EDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to our school swimming team who competed at Friday’s Zone Carnival at Candelo. I believe we were placed fourth overall with Georgia Caldwell, Jack Caldwell and Zak Kelly being age champions. Our senior boys relay was also placed second and will be progressing to the regional carnival at Dapto on Friday 7th March. Many thanks to those of you who provided support and transport for the team. Thanks and well done to Mrs Caldwell and Corey for their supervision of the team. The children as usual were fantastic representatives of our school displaying Respect, Responsibility and Resilience throughout. Please see the photos on page four.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

The school will be participating in Clean-up Australia Day this Friday 28th February during the middle session. Information was sent home last Friday. Please make sure the children come to school with a plastic bag for rubbish and if possible with rubber gloves. Old feed bags are ideal. Please contact Mr Turnbull if you have questions regarding Clean Up Australia Day activities.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken Tuesday March 11th. Information will be provided to you from the photographer nearer the day. Children will be expected to wear full school uniform. Please contact me if you have questions regarding school photos.

P&C AGM

Our P&C AGM will be held in the staff room at 6.00pm, Tuesday 11th March. We look forward to seeing as many of as possible at this meeting.

FAMILY REFERRAL SERVICE

The Family Referral Service provides support for families who may need help because of domestic violence, housing issues, financial difficulty, mental health or parenting problems. They are funded by the state government as part of the Keep Them safe initiative. Involvement is voluntary and contact can be by phone, visit to their office or by home visit. Further information about this service will be in next week’s newsletter.

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Tuesday, 25th February

Term 1, Week 5

Coming soon.....

Fri, 28th Feb
Clean-Up Australia Day

Tue, 11th March
School Photos

Tue, 11th March
P & C A.G.M. 6:00pm
P & C Meeting 6:30pm

Thurs, 20th March
PSSA Girls Soccer

Thurs, 20th March
Multicultural Speaking
Competition 11:30am

Fri, 21st March
Harmony Day

Fri, 4th April
P & C Fete

MUSIC
Don’t forget music starts back again this week.
Please bring your instruments to school on Thursday 27th February.

Technology weeks 6-11
As part of Technology lessons, all students, except for Kindergarten, will be discussing Internet/cyber safety. Specific topics to be covered include password security, email safety, cyberbullying and identity theft. During the next few weeks, it would be an ideal time for parents to discuss Internet use and cybersafety with their children. Remember to be CyberSmart (http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/).

S. Taylor
Exciting Mathletics News

Special congratulations to James Hare who made it into the top 100 students in Mathletics for Australia last week and to Jemma Pollock who was listed as 19th in the top 100 world students. A great effort, well done!

Reading Eggs Android App

I apologize for any misunderstanding regarding the Reading Eggs App for Android tablets. Please see below:

ABC Reading Eggs for Android requirements:
ABC Reading Eggs can now be accessed on your Android device! Simply log in to your account at http://app.readingeggs.com/login using Google Chrome version 29.0 or later.

- If you haven’t already, you can download the latest version of Google Chrome from the Google Play Store today:

  ![Google Chrome](appicon.png)

- Supported on Samsung Galaxy Tab 2, Nexus 7 and 10 running Operating System 4.1, Jelly Bean or later
- Must have Google Play to download Google Chrome
- Wireless internet connection whilst accessing the program
- An active subscription of ABC Reading Eggs (provided by the school)
- Not supported on Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 and Dell Venue

I hope this enables all students to have tablet access to this great program.

Mathletics Update Week 4

Congratulations to all our students who received their GOLD and Silver Mathletics Certificates at last week’s assembly. Remember, all students can earn a Silver Certificate by getting five Bronze Certificates. Gold Certificates are achieved once a student has earned four Silver Certificates.

Congratulations also goes to 3/4K who were last week’s leading class with 17 certificates. Second place goes to 1/2O (10) and equal third to 3/4W (9) and 5/6E (9). Just remember students have full 24hr access to Mathletics on the Internet.

GOLD Certificate Awardees
Rhani Stranieri and Charlie Hughes.

Silver Certificate Awardees
Jackson Darmanin, Jemma Pollock, Charlie Hughes, and Morgan Thornton.

Simon Taylor

2014 MULTICULTURAL SPEAKING COMPETITION

Eden Public School students in Stage 2 and 3 are being given the opportunity to participate in the Arts Unit Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition again this year.

They will choose a topic on a multicultural theme from a list provided by the Arts Unit, prepare a speech and then present it at the Eden Public School hall on Thursday 20th March at 11:30am.

Two winning students from each stage will represent the school at the regional competition in term 2.

If your child is interested in participating they can see Mrs Lee to receive all the necessary information. This is a great opportunity for our students to gain experience and confidence in speaking in front of an audience.

K-2 Parent Helper Workshops

The school will be running 3 consecutive K-2 parent helper workshops during March. The dates and times are as follows;

- Monday the 3rd of March at 5.30pm-6.30pm
- Monday the 10th of March at 5.30pm-6.30pm
- Monday the 17th of March at 5.30pm-6.30pm

These workshops will be held in the school library and are designed to support parents when they are helping children at school with their Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing.

The sessions will be run by teachers and when completed parents will be awarded with a certificate. We encourage all parents who are thinking of helping in the classroom to complete these workshops.

Some parents have already registered for the workshops during the parent teacher meetings, any other parents who are interested in completing this course, please contact the school.

Thank you

Tanja Vogt and Ree Overton
KidsMatter Primary is an Australian initiative that aims to improve children’s mental health and wellbeing. It recognises the important role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children and encourages effective working relationships between school staff, parents and carers as well as the broader community.

At Eden Public School we are in the beginning stages of implementing KidsMatter Primary. Next week there will be a survey sent home asking for your perspective about Eden Public School and what you think is important for the school to consider in supporting children’s mental health and wellbeing.

The school staff has also been surveyed, and we recognise that including the voice of parents and carers also adds valuable information that will assist school planning.

There will be a paper survey sent home with the newsletter or there will also be a link in the newsletter and on the EPS Facebook page that you click on to complete an online survey. All survey responses are anonymous.

Thank you for your support.

Emma Bolton.

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**Girls’ Softball Trials**

This year Eden Public School has entered both a boys and girls softball team into the state wide PSSA competition. At this stage, I am seeking any primary aged girls interested in representing our school in softball to attend the selection trials to be held on **Thursday March 6th** from 3:00 – 4:30pm. During practice, full safety equipment will be worn as practice will involve a proper softball. If your child is interested, please have them collect a permission note from the office and return the completed permission note to Mr Taylor on or before attending the selection trial.

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**Term 1, Week 4 PBS Winners:**

- Ricky Kennedy
- Conan Kingsley-Edwards
- Koby Wilcock

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Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who represented E.P.S at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday; Johanna Mitchel, Georgia Caldwell, Claire Turner, Riley Donaldson, Mathew Chalker, Charlie Hughes, Mckenzie Baker, Jemma Pollock, Sophie Switzer, Lochlainn Fox, Noah Martin, Jack Caldwell, Charli Mitchell, Zak Kelly, Holly Switzer, Josie Kebby & Tanner Upton. All the students displayed a strong team spirit & swam outstanding individual swims.

Eden finished 4th in the overall school rankings. Georgia Caldwell & Zak Kelly took out the 11yrs age champions and Jack Caldwell the junior boy champion.

Extra congratulations to Georgia & Jack Caldwell, Zak Kelly, Charlie Hughes, Riley Donaldson & Mathew Chalker who will now compete at the Regional carnival in Dapto on Friday 7th March.

University of New South Wales Competitions 2014

Exciting News → UNSW is now offering their competitions to students in Year 2 in the following areas; Mathematics, English and Science.

The University of NSW (UNSW) competitions are offered internationally to all students, grade 3 and above, as an academic competition. Students who compete receive a graded certificate of achievement (high distinction, distinction, credit, participation, etc.). Competitions are offered in a range of subjects. If you are interested please complete the entry form below and return it, with payment to the front office.

*** All entries must be returned with payment by March 22nd ***

University of New South Wales Competitions Entry Form

Name ________________________________

Class ______________ Year _______________

I wish to enter the following UNSW competitions:
(Please circle)

Computer Skills (20 May) $8.00 (grades 3-6) Maths (12 August) $8.00 (grades 2-6)
Science (4 June) $8.00 (grades 2-6) English (29 July) $8.00 (grades 2-6)
Writing (16 June) $17.00 (grades 3-6) Spelling (17 June) $11.00 (grades 3-6)

Total Competitions ______ Total amount enclosed __________

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