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 P&C Executive
Our P&C Annual General Meeting was held last night and I’m pleased to announce the elected executive officers for 2015: President- David Kidston, Vice President- Leigh Freund, Vice President (2) Tracey Clarke, Treasurer- Trudy Drinkwater, Secretary- Jo Egge, School Canteen Convenor- Julieanne Young, Canteen Secretary- Alison Hannah, and School Council Reps- Mel Neilsen and Sarah Robinson. I congratulate the office bearers in their appointments and acknowledge the outstanding commitment of our P&C committee who support them in their roles.

P&C Election Day BBQ
The school is a designated polling venue for the NSW State Elections on Saturday 28 March and the P&C will be conducting a BBQ from 8am to 2pm catering for breakfast and lunch. Please show your support by purchasing on the day or by offering assistance. Contact Zac Morton (Class Teacher) if you are able to help in any way.

Jennifer Parke

ANZAC Floral Remembrances - FRIDAY April 24
At our ANZAC Commemoration Service it is customary for some children to place small floral tributes on a table to remember family or friends who served in the Defence Forces during war and also on peace-keeping missions. The tribute should have a small label attached telling the person’s name, relationship to the child and his/her job in the Defence Force. This is a special way to make the ANZAC service meaningful to the children of Edgeworth Public School.

This year as part of studies commemorating the centenary of the first landing at Gallipoli by the ANZACs, students from Stages 2 and 3 have been researching the lives of soldiers from our local area who served in World War 1. The library has a display of West Wallsend, Wallsend and Young Wallsend memorials featuring the names of those who served in this war as well as a memorial tree with names of some of these men on its leaves. It would be fitting if some of these volunteers who offered their all were also remembered by floral tributes at our ANZAC Service.

Premier’s Reading Challenge News
The Premier’s Reading Challenge website opened in early March and already four students have handed in their completed reading logs and another is promised. Congratulations to Hayley Jeanes, Cameron Jeanes, Summer Gairns and Kayne Gairns as well as a big thank you to their parents for supporting them. I look forward to many more reading logs being handed in to me in the coming weeks.

Mrs Mitchell

SRC - Fundraising/Charities Committee
Well done to 5/6K and 4/5N for hosting a successful Cupcake Day last week. $396.00 was raised to support the SRC in making positive changes in the school. Just a reminder that we are asking all school community members to collect ring pulls and send them into school to raise money for charity. The ring pulls will be cashed in to raise money for the Newcastle Ronald McDonald House which will use to money to buy much needed items such as linen, crockery, toys and groceries. Please start sending in your ring pulls as soon as possible. Each classroom will have a container to collect their ring pulls in. On Friday 22nd May (Week 5, Term 2), we will be conducting a ring pull collection from each class. We will weigh the amount of ring pulls each class has collected to determine which class has collected the most. Students in the winning class will each get a delicious iceblock. Start collecting ring pulls today!

Awards

Early Stage 1

Stage 1
Ryan Austin, Takeeli Smith, Maddison Watson, Tyla Lindeboom, Alyssa Slee, Ryan Wilson, Bronty Beagan, Jessica Tindall, Neo Graczyk, Taj White, Lanah Durham, Kyah Stoinemoff, Kaidn Ray, Hannah Rimmington, Lilli Salzmann, Hannah Graham, Sienna Tabas, Aidan Griffiths, Callum Cousins, Emma Street, Hayley Jeanes, Angus Caunt, Madison Martin, Lauren Hopton, Riley Slee, Noah Bartlett, Kallan Milton, Tuscany Burrow, Cooper Hibbs

Stage 2
Fairy Tale Parade
As the term draws near the end our Kindergarten students are very close to finding Cinderella’s lost slipper. With the grand ball set for Monday 30 March at 12pm, Kindergarten classrooms are very busy with the preparation for this big event. They are looking forward to sharing this special event with family and friends. Teachers are also busy organising their own costumes for the day. Who will Miss Goldberg, Miss Welsh, Miss Darcy and Mrs Pusz come dressed as?

Easter Hat Parade
Our annual K-2 Easter hat parade will be held on Thursday 2 April at 2pm. A note will be sent home today with more information.

Fruit break
Just a reminder that fruit break is a set break to eat fresh fruit or vegetables in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning assisting concentration in the classroom. Other snack foods such as chips, biscuits etc are suitable for recess.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Kindergarten teachers will hold parent teacher interviews next Tuesday in KW and KD classrooms. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with their teacher. If you are unable to attend that day please contact your child’s teacher for an alternative date.

Stage 1 teachers would like to congratulate every child for their continued efforts in completing their speaking homework. Every class is using these pages to create class books with many students enjoy reading through the books during reading groups. Stage 1 teachers would like to ask any families that have over ear headphones for their child to please send them to school in a labelled bag for use on the computers.

Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 2 April at 2:15 pm in the hall. Year 1 and 2 students are being asked to please make their hats at home. A note has been sent home today.

1OT - Just a reminder to let you know we are visiting the Council Library on Mondays (odd weeks) when everyone returns their permission notes.

Spotlight on 1/2P
Miss Pusz would like to congratulate all students for their hard work and effort across all subjects. We are collecting the Woolworths dominoes to use in class, if any families are not collecting them or have spares we would love it if you shared them with us!

1/2 P have recently started learning some basic computer coding on Friday afternoons and the students are having a ball! We use different iPad apps (our favourites are A.L.E.X., bee bot and kodable), code.org on the computers and make mazes for our bee bot's to move around.
School Disco: Congratulations to our students for their excellent behaviour during the disco last week. Everyone was a wonderful contributor to some great moves on the dance floor and a great night was had!

Gymnastics: A reminder that permission notes and money are due back at school now. The program involves sophisticated equipment and tuition from professional teachers. Planning and organisation is based on numbers involved, so your assistance with a quick return is appreciated.

3-Way Parent Interviews: Please note the spaces are filling quickly for Tuesday 24 March. Log into www.schoolinterviews.com.au for your best available timeslot.

Spotlight on 4M
For the past few weeks students of 4M have been very busy! We have been working hard on our Australian Unit and learning about our states and capital cities. We have also been working hard on writing persuasive texts. We have been concentrating on our writing process and have been hard at work planning our writing, creating a draft, editing and revising our work and then publishing. We have also been looking at our super 6 comprehension strategies in reading and have been using them in our literacy session. In Mathematics we have been learning about whole numbers, addition and subtraction, fractions and data (with Miss Wingrove). In science we have been learning about day and night and information about our solar system (with Mr Szczudlo). We have been enjoying PE and art most of all this term. So far we have looked at how to play ultimate vortex and diamond cricket in PE and have been having mini tournaments between our table groups. In art we have been creating lots of fabulous artworks that are displayed around our room and are also on our class blog 4mcgrath.weebly.com

Canberra
This morning at 6:15am, our Year 6 students headed off to Canberra, accompanied by Mrs Haley, Mr Gray, Miss Kellert and our very brave parent, Angela Smith. The students will visit many of our capital’s iconic locations over the next 3 days, including Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Old Parliament House, the AIS, National Zoo, Royal Australian Mint and Questacon. They will return at approximately 7pm on Thursday. Keep a lookout on our Skoolbag App for more up-to-date times on Thursday.

Year 5 Excursion
Year 5 will be heading into Newcastle this Thursday to attend The Newcastle Museum and Fort Scratchley. This excursion relates to our H.S.I.E and Science units and will help develop student understanding of local involvement in World War 1 and Natural Disasters. Students will take part in a tour of the tunnels in Fort Scratchley and have an opportunity to view ‘The Newcastle Story’ exhibit, ‘The BHP Sound & Light Show’ and participate in the ‘Supernova’ interactivities. We are looking forward to our day in town.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
A reminder our Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday March 24. Bookings can be made through www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering the event code JRBTN. We look forward to meeting with the parents of our Stage 3 students.

Natural Disasters Project
This week students received information about the Natural Disasters Project. A reminder these are due Week 10.
Edgeworth Public School will be offering students in Years 2-6 the opportunity to participate in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) tests. These tests are strictly optional and students may opt to participate in specific tests or all of them. Students in Year 2 are ONLY eligible to participate in the Science, English and Mathematics ICAS tests. Students in Years 3-6 are eligible to participate in ALL ICAS tests.

This year, we are issuing one note to cover the entry form and payment slip for all six competitions: Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics – see competition details below.

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All students in Years 2-6 have received an ICAS permission note. Additional copies of the permission note can be found on the Skoolbag app or the school website.

Permission notes and money MUST be returned by Monday 30 March (Week 10). No late orders can or will be accepted.

Please note: No refunds can be made due to student absence on competition dates.

Kristy Kellert – Organising Teacher
Hi my name is Isaac, I’m from class 4/5N. This year I was lucky enough to get to go to Stewart House.

This is a special school where you go for 2 weeks and have lots of fun exploring different places while learning new things, it’s like going on holidays with school, you even get to sleep over in a cabin with your friends like they do in Harry Potter, except without the magic.

While I was there I made lots of new friends and visited lots of exciting places including Taronga Zoo, The Sydney Aquatic Centre, The Sydney Harbour Bridge, Curl Curl Beach and The Power House Museum. My favourite parts were watching the seal show at the zoo, swimming in the whirl pool at the aquatic centre and dressing up like a circus ring master at the museum.

At Stuart House they have Hi-5 dollars that you can get by doing good things and you can use them to buy presents, I was able to buy lots of presents for my family and a couple for me too. I also learnt new skills from Stewart House especially how to understand my feelings more and better ways of telling other people how I feel, especially when they upset me.

I really enjoyed my time away and all the new things I got to see and do, and even though I really missed my family while I was gone, I am really glad I got to go to Stewart House and make so many new friends and memories.

Debating Workshop
On Monday 9 March, Edgeworth Public School hosted an interschool debating workshop run by 3 of the Arts Unit’s experienced adjudicators. Eleven stage 3 students from Edgeworth attended: Abbey Bramley, Ella Harrison-Virag, Lulani Herivel, Daniel Mackinnon, Liam Mistelbauer, Tyler Neilsen, Erin Parker, Aja Rippon, Kooper Robson, Hayley Shearer and Jesse Trimble. All students had a great day and learnt many skills and strategies to implement in future debates. A big thank you to the canteen staff for catering the event.

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.

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
Regional Swimming Carnival Success
Emily Jones (6G) and Sam Jones (3/4B) recently represented Edgeworth PS at the Hunter Region PSSA Swimming Carnival at Maitland Pool on March 5, pitting them against the best swimmers in all of the Hunter Region.
Sam competed in the Junior boys 50m backstroke, placing 4th, and the 10 years boys 50m freestyle, where he came 5th.
Emily took the blocks in 6 events, and amazingly, won all 6 events! She placed first in the 12 years 50m freestyle, Open girls 100m freestyle, Open girls 200m IM, Senior girls 50m backstroke, Senior girls 50m butterfly and Senior girls 50m breaststroke- an incredible effort! For the second year in a row, Emily will compete in all 6 events at the NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival at Homebush on March 25 and 26. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing how she goes.

Paul Harragon Cup Champions!
After being runners-up in 2014, Edgeworth PS have gone one step further been crowned the 2015 Paul Harragon Cup champions!
Edgeworth entered 2 teams for the gala day which was held at Windale Oval on March 12. Both teams were placed in Pool A, and begun the day with a match against each other. In a spirited match, Edgeworth 1 took out the game 16-4, with Daniel and Lauchlyn scoring 2 tries each, whilst Will S scored the try for Edgeworth 2. Edgeworth 2 continued their day with an 8-4 win over Grahamstown PS, with tries from Coby and Will S, before unluckily going down 8-4 against Wirreanda PS, with Coby scoring the try. They finished the day with losses to Wallsend South PS and Warners Bay PS, however always gave 100% effort and should be very proud of their efforts.
Edgeworth 1 followed their opening victory with a 12-0 win against Warners Bay PS, with Daniel again scoring 2 tries, and Jack B 1, before Jerome and Jack B scored tries in an 8-0 win over Grahamstown PS. 2 tries from Daniel saw Edgeworth defeat Wirreanda PS 8-4, before a hard fought 4-4 draw against Wallsend South PS rounded out the pool matches, with Logan scoring the try. This saw Edgeworth 1 take on Biddabah PS in the semi finals. Biddabah scored early to take a 4-0 lead, before Edgeworth took control of the game, with Kade scoring a try. Conversions were made part of the semi final rules, and Daniel converted to give Edgeworth a 6-4 lead, which was the final score. Edgeworth then took on St Brigids Raymond Terrace in the final. Jerome scored the first try of the match, which he converted to give Edgeworth a 6-0 lead. St Brigids hit back to make it 6-6, before Daniel scored in the corner. Lauchlyn converted for a 12-6 lead. Again St Brigids levelled up, however Edgeworth PS hung on for a 12-12 draw. The rules of the competition allow for the first try scorer in a drawn game to be announced as winners, and after being on the wrong side of this rule many times in recent years, Edgeworth came out on top to be crowned Paul Harragon Cup champions. All players stood up during the day and made vital contributions in an excellent all round team effort.
Edgeworth 1- Lauchlyn Spicer-Douglas, Daniel Coverdale, Georgia Chapple, Logan Cox, Jack Barlow, Kade Youlten, Jerome Weatherall, Jack Hillier, Jake Hodgins and Logan Douglas. Absent- Beau Walker

***NEW***
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
TUESDAY 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
THURSDAY 8:30 am - 9:30 am

NO NUTS

SCHOOL ZONE
8 - 9 AM
2ND - 4PM
SCHOOL DAYS
40
Crossroads Zone Selection
A number of students have attended Crossroads Zone selection trials over the past fortnight. Congratulations to Georgia Chapple (5M) and Shae Farrell (6H) on their selection in the Zone netball team. They will now attend the Hunter PSSA Netball trials on Wednesday April 1. Also, congratulations to Beau Walker (6G), Lauchlyn Spicer-Douglas (5S), Daniel Coverdale (5/6K), Jerome Weatherall (4/5N), Kade Youlten (5W), Jack Hillier (5/6K) and Georgia Chapple, who after making the netball team, attended the rugby league trials and made the Zone rugby league team along with the boys. These 7 students will attend the Hunter PSSA Rugby League trials on Friday March 20. Well done to all of these students, and to the other Edgeworth PS students (Di-Erin Weatherall 6G and Tayla Gradwell 6H- netball, and Jack Barlow 5W, Logan Cox 5/6K and Jake Hodgins 5M- rugby league) who attended the zone trials.

Cross Country
Our annual Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday March 27. Students who turn 8 or older in 2015 will compete. Whilst students are waiting to race, or at the completion of their race, they will participate in a variety of novelty activities. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on their child.

Mr Gray and Miss McGrath

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.

COMMONWEALTH BANK STUDENT BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

LOST SOMETHING?
There is a lost property box located near 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.