Gradwell for volunteering her time and expertise in helping coach and umpire every week, a big thank you to the parents who came and supported us in all weather conditions and lastly a big thank you to the school community for their continued support.
Another great year of netball. I can’t wait to do it all again next year!

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PSSA Soccer
On Friday, September 5 Edgeworth junior and senior boys played in the finals of the Crossroads Cup competition. Having both finished second in their respective competitions, their opening games were both against Barnsley, who happened to finish third in both divisions after the regular season.
First were the juniors. In a game that started at a frenetic pace, both teams looked to dominate the ball. Many strong runs both ways provided an entertaining and thrilling game. With the game nearing the final minutes and the score at 2-2, Barnsley threw everything at Edgeworth. The boys stayed solid under pressure, including an outstanding goalkeeping effort from Brenton, to finish the game 2-2. Having finished higher in the regular season, Edgeworth then advanced to the grand final.
The next game saw the seniors also play Barnsley. With the opposition boasting such a formidable attack, the senior team had prepared as best they could for the opposition they knew they would face. Relentless efforts from the team, particularly in the halves from Braith and Bailey, resulted in Edgeworth being able to keep the score to a 0-0 draw, once again resulting in the team moving on to the grand final.
As it would be, both teams would meet Wallsend South in the finals. The juniors played a strong game and continued to impress throughout the game. For a significant amount of the game the score was at a stalemate of 1 goal each and it looked like the trophy would be shared between the two teams. With only minutes to go, however, Wallsend South were able to slot one past Edgeworth for a late 2-1 victory.
In the second final, the seniors came up against a quality team that had dominated much of the competition all year. Although being outplayed (and outsized), Edgeworth fought hard the entire game. In the end the boys went down but could definitely hold their heads high with the effort they put in.
A big congratulations goes to both teams as runners up in their respective comps. It has been a pleasure to coach them this year and the future continues to look bright on the soccer field.

Digby Rayward Shield Rugby Union
On Friday September 12 the Edgeworth PS Rugby Union team competed in the Digby Rayward Shield Rugby Union competition at the picturesque Hunter Valley Grammar. Edgeworth has a wonderful record in this competition, recording 2 titles and a third place in the last 3 years. Edgeworth were placed in Pool B, and began with a 14-0 win over Bolwarra PS, with great games from Blake, Jack and Daniel. A 26-0 win over St Phillips Cessnock followed, with Durrahin, Andrew and Mason shining. Edgeworth then defeated Macquarie College 38-0 to finish top of their pool, with Lauren, Heath, Tuveia and Beau having strong games. Edgeworth met a very strong Scone Grammar in the final, a team featuring a number of representative players. Edgeworth made a sluggish start, and trailed 7-0 at halftime. It was a different story in the second half, as Edgeworth dominated the game, with Andrew, Heath, Blake and Beau standing out. Despite being all over Scone, unfortunately Edgeworth could not deliver the knockout blow, and time ran out before the team could, as the score

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.
team could, as the score remained 7-0. A draw would have been a fitting result, however it was not to be. The boys can be extremely proud of their efforts, and to finish second in such a competitive competition is a wonderful result.

**Edgeworth PS 14** (Tries - Daniel, Blake; Goals - Lauchlyn, Andrew) d Bolwarra PS 0
**Edgeworth PS 26** (Tries - Daniel 2, Andrew, Durrahn; Goals - Daniel, Andrew, Beau) d St Phillips Cessnock 0
**Edgeworth PS 38** (Tries - Daniel 2, Jack, Tuveia, Beau, Andrew; Goals - Heath, Lauchlyn, Daniel, Andrew) d Macquarie College 0
**Edgeworth PS 0** def by Scone Grammar 7

**Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day**
The Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day will be held this Friday at Newcastle Harness Track (behind Hunter Stadium). The boys and girls have received their permission notes and are required to be at the grounds at 9:15am.

**Jarrod Mullen Cup**
The Jarrod Mullen Cup Finals Day has been rescheduled to Wednesday October 8, the first Wednesday of Term 4. The day will still be held at Croudace Bay fields.

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**Summer Touch Football**

**JUNIORS**
STARTS – WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER
FINISHES – WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

**AGE GROUPS**
U/6s,7s and 8s kickoff @ 4.30pm
U/9s and 10s kickoff @ 5pm
U/11s and 12s kickoff @ 5.30pm
U/13s – 15s kickoff @ 6pm

STARTS – WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER
FINISHES – WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

**COST** - $50 Registration and receive a shirt, covers referee’s fees.
- 10 players per team
- List a manager so we can send all information to
- If your not in a team, we can put you in a team
- Boys and girls all welcome
- Bring rego money and forms on 1st night and turn up 30 minutes early for registration and receive shirts.

Contact Greg Hodgson for further details – 0414255287 or at lakemacquarieroos@gmail.com

Or visit our website www.lakemacquarierugby.com for online registration.