

### NEWSLETTER

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#### **Stay Connected**

Don't forget that you can stay connected with everything that is happening at Edensor Park Public School.





#### Quote to ponder:

"The more you read, The more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go!" **Dr. Suess** 

#### Welcome back to the 2020 school year!

To all our new families, we are so happy that you have joined our lovely community. I trust that your break was refreshing and you are ready for an exciting and productive year at Edensor Park Public School.

There will be many opportunities for involvement, growth, and learning across the school. It is a very exciting time of year for all students, where they learn how to navigate their new class schedules, meeting new friends and teachers, and reconnecting with old ones. It has been great seeing all of the student's faces smiling as they return to school. Well done to you all for settling back to routine so quickly.

Here are a few things you can do to help your child settle back into school, because I acknowledge the greatest factor leading to a child's success in school is you, the parent.

#### **Be Prepared**

It is important to get to know what is expected of you and your child, so that you don't tell your child one thing while the school says another. Take full advantage of information sessions where possible. Keep up to date with goings on of the school via the newsletter and the school app. If you are new to the school, encourage your children to make some friends in the same class and look at the new school year as a clean slate.

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Whatever their experience in the past, reinforce to them how a new school year offers them new opportunities.

#### Set up a good routine

Make sure your child's body clock is ready for the school day. It is a good idea to start adjusting bed times and wake up times early enough to get children back into the rhythm of the school day. Tired children, or children who are rushing out of the house in the morning and dropped off in a hurry, often get anxious and irritable because they don't have enough time to adjust.

#### **Stay Positive**

It is important to stay positive about the new school year. Children need to feel that you are happy about them going to school or being away from you so that they don't worry about you or feel that they are missing out on some other fun.

#### Become involved

See how you can become involved. It's simple to be involved in your child's education. Meet his or her teacher, find out about that teacher's expectations, establish a rapport with the teacher that will serve you well during the year, and attach a name to a face. In addition, start planning on how to keep track of your child's subjects, homework, activities, and progress throughout the school. Start the practice early and it will become a habit that lasts throughout the year.

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#### Be encouraging

Finally, encourage your child to see the enjoyment that school offers. There is the joy of learning — and students love coming to Edensor Park Public School. There are friends and favourite teachers.

Students and parents, I wish you a wonderful, safe, and fulfilling new school year.

#### Edensor Park Public School: Code of Conduct

- Consider Others By Being: friendly, caring and truthful
- Take Pride In yourself, your work, your school
- Keep Our School Clean And Tidy: classroom and playground
- Be Sensible And Careful With All Property; your own, others' and school
- Cooperate And Be Polite By following instructions and respecting others
- Be In The Right Place And Choose Sensible Activities



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#### Office News School Contributions

This year, we will be asking our families to contribute towards the educational programs in our school. We ask that you pay according to the following schedule.

One Child \$40

Family \$60

Your cooperation with the prompt payment of this amount will be very much appreciated.

#### **Front Office Hours**

Just a reminder that the front office will cease to collect money at <u>2 pm every afternoon</u>. We do understand this may be an inconvenience to some parents, however, there are procedures that need to be followed every day and the ladies need time to complete them. You can purchase uniforms, pay for excursions and other extra-curricular events between the hours of 8:30am till 2:00pm. If that is not possible due to work or personal commitments then you can send the money to the office with your child in the regular school envelopes.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding on this matter.

#### Meet the Teacher BBQ Night

Please place in your calendars Wednesday, 19 February. This is when we will be holding our Meet the Teacher BBQ. The P&C will be selling any second hand uniforms that you do not need. Please hand any unwanted uniforms, washed please, to the front office before the 19<sup>th</sup>. A note with more information will be distributed at a later date.

#### **Parent Online Payments**

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting -Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions and uniform purchases only. (No P&C Payments).

When you access the <u>Make a payment</u> you must enter:

- the students name
- class
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

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#### WE ARE A NUT FREEE SCHOOL

#### **Allergies and Anaphylaxis**

As we begin the new school year, I would like to bring your attention to the fact that Edensor Park Public School has a number of students who are anaphylactic. This is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. Anaphylaxis is always treated as a medical emergency and requires immediate treatment with adrenaline. Adrenaline auto injectors (e.g. EpiPen) are designed to be given by non-medical people. All the staff at Edensor Park Public School are trained in the use of an EpiPen, with the recognition and treatment of allergic reactions (including anaphylaxis). Training addressed:

What is allergy and anaphylaxis?

- Common causes of allergic reactions including anaphylaxis.
- Signs and symptoms of mild to moderate and severe allergic reactions.

#### What we can do as a school?

Allergic reactions are common. They happen when the immune system reacts. They can be triggered by an allergen coming into contact with the skin, eyes, nose, lungs, stomach or bowel. Many allergic reactions are mild, but some can be severe and even life threatening.

The most common causes of allergy in children are eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, cow's milk, soy, wheat, fish and shellfish. Other causes are bee or other insect bites (e.g. wasp, jumper jack ant) and some medications such as antibiotics or anaesthetics.

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We ask you to support children at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- not sending food which has nuts in the main ingredients list, such as peanut butter, Nutella and some muesli bars and baked goods,
- teaching your child not to share food with friends that have food allergy,
- encouraging your child to wash their hands after eating.

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#### School bell times and supervision Supervision

Supervision commences at 8:30am each morning and concludes at 3:15pm. Please do not drop your children to school before 8:30am unless they are going to Before School Care. If you are running late in the afternoon, or if someone else is picking up your children from school, please ring the office and let the ladies know so the message can be passed onto the children and executive staff.

#### **Bell Times**

Our school bell rings at 8.55am and all children are required to be at school before this time.

The Home School Liaison Officer identifies families with continual issues of lateness to school. The families identified are closely monitored, and contacted if this continues to be of concern.

#### Away from school

If your child is away from school, please remember to hand in a note with the explanation on why your child was away, alternatively, you can use our SkoolBag app, or ring the front office to inform the school of your child's absence.

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Class	Teacher		Supervisor
KN	Kristina Najdovski		
KZ	Lynne Zapata	Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri	Miss Moisidis
	Georgia Moisidis	Mon	
1H	Vanessa Hayes		
1/2M	Merryn Henry	Mon and Tues	
	Rebecca Cambridge	Wed, Thurs and Fri	Miss Moisidis
2K	William Khamdara		-
3D	Carol Dragicevich		
3/4N	Vicki Newans	Mon, Tues and Wed	-
	Elisa Pjanic	Thurs and Fri	Mrs Keys
4K	Belinda Keys	Wed, Thurs and Fri	-
	Nicole Aboui	ole Aboui Mon and Tues	
5V	Tahlia Valenta		
5/6W	David West		-
6R	Luis Ramirez		-
Italian	Melinda Weicek	Tues and Wed	-
Vietnamese	Anh Tran	Tues	-
EALD	Lorena Spaller	Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri	-
RFF	Yu-Hun Dayman		Mr West
Instructional Leader	Sheree Watson		-
Learning & Support	Nicole Aboui		-
	Antonia Tsekas		
	Teresa Moreno		
	Melissa Morgan	Thurs and Fri	
Library	Melissa Morgan	Mon, Tues and Wed	1
Principal	Matthew Santucci		
Assistant Principal	Georgia Moisidis		
	David West		
	Belinda Keys		
	Kristina Najdovski		
Admin Manager	Leanne Dumbrell		1
Admin Officer	Kim Giansante		1
School Learning Support Officers	Domenica Strati		Mr Santucci
	Baidaa Sadik		
	Gabriella Colusso	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs	
Counsellor	Toni Brown	Mon	1
	Julianne Dimaano	Thurs	
General Assistant	Paul Martin		

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Term 1 2020 Calendar Edensor Park Public School						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1	27 January	28 January	29 January	30 January	31 January	
		SDD	School Resumes			
2	3 February	4 February	5 February	6 February	7 February	
3	10 February	11 February	12 February	13 February	14 February	
		House Meeting			PSSA Round 1	
4	17 February	18 February	19 February	20 February	21 February	
	Swimming Carnival		Meet The Teacher BBQ		PSSA Round 2	
5	24 February	25 February	26 February	27 February	28 February	
					PSSA Round 3	
6	2 March	3 March	4 March	5 March	6 March	
	Zone Swimming Carnival				PSSA Round 4	
7	9 March	10 March	11 March	12 March	13 March	
			School Photos		PSSA Round 5	
8	16 March	17 March	18 March	19 March	20 March	
					PSSA Round 6	
9	23 March	24 March	25 March	27 March	27 March	
		Cross Country			PSSA Round 7	
10	30 March	31 March	1 April	2 April	3 April	
	Swim Scheme	Swim Scheme	Swim Scheme	Swim Scheme	Swim Scheme	
					PSSA Round 8	
11	6 April	7 April	8 April	9 April	10 April	
	Swim Scheme	Swim Scheme	Swim Scheme	Swim Scheme	GOOD FRIDAY	

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## Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

#### Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

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#### Create an account

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