Tuesday, 3rd February 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is great to see how well all students have settled into their new classes. The school is working towards minimising changes with classes secured and finalised by next week. Thank you again to all parents for your cooperation with this matter.

As part of Eden Public School’s Strategic plan for the next 3 years, we are developing a focus on improving student comprehension skills. This new focus will be supported by the L3 program in K-2 and Mr Simon Taylor is managing a new comprehension program in Stages 2 and 3. This new focus will strengthen student learning in many Key Learning Areas and improve learning outcomes for all students.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will begin next week. We are still looking for volunteers to support this valuable program. If you have a spare Tuesday morning and could donate an hour of your time, we would be most grateful.

Parent Café

All welcome.

Parent café will be open this week on Thursday from 10-2pm. This week provides a support and question time session. Parents are welcome to pop in for a cup of tea/coffee and discuss any school based issues or questions they may have.

The café provides a “kid space” for children to play while parents talk with Mrs Narissa Dunne or Ms Lesa Arvidson.

Scripture

Eden Public School provides Special Religious Education and General Religious Education according to departmental guidelines.

Parents have the right to ‘opt in’ or ‘opt out’. Parents who choose for their child/ren to ‘opt out’ will need to provide a letter stating that they wish to ‘opt out’ of Religious Education instruction and students will be provided with meaningful alternate activities. Below is a link for further information.

Any questions in regard to this matter may be directed to class teachers or myself.

Fact Sheet about Special Religious Education and General Religious Education.


Have a wonderful week.

Tanja Vogt
Acting Principal

CANTEN NEWS

Welcome back.

Going home with your newsletter today is a new menu. Please take the time to read the changes.

Spare copies are available from the canteen and the office.

Thank you

Kylie Ewin
Canteen Manager

Respect  Responsibility  Resilience
I would like to congratulate all the students who used Mathletics last week. It was very pleasing to see 3 Silver Certificates and 7 Bronze Certificates. Well done everyone! The Gold and Silver certificates will be handed out at the first whole school assembly. Remember to get a Silver certificate you must get four Bronze certificates. Bronze certificates are earned by getting 1000 points in a week (Monday morning to Sunday night), about 5-10 activities in total. Just check the rocket ship to see your weekly progress.

Over the next few weeks all students, except for kindergarten, are undertaking a “refresher” in the use of Mathletics as part of their technology lessons. There will also be demonstration lessons on how to access both Reading Eggs and Mathletics on a tablet (iPad/Android device). Remember, it is free to download the Reading Eggs Student and Mathletics Student apps from iTunes or the Google store.

Simon Taylor

Technology update - Discounted software available for Students

All NSW Department of Education and Communities School students are eligible to download and licence Adobe and Microsoft software from this website (http://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/Welcome.aspx ).

This software is only available to download onto personally owned devices.

Students will need to use their @education.nsw.gov.au student email address to register on their first visit. To register, click on the “SIGN IN” link at the top of the home page and then click on the REGISTER button. A verification email will be sent to your DEC email address. To complete the registration please select the link provided in the email.

Note: Individual students are eligible for one download per application only.

Software available: MS Office 2013, MS Office 2011 for Mac, Windows 7, 8.0, 8.1, Adobe Creative Suite 6, Photoshop Elements 13, Premiere Elements 13, plus more.

Mr Taylor
Hello everyone and welcome back to Eden Public School for what looks to be another exciting year ahead!

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the ‘Parent Café’ will now run on an alternate week rotation, opening every 2nd Thursday on EVEN weeks, beginning from this Thursday of week 2 (10am – 2pm).

We have been putting together another interesting line-up of Parent Information sessions that will run. This term’s agenda is as follows;

**Week 2 – Question week.** Do you have a question you would like answered? Pop in for a cuppa and a chat and ask away! *Please note: New and used school uniforms will be available for purchase on this day*

*Presented by Tanja Vogt*

**Week 4 – PBS (Positive Behaviour Support)** What is it? How is it used in our school?

*Presented by Ree Overton*

**Week 6 – Home Reading/Homework/Reading A-Z** What is it? Why is it important? How can I support my child?

*Presented by Simon Taylor*

**Week 8 – Mathletics** What is it? How does it work? How can my child access it at home?

**Week 10 – Easter!** Story time and a special Easter celebration

For those of you who are the parents/guardians of a child, who is new to our school, please know that the idea of the ‘Parent Café’ is to provide you with informal friendly support, allowing you to gain a greater understanding of your child’s schooling and what is happening in their world from 9am-3pm each day.

We are situated in the small red brick building at the school’s main entrance (Imlay Street). Look out for the sign to say that we are open.

Young children are more than welcome to attend – there is a kiddie’s play corner to help keep them busy!

Both Lesa and I are very much looking forward to seeing you all again this year (and meeting those of you that are new). We’ll see you on Thursday!

Regards

Narissa Dunne

School Liaison/School Learning Support Officer

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015**

The EPS annual Swimming Carnival is being held this Friday 6th February at Eden Olympic Pool.

Students will walk to the pool after roll call with teachers, ready to start at 9:30am sharp. There are activities and races for all students, regardless of swimming ability.

Students must bring sunscreen, a hat, t-shirt or rashie to cover up when not swimming and recess and lunch. A LARGE water bottle is necessary! The pool canteen will be open for the students to purchase food.

As always, parents are very welcome, especially those parents who would like to help with timekeeping.

If the day is postponed due to poor weather, an announcement will be made on the radio and on Facebook. We look forward to seeing all students and parents there on the day.
‘Thursday Raffle’
This year the P&C is following the Healthy Kids NSW guidelines and changing the name of Cake Raffle to the ‘Thursday Raffle’. We are encouraging parents to volunteer to provide a small prize for the Thursday Raffle such as pencils, textas, a book, a canteen voucher etc. You can still bring in a cake or another healthier alternative if you wish. This is a major fundraiser for our school P&C, and your support in this change would be much appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Emma Bolton at school.

EDEN KILLER WHALES FOOTBALL CLUB
ABN 96 753 561 708

Eden Killer Whales Football Club will be holding registration for all players on Sun 8th Feb, Sat 14th Feb & Sun 15th Feb from 10 am to 12 noon at the Barclay Street ground. Players welcome from 4 years upwards. Coaches also needed.

2015 Junior Golf Program
During the program we teach the children:
• Swing technique
• Chipping
• Bunkers
• Putting
• Golf course etiquette
• Basic understanding of golf rules.

Bookings are essential as places are limited to eight per class. Please either call the Eden Pro Shop on 02 6496 1054, call Lisa on 0417 485 635, or send us an email to reserve your child’s spot. Payment is to be made in week one, unless your child is new to the classes and is trying the program week one to see if they like it.

Prices
Nemos (3-6 years of age) $45.00 Wednesdays 3:30pm - 4:00pm
Starfish (7-10 years of age) $70.00 Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Whales (12-18 years of age) $70.00 Wednesdays 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Term One:
February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1.

Eden Primary School Absentee Note

My children ____________________________ of Class: ___________
were absent on: date/s ____________________________

Please tick box where appropriate:

☐ Sick ☐ Leave ☐ Family Leave ☐ Appointment

Parent/Carer Signature: ____________________________

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