Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the beginning of the 2014 school year. So far, students have been settling into the routines of school. For some students, this is their first year in Primary/Stage 2 and for others it is their final year in Stage 2. Welcome to Stage 2 for our Year 3’s, we look forward to assisting you settle into the “big end” of school. For those students in Year 4, welcome back to Stage 2. We hope to see you continue to achieve to your potential as you prepare for Stage 3 next year.

Since returning to school, all Stage 2 classes have been engaged in “Quality Start” and refreshing the school’s values (PBS). Many great learning opportunities and activities have taken place already this term. Please discuss these with your child.

Classes for Stage 2

• Mrs Warne is teaching 3/4W.
• We welcome Mrs Brown to Stage 2, who is teaching 2/3B.
• Mr Kerr continues in Stage 2 and is teaching 3/4K.
• Mrs Morris will also be continuing with Stage 2, teaching 3/4N.
• This Year Mr Taylor will be teaching some Library lessons and continue to teach Computing.
• Mrs Mitchell will be providing extra support for students in numeracy and literacy.

Students in Year 3 will be undertaking the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test. This test will begin on Tuesday the 13th of May and finish no later than Thursday the 15th of May. We hope all students find this year challenging, but rewarding at the same time.

Timetable

Please be aware of the following daily routines: Fruit Break is at 10am, Recess is between 11:00 - 11:30, and Lunch is between 1:10-1:50pm.
Weekly routines for Stage 2

- This year Stage 2 will be having their Library and Computer lessons on separate days: 2/3B (Computers on Monday, Library on Tuesday), 3/4K (Library on Monday, Computers on Wednesday), 3/4W (Library on Monday, Computers on Tuesday).
- Fruit Break is an opportunity for students to gain a healthy snack to maintain energy levels and concentration. Stage 2 has Fruit Break at 10am everyday. It would be appreciated if parents could support this program by sending in a small piece of fruit each day with your child.
- Sport is held every Friday afternoon at 1:50pm. Please ensure that students have the appropriate equipment/clothes for the activities. During the first half of this term, all Stage 2 students will be participating in swimming. A separate note will be issued for this activity.
- Assemblies will be held every three (3) weeks and notification of dates will be in the newsletter.

Student Requirements

All students in Stage 2 should have the following items each day:

- School hat
- a pencil case
- lead pencils, pens
- ruler
- eraser
- glue stick
- pencil sharpener
- textas and/or coloured pencils
- recess, lunch and fruit
- water bottle/drink
- 2 x display folders with plastic sleeves (3/4W, 3/4K, 3/4B)

If students wish to bring a thumb drive (USB memory stick) to Computer lessons it would be appreciated, but not mandatory. **Students may also like to bring their own headphones to use in class while participating in Mathletics, Reading Eggs, and our digital citizenship lessons, as only a limited number of headphones are provided.**

*** Please note, all items and clothing should be clearly labelled.
**Homework**
Homework is intended to be a nightly process, not a once-a-week rush. The Stage 2 teachers encourage your support in the completion of homework and therefore wish for our students to;

- Practice their timetables* and number facts, nightly
- Practice their weekly spelling words** (Look Cover Say Write Check), nightly
- Complete at least 15 minutes of reading, nightly.
- Complete 1000 points each week in Mathletics (about 5 activities a week)

* We recommend students say the whole table (possibly like a chant) 1X2=2, 2X2=4, 3X2=6, etc. rather than just the answers; 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.

** This year students will be on a levelled spelling program (PEG), with a maximum of 30 words to learn each week. Once students get two (2) consecutive 100% test scores, they progress to the next spelling level.

**Excursion**
This year all Stage 2 students, both Year 3 and 4, will be attending Edrom Lodge during Term 3 (September 8-12). Further details will be advised closer to Term 3.

**Behaviour**
Finally, all parents are advised that staff at Eden PS expect a high level of student behaviour. Therefore, we urge you to discuss this with your child/ren as unacceptable behaviour may result in timeout, isolation, and/or a loss of privileges (eg. excluded from visiting performances, excursion, etc).

Throughout the year we will be involved in whole school and Stage 2 specific activities. We look forward to working with you and your child/ren on these occasions. If at anytime you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us or make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

**Sincerely**

Mr S Taylor  
(Assistant Principal)

Mrs J Brown  

Mr M Kerr

Mrs C Warne  

Mrs L Mitchell  

Mrs N Morris

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