Dear Parents and Friends,

Education Week 2015

Parents, grandparents and friends of our school are thanked for attending our celebrations last week.

On Wednesday, we had the ceremony for our new flagpole and raised the Aboriginal flag for the first time at our school. It has been raised each day since and will continue to be raised daily to fly alongside our Australian flag. Congratulations to some of our Aboriginal students who shared the significance and meaning of the flag with us and to Matt Daniels for his inspirational words. It was also poignant that 3 generations of one family who have had a long association with school jointly raised the flag for the first time; Lisa Jones, our Aboriginal Education Officer, accompanied by her mother, Margaret Jones, and her son Marndarr (Year 4).

Hopefully, many families would have seen the article in the Pastoral Times.

The afternoon was spent with all students participating in NAIDOC week activities. It was wonderful to witness parents and indigenous friends of our school looking at the activities being undertaken by our students. Special thanks to Mr Day and K/1 students for their decoration of our school grounds.

On Friday, there was a great roll-up of parents to witness so many worthy students receive their Edward Excellence Awards at our assembly. Congratulations to the following students: Catherine Michael, Eve Meharry, Ryan Poka-Barlow, Laura Hayes, Bryce Johnson, Savannah Emery, Jett Lynch-Conn, Aneeka Kirby, Shai Parsons, Mathew Bridge, Roy Checkley, Eliza Buckley, Jayla Edwards, Makayla Finn, Hollie Gardiner, Isla Ho, Justice Birks, William Green, Hazel Glowrey, Katy Grady, Tom Rourke, Erica Hayes, Olivia Didcock, Aria Taylor, Ronnie Owen, Bonnie Everett, Georgia Taylor, Trinity Larcombe, Phoebe O'Neill, Rebecca Fraser, Connor Buckley, Henry Michael, Jackson Muldoon-Leetham, Noah Bradley, Hayley May, Eliza Bermingham, Annie Harvey, Alexis Hattwell, Paige Wesierski, Olivia Redden, Matilda Glowrey, Jyah Lavars, Masen Brain, Conor Didcock, Olivia Marchant, Ruah Fagiri, Lily Green, Taylissa Nethercote, Chloe Blenkiron, Kimberly Cartwright, Tori Charlton, Maddisun Lavars, Phoebe O’Neill, Rebecca Rourke, Aden Bermingham, Luke Connor, Nathan Kelvy, Shannon King, Jack Michael, Alex Poka, Gabby Clarke, Ella Harvey, Molly Shaw, Taylor Wilkinson, Ebony Behsman, Tom Bradley, Bradley Poka, Darcy McManus, Jaxon Checkley, Tara Sykes and Alyssa Townsend.

Many parents were able to stay to join in the picnic lunch and to witness some bush-dancing by stage 2 students. Many thanks to Mrs Bowie and Mrs Dann for coordinating this. Congratulations to all those students who participated with great sportsmanship in the tabloid sports on Friday afternoon. It was a fitting way to end what was a great week at EPS!
Aspire Me, Dance

Last Friday, it was a pleasure to witness the culminating performance of the students who participated at the dance camp held. Our 4 representatives, Jemal, Lily, Ruah and Jackson, were exemplary ambassadors for our school and are congratulated!

On Thursday Lily, Jemal, Ruah and I went to the stadium for a dance camp. The dance camp was an overnight stay. At first we watched a small clip of the movie High School Musical. After that we learnt some of the steps. Then we split up into two groups, one group did hip hop and another did ribbons, hoops and balls. We did the ribbons first; we got in a group and picked a ribbon and thought of a routine. We practised but then we had to hip hop. Our group did the song ‘Bills’. After all that we then did some Zumba. Then sadly it was time for bed. Before bed we had to have showers. The girls got the heated boxing room and the boys got the gymnastic room. In the morning we had a ballet teacher come and teach us a few things. After that we practised everything.

Then we got ready for the play when everyone got there. Before we started there were some speeches, then we got started. The other group went first. They did ‘Up Town Funk You Up’ then it was us, we did ‘Bills’. After that we did the ribbons. While we had our break the teacher’s, Chloe and Bella did an awesome tap dance. Then we did High School Musical as the finale. It was a lot of fun, but sadly it was over and everyone went home.

By Jackson Jefferies

Last Thursday at 10.30am Jackson, Jemal, Ruah and Lily went to the basketball stadium for the 2015 ‘Aspire Me’ dance camp. Ms McGuiness transported us there. When we got there we were introduced to Chloe and Bella who were going to teach us the routines that we were going to show our parents.

First we learnt some of the High School Musical dance steps. We were then split into two groups. One group did rhythmic gymnastics and the other hip-hop. We did it for an hour then rotated. Then we did one class of Zumba with Chloe. After tea we watched all of the High School Musical movie then went to bed. The next day we did rehearsals for the concert. Then the parents came and we did the concert. It was a fun camp for everybody.

By Ruah Fagiri and Lily Green

Professional Learning

This week, we have members of our HOW2Learn training team participating in the Phase 2 training of this important professional development. They will return to share their learning with colleagues. We also had some staff members participate in the Zart Art workshops held at EPS last Wednesday evening. Thanks to Mrs Jacobs and Mrs Druitt for coordinating this.

PSSA Girls Basketball

After defeating Leeton yesterday in the NSW PSSA Basketball Knockout, our EPS Girls Basketball Riverina A team will now move on to play the winner of the Riverina B sides. The team, consisting of, Ebony Behsmann, Gabby Clarke, Maisy Edwards, Ella Harvey, Georgia McCulloch, Tayissa Nethercoat, Molly Shaw & Taylor Wilkinson, will host the next game here at home with details to be advised.

Yesterday’s match was enjoyed by the wonderful supporters, parents, grandparents & our special guest Mrs Helen Thompson. They were treated to an exciting game where our super awesome Edward girls played a brilliant game. All credit must go to these amazing 8 young girls who played to the absolute best of their ability. As their coach, I am enormously proud of these girls & can’t wait to be a part of their next game.

Thank you girls for being a great team to work with.

PSSA Girls Netball Knockout

Our representative team is travelling to Burrumbuttock (near Albury) on Monday to challenge the Walbundrie Small Schools team. Accompanied by Mrs Bermingham and coach, Mrs Harvey, we all wish them well.

2016 Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for the 2016 school year. If you know of anyone who has a child ready to commence school and is considering their options, please encourage them to come and speak with us and see the wonderful and exciting learning that is happening here and the opportunities that are available to students in our school.
Our chocolate fundraiser has begun! Chocolates went home to families on Friday. Each box will raise $50, half of which goes to the P&C for projects to benefit all of our children, including a donation towards subsidising the cost of the Stage 3 excursion.

All money and unsold chocolates are **DUE** back to the office by Friday 7th August PLEASE.

Next P&C meeting **TONIGHT** Tuesday 18.8.15 at 7pm in the staffroom.

**Canteen Helpers** - we are in desperate need of more helpers in the canteen - particularly on Fridays. You don’t have to do the whole day - an hour from 12.30- 1.30 would be greatly appreciated. Please give your name to the office or Shirlee at the canteen.

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**DENILIQUIN ATHLETICS**

Register Online at www.lansw.com.au

**THEN** Pick Up Age Patch, Number, Uniform on

* Saturday August 8th, 10am—11:30am at
  Rotary Park (Soccer Grounds)
  OR
  * Saturday August 15th, 10am-12noon at
  IGA Car Park

New Registrations must bring proof of age

Tiny Tots (4 year olds) through to Under 17

Competition starts : 4:30pm Friday 21st August at Rams Oval

or just *Come and Try* for 2 weeks.

Enquiries: Belinda 0430 103 376

Like our Facebook Page for more information

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**P&C News 04.08.15**

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**Canteen Roster**

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The special meal day went well last Friday. Many thanks to all the helpers on the day. Without helpers the canteen cannot run efficiently. Helpers welcome anytime.

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**Assisting Families Carer Workshops**

**Assisting Families** is a group of workshops designed to help families, friends and carers of people with mental illness. Families & friends can build on their knowledge, skills and find the most up to date information relevant to carers. These workshops value the experience of carers & families, are delivered in a relaxed atmosphere and can be a great place to enjoy support from others in similar situations.

**Assisting with Depression**

This workshop will draw on current information to help you understand the signs, symptoms and recovery from depression. You will be able to develop strategies for helping a loved one suffering from depression. This workshop will also explore the impacts of depression on family, friends, partners and loved ones.

**Assisting with Bi-Polar Disorder**

This workshop will briefly review depression and help you understand bipolar disorder and current treatment options. Learn what it is like living with bipolar and the impacts of being a support person. It would be beneficial to attend the Depression workshop before attending Bipolar Disorder.

**Where:** Deniliquin

**When:**

- Wednesday 2nd September 2015 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- Thursday 3rd September 2015 9:00am - 12:30pm

**Please contact Luciano Lo Bartolo at Carer Assist Albury: (02) 6021 5882 for more information or to make a booking. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. You do not need to be on a Centrelink carer's payment to attend these workshops.**

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**Have you heard about Young Musician’s Club?**

Young Musician’s Club is a dynamic and fun after school music program for primary school aged children. Classes are run by experienced music teacher, Delena Gaffney who is passionate about creating opportunities for young people to experience the joy and magic of making music together, and to reap the benefits that go with that.

Studies in neurosciences have shown that children who engage in structured music activities for at least 2 years, increase their overall cognitive capacity. By participating in active music making the brain has a capacity to create new connections and the impact of those connections is increased IQ, memory and attention.

No civilization on earth is without music somewhere at the heart of its existence. Through it we can learn many skills associated with social interaction. Music is good for the mind, body and soul! We hope you will come and join us.

Classes are on Thursdays during school terms. Ages 4-6 are at 4:00 and ages 7-12 at 5:00.

Please call Delena on 0413 485 479 for more information.
What’s Happening in 3/4 DB?

By James Bridge and Henry Michael

3/4DB has been practising very hard for the last few weeks doing their bush dance. They performed it on Friday 31st of July. They did it very well and all the audience loved it. Before the performance lots of children got a Edward Excellence award. We did activities including softball /soccer with Mrs Bowie, cat and mouse with Mrs Morphett and lots more.

**NAIDOC WEEK**: On Wednesday we raised the Aboriginal flag and talked about local heroes. We did activities like aboriginal dot art and aboriginal paintings.

3/4DB has been working very hard in maths, science, spelling etc.

**MATHS**: They have been doing fast maths which has over 40 levels. We have 4 maths groups, the green frogs, red lobsters, pink flamingos and the yellow dinosaurs.

**SCIENCE**: Our science unit this term is Smooth Moves and we have been studying momentum and friction. We have learnt that it is easier to stop when you walk then when you run.

**ENGLISH**: There have been literacy groups this year and over a quarter of the class are in Mrs Bowie’s group. Some people in 3/4DB go to Mrs Dann, Mrs Bermingham, Mrs Werner or Mrs Jacobs for literacy groups.

**HISTORY**: In history this term we are talking about Britain Colonisation. We have been watching a movie based on the life in England during 1800s. The movie is called Oliver Twist. We have learnt that life there was not very pleasant for some people.

**ART**: We have been drawing Still Life art works.

**PD/HEALTH**: This term our topic is Our Body and we will be learning about all the different systems in the body eg digestive, nervous, blood, skeletal and muscular systems. For fitness our focus is dancing! Soccer and hockey are our winter sports.

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Bush Dancing and Brain Gym in 3/4 DB