Dear Parents and Friends,

The Spirit of ANZAC

Rehearsals are in full swing and the days are being counted! This Friday, all students will travel to the Deniliquin RSL club by bus with their teachers for a rehearsal. This will not be a full dress rehearsal; however, teachers will notify students who are specifically required to bring in props or costumes. This trip is covered by the local permission note signed at the beginning of the year by parents/carers and there is no cost involved for students. Any parent who does not wish their child to participate is asked to make contact with the school immediately.

Lunch orders will be available on the day, please read the canteen notes for the alternative arrangements which will be in places for lunches on Friday. Years K –2 will need a full packed recess, as they will be at the RSL Club at that time.

Production Tickets

The production is on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September commencing at 6.30 pm. All students will be required to be at the club by 6pm on the night. Please advise class teachers immediately if this presents any difficulties.

Tickets are $5 per adult and $2 per student. They are available for purchase from the school office from tomorrow.

PSSA Girls Basketball

On Thursday this week, our Girls Basketball team will be travelling to Narrandera to compete against Franklin PS (from Tumut) in the next round of this competition. Accompanied by Mr Day and Sacha Jefferies, we wish these girls every success and many baskets!

Stage 2 Excursion

Thank you to those families who have continued to make payments and been able to return the permission notes which accompanied students last week.

We have been advised by the camp that the required medical form needs to be completed on line. A letter has been sent home with stage 2 students today with details on how this is to be done. For those families without access to the internet, there is an attached paper copy that can be completed and returned to school. We will arrange for the information to be forwarded to the camp.

Poetry Recitals

Commencing at 6.30pm this evening at the Intereach offices in Deniliquin, EPS has three Stage 3 students who will demonstrate their poetry reciting skills. Our best wishes are extended to Aden Bermingham, Ruah Fagiri and Shannon King.

Voluntary School Contribution

Invoices went home last week and families are encouraged to pay as soon as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support for our school.

Father’s Day

To assist our students and their families celebrate Father’s Day, this year the P&C are supporting the making of placemats for each student to give as a gift. These laminated mats are available for all students and will feature an individual photograph. The mats can be given to fathers, grandfathers or a special friend of the student and will be completed at school with the assistance of P&C members. Huge thanks to the EPS P&C for their backing with this project.
Assembly
Parents and friends are invited to join the students and staff in the Bradley Hall this Friday at 9am for our assembly. Students in 5/6RB will be presenting their item.

PPA Conference
Primary Principals from across the region attended the 2015 Riverina Primary Principals’ Association Conference last week at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. The conference offered opportunity to reflect on and evaluate leadership and school practices, and to gain inspiration and motivation for the purposeful improvement of education at a system and local school level.

Keynote speakers, Michael Crossman, Alisa Camplin, Rob Carlton, Steve Mortimer and Geoff Pellizzer, were informative, thought-provoking and entertaining. Each presenter had a valuable message for Principals about daring to make a difference - by implementing the current reform agenda, setting realistic goals at a personal and school level, and finding ways to turn life and educational dreams into reality. In the busyness of school management, the conference was a welcome opportunity to learn from visiting presenters and colleagues.

Canteen Roster
Tues 25th Aug  Debbie Gazzara, Shirlee Jennings
Wed 26th Aug     CANTEEN CLOSED
Thurs 27th Aug    Help Needed, Kylie Green, Shirlee Jennings
Fri 28th Aug     Help Needed, Deb Gazzara
                 Felicity Michael, Shirlee Jennings
Mon 31st Aug     Elif Ozmen, Natasha Eliu, Shirlee Jennings
Tues 1st Sept    Deb Gazzara, Shirlee Jennings

Production Rehearsals-Friday Canteen
Due to rehearsals at the RSL, Kindergarten to Year 2 will not be able to buy recess. Children will need a full packed recess. Lunch orders will be available for K-2.

Students in Years 3-6 will be able to access recess from the canteen and order lunch which will be delivered to the RSL Club.

Book Week 2015
‘Books Light Up Our World’
Book Week is being celebrated this week at Edward School. We celebrated Book Week with Zart Art craft activities being completed on the nominated picture books. All students had the opportunity to make some great craft items. Craft items must be paid for before students take the item home. Please pay the school office $3.00 if you have not already done so. Thank you.

There has been a change to the Book Fair 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’.

Plastic Shopping Bags
The school is looking for donations of plastic shopping bags. All donations can be left at the school office. Thank you.

Lost Property
There is a large amount of lost property in the classrooms and our lost property storage area in the computer room. Please check for any lost items. Unnamed items will be taken to local charity at the end of term.

P&C News 25.08.15

Catering  - THANKYOU to everyone who has donated slice and soup for the catering jobs at Edward. We have raised much needed money for the canteen. Thanks to Alex Glowrey, Tracy Ho, Christina Mildren, Linda Harvey, Nat Shaw, Wendy Nethercote, Richenda Bond, Deanne Bradley and Mrs Didcock.

Fathers Day  - this year the P&C is not holding a Fathers Day stall, but will instead be helping the children create something. We will also be looking for parent helpers on Friday 4th September. Let Felicity know if you can help.

Production Hamper  - The P&C will be holding a hamper raffle at the Production. We are asking that each family brings ONE non-perishable, in date, hamper item, to the office please. Tickets will be sold at the door of Production.

Canteen Helpers  - We are in DESPERATE need of helpers on FRIDAYS. Most children in the school order lunch this day, but we don’t have any regular helpers. If you can help get the lunches out at 12.30 till 1.30 once a week, or once a month or once a term, please let Shirlee know.

Chocolate money is NOW OVERDUE  - Please return chocolates or money to the office ASAP. Thanks to everyone who has already returned theirs! Thanks to Ruah and Fihar Fagiri- who have easily won the most boxes of chocolates sold. We really appreciate your hard work!
Operation Christmas Child

It is that time of the year again when we think about contributing to Samaritan’s Purse’s Operation Christmas Child. When we have the opportunity to fill shoe boxes with gifts for children in parts of the world that are so poor that some have never received even one Christmas gift in their lives.

Last year our 25 boxes were sent to Cambodia and were received with great joy by those children. This year we hope to be able to send as many boxes and look forward to seeing where they might be sent.

We will not be doing specific boxes for each class but are asking that children donate a gift that they would like for a primary aged child, either boy or girl. We will then place them into the appropriate boxes to send.

Please do not bring in anything that might leak, break or melt, no food of any sort, no used items, no items that might scare or harm i.e. toy military figures, guns or knives and no gambling related items.

Attached will be a list of things that would be received with great joy and excitement. All items must be able to fit into a standard size shoe box.

If your family would like to contribute a box it is best for you to go to the Operation Christmas Child website to pay ($9 per box) and download your own label to place on your box. There is an opportunity to receive a label which will allow you to track your own shoe box.
Book Week Activities
Rockets Literacy Group
This term, the students have been studying texts written by Sally Morgan, which focus on the characters’ sense of belonging to their land and their culture. Spelling, vocabulary and grammar study have been drawn from these texts.

The students have also been learning to write procedures and procedural recounts. They can identify the differences between the text types, particularly the tense of verbs.

Each student has revisited the writing goals they set earlier this year and made an evaluation of their progress. Some have chosen to continue to work on the same goals and others have chosen a new one. Many children are learning to write using paragraphs and others are focusing on their editing and proof reading skills.

Diamonds Maths Group
This term, the group has been focusing on developing subtraction skills using counting forward and counting back strategies, as well as using a number line.

The students have also been learning to read o’clock and half past times on both analogue and digital clocks. This is tricky for most children and I encourage them to practise reading the clocks at home each day. For those who are confident with this, they could be reading the quarter to and quarter past times.

The topics this fortnight are fractions, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of collections of objects, and learning the features of common 2 dimensions shapes. In the coming weeks, we will be learning about chance and data and continuing our study of addition and subtraction.

There are plenty of maths skills that the children could practise with you at home, including adding 2 digit and single digit numbers together by using a range of strategies other than counting on their fingers, learning 2 and 5 times tables, counting on and back from any number and quickly recalling number facts for numbers to 10.

Reading
Thank you to all parents who diligently listen to their children read each night. There is nothing like regular practise to improve skills. Please encourage smooth, fluent reading and check your child’s understanding of what they are reading.

A picture of concentration: focusing on grammar skills.

Making patterns with 2D shapes
Please consider visiting our classroom to assist with group activities. Your child would love to see you there.