Term 2 Week 8
6 May 2013

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.

Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY
AECG Meeting from 5:00 pm

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY
Zone Swimming Carnival

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY
Early Stage 1 Assembly 11:35 am

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY
Schools Clean up Australia Day

TUESDAY 3 MARCH
Rugby 7’s

FRIDAY 6 MARCH
Zone Rugby League trials
Zone Netball trials

MONDAY 9 MARCH
Debating Workshop

THURSDAY 12 MARCH
Selective High School Placement Test
Paul Harragon Cup
P & C School Disco

FRIDAY 13 MARCH
Zone boys and girls Soccer trials

TUESDAY 17 MARCH
Year 6 Canberra Excursion

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH
Year 6 Canberra Excursion

THURSDAY 19 MARCH
Year 6 Canberra Excursion

FRIDAY 20 MARCH
Hunter PSSA Rugby League trials

THURSDAY 23 APRIL
School Photos

Principals Report Term 1 Week 4

Parent, teacher, information meetings

Thank you to the many parents who attended stage information meetings to date. As a staff we value the importance of spending this time early in the year, sharing goals and outlining expectations. I acknowledge our teaching staff for the extra time and preparation for such meetings to occur and to the many parents who had to reschedule work commitments and after school activities to be present. I’m sure the experience was highly valuable for both parents and teachers. If you have not received a 2015 stage brochure please contact your child’s class teacher.

3-way interviews (parent-teacher-student) are scheduled for 24-25 March however if you need to meet before this time please make direct contact with your child’s teacher to arrange an appropriate time.

Student Leaders 2015

Congratulations to our captains and prefects inducted at our leadership ceremony last Friday, it was certainly a very proud moment for the leaders and their families. Thank you to the captains from Glendale Technology HS for joining us on this special occasion.

Changes to Student Leave of Absence for Family Holidays

From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School – Procedures. Travel outside of vacation periods is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes. Whilst principals can still approve applications for Exemption up to 100 days subject to that exemption being in the best welfare needs of the student, the leave must now register as Leave (L) and shown on the student’s report as absence. New DEC applications are available from the office and must include travel documentation such as travel itinerary or e-ticket.
**Student Council**

Our first Student Representative Council (SRC) meeting was held on Monday. This council includes one student representative from each class Years 2-6 and led by our school captains and prefects. The Student Council is a student-based civic organisation designed to help promote school spirit and leadership among students. It allows for students to participate in activities, which will serve to enhance the quality of the school including the environment, provide charitable support for other students and promote student voice in school decision making. Mrs Haley with the support of Miss Kellert will be leading the Student Council. Students who have been elected into the SRC will receive their badge on Friday 27 February at our Week 5 Assembly.

**Swimming Carnival Success**

Congratulations to all students, staff and school community for another excellent school swimming carnival. After an early light shower of rain followed by almost perfect summer conditions, students enjoyed a fun day mixed with competition and novelty events. Congratulations to our winning house Patterson and to every student who participated. Thank you to Miss McGrath and Mr Gray for organising such a highly successful carnival.

**Update of student information**

This week all families will receive a copy of their current information including home address, phone numbers and emergency contacts which are currently on our data base. Please amend any information and return it with or without changes to your child’s class teacher by Monday 2 March. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated to ensure all student contact details are accurate.

**Disability Parking**

The school has a disability parking bay located in the staff carpark entering from Oakville Rd. This is reserved for parents and visitors picking up or settling down passengers who are displaying a **Disability Parking Permit only**. If for some reason the space is not available cars displaying such permits are permitted to park in the car park adjacent to the canteen. If for some reason you require temporary parking due to student/adult injury please contact the school office for permission to park near the canteen area. At NO TIME can cars be left double parked obstructing another person’s access to their vehicle. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

**Extra-curricular Opportunities**

At Edgeworth PS it is our intention to ensure students are provided with a variety of extra-curricular activities to engage, inspire and nurture skills, interests and talents beyond the classroom. Wide selections of opportunities for students K-6 are detailed in this newsletter for your information. I commend the many staff who dedicate their time to prepare and supervise this learning for our students.

**School Development Day Variation**

Plans are underway to reschedule the end of year designated School Development Day on 18 December to two evenings in Semester 1. Students K-6 finish school on Wednesday 16 December and therefore the 18 December is a NSW DEC designated pupil-free day. Information regarding School Development Days are attached to this newsletter. Please contact the school if this change causes undue concern.

**AEGC Meeting at Edgeworth PS**

I would like to remind all families that our newly formed Kumaridha Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AEGC) for our local area will be meeting for the first time at Edgeworth PS on **WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH** at 5.00pm for full members and 5.45pm for community and non-members.

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**Awards**

### Early Stage 1

- Alyssa Kelly, Keira Cockburn, Liam Yardy, Charlotte Stephens, Harmony Barber, Callum Cox, Grace Dawe, Bailey Kirkland, Cooper Goninan, Noah Condron, Zac Mould, Austin Young, Riley Field, Ivy Turpin, Slade Nicholson, Georgia Brooks, Jordan Legg, Aubrey Ferguson, Josie Edwards, Olivia Elvidge, Hayley Morrison

### Stage 1


### Stage 2

- Hayden Burrow, Jada Walton, Jason McKenzie, Keely Parkinson, Sukontha Vaekwan, Mitchell Woodbridge, Mikaihla Elvide, Madison Witenden, Ashleigh Barber, Ella Kidston, Mason Rae, Angel de Grandis, Liam Crotty, Noah Hodges, Cameron Jeans, Mia Elliott, Cailin McIntosh, Sam Jones, Sapphire Tabas, Hayden Bryant, Indira Rippon, Aarez Khattak, Isabelle Hillier
Aboriginal Education Officer
Our school is seeking to employ a full-time Aboriginal Education Officer for 2015. The successful applicant will: imbed knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal communities and cultures, work collaboratively with teachers to develop culturally appropriate resources and programs, promote Aboriginal education, encourage students and support parents, and mentor Aboriginal students to help them achieve their potential. An expression of interest application is available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website. Applications close Friday 27 February.

Office Staff
In our last newsletter we detailed our teaching staff and this week we share the names of staff that collectively ensure our school runs efficiently and effectively each day. This year we welcome back:

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Quality Student Work
This week students Loghan and Mason displayed some great artwork from their class 4M. Also Tiarnah and Alex enjoyed creating pacman posters to demonstrate their knowledge of the greater than and less than symbols in mathematics.

PBL
Students had the opportunity of creating a name for our PBL mascot and a number of suggestions were voted on by class including Owlbert, Edgie and Mr Hoot. After counting the votes the PBL team were proud to announce that our PBL powerful owl mascot will be named **Ronowldo**. The mascot will be used in all promotions regarding the school values of respect, responsibility and learning.

Awards

Stage 3

Students have been involved in weekly lessons in class where they learn about how respect, responsibility and learning is reflected by their choices. Students will be rewarded with a Ronowldo throughout the school day for demonstrating the weekly focus and these tokens are used by students for the rewards menu. These menus are displayed in classrooms and around the school. The menu will operate for the entire term however there will be a rewards day each 5 weeks.

Students are responsible for storing their tokens and no responsibility will be placed on the school for monitoring these tokens. This includes replacing lost or damaged tokens accidentally taken home.

### Bus Behaviour

A number of students travel on buses each and every day. Students must display exemplary behaviour whilst travelling to and from school to ensure they are complying with socially acceptable behaviour and transport guidelines. Each student who travels on a bus will be signing a bus contract which is part of our PBL framework of respect, responsibility and learning. Parents are asked to discuss their child’s bus behaviour and support the school in making sure Edgeworth students arrive at school in a safe, respectful manner and display best manners when travelling home. Parents support is greatly appreciated.

### Premier’s Reading Challenge News from Mrs Mitchell in the Library

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has started at Edgeworth PS in Week 3 (February 9). Mrs Topic, Miss Wingrove and I have been encouraging children to begin reading and recording their books on a paper reading log. I have some spare reading logs available in the library for those students who missed out. The PRC site is not yet operational but when it is (March 2) I can register children who are taking up the reading challenge.

This involves K to 2 children reading independently, with parents or being read to by parents or teachers, depending on the reading ability of the children. Their goal is to read 30 books (25 of which must be on the reading list) by August 14. Years 3 to 4 and 5 to 6 should be reading 20 books (at least 15 from the lists) independently. If a series of books (e.g. Zac Power stories) is read by a student, the first two books can be counted on the PRC list and another 5 can be counted as own choice.

When the PRC site comes online parents will be able to enter their children’s book identification numbers directly onto their child’s electronic reading log if the child knows his/her DET portal username and password. Alternatively
when the reading log is complete please bring it to me in the library and I will enter the books and give the student a Spotlight award. When any student completes the challenge, I must also validate their entries even if the log was completed electronically at home.

Here is an example of how to fill in the reading log.

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The PRC ID number is often on a sticker on the book but if it is a book from home or another library, go to the New South Wales Premier’s Reading Challenge at [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html) and look up the booklist section by title or author or in the search box. There are some very keen students who have already begun recording...our aim this year is to beat 2013’s record...186 students completing the challenge. Happy reading!

**Clean Up Australia Day**

On Friday 27 February 2015 we are having our annual Clean up Australia Day. This will be conducted after lunch and each stage will be designated a different area of the school to clean up. We are asking if possible could students please bring in a pair of gloves to wear and a plastic shopping bag to put their rubbish in. Thank you from the Environmental Team.

**Stage News**

**Preschool News**

The Kookaburras (Group 1) and Koalas (Group 2) are settling in well and we are enjoying happy days of play and learning at the centre. We hope you will be able to join us for an information session on Wednesday 18 February at 3:30 pm. Mrs Ann Blayden & Mrs Jen Mitchell

**Kindergarten News**

Congratulations to all of our kindergarten students for an amazing first 2 weeks of school. They have all settled into school life very well and are excited to learn new things every day. Here are a few work samples from our Kindergarten students.

**100 days of school**

From the very first day of school Kindergarten classes began keeping track of the number of days they've been in school. Students will count daily by ones, fives and tens in great anticipation of reaching 100. Students will be involved in a whole day celebration when they reach the MAGIC 100!

**Stage Assemblies**

Stage assemblies for Early Stage 1 will be held on odd weeks at 11:30am in the school hall. At these assemblies some students will receive an award to recognise their achievement and efforts. Parents are most welcome to attend these assemblies.

**Fairytale Parade**

Kindergarten students have been in search of Cinderella’s slipper. They have started travelling the world and are looking forward to the grand ball. Our fairy tale parade will be held on Monday 30th March. A note will be sent home next week.
DEAR with me.
As part of our literacy program *Drop Everything And Read with Me* will be operating in all Kindergarten classrooms during 2015.
The *DEAR with me* program gives students the opportunity to read familiar texts to friends and parents while developing their skills and confidence. It also gives parents an opportunity to engage in positive literacy activities within the school/class environment reinforcing talking and listening, reading and comprehension skills.
Class teachers will send a separate note home outlining the days this program will be running in their class.

**Council library visits**
Each Kindergarten class will visit the Edgeworth council library once a fortnight. Students will need to bring their library bag with them so that they can borrow a book. Registration forms will be sent home for those students who do not have a library card. A permission note will be sent home this week with details of when each class will be attending the library.

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Noah K/1P

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Zac KG

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Liliana KD
Stage 1

Stage 1 teachers happily report that students are working hard in classes, learning new routines and making new friends.

Our homework packs will go home this week. Please take the time to see what is in the folder and to support your child with their learning at home. If you have not paid for your book pack, please arrange to do so as soon as possible. Spotlights will be handed out weekly on Friday afternoons after lunch. We have many students demonstrating respect, responsibility and learning who are being recognised.

This week we are focusing on learning and teachers are handing out “Renowldo” cards for students demonstrating learning.

**Spotlight on 1P**

1P are very excited to be in our freshly painted room. We are trying hard to make our room look wonderful with our work on display.

1P have been writing about their new class.

*Emma* – In 1P I have made new friends. 1P is the best class in all of EPS.

*Zayd* - I like maths. I like my teacher. I like my new classmates.

*Zara* – I like to do art because it is fun. My teacher is Mrs Parsons. She is very lovely. In 1P we play fun games. Sometimes I do beautiful work. I like 1P because I have got friends. I always try my best even when it is hard work.

Thank you to parents who came to our Parent Information Session last Tuesday afternoon. Communication is an essential ingredient for keeping up with our busy school calendar and as stated on Tuesday, if there are any concerns relating to your child, a simple phone call or note may help to bring about a swift outcome. Understandably, not all parents were able to attend and so a ‘handout’ has been produced and sent home (also available on our website).

Homework has begun! Please support your child and assist where the need arises. Best homework efforts are those which are achieved over a number of nights. Shared reading and drilling of spelling words are great ways to be involved with your child’s homework. Be sure to check the homework on Thursday night to celebrate success with your child before its return on Friday morning.

**In the Spotlight 3/4B** - What a fantastic and busy start 3/4B has had to the year. After lots of assessments we are working hard in all areas of our learning. The children are proving themselves to be creative writers, clever mathematicians and are fond of a good game of volleyball. The boys are victorious so far, but the girls are close to making a come back! All students can be proud of their efforts in showing respect, responsibility and being fantastic learners. Ronowldo cards are being earned and the children are excited to spend these at our first menu selection opportunity coming up soon. 3/4B are becoming a great team and we are looking forward to the great year ahead!

Congratulations to our captains, prefects and sports captains and vice captains who looked so amazing last Friday. We were very proud of all of you. A special thank you to Mr Harris, Mrs Booth and the high school captains and vice captains for attending our ceremony.

Stage 3
Stage 3 had a highly successful Parent/Teacher Information afternoon last Tuesday.

Thank you to the parents for the positive and enthusiastic comments regarding our very comprehensive information package. We enjoyed being able to share all the exciting and engaging activities taking place in our classrooms with our wonderful parents.

**Canberra Excursion**

Please note there are several vacancies for the Year 6 Canberra excursion. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our Nation’s capital city and see first-hand how our country is governed. Please keep Canberra payments coming in. We need to know numbers by this Friday. Final money is due 9 March.

**Book Packs**

Most students have now paid for their book packs. Thank you to those students and families. Can the students who are yet to purchase their book pack please attempt to do so ASAP.

**News from the classes:**

**6H**

This week 6H students have completed some magnificent art works focusing on our theme, natural disasters. Our first painting reflect the devastation of a bush fire.

**4S**

4S have had a busy week organising their book packs and starting work. I am really happy to see the effort that is being made - particularly in their new books.

**5M**

Students in 5M have been striving to learn new class routines and have created a class agreement in order to build a positive learning environment for all. After submitting job applications for the prestigious roles of responsibility within the classroom, many candidates have been successful and are to be congratulated on fulfilling their duties maturely. Javis Graczyk is to be commended after being elected 5M’s representative for student council.

**6G**

6G have settled well into their new class routines. Could parents please send in tissues and handwash for our classroom as we use these items frequently. Don’t forget to pay for your book packs as soon as possible.

**5/6K**

What a wonderful group of students! I am enjoying getting to know the new faces in 5/6K and am looking forward to the rest of a very productive term ahead. Thank you to the parents for getting book pack payments sorted quickly; it is greatly appreciated. I encourage all 5/6K students to start using Mathletics and Reading Eggs at home for revision of concepts learnt in class.

**5W**

I have had a fantastic few weeks getting to know the students in 5W. We are settling into our routines and work very well together. This week 5W have worked hard practicing addition and subtraction strategies. Students have received both their Mathletics and Reading Eggs logins to use at home. Thank you to those that have paid for their book packs and bought in tissues, handwash and sanitizer. A great start to the year 5W, well done!

**SCRIPTURE**


Classes will be for 30 minutes for children in Stages 1, 2, 3 and Catholic Kindergarten. The program will be led by the popular Mr Rob Branham and Jen Maeren who are ably assisted by Phil Siever and Andy Cox. Catholic Scripture is conducted by Sister Lucie, Bernadette Royan and Irena Atkins.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to attend either Catholic or non-denominational general scripture classes, please write a short note to the class teacher. If a note is not received, children will attend one of the SRE classes.

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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.
Edgeworth Public School Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to all the students who have been elected in leadership roles for 2015. The SRC consists of the School Captains and Prefects, House Captains and Vice Captains and class representatives (Years 3-6) – see list below. Class SRC representatives will receive their leadership badges at the Whole School Assembly on Friday 27th February.

This week we had our first SRC meeting and it was wonderful to see how enthusiastic all the student leaders were to be involved in different school initiatives. The SRC is divided into three committees – Sport/Health, Environmental and Fundraising/Charities. I look forward to observing all the positive changes the student leaders bring to Edgeworth Public School.

Miss Kellert

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SPORT REPORT

Zone Tennis Trials

Congratulations to Ella Griffith in representing Edgeworth Public School at the zone tennis trials at West Wallsend on 10 February. Ella performed very well and showed great sportsmanship and good skills. Thank you to Keryn Griffith for her help on the day with umpiring the boys. Mrs Chris Stiller

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Edgeworth PS Swimming Carnival on February 7. After some early morning drizzle during the qualifying for the special strokes, the sun came out in time just as the rest of the students arrived, making for a wonderful carnival. It was fantastic to see all of the students competing in a variety of 50m, 25m, novelty and relays events and activities. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to support and cheer on their children, and to all of the staff who attended, making the carnival possible.

Congratulations to Paterson, who were the House Champions for the 5th year in a row!
Congratulations to the following students who were our Age Champions:

Senior Girl - **Emily Jones**
Senior Boys - **Reece Barton** and **Larry Quinn**
Junior Girl - **Ellie Mackey**
Junior Boy - **Sam Jones**

Good luck to the following students who will represent Edgeworth at the Crossroads Zone Carnival on Thursday at Speers Point Pool: Emily Jones, Kayla Borrow, Ellie Taylor, Lakeisha Bailey, Jackson Bolch, Beau Walker, Drew Martin, Larry Quinn, Tyler Neilsen, Liam Mistlebaur, Erin Parker, Kooper Robson, Jasmyne Whyte, Cobia Randall, Kynyn Hellyer, Abbey Morgan, Tiarne DeBoer, Reece Barton, Jameca Gill, Jessica Armstrong, Jerome Weatherall, Noah Hodges, Cameron Jeanes, Angelo De Grandis, Mason Walsh, James Armstrong, Rebekah Hillier, Ellie Mackey, Sam Jones, Brodie Phillips, Cooper Griffiths, Abbie Martin, Emily McMurtrie, Max Blackert, Kate West, Ayana Youlten, Will Photio, Kye Hurry, Kyah Hodges, Sienna Kirkland, Taj Barton, Hannah Mackey, Sienna Tabas.

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**Winter Sports Trials**

Trials for our Winter Sports teams are currently taking place. Senior Rugby League/Rugby Union trials continued today, whilst Junior Netball trials also took place. Trials for the Senior Netball team will occur on Friday. Trials for the Junior and Senior Soccer teams will take place next week.

Students who are successful in selection will receive information about competitions, training days and times, and any other relevant details in due course.

Mr Gray and Miss McGrath

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**Playground Games**

In 2015 we are introducing a new playground games initiative, which will be led by the House Captains, Vice Captains, and some Year 6 games leaders. Each day of the week there will be different activities on at lunchtime for different groups of students, based on stages. The games started on Monday, and so far have been a success. It has been great to see a large number of students interacting with each other, having fun and enjoying themselves whilst being active. The leaders each day will be handing out our Ronaldo cards for students who play in the right spirit. Congratulations to our House Captains, Vice Captains and Year 6 games leaders on their efforts so far.
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# 2015 Sporting Opportunities

There are a variety of school based activities available for interested students. The table below outlines our main PSSA, general sporting and cultural opportunities, so that students and their families can discuss and make informed decisions. Throughout the year a range of sports are entered into the NSW PSSA Knockout competition. These competitions are played in rounds between schools in the same zone. Teams advance to higher rounds if they win and often rounds are played as a gala day to give schools more opportunity. Please be mindful that the information may be subject to change closer to organised dates.

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* Please note that students need to be turning 8 or 8 years of age in order to compete. All carnivals have a cost which is confirmed closer to the date.

# This carnival is for all students K-6.

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School development days are used by schools to improve the skills of our teachers, school leaders and school administrative support staff.

**Purpose of school development days**

They improve the learning outcomes of students by:

- providing targeted professional learning activities aligned to school strategic directions and Department of Education and Communities priorities
- enabling whole school planning and enhancing teacher quality, school leadership and management practices
- implementing legislative and policy requirements.

The content of school development days is determined by the principal in consultation with the school community.

Activities are based on the principles within the Australian Professional Learning Charter for Teachers and School Leaders (2012), which recommends that professional learning experiences:

- equip teachers and leaders to deal with both current and future contexts and challenges
- promote action research
- provide opportunity to explore and challenge own thinking and understandings
- promote innovative practice

Examples of school development day programs include:

- analysing student and school data to identify student needs and provide a focus for teaching
- induction and mentoring programs to support teachers new to their school
- identifying interagency support that is available to implement case management programs
- analysing school welfare support initiatives to meet student welfare needs
- using quality school learning models to enhance teaching and learning programs, assessments and classroom practice
- quality teaching in the digital age and incorporating digital components into teaching and learning programs
- developing programs to help students with special learning needs

**Scheduling**

The dates are determined by the Department’s Secretary and are scheduled to occur at the commencement of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the final two days of the school year.

**Variations of school development days**

Schools that wish to vary the date of a school development day can consult with their school community and advise their Director Public Schools NSW.

Please contact your school principal for further information.
School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 3
- Invisiink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day!

1st Edgeworth Scout Group is having an

Be prepared...
For new adventure!

For more than 100 years Scouts have offered a program to young people which helps develop them through teamwork and using their own initiative.

Scouts believe encouraging young people to ‘be prepared’ is more important today than ever.

What should you be prepared for? Fun and adventure, team involvement, helping other people, being a leader, making friends, caring for the environment, and being a positive influence in your community.

Come along to our OPEN DAY
6pm till 8pm on 02.03.15

Held at 1st Edgeworth Scout Hall
704 Main Rd
Edgeworth

For more information call
Janelle Clark
49587052 or 0401086555

DON’T MISS OUT!!
Sausage Sizzle and Games   FUN FOR ALL!!

ISP Playgroup

Our Play Group services are held:
Monday 9am-11am
Wiring Park Public School, Pacific Highway, Gareshead
Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am
Port Stephens Family Support Service, 3/5 Phillip Road, Raymond Terrace
Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am
Battahbah Local Aboriginal Lands Council, 44 Pacific Highway, Blacksmith
Thursday 9.30am-11.30am
Edgeworth neighborhood Centre, Minami Road, Edgeworth
Friday 9.30am-11.30am
Hunter Prebida, Civic Ave, Singleton

Come along and meet some new people & have fun with your kids in a friendly culturally appropriate environment.

Activities include:
- Painting
- Playdough
- Stories
- Puzzles
- Art & craft
- Games

Free service
Free morning tea provided
Aboriginal staff
Family support and advocacy services available

509 Main Road, Glendale, Nsw 2285
Contact Deilie, Tanya or Tion on Phone (02) 4956932
Mobile: 0419 604 174
Email: awabahalplaygroup@awabahal.org
cyber rules
stay safe and have fun on the internet

Be careful who you trust online. Making new friends can be fun, but there's a chance that they may not be who they say they are.

Set your profile to private so your personal information is kept secret.

Don't open messages from people that you don't know. These could be risky, contain viruses or be trying to sell you something.

Always keep your password a secret.

Tell your parents if you are upset by language, pictures or anything scary on the internet.

If someone is nasty, offensive or makes you uncomfortable in a chat room, don't respond and leave straight away.

Think before you post information online—once posted it's difficult to remove.

Ask your parents before you give anyone on this internet your name, address or any personal details.

www.cybersmart.gov.au

AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?
You are invited to Carer Connections Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

GUEST SPEAKER:
Kahlie Nickerson, Clinical Nurse Specialist
Hunter Integrated Pain Service (Hunter New England Health)

TOPIC: "The Meaning of Chronic Pain: and Hunter Integrated Pain Service’s approach to Improving Life"

VENUE: East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank Street, East Maitland
TIME: 10.30am – 12.00pm
COST: Free - include Morning Tea
WHEN: Monday 23 March 2015
RSVP: Wednesday 18 March 2015

For more information or to Register Contact:
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter on: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776 or Email: Easycare.Admin@hnene.health.nsw.gov.au (We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)