Dear Parents and Friends,

Stage 2 Excursion

Weeks are counting down to the weeks until students in years 3 and 4 depart for Borambola Sport and Recreation Camp near Wagga Wagga. Many thanks to all those families who have been diligently paying of the excursion cost of $300. Please continue to do so, or if not making periodic payments, please pay the balance owing before week 8 ends (Friday 4th September). Permission notes, medical forms and information packages will accompany all participating students home this week.

Voluntary School Contribution

Further to a request from the P&C, each family will receive an invoice for their annual voluntary school contribution or school fees. It would be appreciated if these could be paid as soon as possible, as we use this money to purchase classroom supplies. Thank you.

Sports News

Commiserations to our girls netball team on their very narrow defeat by the Walbundrie Small Schools team yesterday. They played extremely well and led for most of the game, but strong local support and a home court advantage got our opposition over the line ...just. Special thanks to Mrs Bermingham and all those parents who accompanied and supported our girls.

Athletics Carnival

The PSSA Athletics carnival is being held this Thursday and we wish our best to all EPS competitors in their various events. The carnival is being held at Deniliquin Rams oval and will be accompanied by Mrs Young and Mrs Bermingham, together with some parent supporters if possible. News of our results will be in next week’s newsletter.

Production

Preparations for our annual school production are well underway in each classroom. Our performances will be on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September at the Deniliquin RSL Club Auditorium. More details regarding tickets and times will be forwarded in next week’s newsletter. Some classes may send home separate requests for costumes and props. Parents support is very much appreciated with this.

Professional Development

As always, the teachers at EPS are conscientious in maintaining their expertise and skills as teachers and participate in professional development opportunities in order to continuously improve as well as maintain awareness of latest educational research. Currently our teachers are training in HOW2Learn and the school is facilitating TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) training this term. Learning Forums are also being conducted after school hours next week.

P&C Thank you

Stage one students would like to thank the P&C committee for funding the new equipment to use in the sandpit and during our mathematics sessions. Here are some K/1GD students using the new equipment for learning experiences during mathematics and science.
Book Week 2015
‘Books Light Up Our World’

Book Week 2015 will be celebrated from 24th August-28th August. At Edward School we will be celebrating Book Week with Zart Art craft activities being completed on the nominated picture books. All students will have the opportunity to make some great craft items during this special week. To help supplement the cost of these activities each child is asked to pay $3.00 to the office by Friday 21st August.

There has been a change to Book Week this year. It has been decided to hold our annual Book Fair buying day in November. We are very aware that a lot of money is being asked for at present, so our Book Fair will be held closer to Christmas. This should provide a great opportunity for a little Christmas shopping. Remember, ‘Books Light Up Our World’.

Breakfast Program

Thank you to everyone that kindly donated to the Breakfast Program. We still have a shortage of long life milk. All donations can be left at the canteen. Thanking you in advance.

Canteen Roster

Tues 11th Aug  Debbie Gazzara, Shirlee Jennings
Wed 12th Aug
Thurs 13th Aug  Kylie Green, Shirlee Jennings
Fri 14th Aug  Kerrie Parsons, Debbie Gazzara, Shirlee Jennings
Mon 17th Aug  Elif Ozmen, Shirlee Jennings
Tues 18th Aug

• Extra help is needed for the next two Thursday and Fridays due to a catering job for guests at our school. If you can spare a couple of hours it would be very much appreciated.

P&C News 11.08.15

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Community News

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 kind of help information relevant to caring for a family member or friend with a mental illness. A relaxed atmosphere and can be a great place to enjoy social contact with others in similar situations.

Assisting with Depression

This workshop will provide 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 common 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 Bi-Polar Disorder.

Where: Dentiplink
When: Tuesday 2nd September 2015 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Please contact Dentiplink on 02 6282 5999 for more information or to make a booking. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential.

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What’s happening in 3/4HD?

**LITERACY:** Our fantastic group is making pleasing progress with their grammar and punctuation skills. They know about verb groups, different types of nouns, adverbs, adjectives, plurals and are working on tenses, past, present and future. The aim is to include what they learn in their writing.

**MATHS:** We are currently learning about mass and money which both involve estimation, addition and subtraction skills.

**SCIENCE:** Our Science unit is investigating the ways that objects can be moved. We have used games to explore pushing, pulling and gravity and tried forces to see how objects react. We have demonstrated how to use compressed air (in a balloon) to create a hovercraft: using a CD disc and a pop top glued to it with the inflated balloon attached to the closed pop top. When pop top opened downward pressure draft caused cd to hover. Eliza discovered different surfaces for best effect.

Students enjoyed writing about the Leo Barry day. We played 5 games of footy and we were split into 2 groups. Mr Glowrey is my dad and he coached the rest of the class and we were really good. Mrs Bowie coached her class. We were allowed to tackle only around the waist and not allowed to take them to the ground. We both won two games and lost two games and came a draw in one game. It was fun. **By Matilda**

Year 3-4 went to Leo Barry fun day on the 6th of August. Mr Glowrey and Mrs Bowie helped us. **By Connor**

I went to Leo Barry day and I was in a very good group. We won 2 games and lost one and one was a draw. It was great fun. I won a raffle and after the game I was worn out. **By Yuri**

Year 3-4 went to Leo Barry day on the 6th of August. Mrs Bowie’s class won 2 games and lost 2 and Mrs Dann’s class had the same results. **By Masen**

Yesterday we went to the Rams Oval by bus. We won 2 games and lost 2 games and drew in one game. **By Luke**

On Thursday 6th August year 3-4 went to Rams’ Oval for footy. It was very hard but it was a very fun day. **By Hayley**

On Thursday 6th August, stage 2 played footy at the Leo Barry fun day. We got divided into two teams, Edward Energy and Edward Enigma. Both teams did their best and only lost one game each. Well done everyone who did their best. **By Eliza**

On Thursday while some students were at the football we played maths games and did ‘secret number’, bingo 5’s and watched a movie. **By Waripa**

In History we are learning about the first people who lived in Australia and the explorers who visited like Captain Cook and the convicts who arrived here with Captain Arthur Phillip on the First Fleet. **By Olivia**

In Art we are drawing a ‘Still Life’ picture of a Bowl of Fruit. I enjoyed doing the sketching, colouring and later tracing in black texture. **By Paige**

In Art Mrs Dann is teaching us how to draw a bowl of fruit. We had to outline it and add colour too. It was so enjoyable we didn’t want to stop. **By Alexis**