Principals Report 2015 Term 1 Week 2

Welcome back to another exciting year in education!

This is the first newsletter for the year and is one of several forms of communication between school and home. Our newsletter is distributed fortnightly on Tuesdays in even weeks. The primary purpose of our newsletter is to engage our school community and wider community in our school, build and maintain valuable connections, communicate important information and celebrate our student achievement. It is the aim of our school that families with internet connection access this newsletter electronically via our website or School App to eliminate significant paper use and personnel time to publish the document as a hard copy. Paper copies will be provided for families without internet access.

Our Edgeworth Public School App is free and can be easily download on your iPhone, iPad, and android devices. Enter Edgeworth Public School in the app search bar and follow the installation instructions. Our school website address is www.edgeworth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Both the Edgeworth PS App & Edgeworth PS website contain useful information, handy hints, DEC links for support, current information and notes for events and excursions.

Staffing Updates
It is with great pleasure I welcome three new members of staff to our school. Mrs McDaid was appointed as a permanent classroom teacher and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our school. Mrs Campton and Mr Szajdudo have been appointed in temporary positions conducting RFF and job sharing on Fridays with Mrs O’Toole and Mrs Croft.
Welcome back to Mrs Callinan, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Pankhurst, Mrs Murphy and Mr Edwards who were on leave.

Classes 2015
We have formed 23 classes as follows:

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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.
Parent Information Meetings
Parent Information Meetings will be conducted next week with Stage 2 & 3 on Tuesday 10 February and Early Stage 1 & 1 on Wednesday 11 February. These will be held outside school hours with the purpose of accommodating the needs of all community members. Class teachers use this time to give parents an overview of teaching and learning programs, class routine, scheduled events, homework, excursions and additional information that your child will need during the course of the year. Please refer to individual notes for details.

Student Leaders 2015
We have a number of student leadership opportunities across the school including: student prefects, sport captains, SRC representatives, technology leaders, library monitors and environmental leaders.
Our school prefects were elected at the end of 2014 and include: captains Tyler Neilson and Emily Jones, and prefects Bailey Rae, Kooper Robson, Ethan Falvey, Lakeisha Bailey, Aja Rippon and Ellie Taylor. Our sport house captains will be elected during house meetings this week and other leadership positions will be elected over the next fortnight.

School prefects and house captains will receive their badges at our Leaders Induction Ceremony on **Friday 13 February 2015 at 11.30am**. This is our first whole school assembly for the year and parents and members of the community are most welcome to attend. All remaining student leaders will receive their badges at the first whole school assembly in Week 5.

**Book packs**
This year all students are required to purchase a book pack containing all items applicable to their grade. Packs vary from $35 to $50 and include stationery, books, folders, mentals text and magazines (Y5-6). In addition each student will receive a 12 month subscription to online resources Mathletics & ABC Reading for school and home use (student value $99 Mathletics & $79.95 ABC Reading Eggs). Book packs have been subsidised by the school and NO school contributions will be requested. Thank you to the many parents who have paid for their child’s book pack, these will be distributed this week.

**Coloured notes**
This year our notes will be colour coded to assist parents in prioritising returns and itemising requirements as follows:

- Excursions and notes requiring permission - **YELLOW**
- Term calendars - **GREEN**
- General Information - **WHITE**

**Uniform Shop**
The introduction of uniform changes including a uniform shop located onsite has been well received and extremely successful based on the large number of sales. Many girls are now wearing the new tartan skirt or skort and the sport uniform has also been popular. All students K-6 are permitted to wear their sport uniform on Fridays as this is the designated sports day. The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm and Thursday mornings from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Order forms are available at the school office or downloaded from the school website.

**School Entry Gates**
Morning and afternoon traffic around the school causes a number of safety concerns particularly around the staff car parks. This area has a high traffic activity and ability to see small children when reversing cars is particularly difficult. The staff car parks are reserved for staff use only. **All students, parents and members of the community are requested to enter and exit from the pedestrian gates ensuring not to walk through the staff car parks on Minmi or Oakville Rd.** If you need to use the car park because your child has an injury, please notify the school office and an approval for use will be given. The safety of students, staff and carers of our disabled children is a major priority and I greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

Jennifer Parke
Deputy Principal Report

Welcome to the 2015 school year.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
This year there are a number of exciting initiatives being introduced to the school by the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Team. At the end of last year students were asked to design a mascot which represents our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning. A number of designs were submitted with the powerful owl chosen by the PBL team as it displays knowledge, strength, self respect and is also an endangered species in the local Lake Macquarie area. Further information regarding protecting the powerful owl will be communicated in later newsletters. Students have started receiving mascot cards for demonstrating our values and these will be able to be used as tokens for our rewards day. Details of the rewards process and menu will be in the next newsletter.

Attendance
This week all students received a brochure outlining mandatory guidelines for attendance at school. All parents and carers are encouraged to read the brochure to ensure their child attends school each and every day. If they are unable to attend then parents must provide a valid reason for absence. This year there will be a focus on minimising partial absences with students arriving after the school bell. All families are reminded they are able to send in notifications for an absence using the Edgeworth Skoolbag App.

Remember be at school and be on time!

Communication
At Edgeworth PS we pride ourselves on the shared partnership we have between students, staff and the parent community. As part of formal communication strategies we have designated interviews later this term and a formal report is provided to families at the end of Term 2 and 4. Parents are able to make contact with the school to organise an interview at a mutually convenient time with their child’s class teacher. Parents are able to do this by phoning the school, sending in a note, emailing the school email account or simply seeing the teacher in person. If your concerns are unable to be resolved then parents are also able to make contact with the relevant stage leader (see below).

Kindergarten – Mrs Claire Callinan / Miss Naomi Goldberg
Year 1 & 2 – Mrs Kerry Parsons
Year 3 & 4 – Mr Russell Edwards
Year 5 & 6 – Mrs Sue Haley

It’s important parents have regular contact with their teacher however should the need arise then the Deputy Principal or Principal are available for meetings of a more serious nature.

Peter Graham
Deputy Principal
We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new kindergarten students and their families! We are excited to share this amazing journey with you and your child. Our first day has been full of excitement and adventure.

Just a reminder that Kindergarten students will finish school at 3:10pm every day from now on. Please let your child’s teacher know if your child will be catching a bus or attending OOSH to alleviate any confusion for students.

On Wednesday 11 February Kindergarten teachers will hold a class information session. This session will provide information about your child’s class and allow you to ask any questions that you may have. Teachers will have Best Start assessment reports available for parents at this session.

This term Kindergarten students will be going on a worldwide adventure with Cinderella as she goes in search of her lost slipper. They will meet lots of magical nursery rhymes and fairytale characters along the way. There will be a grand celebration when Cinderella finds her slipper. Parents will be invited to share this special event in Week 10.

Welcome back to a busy start to the Term1! Thank you for your patience and understanding while we finalised our new classes. A special welcome to our new families, you have joined a great community.

Our students look amazing, especially in the new uniforms. They are happy in the new classes and eager to begin working hard. To encourage their readiness to work, please pay for the book packs as soon as possible if you have not done so already.

This week we are holding a free information session for parents about staying safe on the internet, presented by Lesley Harrison from the Australian Communications and Media Authority. The session is this Wednesday 4 February from 6.00-7.00pm in the library. Bookings can be made through schoolinterviews.com.au (event code 3C56S) or bookings can be made on the night.

Next Wednesday 11 February is our Stage 1 Parent Information session from 4.30pm in the Library (following ES1 session). This session will present general information on Stage 1 for the year.

2015 Classes: Students are settling into their newly allocated classes this week. Please ensure that your child has their possessions clearly labelled. As a ‘healthy choice’ school, a reminder that a fruit break, recess and lunch food are important for ingredients for young enquiring minds!

Book Packs: A reminder to parents that classes are eager to begin working with their packs and that payment is required before issue. Please help us with a swift start!

Swimming Carnival Years 3-6: Permission notes and money are required ASAP to attend this important day before Thursday. Year 2 students who are turning
eight this year are eligible to attend.

Parent Information Sessions: This will be held next Tuesday, 10 February, for Stage 2. This is your chance to meet the ‘new’ teacher and view the classroom that your child attends each day. Valuable information about classroom organisation will also be discussed.

**Stage 3**

**6H** have had a very positive start to the year with a great group of Year 6 students eager to learn and participate in lots of fun activities. Mr Gray has put together a stage calendar to provide you with current information about our organisation and plans. Welcome everyone to Stage 3 2015!

**5W** - WOW! What a great group of students in 5W this year. We spent some time together on Monday finding out about each other, our new classroom and the exciting things happening in Year 5. I’m looking forward to another wonderful year on Stage 3.

**5/6K** have settled in well and are all ready for a big year of learning. All students have returned to school with a fresh and positive attitude which is wonderful to see. I look forward to all the fun and exciting 5/6K memories that will be made in 2015.

**6G** have had a fabulous start to the year. After waiting patiently to finally move in to class, they have started positively, with lots of hard work and excellent attitudes displayed already. Looking forward to a brilliant year with all of them.

**5M** - The students of 5M were very excited to enter the new year as part of Stage 3. They are all looking forward to the great opportunities and responsibilities that this year has to offer and to developing positive leadership skills.

**5S** have settled well into their new class. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

All parents are invited to attend our Stage 3 Parent Information afternoon next Tuesday February 10 starting at 4pm in Mrs Haley’s room. Parents will meet their child’s teachers, visit their classrooms and have the opportunity to ask any questions.

**Sport**

**Swimming Carnival**

The Annual EPS Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday, February 5 at Wallsend Pool. The carnival is open to all students who turn 8 or older in 2015. There are even more activities available for all students to participate in this year, with the shallow pool also to be used for novelty events. Notes were distributed last week, and students are to return their notes and money by Wednesday, regardless if they will be attending with their parents or catching one of the buses to the carnival.

The students who have nominated to be timed for the extra strokes for the Zone carnival are reminded to be at the pool by 8:15am to meet Mr Gray and Miss McGrath, and must be accompanied by a parent. These students will still need to pay at the office.

Students are able to wear the colours of their house, and are reminded to wear sun screen and a hat. No zinc cream can be worn. Looking forward to a fun filled day!
Yesterday House elections were held for 2015 House Captains and Vice Captains. The year, along with leading their houses at the sports carnivals, house captains will be running our new playground games initiatives at lunchtimes. Congratulations to the following students:

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Well done to all students who nominated and presented speeches.

**Year 6 Buddies**
I would like to acknowledge the incredible efforts of our Year 6 students as buddies.

Year 6, from the moment you were introduced to your buddy after their Best Start assessment you have demonstrated tremendous capacity for kindness and friendship.

Staff have watched with great pride as you pinned on Kindergarten’s badges, followed them around their classrooms and looked after them during recess and lunch.

You have given these children and their families a great gift, simply through being yourselves. Our Kindergarten students now have wonderful, positive memories of their first day of school as a result of your patience and generosity.

Thank you,
Miss Naomi Goldberg

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Edgeworth Public School’s banking day is TUESDAY.
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.
Cameron Park Community OOSH 2015

**OOSH Blurb**
Cameron Park Community OOSH encourages all families to drop into the centre and take a look at our exceptional facility. Please feel free to take an enrolment package to book your child/children in for a fun filled & safe experience for before, after school care and vacation care.

**Our operational hours?**
- **Before School:** 6:30am – 9am
- **After School:** 3:00pm – 6:30pm
- **Vacation Care:** 6:30am – 6:00pm

**Who can attend?**
All primary school aged children are welcome. We offer a drop off and pick up service for children that attend Edgeworth, Edgeworth Public School Pre School, Edgeworth Heights, Barnsley, St Benedict’s, Minmi, Black Hill and Elermore Vale Public Schools.

**Where will it be?**
We operate from the Cameron Park Community Centre. (107 Northlakes Drive, Cameron Park)

**How much will it cost?**
- **Before School:** $13.00
- **After School:** $18.00
- **Vacation Care:** $45.00
(Child Care Benefit can be claimed by all families by contacting Centrelink and have your details set up)

**Activities on offer each day at OOSH?**
There will be a range of recreational, cultural and educational activities such as:
- Indoor & Outdoor games
- Art & Craft
- Homework centre
- Drama & Dance
- Cooking classes
- Music
- Board Games
- Lego & building activities
- Incursions / Excursions
- Imaginative / Creative play

**Breakfast & Afternoon Tea**
A healthy nutritional breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided each day as well as a Homework Centre for children to have first-hand tutorial assistance with homework tasks. Water is always provided for children to keep hydrated.

**Enquiries and Bookings**
Email: cameronparkoosh@gmail.com
Ph. Josh on: 0409 286 959

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