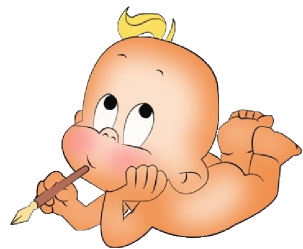


Edensor Park Public School NEWSLETTER



11th August 2015

The Edensor Park Public School community would like to say good luck to Mrs Newans who will be going on maternity leave starting next Friday. We wish you all the very best with this new chapter in your life. All the best, we will be thinking of you.



In the last Newsletter I shared a story about a father's wish for his child and his education. I've received some very positive comments about the piece and I'm glad that it was received so positively. I would like to continue this week with the notion that we are the greatest influencers of our children. We must instil in our children their inner voice.

"You must strive to find your own voice because the longer you wait to begin, the less likely you are to find it at all." Robin Williams as John Keating in Dead Poets Society.

Our children are our future. We want them to be successful human beings. I know, as a parent, that you want the best for your children. Here, at Edensor Park Public School, we want the very best for your children as well. We must remember that, "It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings." (Ann Landers). We need to teach our children resilience and by doing this, we are giving them the very best and setting them up for life.

Here at Edensor Park Public School, we aim to do this. We believe in empowering the students with the gift of learning. The staff is very committed in providing the best education for your child/ren. By doing this, we provide each and every child the opportunity to pursue his or her goals, in a stimulating and supportive environment.

But we must ask ourselves is this enough? The students, these days, need balance. I think this is true for all us, but more so for our children. Sometimes, our children are overloaded and underprepared, and because of this, we need to arm our children with the right strategies to tackle life.

Some of these strategies could be:

Playtime.

Children need this. It is their work. Playtime helps them solve problems, negotiate, try ideas and learn how to self-regulate. Playtime can be structured activities, such as their local sporting club, or it can be unstructured, like playing in the backyard or at the local park. A lot of positive outcomes are linked with play – an increase in cognitive skills, physical health and social skills are some of these.



Downtime.

Children need downtime throughout their day for their general physical and emotional health and wellbeing. Downtime can be categorised as not doing anything much – it could be listening to music, reading a book, watching a TV show, or simply spending some time outside with nature. This 'time' gives children time to relax before getting started on homework or their next activity. I also think sleep should come under this category, for sleep is just so important for a growing child.



Family Time.

This is so important. It's important for adults and children to know that family time provides us with a significant protective factor. When the family spends time together, they are more likely to feel supported, safe and loved unconditionally. This is no matter what age of the children.

Some people have labelled this a fresh approach to working together. I think this is common sense and if we provide time for all three of these important factors, we are setting up our children for every success in their future. We can't ask for more than that!

Farewell Miss Bourke

It's with a heavy heart that I announce today that Miss Bourke will be leaving. She has secured a position much closer to home. Miss Bourke has been part of the Edensor Park community for 16 years. She will be leaving behind a very big hole at the school. We will miss her commitment and dedication that she brings to the children. Throughout her years at Edensor Park, she has taught many families and I'm sure you would like to join me in taking this opportunity to wish Miss Bourke all the very best in her new endeavour and wish her all the good fortune in the next stage of her career. We will all miss you, Miss Bourke. Thank you for all that you have done here at the school, for the community, and especially for the children. All the very best from all of us here at Edensor Park Public School.

Matthew Santucci
Principal

MERIT AWARDS

K Blue	Sarah, Onel, Lorelei, Maryam
K Red	Marina, Jerome, Leon, Hugo
1W	Makayla, Bailey, Bethany, Jonathan
1/2M	Alicia, Mohaman, Angelo, Sabeerah
2C	Aleisha, Justinijan, Bill, Alyssa
2L	Natalia, Alesha, Amon, Amali
3K	Charlize, Dat, Manila, Amanda
3/4D	Johnathon, Willow, Francis, Patrick
4N	Vayfanzia, Marley, Mary, Ryan
4/5R	Princston, Nathan, Hidy, Vince
5/6H	Yanni, Leon, Hannah, Sakura
5/6M	Paul, Lucy, Joshua T, Kye



SPORT AWARDS

K Blue	Jaxon, Eilina, Abdul
K Red	Marina, Charlize, Hugo
1W	Amber-Sky
1/2M	Maria, Katie
2L	Jennifer, Thomas, Luis
3K	Ronza, Thomas
3/4D	Dejan, Patrick
4N	Fiona, Ryan
4/5R	Louis, Vince
5/6H	Mia, Sarah
5/6M	Catelyn, Alex V

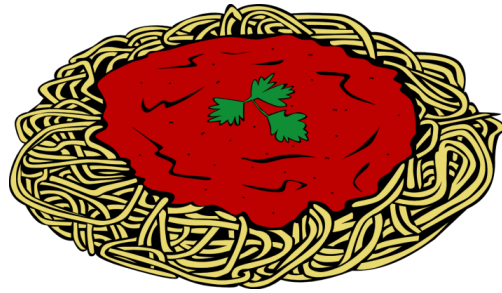
PEER AWARDS

K Blue	Mya, Michelle
K Red	Cody, Rossza
1W	Bailey, Marquez
1/2M	Summer, Justin
2C	Joshua, Sienna
2L	Cloe, Hayley
3K	Havana, Emily
3/4D	Zander, Willow
4N	Ryan, Alex
4/5R	Chloe, Halina
5/6H	Amelia, Gabby
5/6M	Jess, Tia

PSSA Netball	Jnr Girls: Divya Snr Girls: Gabby
PSSA Soccer	Snr Boys: Joshua T Snr Girls: Daniella
Touch Football	Ashley S.
Basketball	Tanya D.
Soccer	Thomas L.
Cricket	Nathan M/



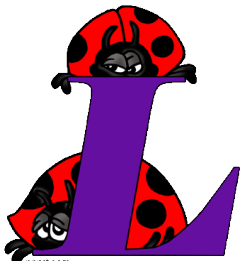
*1/M are learning about poetry and the 5 senses.
They have created a poem about spaghetti using the 5 senses.*



Spaghetti

I like the look of spaghetti long and wriggly in my bowl.
I like the sound of spaghetti slurping in my mouth.
I like the feel of spaghetti as hot as it can be.
I like how slimy it is like a snail on a tree.
I like the taste of delicious spaghetti, sweet and slippery in my mouth.

Poem written by 1/2M.



Poppets



This week we learnt about the letter I. What sound it makes and the action to go with it.

Two of our Poppets have names that start with L!

We have also been working hard on improving our listening skills. We have been doing so well that earned a merit award!!!

'til next week,

Mrs Watson and the Poppets



LUNCH TIME



GAMES



Over the last couple of weeks your SRC members have looked through your class' suggestion box and read your comments. We were surprised that so many students wanted extra things to do at lunchtime. This got us thinking and we decided to host a "Lunch Time Games" session where Years 3-6 students are able to come to the hall and play a variety of board games, e.g. Barrel of Monkeys, Guess Who, Trouble, Battle Ships and UNO.

We were so excited that so many students came down to the hall on Thursday 30th July and played that we have decided to continue hosting our "Lunch Time Games" **EVERY THURSDAY!**

So, if you're looking for something to do at on Thursdays come on down and check it out. It's guaranteed FUN!

Remember that Thursday lunch is also Lunch Time DJ. We look forward to seeing you get down and boogy!





HEAD START



Bonnyrigg High School Teaser

On Thursday 23rd July 2015 our Year 5 students had their third Head Start visit. We enjoyed our visit (as usual) and have a much better understanding of High School.

Our first lesson was visual arts. We used a thin wooden stick to scratch detailed pictures on black paper. The thicker our lines were and the more detail we added the more decorative our picture became.

After recess we had a double period of music. We learnt the different chords of a guitar and played "Rock around the Clock" by Bill Hayley & His Comets. By the end of the session we were professionals!

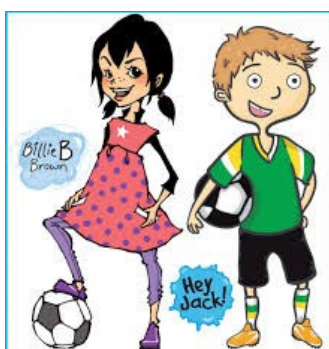
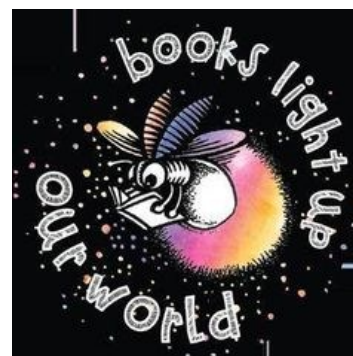


Our last lesson was with Mr Brown who is a history teacher and archaeologist. He taught us about the importance of the Roman Army.

Library News

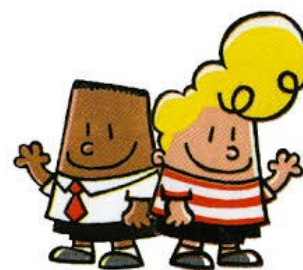
Book Week

The theme for Children's Book Week this year is '**Books light up our world**'. In library lessons, we are reading some of the wonderful books that have been short-listed this year. We will also be having a Book Character Parade.



Book Character Parade

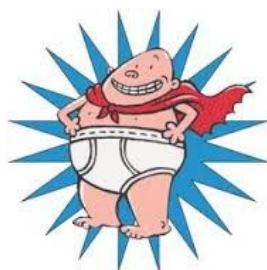
To help us celebrate Book Week and National Literacy & Numeracy Week, we will be having a Book Character Parade.



On **Wednesday 2nd September** come dressed as your favourite book character. Bring the book that your character comes from, or hold a sign or a picture of the book. There will be a prize awarded to the best dressed in each class.



Have fun planning your costume!



Premier's Reading Challenge

Well done to all of the people who have finished the challenge.

If you still have some books to read, your reading log needs to be given to me by **Wednesday 20th August**.

Happy reading!
Mrs Bendit

Infants Athletics Carnival



On Tuesday 4th August, the sun was shining and K-2 got to participate in the annual Athletics Carnival. All of the children looked fabulous in their house colours and were very excited to walk down to Bosnjak Oval. Everyone sat behind their house banner and listened carefully as their age races were called. Every student tried their best and ran as fast as their little legs would carry them. It was fantastic to hear the students encouraging each other and cheering for their house groups throughout the day.

Students participated in 50m running races and then hurdles as well. After lunch they participated in lots of fun activities such as egg and spoon races, discus, cones and cups, and rob the nest. The highlight of the day was the parents race. Boy, were they competitive!!! Congratulations Mr Tatchell on being the 2015 parent 50m champion! What a shame we ran out of time for the teachers race...

By the end of the day, everyone was wearing lots of ribbons and stickers for their achievements. The points were tallied and the winning house of the Infants Athletics Carnival for 2015 was Bossley. We would like to thank all of our parent helpers on the day who were the place judges and patiently pinned hundreds of ribbons on students.



L. Cox & K. Najdovski
Infants Carnival Organisers



PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

I can't believe it!

On Tuesday 4th August the sun was shining and the weather was perfect for our annual Athletics Carnival at Bosnjak Oval.

Students were not only keen to participate in the carnival but also went to a lot of effort to support their team. The field was filled with yellow, blue, red and green shirts, hats, signage and face paint.

It was great to see **all students trying their very best** at each event. We are so proud of your effort!



A massive congratulations to those students who qualified for Zone Athletics. It is a great achievement and we are so happy that you are able to represent our school at the next level.

We would also like to say a VERY BIG thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped make our event successful. Without your hard work and dedication our carnival would not have been able to run smoothly. Thank you again for your support.



I loved everything about the Athletics Carnival especially putting paint on our faces – Jemma V



My favourite part of the day was watching Mr Ramirez running the 200m race – Hannah C



C. Dragicevich & L. Ramirez
Primary Carnival Organisers



SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Police are urging parents and motorist to slow down in school zones.

Schools zones are areas around schools where, at certain times, motorist need to reduce their speed to 40km/hour from 8.00am to 9.30am, 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

Speed limits, pick up, and drop off, parking rules exist to keep children, parents and care givers safe. These rules also apply to prevent traffic jams around schools.

Fairfield Crime Prevention officer, Senior Constable Ece Hasan, offers some safety tips for parents and motorists as police will be monitoring school zone offences very closely. Parents and motorists need to comply with these traffic rules or traffic infringement notices may be issued for non compliance.

- ◆ Let your children off on specified drop off /pick up zones, or on the side of the road. Never stop in the middle of the road to let down children.
- ◆ Never let your children cross the road on their own, always meet your children at the schools entrance
- ◆ Never call out to your child from the other side of the road as the child may run across the road without looking for cars
- ◆ Always walk your child across the road and ensure you use the pedestrian crossing
- ◆ Try to leave home early to avoid arriving at peak hour where traffic is heavy
- ◆ Park a safe distance from all crossings to enable pedestrians to see on coming vehicles
- ◆ Do not double park as this can create traffic jams, and accidents
- ◆ Always obey the directions of all signs.

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Current as at 1 July 2015



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP** your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Maximum Penalty

\$425

+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty

\$177

+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Penalty

\$319

+ 2 Demerit Points



DOUBLE PARKING

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty

\$319

+ 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$319 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): \$425 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$177 + 2 Demerit Points

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice.
These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Dates to Remember

18th August : P & C Annual General Meeting

19th August : Zone Athletics Carnival

3rd September: Fathers' Day Stall

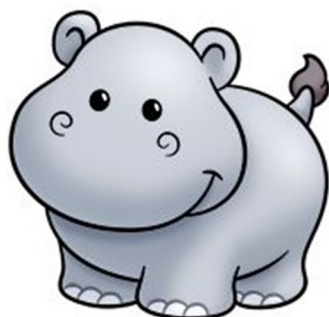
8/9 September: Life Education School Visit

16-18 Sept : Yr 5/6 Canberra Camp

18th September: Last Day of Term 3



Tuesday, 6th October : Students return for Term 4



LOOSE CHANGE FOR HIPPOS

Don't forget to send in as many silver and gold coins as you can on **WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST** to support the SRC's aim to raise enough money to purchase brand new Hippos for Assembly

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